

A Report on Progress Being Made Is Enough Being Done?

In some areas of the San Gabriel Valley the progress is impressive; in others it is imperative that those responsible for the contamination be held accountable.

WHITTIER NARROWS OPERABLE UNIT (OU):

The Whittier Narrows OU addresses groundwater contamination in the southernmost part of the San Gabriel Valley. Construction of the treatment facility was completed in 2002 and is still operational. State and federal agencies are currently working together to design and implement a new system that will operate more efficiently.

BALDWIN PARK OPERABLE UNIT: The Baldwin Park OU addresses groundwater contamination under portions of Azusa, Irwindale, Baldwin Park, West Covina, La Puente and City of Industry. Four large water treatment systems are cleaning the groundwater and providing drinking water to about 100,000 homes in the San Gabriel Valley. The next steps include the renegotiation of the Baldwin Park Project Agreement, which was executed in 2002 and spells out the roles and responsibilities of project participants; as well as continued operation of the treatment systems. While negotiations continue, the treatment plants are operating at near maximum capacity.



San Gabriel Valley Water Company's Plant B5



Monterey Park Delta Treatment Facility



Valley County Water District's Arrow Lante Treatment Facility

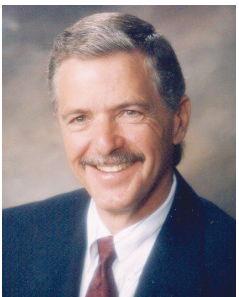


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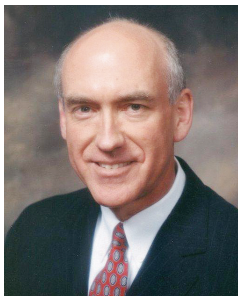
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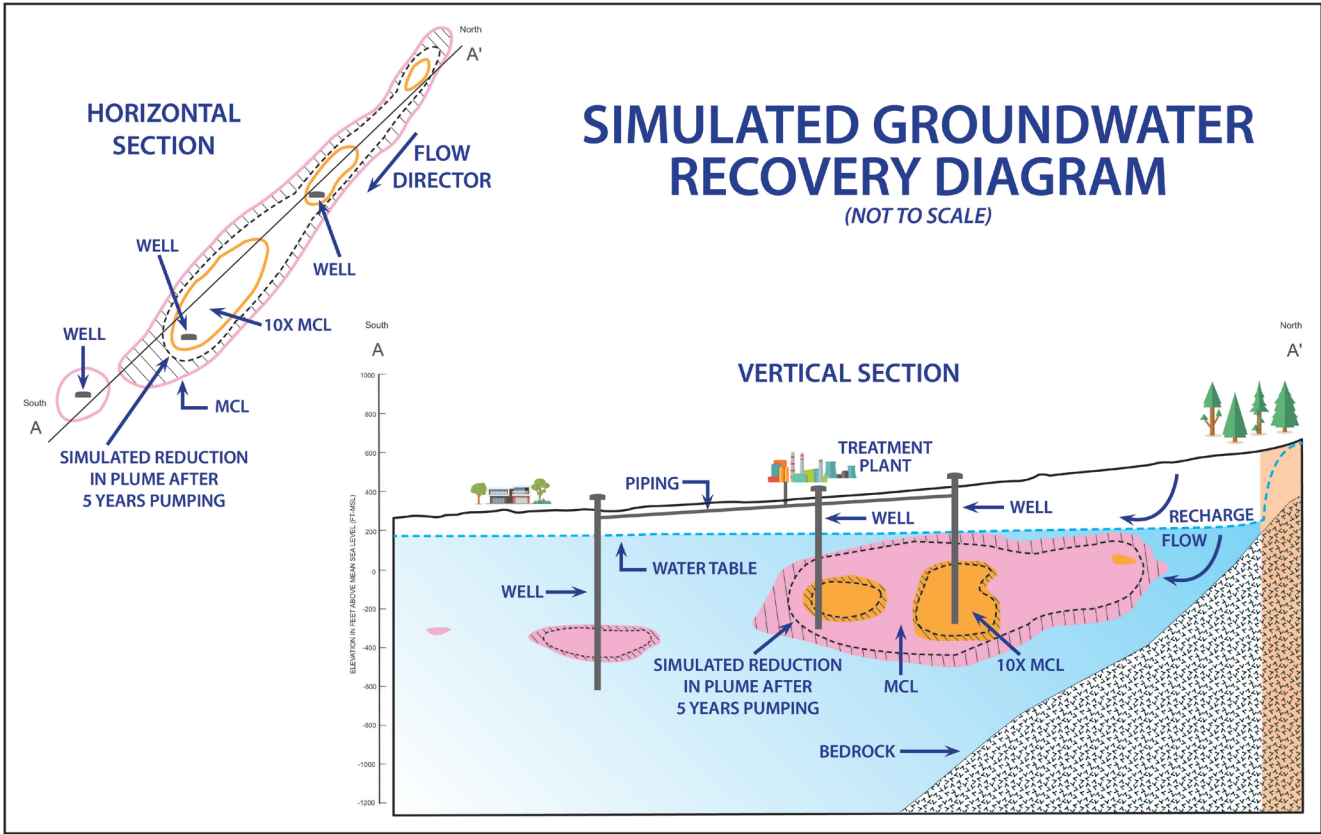
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The San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA) continues to coordinate and help fund water treatment projects that have removed nearly 77 tons of contaminants from the San Gabriel Basin, a large underground aquifer that provides water to 90 percent of people living and working in the San Gabriel Valley. As we move into a new year, the WQA and its partners remain committed to ensuring that all responsible parties involved work together to keep cleanup projects moving forward.



SOUTH EL MONTE OPERABLE UNIT:

The South El Monte OU addresses contaminated groundwater under portions of South El Monte, El Monte and Rosemead. Four water treatment systems are cleaning the groundwater and providing drinking water to about 50,000 homes. Next up is an evaluation to see if additional cleanup is required. The EPA expects to release its findings this year.

EL MONTE OPERABLE UNIT:

The El Monte OU addresses groundwater contamination under portions of El Monte, Rosemead and Temple City. Two water treatment systems are operating and two additional systems have been built and are in the start-up testing phase. A commitment is needed from the responsible parties to cooperate with each other and ensure this cleanup project is fully implemented.

PUENTE VALLEY OPERABLE UNIT:

This OU addresses groundwater contamination under the City of Industry and La Puente. A water treatment facility in City of Industry is in design with construction anticipated in 2017 followed by system startup in late 2018/early 2019. Responsible parties in this operable unit are considerably behind schedule in getting this project up and running.

AREA 3 OPERABLE UNIT:

The EPA has yet to adopt a cleanup plan for pockets of contaminated groundwater under portions of Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, South Pasadena and Temple City. The EPA expects to complete a feasibility study and develop a remedy this year.

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