



Maxwell Underground Project
Environmental Monitoring Data
Quarter 3 2022

1 INTRODUCTION

This report has been compiled to present environmental monitoring data for the Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project (the project) in accordance with:

- Schedule 2, Condition E17 (a) (vii) of SSD-9526; and
- Condition 5 of EPBC 2018/8287. Specifically this requires the inclusion of hydrographs for all monitoring bores and an explanation of what the data means in relation to the groundwater performance measures specified in the State development consent (SSD 9526).

This report covers the reporting period 1 July to 30 September 2022. Summaries of historic environmental monitoring data (prior to this report) can be found in the on the Malabar Resources website.

2 MONITORING RESULTS

Deposited dust monitoring results are provided in **Table 1**.

Continuous TEOM PM₁₀ monitoring results are provided in **Figure 1**.

Continuous TEOM PM_{2.5} monitoring results are provided in **Figure 1**.

Mine storage surface water quality monitoring results are provided in **Table 2**.

Downstream surface water quality monitoring results are provided in **Table 3**.

Surface water quality field measurements from Saddlers Creek are compared to trigger levels in **Table 4**.

Surface water quality laboratory results from Saddlers Creek are compared to trigger levels in **Table 5**.

Groundwater quality results for Maxwell Infrastructure bores are provided in **Table 6**.

Groundwater quality results for Maxwell Underground bores are provided in **Table 7**.

Groundwater level results are provided in **Table 8**.

Noise monitoring results are provided from **Table 9** to **Table 18**.

Locations of monitoring sites are shown in **Appendix 1** to **Appendix 4**.

Consultant hydrogeologist report providing the requirements of Condition 5 of EPBC 2018/8287, inclusive of hydrographs for all monitoring bores, and an explanation of the data relative to the groundwater performance measures in SSD 9526, is provided in **Appendix 5**.

Table 1: Deposited dust monitoring results for Quarter 3 2022.

Gauge	Insoluble Solids Result (g/m ² /month)			Annual Mean Limit (g/m ² /month)	Rolling Annual Average to end of September 2022 (g/m ² /month)
	April	May	June		
2175	0.7	0.6	2.1	4	1.7
2230	0.5	0.6	1.2	4	1.5
2235	0.6	0.8	1.6	4	2.0
2247	0.6	0.5	1.4	4	1.4

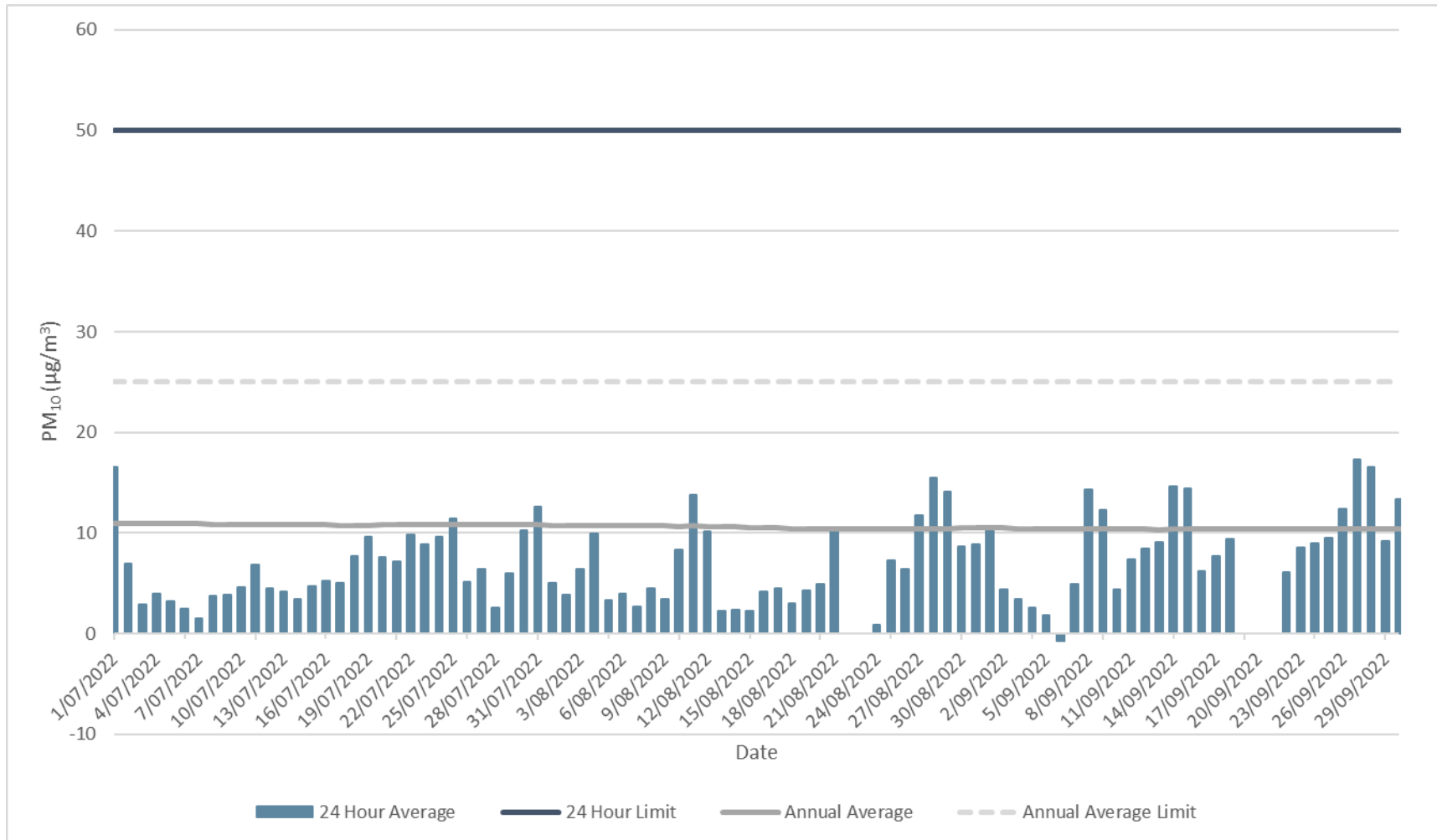


Figure 1: TEOM-1 PM₁₀ monitoring results for Quarter 3 2022.

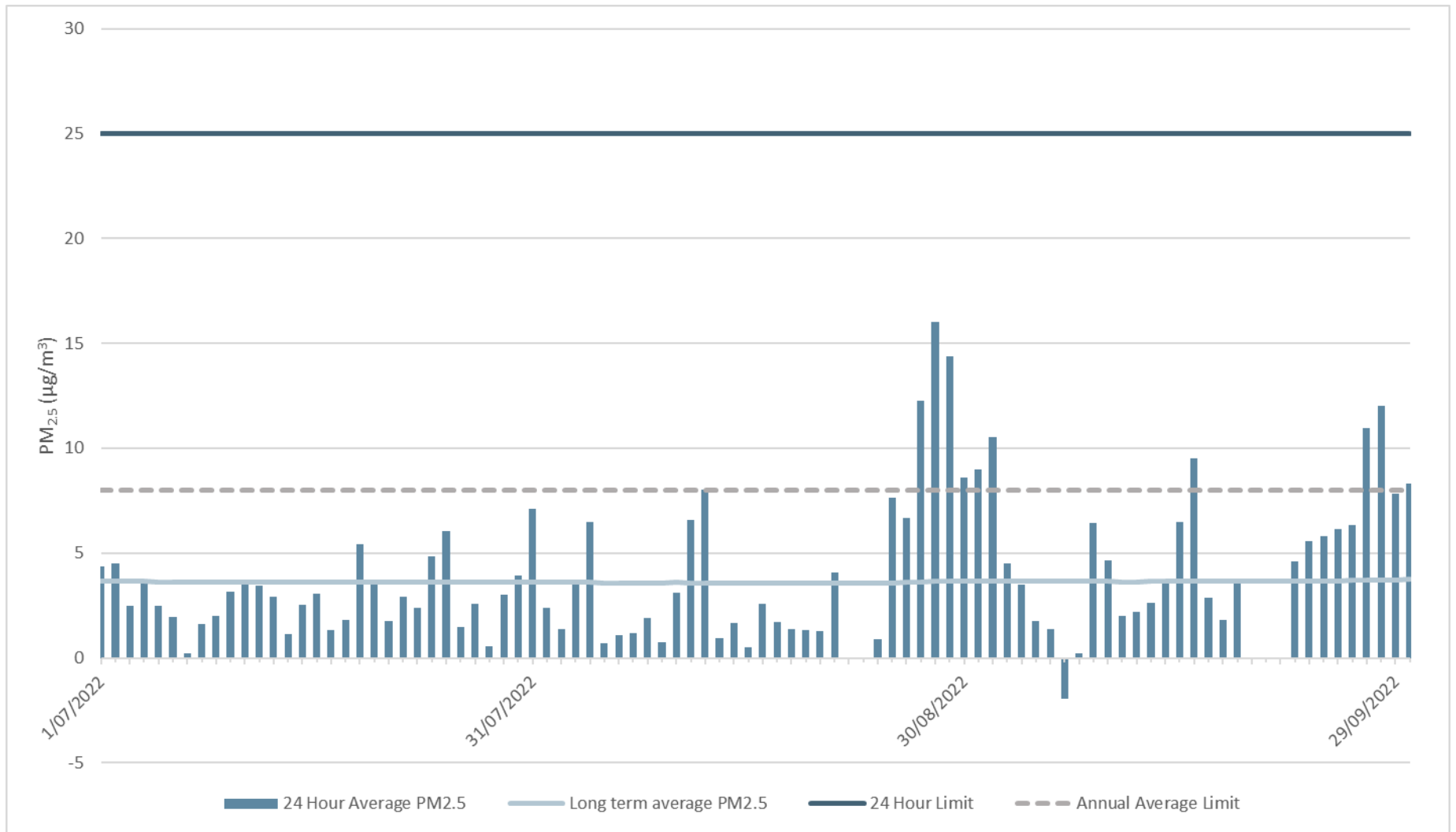


Figure 2: TEOM-1 PM_{2.5} monitoring results for Quarter 3 2022.

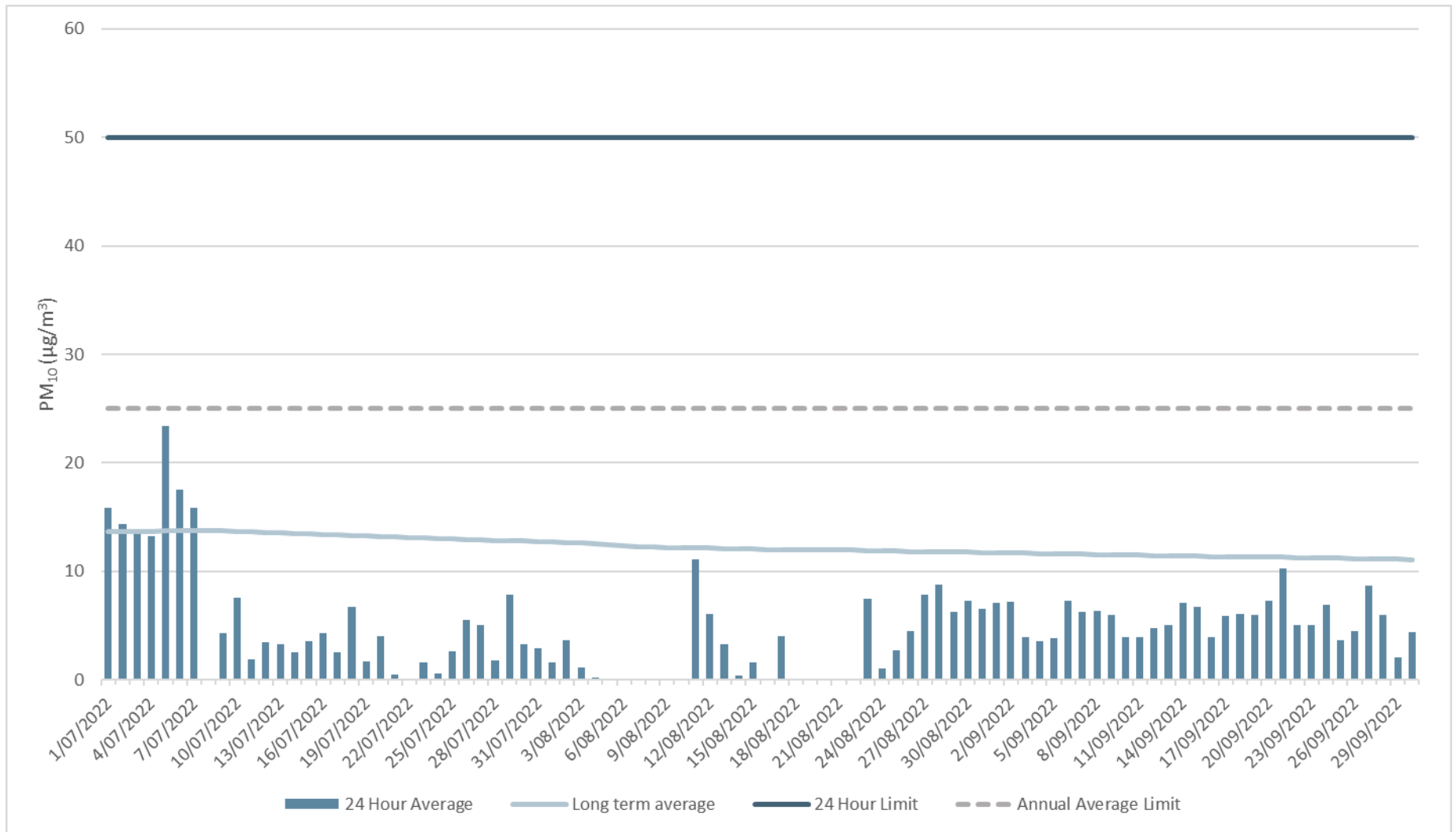


Figure 3: TEOM-2 PM₁₀ monitoring results for Quarter 3 2022.

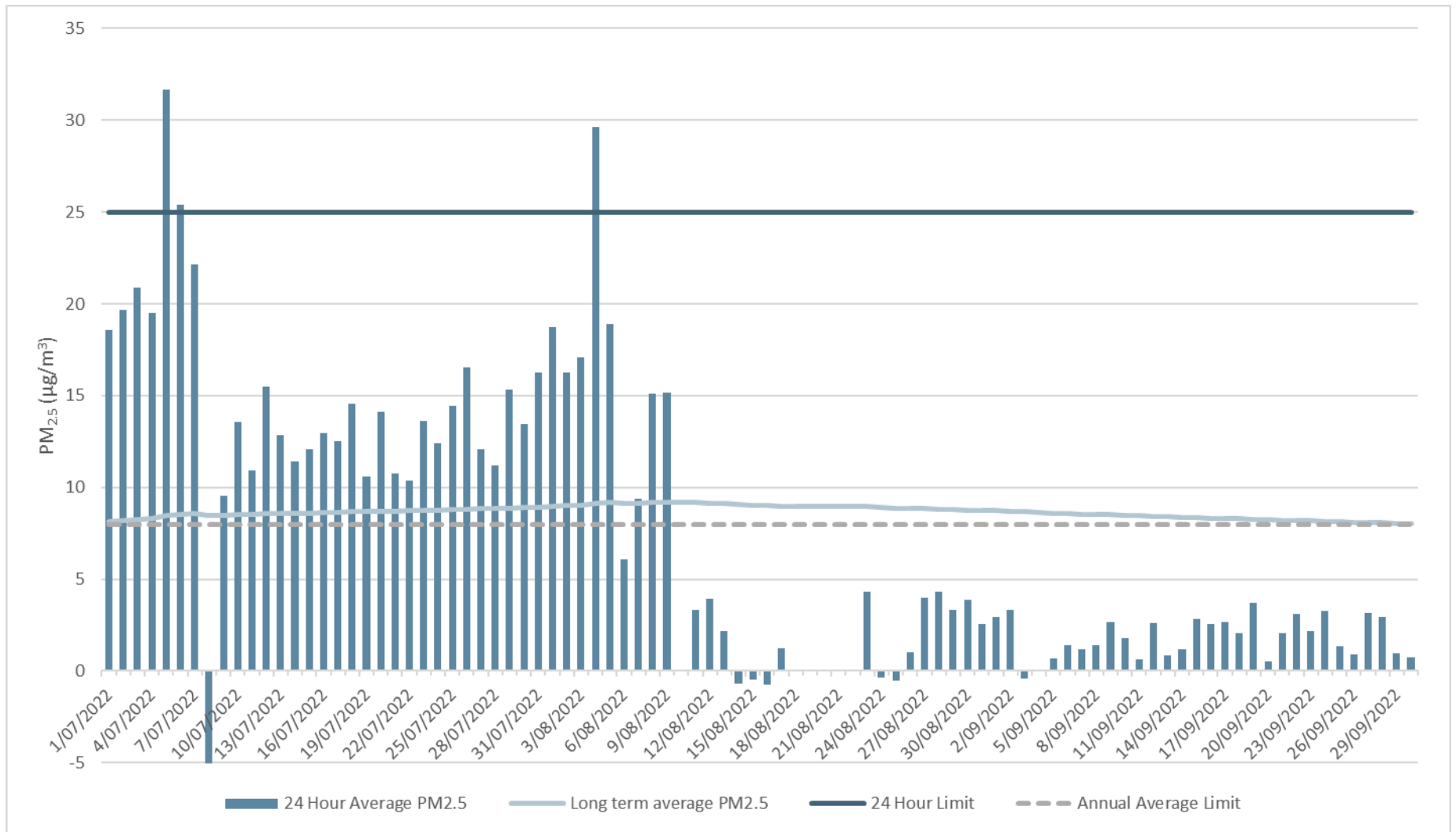


Figure 4: TEOM-2 PM_{2.5} monitoring results for Quarter 3 2022.

Notes:

- Monitoring of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} commenced at TEOM-2 on 12 December 2021.
- All 24-hour averages during Quarter 3 2022 were below the 24-hour criteria for both PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} at both TEOM-1 and TEOM-2. The results of the investigations into any exceedances of the criteria (if required) are provided in the Annual Review.
- The rolling annual averages remained very low during the reporting period, which reflects lower recorded concentrations following the significant rainfall for the year to date with the resultant higher vegetation cover locally and across regional NSW. Levels are much lower than those experienced in 2019 and early 2020, which were predominantly due to regional dust storms and bush fires.
- Gaps in data are due to maintenance and scheduled calibration by monitoring contractor, plus occasionally power cuts and equipment failure. Note that values close to zero may appear as gaps in data in the graphs.
- As a result of actual gaps in data resulting from events such as maintenance and scheduled calibration, the TEOM-generated rolling 24-hour average value is reported by the TEOM as zero (ie invalid). In accordance with Malabar's data validation process, where such events result in >75% valid 1-hour data during the 24-hour period midnight to midnight, this 1-hour data is used to manually calculate the 24-hour average. This process has been applied from Q1 2022. Prior to this the raw data from the TEOM has been presented.
- Specific data gaps for this reporting period are noted as follows:
 - TEOM-1 (CHP TEOM) 22–23/8/22: Scheduled annual calibration resulting in <75% data capture for 2 days, as the calibration process requires a zero filter to be placed on day one and removed 24 hours later.
 - TEOM-2: As reported in the Q2 report, there has been an issue with the data from TEOM-2 during the monitoring period. Advice from our monitoring contractor is that the TEOM was not controlling its internal operating temperatures correctly due to an electrical fault/circuit board. It also developed a leak in some internal seals that caused negative results. The instrument has been sent to the equipment manufacture in the US (Lear Siegler) to diagnose. A replacement (hire) instrument was installed; further detail will be provided in the Q4 report. The issue with the TEOM has caused the long term PM_{2.5} average to exceed the assessment criterion for a short period.

Table 2. All mine water storage monitoring locations: laboratory water quality monitoring results for Quarter 3 2022 (year to date average shown). See notes for further details.

Site	Month	Bicarbonate (CaCO ₃) (mg/L)	Calcium (mg/L)	Chloride (mg/L)	EC (µS/cm)	Magnesium (mg/L)	pH	Potassium (mg/L)	Sodium (mg/L)	Sulphate (SO ₄) (mg/L)	TSS (mg/L)	TDS (mg/L)
Access Rd Dam (2081)	Sep	99	276	540	4730	309	8.2	41	408	2070	5.0	3870
	Average	87	247	508	4408	298	7.9	41	393	2023	9.0	3728
DC2 Dam (2109)	Sep	33	38	241	1480	52	7.1	4.0	192	402	25	934
	Average	107	67	478	3120	127	7.0	6.8	490	1012	20	2338
Rail Loop Dam (2114)	Sep	118	95	171	1620	76	7.7	6.0	150	534	5.0	1010
	Average	153	121	235	2195	118	7.8	8.8	215	845	7.8	1657
Industrial Dam (1969)	Sep	106	165	307	2830	166	8.4	20	237	1090	16	2100
	Average	99	156	304	2775	168	8.2	22	248	1117	8.0	2238
OPC Dam	Sep	87	58	52	840	39	8.1	4.0	53	270	5.0	468
	Average	117	66	66	961	49	8.2	5.0	71	310	15	686
V Notch	Sep	373	399	1070	8180	332	7.0	10	1130	3180	5.0	6460
	Average	285	388	1162	8243	350	7.7	12	1256	2748	5.8	6971
ES Void	Sep	250	558	790	7530	568	8.1	73	591	3850	12	6920
	Average	229	542	777	7348	555	8.0	73	595	3758	7.0	6715

Notes:

The year-to-date value consists of an average of the quarterly sample for the current quarter plus the three previous quarters, as per the Water Management Plan. The exceptions are for the V Notch dam, where samples are taken monthly as is required by the EPL and for the ES Void where monthly samples have been taken in October and November 2021 and then fortnightly samples from 25 October 2022, then monthly from 6 December 2022 to inform the design of the water treatment plant for the underground project and hence are included here for completeness.

Table 2 excludes mine water storages yet to be constructed (MEA dam, Mine Water Dam, Treated Water Dam, MEA Sedimentation Dam).

Table 3. All downstream surface water monitoring locations: laboratory surface water quality scheduled monitoring results for Quarter 3 2022 compared to year-to-date averages (Q4 2021–Q3 2022). See notes for further details.

Site	Month	Antimony	Arsenic	Bicarbonate (CaCO ₃)	Calcium	Chloride	EC	Magnesium	Molybdenum	Potassium	Selenium	Sodium	Sulphate (SO ₄)	TSS	TDS	Turbidity
Saddlers U/S	Jul	0.0010	0.0010	490	289	1090	6210	262	0.0010	9.0	0.010	752	1360	5.0	4160	2.6
	Average	0.0010	0.0020	380	164	549	3115	139	0.0010	12	0.010	325	598	7.3	2158	4.3
W3	Jul	0.0010	0.0010	67	10	71	419	12	0.0010	5.0	0.010	47	26	5.0	319	46
	Average	0.0010	0.0010	80	10	103	538	17	0.0010	6.0	0.010	62	34	18	390	51
SW1/ Saddlers	Jul	0.0010	0.0010	606	98	1600	6130	145	0.0010	7.0	0.010	1030	203	11	3340	5.9
	Average	0.0010	0.0010	481	105	1901	6184	163	0.0011	7.3	0.010	1001	231	25	3923	48
Saddlers D/S (W4-Bowfield)	Jul	0.0010	0.0010	500	75	1170	4720	146	0.0010	8.0	0.010	755	254	5.0	2590	5.8
	Average	0.0010	0.0010	406	52	1051	3896	111	0.0010	8.9	0.010	606	163	18	2296	23
MEA D/S	Jul	0.0010	0.0010	34	6.0	10	95	3.0	0.0010	7.0	0.010	10	10	12	204	119
	Average	0.0010	0.0010	52	7.8	12	138	4.0	0.0010	8.3	0.010	10	5.5	23	163	56
Saltwater D/S	Aug	0.0010	0.0010	60	13	25	201	6.0	0.0010	19	0.010	10	10	58	189	51
	Average	0.0010	0.0013	71	12	17	183	5.0	0.0010	15	0.010	12	7.8	169	182	86
SW3	Jul	0.0010	0.0010	115	32	24	323	11	0.0010	10	0.010	11	1.0	9.0	258	82
	Average	0.0010	0.0010	65	16	10	161	5.0	0.0010	11	0.010	5.5	6.0	62	186	109
Transport and Services Corridor sediment dams	See notes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes:

In addition to quarterly scheduled sampling, the MUG Project Water Management Plan requires sampling and analysis following 25mm or more of rain over a 24-hour period (defined as midnight to midnight and as recorded at the Drayton South meteorological recording station (AWS-2)). The results from any such post-rainfall events have been included in the year-to-date averages.

The quarterly field measurements of pH, EC, redox potential and temperature are recorded to enable subsequent evaluation in case of need and are not included in the quarterly reporting.

The location of the Transport and Services Corridor sediment dams (eg SW2) are to be confirmed as they are yet to be constructed hence monitoring has not yet commenced.

All results are in mg/L except Conductivity ($\mu\text{S/cm}$), pH (in pH units) and turbidity (nephelometric turbidity units).

The following will be reported in the AEMR:

- Comparison of water quality results from Saddlers Creek against Water Quality Trigger Values
- Results from the automatic weather stations (AWS-1 and AWS-2)
- Results of the stream health monitoring.

Table 4. Surface water scheduled field measurements at sites along Saddlers Creek for Q4 to Q3 2022 and comparison against trigger levels. If an exceedance of the trigger level occurs for three consecutive readings, this is highlighted in red. TLTS = too low to sample.

Site		Field result											
		pH				EC				Turbidity			
		pH				µS/cm				NTU			
		6.5–8.5				7,600				64			
		Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2021	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022
W3		TLTS	Dry	TLTS	TLTS	TLTS	Dry	TLTS	TLTS	TLTS	Dry	TLTS	TLTS
Saddlers D/S (W4 – Bowfield)		7.9	8.1	8.3	8.2	3,630	7,910	2025	4,370	35	2.4	15.3	6.5
MEA D/S		8.4	6.5	7.9	8.2	279	156	118	119	26	6.7	62.2	135
Saddlers U/S		7.7	7.8	8.0	8.0	2,817	2,451	1706	6,009	5.7	2.4	6.1	3.0
Saltwater D/S		Dry	6.5	7.9	7.3	Dry	160	231	206	Dry	220	39.4	50
SW1/ Saddlers		7.8	7.6	8.0	7.8	17,840	1,350	5,160	6,001	3.4	7.9	19.4	6.4
SW2	Not yet operational	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SW3		Dry	Dry	TLTS	8.1	Dry	Dry	TLTS	355	Dry	Dry	TLTS	88

Notes

- Any exceedances of trigger values will only be investigated if they occur after construction commences.

- Turbidity results presented are laboratory results; from Q2 2022, a field meter has been used to determine turbidity; this enables direct comparison against the field trigger values for turbidity.
- Trigger for turbidity calculated by WRM Water based on the 80th percentile of the entire laboratory NTU dataset to end of 2021.

Table 5. Surface water laboratory results at sites along Saddlers Creek (scheduled and post-rainfall sampling) from Q4 2021 to Q3 2022 and comparison against trigger levels. If an exceedance of the trigger level occurs for three consecutive readings, this is highlighted in red.

Site	Sample date	Sampling type	Laboratory result													
			Sb	As (V)	As (III)	CaCO3	Ca	Cl	Mg	Mb	K	Se	Na	SO4	TSS	TDS
Units			mg/L	mg/L mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L
Trigger			9 ^(c)	13 ^(c)	24 ^(b) ^(c)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	34 ^(c)	(a)	11 ^(c)	(a)	(a)	50	4900
W3	27/10/21	Scheduled	Too low to sample													
	12/11/21	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	66	10	103	17	0.0010	7.0	0.010	62	41	17	406
	22/11/21	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	187	22	284	44	0.0010	6.0	0.010	160	93	30	925
	10/12/21	Rainfall	Too low to sample													
	8/1/22	Rainfall	Too low to sample													
	27/1/22	Scheduled	Dry													
	6/3/22	Rainfall	Too low to sample													
	8/3/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	40	5.0	26	5.0	0.0010	6.0	0.010	18	1.0	20	157
	28/3/22	Rainfall	Too low to sample													
	5/4/22	Scheduled	Too low to sample													
	4/7/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	41	5.0	32	6.0	0.0010	6.0	0.010	22	8.0	16	143
	6/7/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	67	10	71	12	0.0010	5.0	0.010	47	26	5.0	319

Site	Sample date	Sampling type	Laboratory result													
			Sb	As (V)	As (III)	CaCO ₃	Ca	Cl	Mg	Mb	K	Se	Na	SO ₄	TSS	TDS
Units			mg/L	mg/L mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L
Trigger			g ^(c)	13 ^(c)	24 ^(b) ^(c)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	34 ^(c)	(a)	11 ^(c)	(a)	(a)	50	4900
	13/7/22	Scheduled	Too low to sample													
Saddlers D/S (W4 – Bowfield)	27/10/21	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	311	34	849	80	0.0010	9.0	0.010	476	109	58.0	1800
	12/11/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	22/11/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	10/12/21	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	80	17	111	17	0.0010	7.0	0.010	71	55	14.0	425
	8/1/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	627	67	1580	150	0.0010	9.0	0.010	944	208	10	3560
	27/1/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	753	85	2040	210	0.0010	9.0	0.010	1100	263	5.0	4350
	6/3/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	511	77	1820	186	0.0010	12	0.010	1000	222	29	3620
	8/3/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	28/3/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	122	17	244	28	0.0010	9.0	0.010	134	51	16	579
	5/4/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	344	42	591	68	0.0010	8.0	0.010	368	138	5.0	1440
	4/7/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	6/7/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	25/7/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	500	75	1170	146	0.0010	8.0	0.010	755	254	5.0	2590
MEA D/S	27/10/21	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	51	11	18	5.0	0.0010	9.0	0.010	11	1.0	8.0	149
	12/11/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	22/11/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													

Site	Sample date	Sampling type	Laboratory result													
			Sb	As (V)	As (III)	CaCO3	Ca	Cl	Mg	Mb	K	Se	Na	SO4	TSS	TDS
Units			mg/L	mg/L mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L
Trigger			g ^(c)	13 ^(c)	24 ^(b) ^(c)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	34 ^(c)	(a)	11 ^(c)	(a)	(a)	50	4900
	10/12/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	8/1/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	27/1/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	82	8.0	9.0	5.0	0.0010	9.0	0.010	10	1.0	7.0	125
	6/3/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	8/3/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	28/3/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	5/4/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	41	6.0	11	3.0	0.0010	8.0	0.010	10	10	66	172
	4/7/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	6/7/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	27/7/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	34	6.0	10	3.0	0.0010	7.0	0.010	10	10	12	204
Saddlers U/S	27/10/21	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0020	0.0020	388	147	373	116	0.0010	18	0.010	175	418	14	1580
	12/11/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	22/11/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	10/12/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	8/1/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	27/1/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0040	0.0040	408	119	395	100	0.0010	11	0.010	171	223	5.0	1420
	6/3/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													

Site	Sample date	Sampling type	Laboratory result													
			Sb	As (V)	As (III)	CaCO3	Ca	Cl	Mg	Mb	K	Se	Na	SO4	TSS	TDS
Units			mg/L	mg/L mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L
Trigger			g ^(c)	13 ^(c)	24 ^(b) ^(c)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	34 ^(c)	(a)	11 ^(c)	(a)	(a)	50	4900
	8/3/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	28/3/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	5/4/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	233	100	336	76	0.0010	9.0	0.010	203	389	5.0	1470
	4/7/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	6/7/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	27/7/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	490	289	1090	262	0.0010	9.0	0.010	752	1360	5.0	4160
Saltwater D/S	27/10/21	Scheduled	Dry													
	12/11/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	22/11/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	10/12/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	8/1/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	28/1/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0020	0.0020	106	12	3.0	4.0	0.0010	14	0.010	10	1.0	564	119
	6/3/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	8/3/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	35	6.0	19	4.0	0.0010	3.0	0.010	17	10	30	207
	28/3/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	5/4/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	83	18	19	6.0	0.0010	22	0.010	10	10	22	213
	4/7/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													

Site	Sample date	Sampling type	Laboratory result													
			Sb	As (V)	As (III)	CaCO3	Ca	Cl	Mg	Mb	K	Se	Na	SO4	TSS	TDS
Units			mg/L	mg/L mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L
Trigger			g ^(c)	13 ^(c)	24 ^(b) ^(c)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	34 ^(c)	(a)	11 ^(c)	(a)	(a)	50	4900
	6/7/22	Rainfall														
	1/8/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	60	13	25	6.0	0.0010	19	0.010	10	10	58	189
SW1/ Saddlers	27/10/21	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	927	268	5280	432	0.0010	6.0	0.010	2590	622	5.0	9910
	12/11/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	22/11/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	10/12/21	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	80	14	105	11	0.0010	7.0	0.010	63	17	14.0	372
	8/1/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	597	136	2570	201	0.0010	9.0	0.010	1300	345	10	5520
	27/1/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	896	188	3690	327	0.0020	6.0	0.010	1870	423	6.0	7800
	6/3/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	68	14	171	14	0.0010	8.0	0.010	103	22	119	452
	8/3/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	28/3/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	90	14	125	13	0.0010	8.0	0.010	77	16	26	402
	5/4/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	582	106	1670	158	0.0010	7.0	0.010	976	203	12	3590
	4/7/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010											
	6/7/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010											
		1/8/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	606	98	1600	145	0.0010	7.0	0.010	1030	203	11
SW2	-	-	Location to be established – see notes													
SW3	27/10/21	Scheduled	Dry													

Site	Sample date	Sampling type	Laboratory result													
			Sb	As (V)	As (III)	CaCO3	Ca	Cl	Mg	Mb	K	Se	Na	SO4	TSS	TDS
Units			mg/L	mg/L mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L	µg/L
Trigger			9 ^(c)	13 ^(c)	24 ^(b) ^(c)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	34 ^(c)	(a)	11 ^(c)	(a)	(a)	50	4900
	12/11/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	22/11/21	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	10/12/21	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	83	21	8.0	6.0	0.0010	11.0	0.010	6.0	10	7.0	216
	8/1/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	54	8.0	6.0	2.0	0.0010	10	0.010	4.0	10	20	124
	27/1/22	Scheduled	Dry													
	6/3/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	32	7.0	5.0	2.0	0.0010	10	0.010	3.0	4.0	96	153
	8/3/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	29	6.0	6.0	2.0	0.0010	9.0	0.010	3.0	1.0	221	161
	28/3/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	79	20	10	7.0	0.0010	13	0.010	6.0	10	18	202
	5/4/22	Scheduled	Too low to sample													
	4/7/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	6/7/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	13/7/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	115	32	24	11	0.0010	10	0.010	11	1.0	9.0	258

Notes.

(a) No trigger; for interpretation purposes only. (b) Result is a combination of As (V) and As (III) (c) Trigger set as a preliminary guideline value.

In accordance with the Surface Water Management Plan, results from Saddlers Creek (median over three consecutive samples) will be compared to the relevant trigger levels. Trigger values are values that trigger further investigation or management action.

Table 6: Maxwell Infrastructure Groundwater quality biennial monitoring results for Quarter 3 2022 (year to date average shown). See notes for further details. NS = Not sampled (next scheduled sampling is Q4 2022).

Site	Aluminium	Arsenic	Bicarbonate Alkalinity as CaCO3	Boron	Calcium	Chloride	Chromium	Copper	Electrical conductivity	EC trigger value	Iron	Lead	Magnesium	Manganese	Molybdenum	Nickel	pH value	pH trigger value
R4241	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	6253	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	584	0.21	172	857	0.0010	0.0010	4910	-	0.82	0.0010	244	0.293	0.0010	0.012	7.0	-
F1162	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	522	0.22	101	738	0.0020	0.0010	3720	-	8.6	0.0010	146	0.56	0.0010	0.004	7.0	-
F1164	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
Average	0.010	0.0020	511	0.07	89	646	0.0020	0.0010	3340	-	23.9	0.0010	111	0.71	0.0030	0.009	6.9	-
GW01D	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	5680	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	479	0.31	378	1250	0.0010	0.0020	5365	-	0.070	0.0010	157	0.257	0.0070	0.340	7.0	-
GW01S	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	9260	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	504	0.14	228	2260	0.0010	0.026	7840	-	0.050	0.0010	228	0.076	0.0020	0.024	7.0	-
GW02D	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	10500	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	1750	0.27	50	1240	0.0010	0.0050	11750	-	0.05	0.0010	15	0.51	0.0080	0.022	7.	*
GW02S	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	9480	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	723	0.12	294	924	0.0010	0.0010	6785	-	1.92	0.0010	302	1.47	0.0020	0.018	6.9	-

Table 6 continued

Site	Selenium	Silver	Sodium	Sulfate as SO ₄ – Turbidimetric	Suspended Solids (SS)	Total Dissolved Solids @180°C	Zinc
R4241	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
<i>Average</i>	<i>0.010</i>	<i>0.0010</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>1090</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>3555</i>	<i>0.010</i>
F1162	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
<i>Average</i>	<i>0.010</i>	<i>0.0010</i>	<i>506</i>	<i>360</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>2260</i>	<i>0.010</i>
F1164	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
<i>Average</i>	<i>0.010</i>	<i>0.0010</i>	<i>403</i>	<i>340</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>1970</i>	<i>NS</i>
GW01D	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
<i>Average</i>	<i>0.010</i>	<i>0.0010</i>	<i>525</i>	<i>610</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>3810</i>	<i>0.080</i>
GW01S	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
<i>Average</i>	<i>0.360</i>	<i>0.0010</i>	<i>1170</i>	<i>552</i>	<i>2115</i>	<i>5255</i>	<i>0.080</i>
GW02D	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
<i>Average</i>	<i>0.010</i>	<i>0.0010</i>	<i>2950</i>	<i>3115</i>	<i>2905</i>	<i>8625</i>	<i>0.010</i>
GW02S	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
<i>Average</i>	<i>0.010</i>	<i>0.0010</i>	<i>890</i>	<i>2285</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>5250</i>	<i>0.020</i>

Table 7: DS1 monitoring bore: Laboratory groundwater quality monthly monitoring results for Quarter 3 2022 (year to date average shown). See notes for further details. NS = Not sampled.

Date of sample	pH value	Electrical conductivity	Total Dissolved Solids @180°C	Salinity (g/kg)
21/07/2022	6.3	7910	6530	4.4
19/08/2022	6.2	8080	6580	4.5
21/09/2022	6.4	8360	6610	4.6
Average (year to date)	6.3	8117	6573	4.5

Table 8: Maxwell Underground Groundwater quality biennial monitoring results for Quarter 3 2022 (year to date average shown). See notes for further details (under the new Maxwell Underground Project, sampling changed from quarterly to biennial, the next scheduled Underground sites sampling due Q1 2023). NS = Not sampled.

Site	Aluminium	Arsenic	Bicarbonate Alkalinity as CaCO3	Boron	Calcium	Chloride	Chromium	Copper	Electrical conductivity	EC trigger value	Iron	Lead	Magnesium	Manganese	Molybdenum	Nickel	pH value	pH trigger value
DD1005	0.010	0.001	896	0.17	105	1230	0.001	0.022	6060	-	0.050	0.0010	194	0.0050	0.011	0.012	8.2	NS
Average	0.020	0.0010	908	0.19	111	1477	0.0050	0.019	6187	-	0.90	0.002	192	0.01	0.0070	0.012	7.6	
DD1014	0.010	0.0020	849	0.34	79	3010	0.0010	0.004	10500	-	0.050	0.0120	42	0.028	0.0010	0.0020	8.5	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	766	0.36	73	3017	0.0010	0.0020	9970	-	0.300	0.0050	42	0.10	0.0010	0.0050	7.7	
DD1015	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	1030	0.19	104	1360	0.0010	0.0010	5940	-	0.050	0.0010	169	0.00	0.001	0.0010	7.2	
DD1016	0.010	0.0010	1070	0.24	181	1320	0.0010	0.0010	6330	-	1.96	0.0010	300	0.161	0.001	0.0010	8.1	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	1057	0.27	170	1433	0.0010	0.0010	5943	-	1.92	0.0010	294	0.16	0.001	0.0010	7.4	
DD1025	0.010	0.0010	1100	0.14	260	4060	0.0010	0.3340	13700	14,200	0.050	0.0010	456	0.125	0.001	0.0040	8.3	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	1180	0.17	241	4023	0.0010	0.96	12300	-	0.050	0.0010	448	0.18	0.001	0.0090	7.6	
DD1032	0.010	0.0010	1110	0.22	15	1350	0.0010	0.0010	6810	7,170	0.26	0.0010	5.0	0.015	0.0010	0.0010	8.5	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	1170	0.26	13	1443	0.0010	0.0010	6630	-	0.170	0.0010	4.3	0.010	0.0010	0.0010	8.1	
DD1043	0.020	0.0010	2050	0.05	44	1270	0.0010	0.0020	7320	-	0.35	0.0010	22	0.036	0.0010	0.0010	7.1	
Average	0.015	0.0010	2228	0.24	44	1293	0.0010	0.0020	7523	-	0.200	0.0010	24	0.03	0.0010	0.0010	7.1	
DD1052	0.100	0.0010	770	0.27	5.0	1770	0.0010	0.0010	7320	-	0.050	0.0010	3.0	0.023	0.0010	0.0050	8.6	
Average	0.120	0.0010	742	0.27	4.8	1823	0.0010	0.0020	7258	-	0.050	0.0010	2.8	0.02	0.0030	0.0060	8.8	

Site	Aluminium	Arsenic	Bicarbonate Alkalinity as CaCO3	Boron	Calcium	Chloride	Chromium	Copper	Electrical conductivity	EC trigger value	Iron	Lead	Magnesium	Manganese	Molybdenum	Nickel	pH value	pH trigger value
DD1057	0.020	0.0030	3730	0.05	12	1430	0.0020	0.0010	10600	-	1.07	0.0010	6.0	0.031	0.0020	0.0010	7.6	-
Average	0.015	0.0030	3765	0.17	12	1408	0.0020	0.0010	10325	-	1.050	0.0010	5.8	0.03	0.0030	0.0010	7.6	-
MB03	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
Average	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
MB1A	0.010	0.0010	660	0.060	80	262	0.0090	0.008	2030	-	0.050	0.0010	54	0.001	0.0030	0.0030	8.0	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	628	0.080	87	392	0.0050	0.0060	2260	-	0.050	0.0010	60	0.00	0.0030	0.0040	7.8	-
MB1R	0.010	0.0010	1150	0.17	62	1250	0.0010	0.0010	6200	-	0.33	0.0010	52	0.018	0.0010	0.0010	7.3	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	1190	0.18	60	1253	0.0010	0.0010	6063	-	0.270	0.0010	52	0.02	0.0010	0.0010	7.3	-
MB1W	0.010	0.0010	1210	0.17	64	1220	0.0010	0.0010	6020	-	0.05	0.0010	51	0.011	0.0010	0.0010	7.7	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	1245	0.19	62	1205	0.0010	0.0010	5803	-	0.050	0.0010	52	0.01	0.0010	0.0010	7.6	-
MB2A	0.010	0.0010	677	0.24	129	3090	0.0010	0.0010	10800	-	0.05	0.0010	287	0.296	0.0030	0.0030	7.3	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	837	0.23	115	2440	0.0010	0.0010	9030	-	0.050	0.0010	257	0.34	0.0030	0.0030	7.5	-
MB2R	0.010	0.0010	1200	0.24	42	1460	0.0010	0.0010	6870	-	0.05	0.0010	51	0.003	0.0010	0.0010	7.7	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	1113	0.21	35	1343	0.0010	0.0020	6267	-	0.050	0.0010	47	0.01	0.0010	0.0060	8.1	-
MB3A	0.010	0.0010	800	0.21	50	1720	0.0010	0.0150	8800	9,009	0.050	0.0010	236	0.002	0.0030	0.0060	8.5	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	783	0.27	47	2120	0.0010	0.0070	8237	-	0.050	0.0010	224	0.001	0.0030	0.0040	7.9	-
MB3R	0.010	0.0010	724	0.14	178	1280	0.0140	0.0010	6410	6,327	0.05	0.0010	322	0.30	0.0010	0.0020	8.4	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	779	0.19	165	1383	0.0050	0.0010	5897	-	0.120	0.0010	310	0.28	0.0010	0.0020	7.7	-

Site	Aluminium	Arsenic	Bicarbonate Alkalinity as CaCO3	Boron	Calcium	Chloride	Chromium	Copper	Electrical conductivity	EC trigger value	Iron	Lead	Magnesium	Manganese	Molybdenum	Nickel	pH value	pH trigger value
MB4A	0.010	0.0010	290	0.05	76	175	0.0010	0.0030	1110	-	0.05	0.0010	52	0.005	0.0010	0.0020	7.2	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	368	0.08	58	251	0.0010	0.0020	1448	-	0.050	0.0010	45	0.010	0.0010	0.0020	7.4	-
MB4C	0.010	0.0010	587	0.12	16	556	0.0010	0.0010	2590	-	0.050	0.0010	28	0.021	0.0010	0.0010	8.0	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	489	0.11	26	445	0.0010	0.0010	2125	-	0.050	0.0010	31	0.020	0.0010	0.001	7.8	-
MW1	0.010	0.0010	620	0.17	109	1290	0.0050	0.0170	6250	-	0.05	0.0010	326	0.0010	0.0020	0.002	8.5	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	590	0.21	112	1495	0.0040	0.0630	6130	-	0.050	0.0010	344	0.001	0.0020	0.029	8.0	-
MW2	0.010	0.0010	635	0.21	32	994	0.0020	0.0150	4030	-	0.05	0.0010	72	0.0020	0.0020	0.019	7.8	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	667	0.18	34	1008	0.0040	0.0080	4260	-	0.050	0.0010	74	0.001	0.0030	0.0100	7.8	-
MW3	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
Average	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-

Table 8 continued

Site	Potassium	Selenium	Silver	Sodium	Sulfate as SO ₄ - Turbidimetric	Suspended Solids (SS)	Total Dissolved Solids @180°C	Zinc
DD1005	17	0.010	0.0010	1000	228	13	3370	0.010
Average	16	0.010	0.0010	1025	222	19	3687	0.010
DD1014	10	0.010	0.0010	2300	219	13	5980	0.010
Average	10	0.010	0.0010	2240	215	13	6073	0.010
DD1015	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	18	0.010	0.0010	902	165	38	3460	0.010
DD1016	14	0.010	0.0010	832	100	22	3560	0.010
Average	14	0.010	0.0010	825	100	18	3750	0.010
DD1025	16	0.010	0.0010	2270	423	13	8130	0.020
Average	16	0.010	0.0010	2293	445	7.7	8570	0.060
DD1025	6.0	0.010	0.0010	1570	36	108	3880	0.010
Average	5.3	0.010	0.0010	1527	22	44	3950	0.010
DD1032	18	0.010	0.0010	1510	128	24	4380	0.060
Average	19	0.010	0.0010	1683	135	17	4745	0.030
DD1043	18	0.010	0.0010	1400	46	22	4150	0.010
Average	19	0.010	0.0010	1453	37	38	4215	0.010

Table 8 continued

Site	Potassium	Selenium	Silver	Sodium	Sulfate as SO ₄ - Turbidimetric	Suspended Solids (SS)	Total Dissolved Solids @180°C	Zinc
DD1052	16	0.010	0.0010	2450	1.0	44	6530	0.010
Average	16	0.010	0.0010	2488	1.0	36	6675	0.010
DD1057	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
MB03	27	0.010	0.0010	286	64	7.0	3390	0.010
Average	15.3	0.010	0.0010	336	73	206	2505	0.010
MB1A	15	0.010	0.0020	1210	86	10	1190	0.010
Average	14	0.010	0.0020	1210	87	12	2435	0.010
MB1R	13	0.010	0.0010	1190	63	15	3560	0.010
Average	13	0.010	0.0010	1223	65	13	3593	0.010
MB1W	7.0	0.010	0.0010	1570	428	5.0	5780	0.020
Average	6.0	0.010	0.0010	1460	521	5.0	5300	0.010
MB2A	10	0.010	0.0010	1330	1.0	5.0	3610	0.010
Average	10	0.010	0.0010	1237	1.7	8.3	3460	0.010
MB2R	2.0	0.010	0.0010	1590	649	5.0	5140	0.010
Average	2.0	0.01	0.001	1547	626	10	5280	0.010

Table 8 continued

Site	Potassium	Selenium	Silver	Sodium	Sulfate as SO ₄ - Turbidimetric	Suspended Solids (SS)	Total Dissolved Solids @180°C	Zinc
MB3R	9.0	0.010	0.0010	785	440	8.0	4030	0.010
Average	8.0	0.010	0.0010	758	443	19	4053	0.010
MB4A	3.0	0.010	0.0010	78	40	28	574	0.010
Average	3.5	0.010	0.0010	195	33	42	828	0.010
MB4C	6.0	0.010	0.0010	502	16	5	1410	0.010
Average	4.8	0.010	0.0010	396	19	53	1249	0.010
MW1	5.0	0.010	0.0010	850	496	854	3980	0.010
Average	5.0	0.010	0.0010	848	657	717	4455	0.010
MW2	5.0	0.010	0.0010	709	86	658	2270	0.010
Average	5.3	0.010	0.0010	767	98	1437	2498	0.010
MW3	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

Notes:

The Maxwell UG (MUG) Project Water Management Plan (WMP) was implemented for Q3 2021 and supercedes the requirements of the Maxwell Infrastructure WMP. The MUG Project WMP requires:

- the monthly recording of reduced standing water levels in all bores (standpipes either manually or using loggers and VWPs)
- quarterly recording (field measurement) of all standpipes for pH, EC, redox potential and temperature; and
- biennial sampling and analysis of all standpipes for TDS, TSS, major cations (Ca, Mg, Na), major anions (chloride, sulfate, carbonate, bicarbonate), total alkalinity, and total and dissolved metals (Al, As, B, Cr, Cu, Fe, Mn, Mo, Ni, Pb, Se, Ag & Zn).

Of these, the following are new or amended variables required by the new MUG WMP:

- monthly rather than quarterly recording of reduced standing water levels where there are no loggers (however the long-term plan is to install loggers in all bores); for those with loggers and for the VWPs the data is downloaded quarterly;
- quarterly recording (field measurement) of redox potential and temperature (previously not required);
- biennial sampling and analysis for carbonate and total alkalinity (previously not required); these will be added to the table for Q4 2021 given the first sampling under the new plan occurred in Dec 2021;
- removal of the requirement to record barium (Ba), beryllium (Be), cadmium (Cd), cobalt (Co), potassium (K), vanadium (V), nitrite as N, nitrate as N, mercury (Hg), ammonia as N, total Kjeldahl nitrogen as N, total phosphorus (P) and reactive phosphorus as P.
- removal of bores DD1030, DD1034-A and B, DD1041 A and B.

Sampling for the MI bores under the previous Maxwell Infrastructure WMP transitioned to the new MUG Project WMP. Sampling of the MI bores occurred in June 2022 and hence the quarterly reporting for Q3 2022 includes the results. Sampling of the MUG bores occurred in Q1 2022 hence no results are reported for Q3 2022.

The year-to-date averages includes samples taken on a quarterly basis until the implementation of the new MUG Project WMP, which requires biennial sampling. The exception is for DS1 for which monthly samples are taken as per the EPL for pH, EC, TDS and salinity, and hence the average presented is the average of all samples taken during each of the past 12 months for those variables.

All results are in mg/L except Conductivity ($\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$), pH (in pH units) and salinity (g/kg). Dissolved metal concentration (mg/L) are presented in **Table 6, Table 7, Table 8**. Plots of total and dissolved metal concentrations are shown in **Appendix 5**.

Trigger levels

As presented in SLR (2022, 2022a) Q2 – 2022 and Q3 - 2022 quarterly reports, observed groundwater levels, EC and pH at monitoring bores that are part of the TARP remain within “Normal Condition” during the reporting period except for GW02D. To note that further monitoring data is required at GW02D to confirm EC groundwater trends as it remains above the trigger level. However, it is likely that the increase in EC at this location is not related to site activities hence does not result in an exceedance of a Water Management Performance Measure in Table 4 of Development Consent SSD 9526.

Table 9. All groundwater bores: Reduced standing groundwater levels (mAHD) during Quarter 3 2022 compared to the year-to-date average

Site (with seam names for VWPs)	July	August	September	Year to date average	Type of bore	Type of measurement as of Sep 2021
DS1	223.94	223.94	223.94	223.79	Standpipe	Manual
R4241	177.39	177.58	176.98	176.90	Standpipe	Manual
F1162	140.60	141.28	141.73	138.50	Standpipe	Manual
F1164	138.92	139.74	140.01	136.25	Standpipe	Manual
GW01D	202.74	203.77	204.40	201.09	Standpipe	Logger
GW01S	199.78	200.37	201.12	198.60	Standpipe	Logger
GW02D	136.16	136.74	136.82	135.51	Standpipe	Logger
GW02S	192.06	192.97	193.13	190.98	Standpipe	Logger
GW04	145.81	146.13	146.41	144.96	Standpipe	Manual
BLK6R12 – VW1 (WB)	160.13	160.67	161.14	160.07	VWP	Logger
BLK6R12 – VW2 (RB)	147.89	147.77	147.84	147.84	VWP	Logger
BLK6R12 – VW3 (WN)	122.07	122.32	122.56	122.09	VWP	Logger
BLK6R12 – VW4 (BK)	122.01	122.10	122.43	121.69	VWP	Logger
DD1005	144.03	144.03	144.02	143.27	Standpipe	Manual
DD1014	133.65	133.71	134.09	133.71	Standpipe	Manual
DD1015	(6)	(6)	(6)	-	Standpipe	Manual
DD1016	141.55	141.51	#N/A	141.38	Standpipe	Manual
DD1025	155.54	155.54	155.65	155.33	Standpipe	Manual
DD1027	134.14	(7)	134.33	133.99	Standpipe	Manual
DD1032	128.54	128.58	128.61	128.37	Standpipe	Manual
DD1043	129.37	129.37	129.55	129.13	Standpipe	Manual
DD1052	115.22	115.46	114.78	115.23	Standpipe	Manual

DD1057	124.37	124.37	124.36	124.36	Standpipe	Manual
MB03	(8)	(8)	(8)	-	Standpipe	Logger
MB1-Alluvial	74.32	74.28	74.14	73.63	Standpipe	Logger
MB1-Redbank	76.11	76.14	76.19	75.53	Standpipe	Manual
MB1-Whybrow	75.39	75.45	75.47	74.94	Standpipe	Manual
MB2-Alluvial	113.58	113.83	113.83	113.81	Standpipe	Logger
MB2-Regolith	115.62	115.73	115.70	115.56	Standpipe	Logger
MB3-Alluvial	129.87	130.31	130.36	129.94	Standpipe	Logger
MB3-Regolith	129.74	130.77	129.73	129.37	Standpipe	Logger ⁽²⁾
MB4-Alluvial	71.24	72.19	72.36	71.86	Standpipe	Logger
MB4-Coal	71.96	71.96	72.00	71.48	Standpipe	Manual
MW1	129.59	129.96	130.06	129.65	Standpipe	Logger
MW2	113.62	113.62	113.74	113.15	Standpipe	Logger
MW3	(8)	(8)	(8)	-	Standpipe	Manual
RBD1 – VW1 (WB)	148.05	147.98	148.12	147.84	VWP	Logger
RBD1 – VW2 (RB)	143.23	143.24	143.76	143.20	VWP	Logger
RBD1 – VW3 (WN)	128.80	128.92	129.05	128.39	VWP	Logger
RBD1 – VW4 (BK)	88.32	88.38	88.50	88.11	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP1 (WH)	184.66	184.42	184.49	184.79	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP2 (AZZBF)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP3 (WW12)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP4 (Mt Arthur seam)	141.05	141.07	141.20	141.07	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP5 (PF2)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP6 (BY)	135.78	135.51	135.64	135.70	VWP	Logger

RD1189 – VWP7 (WY)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	VWP	Logger
RD1192- VWP1 (WB)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	VWP	Logger
RD1192- VWP2 (RB)	133.36	133.56	133.88	133.21	VWP	Logger
RD1192-VWP3 (BK)	151.09	151.12	151.33	149.89	VWP	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP1) (INT)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	VWP	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP2) (INT)	86.80	86.95	86.94	86.89	no data	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP3) (INT)	95.26	95.61	95.34	95.32	VWP	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP4) (WB)	96.59	97.02	96.69	96.66	VWP	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP5) (WN)	99.49	100.32	100.19	100.00	VWP	Logger
WND16 (VWP1) (WB)	111.54	112.35	112.80	112.23	VWP	Logger
WND16 (VWP2) (WN)	117.07	108.84	109.13	111.68	VWP	Logger
WND16 (VWP4) (BK)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	VWP	Logger
WND26 (VWP1) (WB)	135.02	135.23	135.59	134.72	VWP	Logger
WND26 (VWP2) (RB)	131.03	131.18	131.55	130.68	VWP	Logger
WND26 (VWP3) (WA)	138.58	138.19	138.46	137.91	VWP	Logger

1. In addition to a water level logger, a barologger was installed at MB3-Regolith on 23 August 2021 (a barologger enables the correction of water level for barometric pressure for all bores for this project). Prior to August, it was installed at DD1032.
2. In August 2021, loggers in DD1043, DD1057, DD1014, DD1025 and DD1032 were removed and placed into other bores that the Environmental Statement committed to containing loggers.

3. GWLs for the Maxwell Infrastructure loggers are the values on the same day as the manual measurements taken in the bores without loggers. See notes under Table 7 for an explanation of any NS.
4. GWLs for the Maxwell Underground loggers are the values taken on the 15th of each month (as the manual measurements are taken over a number of days due to the number of loggers). If there are multiple values on the same day, the average of the daily values is presented.
5. New Solinst Levellogger 5's were installed in MB03, MB1 – Alluvial, MB4 - Alluvial, MB3 – Alluvial, MB2 – Regolith, GW01D, GW01S, GW02D and GW02S in August 2021. In addition, older loggers from DD1057, DD1014, DD1015, DD1025 and DD1032 were relocated to MB2 – Alluvial, MW2, MW1, MB3 – Regolith. Malabar became aware of an issue with the firmware installed on these new loggers in January 2022; the issue caused the loggers to stop recording in mid-November. Following identification of the issue and in consultation with Solinst, the firmware was upgraded and the loggers were redeployed in February 2022. Manual measurements recommenced monthly at all bores in January 2022 and will continue until confidence in the loggers can be obtained. Data in this table is therefore manual measurements unless not taken; if manual measurements were not taken an average of the monthly logger recordings are included, where available. Hence for those bores, there is a gap in data between mid-November 2021 and when the monthly manual measurements recommenced in January 2022.
6. DD1015 is reported blocked during the reporting period.
7. There was no access to DD1027 in July 2022 due to wet weather.
8. MB03 and MW3 are recorded dry during the reporting period.
9. Groundwater levels at RD1189 VWP2, VWP3, VWP5, VWP7 appear unstable hence are not reported.
10. The following VWP are disabled: RD1192-VWP1, MB1-VWP1, WND16-VWP4.

* GWLs for the Maxwell Underground VWPs are the values taken on the 15th of each month. If there are multiple values on the same day, the average of the daily values is presented. If no data is recorded on the 15th of the month, then the closest recorded value to the 15th of the month is presented (see*).

Acronyms: DD = diamond drill hole. mAHD = meters above Australian Height Datum (the elevation of the water level is calculated by subtracting the Depth to Water from the reference elevation). n/a = not available. NS = not sampled. RH = rotary drill hole. VWP = Vibrating wire piezometer and logger. Seam acronyms: BK = Blakefield seam; BY = Bayswater seam; MA = Mt Arthur seam; PF = Piercefield seam; INT = Interburden; WB = Wambo seam; RB = Redbank Creek seam; WA = tbc; WH = Woodlands Hill seam; WN = Whynot seam; WY = Wynn seam. WW = Warkworth seam; ZZ = indicates that the seam is intruded or heat affected.

Noise monitoring results for Quarter 3 2022

Noise monitoring under the Noise and Blasting Management Plan (NBMP) for the Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project commenced in September 2021 at monitoring sites NM1 to NM4 as required by the plan.

To date, the Maxwell Underground Project has been inaudible at all locations and all dates.

Table 10. Noise monitoring results for 19 July 2022

EPA identification no.	Sampling point	Day (L _A eq (15 minute))		Evening (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _{A1} (1 minute))		Exceedance (yes/no)	Observations
		Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level		
16	NM1	45	70	41	66	41	67	52	96	No	Project inaudible
17	NM2	44	40	40	41	40	41	52	64	No	Project inaudible
18	NM3	40	56	35	58	35	52	52	76	No	Project inaudible
-	NM4	40	71	35	71	35	40	52	68	No	Project inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	8 August 2022										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 0.5–4.7 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, birds, frogs and an aeroplane. The Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 11. Noise monitoring results for 20 July 2022

EPA identification no.	Sampling point	Day (L _A eq (15 minute))		Evening (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _{A1} (1 minute))		Exceedance (yes/no)	Observations
		Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level		
16	NM1	45	70	41	66	41	63	52	86	No	Project inaudible
17	NM2	44	42	40	41	40	41	52	60	No	Project inaudible
18	NM3	40	57	35	57	35	50	52	70	No	Project inaudible
-	NM4	40	70	35	57	35	69	52	93	No	Project inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	8 August 2022										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 0.5–4.7 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, birds, and frogs. The Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 12. Noise monitoring results for 21 July 2022

EPA identification no.	Sampling point	Day (L _A eq (15 minute))		Evening (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _{A1} (1 minute))		Exceedance (yes/no)	Observations
		Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level		
16	NM1	45	71	41	65	41	67	52	89	No	Project inaudible
17	NM2	44	48	40	46	40	44	52	62	No	Project inaudible
18	NM3	40	59	35	55	35	50	52	73	No	Project inaudible
-	NM4	40	74	35	67	35	68	52	91	No	Project inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	8 August 2022										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 2.9–8.5 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, birds and frogs. The Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 13. Noise monitoring results for 22 August 2022

EPA identification no.	Sampling point	Day (L _A eq (15 minute))		Evening (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _{A1} (1 minute))		Exceedance (yes/no)	Observations
		Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level		
16	NM1	45	69	41	67	41	59	52	82	No	Project inaudible

17	NM2	44	54	40	42	40	40	52	62	No	Project inaudible
18	NM3	40	53	35	55	35	46	52	66	No	Project inaudible
-	NM4	40	71	35	67	35	57	52	81	No	Project inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	15 September 2022										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 1.5–4.6 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, a freight train, birds, frogs, and insects. The Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 14. Noise monitoring results for 23&30 August 2022

EPA identification no.	Sampling point	Day (L _A eq (15 minute))		Evening (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _{A1} (1 minute))		Exceedance (yes/no)	Observations
		Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level		
16	NM1	45	72	41	68	41	68	52	89	No	Project inaudible
17	NM2	44	55	40	47	40	41	52	63	No	Project inaudible
18	NM3	40	53	35	52	35	64	52	82	No	Project inaudible
-	NM4	40	71	35	68	35	76	52	91	No	Project inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	15 September 2022										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 1.1–4.9 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, birds, frogs, insects, and a dog. The Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project was inaudible at all locations and times. Results for NM2 in the evening period and all night-time results in this table are from supplementary monitoring conducted on 30 th August 2022 due to rain on the 23 rd August.										

Table 15. Noise monitoring results for 24 August 2022

EPA identification no.	Sampling point	Day (L _A eq (15 minute))		Evening (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _{A1} (1 minute))		Exceedance (yes/no)	Observations
		Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level		
16	NM1	45	69	41	68	41	64	52	88	No	Project inaudible
17	NM2	44	42	40	38	40	36	52	55	No	Project inaudible
18	NM3	40	51	35	52	35	51	52	72	No	Project inaudible
-	NM4	40	70	35	70	35	65	52	90	No	Project inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	15 September 2022										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 2.1–3.3 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, birds, and frogs. The Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 16. Noise monitoring results for 12 September 2022

EPA identification no.	Sampling point	Day (L _A eq (15 minute))		Evening (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _{A1} (1 minute))		Exceedance (yes/no)	Observations
		Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level		
16	NM1	45	69	41	66	41	63	52	88	No	Project inaudible
17	NM2	44	43	40	41	40	40	52	71	No	Project inaudible
18	NM3	40	53	35	54	35	51	52	73	No	Project inaudible
-	NM4	40	71	35	69	35	66	52	89	No	Project inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	10 October 2022										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 1.9–5.1 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, birds, frogs, dogs, and insects. The Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 17. Noise monitoring results for 13 September 2022

EPA identification no.	Sampling point	Day (L _A eq (15 minute))		Evening (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _{A1} (1 minute))		Exceedance (yes/no)	Observations
		Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level		
16	NM1	45	68	41	65	41	62	52	88	No	Project inaudible
17	NM2	44	41	40	42	40	40	52	58	No	Project inaudible
18	NM3	40	56	35	55	35	53	52	79	No	Project inaudible
-	NM4	40	66	35	70	35	47	52	73	No	Project inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	10 October 2022										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 1.5–12.5 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, freight train, birds, frogs, and insects. The Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 18. Noise monitoring results for 14 September 2022

EPA identification no.	Sampling point	Day (L _A eq (15 minute))		Evening (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _A eq (15 minute))		Night (L _{A1} (1 minute))		Exceedance (yes/no)	Observations
		Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level	Criteria	Noise Level		
16	NM1	45	68	41	67	41	31	52	50	No	Project inaudible
17	NM2	44	40	40	40	40	41	52	68	No	Project inaudible
18	NM3	40	56	35	55	35	49	52	73	No	Project inaudible
-	NM4	40	69	35	65	35	66	52	90	No	Project inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	10 October 2022										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 2.1–5.9 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, birds, insects, and frogs. The Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project was inaudible at all locations and times.										

APPENDIX 1 – AIR QUALITY MONITORING LOCATIONS

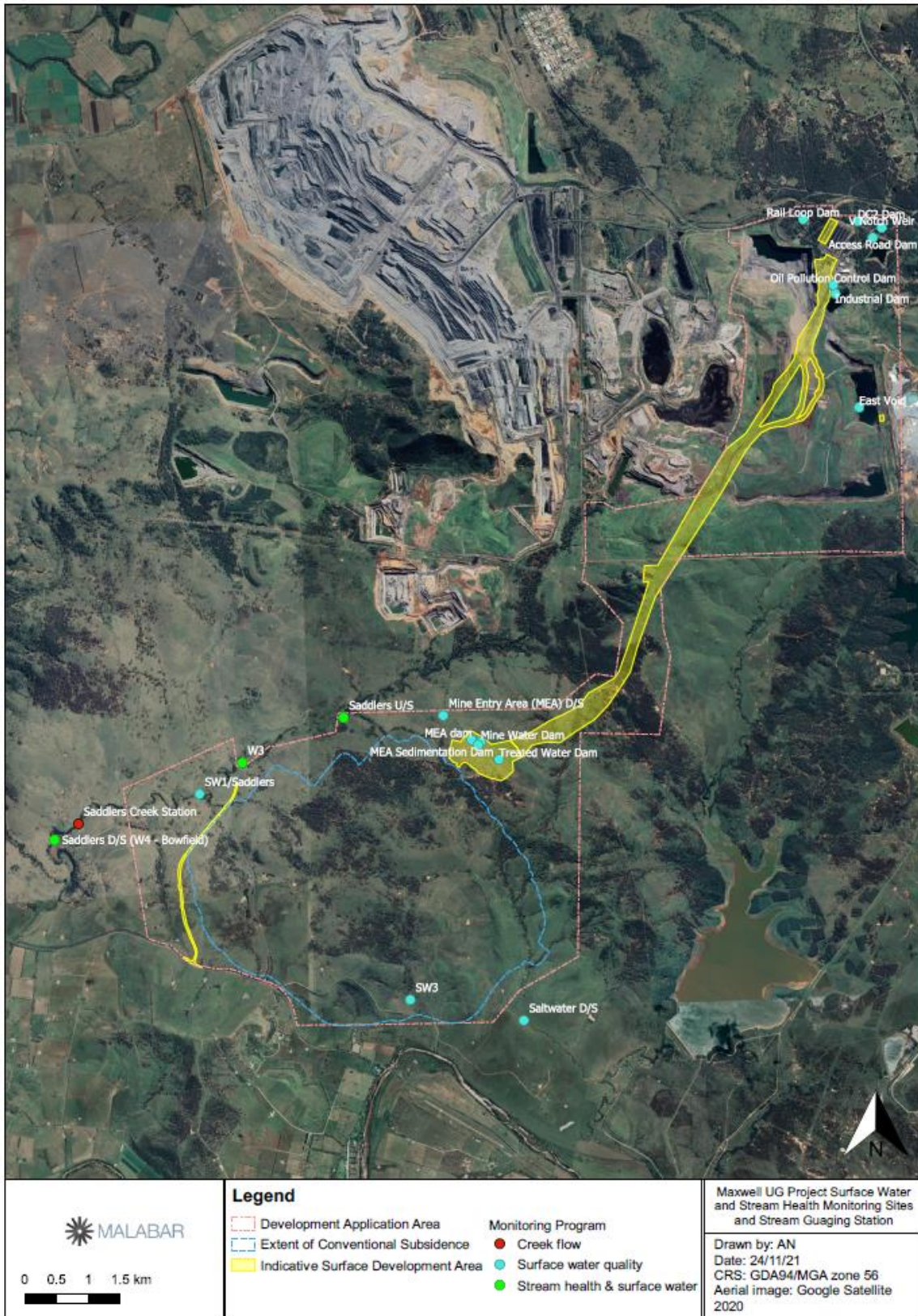


APPENDIX 2 – NOISE AND BLAST MONITORING LOCATIONS



Figure 1. Noise and Blast Monitoring Locations

APPENDIX 3 – SURFACE WATER MONITORING LOCATIONS



APPENDIX 4 – GROUNDWATER MONITORING LOCATIONS



**APPENDIX 5 – CONSULTANT HYDROGEOLOGIST REPORT PROVIDING
HYDROGRAPHS AND DATA ANALYSIS**

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1 Introduction

SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (SLR) has been commissioned by Malabar Resources to perform a quarterly groundwater review of data collected by Cbased Environmental for the Maxwell Underground (MUG) and Maxwell Infrastructure referred here as the Maxwell Project. The quarterly groundwater assessment will support the annual review compliance reporting conducted by Malabar Resources for the site and is envisaged to act as an early warning procedure for any performance trigger exceedances.

This memo provides an overview of the groundwater data collected at the relevant monitoring bores (refer to Figure 1 for the location) for the period July–September 2022 and assesses this data against the Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP) Trigger Criteria presented in the Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) contained within the Water Management Plan (November 2021) for the Maxwell Underground Project. Discussion of any recorded exceedances or bores anticipated to exceed is also included in Section 2 and Section 3.

There was no mining activity conducted for the Maxwell Underground Project (the Project) during the review period. Construction of the Project commenced in May 2022 and extraction of the secondary workings will likely occur in Q1 2023.

1.1 Groundwater Data

The following outlines any data gaps in groundwater levels or quality identified for the review period:

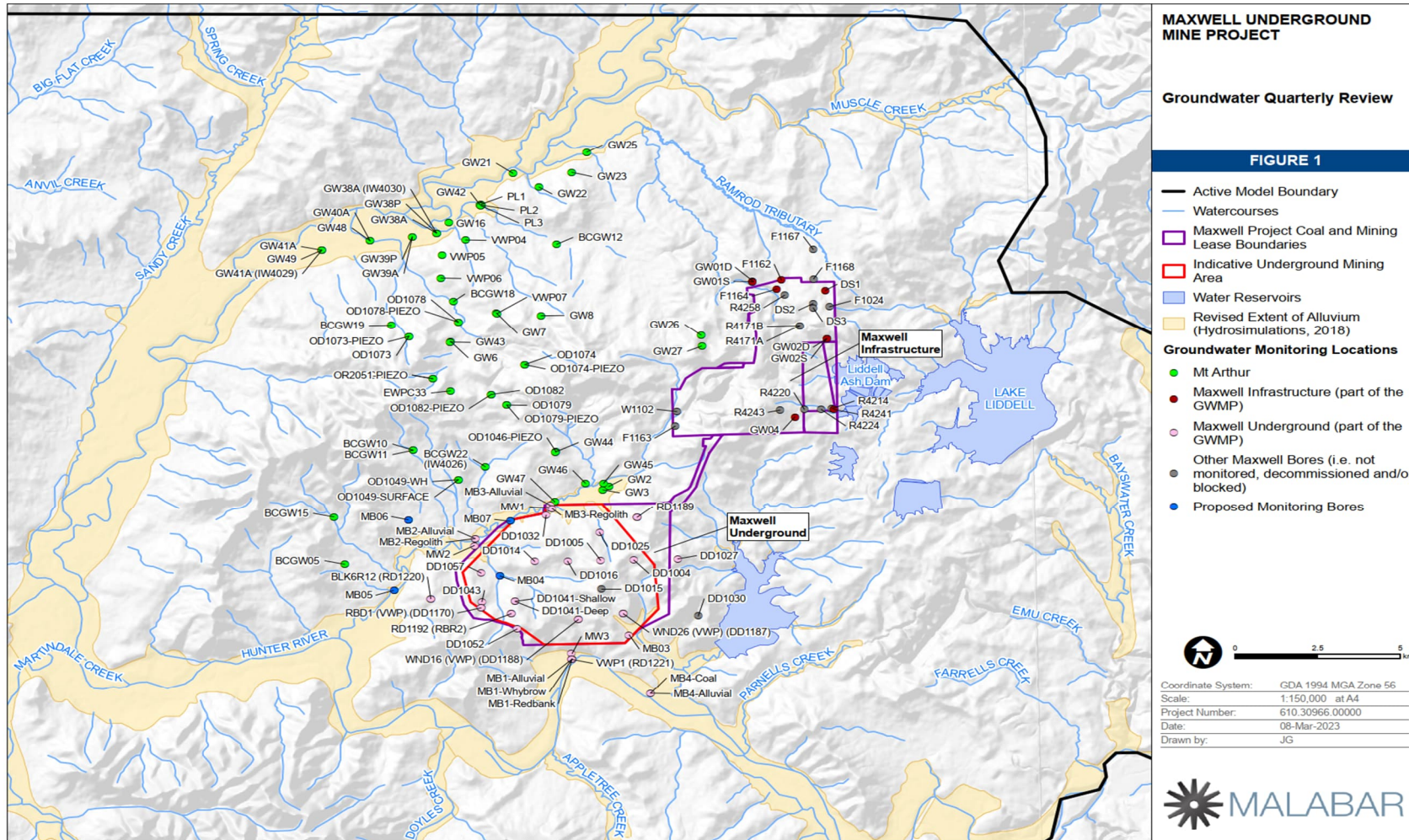
- Groundwater levels and quality results for private bores are reviewed annually, no groundwater data is available for private bores and therefore not presented for this review period; and

1.2 Groundwater Monitoring Parameters and Frequency

The groundwater monitoring parameters and the frequency of monitoring as per the GWMP is presented below:

- Standpipes
 - Reduced standing water level (for bores with no data logger) – monthly
 - pH, electrical conductivity, redox potential, temperature – quarterly

- Total dissolved solids, total suspended solids, major cations/anions, total alkalinity, dissolved and total metals – biennial (twice yearly)
- DS1 (in accordance with EPL 1323 Condition U1.1)
 - Reduced standing water level, pH, electrical conductivity, total dissolved solids, salinity – monthly
- Data loggers and VWPs
 - Reduced standing water level – downloaded quarterly



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Figure 1 Groundwater Monitoring Network

2 Groundwater Level Trigger Review

This section addresses the compliance of groundwater levels at MUG and MI during the reporting period in relation to a trigger analysis.

All groundwater level monitoring bores and VWPs in the vicinity of the Maxwell Project, and their available completion details, are listed in Table 1 below.

Table 2 outlines groundwater level trigger exceedances during the review period at each of the monitored bore locations as per the approved trigger criteria (Malabar Resources, Nov 2021) presented in Appendix A. Hydrographs for all groundwater monitoring locations including those with approved groundwater level trigger levels are presented in Appendix B (MI bores: Figures B1-B9; MU bores/VWP: Figure B10-B39).

Section 2.1 to Section 2.3 discusses briefly any groundwater level exceedances observed during the reporting period only, as identified in Table 2.

Table 1 Groundwater Monitoring Bore Network – Maxwell Project

Monitoring bore or VWP ID	Easting ¹ (GDA94)	Northing ¹ (GDA94)	Geology	Bore screen or VWP sensor depth (mBGL)	Status
Maxwell Infrastructure - MI (standpipe)					
DS1	305592	6420380	Shallow bedrock aquifer	15	EX
F1162	301045	6420755	Greta Coal Measures	274	EX
F1164	304223	6420406	Greta Coal Measures	190.5	EX
R4241	305793	6416224	Jurassic Volcanics	150	EX
GW01S	303386	6420691	Base Regolith	12–15	EX
GW01D	303391	6420683	Greta Coal Measures	29–32	EX
GW02S	305592	6420380	Base Regolith	8–14	EX
GW02D	301045	6420755	Greta Coal Measures	69–72	EX
GW04	304223	6420406	Permian Sequence	101–104	EX
Maxwell Underground (MUG) – standpipes					
MB1 - Redbank	297930	6407453	Redbank Seam	51–57	EX
MB1 - Whybrow	297928	6407448	Whybrow Seam	25–28	EX
MB1A	297933	6407459	Hunter River Alluvium	8–11	EX
MB2R	295004	6411675	Regolith	20–29	EX
MB2A	294998	6411669	Saddlers Creek Alluvium	5–7	EX
MB3R	297328	6412729	Regolith	27–30	EX
MB3A	297269	6412850	Saddlers Creek Alluvium (upslope)	8.5–14.5	EX
MB4 - Coal	300302	6406234	JPS-Coal	42–47	EX
MB4A	300307	6406231	Hunter River Alluvium	10–18	EX

Monitoring bore or VWP ID	Easting ¹ (GDA94)	Northing ¹ (GDA94)	Geology	Bore screen or VWP sensor depth (mBGL)	Status
MB03	299649	6408297	Saltwater Creek Alluvium	5–8	EX
MW1	297254	6412760	Saddlers Creek Alluvium (upslope)	6–9	EX
MW2	294977	6411419	Saddlers Creek Alluvium	4–9.5	EX
MW3	297904	6407652	Hunter River Alluvium	2.9–6.9	EX
MB04	295755	6410371	Unnamed Creek Regolith	tbc	P
MB05	292546.7	6409857	Saddlers Creek alluvium	tbc	P
MB06_S	292980.2	6412335	Woodland Hill Overburden	tbc	P
MB06_D	292980.2	6412335	Bowfield Seam	tbc	P
MB07	296070.3	6412297	Saddlers Creek Alluvium	tbc	P
DD1005	298799	6410901	Blakefield Overburden	138.6	EX
DD1014	296799	6410864	Blakefield Overburden	90.5	EX
DD1015	298815	6409900	Blakefield Overburden	162.5	EX
DD1016	297801	6410882	Blakefield Overburden	126.4	EX
DD1025	298764	6411901	Blakefield Overburden	44.6	EX
DD1027	301133	6410960	Edderton Seam	252.8	EX
DD1032	297143	6412495	Piercefield Overburden	276.5	EX
DD1043	295200	6409458	Woodlands Hill Overburden	182–203	EX
DD1052	296274	6408513	Whynot Seam Overburden	105–127	EX
DD1057	295181	6410458	Arrowfield Overburden	164–188	EX
Maxwell Underground (MUG) – Vibrating Wire Piezometers (VWPs)					
RD1189 (SD1_DD001)	299896	6412419	Warkworth Seam	186.2	EX
			Mt Arthur Seam	230	EX
			Piercefield Seam	255.5	EX
RD1192 (RBR2)	296092	6409038	Wambo Seam	61.2	EX
			Redbank Seam	80	EX
			Blakefield Seam	148.5	EX
BLK6R12 (RD1220)	293653	6409558	Redbank Seam	40.5	EX
			Whynot Seam	86.5	EX
			Blakefield Seam	148.5	EX
VWP1 (RD1221) (RDW006A)	297926	6407444	Interburden	21	EX
			Interburden	40	EX
			Interburden	73	EX
			Whybrow Seam	87	EX
			Whynot Seam	109.2	EX
			Blakefield Seam	138	EX

Monitoring bore or VWP ID	Easting ¹ (GDA94)	Northing ¹ (GDA94)	Geology	Bore screen or VWP sensor depth (mBGL)	Status
RBD1 (DD1170)	295178	6409246	Whybrow Seam	24.65	EX
			Redbank Seam	33.55	EX
			Whynot Seam	79.5	EX
			Blakefield Seam	103.3	EX
WND16 (DD1188)	298122	6408842	Wambo Seam	33.75	EX
			Whynot Seam	59.25	EX
			Blakefield Seam	90.15	EX
			Blakefield Seam	110.5	EX
WND26 (DD1187)	299487	6409044	Whybrow Seam	77.3	EX
			Redbank Seam	84.6	EX
			Wambo Seam	123.45	EX
			Whynot Seam	144.25	EX

¹ Coordinates in metres (GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56).

VWP – vibrating wire piezometer mBGL – metres below ground level EX – Existing

A – Alluvium

R – Regolith JPS – Jerry's Plain Subgroup F – Failed P – Proposed monitoring bore

D – Decommissioned

"-" - Not drilled yet tbc – to be confirmed

Table 2 Groundwater Level Trigger Exceedances – shallow and deep open standpipe bores

Bore	Year to date Average (m AHD)^	Trigger Level Exceedances			Future Reviews														Drawdown since mining started. (m)
		Jul 22	Aug 23	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	
Maxwell Infrastructure		Water Management Plan (Nov 2021)																	
R4241	176.9	N	N	N															#
GW01D	201.1	N	N	N															#
GW01S	198.6	N	N	N															#
GW02D	135.5	N	N	N															#
GW02S	191.0	N	N	N															#
Maxwell Underground																			
DD1025	155.3	N	N	N															#
DD1032	128.4	N	N	N															#
MB3-Alluvial	129.9	N	N	N															#
MB3-Regolith	129.4	N	N	N															#
Private Bores																			
GW029660	*	*	*	*															#
GW029647	*	*	*	*															#
GW029648	*	*	*	*															#

LX: maximum trigger level exceedances recorded "-": no observed drawdown due to mining #: not applicable N: Normal Level TARP Level 1 TARP Level 2
 "*" no groundwater level data available for this period

^Year to date average: average groundwater levels including Q3 2022 data, prior the start of mining it is recommended to establish a baseline level for groundwater level at each groundwater monitoring site within the TARP whether it is taking the groundwater level prior to mining or average of groundwater levels at a specific period.

2.1 Normal Level

Groundwater levels at the Maxwell Infrastructure groundwater monitoring sites R4241, GW01D, GW01S, GW02D, GW02S (Appendix B, Figure B4-B8) and at the Maxwell Underground sites DD1025, DD1032, MB3-Alluvial and MB3-Regolith (Appendix B, Figure B14-B15 and Figure B25-B26) are observed above the groundwater trigger level over the reporting period hence are within the Normal Level of the TARP criteria (Appendix A - Table A1).

2.2 TARP Level 1

There were no TARP Level 1 groundwater level trigger exceedances over the reporting period.

2.3 TARP Level 2

There were no TARP Level 2 groundwater level trigger exceedances over the reporting period.

2.4 General Observations

- Groundwater monitoring bores MB03 and MW3 were reported as dry during the review period and DD1015 is reported as blocked as of June 2022.
- No access was possible at DD1027 due to wet weather.
- Groundwater levels at RD1189 VWP2, VWP3, VWP5, VWP7 appear unstable hence are not reported for the review period onwards.
- The following VWPs are disabled: RD1192-VWP1, MB1-VWP1, WND16-VWP4 hence no groundwater data for these sites are presented in this review period onwards.

3 Groundwater Quality Trigger Review

Approved Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP) levels are defined for five sites for the Maxwell Infrastructure area and four sites for the Maxwell Underground area (Malabar Resources, Nov 2021) and are presented in Appendix A.

An assessment of groundwater quality (EC and pH) at each of the monitored bore locations against the TARP trigger levels has been undertaken. EC and pH plots for groundwater monitoring locations with approved groundwater quality trigger levels are presented in Appendix C (Figures C1-C18). During the reporting period, EC and pH recorded at the groundwater monitoring sites and within the TARP are observed within a Normal Level.

A summary of the groundwater quality (electrical conductivity and pH) trigger levels during the reporting period at the monitored bores are presented in Table 3.

No groundwater quality results were available for the private bores for the reporting period. Results for the private bores are reviewed annually.

Table 3 Trigger Exceedances for pH and EC for the period July-September 2022

Bore	Period [month sampled]	Trigger Level Exceedance		
		EC (µS/cm)	pH lower	pH upper
R4241	Q3-2022 [Sep 22 - field]	N	N	N
GW01S	Q3-2022 [Sep 22 - field]	N	N	N
GW01D	Q3-2022 [Sep 22 - field]	N	N	N
GW02S	Q3-2022 [Sep 22 - field]	N	N	N
GW02D	Q3-2022 [Sep 22 - field]	Y	N	N
DD1025	Q3-2022 [July 22 – field & lab]	N	N	N
DD1032	Q3-2022 [July 22 – field & lab]	N	N	N
MB3-Alluvial	Q3-2022 [July 22 – field & lab]	N	N	N
MB3-Regolith	Q3-2022 [July 22 – field & lab]	N	N	N
Private Bores	No data available	#	#	#

N: Normal Level TARP Level 1 TARP Level 2

Y: "Yes", short-term exceedance, less than 3 consecutive exceedances.

3.1 Normal Level

Groundwater quality at the Maxwell Infrastructure groundwater monitoring sites R4241, GW01D, GW01S, GW02S (Appendix C, Figure C1-C10) and at the Maxwell Underground sites DD1025, DD1032, MB3-Alluvial and MB3-Regolith (Appendix C, Figure C11-C18) are observed below the trigger level over the reporting period hence are within the Normal Level of the TARP criteria (Appendix A - Table A1).

3.2 TARP Level 1

There were no TARP Level 1 groundwater quality trigger exceedances over the reporting period.

3.3 TARP Level 2

There were no TARP Level 2 groundwater quality trigger exceedances over the reporting period.

3.4 General Observations

The following section presents an overview of bores showing an increasing trend in one of the groundwater quality parameters or bores that could be anticipated to exceed in the next review periods.

GW02D – groundwater EC slightly decreased to 11,700 µS/cm in September 2022 (field measurement) compared to 12,000 µS/cm in June 2022. EC remains above the trigger level however the increase in EC could be influenced by a build-up of sediment at the bottom of standpipe GW02D and limited rainfall recharge as Malabar Resources noted that the logger was suspended in mud in December 2021. It is likely that the increase in EC above the trigger level at GW02D is not caused by site activities and will not result in an exceedance of a Water Management Performance Measure in Table 4 of Development Consent SSD 9526. As presented in SLR (2022), further monitoring in the next review period at GW02 is required to confirm EC trends (i.e. next sampling event planned for December 2022) .

4 Recommendations

Based on the trigger exceedances assessed in Section 2 and Section 3 and the TARP criteria presented in Appendix A, the following actions are recommended:

4.1 Actions – Trigger Assessment

- Continue the monitoring program, reporting groundwater level and quality data in the next groundwater quarterly review report in December 2022.
- For all sites with a Normal Level in place for groundwater levels, continue monitoring groundwater trends against TARP trigger levels.
- For all sites with a Normal Level including GW02D in place for groundwater quality continue monitoring pH and EC against TARP trigger levels.

4.2 Actions – Reporting

- Prior to mining commencing at Maxwell Underground it is recommended to identify an appropriate baseline groundwater level at each groundwater monitoring location within the TARP. This will be used as the reference level for future reviews to calculate groundwater drawdown at bores (i.e. if any mining related effect is observed).

4.3 Actions – Monitoring and Sampling

- Remove DD1015 from the Groundwater Management Plan. Work to unblock the bore has been attempted by CBased in February 2022.

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APPENDIX A

Trigger Action Response Plan and Groundwater Level Triggers

Table A1 Trigger Action Response Plan for the Maxwell Project monitoring bores – Groundwater Levels and Quality

Status	Trigger	Action	Response
Maxwell Infrastructure			
Normal	Groundwater level and quality below Maxwell Infrastructure Stage 1 groundwater triggers (<i>Table A3</i>).	Continue to minimise the long-term catchment areas of the mine voids and transfer water to and from voids. Continue water balance monitoring, groundwater monitoring, and assessment.	None
Level 1	Three consecutive groundwater level, pH or EC results exceed Maxwell Infrastructure Stage 1 groundwater triggers (<i>Table A3</i>).	A suitably qualified hydrogeologist reviews groundwater level or quality data to determine if trigger exceedances are caused by site activities and whether this has resulted in an exceedance of a Water Management Performance Measure in Table 4 of Development Consent SSD 9526.	If trigger exceedances are not caused by site activities and have not resulted in an exceedance of a Water Management Performance Measure in Table 4 of Development Consent SSD 9526, then review monitoring frequency. If trigger exceedances are caused by site activities and resulted in an exceedance of a Water Management Performance Measure in Table 4 of Development Consent SSD 9526, then undertake Level 2 Actions.
Level 2	Investigation following Level 1 trigger review indicates trigger exceedances are caused by site activities and this has resulted in an exceedance of a Water Management Performance Measure in Table 4 of Development Consent SSD 9526.	Undertake actions recommended by suitably qualified hydrogeologist which may include update to the groundwater model and/or review of monitoring program.	Report non-compliance. Undertake adaptive management strategies.
Maxwell Underground			
Normal	Groundwater level and quality below Maxwell Underground Stage 1 groundwater level triggers (<i>Table A3</i>).	Continue groundwater monitoring, and assessment.	None
Level 1	Three consecutive groundwater level, pH or EC results exceed Maxwell Underground Stage 1 groundwater level triggers (<i>Table A3</i>).	A suitably qualified hydrogeologist reviews groundwater level or quality data to determine if trigger exceedances are as a result of activities at the site and whether this has resulted in an exceedance of a Water Management Performance Measure in Table 4 of Development Consent SSD 9526.	If trigger exceedances are not caused by site activities and have not resulted in an exceedance of a Water Management Performance Measure in Table 4 of Development Consent SSD 9526, then review monitoring frequency. If trigger exceedances are caused by site activities and resulted in an exceedance of a Water Management Performance Measure in Table 4 of Development Consent SSD 9526, then undertake Level 2 Actions.
Level 2	Investigation following Level 1 trigger review indicates trigger exceedances are caused by activities at the Project and this has resulted in an exceedance of a Water Management Performance Measure in Table 4 of Development Consent SSD 9526.	Undertake actions recommended by suitably qualified hydrogeologist which may include update to the groundwater model and/or review of monitoring program.	Report non-compliance. Undertake adaptive management strategies. In consultation with suitably qualified hydrogeologist and other relevant specialists, undertake repair, mitigate and/or offset any adverse groundwater impacts of the development.

Table A2 Trigger Action Response Plan for Privately-owned bores - Groundwater Levels and Quality

Status	Trigger	Action	Response
Groundwater levels			
Normal	Drawdown at privately-owned bores less than 2 m. No complaints about potential impacts of the site on privately- owned bores.	Continue regular monitoring and review of potentially impacted private bores (<i>refer to Section 5.2.2 of the GWMP</i>).	None
Level 1	Drawdown at privately-owned bores more than 2 m and/or complaint about potential impacts of the site on private bores.	A suitably qualified hydrogeologist reviews groundwater data to determine if 2 m drawdown is as a result of activities at the site (and/or MAC). Collect relevant data on privately-owned bores that are the subject of the complaint. Suitably qualified hydrogeologist to determine if privately-owned bore the subject of the complaint has been adversely and directly impacted as a result of the development (other than an impact that is minor or negligible).	If drawdown is not as a result of activities at the Project (and/or MAC) then review monitoring frequency. If privately-owned bore the subject of the complaint has not been adversely and directly impacted as a result of the development (other than an impact that is minor or negligible) then review monitoring frequency. If drawdown, or impacts the subject of the complaint, are due to site activities then undertake Level 2 actions.
Level 2	Investigation following Level 1 trigger review indicates drawdown is as a result of activities at the site.	Notify relevant bore owner and implement compensatory water supply actions. Undertake any other actions recommended by suitably qualified hydrogeologist which may include update to the groundwater model and/or review of monitoring program.	Review groundwater monitoring program.
Groundwater quality			
Normal	No change in beneficial use category	Continue regular monitoring and review of potentially impacted private bores (<i>refer to Section 5.2.2 of the GWMP</i>).	None
Level 1	Two consecutive monitoring results indicate a change in beneficial use category.	A suitably qualified hydrogeologist reviews groundwater data to determine if change in water quality is caused by activities at the site.	If a privately-owned bore has not been adversely and directly impacted as a result of the activities at the site, then review monitoring frequency. If change in water quality is caused by activities at the site, then undertake Level 2 actions.
Level 2	Investigation following Level 1 trigger review indicates change in water quality is caused by activities at the site.	Implement compensatory water supply actions. Undertake any other actions recommended by suitably qualified hydrogeologist which may include update to the groundwater model and/or review of monitoring program.	Review groundwater monitoring program.

Table A3 Summary of groundwater level and quality triggers for alluvium and hard rock aquifers (Maxwell Project) – (GWMP – Malabar Resources, Nov 2021)

Bore	Groundwater level, trigger level (mAHD)	pH trigger level - minimum	pH trigger level - maximum	EC trigger level (µS/cm)
Maxwell Infrastructure				
R4241	173.6	6.0	8.5	6,253
GW01D	198.2	6.0	8.5	5,680
GW01S	197.0	6.0	8.5	9,260
GW02D	135.7	6.0	8.5	10,500
GW02S	187.7	6.0	8.5	9,480
Maxwell Underground				
DD1025	157.3	6.0	8.5	14,200
DD1032	130.6	6.0	8.5	7,170
MB3-A	127.7	6.0	8.5	9,009
MB3-R	127.3	6.0	8.5	6,327

Table A4 Groundwater Quality Categories: Electrical Conductivity - (GWMP – Malabar Resources, Nov 2021)

Beneficial use	Quality Range	Description
Marginal Potable	800 – 2,350 µS/cm (500 - 1,500 mg/L TDS)*	At the upper level this water is at the limit of potable water, but is suitable for watering of livestock, irrigation and other general uses
Irrigation	2,350 – 7,800 µS/cm (1,500 - 5,000 mg/L TDS)*	At the upper level, this water requires shandyng for use as irrigation water or to be suitable for selective irrigation and watering of livestock
Saline	7,800 – 22,000 µS/cm (5,000 - 14,000 mg/L TDS)*	Generally unsuitable for most uses. It may be suitable for a diminishing range of salt-tolerant livestock up to about 6,500mg/L [-10,150 µS/cm] and some industrial uses
Highly Saline	>22,000 µS/cm (14,000 mg/L TDS)*	Suitable for coarse industrial processes up to about 20,000 mg/L [-31,000 µS/cm].

* Approximate EC ranges derived from TDS ranges, with conversion factor of 1.5625 applied. Source: National Land and Water Resources Audit (Murray Darling Basin Commission, 2005).

APPENDIX B

Groundwater Levels and Trigger Levels

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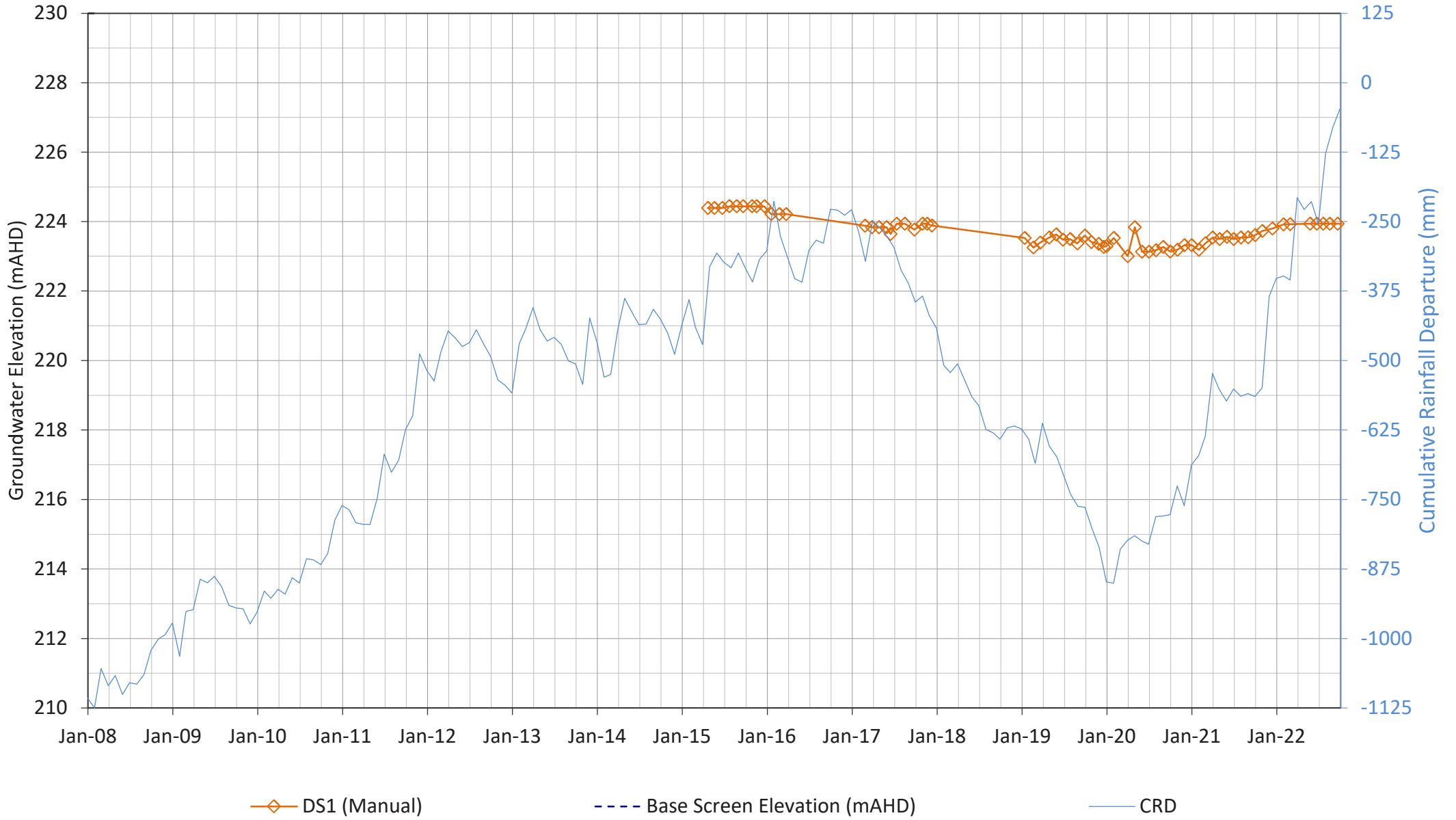


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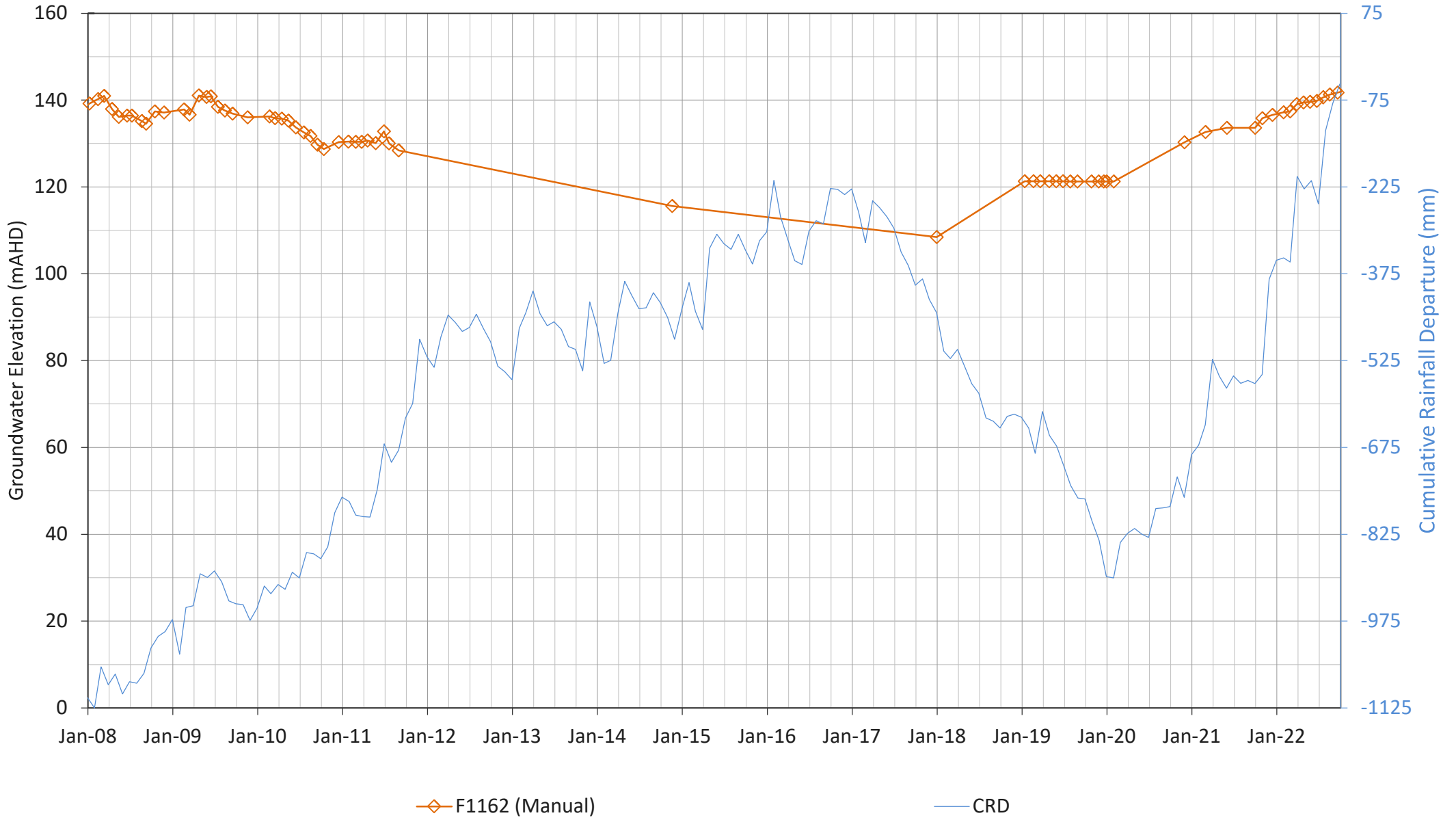


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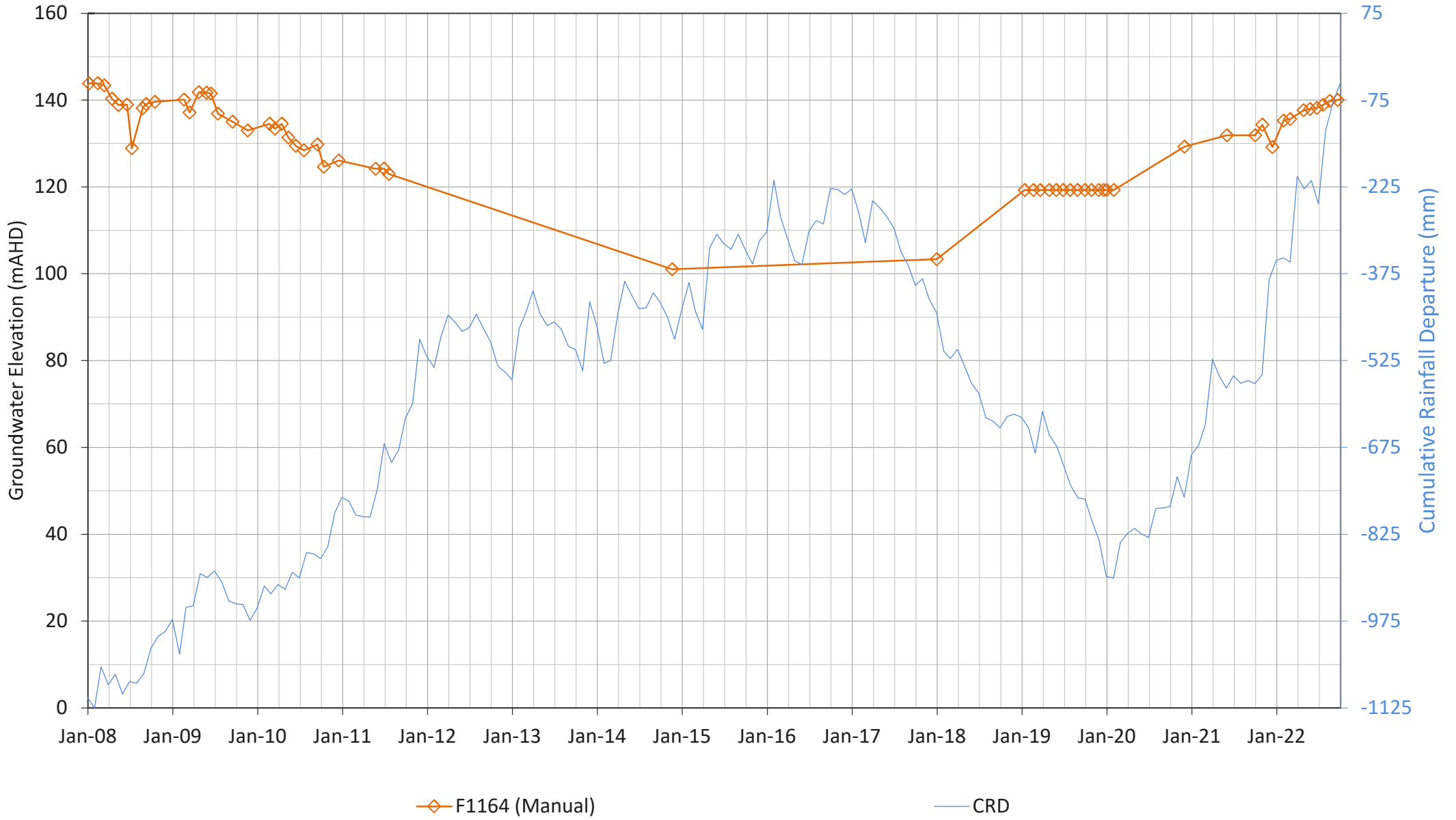


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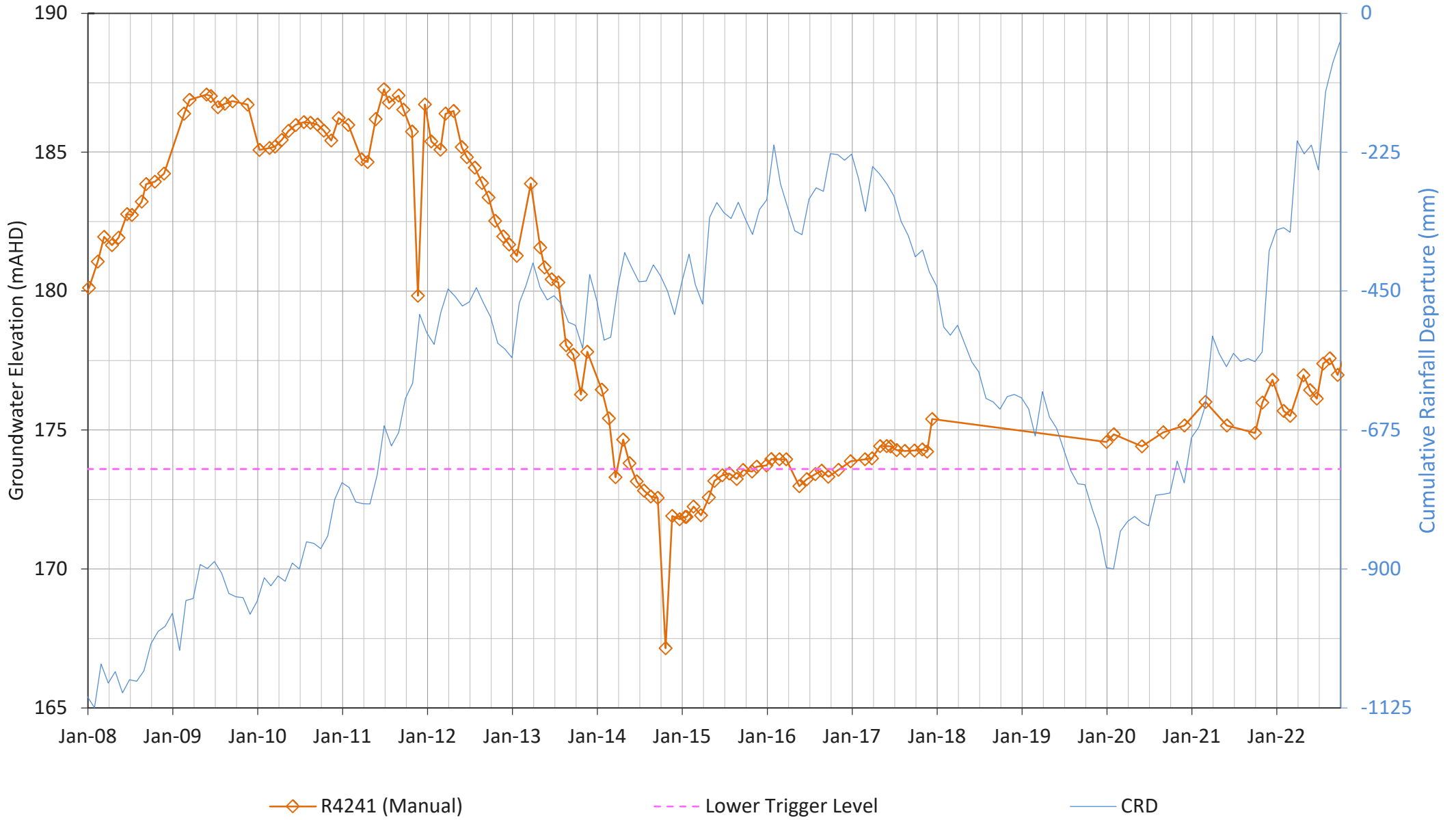


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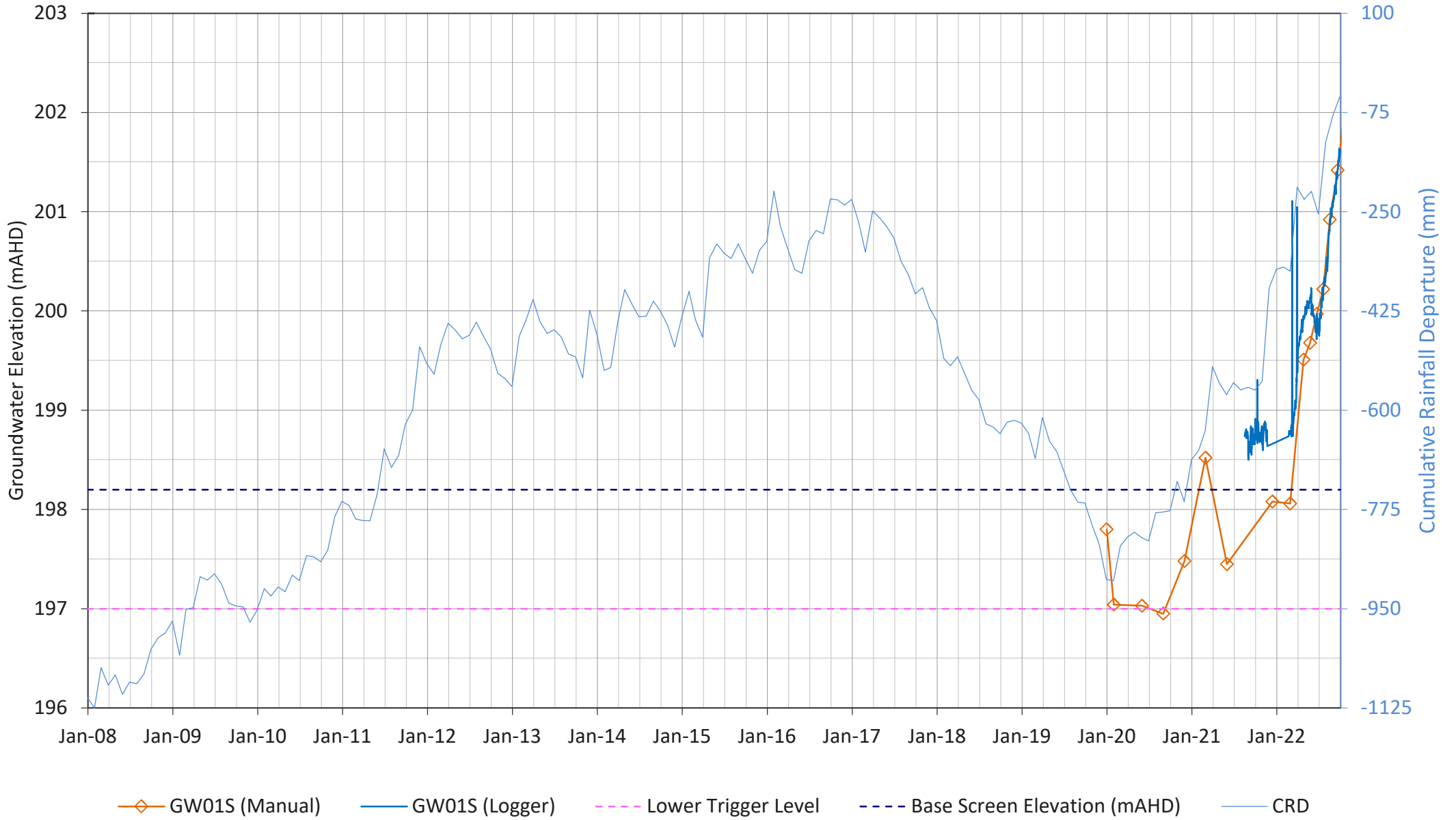


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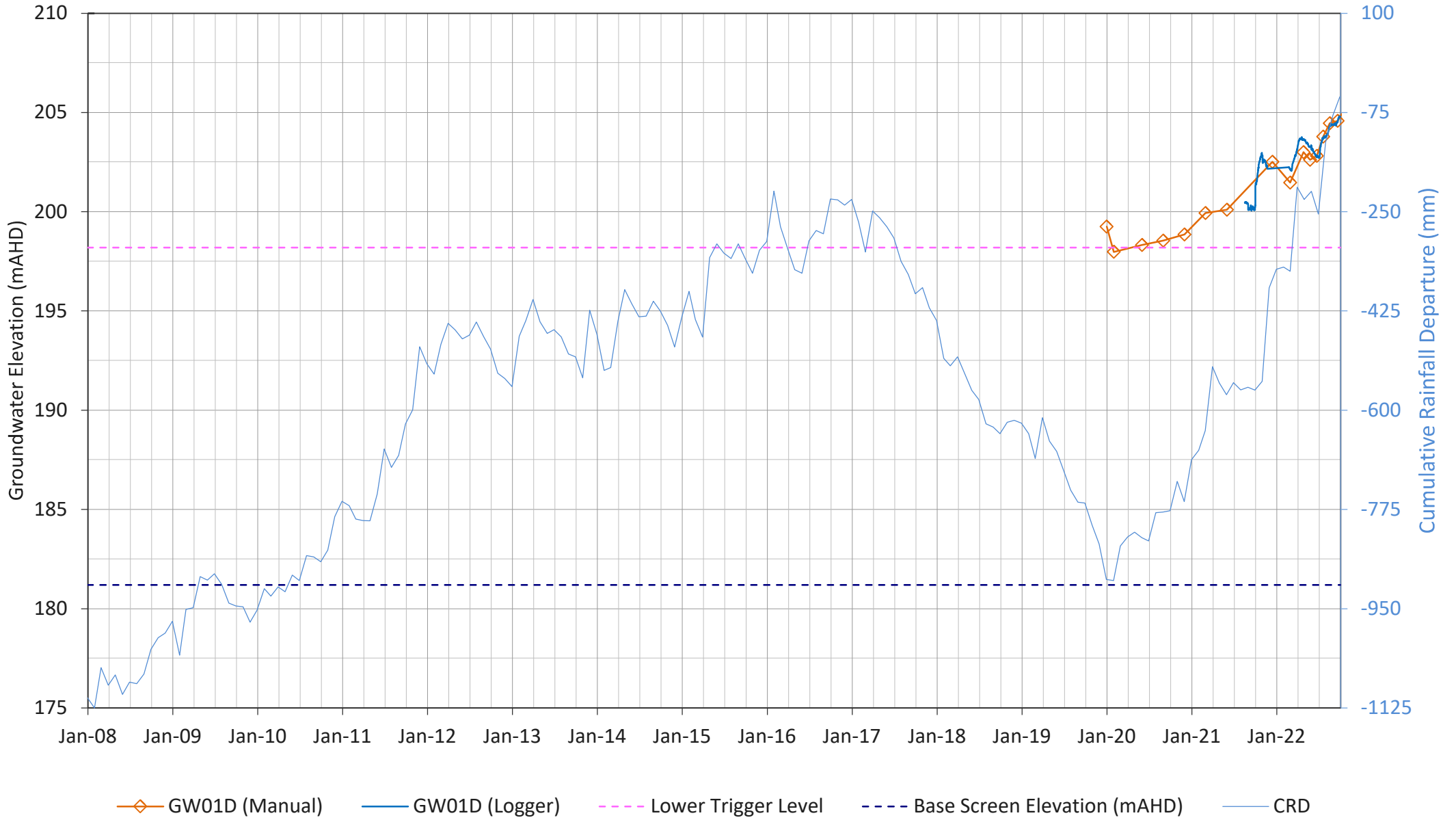


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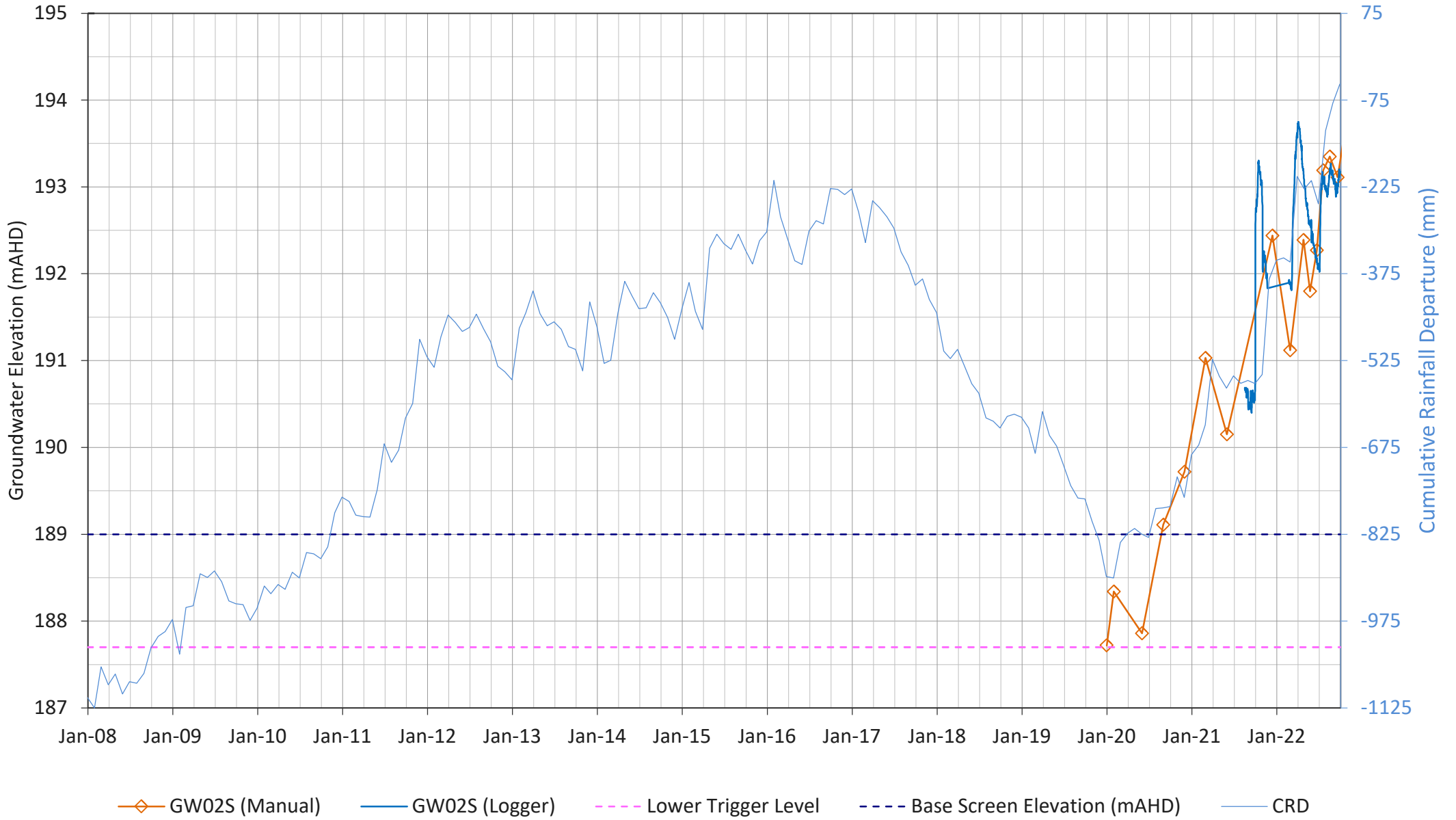


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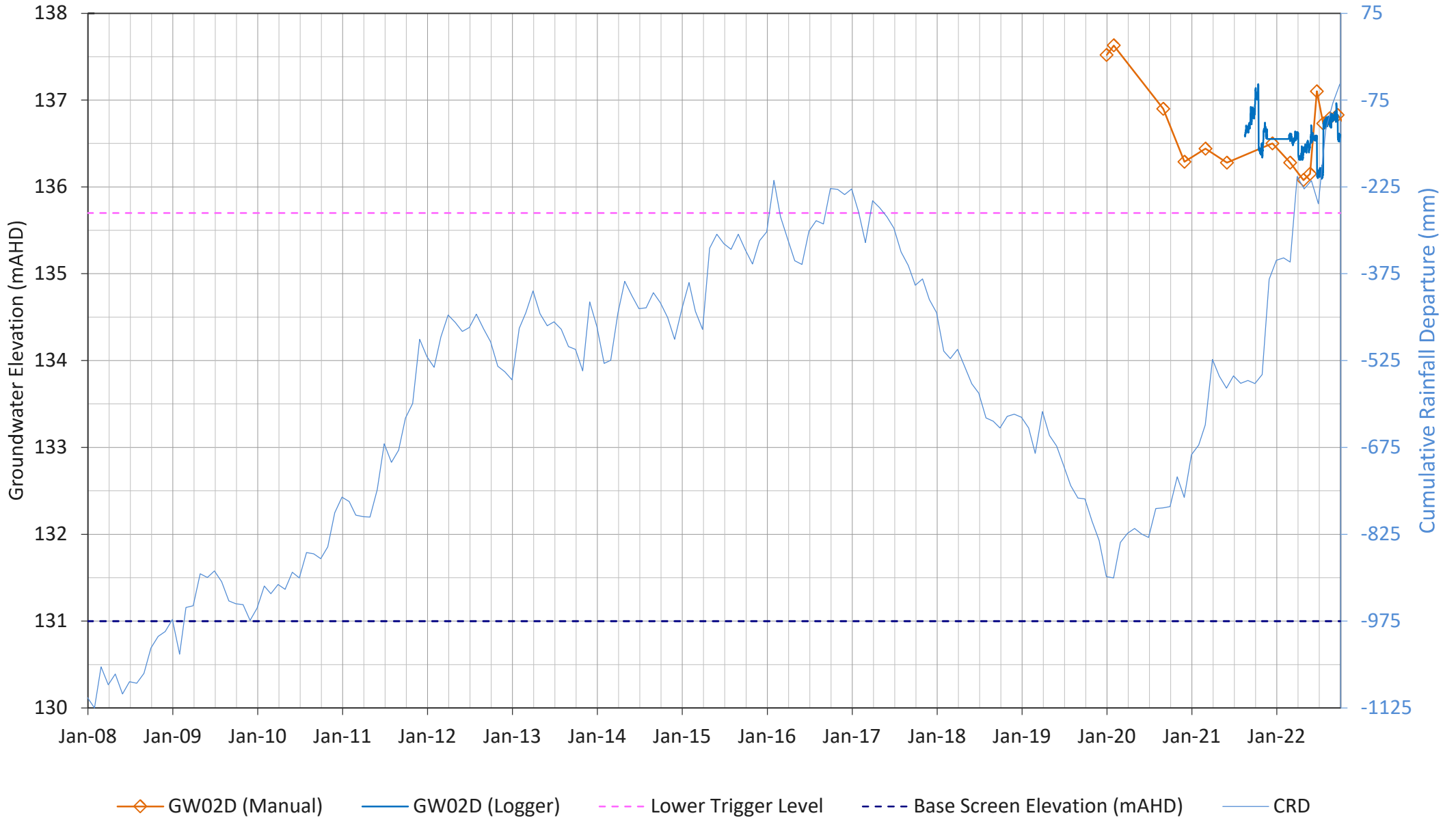


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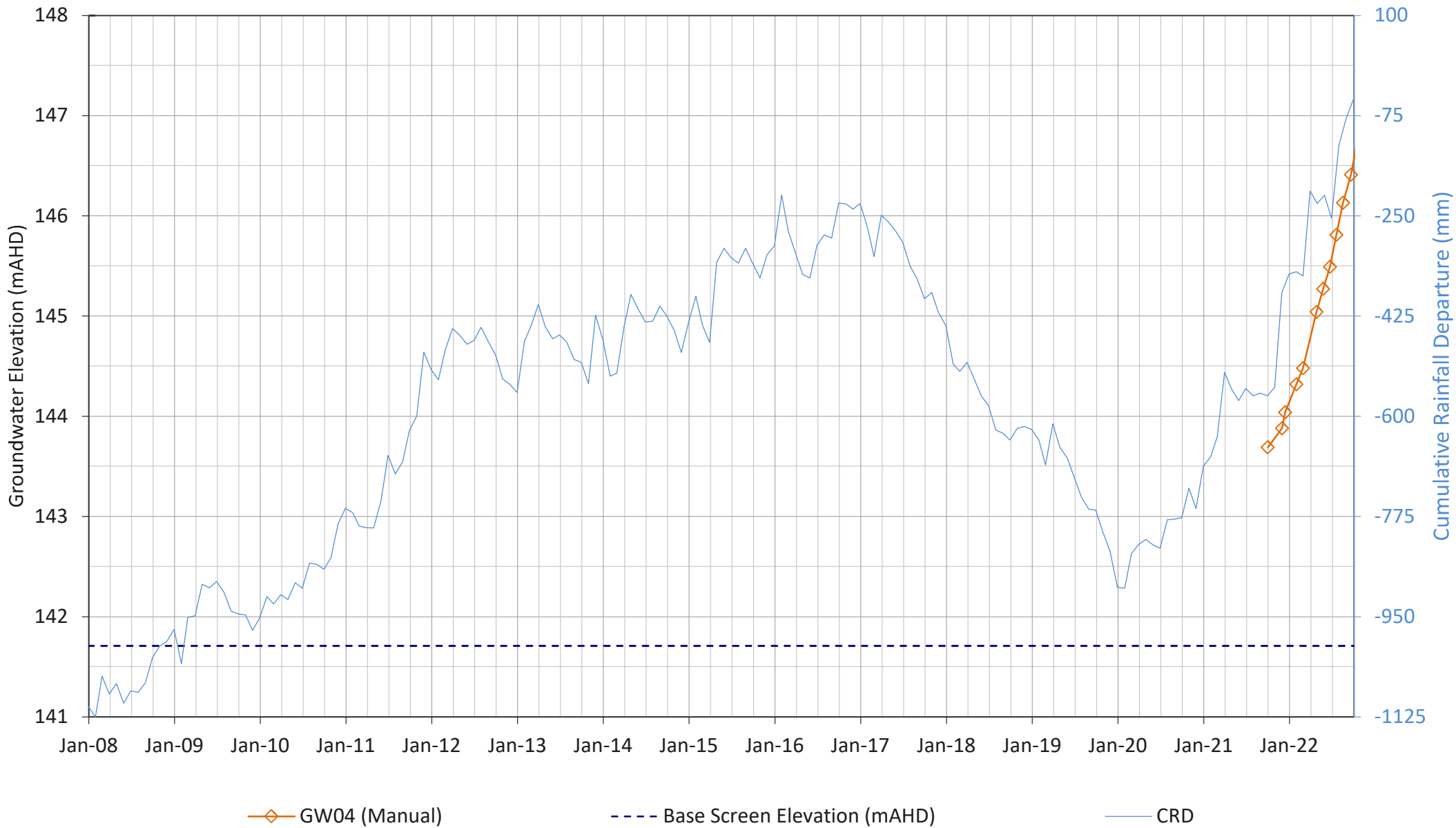


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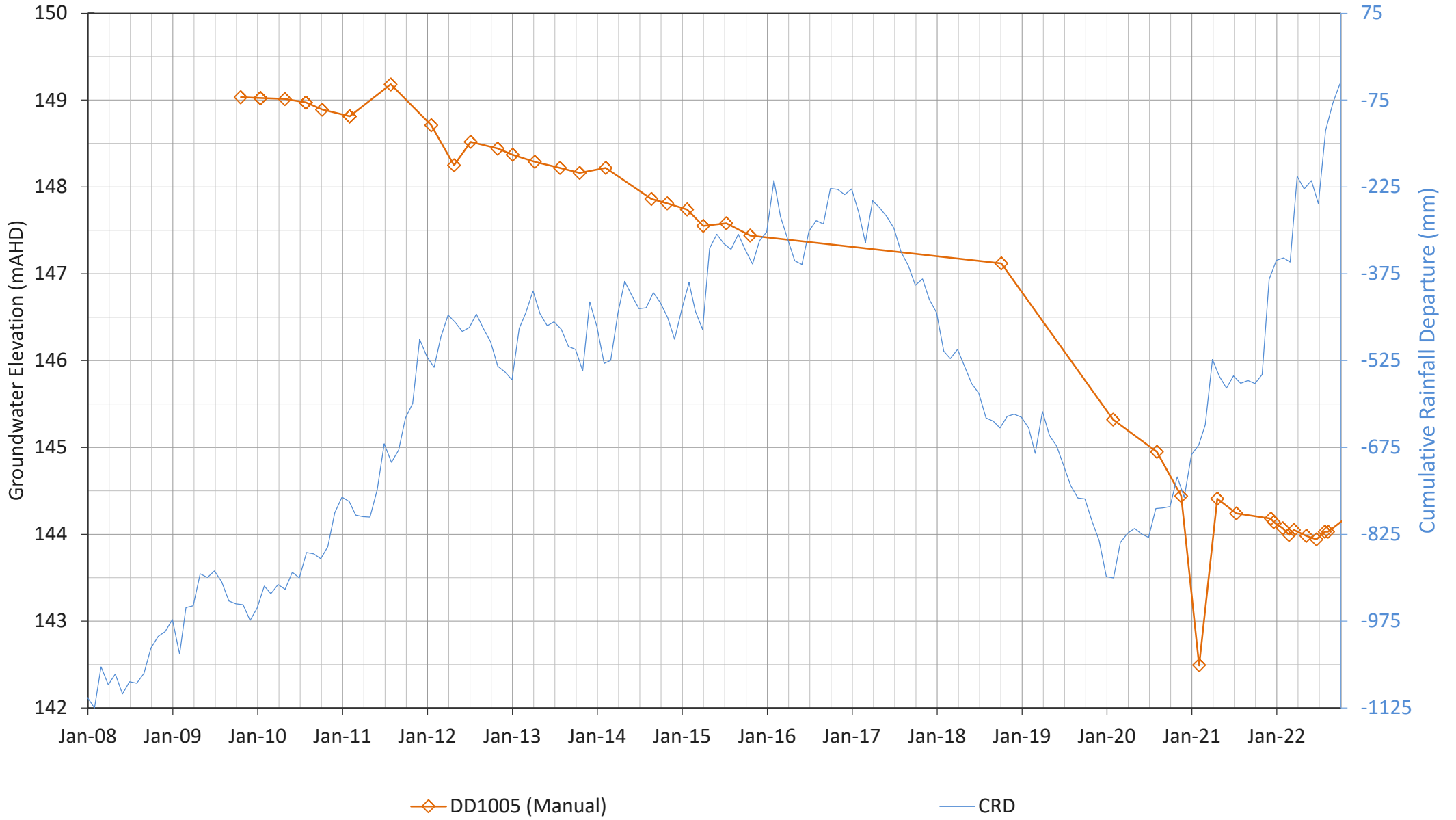


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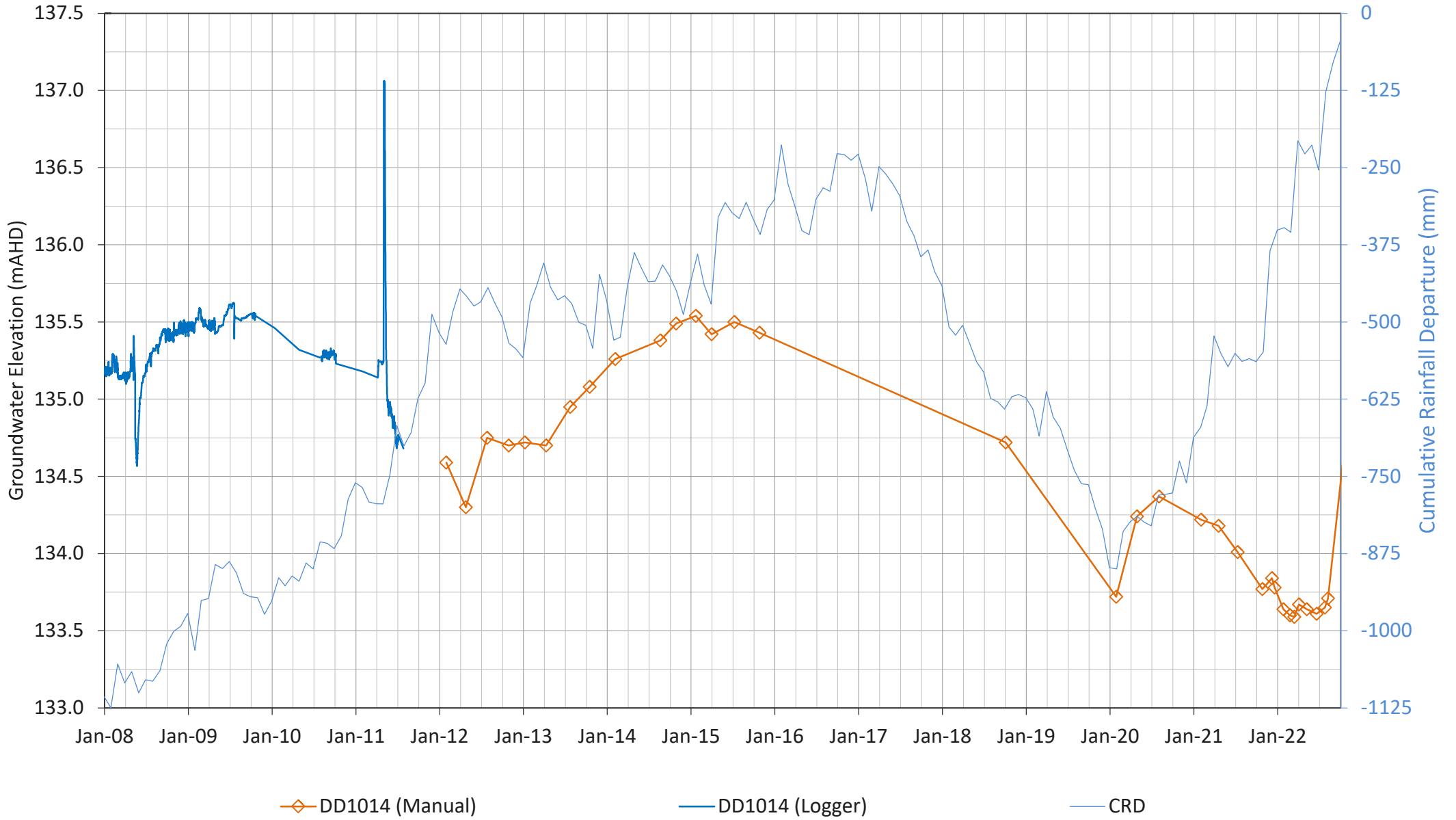


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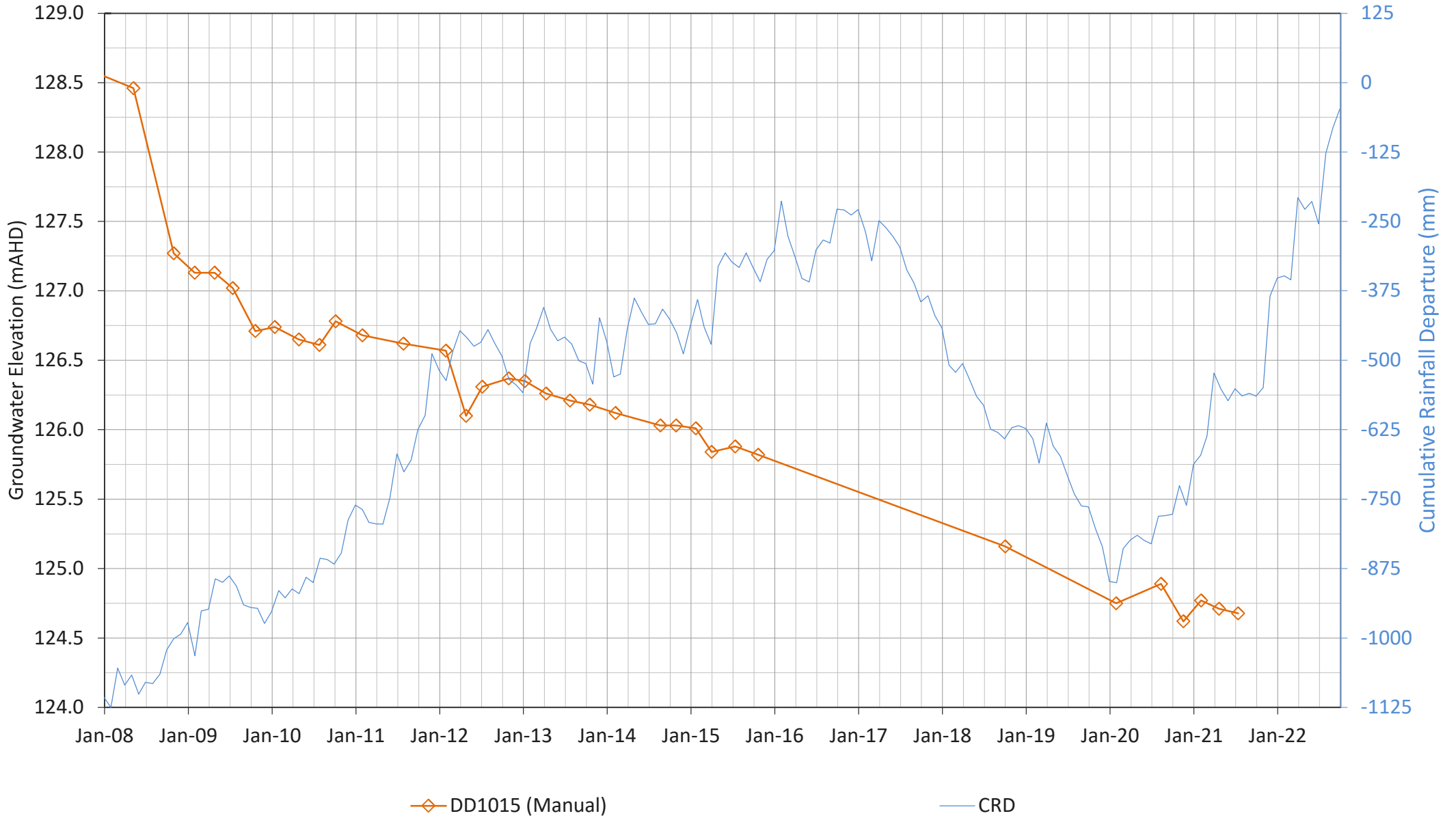


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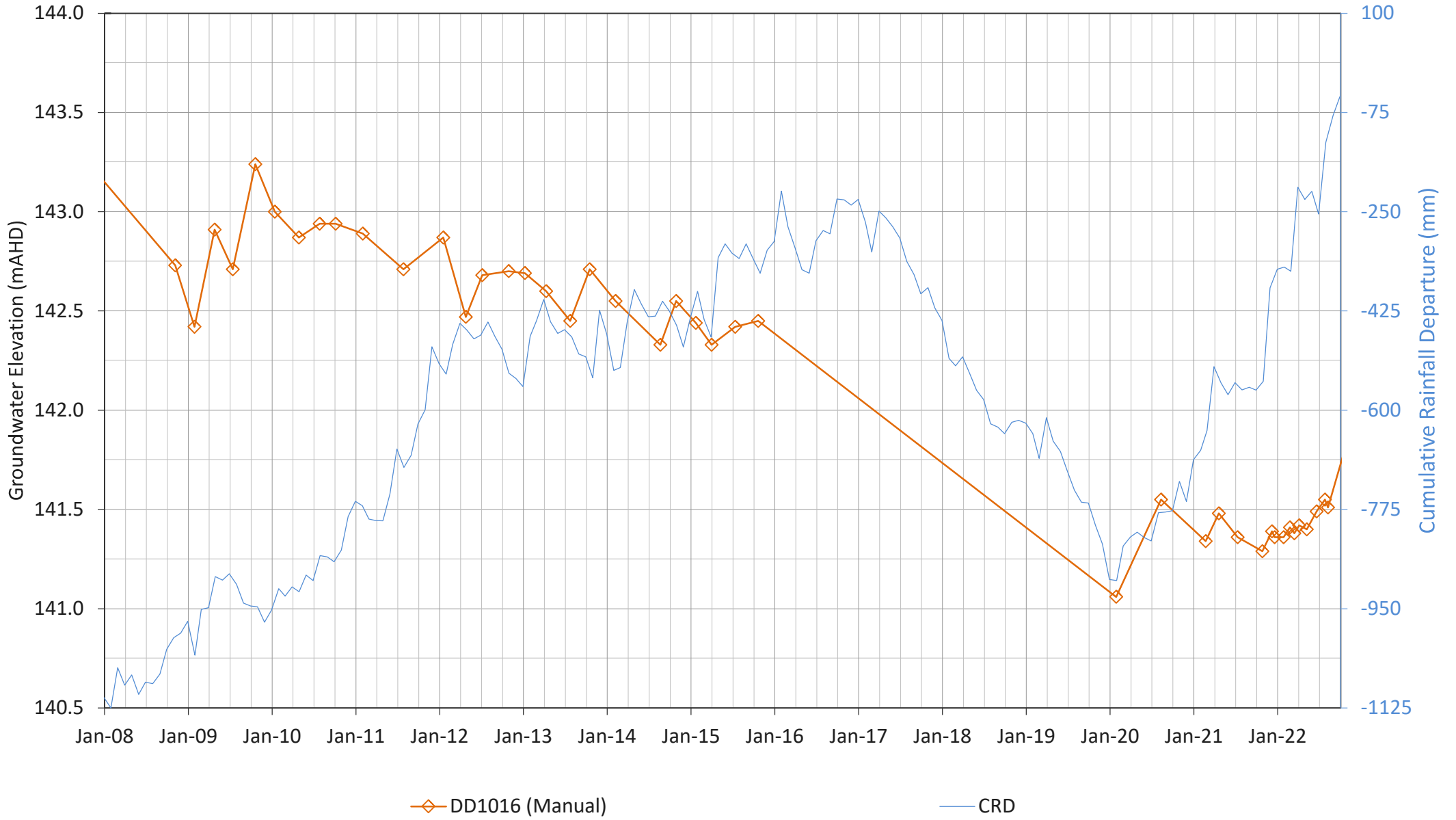


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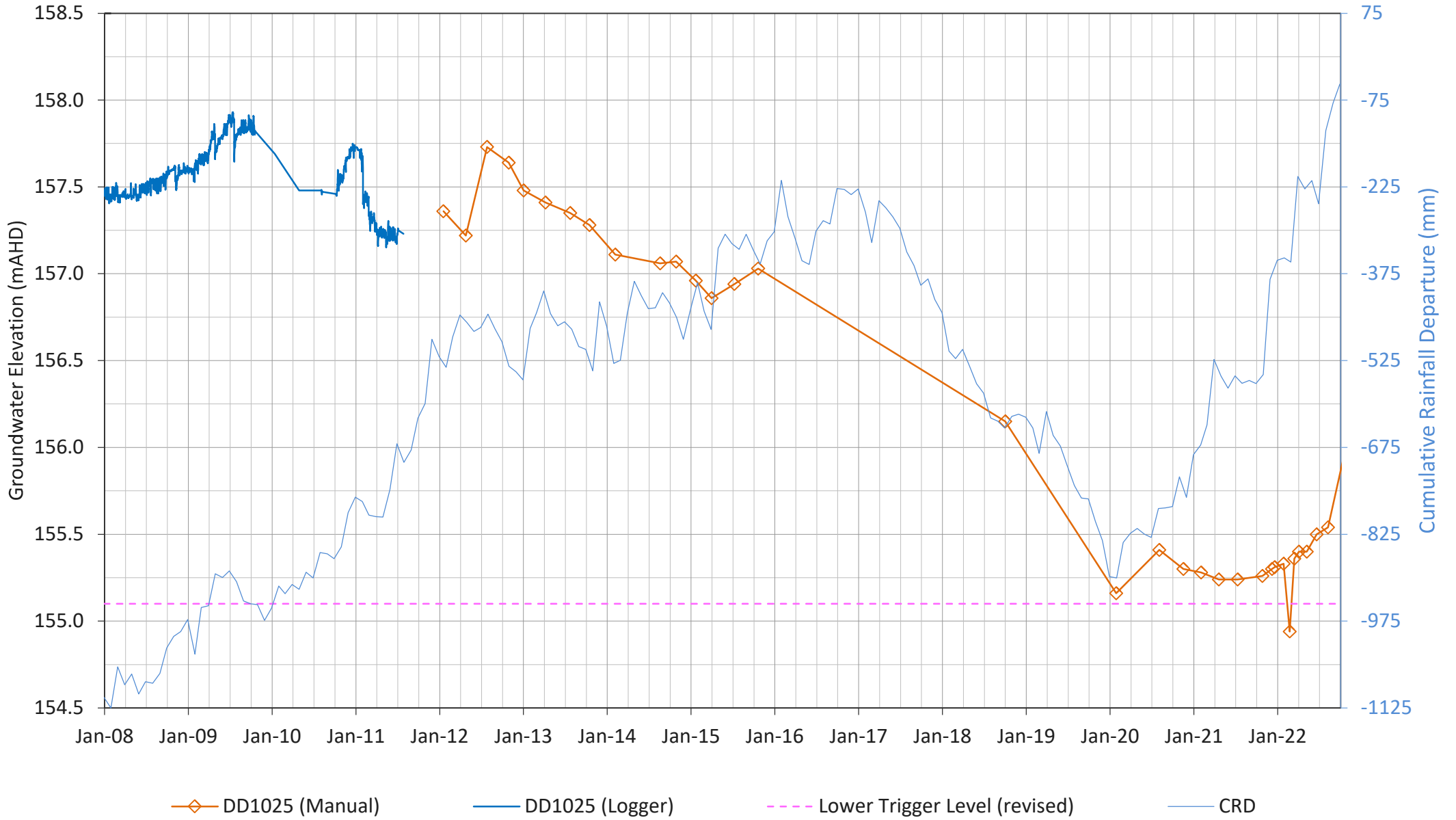


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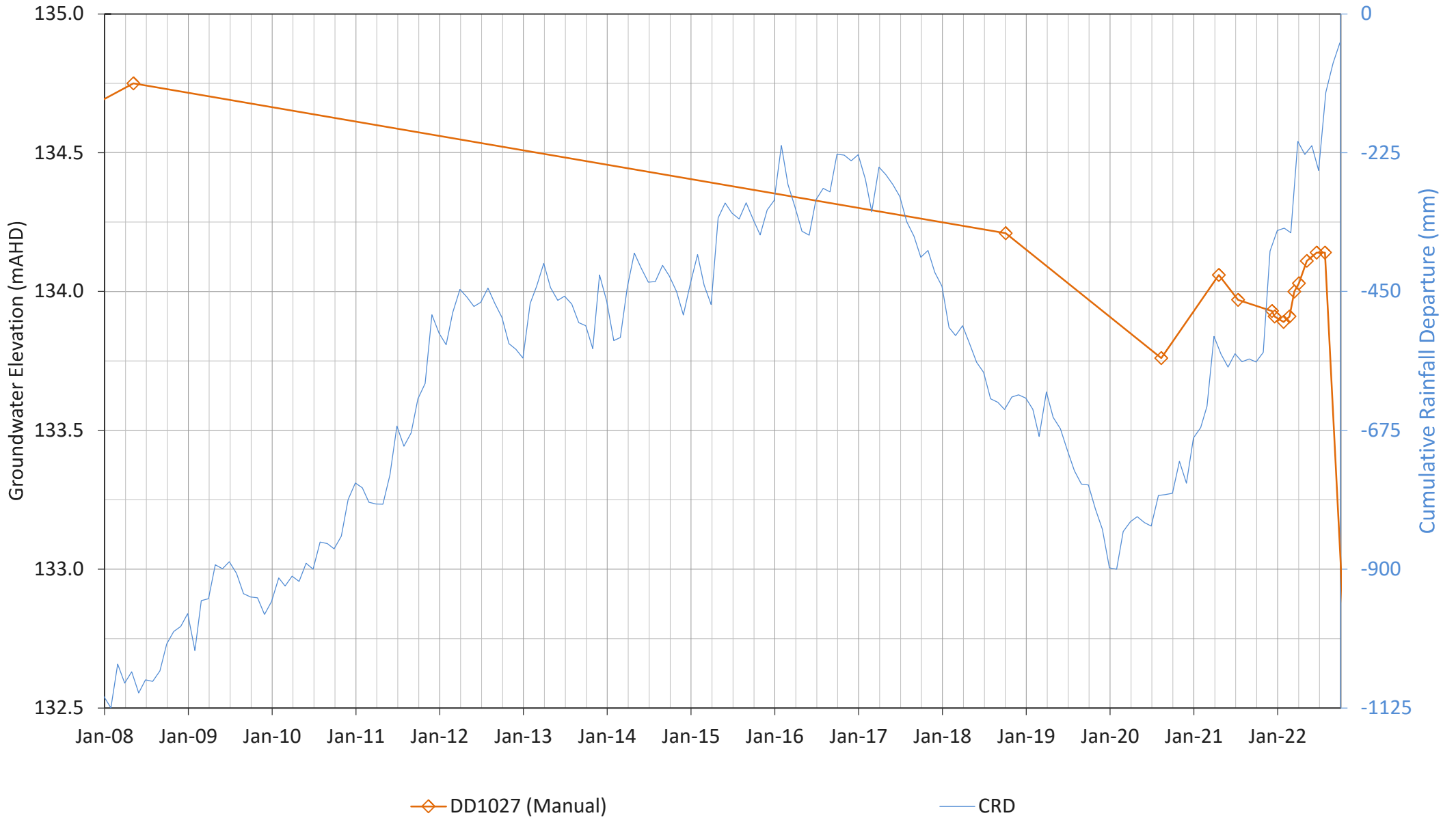


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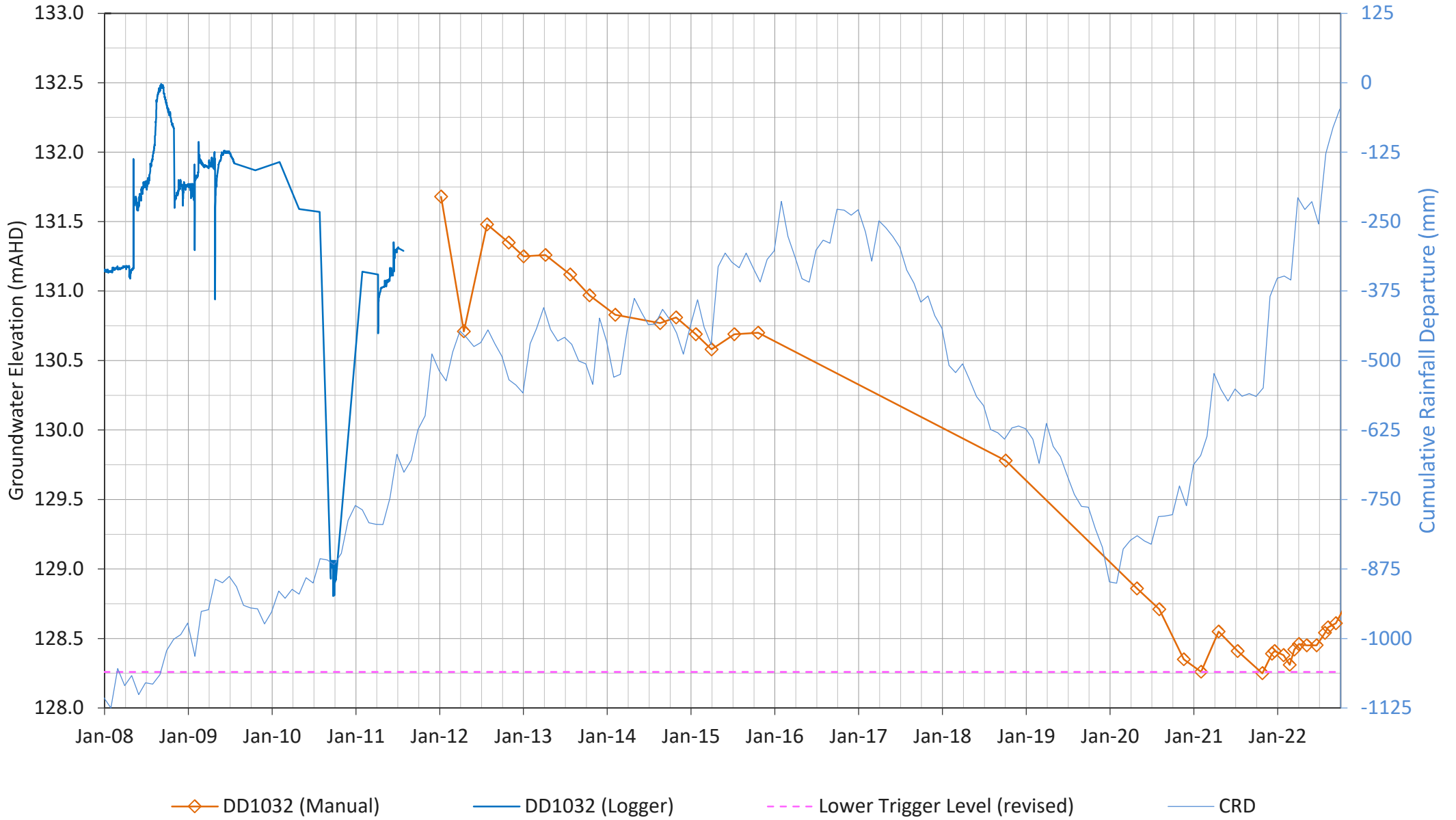


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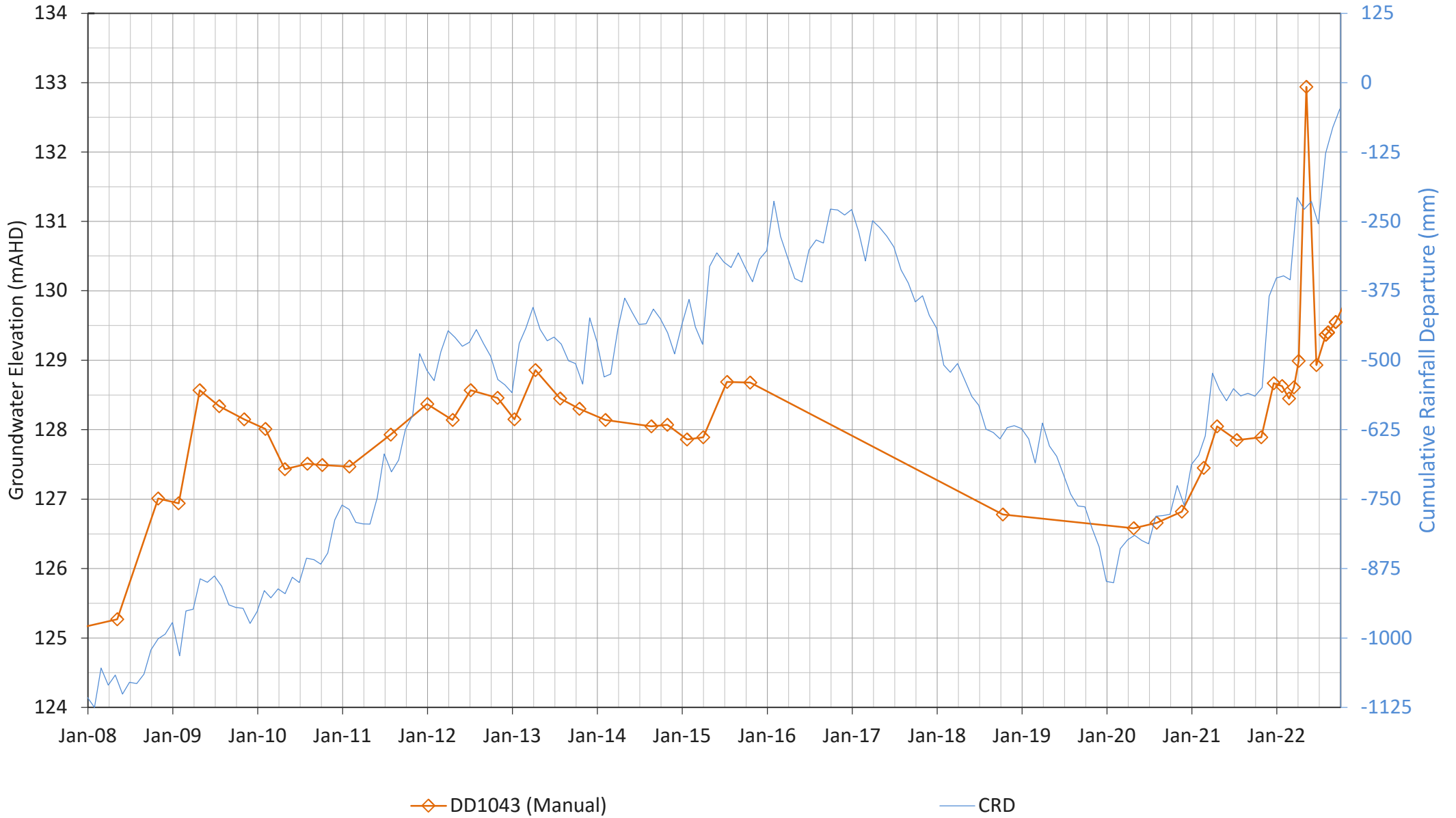


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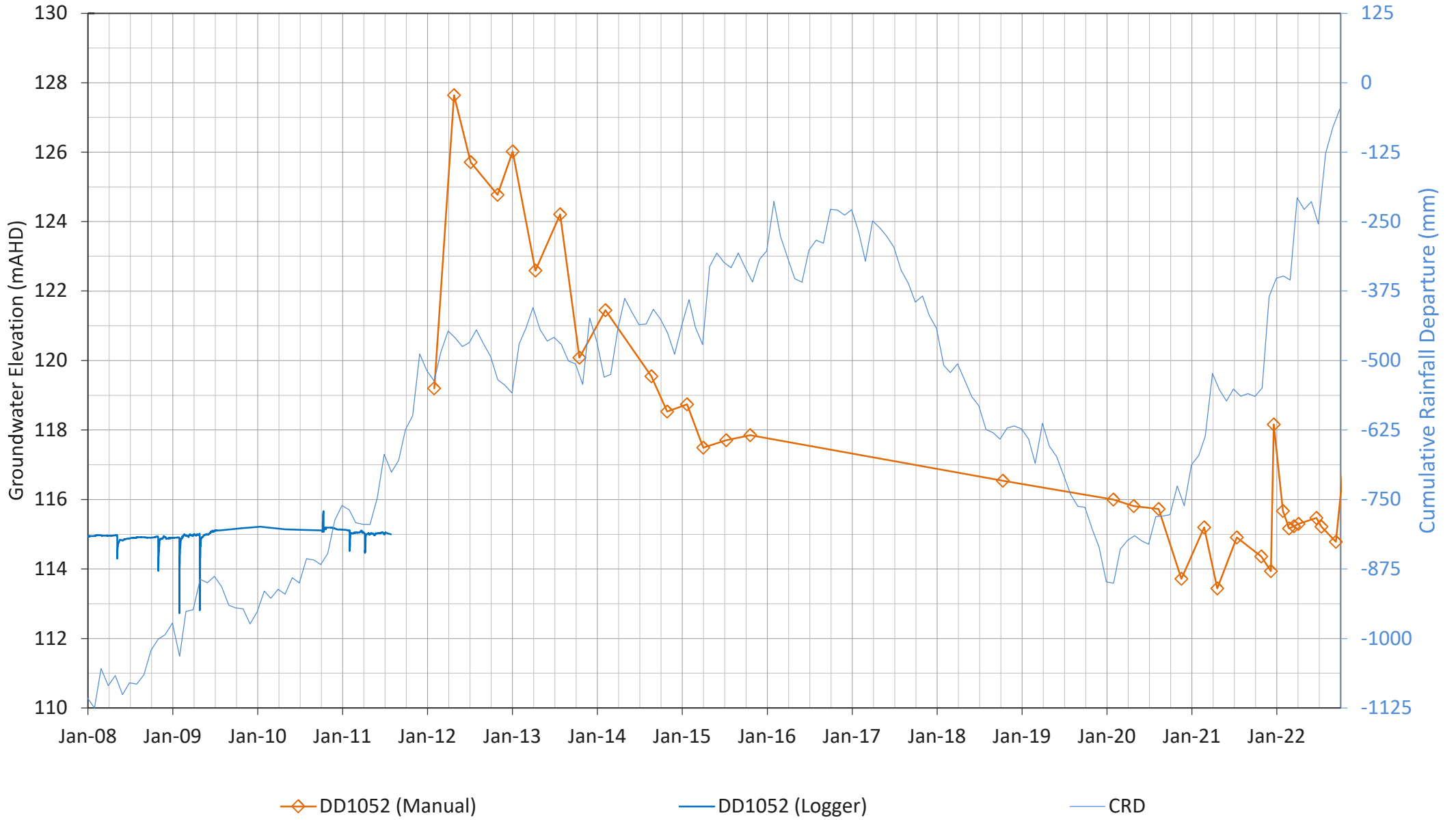


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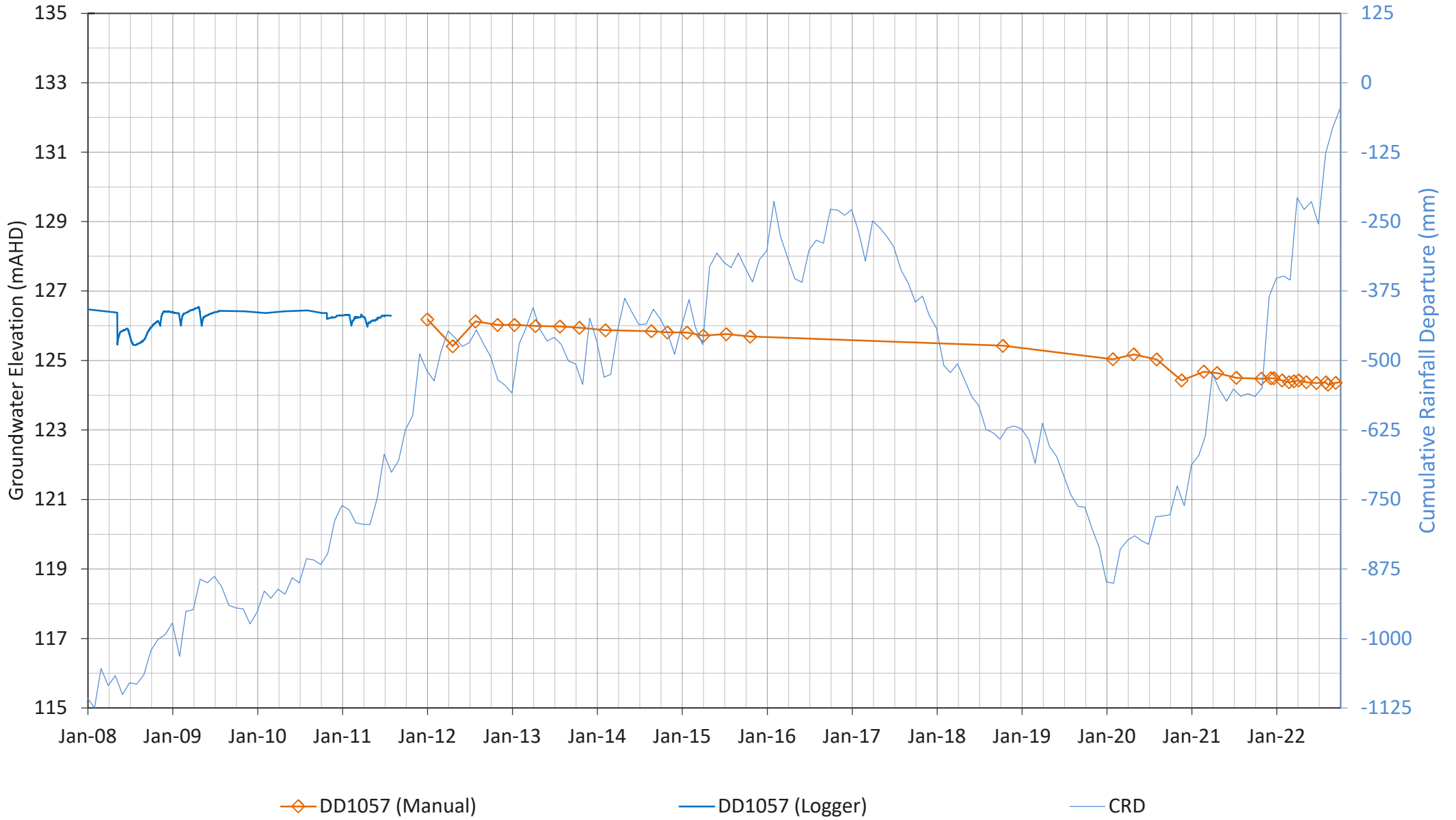


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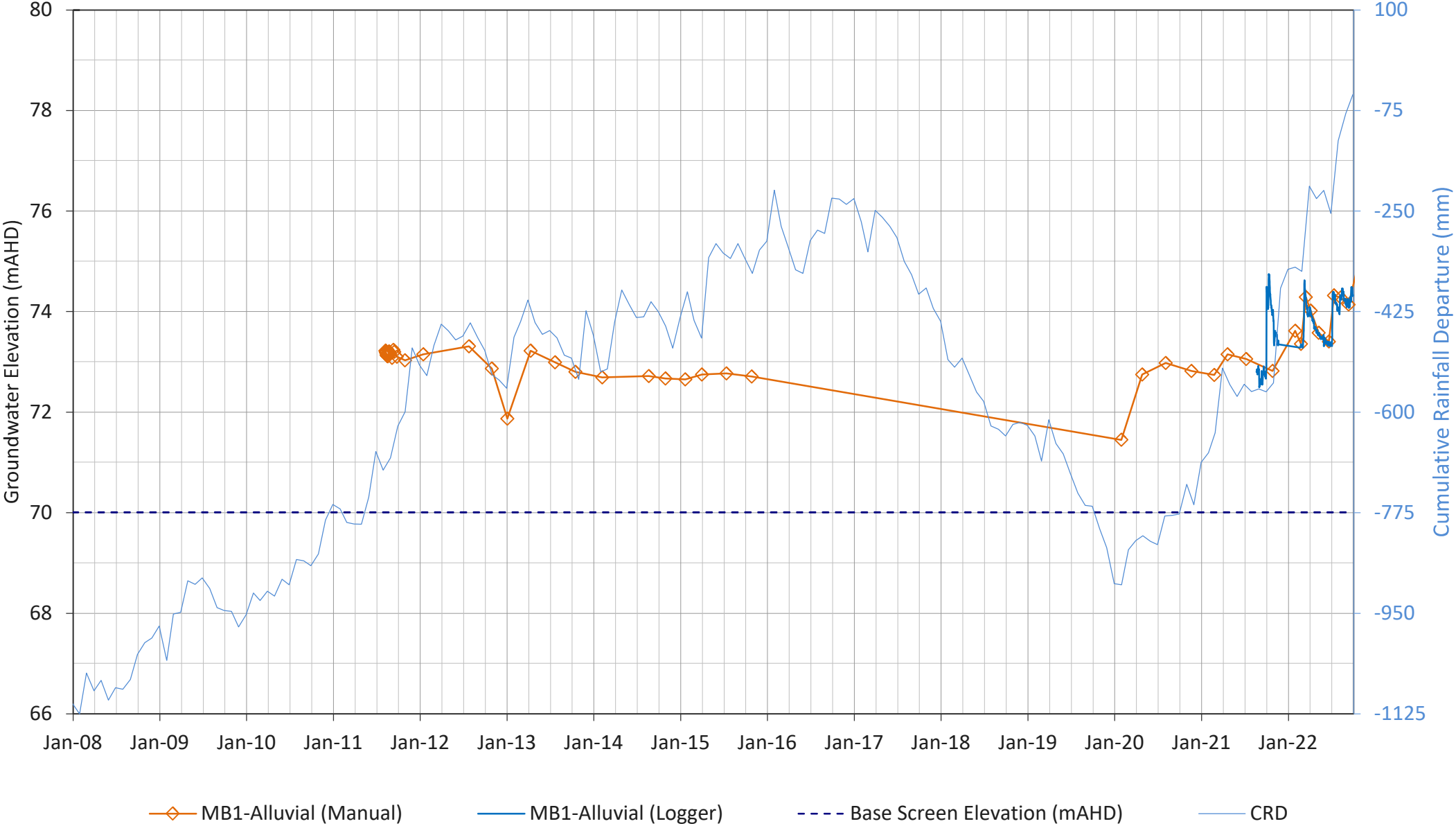


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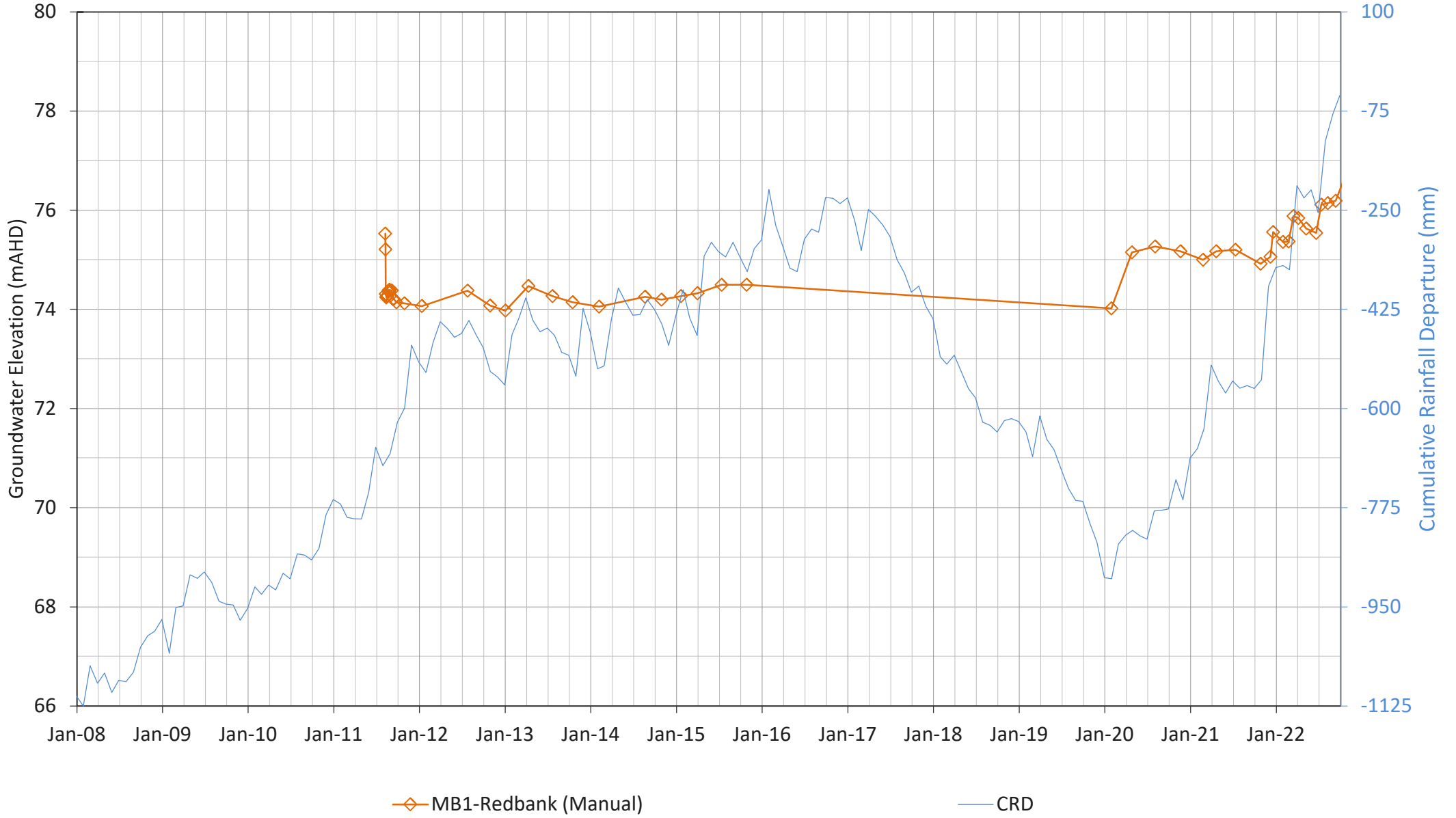


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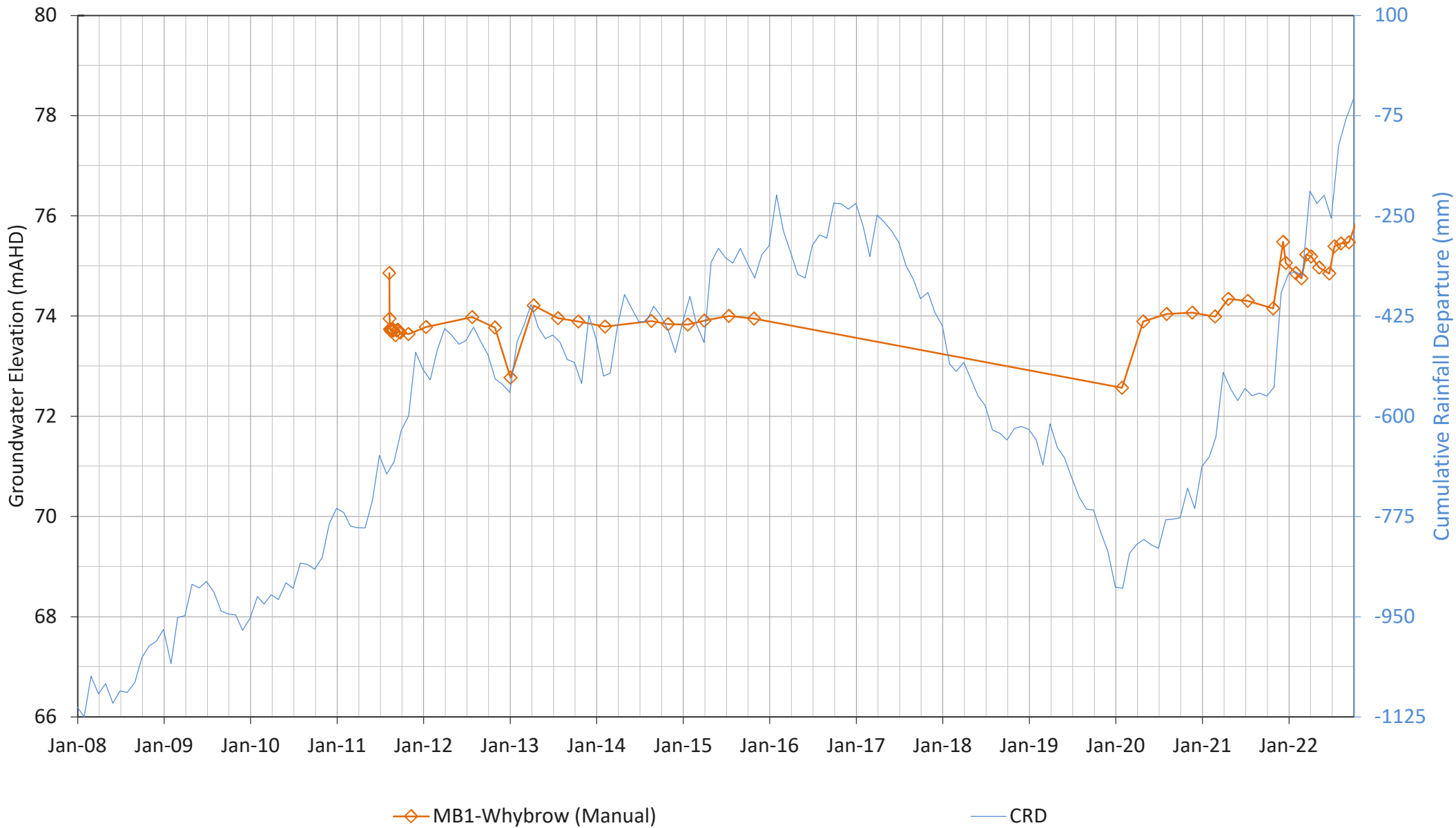


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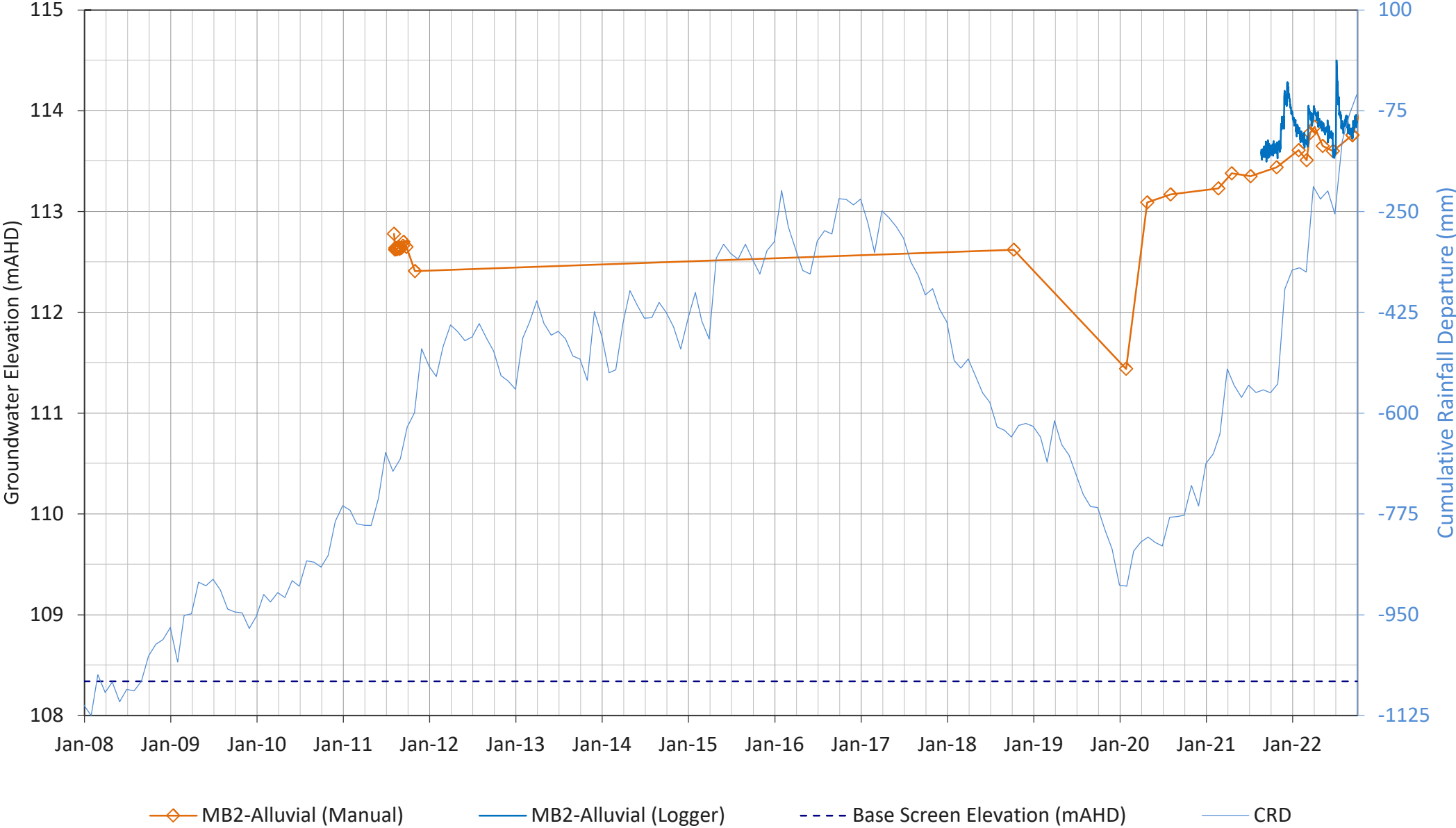


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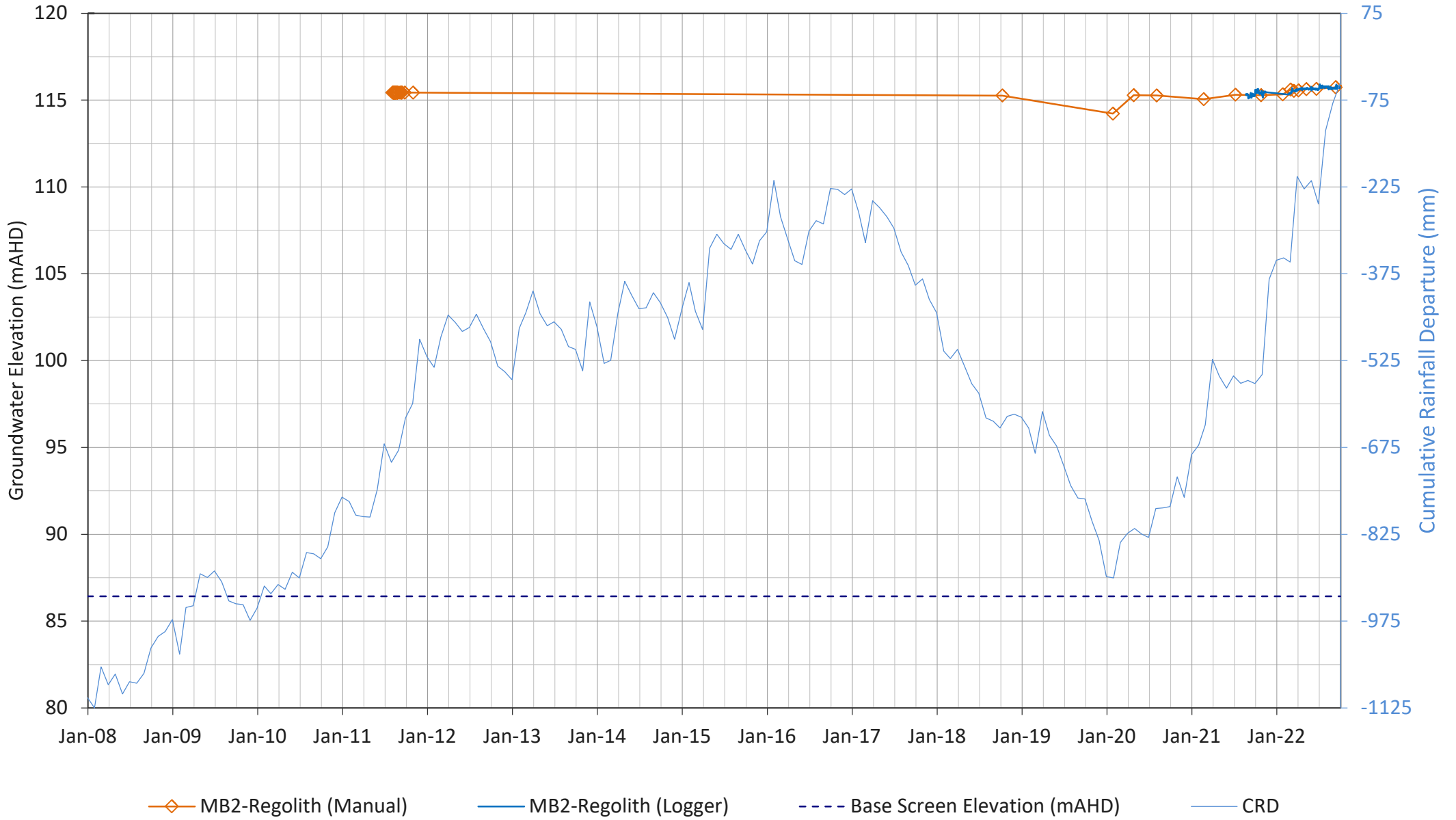


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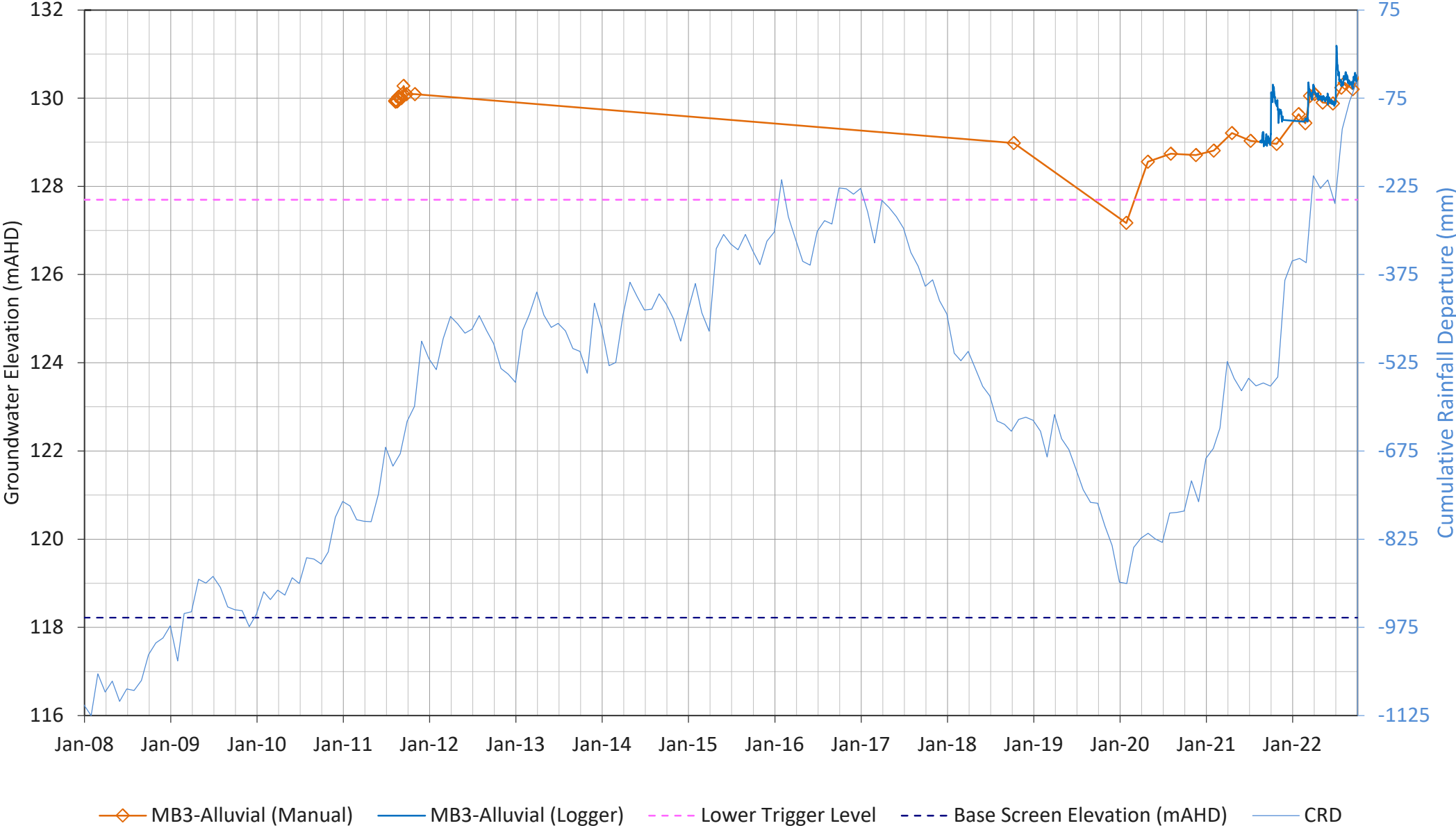


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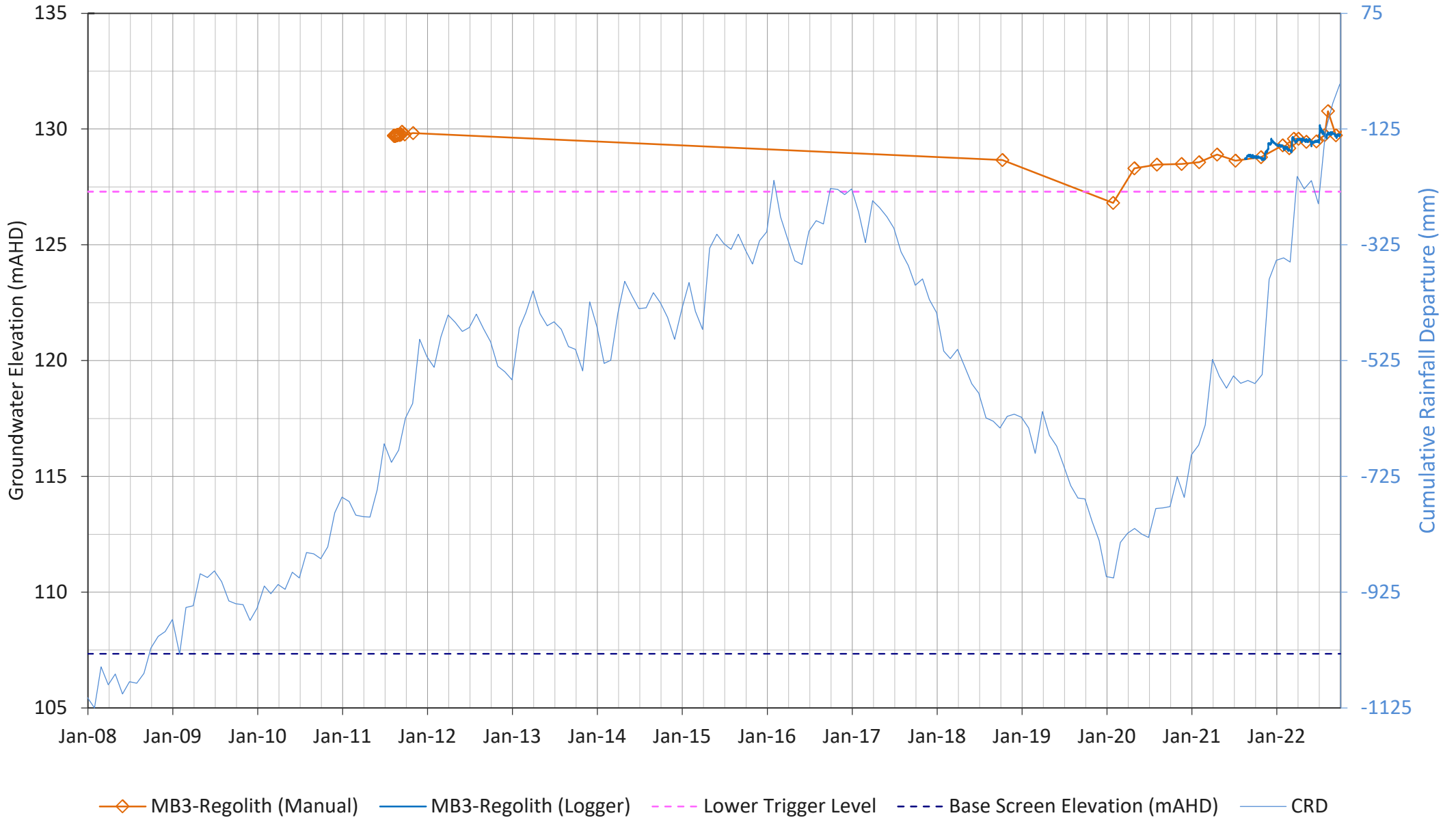


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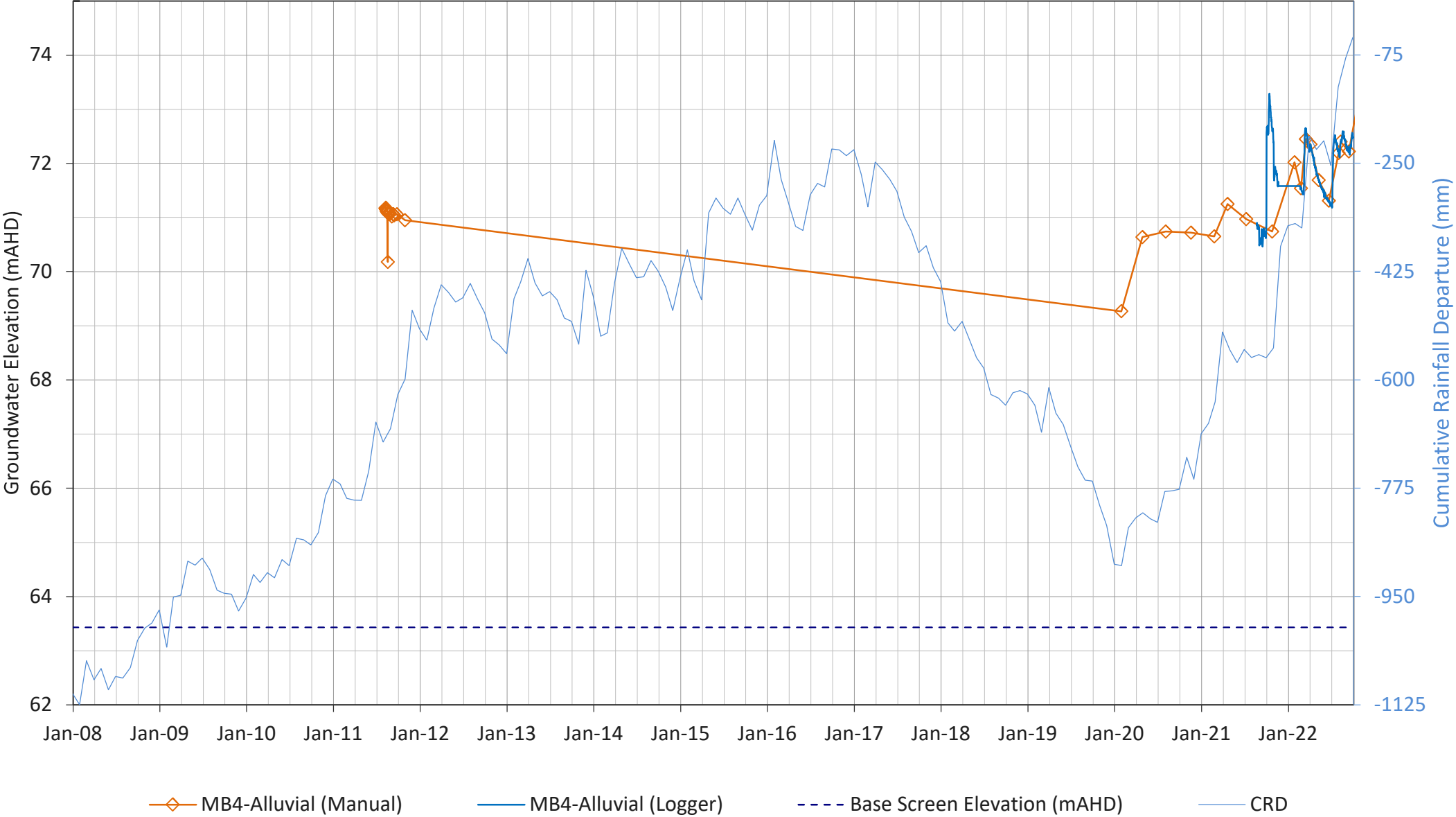


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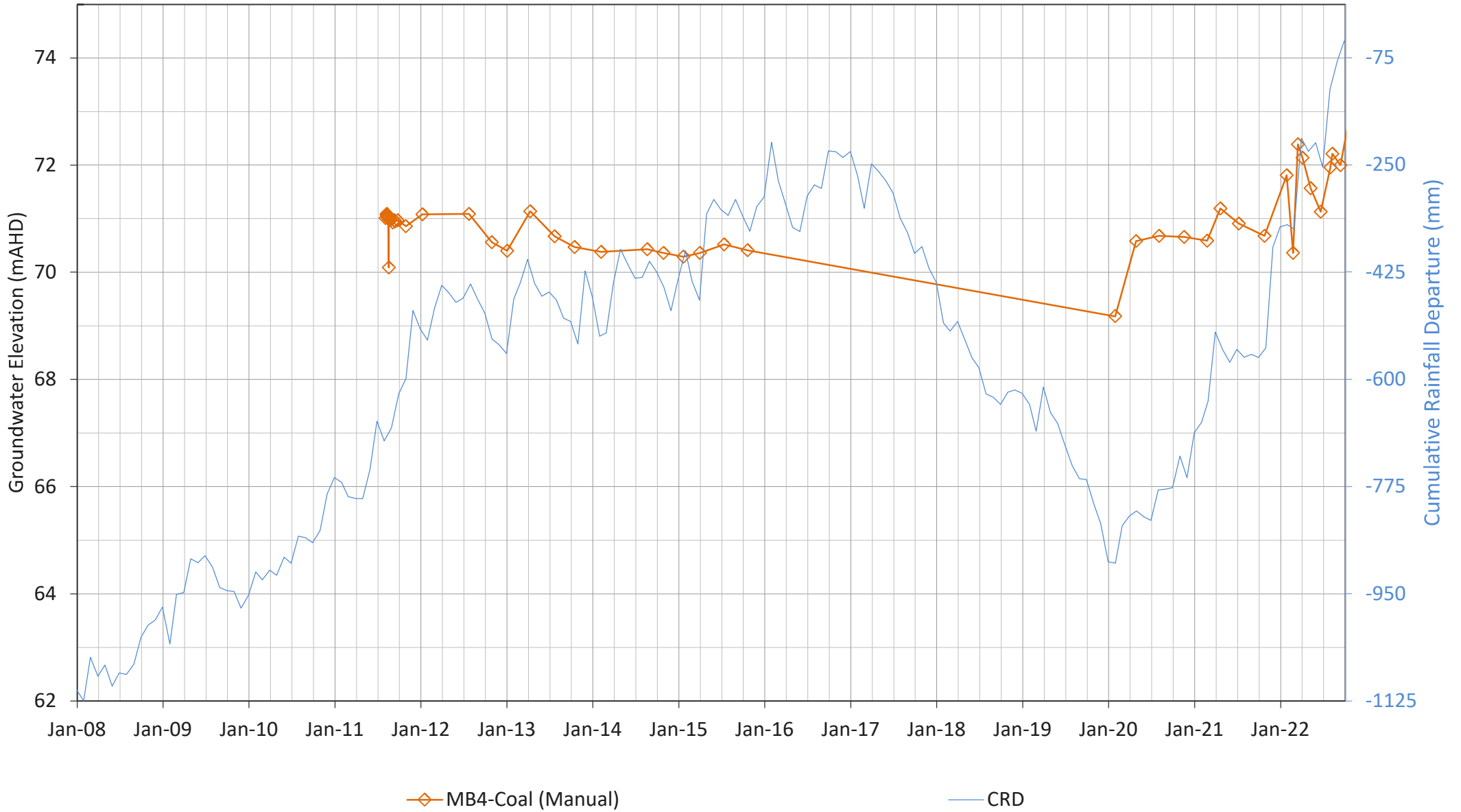


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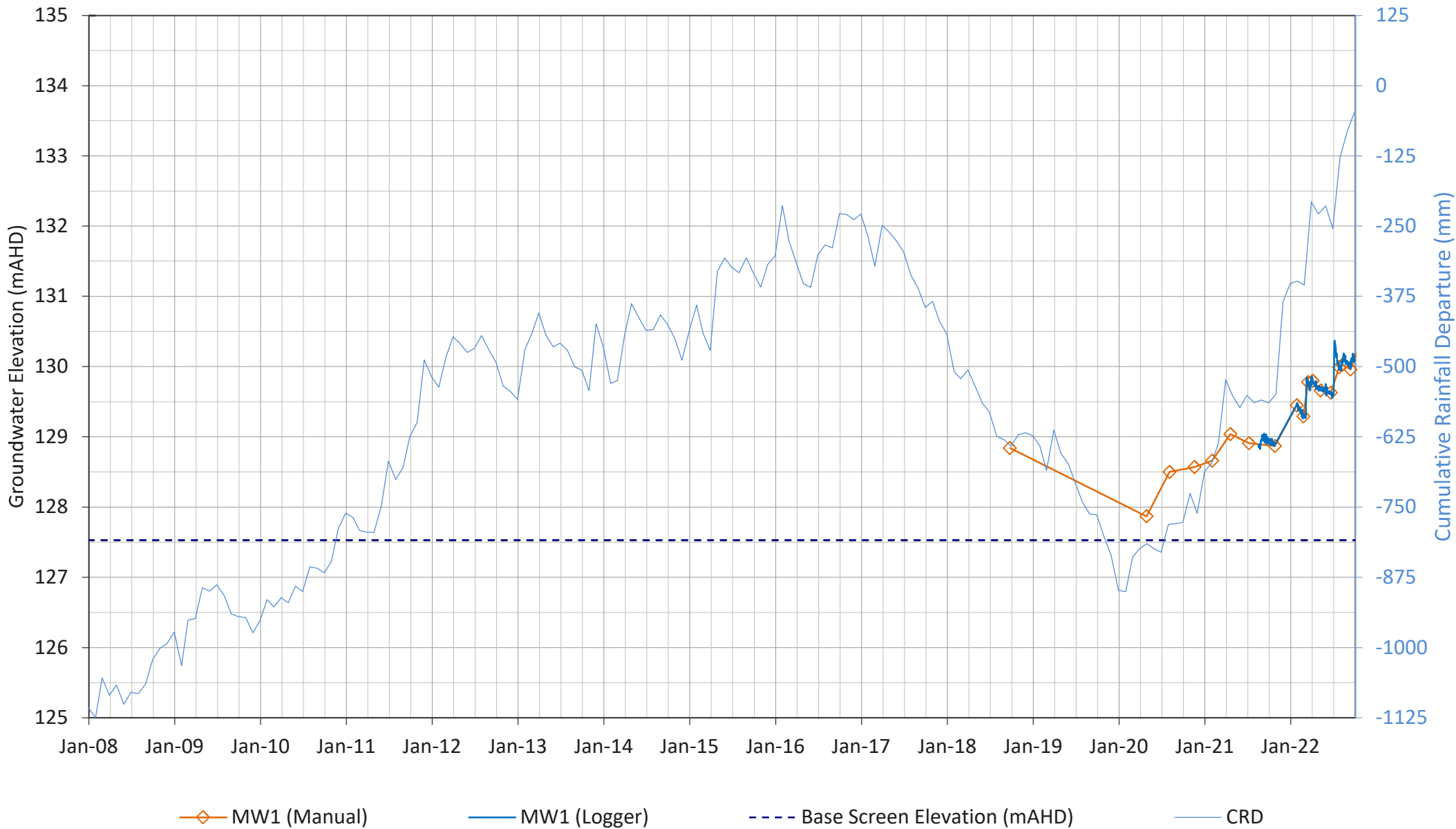


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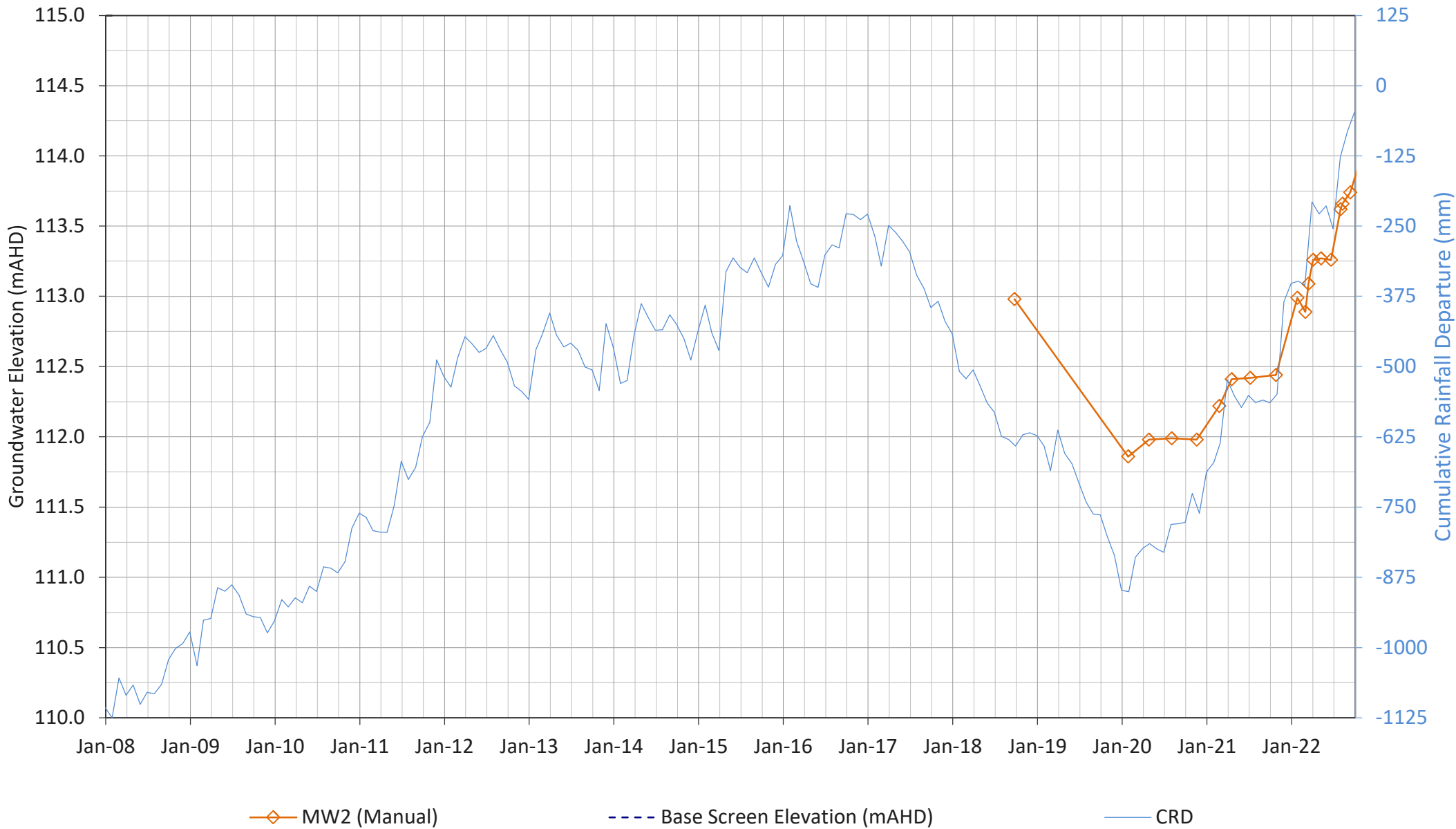


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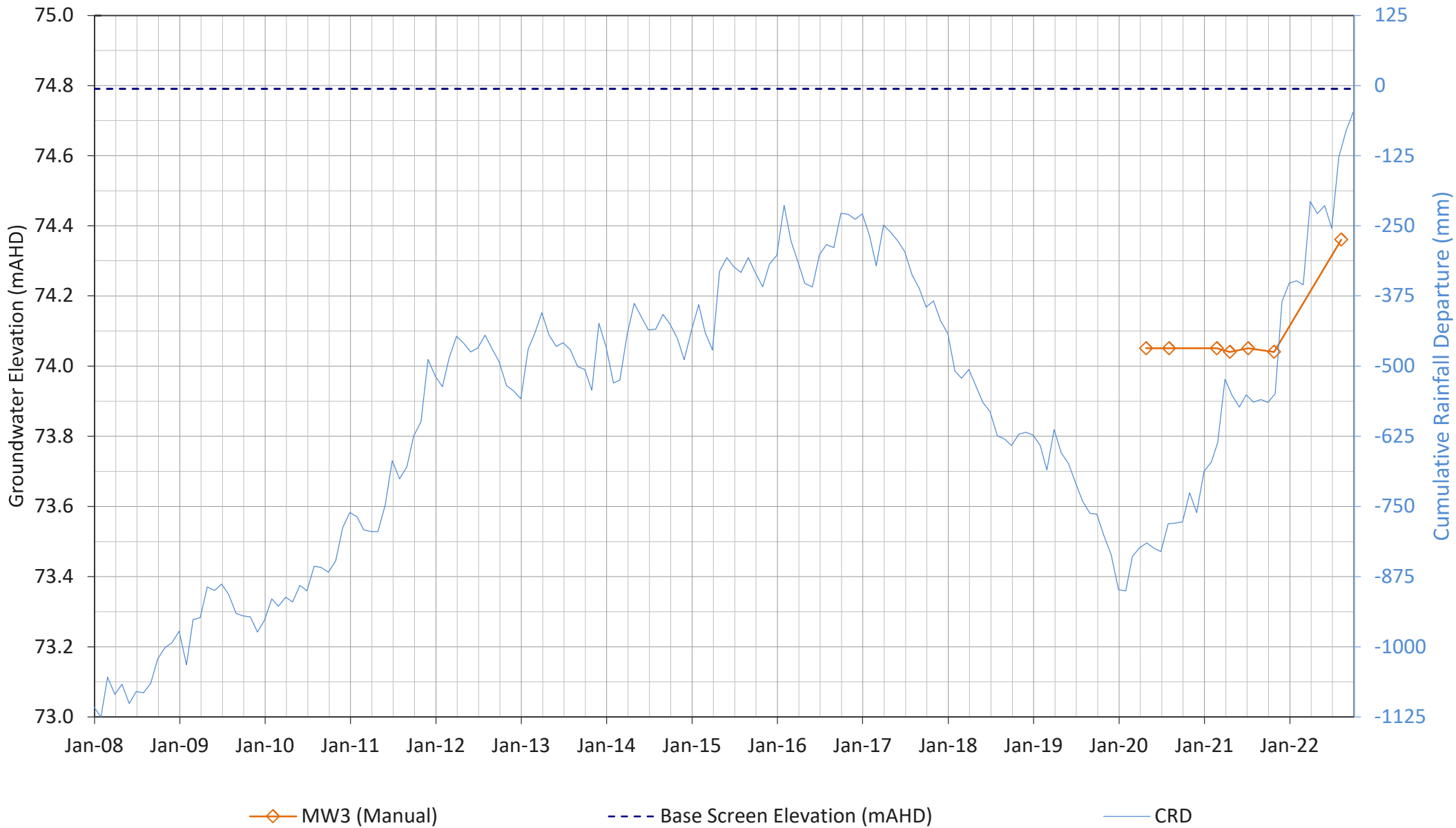


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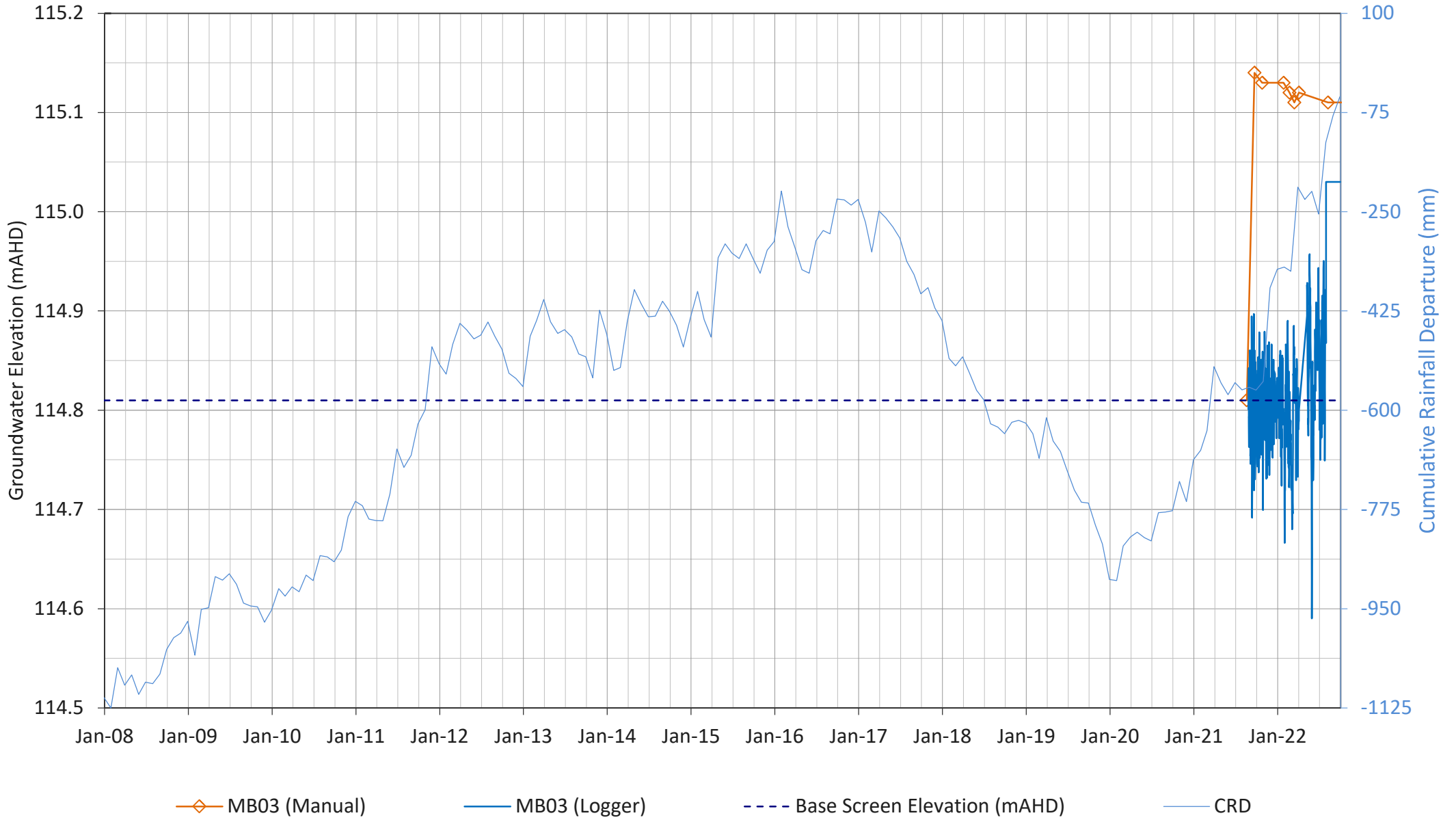


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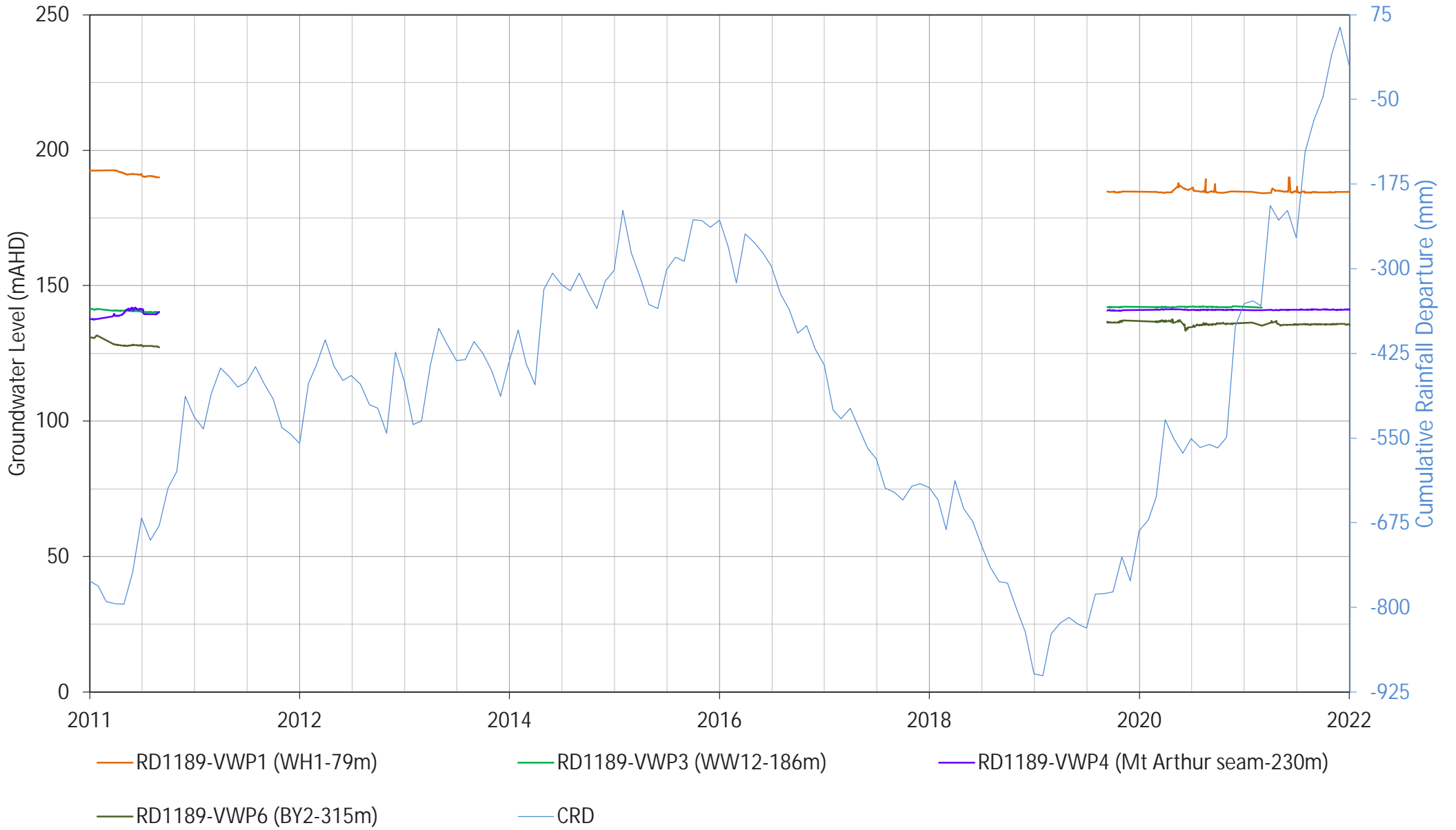


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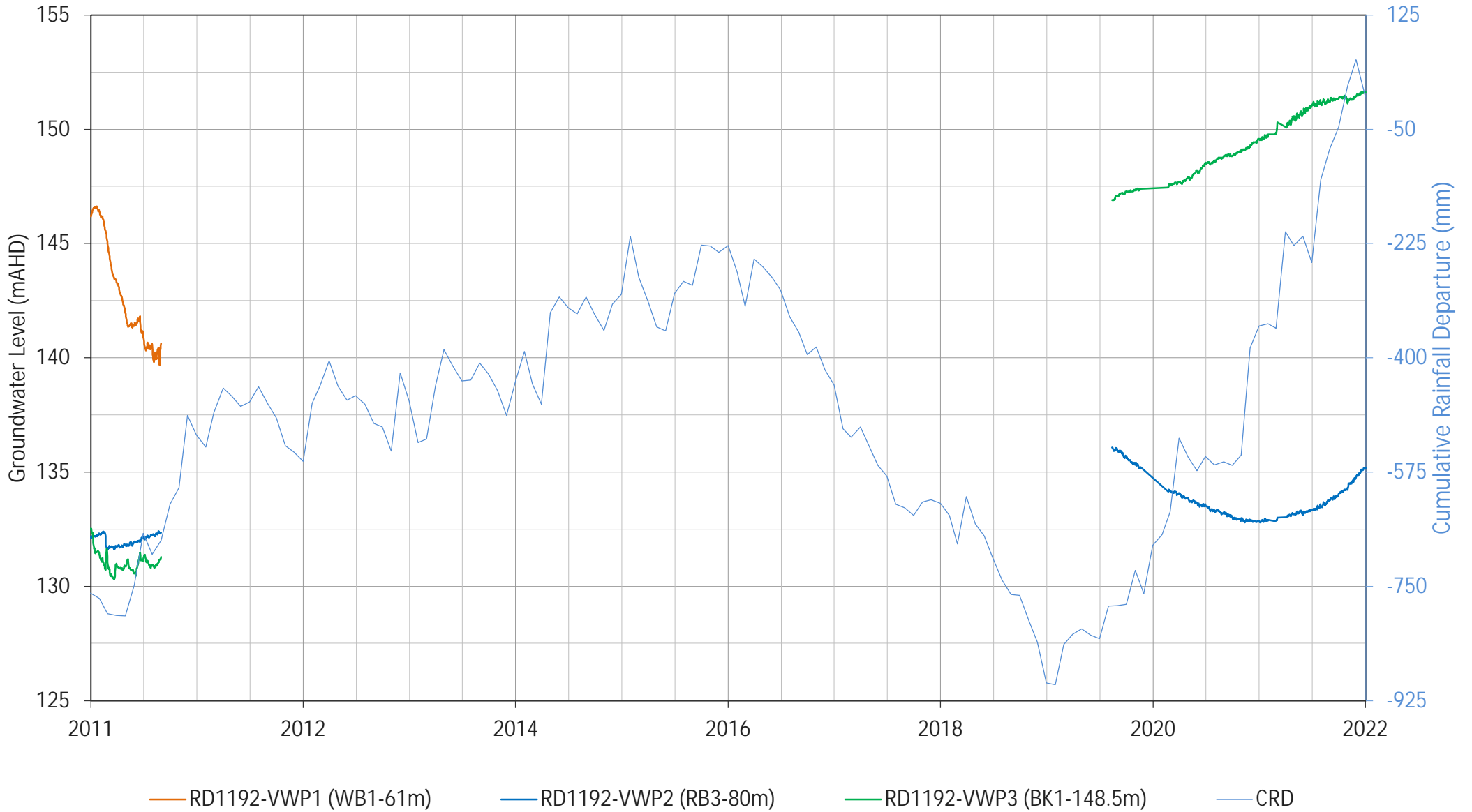


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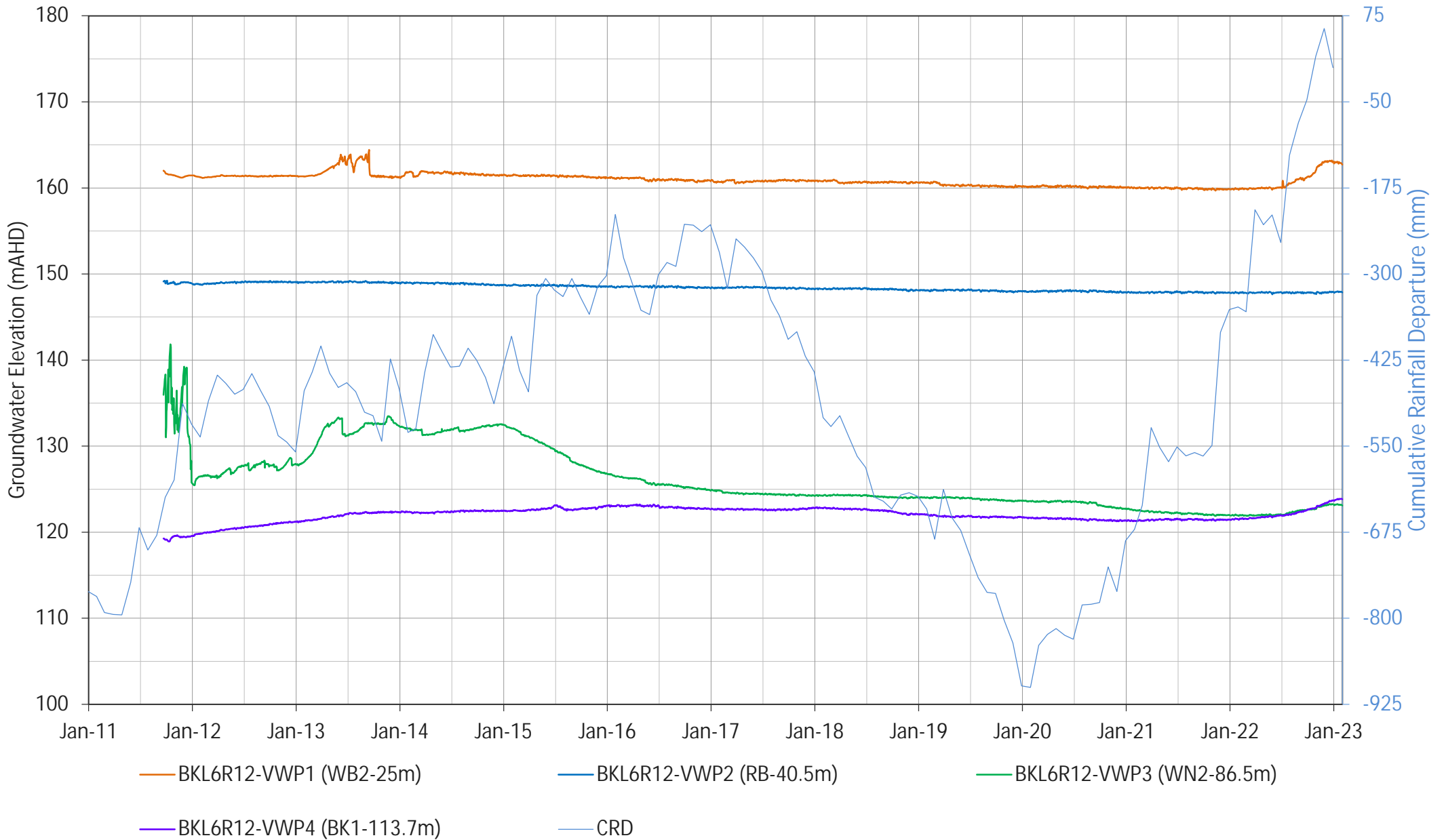


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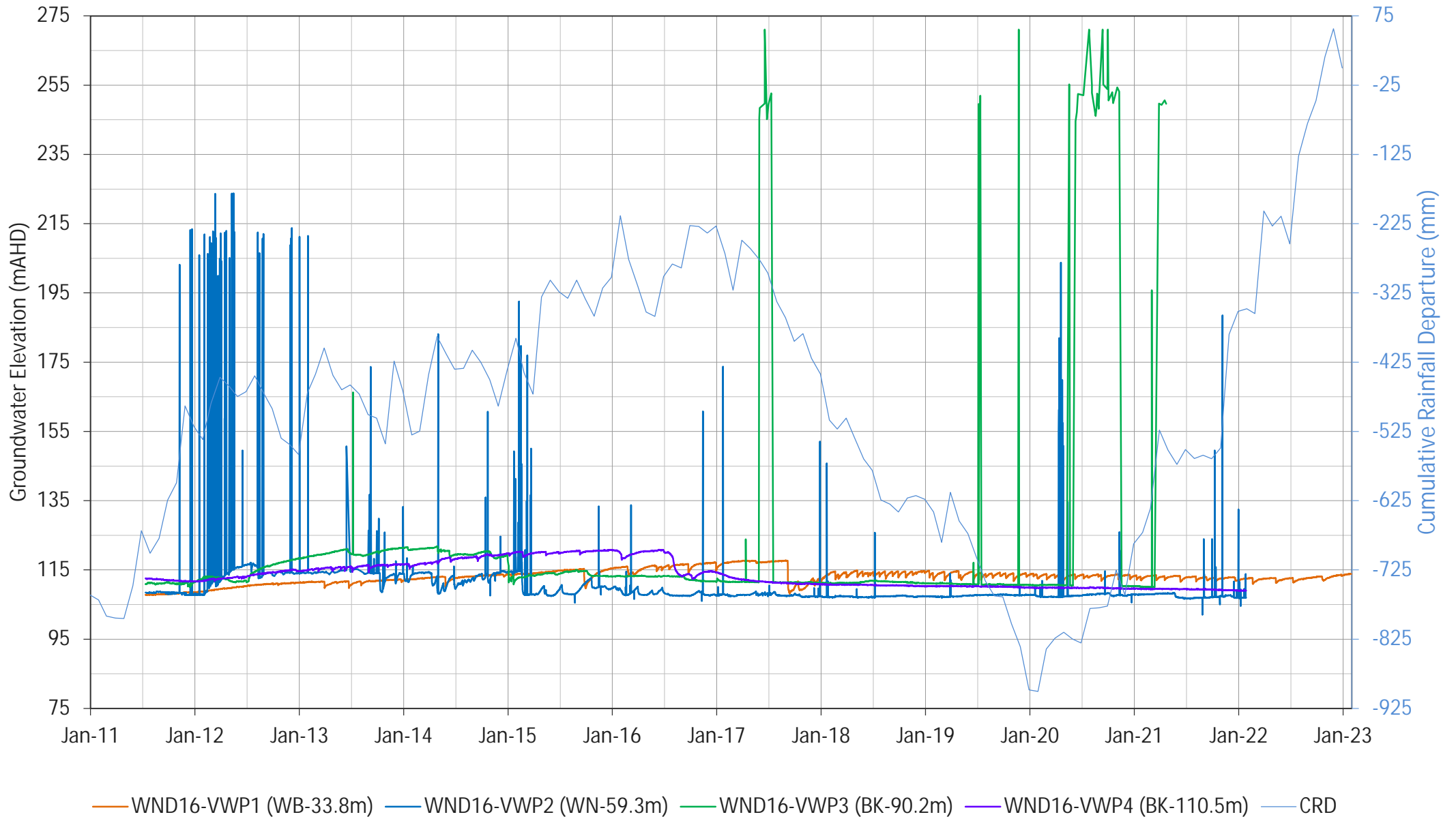


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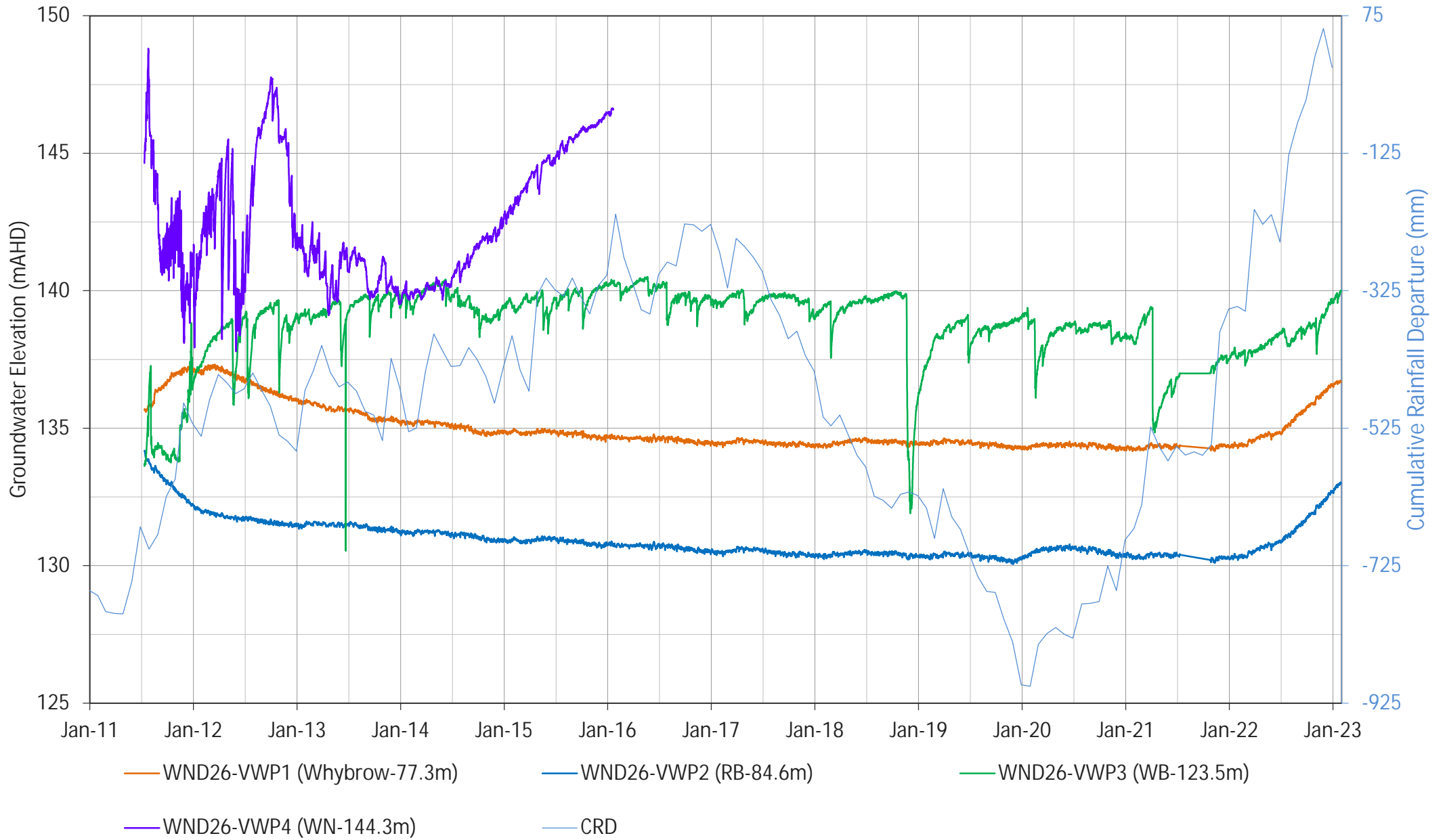


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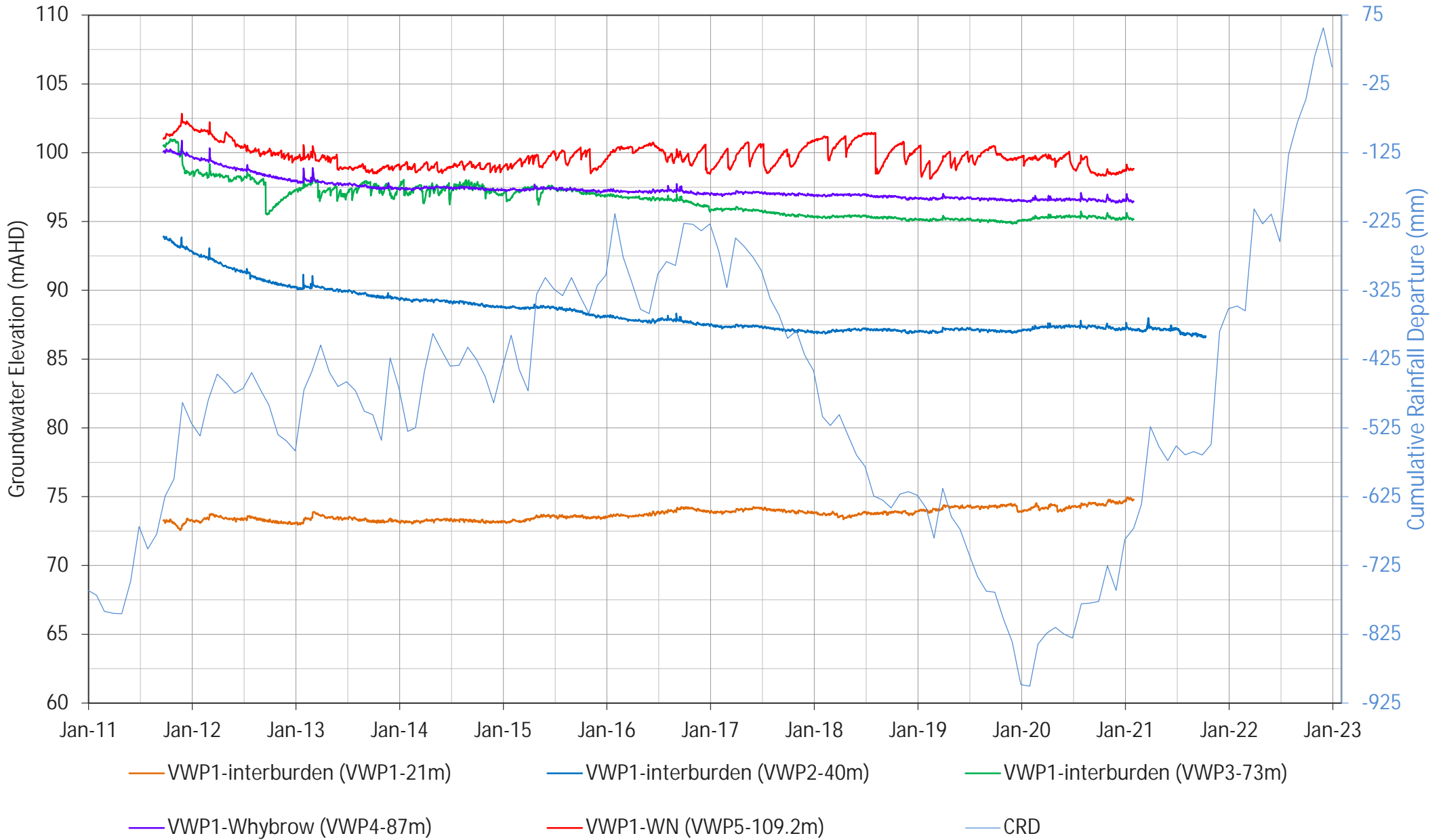


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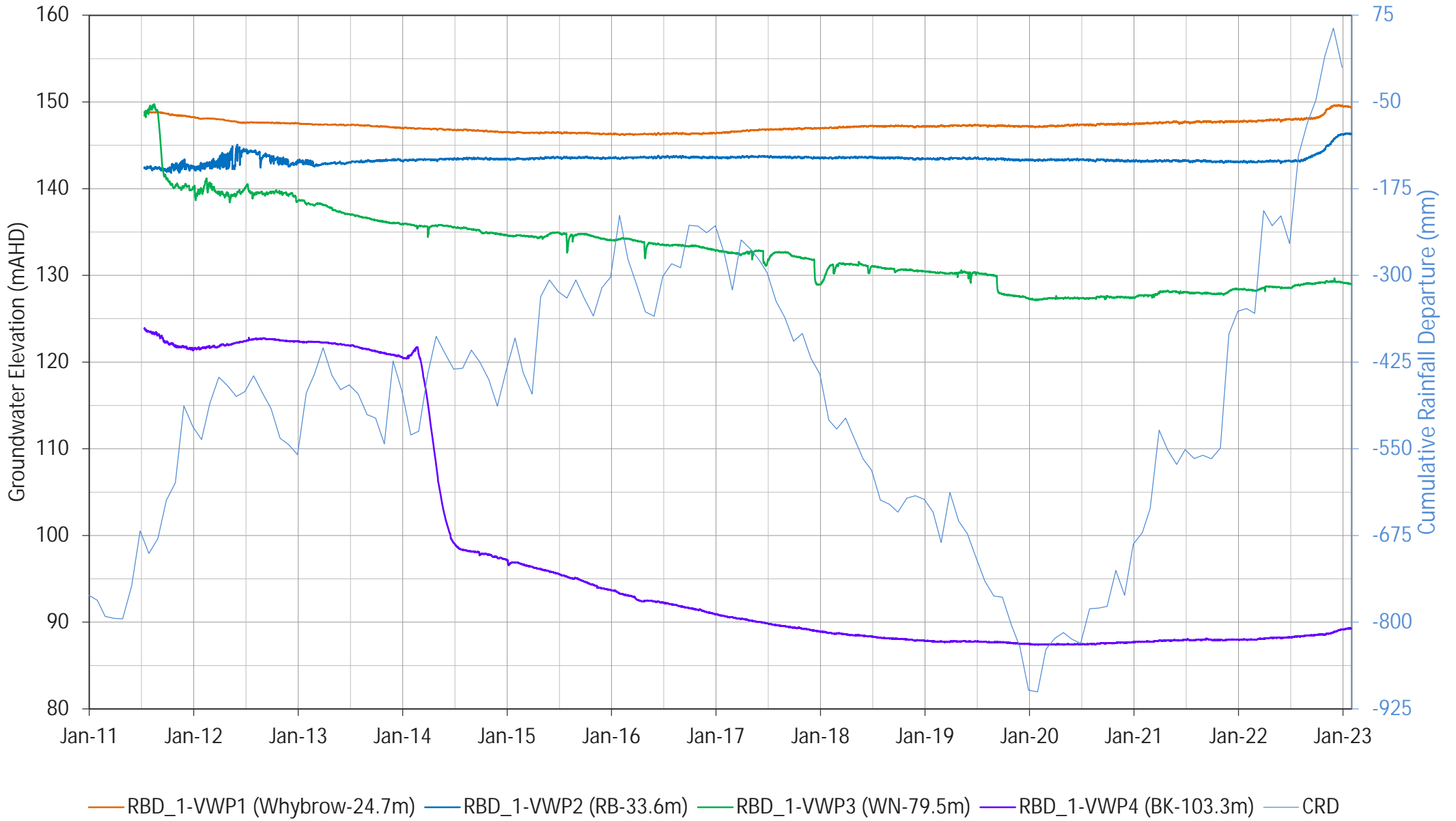


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APPENDIX C

Groundwater Quality and Trigger Levels (only sites within the TARP)

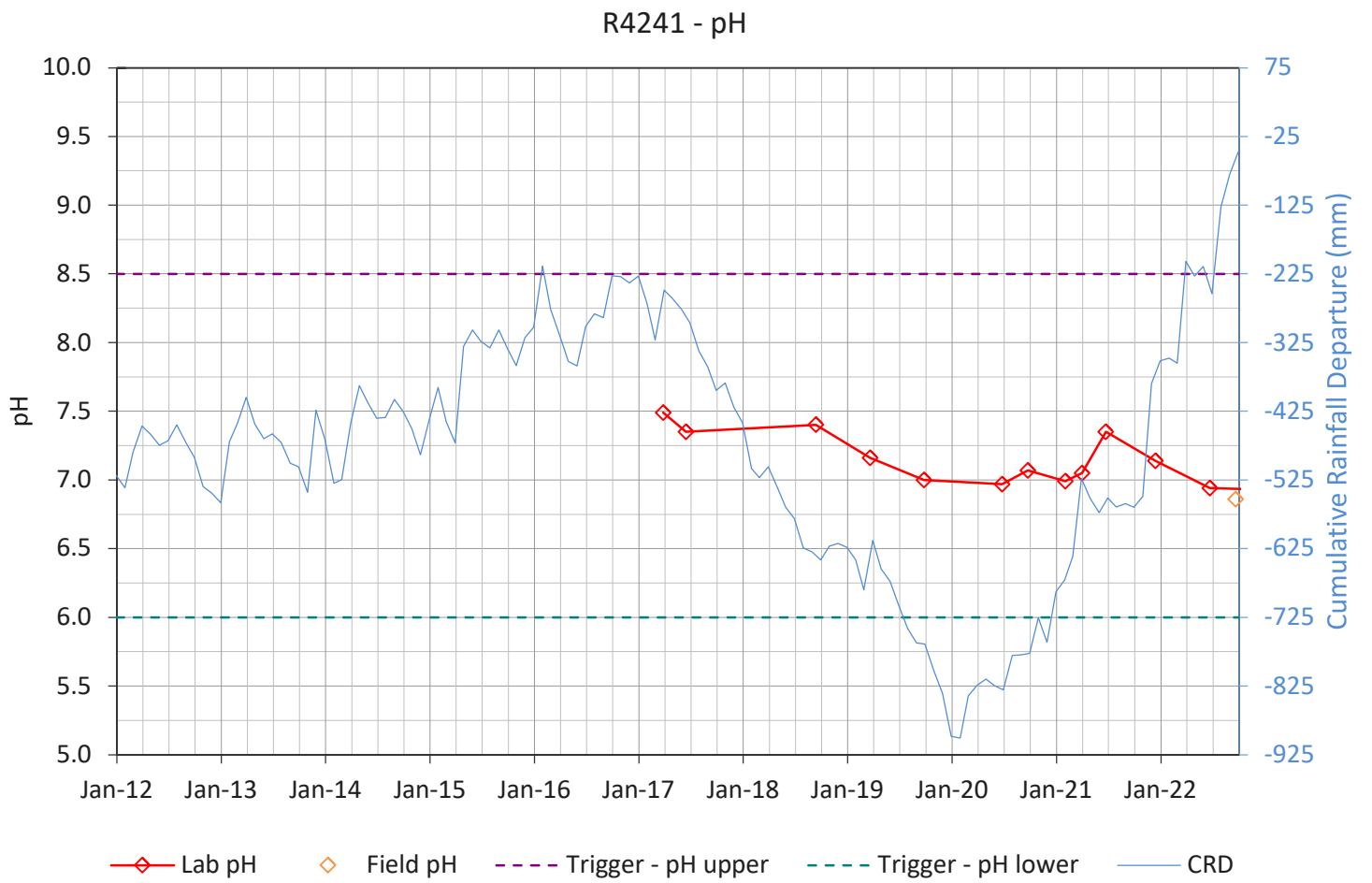


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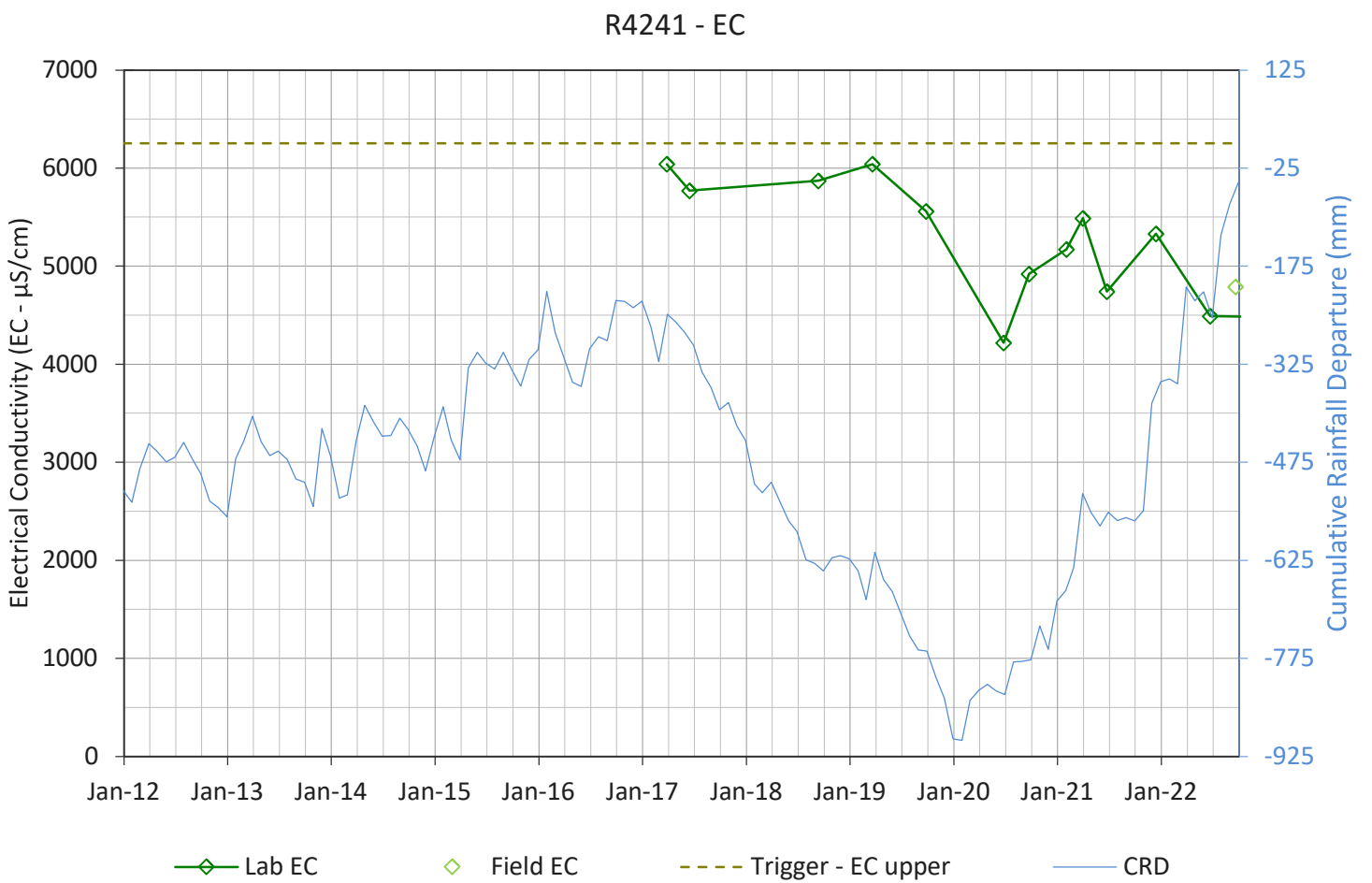


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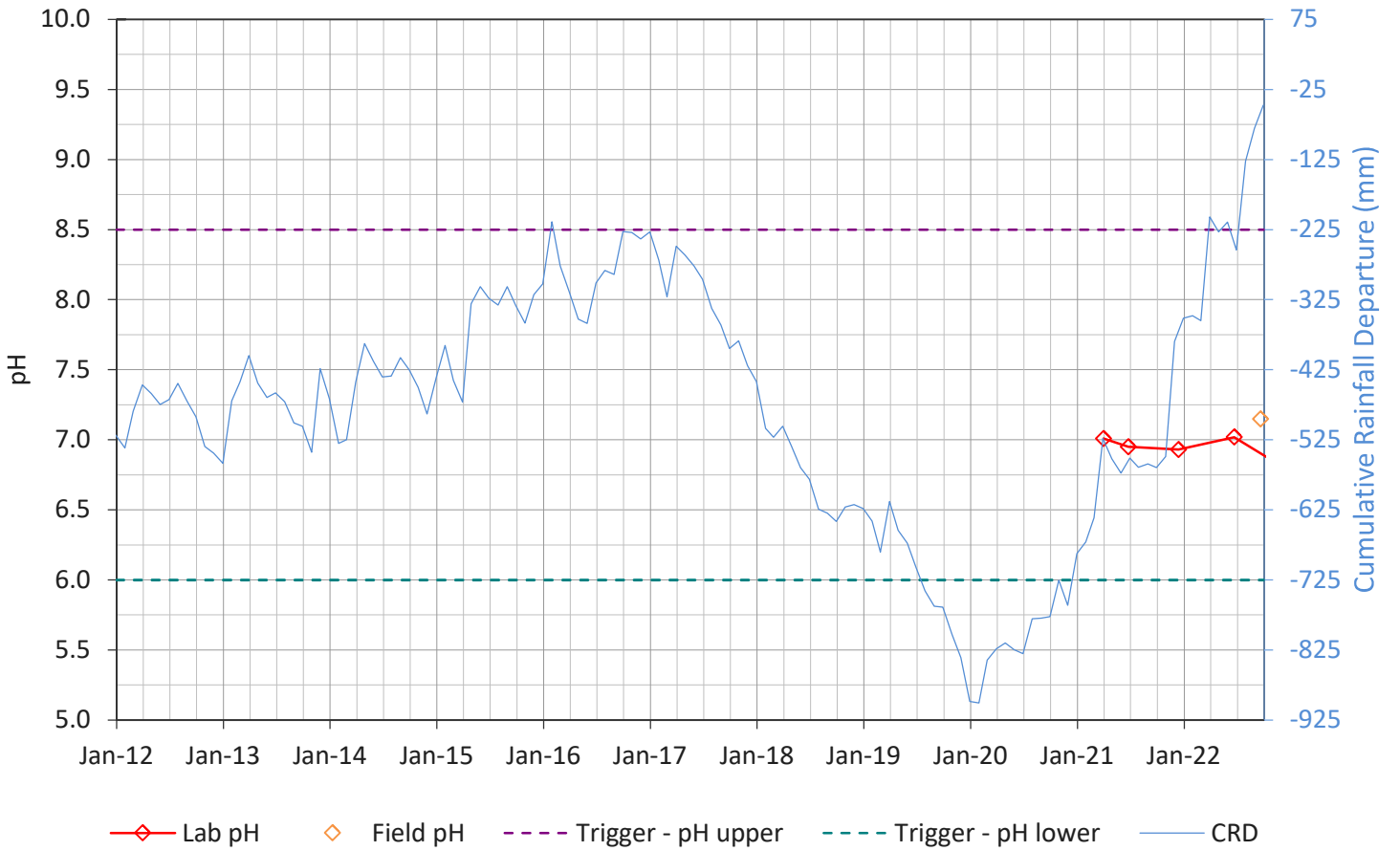


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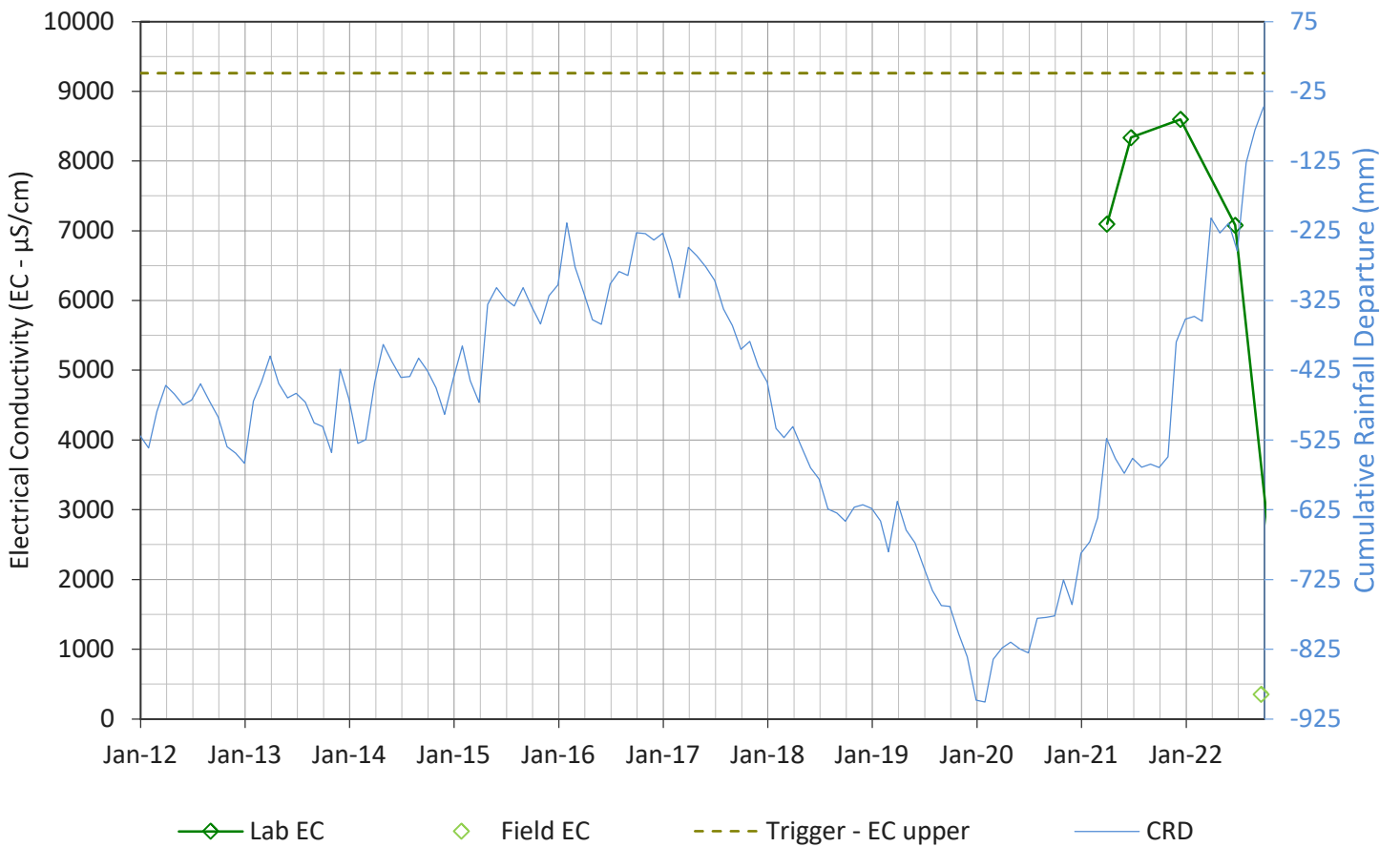


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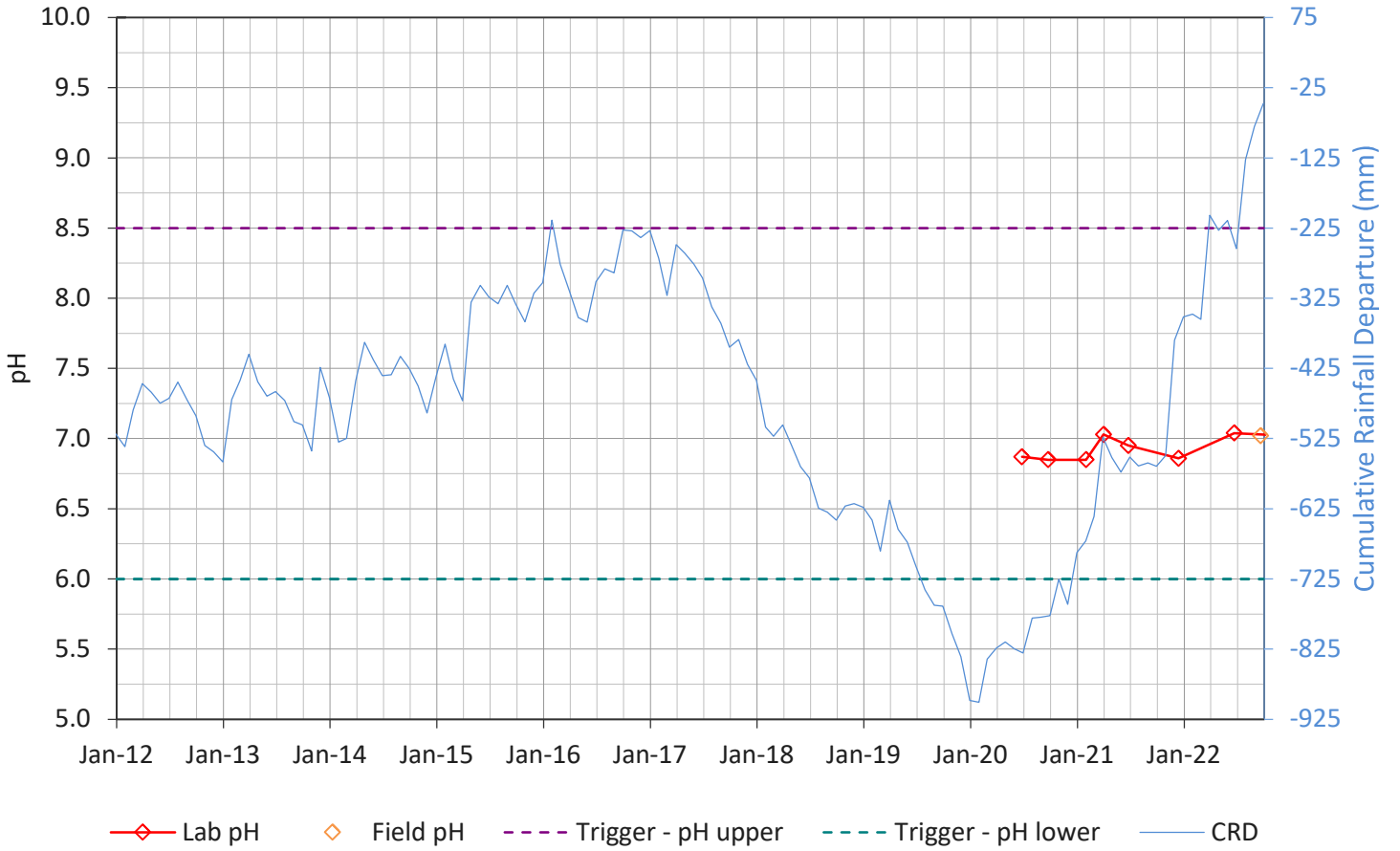


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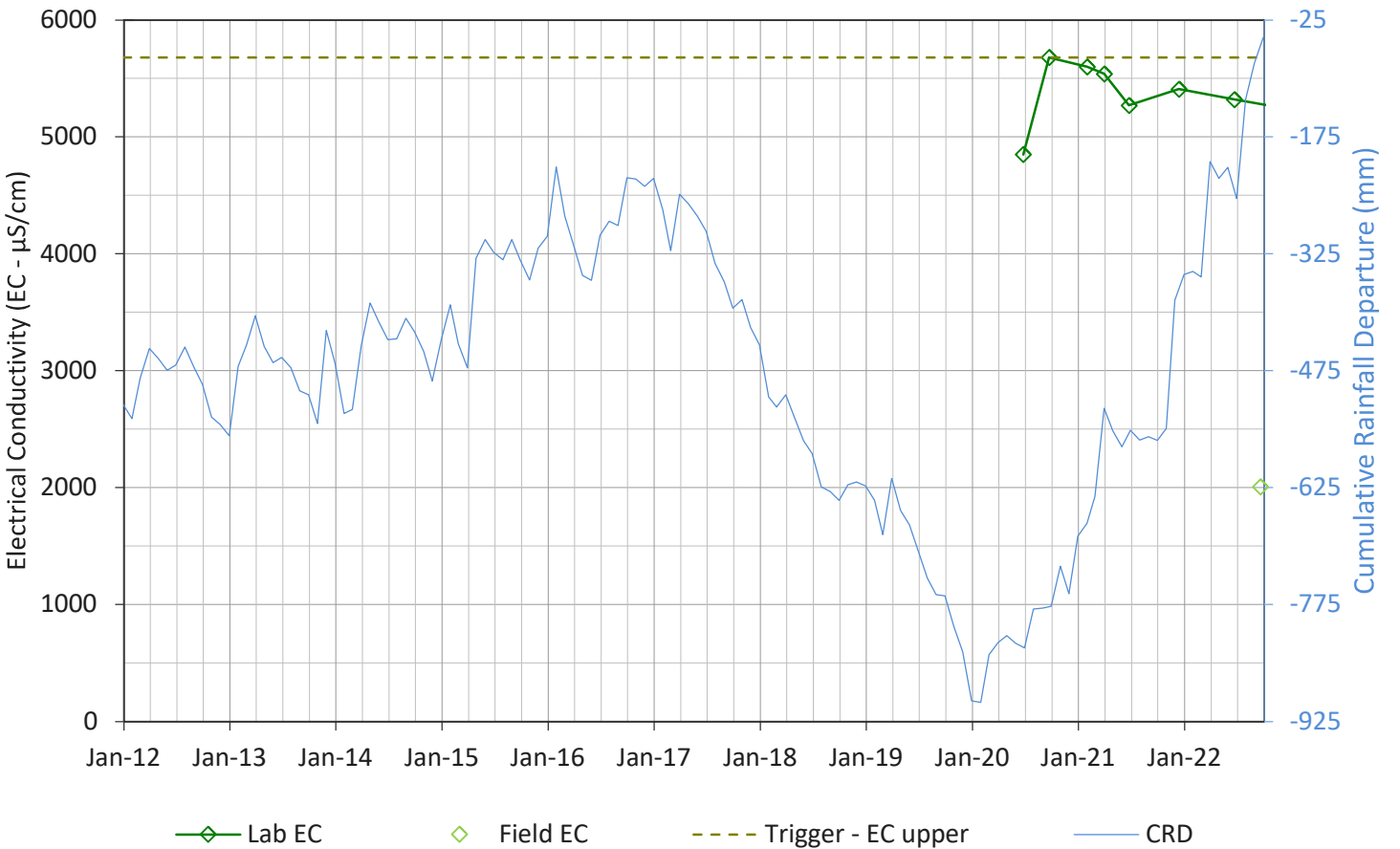


Figure C6

GW02S - pH

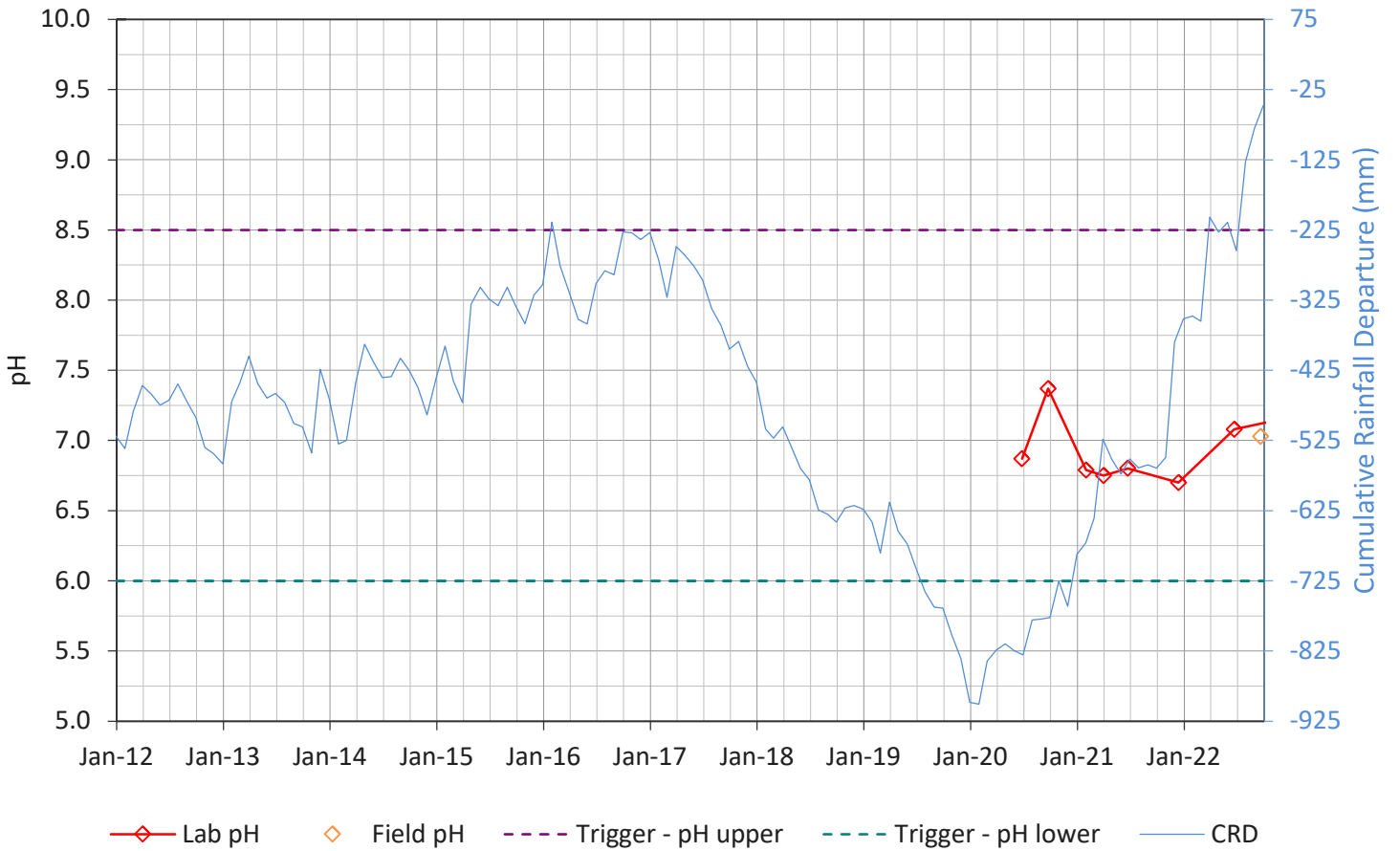


Figure C7

GW02S - EC

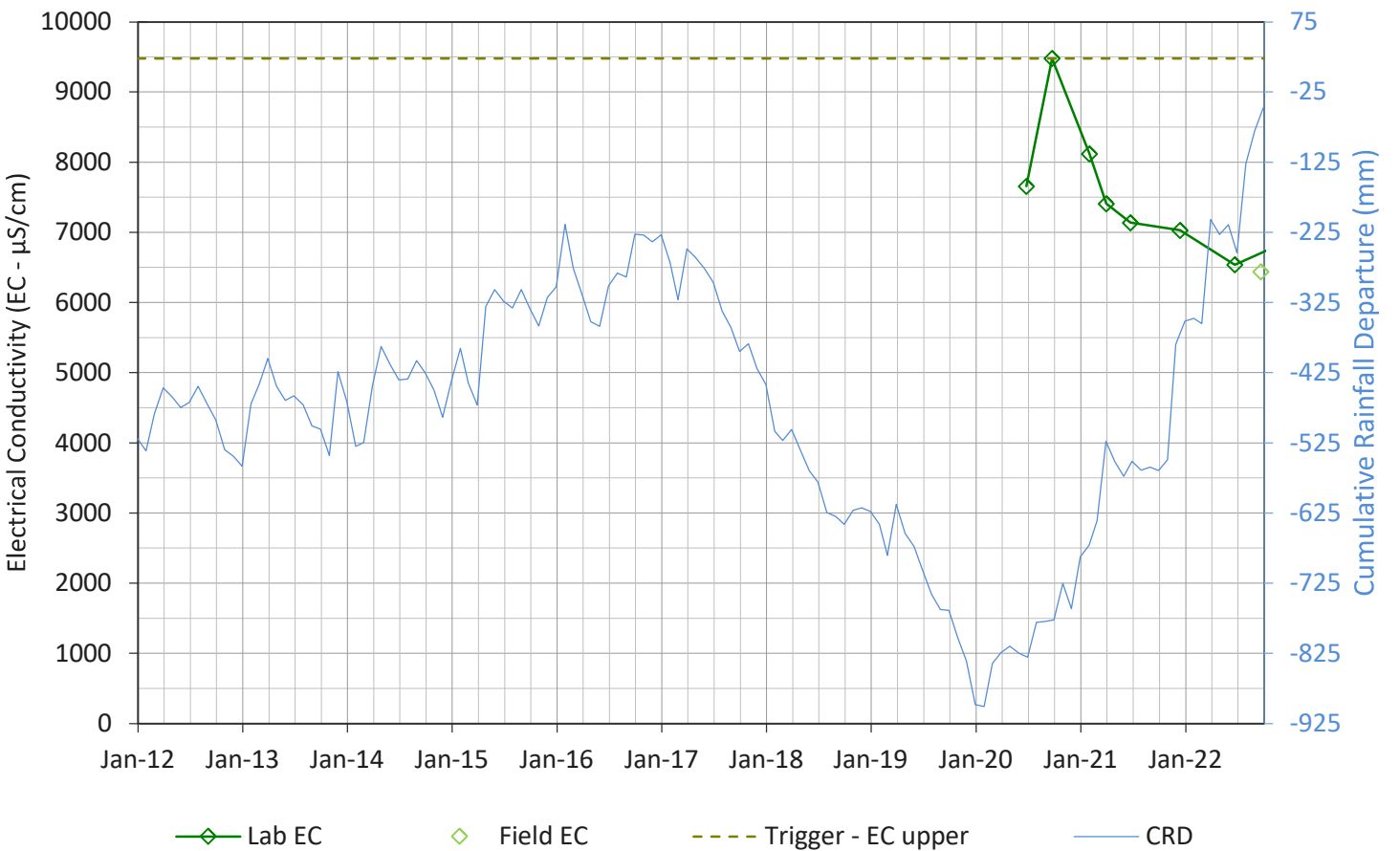


Figure C8

GW02D - pH

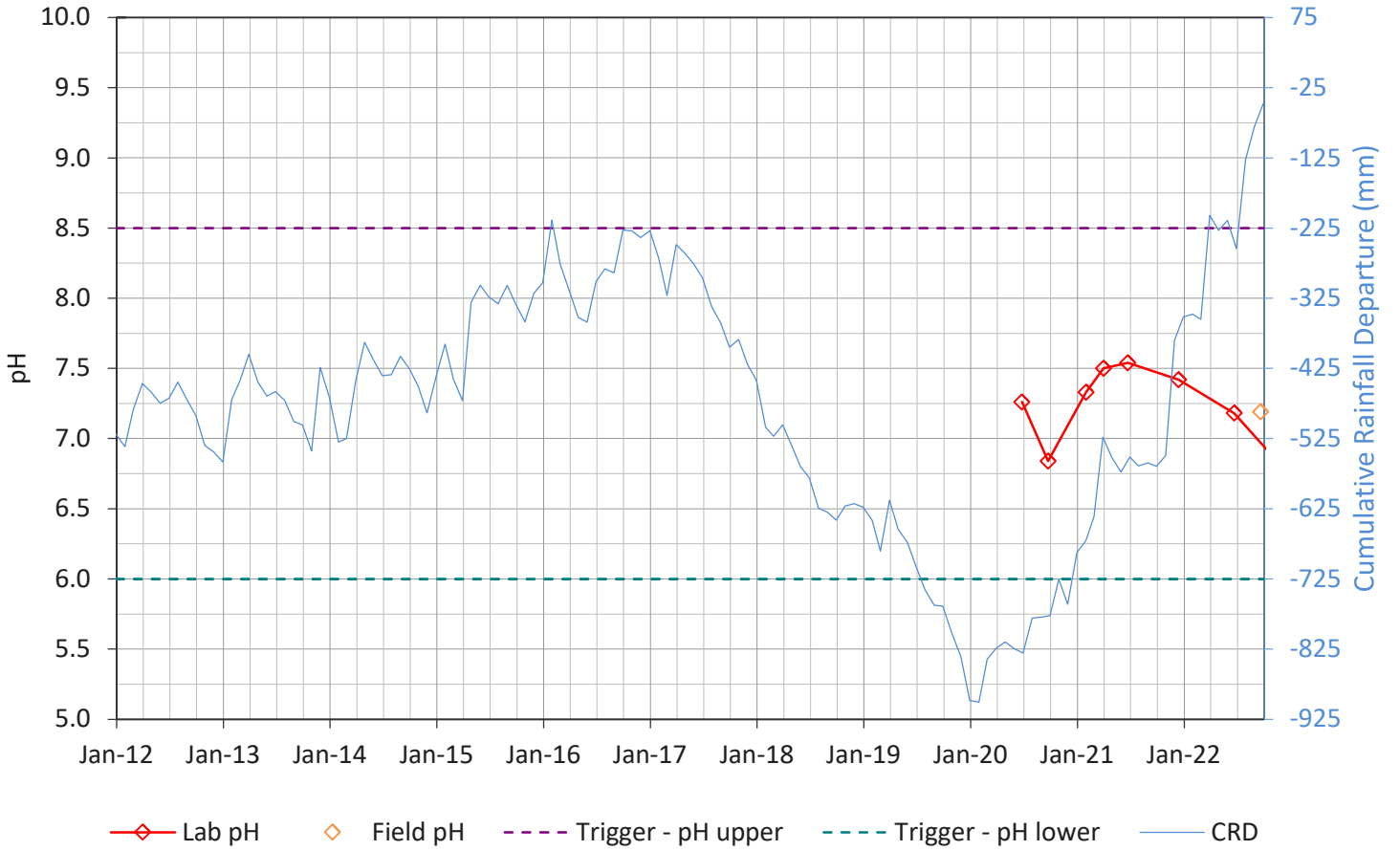


Figure C9

GW02D - EC

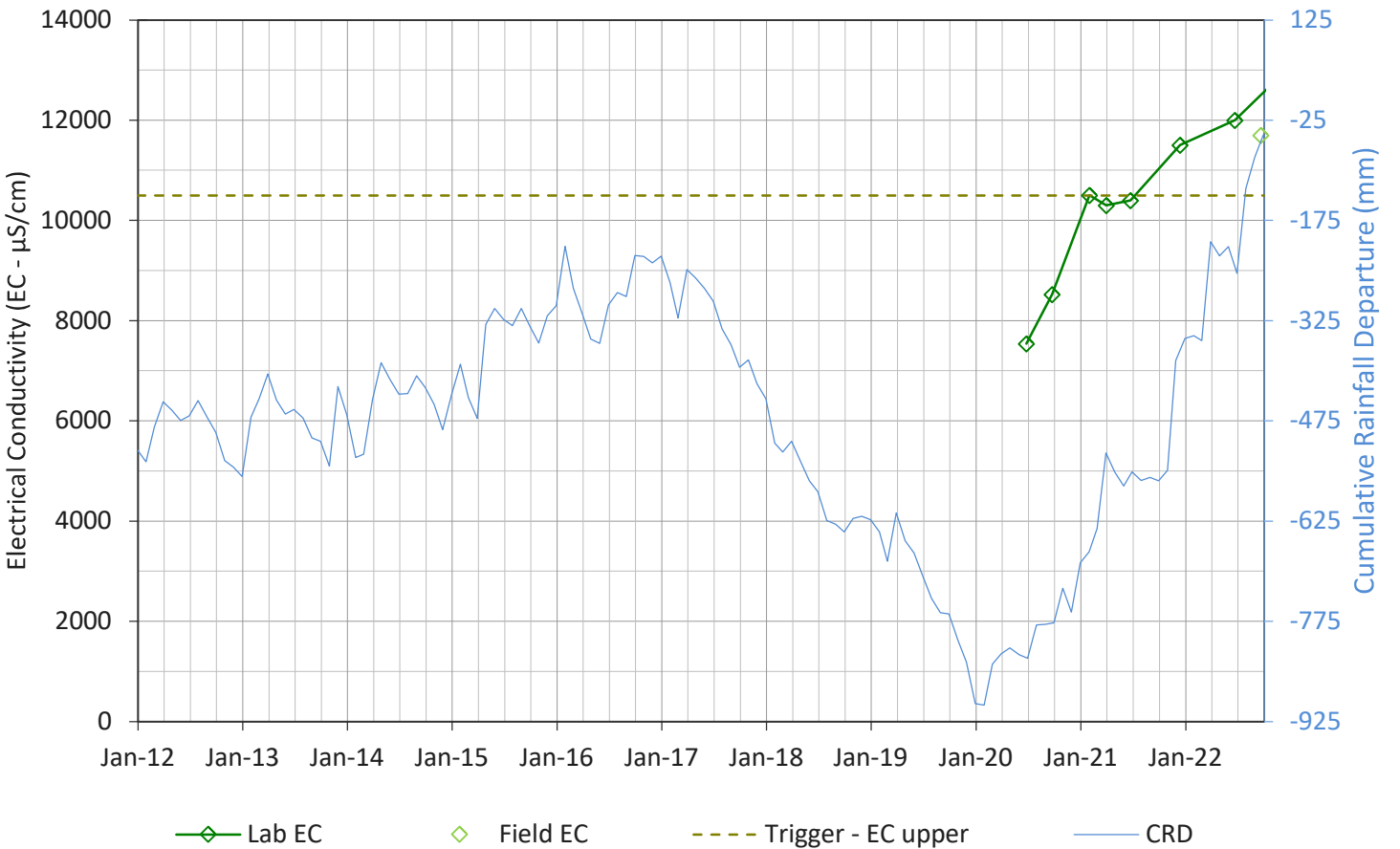


Figure C10

DD1025 - pH

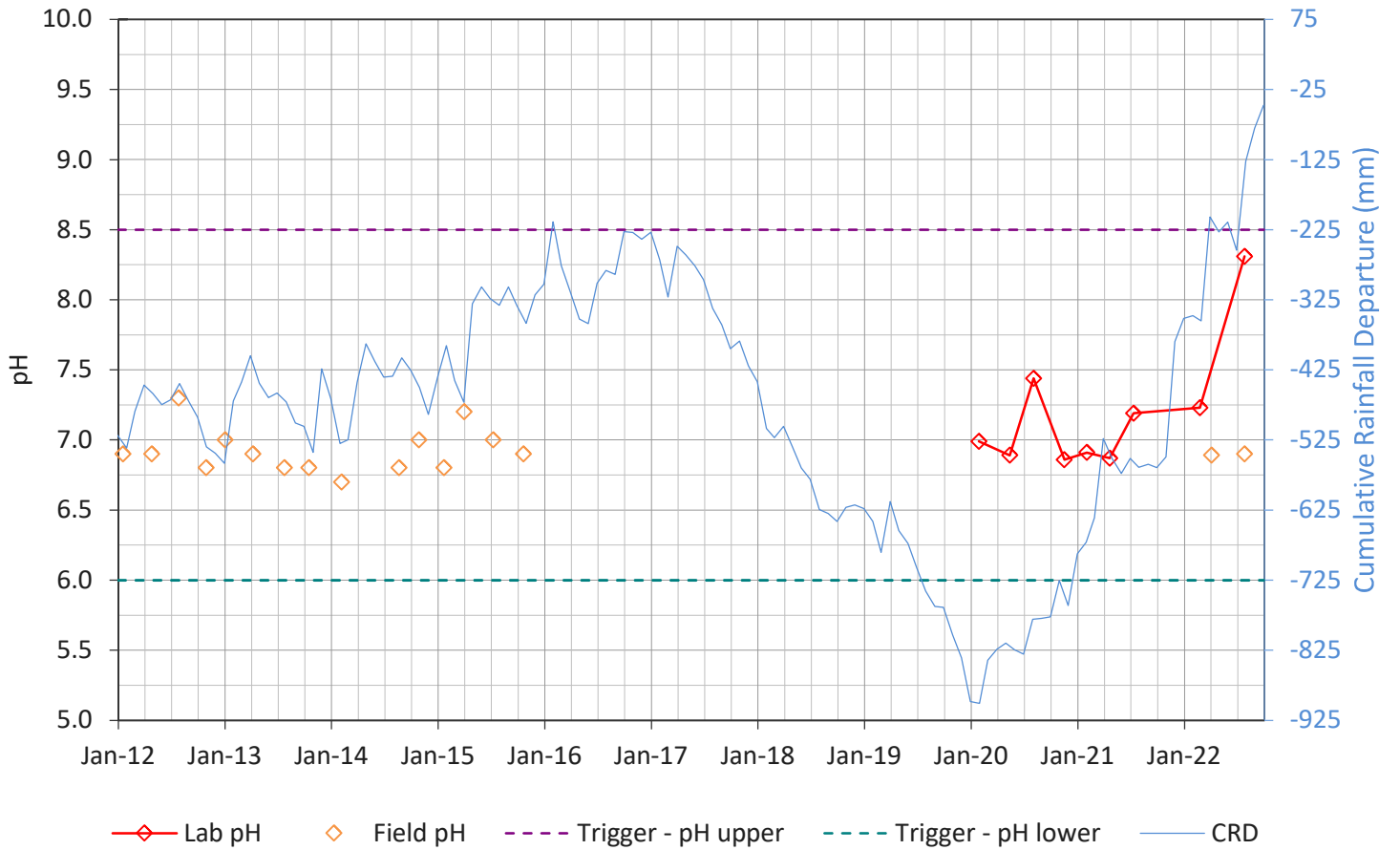


Figure C11

DD1025 - EC

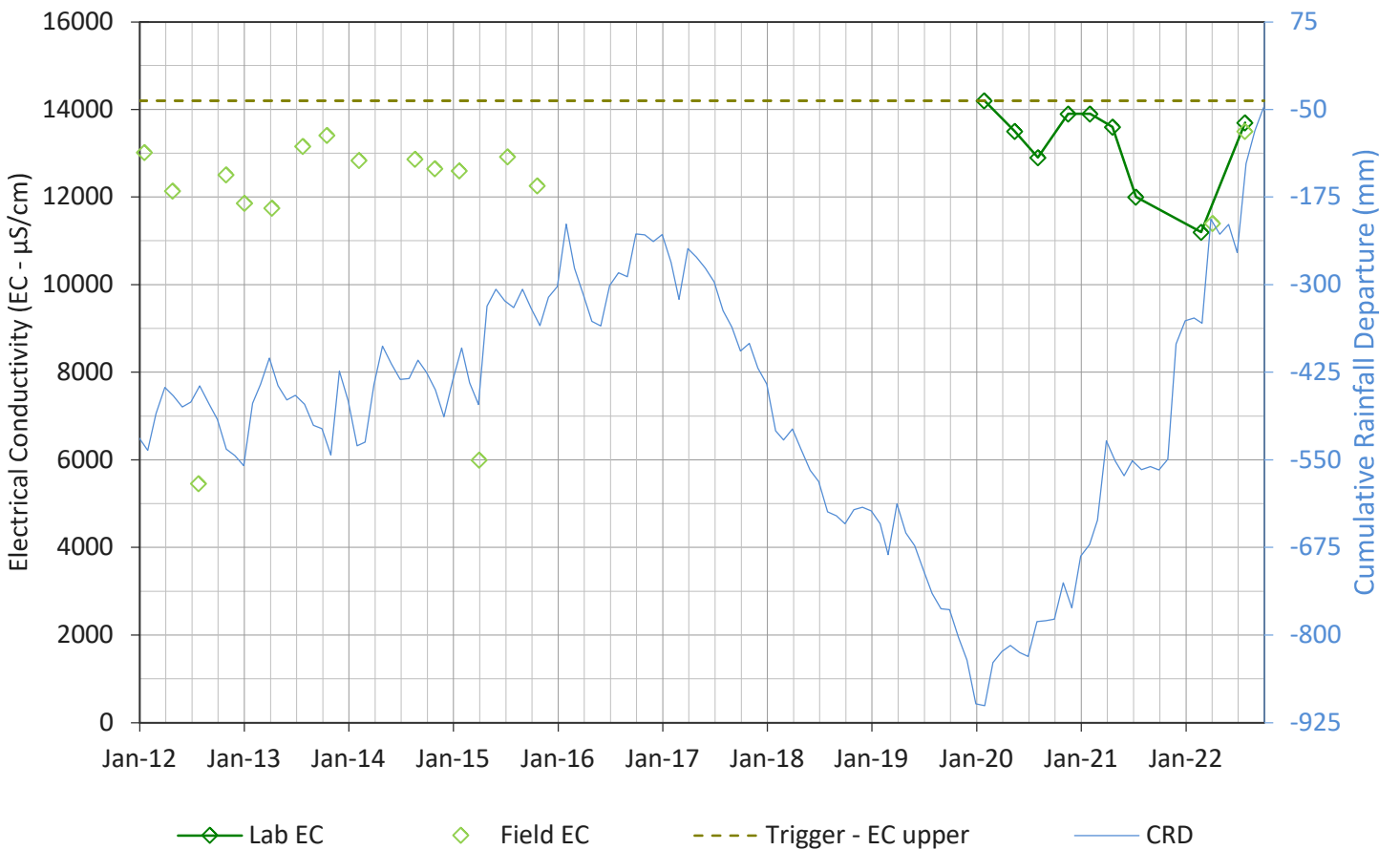


Figure C12

DD1032 - pH

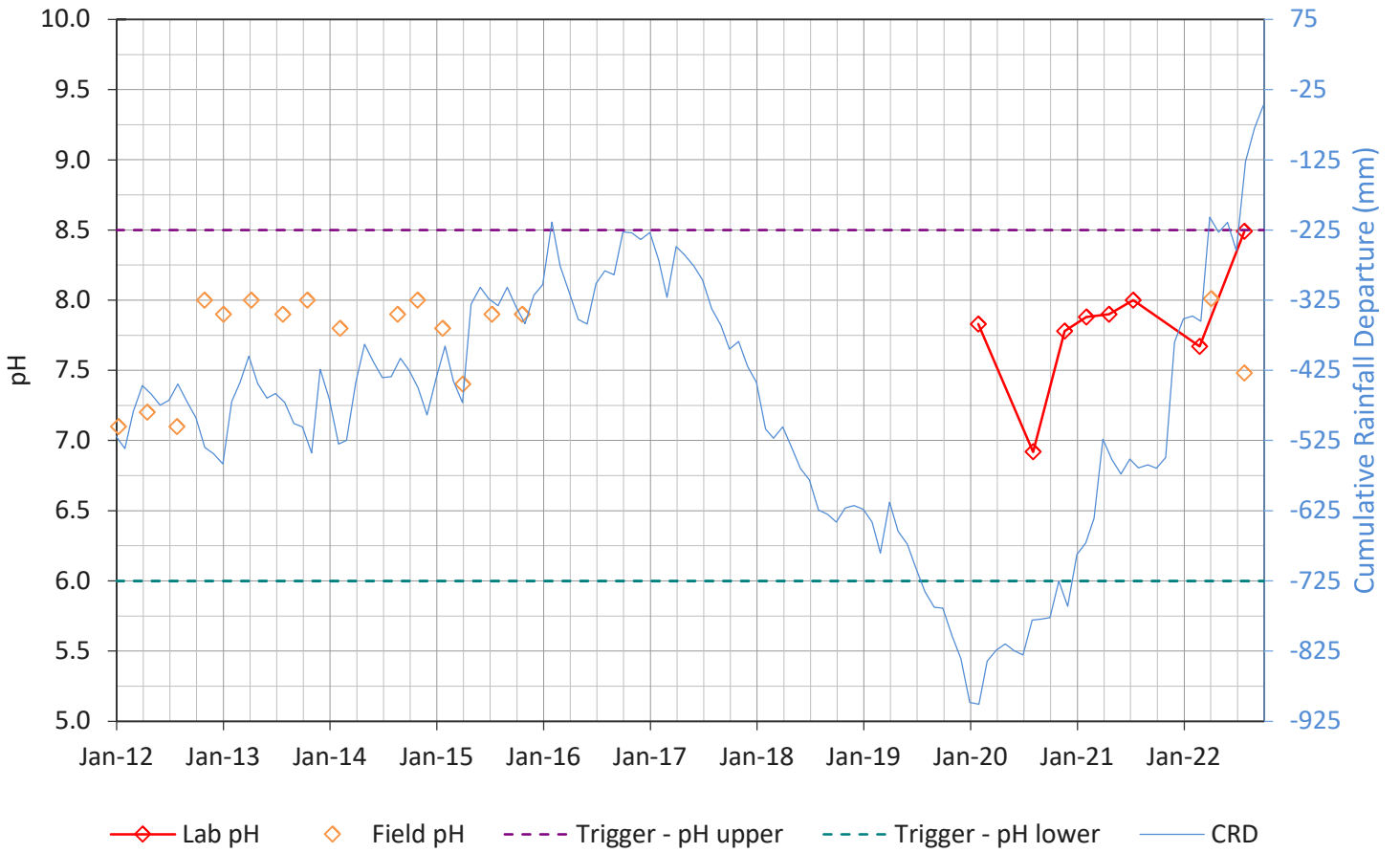


Figure C13

DD1032 - EC

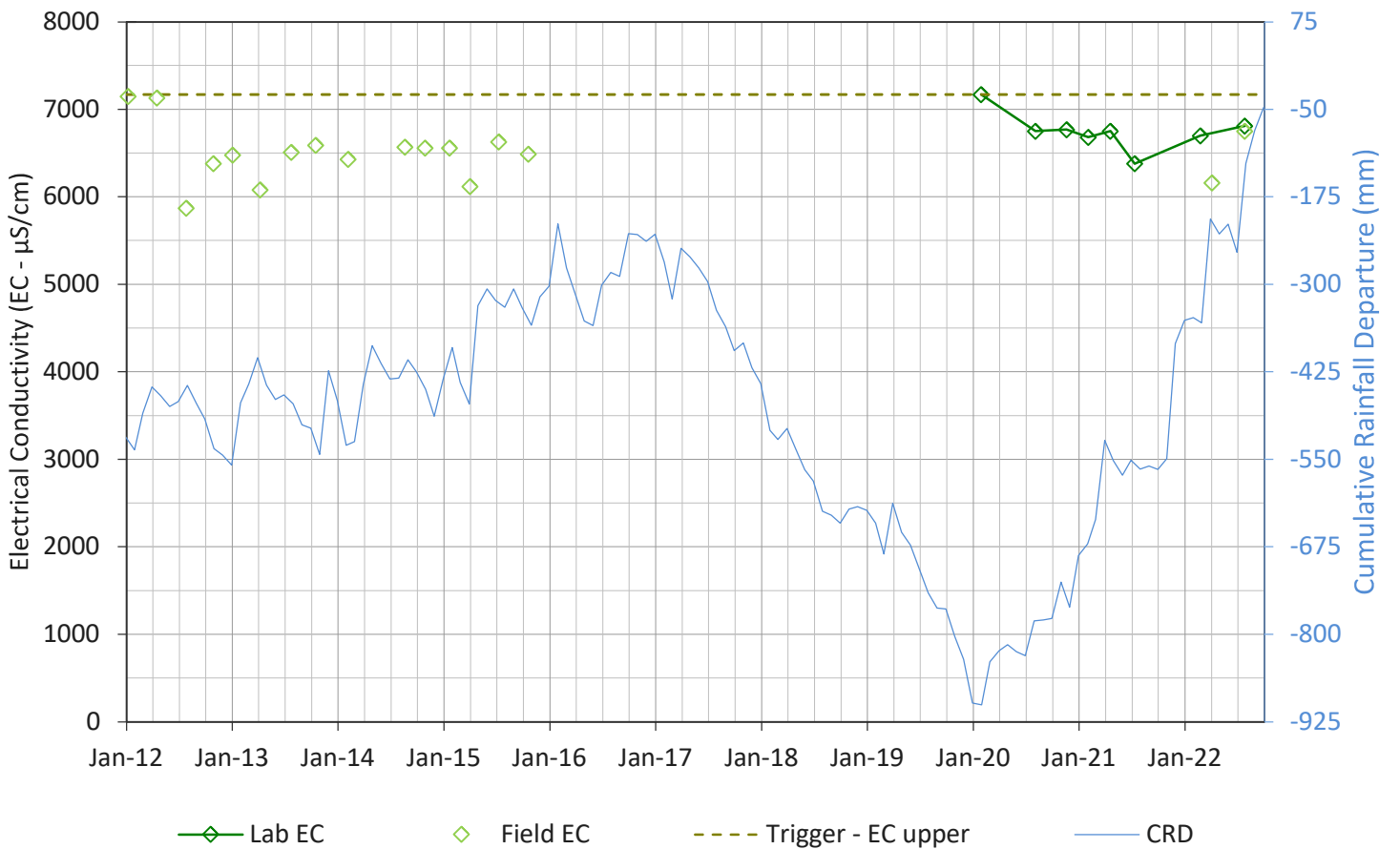


Figure C14

MB3-Alluvial - pH

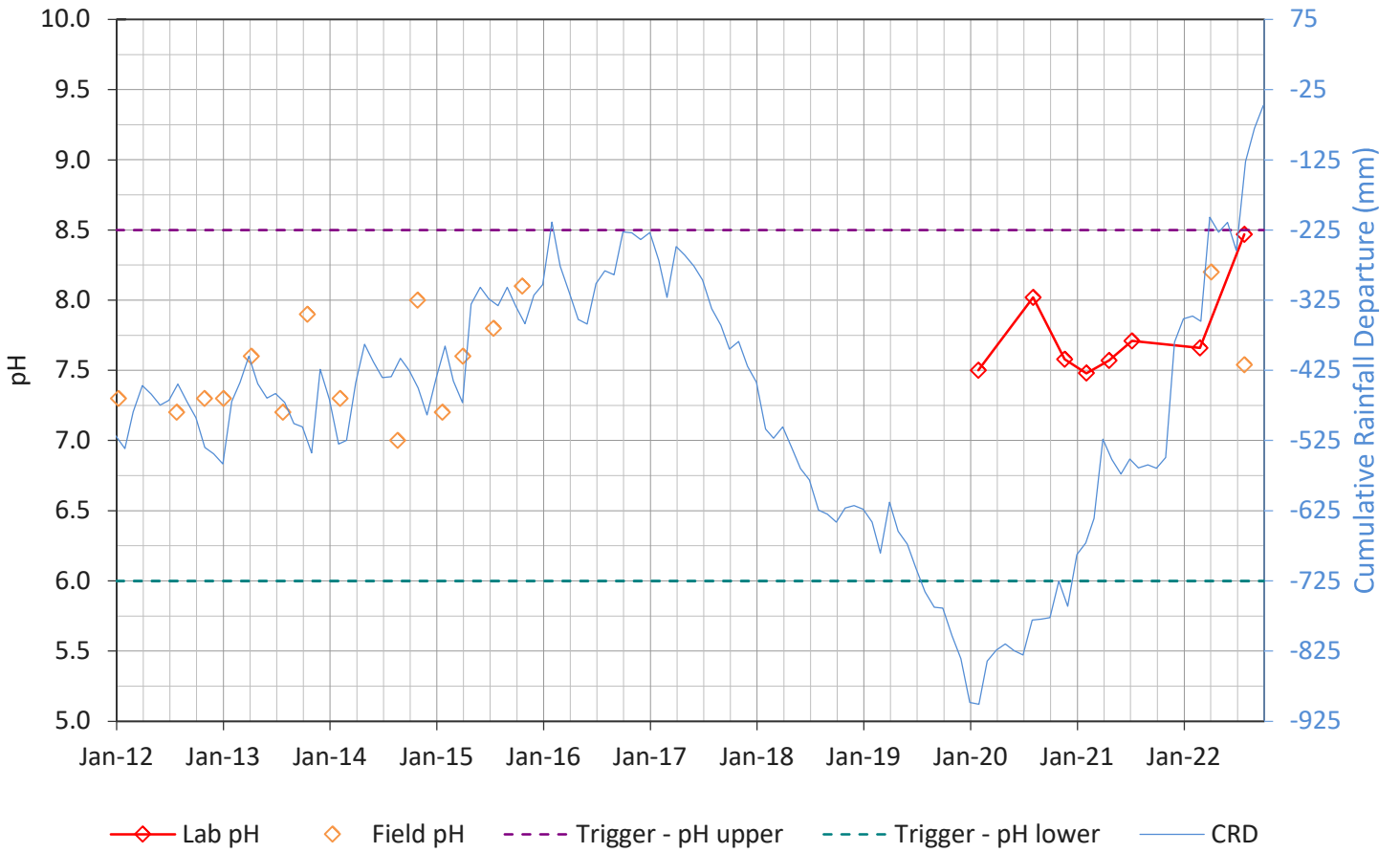


Figure C15

MB3-Alluvial - EC

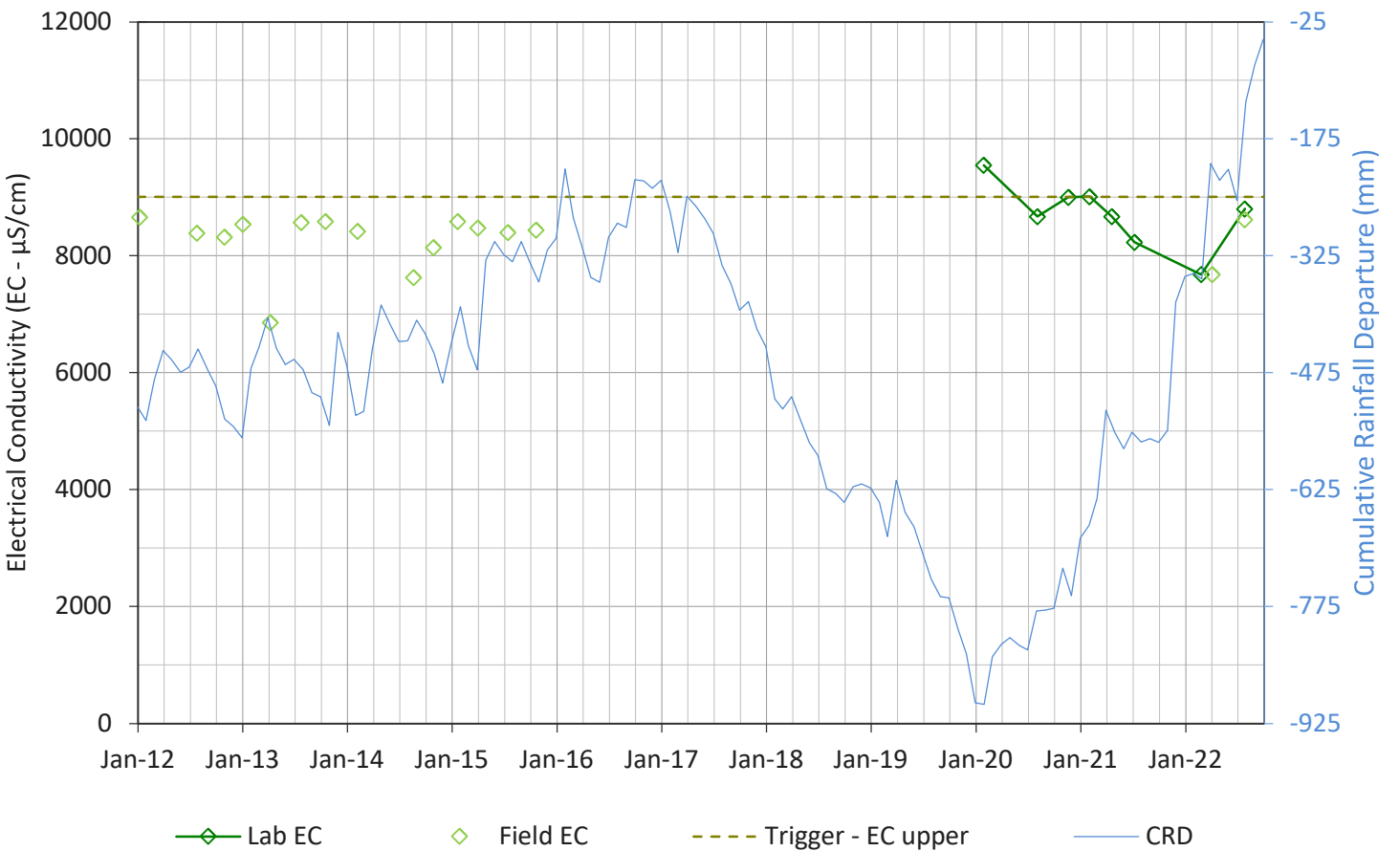


Figure C16

MB3-Regolith - pH

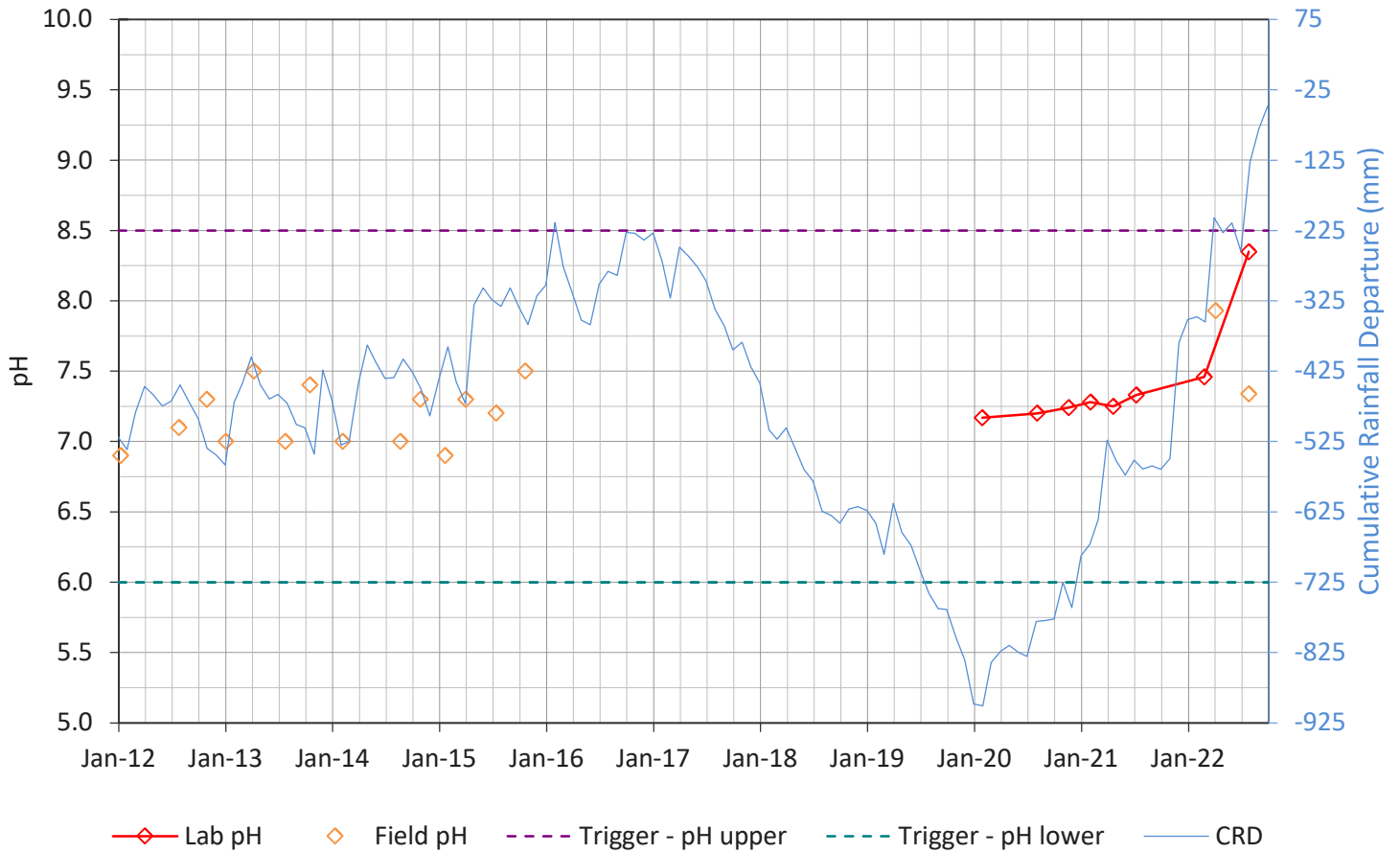


Figure C17

MB3-Regolith - EC

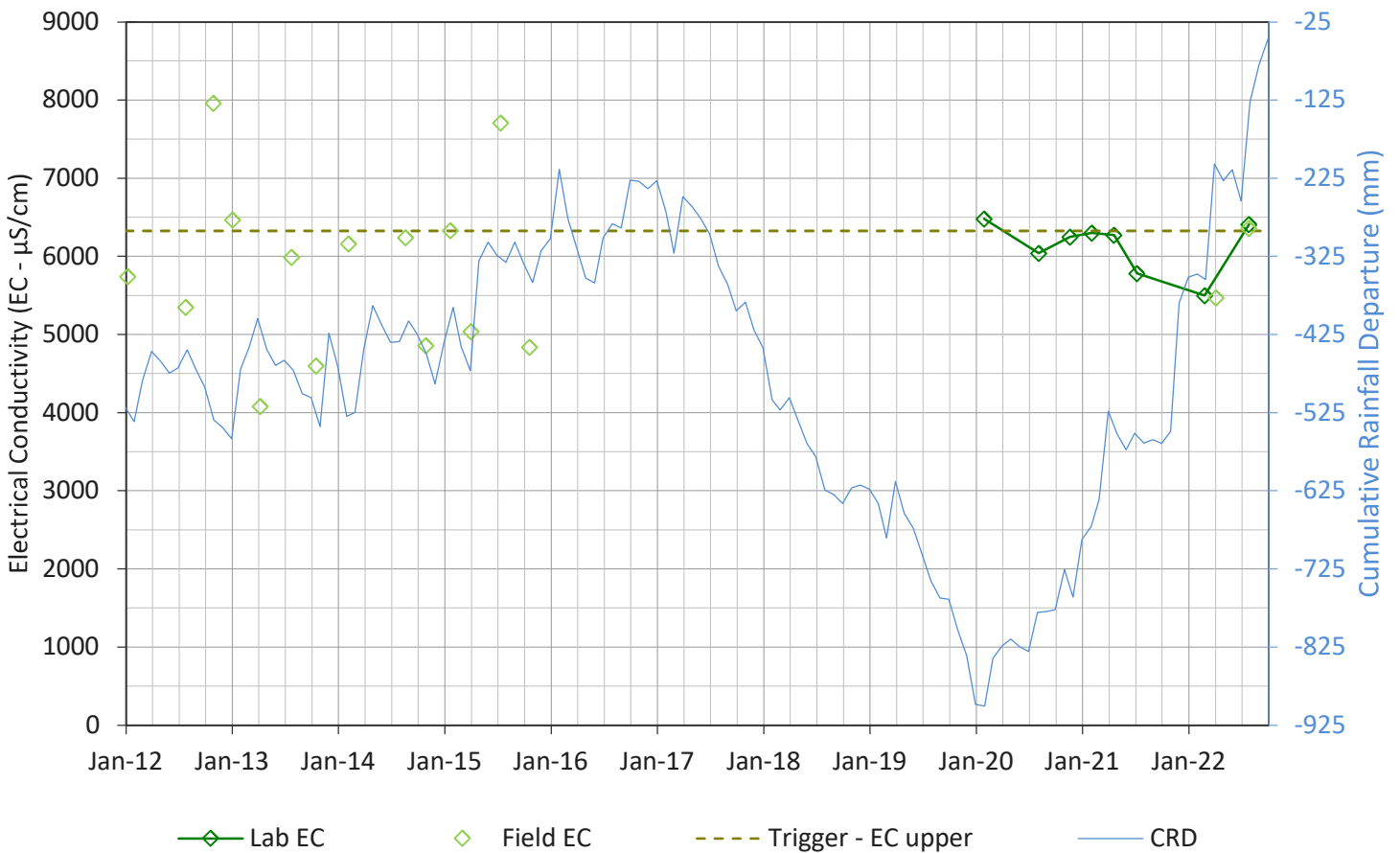


Figure C18