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**BI-MONTHLY GROUNDWATER MONITORING REPORT,
NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 2025 AND SEMI-ANNUAL SAMPLING RESULTS**
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Dear Dr. Alpert:

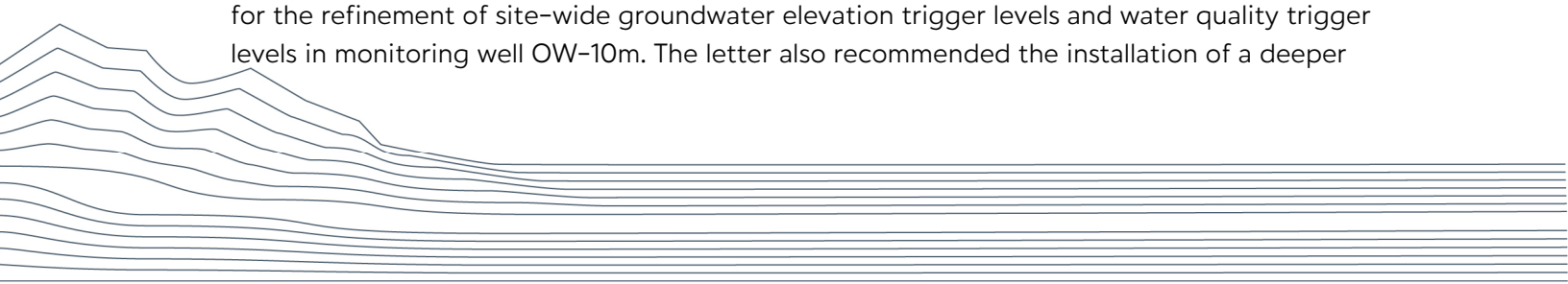
This letter summarizes hydrologic monitoring activities conducted in November and December 2025 by TEAM Environmental, Inc. (TEAM), in support of the Crystal Geyser Roxane (CGR) Cabin Bar Ranch Bottling Plant Groundwater Monitoring, Mitigation, and Reporting Plan (GMMRP). This report also presents the results of the semi-annual water quality sampling event conducted in December 2025.

BACKGROUND

As outlined in the GMMRP for Cabin Bar Ranch, dated June 18, 2014, a network of groundwater monitoring wells has been established for collection of water level and water quality data in support of the Cabin Bar Ranch Bottling Facility (see Figure 1 and 2). The conditions of the GMMRP required a minimum of four months of continuous baseline groundwater data collection to characterize pre-project conditions and to assess the functionality of the monitoring system. In February 2016, TEAM was retained by CGR to collect the required baseline groundwater data and report directly to the Inyo County Water Department (ICWD), as an objective third-party monitor.

Baseline groundwater monitoring was initiated on March 1, 2016. The first four months of baseline groundwater monitoring data, including laboratory results of water quality samples, were summarized in the *Baseline Groundwater Monitoring Report, First and Second Quarter 2016* dated August 4, 2016. Monthly groundwater level monitoring activities continued, with bi-monthly reporting, until project pumping commenced in order to accurately document pre-pumping baseline conditions. Project pumping at the Cabin Bar Ranch Bottling Facility commenced on March 19, 2018.

In a letter to ICWD dated April 6, 2017, CGR provided a summary of the water level and water quality data to document pre-pumping baseline conditions and provided recommendations for the refinement of site-wide groundwater elevation trigger levels and water quality trigger levels in monitoring well OW-10m. The letter also recommended the installation of a deeper



piezometer to replace well P-15, which has been seasonally dry, to better evaluate the range of groundwater fluctuations in the area. In a letter dated July 6, 2017, the ICWD concurred with these recommendations, which formalized the project trigger levels discussed herein.

March 2020 marked the end of the initial 2-year post-pumping groundwater monitoring period as outlined in the GMMRP. In accordance with the GMMRP Section 6.1.1 and Section 6.1.2, following two years of groundwater level and groundwater quality data, TEAM submitted to ICWD a report titled *Recommendations for Reduced Monitoring per GMMRP*, dated October 7, 2020. ICWD conditionally approved the recommendations in a letter dated November 1, 2020, requiring CGR to continue water level monitoring on a bi-monthly basis. The ICWD letter also required CGR to perform two additional quarterly groundwater sampling events during the Fourth Quarter 2020 and First Quarter 2021, at which point the data and monitoring program were to be reassessed.

Additional monitoring recommendations were developed and presented by TEAM in the *Bi-Monthly Groundwater Monitoring per GMMRP, January to February 2021* report, dated March 12, 2021. ICWD conditionally approved the recommendations in a letter dated May 20, 2021, requiring CGR to continue water level monitoring on a bi-monthly basis with semi-annual groundwater sampling events to be conducted during the Second and Fourth Quarters of each year.

On June 23, 2022, Geosyntec installed replacement piezometer P-15A approximately 15 feet north of P-15 in accordance with ICWD's July 6, 2017, approval letter. A GWE trigger level for piezometer P-15A has not yet been established. ICWD has requested that manual water level measurements at P-15 continue to be monitored until a correlation between water levels at P-15 and P-15A can be established.

On April 4, 2024, the Cartago Fire burned more than 100 acres on Crystal Geyser's Olancho and Cabin Bar Ranch properties, mainly in the riparian areas.

Production well CGR-8 was out of service from 2021 through 2024 due to low-level detections of total coliform bacteria (not e.coli or fecal coliform) in the well water. It was determined through a series of sanitation tests in January 2025 that defects inside the CGR-8 well casing had contributed to the total coliform detections, and production well CGR-8 was then abandoned and destroyed by completely removing all casing and screen materials, and overdrilling the previous well sand pack and sealing materials. The borehole was overdrilled to open the borehole, and a 10-inch diameter, stainless steel replacement well, "CGR-8R", was installed to the same specifications as the previous well. The well destruction and placement of the well seal was witnessed by Inyo County Environmental Health Department (EHD) staff, in accordance with the well destruction/well installation permit from the EHD.

WATER LEVEL MONITORING

TEAM completed the November to December 2025 bi-monthly hydrologic data collection event at the GMMRP groundwater monitoring locations in the area of Cabin Bar Ranch (See Figure 2) on December 1, 2025. Static depth-to-water (DTW) measurements were collected

by TEAM, as summarized in Table 2. Manual DTW measurements were referenced to a surveyed mark on the top of the well casing and converted to groundwater elevation (GWE), in feet above mean sea level. Any adjustment to the GWE calculation (e.g. for riser height) is included in the table.

Monitoring well datalogging systems (pressure transducers) have been installed and activated by CGR in all fourteen (14) GMMRP wells: CMW-2, MW-3, P-5, P-10, P-15/P-15A, PAT-1, OW-7u, OW-7m, OW-8us, OW-9u, OW-10u, OW-10m, RP-1 and SS-1A (see Figure 2). During the December 2025 monitoring event, water level or pressure measurements were collected from all of the measuring points defined in the GMMRP.

On December 1, 2025, a round of manual DTWs were collected by TEAM personnel, and the transducer data were downloaded for the period of October 9 to December 1, 2025. Manual DTWs and corresponding GWEs are included in Table 2. Pressure readings were collected from OW-8us and OW-9u, which both remained artesian in December. The data from each datalogger were correlated to manual DTWs from the beginning of the data period, or to the closest correlated data point when necessary. Hydrographs of each well have been provided in Attachment A.

WATER QUALITY MONITORING

The GMMRP for Cabin Bar Ranch required pre-pumping water quality monitoring to establish baseline conditions for the project. Baseline water quality sample collection was conducted in March, April, June, and September 2016. Due to delays in project implementation, and as agreed upon between CGR and ICWD, a final round of water quality samples representative of baseline conditions was collected in March 2018.

Subsequent to the initiation of pumping in March 2018, the first round of quarterly water quality samples to be compared to the baseline dataset was collected in June 2018. Water quality samples have been collected quarterly from June 2018 to June 2021, and semi-annually from June 2021 through the current monitoring period. The results of water quality analysis collected from GMMRP monitoring locations are summarized in Table 3.

Groundwater samples were collected from all ten (10) of the GMMRP monitoring points in December 2025. Wells CMW-2, PAT-1, OW-8us, OW-9u, and OW-7m were sampled on December 1, 2025, and wells MW-3, OW-7u, OW-10m, OW-10u, and P-5 were sampled on December 2, 2025. The samples were transported to the analytical laboratories via expedited overnight mail with completed chain-of-custody forms. Monitoring Parameters were analyzed by Eurofins Calscience of Tustin, California, and Pace Analytical Laboratories of Bakersfield, California. Eurofins and Pace are both California state-certified laboratories.

Based on the analysis of total Title 22 priority pollutant metals, arsenic, barium, chromium, lead, molybdenum, vanadium, and zinc were detected above laboratory detection limits in one or more GMMRP wells in December 2025. Of these detections, only the arsenic concentrations identified in OW-7u and OW-7m (0.017 mg/L and 0.021 mg/L, respectively) exceed the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic in drinking water in California (0.010

mg/L). These detections are similar to samples collected previously at OW-7u and OW-7m. All other metal concentrations are below applicable primary MCLs. It should be noted that the trigger level for arsenic (0.0075 mg/L) is only applicable to wells CMW-2, OW-8us, OW-9u, OW-10u, OW-10m, and PAT-1 in accordance with the GMMRP. The approved water quality trigger levels for select wells are included in Table 5 for reference.

As indicated in the GMMRP Section 6.1.1, groundwater quality data is also required to be collected on a daily basis using sensors installed with the datalogging systems. Project monitoring wells OW-7u, OW-7m, OW-8us, OW-9u, OW-10m, P-5, and off-site wells CMW-2 and PAT-1 were equipped with AquaTroll 200 transducers. All transducers were set to record Electrical Conductivity (eC) every 4 hours. The conductivity data is plotted on the hydrographs in Attachment A.

PRODUCTION WELL TOTALIZER READINGS

Totalizer readings for the three Cabin Bar Ranch production wells (CGR-8 [now CGR-8R], CGR-9, and CGR-10) were first collected on March 13, 2018, prior to the commencement of pumping on March 19, 2018, and during each subsequent monthly or bi-monthly monitoring event. Per the GMMRP and ICWD direction, the combined annual allowable pumping amount for the Cabin Bar Ranch production wells is 360 acre-feet per year. The current annual project pumping amount, from March 18, 2025 to December 1, 2025, is approximately 149 acre-feet. Prior to this current pumping period, the seven previously completed annual pumping period totals ranged from 155 to 280 acre-feet. The totalizer readings and a summary of these annualized project pumping amounts are provided in Table 6.

TRIGGER LEVELS

A summary of baseline GWEs and water level trigger levels, based on drawdown (from baseline GWEs) or depth-to-water (P-15 only) for wells in which triggers have been established, is provided in Table 4. The reference baseline GWEs were approved by the ICWD in their July 2017 letter. No GWE trigger levels were exceeded based on the water level data collected in December 2025, nor during the project thus far. A GWE trigger level for piezometer P-15A has not yet been established.

Trigger levels for six water quality parameters, which apply to semi-annual sampling data, are included in Table 5. No water quality trigger levels have been exceeded based on the samples collected during the project thus far. Per the GMMRP, an analysis of water quality data is required to be conducted to determine if an upward statistically significant trend in one of the water quality parameters indicates that a trigger level will be reached within a three-year period. Trends are reassessed approximately every six months with the addition of new data.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

A limited statistical analysis was conducted in December 2025 after the collection of semi-annual groundwater sample data. A linear regression analysis was performed on the six designated water quality parameters (sodium, chloride, bicarbonate, total dissolved solids [TDS], arsenic, and barium) at all trigger well locations. Graphs showing the concentrations

over time and trendlines are included in Attachment C. Of the six water quality parameters, potentially increasing trends were noted in TDS concentrations at OW-8us and OW-9u, and in arsenic concentrations at OW-10m. The R-squared values for TDS at OW-8us and OW-9u (0.33 and 0.29, respectively) and for arsenic at OW-10m (0.35) indicate a weak positive correlation between the trendlines and the data. A projection of these trendlines for three years after the last sample collection (through December 2028) indicates that no exceedances of the respective trigger levels are predicted. Only trendlines with R-squared values greater than 0.10 are shown on the graphs. Values below 0.10 indicate that there is negligible positive correlation between the trendlines and the data and are considered statistically insignificant. No potentially increasing trends were noted among the other water quality parameters at any of the other trigger well locations.

OPERATIONAL NOTES

Totalizer data from November 2025 were collected by CGR. Totalizer data from December 2025 were collected directly by TEAM. It should be noted that water quality samples from production well CGR-8R have shown continued total coliform bacteria detections (not e.coli or fecal coliform), similar to the abandoned production well CGR-8, and production well CGR-8R is not yet online for bottling purposes. Well OW-7m was found in artesian condition during the December 2025 monitoring event, and an accurate groundwater elevation could not be measured. The groundwater elevation for OW-7m is therefore listed in the tables as greater than the surveyed top of well casing. There were no other significant operational issues during the reporting period.

ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES

Bi-monthly reporting and semi-annual groundwater sampling will continue according to the requirements of the updated GMMRP. Collection of depth to water and download of transducer data is anticipated to be conducted in February 2025. In addition, totalizer reads from all three production wells [CGR-8R, CGR-9 and CGR-10] will be collected in January by CGR and in February by TEAM. Collection of semi-annual water quality samples is anticipated to be conducted in May or June 2026.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact TEAM at your convenience.

Sincerely,
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Attached: Appendix A: Transducer Data – Groundwater Hydrographs and Conductivity
 Appendix B: Laboratory Data for Samples Collected December 1 & 2, 2025
 Appendix C: Statistical Analysis Graphs

TABLE 1
SUMMARY OF GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM

Monitoring Area	Well #	Monitored Zone	Pressure Transducer Installed (Y/N)	Depth of Well Screen Interval (ft bgs) ²	Monthly Water Level Monitoring	Quarterly Groundwater Quality Monitoring	Trigger Level (ft of drawdown)	Purpose or Rationale
Northern	P-10	Shallow	Y	33 – 48	X	–	6	Monitor area north of production wells and provide sentinel monitoring to Cartago Area.
	OW-10U	Shallow	Y	65 – 85	X	X	6	
	OW-10M	Deep	Y	115 – 150	X	X	6	
Western	P-5	Shallow	Y	23 – 28	X	X	–	Monitor area hydraulically upgradient of production wells.
	MW-3	Deep	Y	200 – 420	X	X	–	
Southern	OW-7U	Shallow	Y	54 – 74	X	X	10	Monitor area south of production wells.
	OW-7M	Deep	Y	212 – 252	X	X	10	
Eastern	OW-8US	Shallow	Y	55 – 75	X	X	–	Provide sentinel monitoring to potential brine intrusion from the east.
	OW-9U	Shallow	Y	55 – 75	X	X	7	
Off-Site	CMW-2	Deep	Y	115 – 150	X	X	–	Monitor Cartago area.
	PAT-1	Shallow/Deep	Y	50 – 155	X	X	–	
Vegetation Monitoring	P-15	Shallow	N	4-9	X	–	DTW>5.4 ¹	Monitor wetland area east of production wells.
	P-15A	Shallow	Y	4.6 – 14.6	X	–	Not Yet Established	
	SS-1A	Shallow	Y	5 – 15	X	–	–	
	RP-1	Shallow	Y	7.5 -8.5	X	–	–	

Explanation:

Y/N: Yes/No

X: Designated for monitoring per table heading.

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TABLE 2
BASELINE GROUNDWATER ELEVATION DATA
Cabin Bar Ranch GMMRP Monitoring Points

Well ID	Monitoring Point	Surveyed TOC Elevation (ft amsl)	Date	Time	DTW (ft) (2)	Measuring Point Adjustment	GWE (ft amsl) (3)
P-15A	Piezometer P-15A	3608.06	7/27/2022	11:00	8.73	0.00	3599.33
			8/8/2022	11:25	8.94	0.00	3599.12
			10/6/2022	12:32	9.72	0.00	3598.34
			12/13/2022	10:55	6.10	0.00	3601.96
			2/7/2023	11:35	4.78	0.00	3603.28
			4/11/2023	11:05	4.17	0.00	3603.89
			6/5/2023	11:45	5.32	0.00	3602.74
			8/2/2023	11:25	7.28	0.00	3600.78
			10/12/2023	11:45	4.40	0.00	3603.66
			12/12/2023	12:40	3.65	0.00	3604.41
			2/13/2024	11:45	3.39	0.00	3604.67
			4/9/2024	11:00	3.27	0.00	3604.79
			6/18/2024	13:25	3.81	0.00	3604.25
			8/13/2024	10:30	4.35	0.00	3603.71
			10/3/2024	12:10	4.02	0.00	3604.04
			12/12/2024	11:05	3.07	0.00	3604.99
			2/10/2025	11:10	2.97	0.00	3605.09

TABLE 4
SUMMARY OF GROUNDWATER ELEVATION AND TRIGGER LEVELS
Cabin Bar Ranch GMMRP Monitoring Points
December 2025

Monitoring Area	Monitoring Point	Baseline GWE ¹ (feet amsl)	Recent Date of Measurement	Recent GWE (feet amsl)	Change from Baseline ² (feet)	Drawdown Trigger Level ³ (feet)	Trigger Level Exceeded? YES/NO
Northern	P-10	3614.03	12/01/25	3618.72	4.69	-6.0	NO
	OW-10u	3616.86	12/01/25	3621.52	4.66	-6.0	NO
Southern	OW-10m	3617.66	12/01/25	3622.93	5.27	-6.0	NO
	OW-7u	3611.87	12/01/25	3615.24	3.37	-10.0	NO
Eastern	OW-7m	3620.70	12/01/25	> 3626.30 ⁵	> 5.60	-10.0	NO
	OW-9u	3607.03	12/01/25	3613	5.97	-7.0	NO
Vegetation	P-15	N/A	12/01/25	3604.17	DTW = 1.69	DTW > 5.4 ⁴	NO
	P-15A	N/A	12/01/25	3604.76	DTW = 3.30	Not Yet Established	--

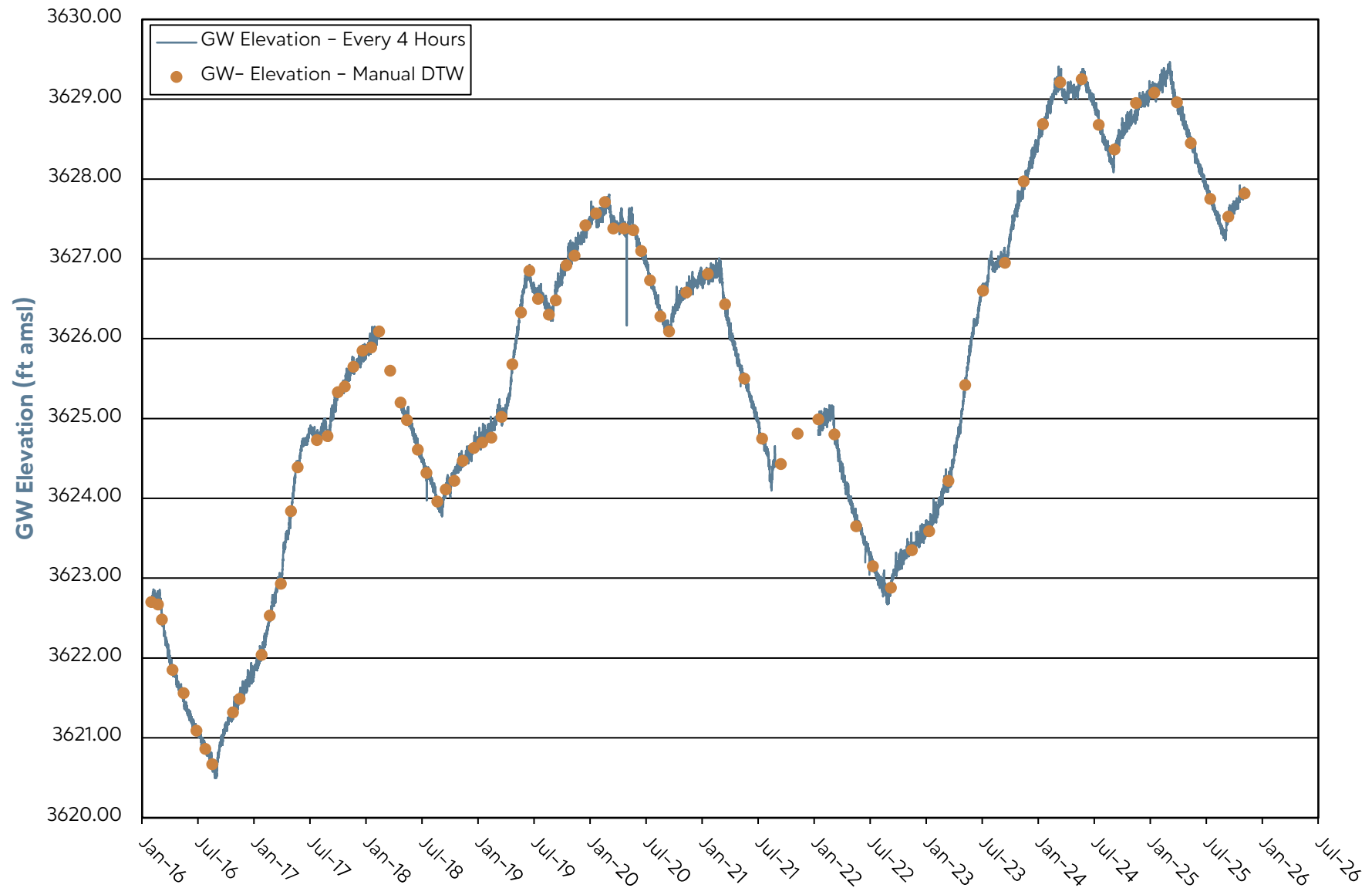
- 1) GWE: Groundwater elevation measured in feet above mean sea level. Baseline GWEs set July 6, 2017 and approved by Inyo County Water Department (ICWD)
- 2) Recent GWE measurement compared to Baseline GWE. Positive numbers indicate an increase in GWE from baseline, and negative numbers indicate drawdown.
- 3) "Trigger Level" from Table 1 of Geosyntec GMMRP and updated in April 6, 2017 letter. Negative values indicate drawdown from baseline GWEs.
- 4) P-15 trigger is depth-to-water greater than 5.4 feet below top of casing in any continuous 12-month period. Exceedance duration is indicated in parentheses.
- 5) Well OW-7m was artesian during the monitoring event with a water level above the top of casing. The GWE listed is the surveyed top of casing.

APPENDIX A

TRANSDUCER DATA

GROUNDWATER HYDROGRAPHS AND CONDUCTIVITY

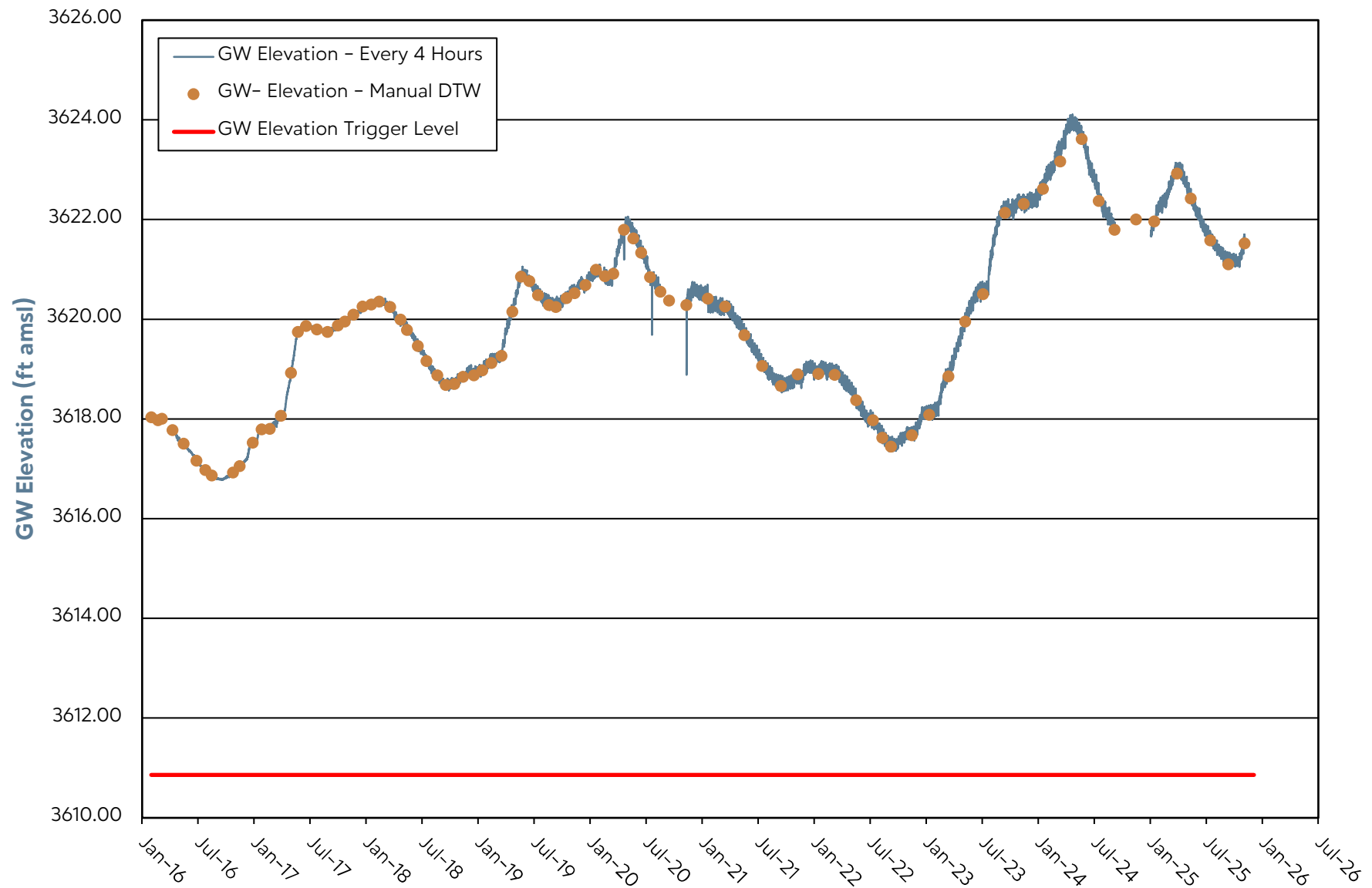
GROUNDWATER ELEVATION DATA - Transducer MW-3 - Cabin Bar Ranch GMMRP



Note: Transducer data from LevelTroll 500 correlated to Manual DTW.

Data gaps are due to transducer malfunction.

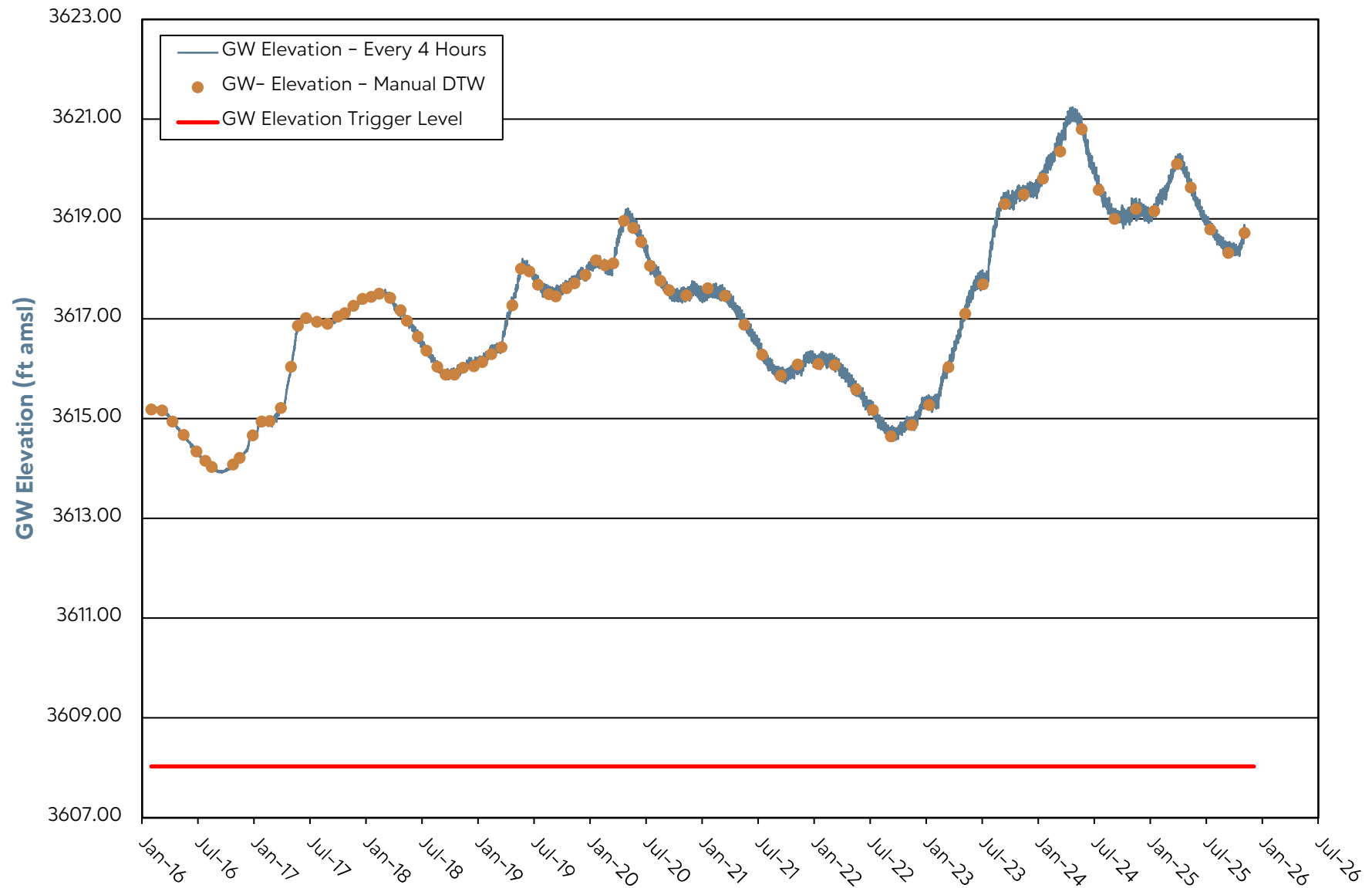
GROUNDWATER ELEVATION DATA - Transducer OW-10u - Cabin Bar Ranch GMMRP



Note: Transducer data from LevelTroll 500 correlated to Manual DTW.

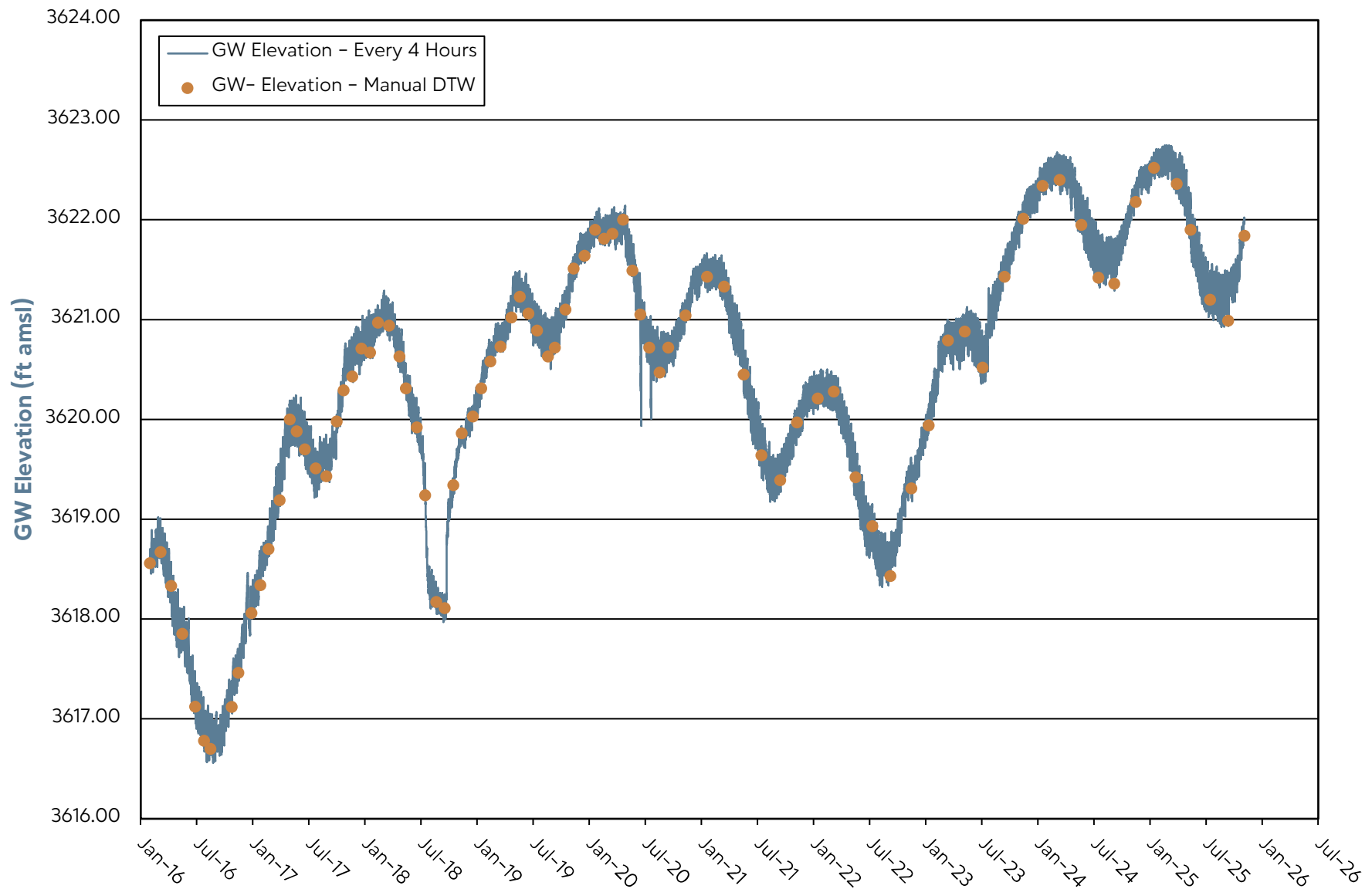
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GROUNDWATER ELEVATION DATA - Transducer P-10 - Cabin Bar Ranch GMMRP



Note: Transducer data from LevelTroll 500 correlated to Manual DTW.

GROUNDWATER ELEVATION DATA - Transducer SS-1A - Cabin Bar Ranch GMMRP



Note: Transducer data from LevelTroll 500 correlated to Manual DTW.

APPENDIX B

LABORATORY DATA FOR SAMPLES COLLECTED DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2025



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Detection Summary

Client: TEAM Environmental, Inc.
Project/Site: CG Roxane

Job ID: 570-258015-1

Client Sample ID: P-5 (Continued)

Lab Sample ID: 570-258015-5

Analyte	Result	Qualifier	RL	Unit	Dil Fac	D	Method	Prep Type
Bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃)	67.7		5.00	mg/L	1		SM 2320B	Total/NA
Specific Conductance	132		1.00	umhos/cm	1		SM 2510B	Total/NA
Total Dissolved Solids	80.0		10.0	mg/L	1		SM 2540C	Total/NA
pH	7.3	HF	0.01	S.U.	1		SM 4500 H+ B	Total/NA
Temperature	19.8	HF	1.0	Deg. C	1		SM 4500 H+ B	Total/NA

This Detection Summary does not include radiochemical test results.

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