



Maxwell Underground Mine
Environmental Monitoring Data
Quarter 4 2022

1 INTRODUCTION

This report has been compiled to present environmental monitoring data for the Maxwell Underground Mine (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 October to 31 December 2022. Summaries of historic environmental monitoring data (prior to this report) can be found 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**.

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 4 2022.

Gauge	Insoluble Solids Result (g/m ² /month)			Annual Mean Limit (g/m ² /month)	Rolling Annual Average to end of December 2022 (g/m ² /month)
	October	November	December		
2175	1.8	2.5	2.4	4	1.7
2230	1.3	1.8	1.0	4	1.4
2235	1.6	1.3	2.2	4	1.7
2247	1.4	1.2	2.1	4	1.3

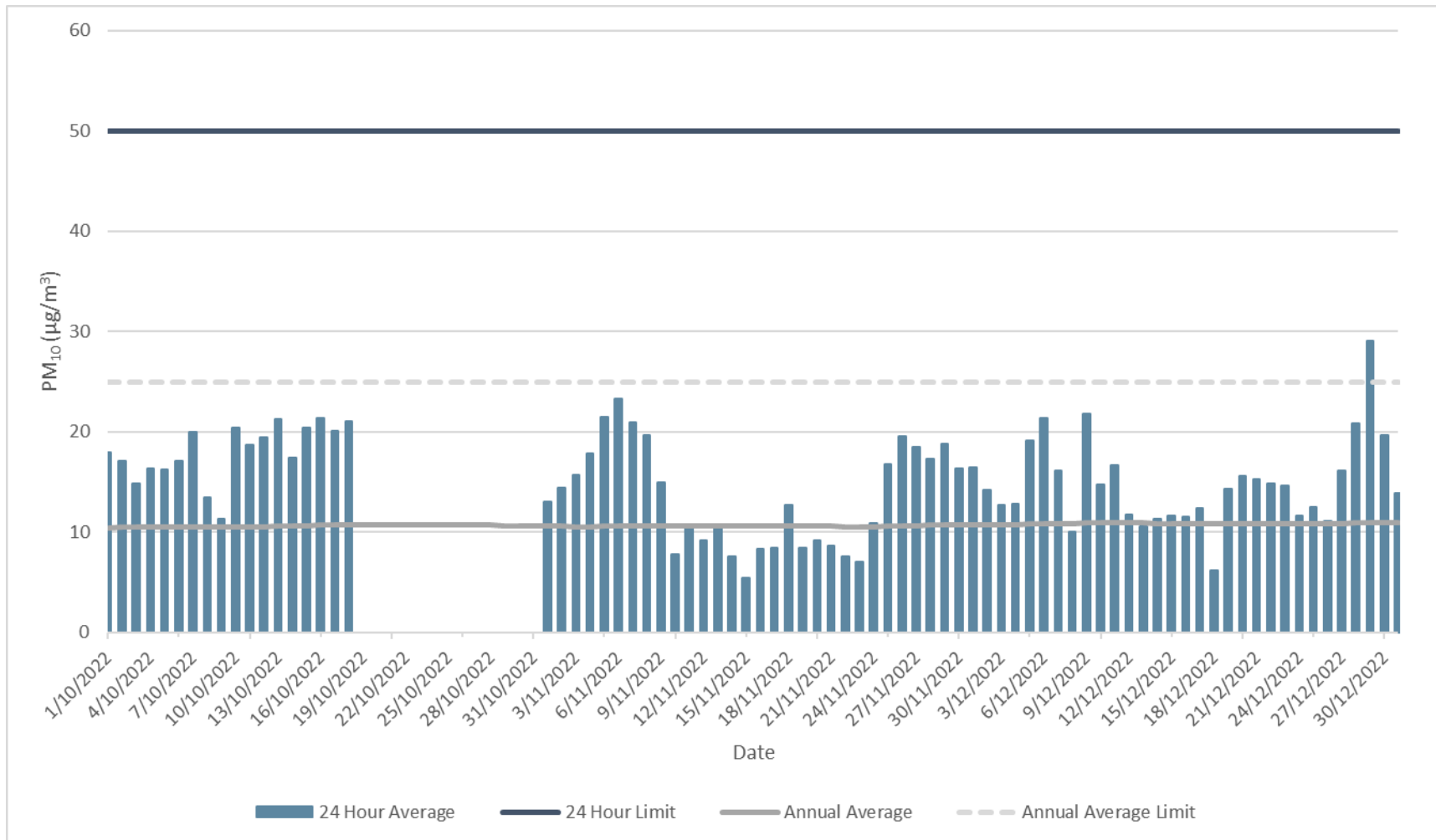


Figure 1. TEOM-1 PM₁₀ monitoring results for Quarter 4 2022.

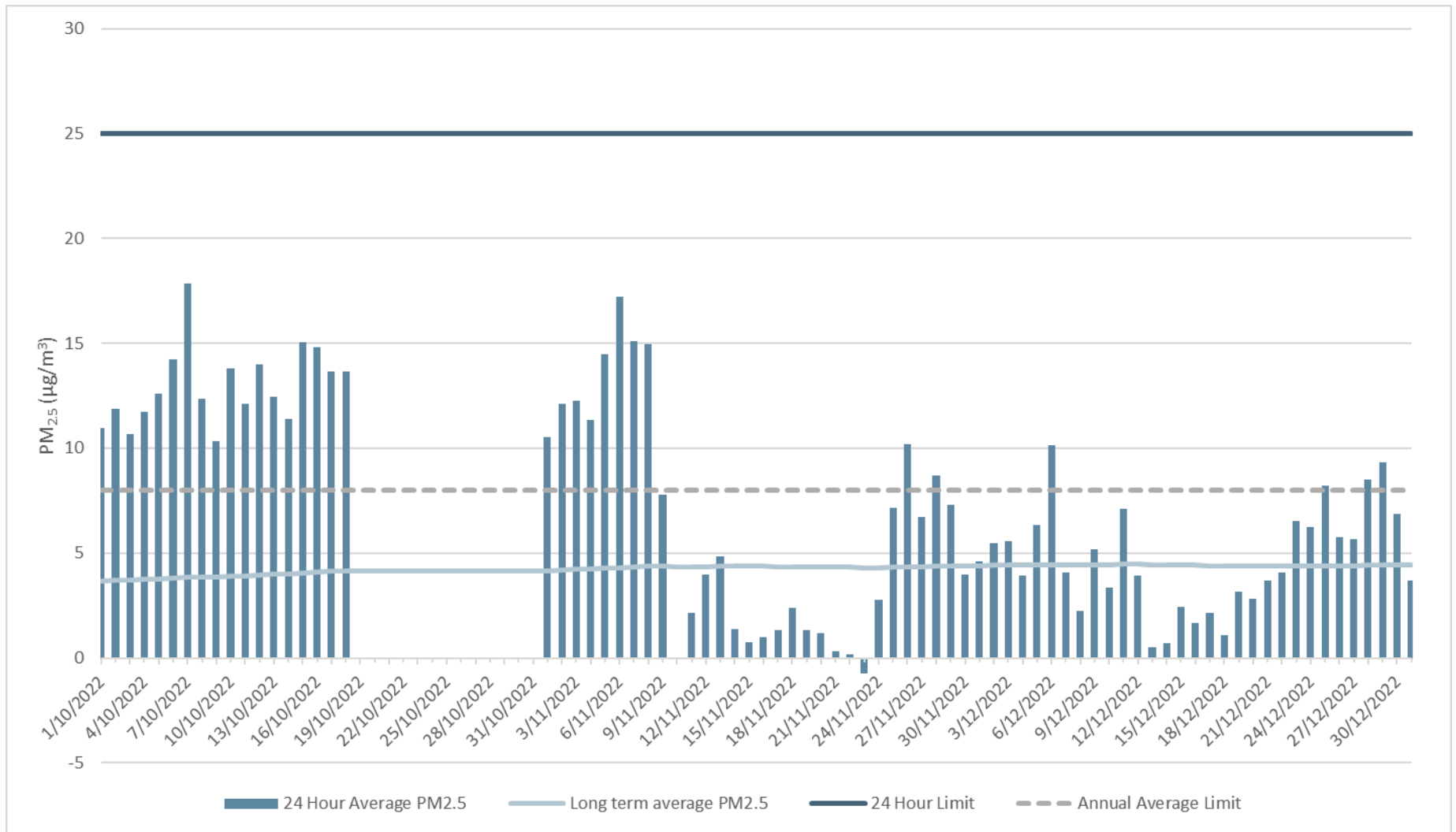


Figure 2. TEOM-1 PM_{2.5} monitoring results for Quarter 4 2022.

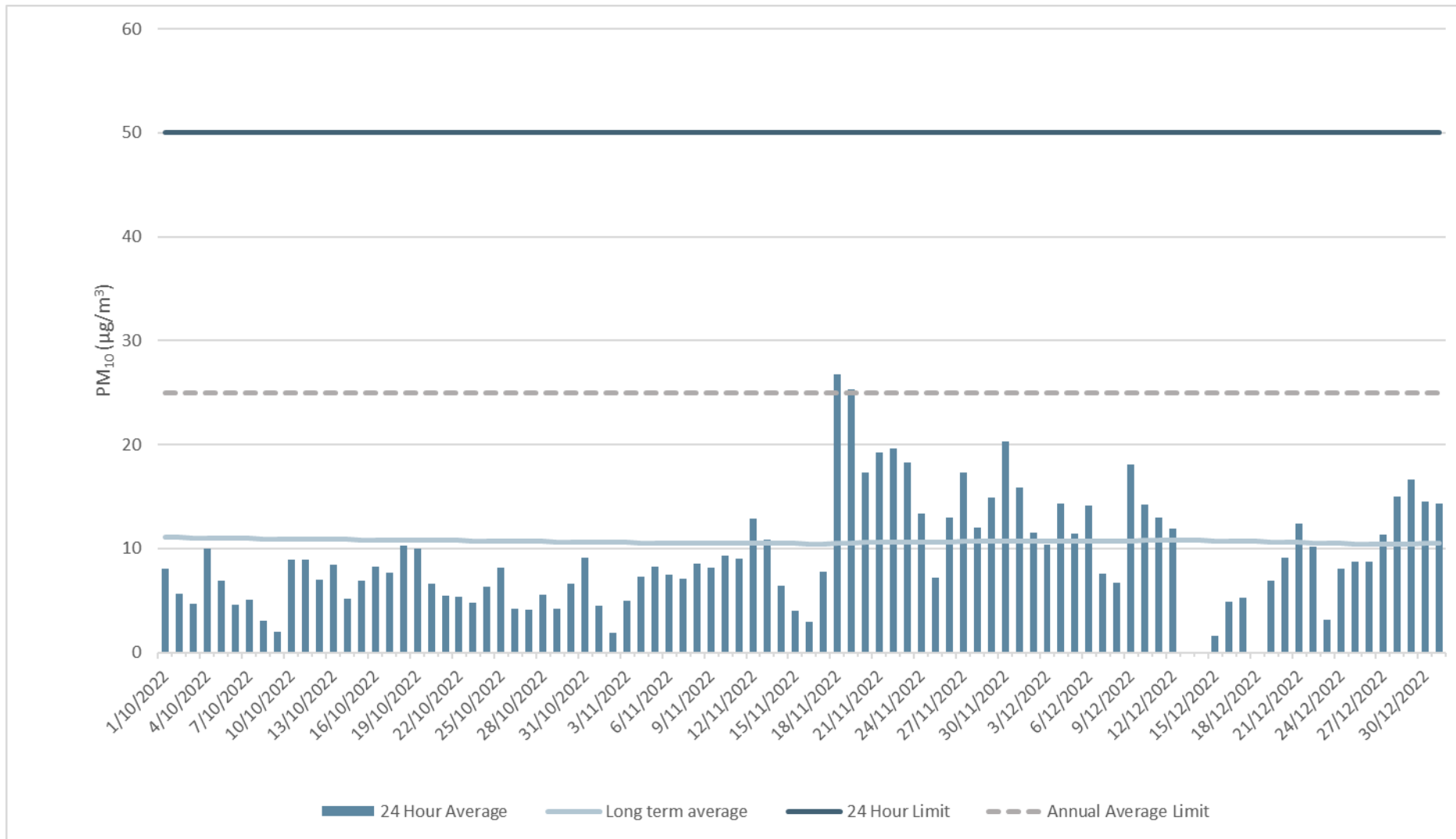


Figure 3. TEOM-2 PM₁₀ monitoring results for Quarter 4 2022.

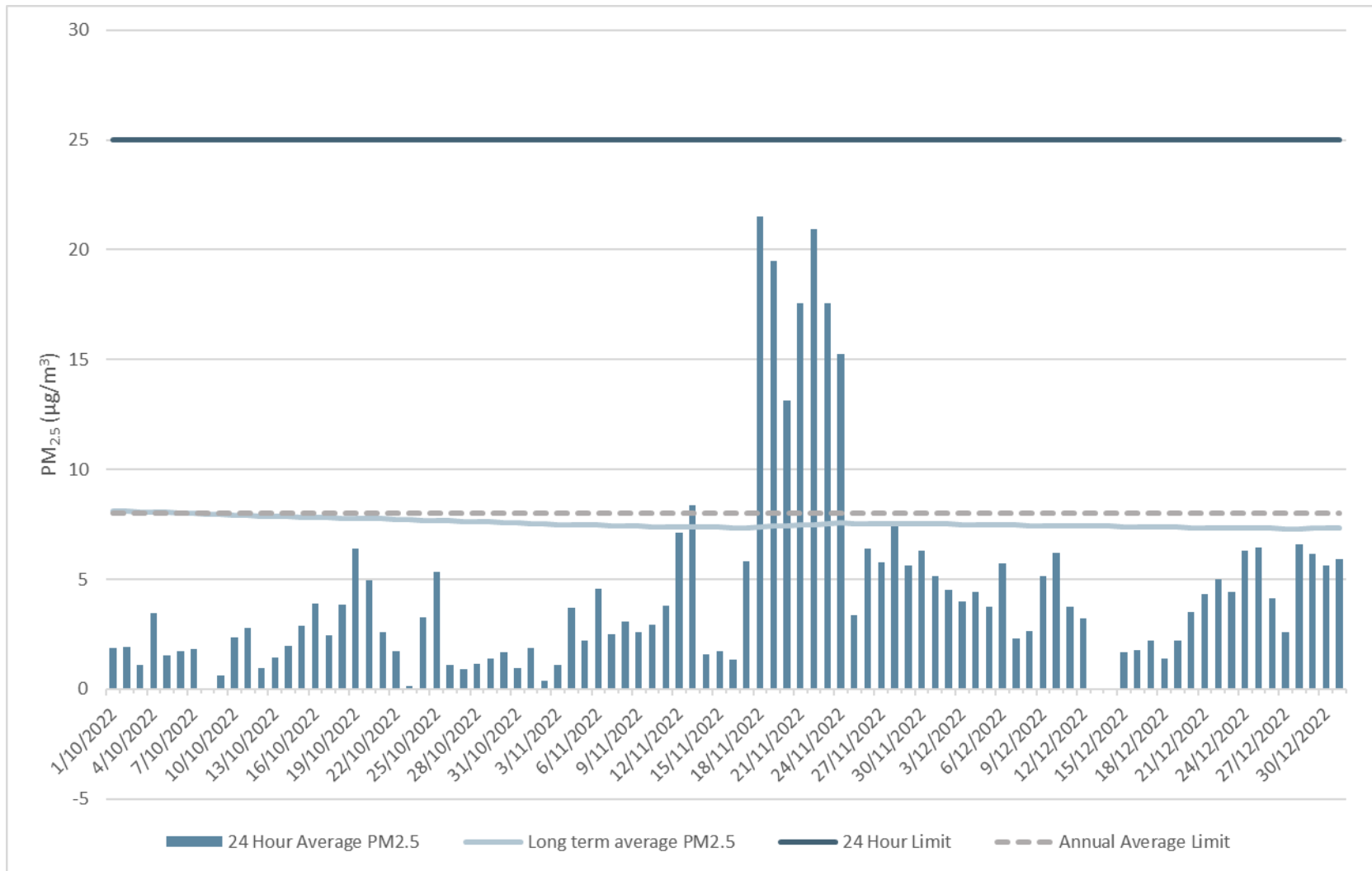


Figure 4. TEOM-2 PM_{2.5} monitoring results for Quarter 4 2022.

Notes:

- Monitoring of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} commenced at TEOM-2 on 12 December 2021.
- All 24-hour averages during the reporting period 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.
- 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.
- Where there is no TEOM-generated rolling 24-hour average value reported by the TEOM, in accordance with Malabar's data validation process, where such events result in >75% valid 1-hour data during that 24-hour period (midnight to midnight), the 1-hour data is used to 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, ie if not valid 24-hour value is generated by the TEOM, no data is presented for that day.
- Specific significant data gaps for the reporting period are noted as follows:
 - TEOM-1 (CHP TEOM) 19/10/22–31/10/22: the TEOM developed an unrecoverable error which required a restart; data 'flatlined' at zero for this period; an email alert was subsequently set up to notify Malabar when data flatlining occurs in the future. Further details are provided in the minutes of the March Joint CCC meeting, available on the Malabar website.
 - TEOM-2: As reported in the Q2&Q3 reports, 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 during Q3 and remained during the Q4 reporting period; further detail will be provided, if available, in subsequent reports. 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 4 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)	Dec	62	243	586	4530	286	9.1	37	407	2090	5.0	4060
	Avg	82	238	514	4285	289	8.2	39	388	1978	7.3	3698
DC2 Dam (2109)	Dec	336	103	798	4920	174	7.7	8.0	717	1210	8.0	3500
	Avg	177	86	642	4100	162	7.2	7.5	638	1251	20	3034
Rail Loop Dam (2114)	Dec	243	156	408	3070	151	7.9	8.0	310	987	9.0	2420
	Avg	187	140	309	2633	140	7.8	9.3	264	983	8.0	2028
Industrial Dam (1969)	Dec	117	150	308	2590	159	8.4	19	229	992	5.0	2260
	Avg	107	156	308	2728	168	8.2	21	247	1090	8.0	2273
OPC Dam	Dec	162	68	84	1090	62	8.5	7.0	85	365	16	742
	Avg	128	66	75	999	53	8.4	5.8	75	325	15	696
V Notch	Dec	479	573	1950	13000	603	7.7	13	2070	5340	5.0	11600
	Avg	271	426	1286	8984	390	7.8	13	1399	2950	6.1	7673
ES Void	Dec	270	514	826	7290	569	8.1	77	599	3420	5.0	7010
	Avg	249	538	791	7315	563	8.0	74	597	3710	7.0	7025

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 were samples were additionally taken on 25 October, 23 November, 6 December 2022 to inform the design of the water treatment plant for the underground mine 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 4 2022 compared to year-to-date averages (Q1 2022–Q4 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	Oct	0.0010	0.0010	355	131	679	3470	126	0.0010	6.0	0.010	396	622	14	2200	15
	Avg	0.0010	0.0018	372	160	625	3420	141	0.0010	8.8	0.010	381	649	7.3	2313	6.5
W3	Oct	0.0010	0.0010	50	6.0	42	248	9.0	0.0010	5.0	0.010	32	9.0	15	195	41
	Avg	0.0010	0.0010	50	6.5	43	259	8.0	0.0010	5.5	0.010	30	11	14	204	40
SW1/Saddlers	Oct	0.0010	0.0010	174	23	270	1150	23	0.0010	6.0	0.010	162	22	8.0	708	65
	Avg	0.0010	0.0010	430	83	1442	5021	126	0.0011	7.3	0.010	788	176	27	3116	54
Saddlers D/S (W4-Bowfield)	Oct	0.0010	0.0010	189	28	301	1360	38	0.0010	6.0	0.010	181	89	12	806	35
	Avg	0.0010	0.0010	390	51	978	3675	105	0.0010	8.3	0.010	568	160	14	2177	29
MEA D/S	Oct	0.0010	0.0010	28	5.0	14	108	3.0	0.0010	5.0	0.010	11	1.0	34	185	97
	Avg	0.0010	0.0010	46	6.3	11	129	3.5	0.0010	7.3	0.010	10	5.5	30	172	74
Saltwater D/S	Oct	0.0010	0.0020	70	13	7.0	152	5.0	0.0010	9.0	0.010	7.0	10	174	215	80
	Avg	0.0010	0.0014	71	12	15	177	5.0	0.0010	13	0.010	11	8.2	170	189	85
SW3	Oct	0.0010	0.0010	103	26	43	366	11	0.0010	8.0	0.010	25	10	11	260	52
	Avg	0.0010	0.0010	66	16	16	185	5.7	0.0010	10	0.010	9.1	6.6	58	188	100
	See notes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Site	Month	Antimony	Arsenic	Bicarbonate (CaCO ₃)	Calcium	Chloride	EC	Magnesium	Molybdenum	Potassium	Selenium	Sodium	Sulphate (SO ₄)	TSS	TDS	Turbidity
Transport and Services Corridor or sediment dams	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes:

In addition to quarterly scheduled sampling, the Maxwell Underground Mine 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/commissioned hence monitoring has not yet commenced.

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

The following will be reported in the Annual Review:

- 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 Q1 to Q4 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			
		Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022
W3		Dry	TLTS	TLTS	TLTS	Dry	TLTS	TLTS	TLTS	Dry	TLTS	TLTS	TLTS
Saddlers D/S (W4 – Bowfield)		8.1	8.3	8.2	7.9	7,910	2025	4,370	1,184	2.4	15.3	6.5	23.6
MEA D/S		6.5	7.9	8.2	8.5	156	118	119	258	6.7	62.2	135	99.5
Saddlers U/S		7.8	8.0	8.0	7.8	2,451	1706	6,009	2,950	2.4	6.1	3.0	13.2
Saltwater D/S		6.5	7.9	7.3	6.9	160	231	206	158	220	39.4	50	81.5
SW1/ Saddlers		7.6	8.0	7.8	7.8	1,350	5,160	6,001	1013	7.9	19.4	6.4	68.1
SW2	Not yet operational	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SW3		Dry	TLTS	8.1	6.9	Dry	TLTS	355	355	Dry	TLTS	88	58.5

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 Q1 2022 to Q4 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	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
	13/7/22	Scheduled	Too low to sample													
	10/10/22	Rainfall	Too low to sample													
	27/10/22	Scheduled	Too low to sample													
	14/11/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	50	6.0	42	9.0	0.0010	5.0	0.010	32	9.0	15	195

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
Saddlers D/S (W4 – Bowfield)	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
	10/10/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	72	14	79	15	0.0010	5.0	0.010	60	53	28.0	474
	28/10/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	189	28	301	38	0.0010	6.0	0.010	181	89	12.0	806
	14/11/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
MEA D/S	8/1/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	28/1/22	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													

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
	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
	10/10/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	27/10/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	28	5.0	14	3.0	0.0010	5.0	0.010	11	1.0	34	185
	14/11/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
Saddlers U/S	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													
	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
	10/10/22	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			9 ^(c)	13 ^(c)	24 ^(b) ^(c)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	34 ^(c)	(a)	11 ^(c)	(a)	(a)	50	4900
	27/10/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	355	131	679	126	0.0010	6.0	0.010	396	622	14.0	2200
	14/11/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
Saltwater D/S	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													
	6/7/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	1/8/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	60	13	25	6.0	0.0010	19	0.010	10	10	58	189
	10/10/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	27/10/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0020	0.0010	70	13	7.0	5.0	0.0010	9.0	0.010	7.0	10	174	215
	14/11/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
SW1/ Saddlers	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

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
	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	No access, too wet													
	6/7/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	1/8/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	606	98	1600	145	0.0010	7.0	0.010	1030	203	11	3340
	10/10/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	28/10/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	174	23	270	23	0.0010	6.0	0.010	162	22	8.0	708
	14/11/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
SW2	-	-	Location to be established – see notes													
SW3	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													

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
	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
	10/10/22	Rainfall	No access, too wet													
	27/10/22	Scheduled	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	103	26	43	11	0.0010	8.0	0.010	25	10	11	260
	14/11/22	Rainfall	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	53	12	17	5.0	0.0010	8.0	0.010	12	10	34	155

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 4 2022 (year to date average shown). See notes for further details. 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
R4241	0.010	0.0010	563	0.12	197	691	0.0010	0.001	4480	6253	0.32	0.0010	281	0.311	0.0010	0.005	6.9	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	577	0.18	180	802	0.0010	0.001	4767	-	0.65	0.0010	256	0.299	0.0010	0.009	7.0	-
F1162	0.010	0.0010	682	0.11	109	728	0.0030	0.001	3680	-	9.7	0.0010	142	0.608	0.0010	0.004	6.9	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	602	0.17	105	733	0.0030	0.001	3700	-	9.15	0.0010	144	0.59	0.0010	0.004	6.9	-
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	0.001	3340	-	23.90	0.0010	111	0.71	0.0030	0.009	6.9	-
GW01D	0.010	0.0010	488	0.23	357	1040	0.0010	0.002	5240	5680	1.02	0.0010	136	0.224	0.0050	0.396	7.0	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	482	0.28	371	1180	0.0010	0.002	5323	-	0.38	0.0010	150	0.246	0.0060	0.358	7.0	-
GW01S	0.050	0.0010	100	0.05	40	22	0.0010	0.005	265	9260	0.11	0.0010	6	0.005	0.0010	0.006	6.8	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.023	0.0010	369	0.11	165	1514	0.0010	0.019	5315	-	0.07	0.0010	154	0.052	0.0020	0.018	6.9	-
GW02D	0.010	0.0010	1910	0.26	54	1320	0.0010	0.004	6870	10500	0.05	0.0010	14	0.443	0.0070	0.009	6.8	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	1803	0.27	51	1267	0.0010	0.004	10123	-	0.05	0.0010	15	0.49	0.0080	0.017	7.1	*
GW02S	0.010	0.0010	806	0.1	345	789	0.0010	0.001	13000	9480	1.93	0.0010	326	2.11	0.0010	0.016	7.2	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	751	0.11	311	879	0.0010	0.001	8857	-	1.92	0.0010	310	1.68	0.0010	0.017	7.0	-

Table 6. continued

Site	Selenium	Silver	Sodium	Sulfate as SO ₄ – Turbidimetric	Suspended Solids (SS)	Total Dissolved Solids @180°C	Zinc
R4241	0.010	0.0010	476	977	80	3030	0.010
<i>Average</i>	<i>0.010</i>	<i>0.0010</i>	<i>458</i>	<i>1052</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>3380</i>	<i>0.010</i>
F1162	0.010	0.0010	503	396	95	2200	0.010
<i>Average</i>	<i>0.010</i>	<i>0.0010</i>	<i>505</i>	<i>378</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>2230</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>	
GW01D	0.010	0.0010	475	580	35	3300	0.020
<i>Average</i>	<i>0.010</i>	<i>0.0010</i>	<i>508</i>	<i>600</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>3640</i>	<i>0.050</i>
GW01S	0.010	0.0010	13	13	33	234	0.050
<i>Average</i>	<i>0.240</i>	<i>0.0010</i>	<i>784</i>	<i>372</i>	<i>1421</i>	<i>3581</i>	<i>0.060</i>
GW02D	0.010	0.0010	2980	3120	64	5230	0.010
<i>Average</i>	<i>0.010</i>	<i>0.0010</i>	<i>2960</i>	<i>3117</i>	<i>1958</i>	<i>7493</i>	<i>0.010</i>
GW02S	0.010	0.0010	924	2160	2210	9490	0.020
<i>Average</i>	<i>0.010</i>	<i>0.0010</i>	<i>901</i>	<i>2243</i>	<i>760</i>	<i>6663</i>	<i>0.020</i>

Table 7. DS1 monitoring bore: Laboratory groundwater quality monthly monitoring results for Quarter 4 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)
21/10/2022	6.2	7640	6940	4.2
21/11/2022	6.2	8050	6950	4.5
20/12/2022	6.2	8140	6670	4.5
Average (year to date)	6.2	7943	6853	4.4

Table 8. Maxwell Underground Groundwater quality biennial monitoring results for Quarter 4 2022 (year to date average shown). See notes for further details (under the new Maxwell Underground Mine Water Management Plan, sampling changed from quarterly to biennial). NS = Not sampled.

Site	Aluminium	Arsenic	Bicarbonate Alkalinity as	Boron	Calcium	Chloride	Chromium	Copper	Electrical conductivity	EC trigger value	Iron	Lead	Magnesium	Manganese	Molybdenum	Nickel	pH value	pH trigger value
DD1005	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	862	0.21	95	1300	0.0030	0.021	5940	-	0.050	0.0010	185	0.001	0.010	0.013	7.8	
DD1014	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0020	740	0.37	74	3045	0.0010	0.0030	10225	-	0.120	0.0070	42	0.07	0.0010	0.0070	7.9	
DD1015	NS	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	
DD1016	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	1015	0.28	169	1420	0.0010	0.0010	5995	-	1.870	0.0010	295	0.16	0.0010	0.0010	7.6	
DD1025	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	14,200	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	1145	0.17	243	4050	0.0010	0.56	12450	-	0.050	0.0010	447	0.14	0.0010	0.0070	7.8	
DD1032	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	7,170	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	1125	0.26	14	1425	0.0010	0.0010	6755	-	0.220	0.0010	4.5	0.010	0.0010	0.0010	8.1	
DD1043	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	
Average	0.017	0.0010	2157	0.17	43	1297	0.0010	0.0020	7493	-	0.250	0.0010	23	0.030	0.0010	0.0010	7.1	
DD1052	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	
Average	0.110	0.0010	771	0.28	5.0	1797	0.0010	0.0010	7333	-	0.050	0.0010	2.7	0.020	0.0010	0.0050	8.6	

Site	Aluminium	Arsenic	Bicarbonate Alkalinity as	Boron	Calcium	Chloride	Chromium	Copper	Electrical conductivity	EC trigger value	Iron	Lead	Magnesium	Manganese	Molybdenum	Nickel	pH value	pH trigger value
DD1057	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
Average	0.017	0.0030	3767	0.11	11	1423	0.0020	0.0010	10533	-	1.050	0.0010	5.7	0.030	0.0020	0.0010	7.7	-
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	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	628	0.07	85	352	0.0060	0.0070	2160	-	0.050	0.0010	59	0.0010	0.0030	0.0040	7.9	-
MB1R	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	1150	0.17	58	1260	0.0010	0.0010	6090	-	0.340	0.0010	50	0.020	0.0010	0.0010	7.3	-
MB1W	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	1213	0.19	61	1227	0.0010	0.0010	5883	-	0.050	0.0010	51	0.010	0.0010	0.0010	7.7	-
MB2A	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	773	0.22	110	2450	0.0010	0.0020	9295	-	0.050	0.0010	241	0.47	0.0030	0.0030	7.5	-
MB2R	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	1130	0.20	34	1360	0.0010	0.0030	6430	-	0.050	0.0010	47	0.010	0.0010	0.008	8.1	-
MB3A	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	9,009	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	743	0.26	48	2070	0.0010	0.0100	8240	-	0.050	0.0010	230	0.001	0.0030	0.0050	8.1	-
MB3R	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	6,327	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5
Average	0.010	0.0010	797	0.18	166	1390	0.0080	0.0010	5955	-	0.050	0.0010	312	0.29	0.0010	0.0020	7.9	-

Site	Aluminium	Arsenic	Bicarbonate Alkalinity as	Boron	Calcium	Chloride	Chromium	Copper	Electrical conductivity	EC trigger value	Iron	Lead	Magnesium	Manganese	Molybdenum	Nickel	pH value	pH trigger value
MB4A	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	287	0.05	71	162	0.0010	0.0020	1054	-	0.050	0.0010	50	0.00	0.0010	0.0020	7.2	-
MB4C	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	559	0.13	16	556	0.0010	0.0010	2553	-	0.050	0.0010	29	0.02	0.0010	0.0010	8.0	-
MW1	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	590	0.21	112	1495	0.0040	0.063	6130	-	0.050	0.0010	344	0.0010	0.0020	0.029	8.0	-
MW2	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-
Average	0.010	0.0010	652	0.16	31	961	0.0030	0.010	4080	-	0.050	0.0010	69	0.0010	0.0020	0.013	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	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	16.0	0.010	0.0010	953	225	23	3450	0.010
DD1014	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	10.0	0.010	0.0010	2245	221	15	6205	0.010
DD1015	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
DD1016	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	14.0	0.010	0.0010	819	99	16	3820	0.010
DD1025	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	16.0	0.010	0.0010	2235	449	9.0	8820	0.050
DD1025	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	5.5	0.010	0.0010	1530	33	62	3975	0.010
DD1032	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	18.3	0.010	0.0010	1613	133	19	4647	0.040
DD1043	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	18.0	0.010	0.0010	1443	37.7	20	4220	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	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	15.7	0.010	0.0010	2447	1.0	34	6723	0.010
DD1057	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
MB03	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	19.3	0.010	0.0010	317	73	84	2823	0.010
MB1A	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	14.3	0.010	0.0020	1160	85	8	2023	0.010
MB1R	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	13.0	0.010	0.0010	1203	64	15	3637	0.010
MB1W	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	6.0	0.010	0.0010	1410	454	5.0	5130	0.010
MB2A	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	10.0	0.010	0.0010	1225	1.5	9.5	3475	0.010
MB2R	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	2.0	0.010	0.0010	1555	643	13	5320	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	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	8.5	0.010	0.0010	760	399	22	4110	0.010
MB4A	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	2.7	0.010	0.0010	76	38	52	574	0.010
MB4C	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	5.7	0.010	0.0010	506	17	6.0	1493	0.010
MW1	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	5.0	0.010	0.0010	848	657	717	4455	0.010
MW2	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	4.7	0.010	0.0010	716	88	1272	2350	0.010
MW3	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

Notes:

The Maxwell Underground Mine Water Management Plan (WMP) was implemented for Q3 2021 and supercedes the requirements of the Maxwell Infrastructure WMP. The 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 Maxwell Underground Mine WMP. Sampling of the MI bores occurred in June 2022 and hence is presented for December 2022 (Q4 2022). No results are presented in the Q4 2022 report for the MU bore. Sampling of the MUG bores occurred in Q3 2022 hence the quarterly reporting for Q3 2022 includes the results.

The year-to-date averages includes samples taken on a quarterly basis until the implementation of the new Maxwell Underground Mine 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, 2022b) Q2 – 2022, Q3 – 2022 and Q4 - 2022 quarterly reports, observed groundwater levels, EC and pH at monitoring bores part of the TARP remain within “Normal Condition” during the reporting period. To note that further monitoring data is required at GW02S to confirm EC groundwater trends as it is observed above the trigger level in December 2022.

Table 9. All groundwater bores: Reduced standing groundwater levels (mAHD) during Quarter 4 2022 compared to the year-to-date average.

Site (with seam names for VWPs)	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to date average	Type of bore	Type of measurement as of Sep 2021
DS1	223.94	223.94	223.94	223.89	Standpipe	Manual
R4241	177.82	177.75	176.77	177.11	Standpipe	Manual
F1162	142.26	142.76	148.58	139.71	Standpipe	Manual
F1164	140.61	140.99	135.45	136.84	Standpipe	Manual
GW01D	204.78	205.34	205.07	202.68	Standpipe	Logger
GW01S	201.63	203.11	202.70	199.72	Standpipe	Logger
GW02D	136.60	136.64	136.81	136.00	Standpipe	Logger
GW02S	193.17	193.47	193.09	192.10	Standpipe	Logger
GW04	146.85	147.18	147.44	145.43	Standpipe	Manual
BLK6R12 – VW1 (WB)	161.40	162.70	163.07	160.57	VWP	Logger
BLK6R12 – VW2 (RB)	147.84	147.78	147.84	147.84	VWP	Logger
BLK6R12 – VW3 (WN)	122.64	122.95	123.18	122.25	VWP	Logger
BLK6R12 – VW4 (BK)	122.72	123.08	123.50	122.02	VWP	Logger
DD1005	144.19	144.04	144.03	143.37	Standpipe	Manual
DD1014	134.82	135.12	135.41	133.97	Standpipe	Manual
DD1015	(6)	(6)	(6)	-	Standpipe	Manual
DD1016	141.83	141.83	141.98	141.49	Standpipe	Manual
DD1025	156.01	156.34	(7)	155.46	Standpipe	Manual
DD1027	132.63	134.90	135.05	134.04	Standpipe	Manual
DD1032	128.75	128.69	128.74	128.44	Standpipe	Manual
DD1043	129.37	129.89	129.88	129.40	Standpipe	Manual
DD1052	117.55	118.20	118.36	115.91	Standpipe	Manual

DD1057	124.37	124.45	124.34	124.36	Standpipe	Manual
MB03	(8)	(8)	(8)	-	Standpipe	Logger
MB1-Alluvial	74.98	74.70	74.26	73.91	Standpipe	Logger
MB1-Redbank	76.71	76.68	76.43	75.77	Standpipe	Manual
MB1-Whybrow	76.02	75.99	75.71	75.18	Standpipe	Manual
MB2-Alluvial	113.90	113.96	113.84	113.85	Standpipe	Logger
MB2-Regolith	115.76	115.91	115.90	115.68	Standpipe	Logger
MB3-Alluvial	130.42	130.60	130.46	130.21	Standpipe	Logger
MB3-Regolith	130.02	129.92	129.83	129.55	Standpipe	Logger ⁽²⁾
MB4-Alluvial	72.48	73.19	72.72	72.24	Standpipe	Logger
MB4-Coal	73.04	72.82	72.07	71.79	Standpipe	Manual
MW1	130.10	130.31	130.16	129.81	Standpipe	Logger
MW2	113.99	113.97	113.84	113.39	Standpipe	Logger
MW3	(8)	(8)	(8)	-	Standpipe	Manual
RBD1 – VW1 (WB)	148.32	149.21	149.57	148.12	VWP	Logger
RBD1 – VW2 (RB)	144.12	145.02	146.03	143.59	VWP	Logger
RBD1 – VW3 (WN)	129.16	129.26	129.23	128.64	VWP	Logger
RBD1 – VW4 (BK)	88.59	88.67	89.01	88.27	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP1 (WH)	184.49	184.61	184.61	184.70	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)	141.20	141.07	141.14	141.09	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP5 (PF2)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP6 (BY)	135.75	135.81	135.92	135.75	VWP	Logger

RD1189 – VWP7 (WY)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(9)	VWP	Logger
RD1192- VWP1 (WB)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	VWP	Logger
RD1192- VWP2 (RB)	134.05	134.55	134.97	133.51	VWP	Logger
RD1192-VWP3 (BK)	151.34	151.30	151.52	150.51	VWP	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP1) (INT)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	VWP	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP2) (INT)	87.06	87.14	86.99	86.95	VWP	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP3) (INT)	95.46	96.10	95.30	95.36	VWP	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP4) (WB)	96.80	97.56	96.57	96.73	VWP	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP5) (WN)	98.51	99.21	98.58	99.72	VWP	Logger
WND16 (VWP1) (WB)	113.10	112.77	113.42	113.09	VWP	Logger
WND16 (VWP2) (WN)	108.61	108.59	109.05	108.75	VWP	Logger
WND16 (VWP4) (BK)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	VWP	Logger
WND26 (VWP1) (WB)	135.86	136.13	136.41	135.03	VWP	Logger
WND26 (VWP2) (RB)	131.86	132.16	132.48	131.01	VWP	Logger
WND26 (VWP3) (WA)	138.68	138.71	139.37	138.15	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. DD1025 was decommissioned in December 2022 for safety reasons (i.e. to prevent inrush to the upcoming underground mining operations).
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 4 2022

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

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

Table 10. Noise monitoring results for 17 October 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	67	41	60	41	60	52	85	No	Mine inaudible
17	NM2	44	48	40	46	40	46	52	59	No	Mine inaudible
18	NM3	40	52	35	55	35	50	52	75	No	Mine inaudible
-	NM4	40	66	35	66	35	63	52	87	No	Mine inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	15 November 2022										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 2.9 – 9.0 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, birds, frogs, insects, freight trains, and a nearby lawnmower. The Maxwell Underground Mine was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 11. Noise monitoring results for 18 October 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	65	41	61	52	86	No	Mine inaudible
17	NM2	44	44	40	48	40	46	52	69	No	Mine inaudible
18	NM3	40	55	35	54	35	50	52	71	No	Mine inaudible
-	NM4	40	67	35	65	35	55	52	81	No	Mine inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	15 November 2022										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 2.4 – 8.4 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, freight train, birds, frogs, and insects. The Maxwell Underground Mine was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 12. Noise monitoring results for 19 October 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	63	41	58	52	80	No	Mine inaudible
17	NM2		44	45	40	44	40	46	52	58	No	Mine inaudible
18	NM3		40	53	35	57	35	51	52	73	No	Mine inaudible
-	NM4		40	67	35	69	35	59	52	82	No	Mine inaudible
Additional Information												
Date of Final Report		15 November 2022										
Weather Conditions		Wind speed 1.2 – 3.6 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes		Measured noise sources included traffic, birds, insects, frogs, and aeroplanes. The Maxwell Underground Mine was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 13. Noise monitoring results for 2 November 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	64	41	60	52	81	No	Mine inaudible
17	NM2	44	53	40	39	40	41	52	60	No	Mine inaudible
18	NM3	40	55	35	55	35	49	52	70	No	Mine inaudible
-	NM4	40	67	35	67	35	64	52	90	No	Mine inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	30 November 2022										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 2.1 – 8.7 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, birds, frogs, insects, wind, and a dog. The Maxwell Underground Mine was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 14. Noise monitoring results for 3 November 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	63	52	89	No	Mine inaudible
17	NM2	44	46	40	35	40	40	52	68	No	Mine inaudible
18	NM3	40	55	35	57	35	57	52	79	No	Mine inaudible
-	NM4	40	68	35	68	35	61	52	88	No	Mine inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	30 November 2022										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 0.7 – 9.5 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, birds, frogs, and insects. The Maxwell Underground Mine was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 15. Noise monitoring results for 4 November 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	63	41	62	52	88	No	Mine inaudible
17	NM2	44	48	40	41	40	46	52	64	No	Mine inaudible
18	NM3	40	61	35	57	35	56	52	81	No	Mine inaudible
-	NM4	40	69	35	70	35	62	52	88	No	Mine inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	30 November 2022										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 2.9 / 8.2 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, birds, insects, and frogs. The Maxwell Underground Mine was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 16. Noise monitoring results for 28 December 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	74	41	67	41	57	52	84	No	Mine inaudible
17	NM2	44	50	40	42	40	37	52	64	No	Mine inaudible
18	NM3	40	54	35	59	35	51	52	73	No	Mine inaudible
-	NM4	40	63	35	65	35	63	52	88	No	Mine inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	10 January 2023										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 1.5 – 4.8 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, train, birds, frogs, and insects. The Maxwell Underground Mine was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 17. Noise monitoring results for 29 December 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	64	41	63	41	60	52	83	No	Mine inaudible
17	NM2	44	48	40	36	40	35	52	54	No	Mine inaudible
18	NM3	40	54	35	56	35	52	52	75	No	Mine inaudible
-	NM4	40	68	35	70	35	63	52	86	No	Mine inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	10 January 2023										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 2.9 – 8.6 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, train, birds, frogs, and insects. The Maxwell Underground Mine was inaudible at all locations and times.										

Table 18. Noise monitoring results for 30 December 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	65	41	65	41	60	52	86	No	Mine inaudible
17	NM2	44	42	40	45	40	39	52	65	No	Mine inaudible
18	NM3	40	55	35	55	35	58	52	85	No	Mine inaudible
-	NM4	40	67	35	69	35	59	52	90	No	Mine inaudible
Additional Information											
Date of Final Report	10 January 2023										
Weather Conditions	Wind speed 3.5 – 10.6 m/s. No rain during monitoring.										
Notes	Measured noise sources included traffic, birds, insects, and frogs. The Maxwell Underground Mine was inaudible at all locations and times.										

APPENDIX 1 – AIR QUALITY MONITORING LOCATIONS

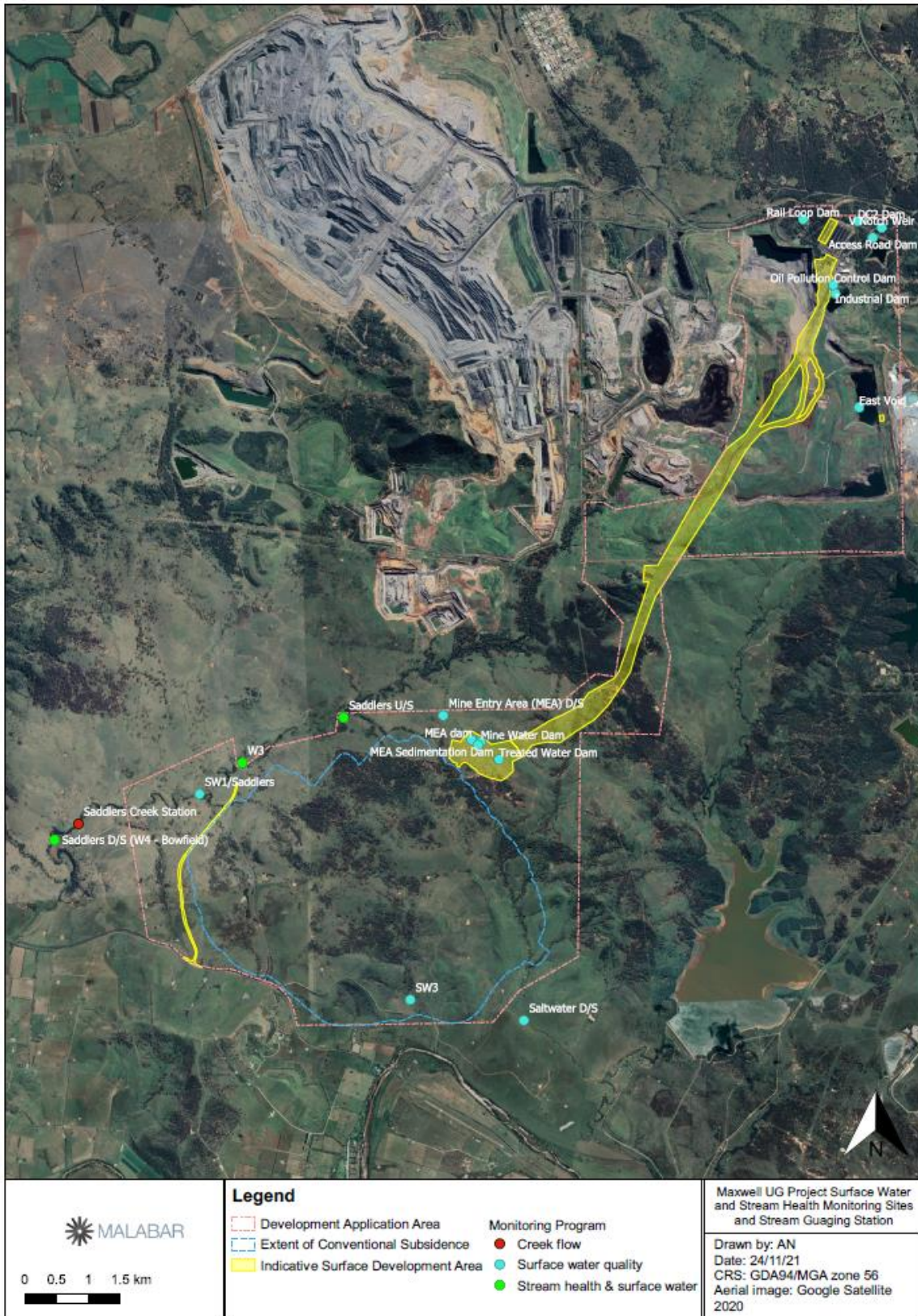


APPENDIX 2 – NOISE AND BLAST MONITORING LOCATIONS



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 October – December 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

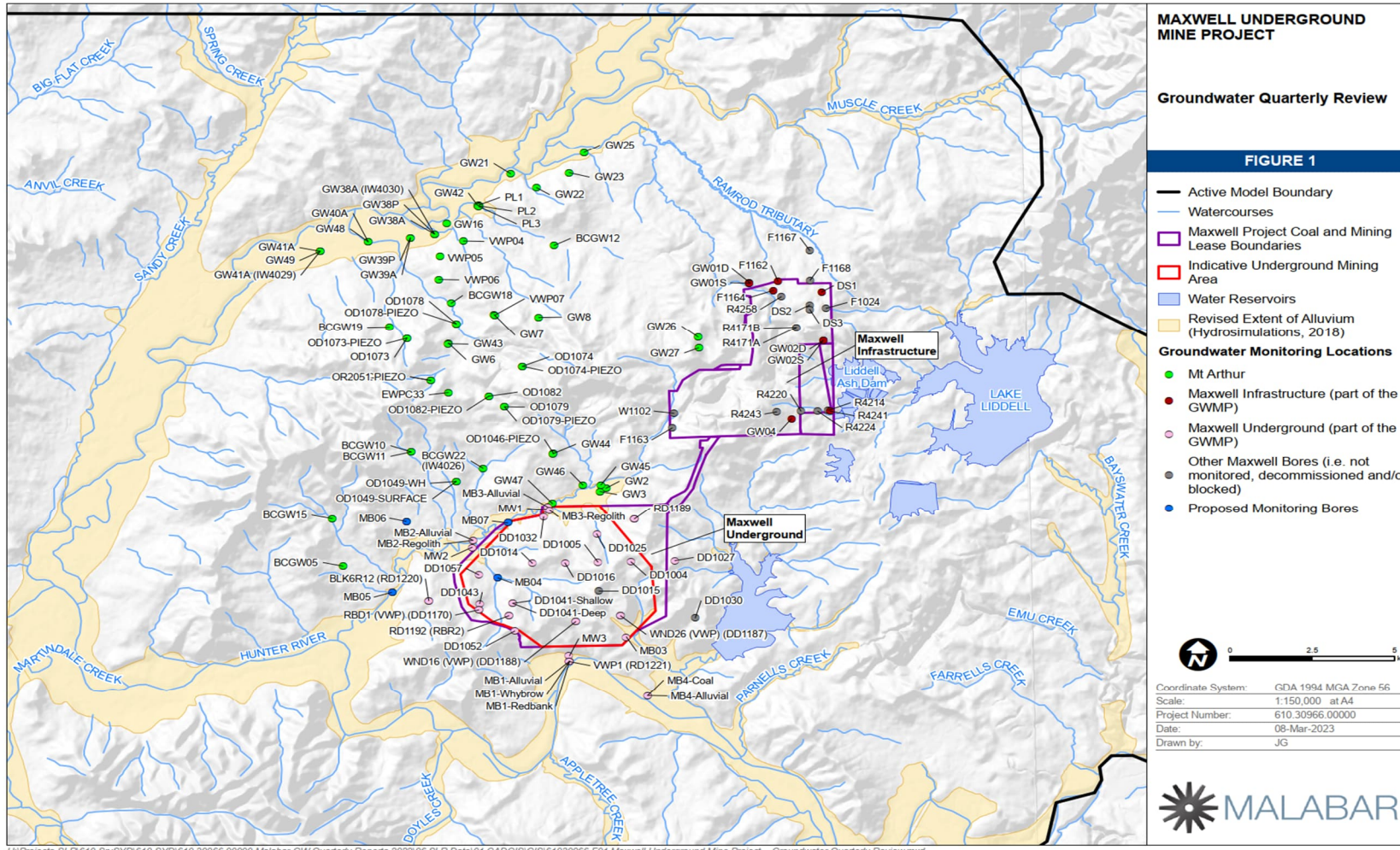


Figure 1 Groundwater Monitoring Network

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	177.11	N	N	N	N	N	N													#
GW01D	202.68	N	N	N	N	N	N													#
GW01S	199.72	N	N	N	N	N	N													#
GW02D	136.00	N	N	N	N	N	N													#
GW02S	192.10	N	N	N	N	N	N													#
Maxwell Underground																				
DD1025	155.46	N	N	N	N	N	N													#
DD1032	128.44	N	N	N	N	N	N													#
MB3-Alluvial	130.21	N	N	N	N	N	N													#
MB3-Regolith	129.55	N	N	N	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 Q4 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 during the review period.
- No access was possible at R4241 in October 2022 due to wet weather.
- DD1025 was decommissioned in December 2022 for safety reasons (i.e. to prevent inrush to the upcoming underground mining operations).

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 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 completed. 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 October-December 2022

Bore	Period [month sampled]	Trigger Level Exceedance		
		EC (µS/cm)	pH lower	pH upper
R4241	Q4-2022 [Dec 22 – lab & field]	N	N	N
GW01S	Q4-2022 [Dec 22 – lab & field]	N	N	N
GW01D	Q4-2022 [Dec 22 – lab & field]	N	N	N
GW02S	Q4-2022 [Dec 22 – lab & field]	Y	N	N
GW02D	Q4-2022 [Dec 22 – lab & field]	N	N	N
DD1025	Q4-2022 [Oct 22 – field]	N	N	N
DD1032	Q4-2022 [Oct 22 – field]	N	N	N
MB3-Alluvial	Q4-2022 [Oct 22 – field]	N	N	N
MB3-Regolith	Q4-2022 [Oct 22 – field]	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, GW02D (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.

- GW02S – lab groundwater EC increased at GW02S from 6,540 µS/cm in June 2022 to 13,000 µS/cm exceeding the EC trigger level. However, the field EC measurement in December 2022 is recorded at 5,460 µS/cm. Further monitoring data is required at GW02S to confirm groundwater trends.
- GW02D – lab groundwater EC decreased to 6,870 µS/cm in December 2022, below the trigger level.

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 March 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 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 all monitoring bores (i.e. if any mining related effect is observed).
- Following the decommissioning of DD1025 in December 2022, it is planned to incorporate an existing groundwater monitoring bore in the TARP assessment as a replacement to DD1025.

4.3 Actions – Monitoring and Sampling

- Incorporate the monitoring bores MB04, MB05, MB06-S, MB06-D and MB07 in the Groundwater Management Plan and present, if available, groundwater levels and quality results in the next reporting period.

As of December 2022, it is suggested to remove the following open-stand pipes from the Groundwater Management Plan:

- DD1015 - Work to unblock the bore has been attempted by CBased in February 2022.
- DD1025 – this bore was decommissioned in December 2022 due to the requirement to mitigate risks to the underground mine workings.
- MW3 – this bore is reported dry since early 2020;
- DD1027 as it monitors the Edderton Seam (i.e. not targeted by the Maxwell Project). Groundwater data at this monitoring sites bring no significant value for future assessment in groundwater level and quality analysis for the Maxwell Project;

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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 changed 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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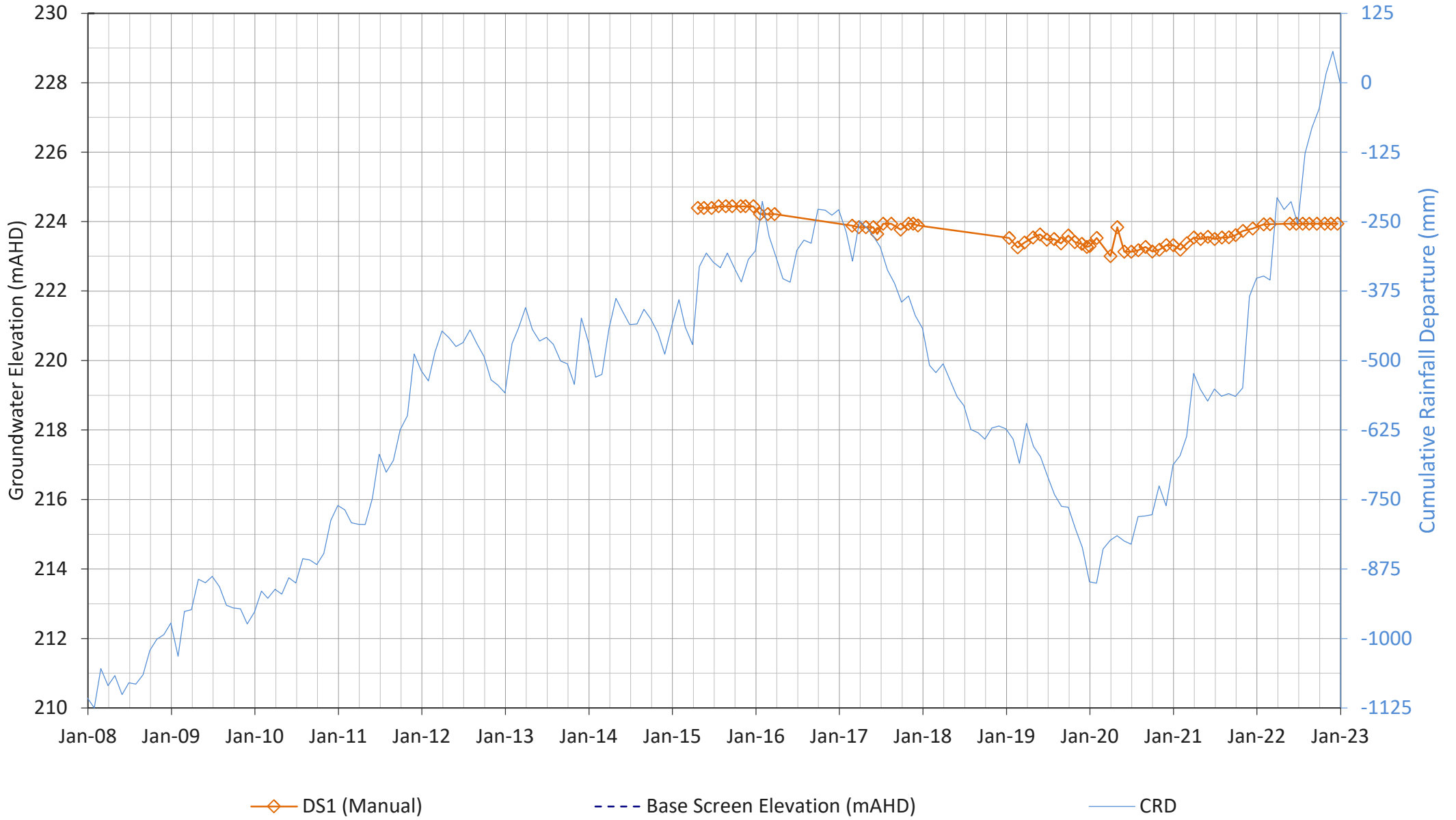


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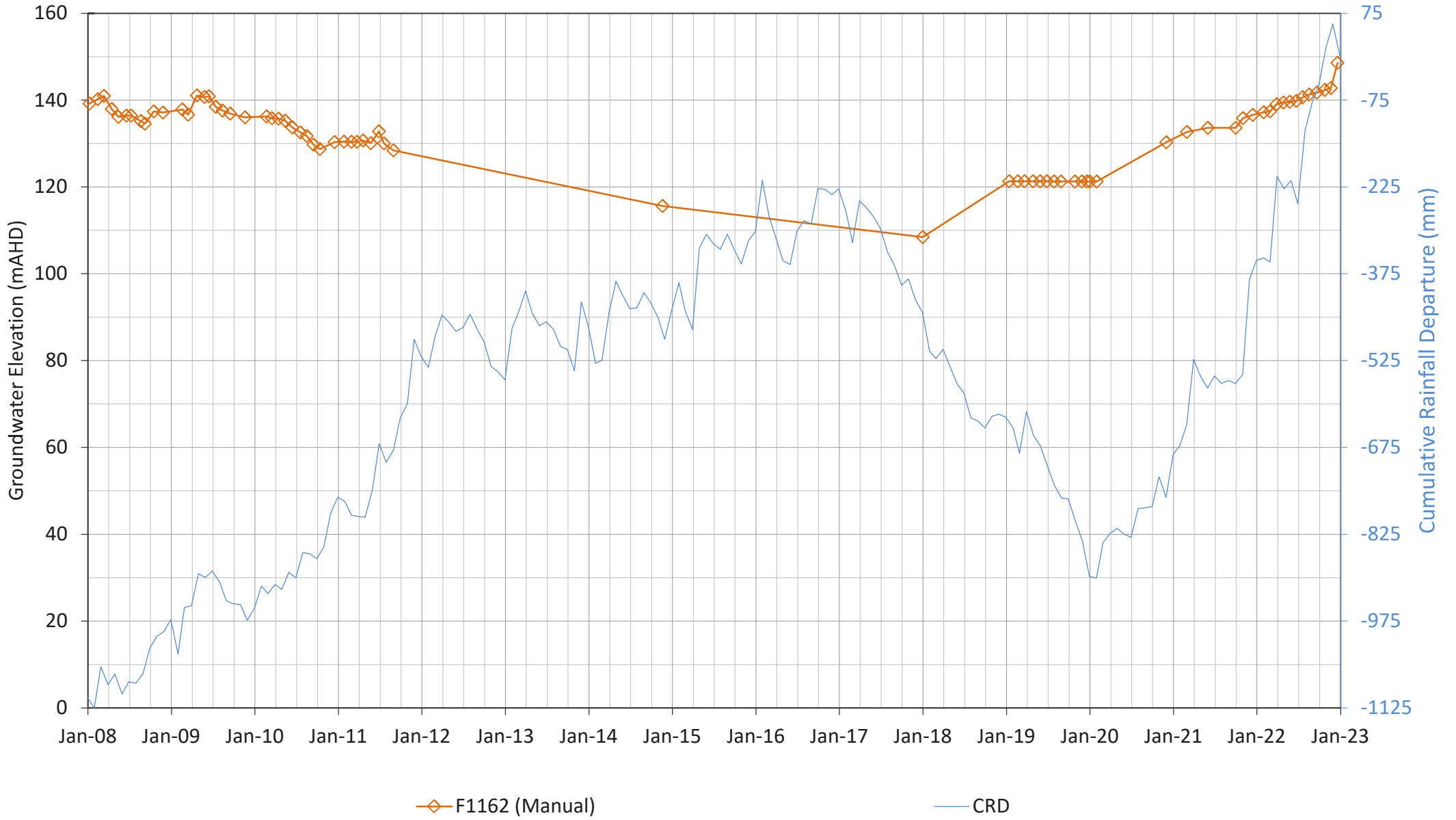


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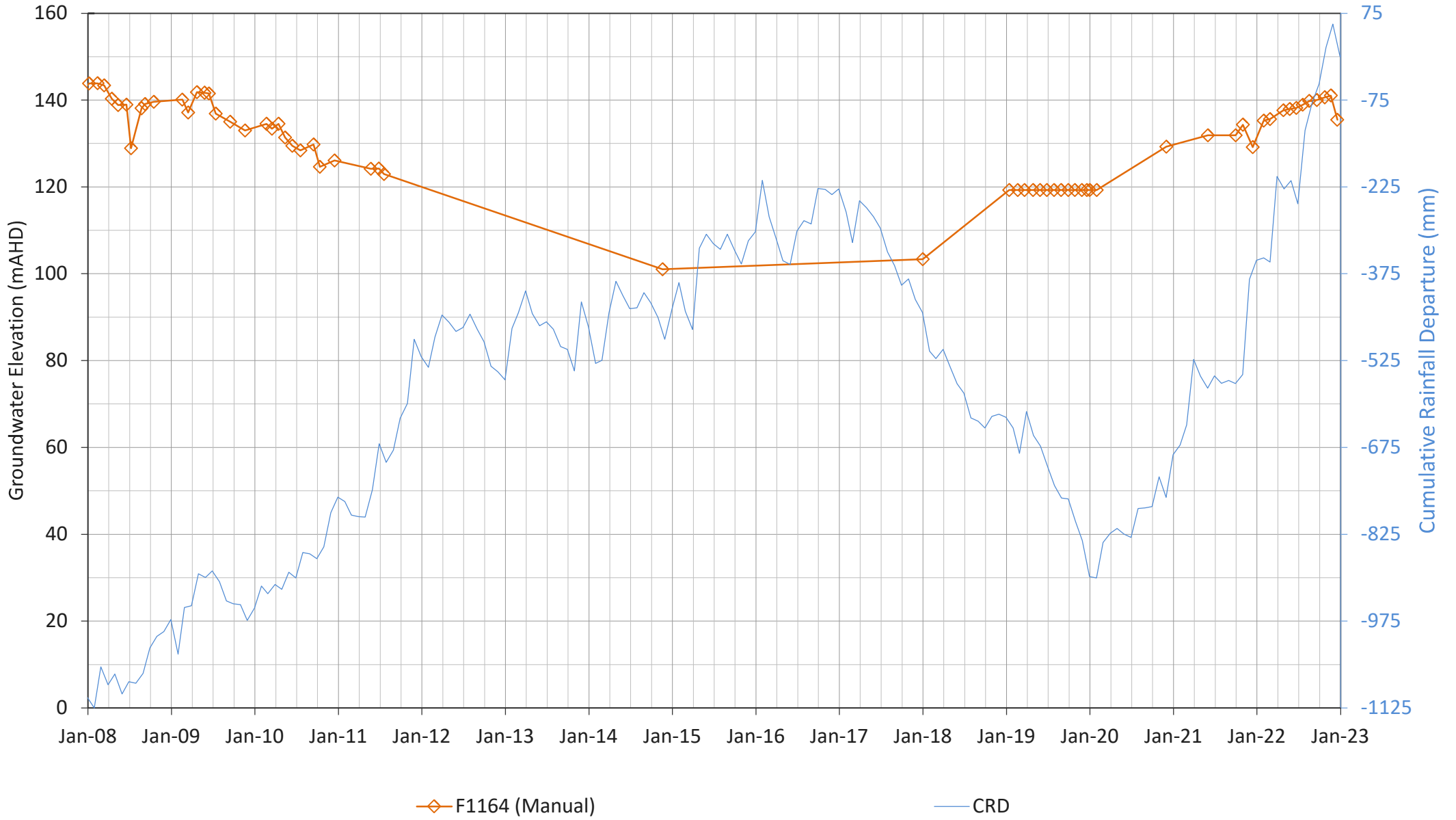


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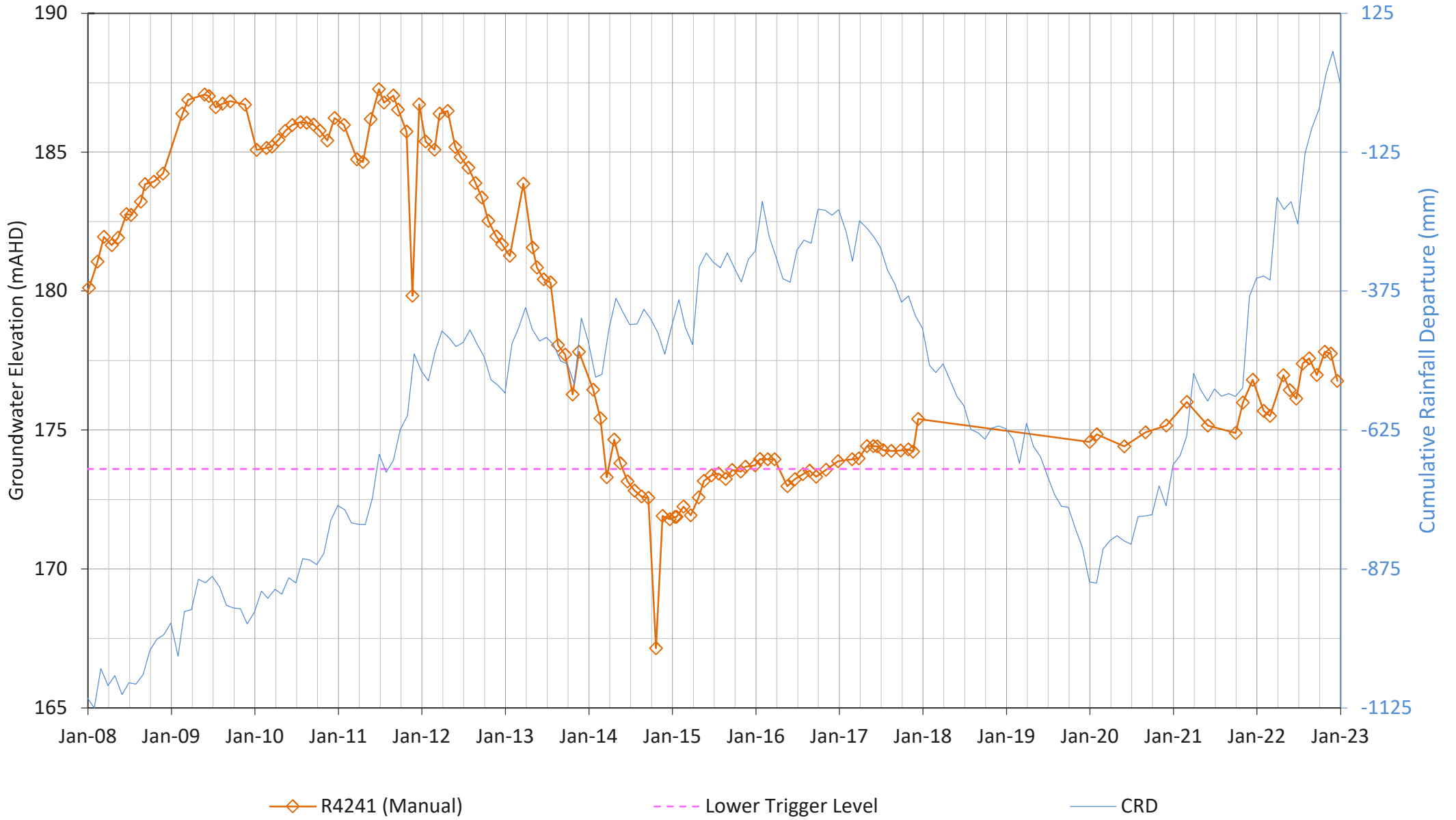


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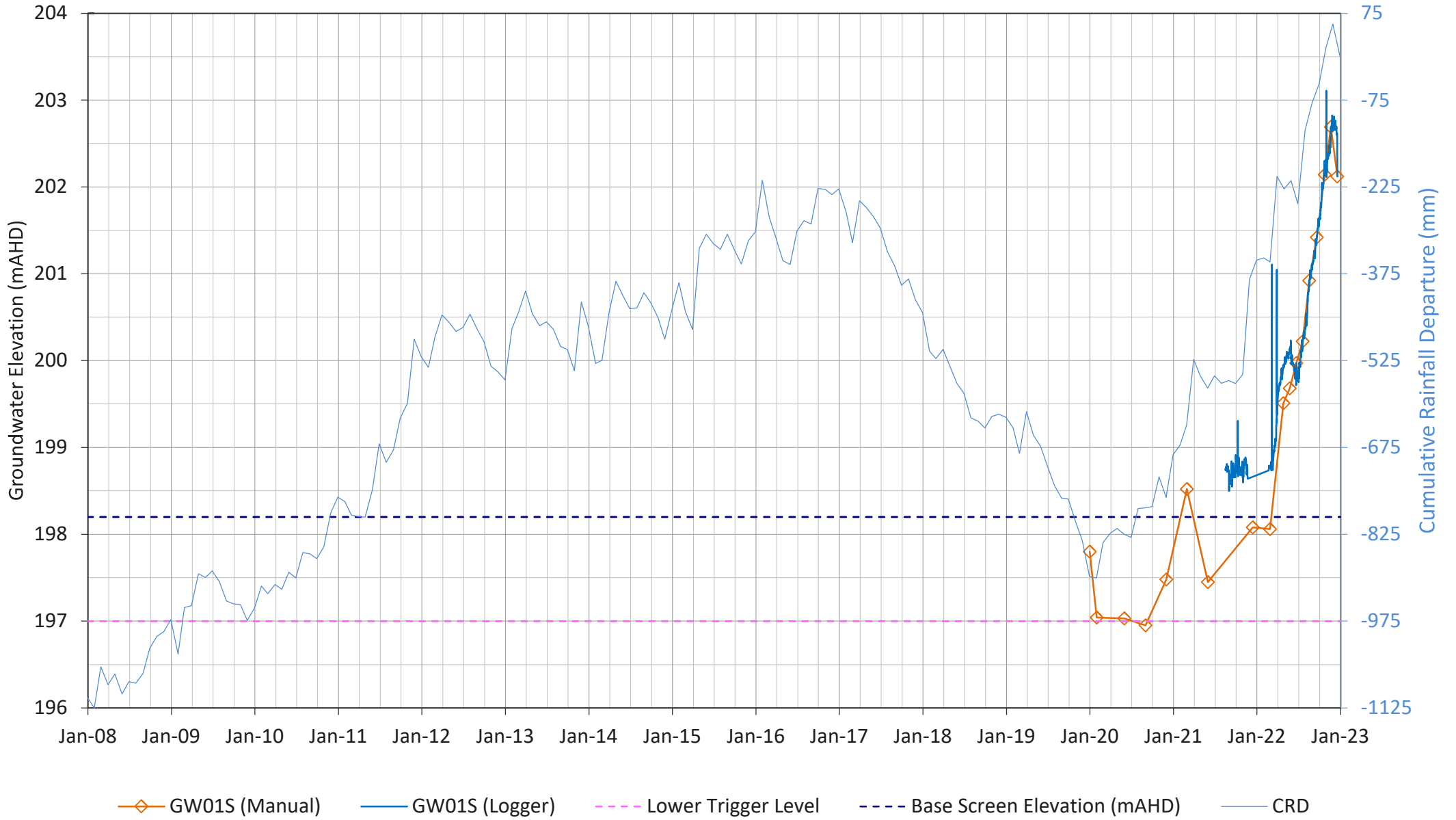


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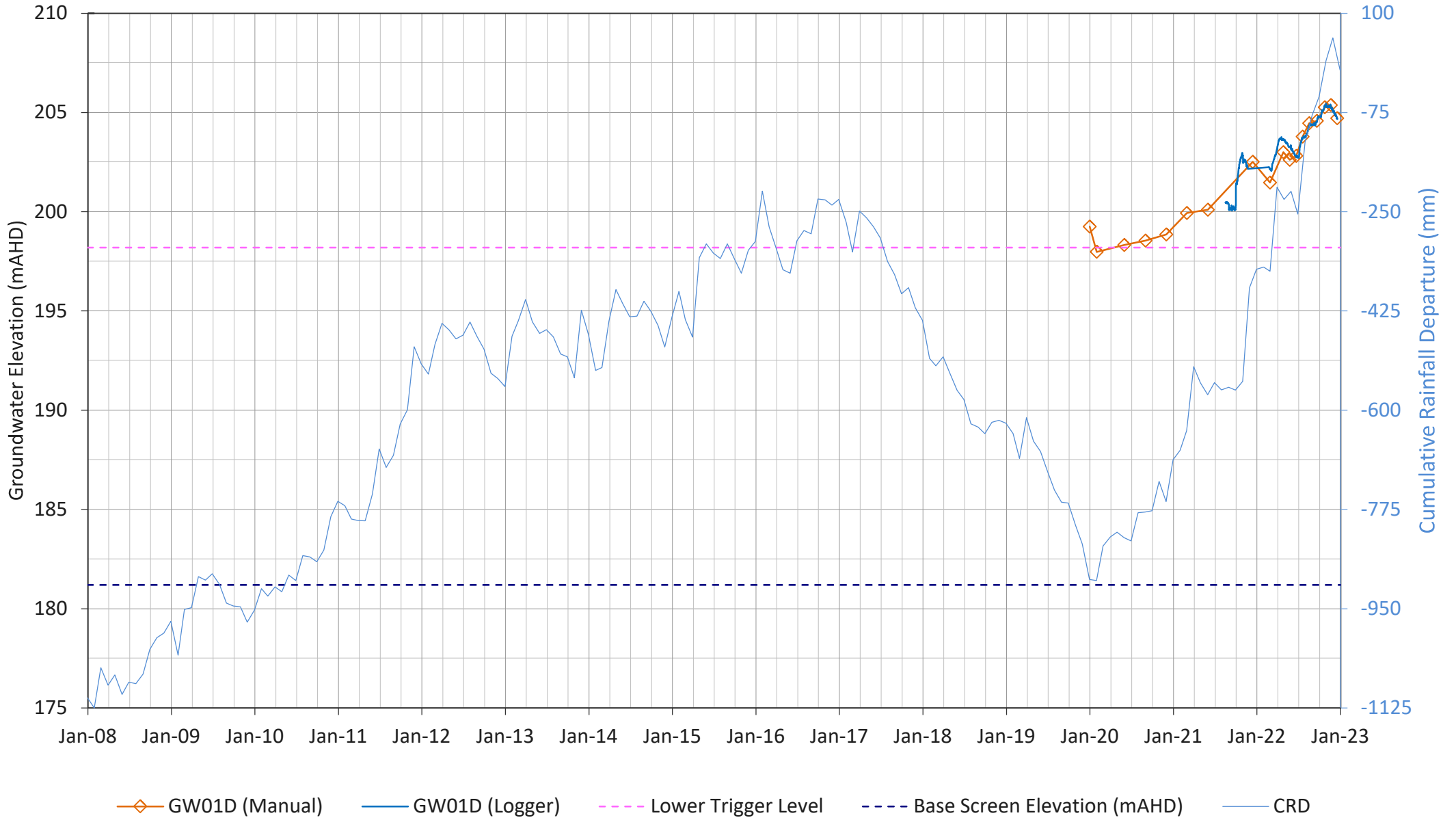


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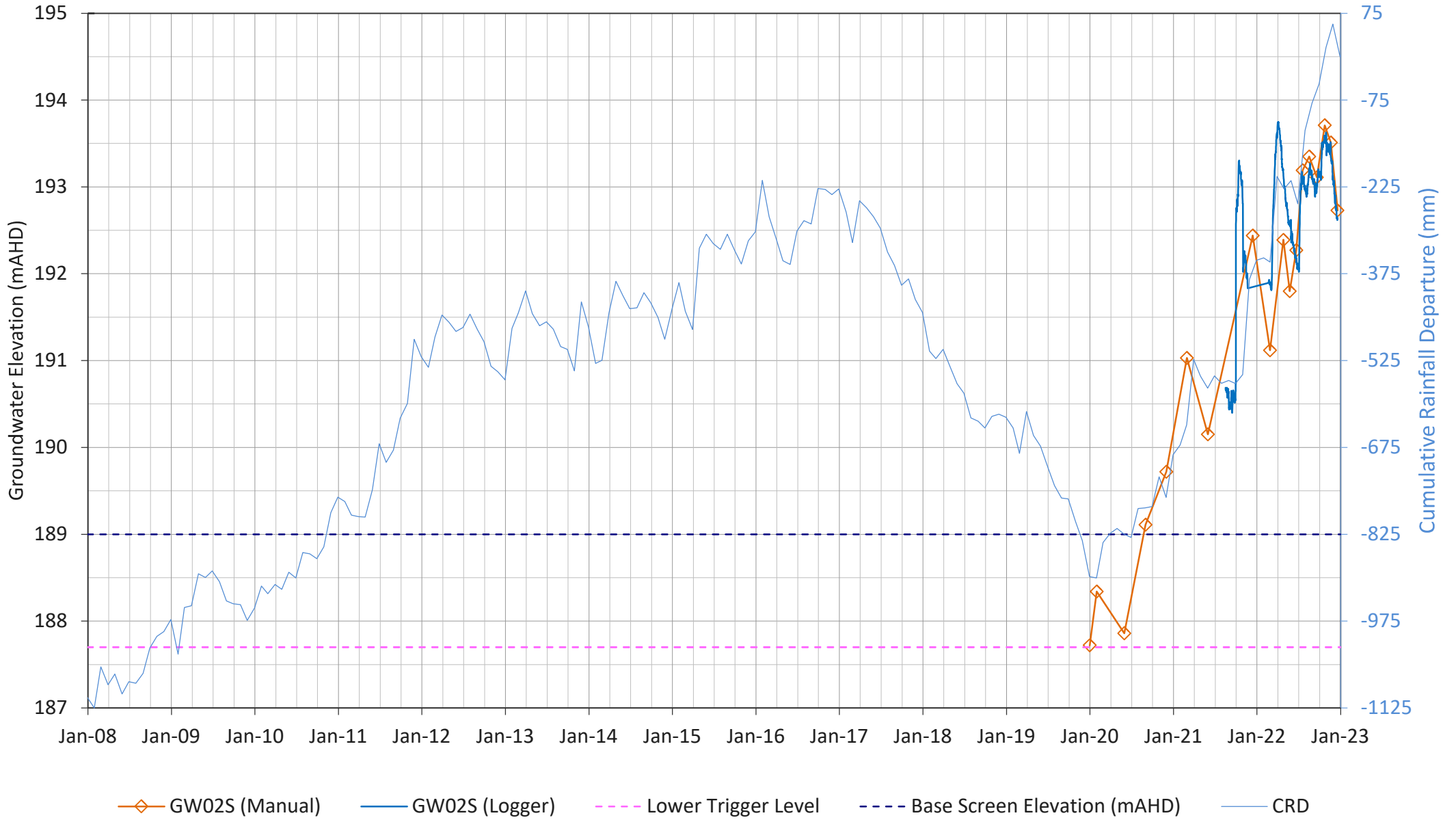


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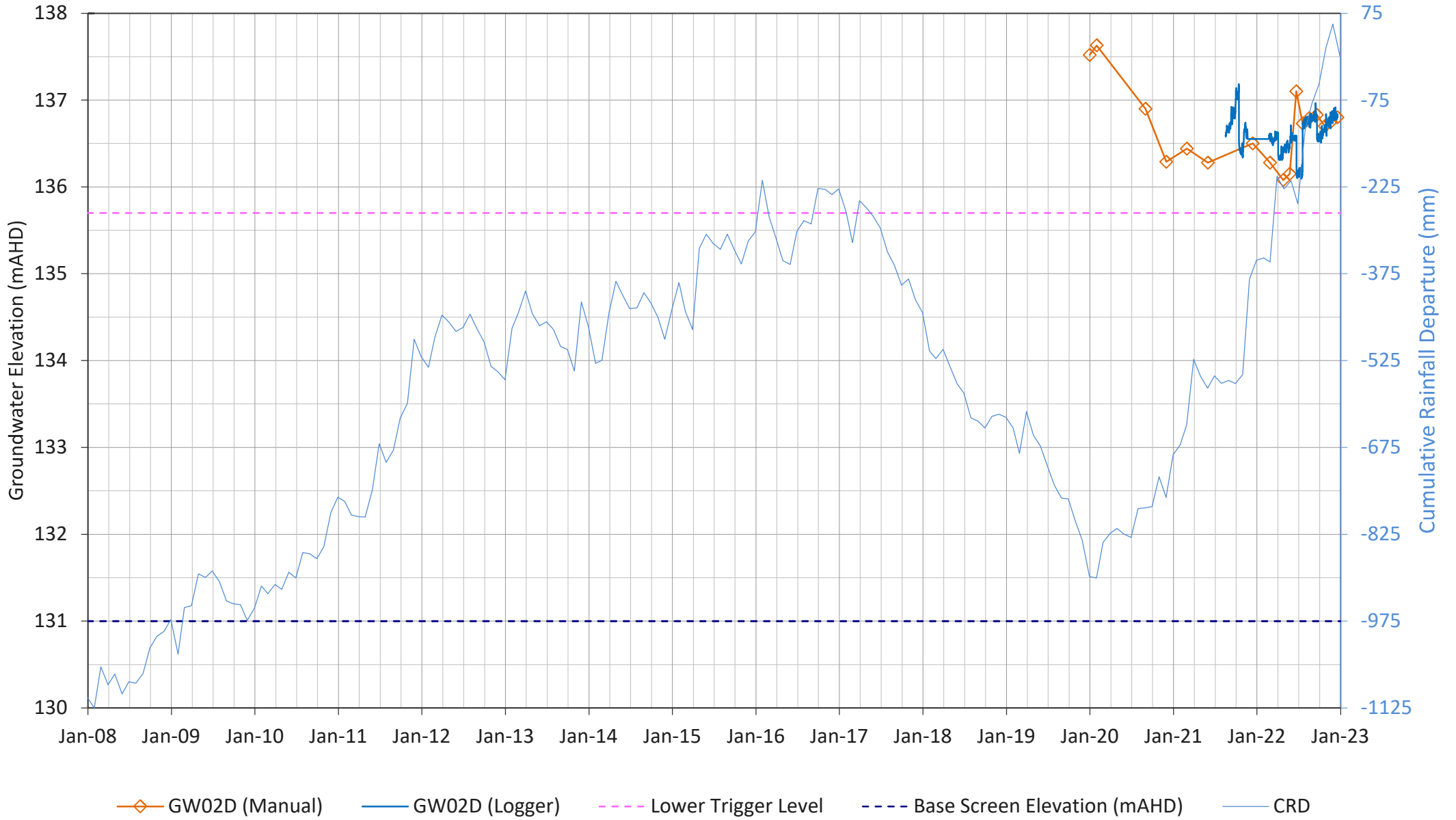


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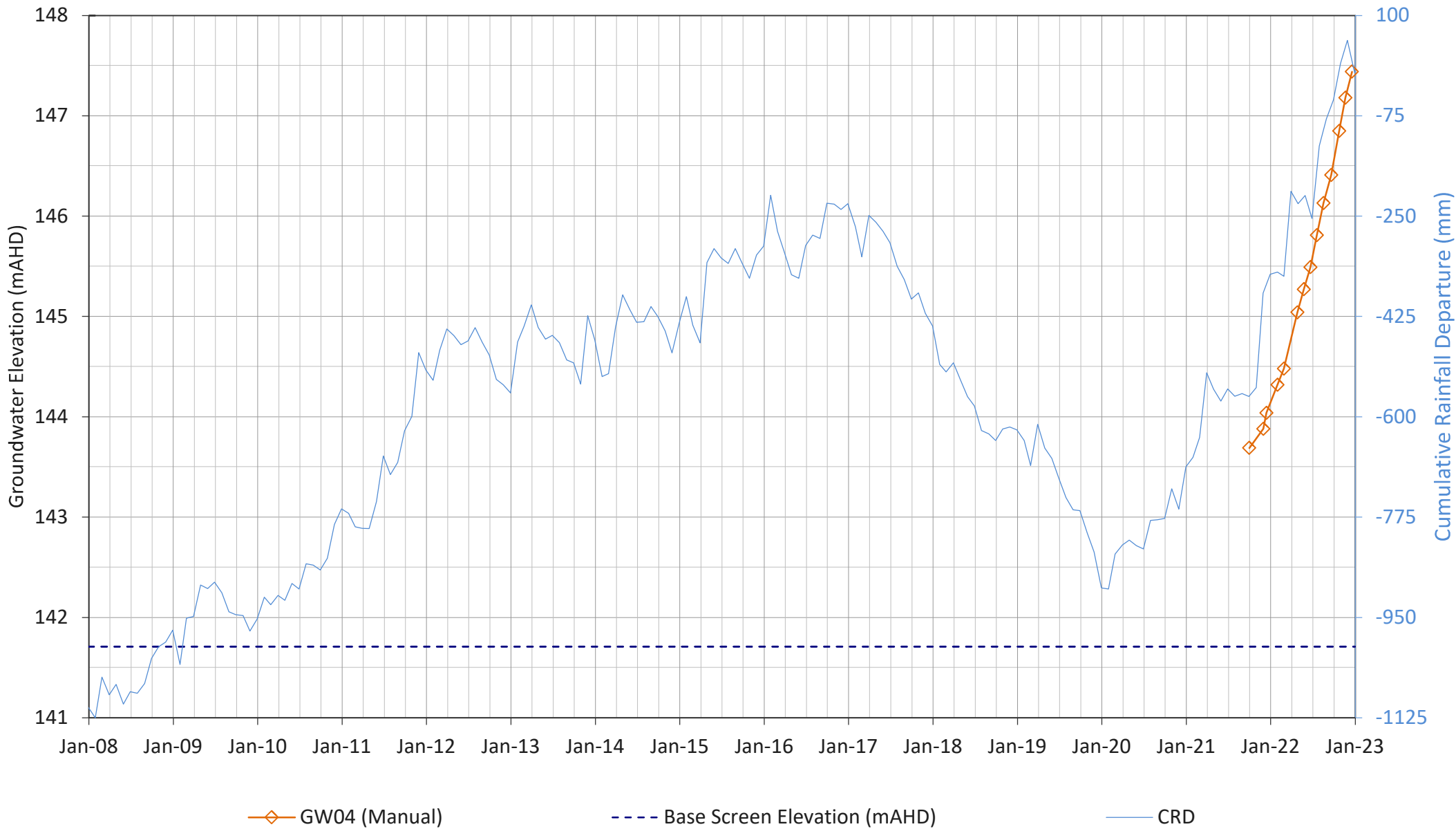


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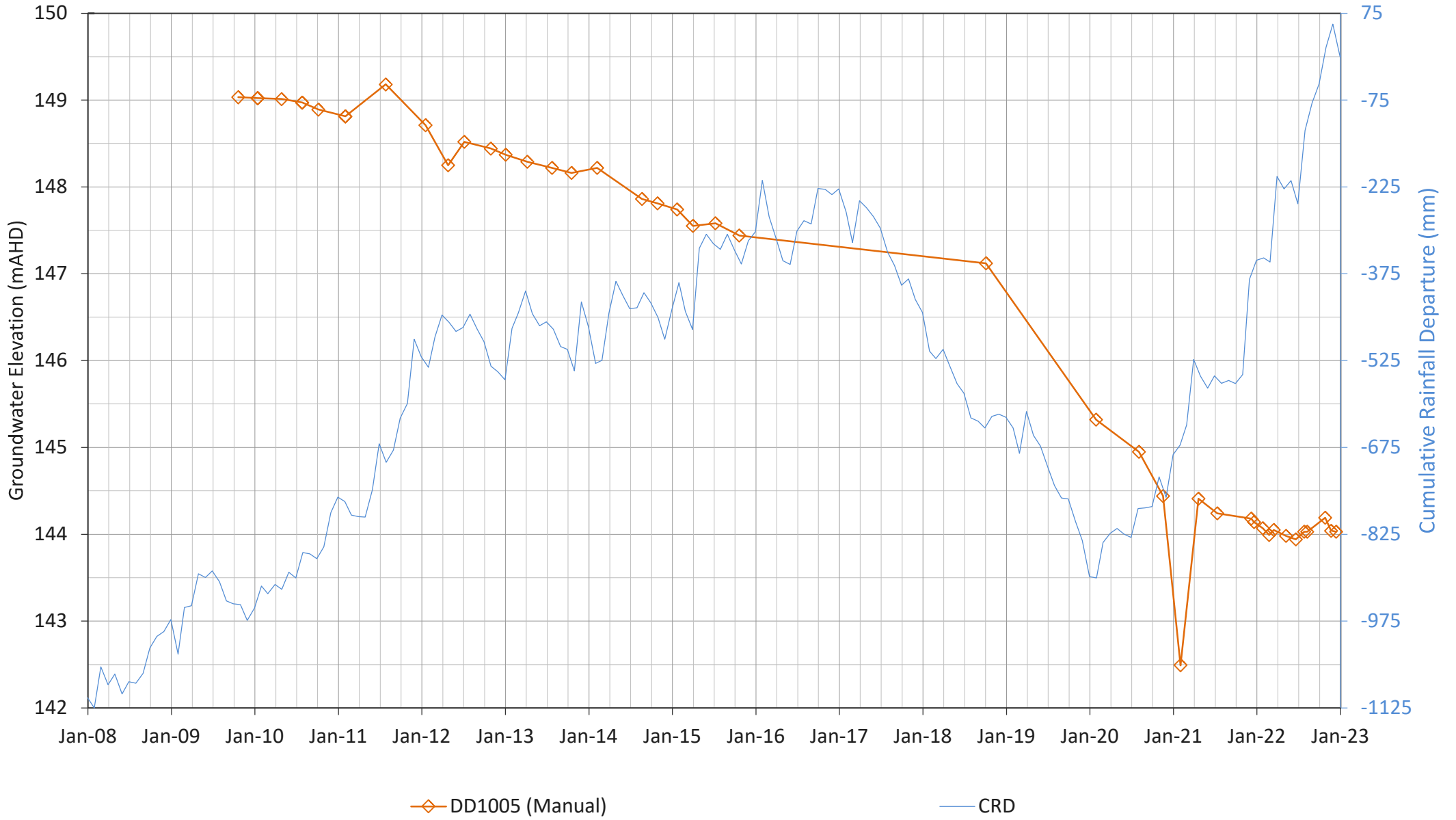


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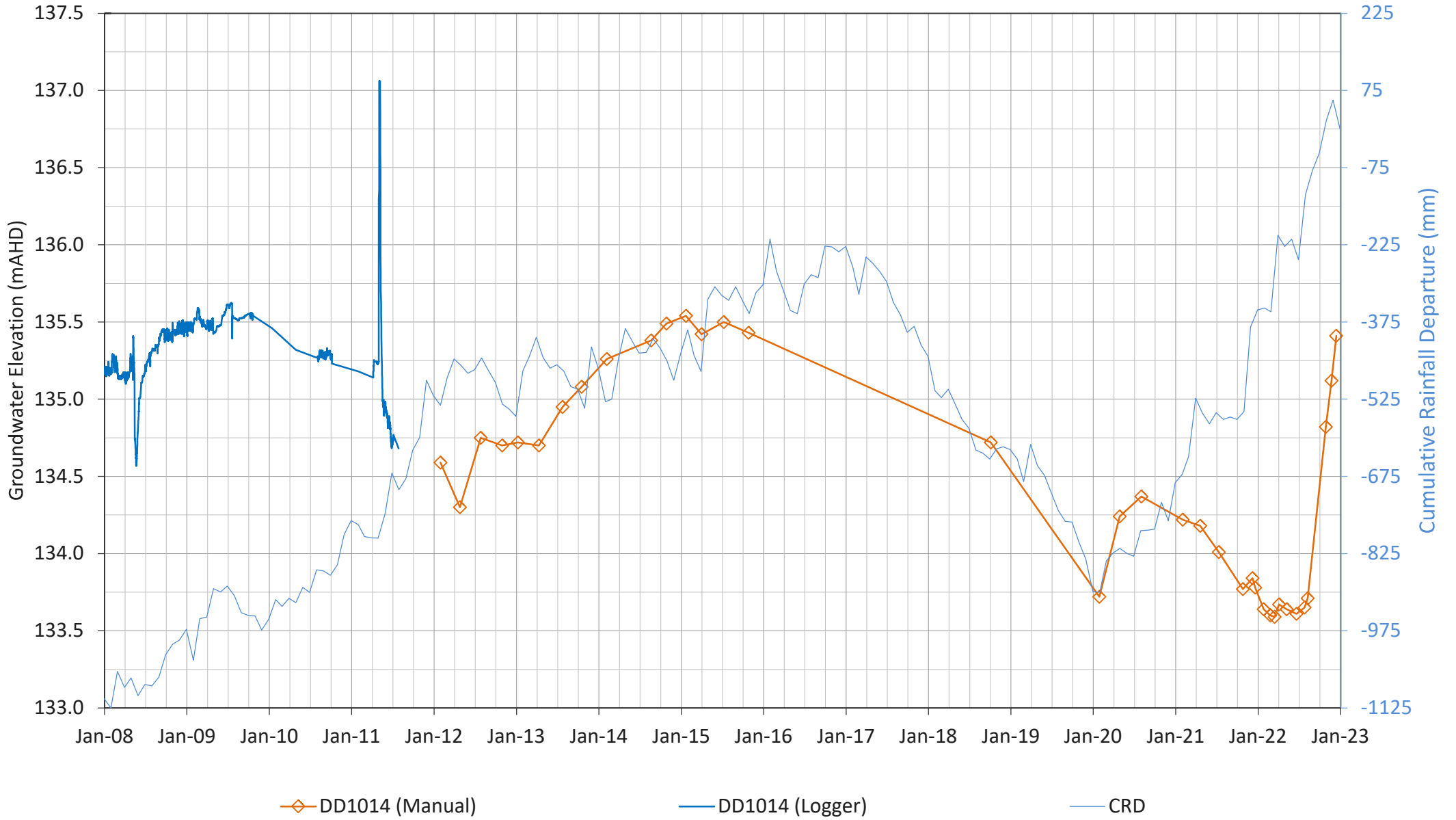


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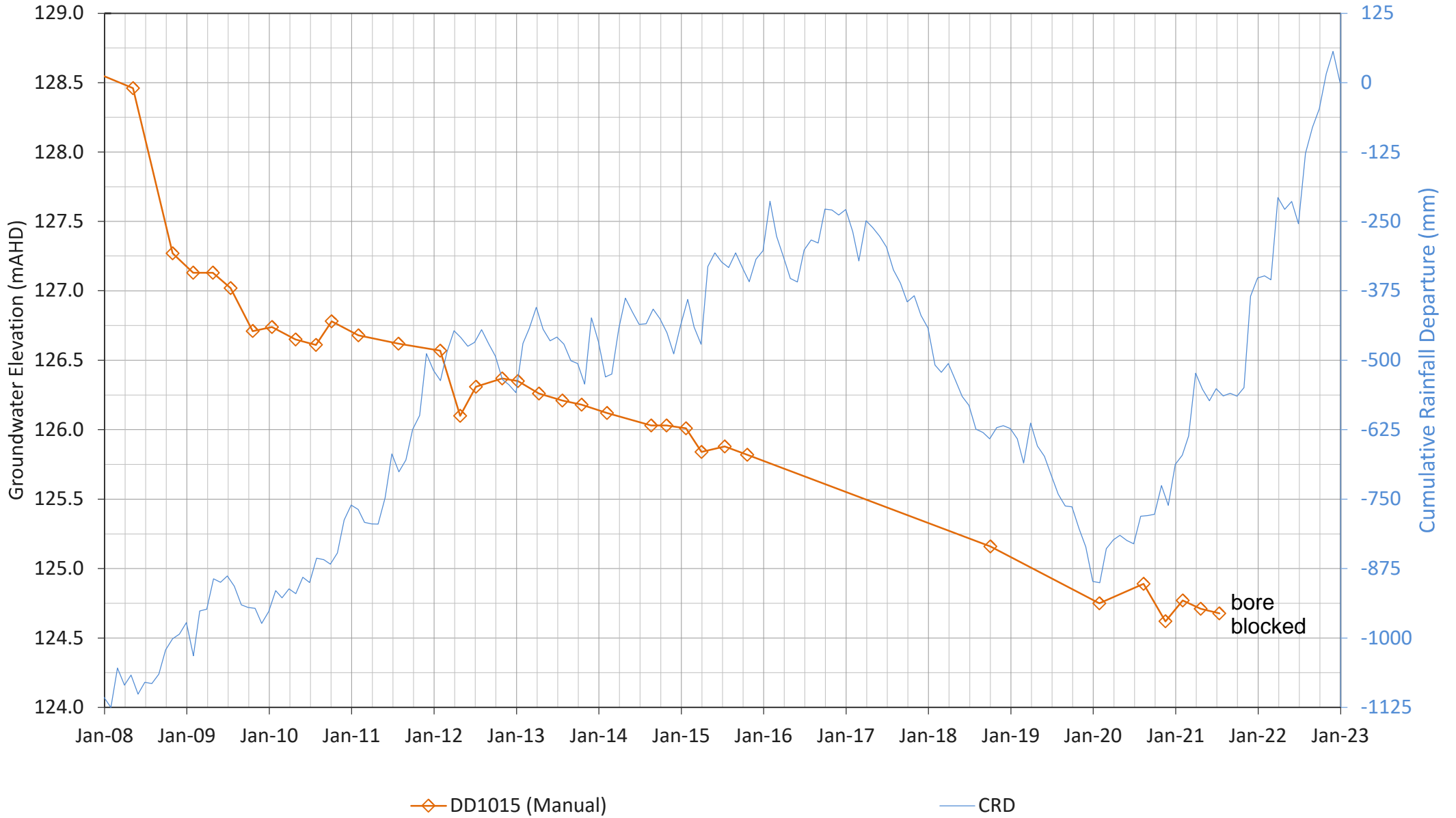


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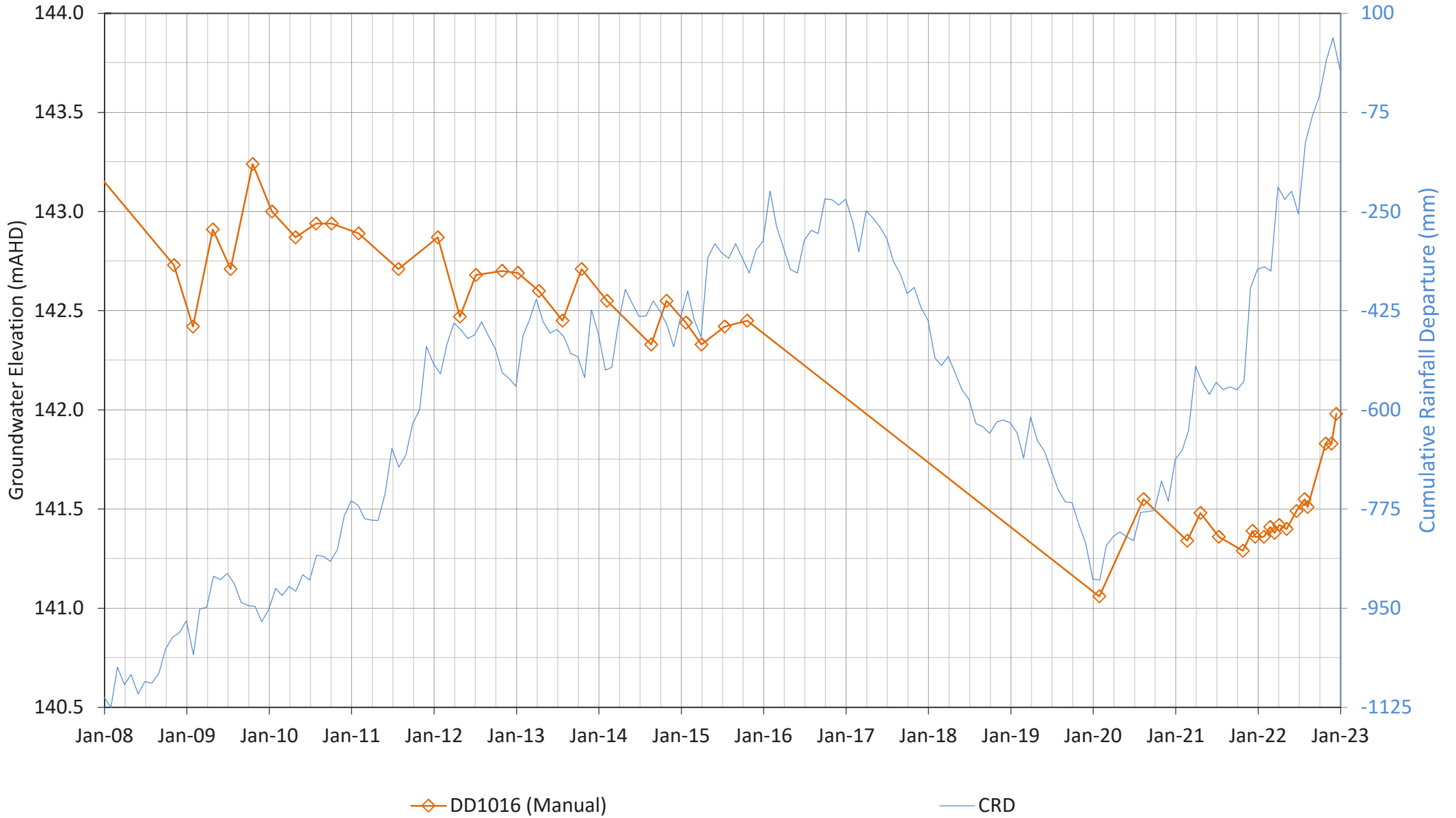


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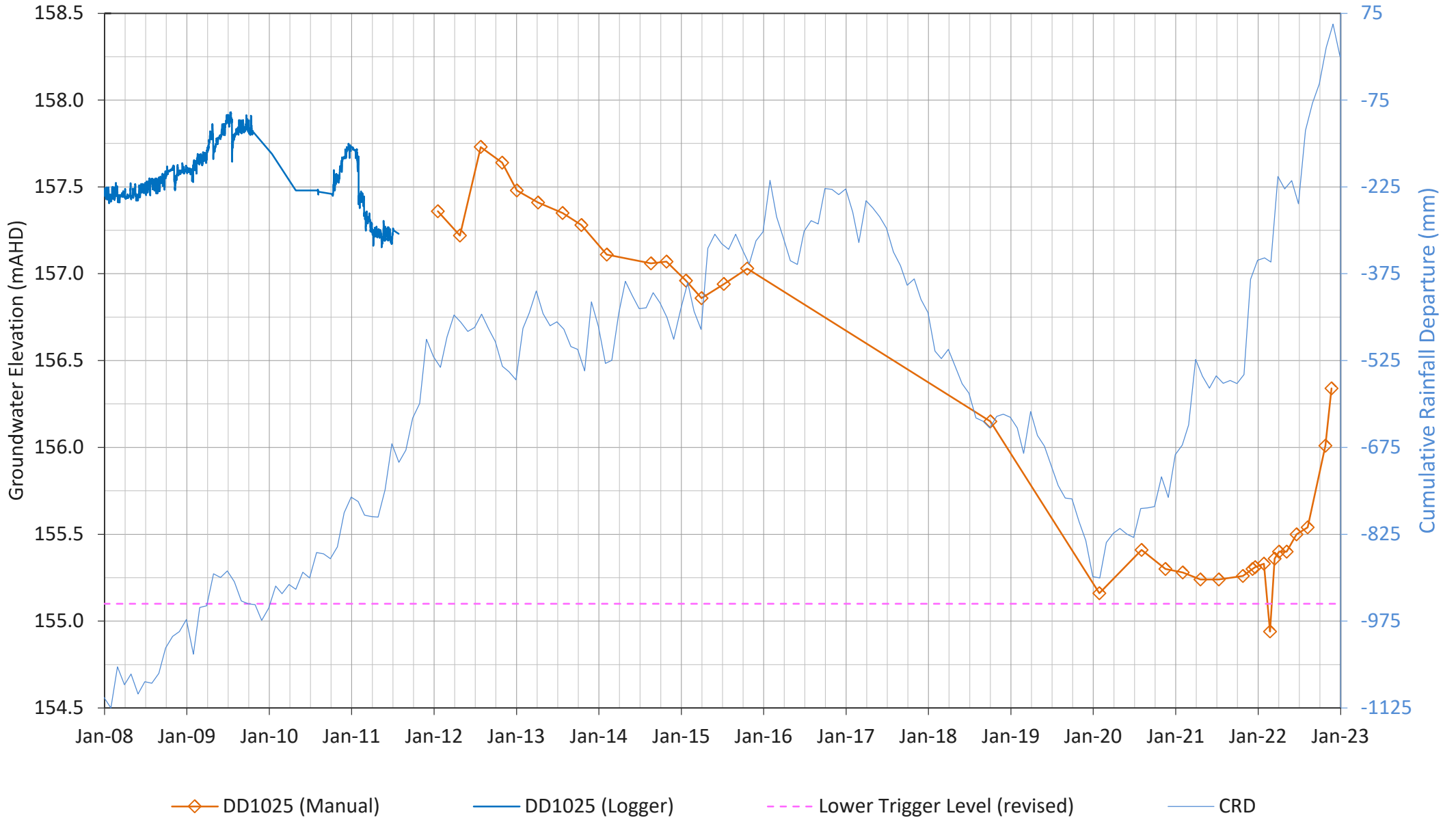


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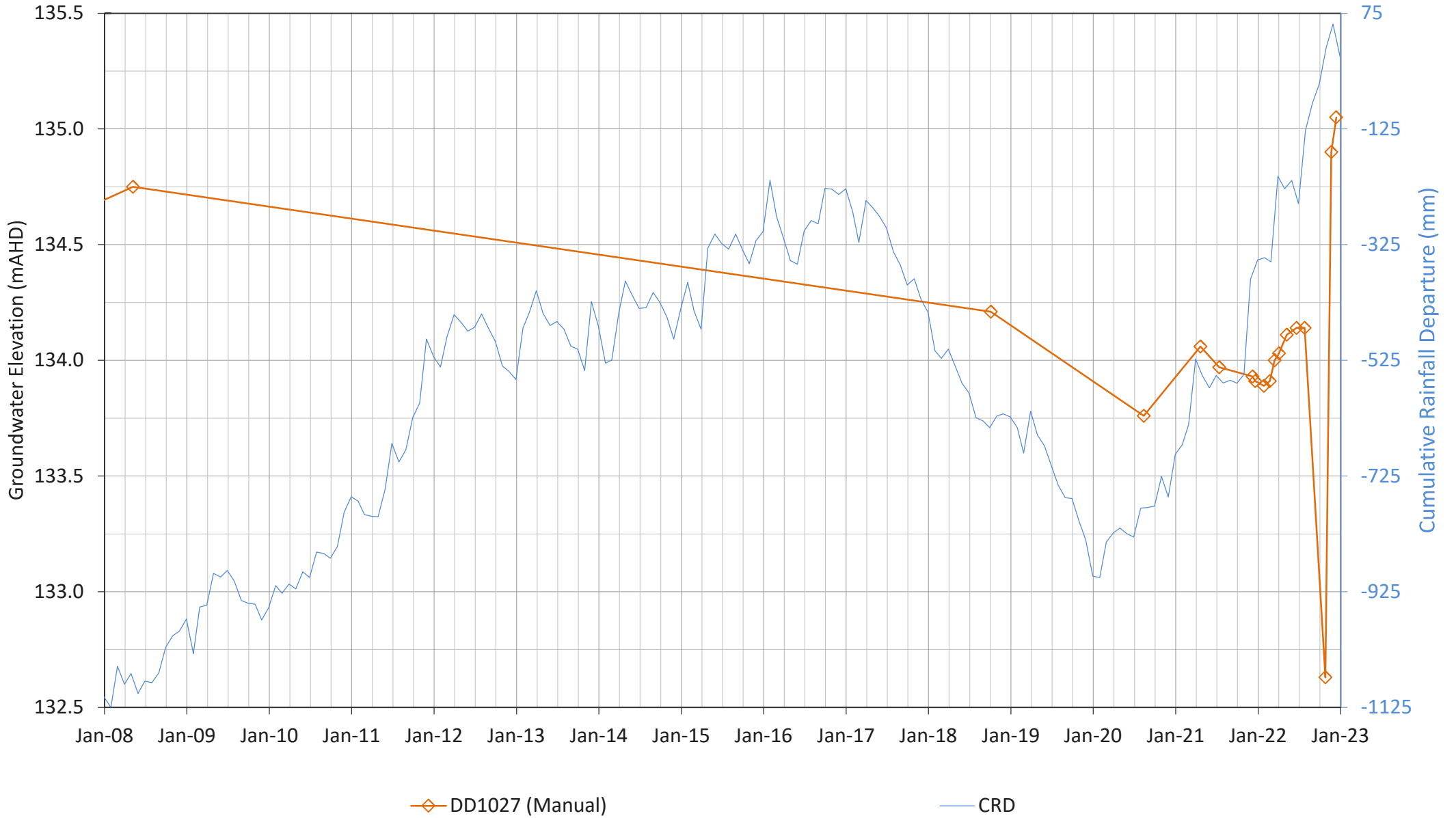


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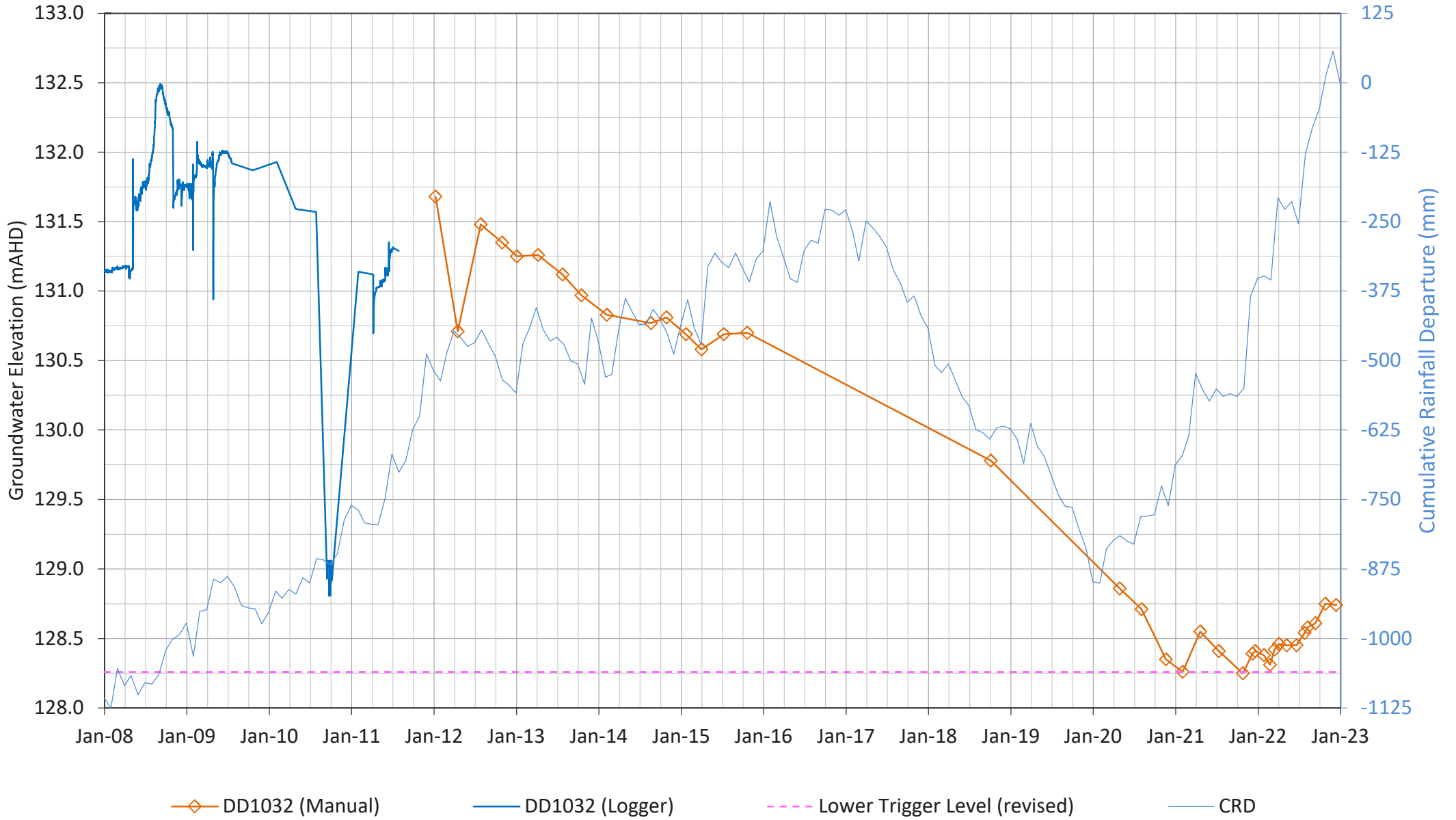


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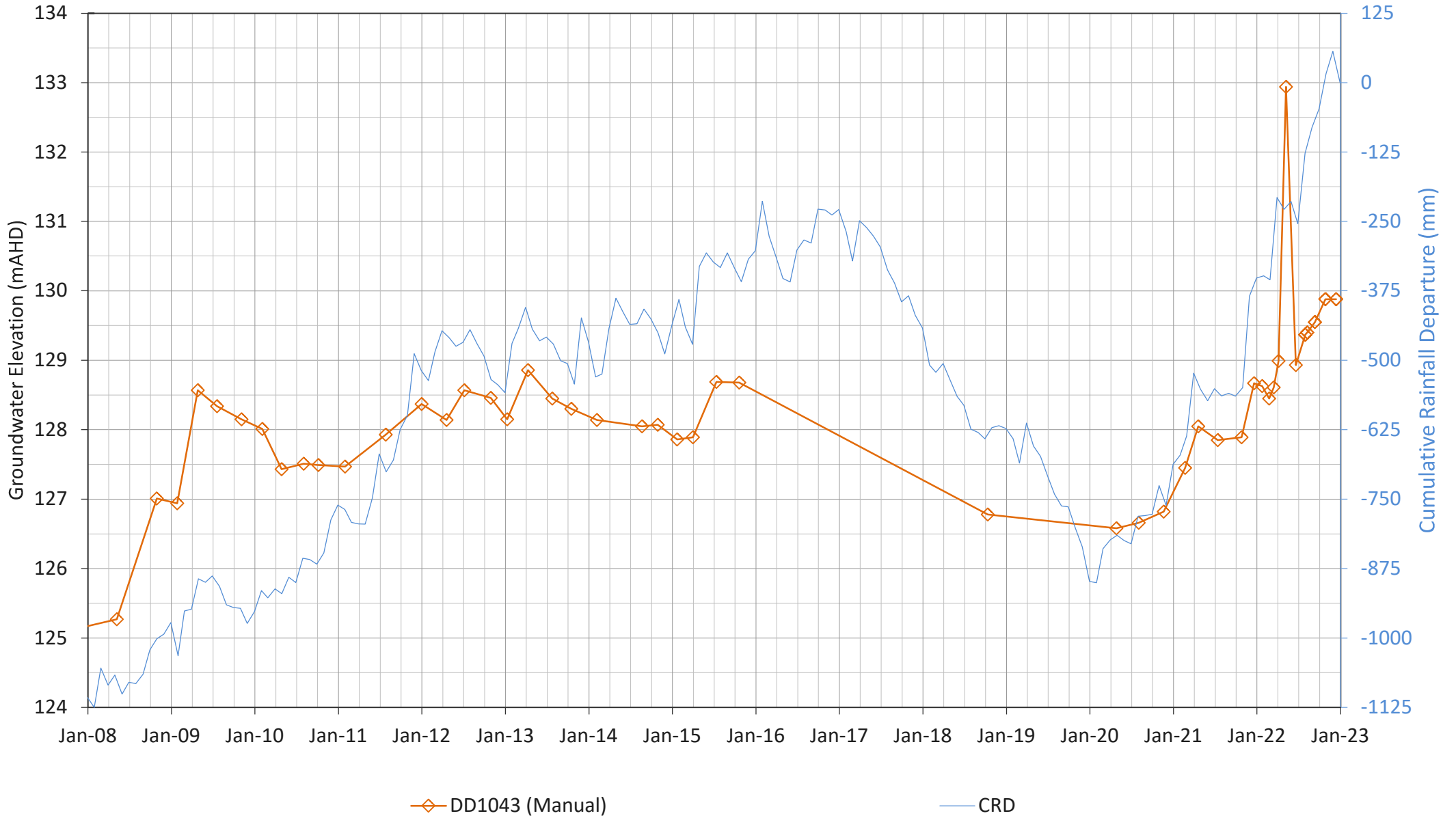


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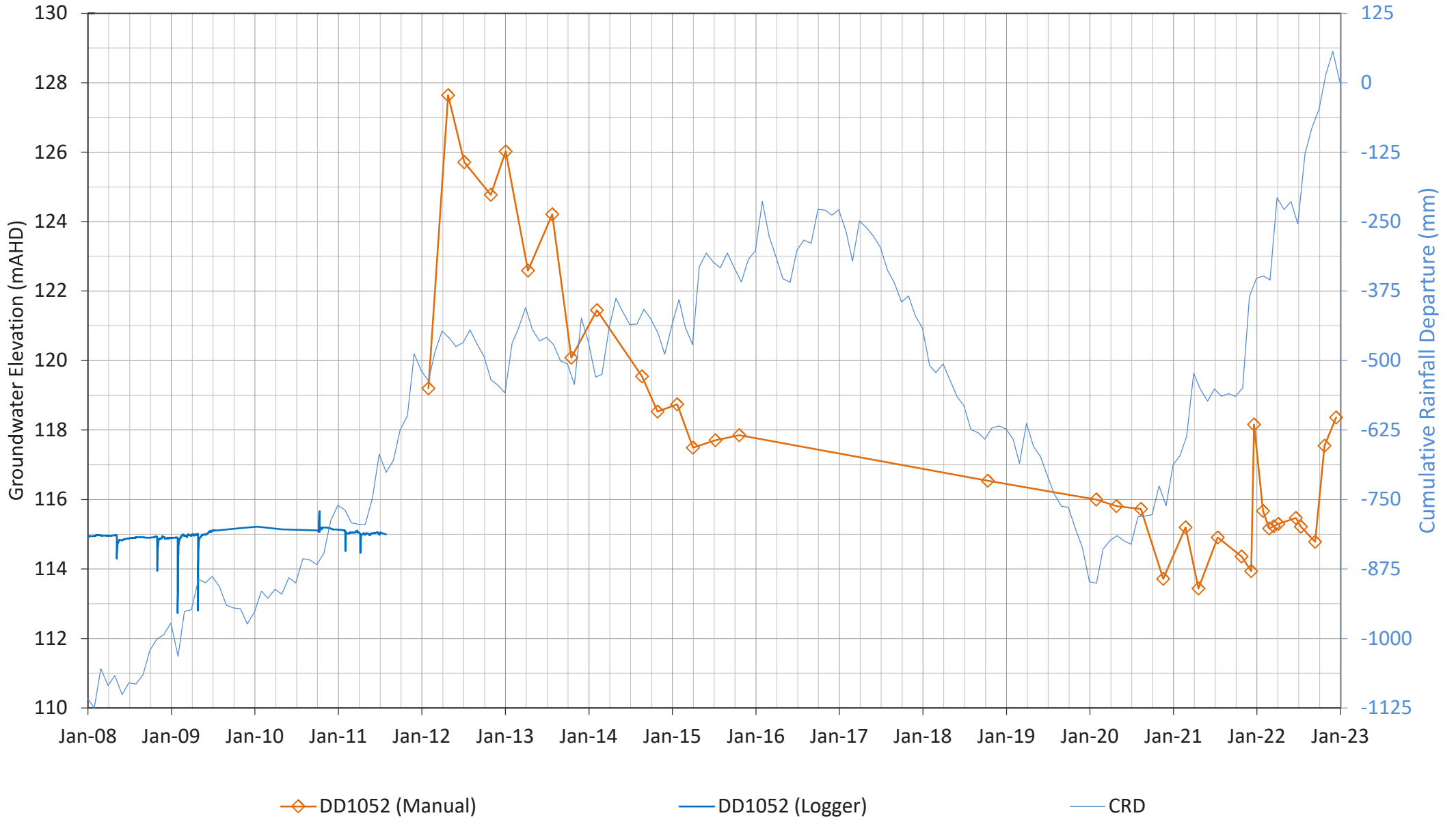


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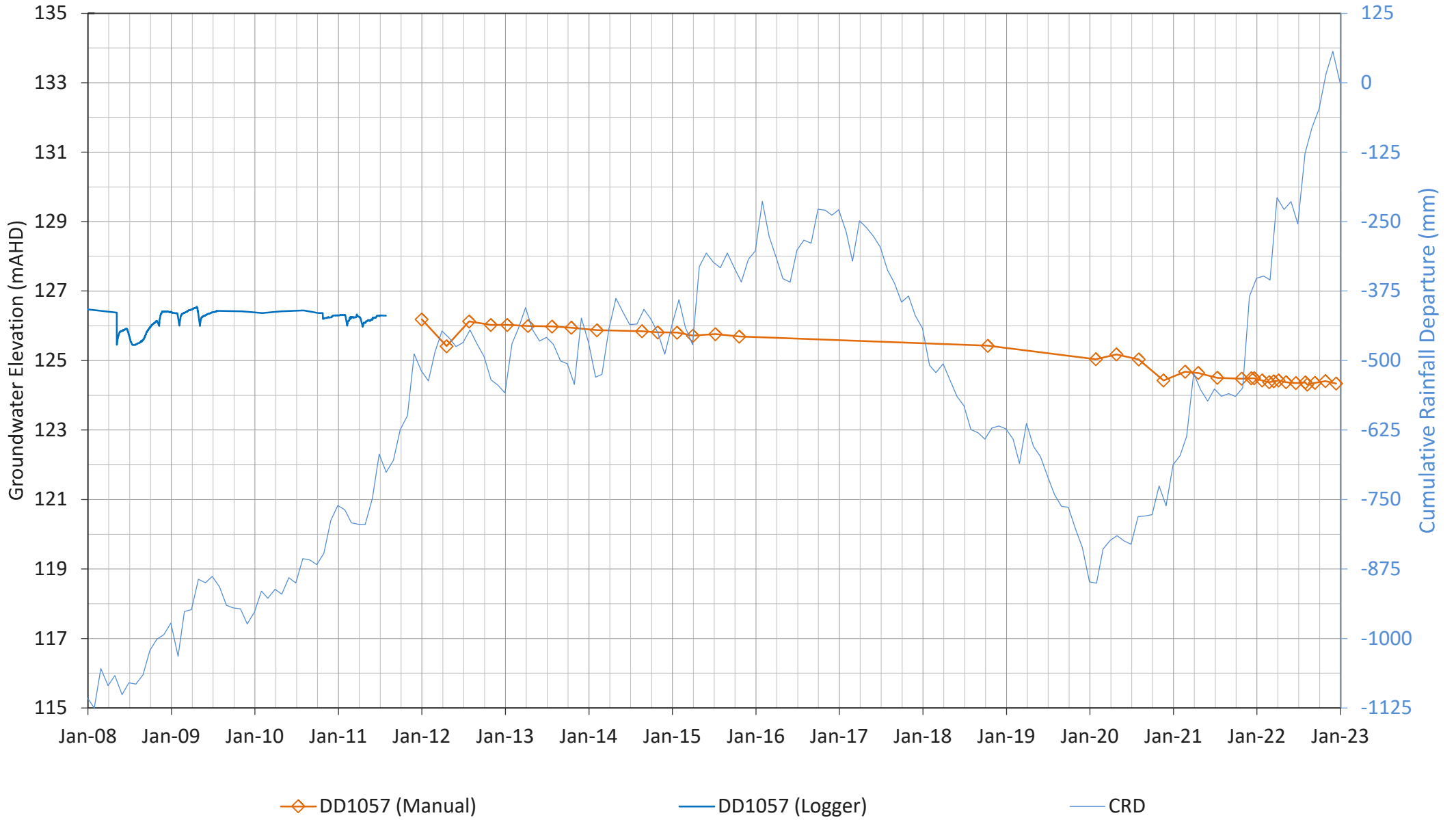


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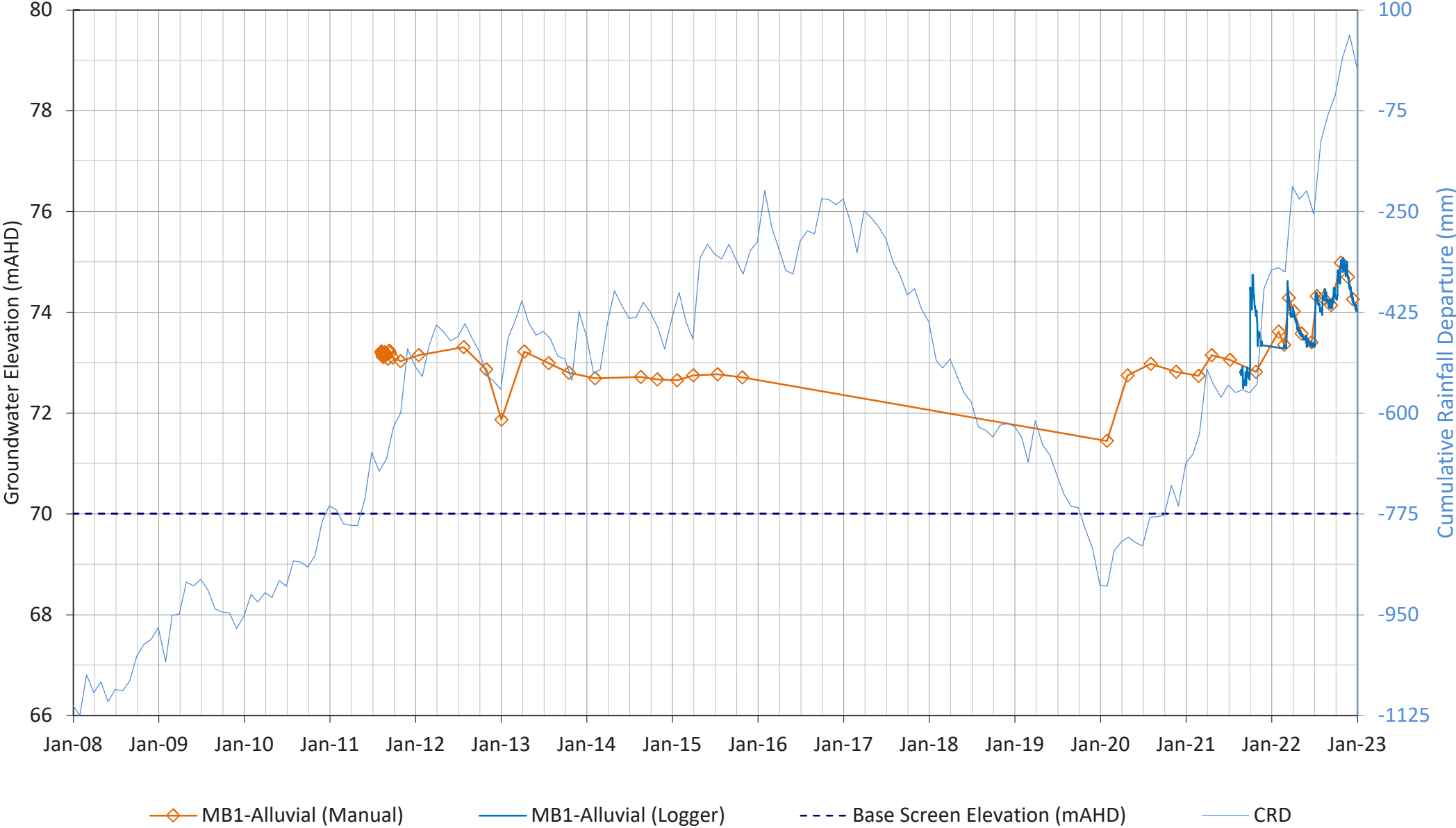


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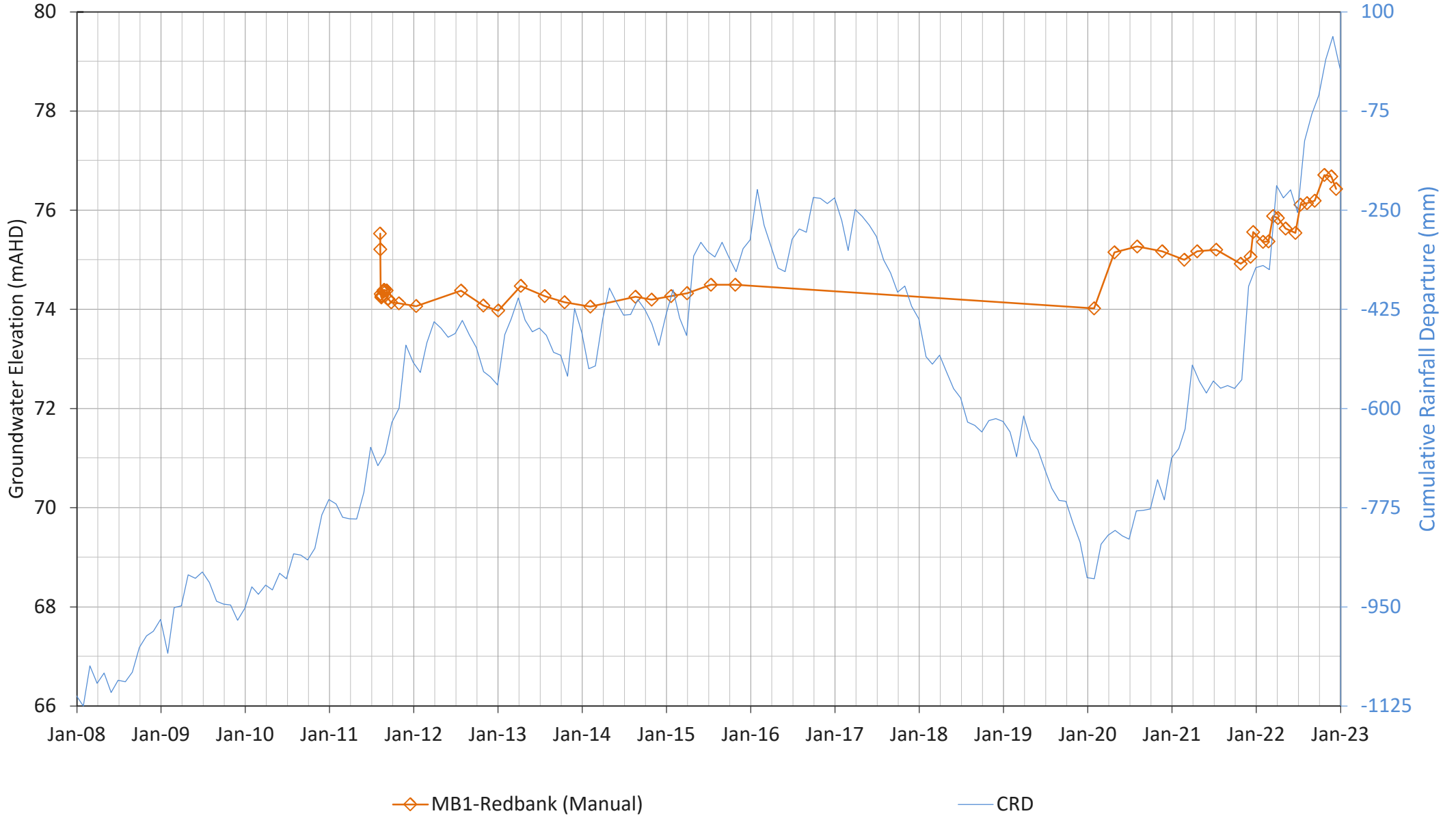


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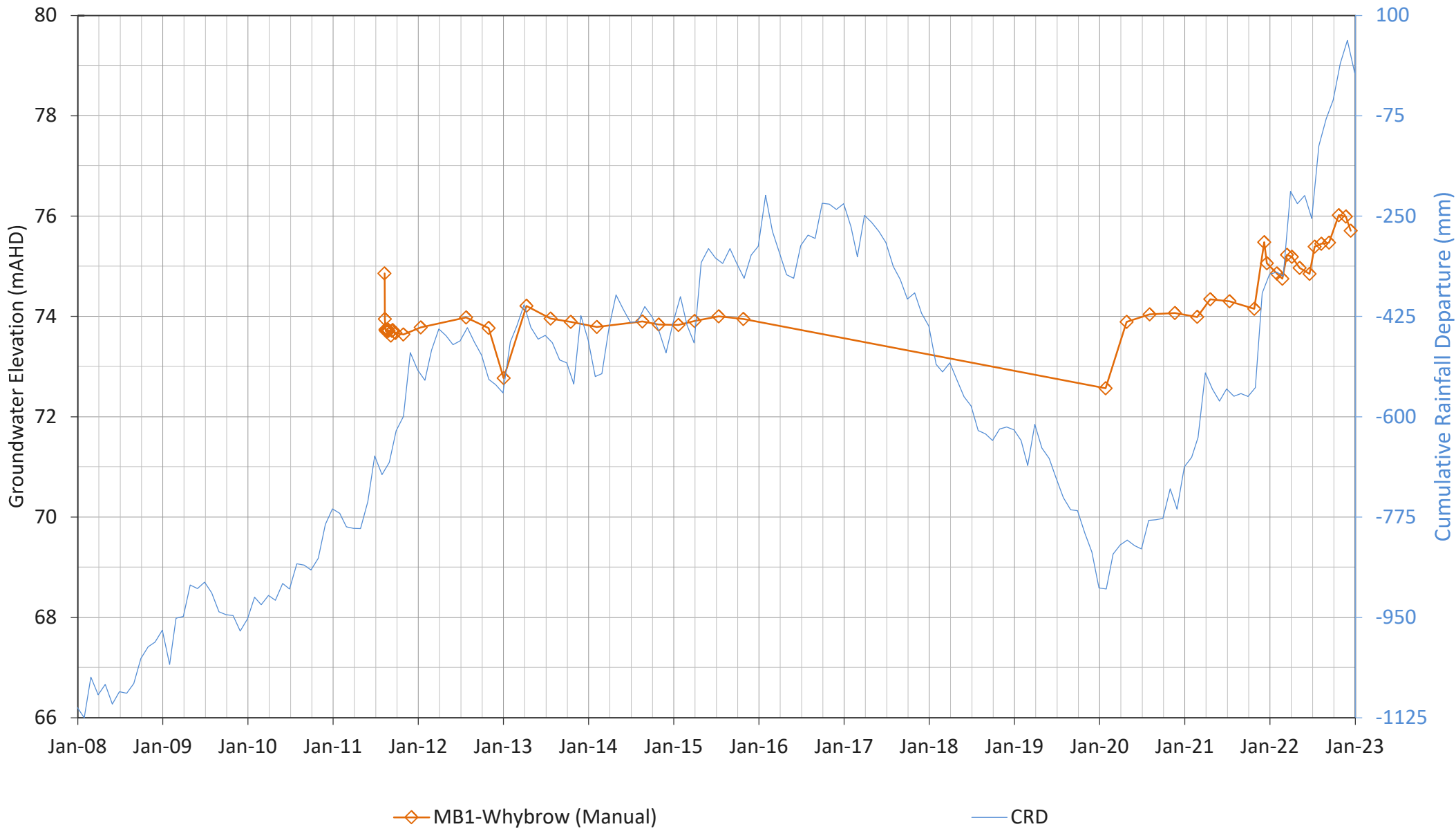


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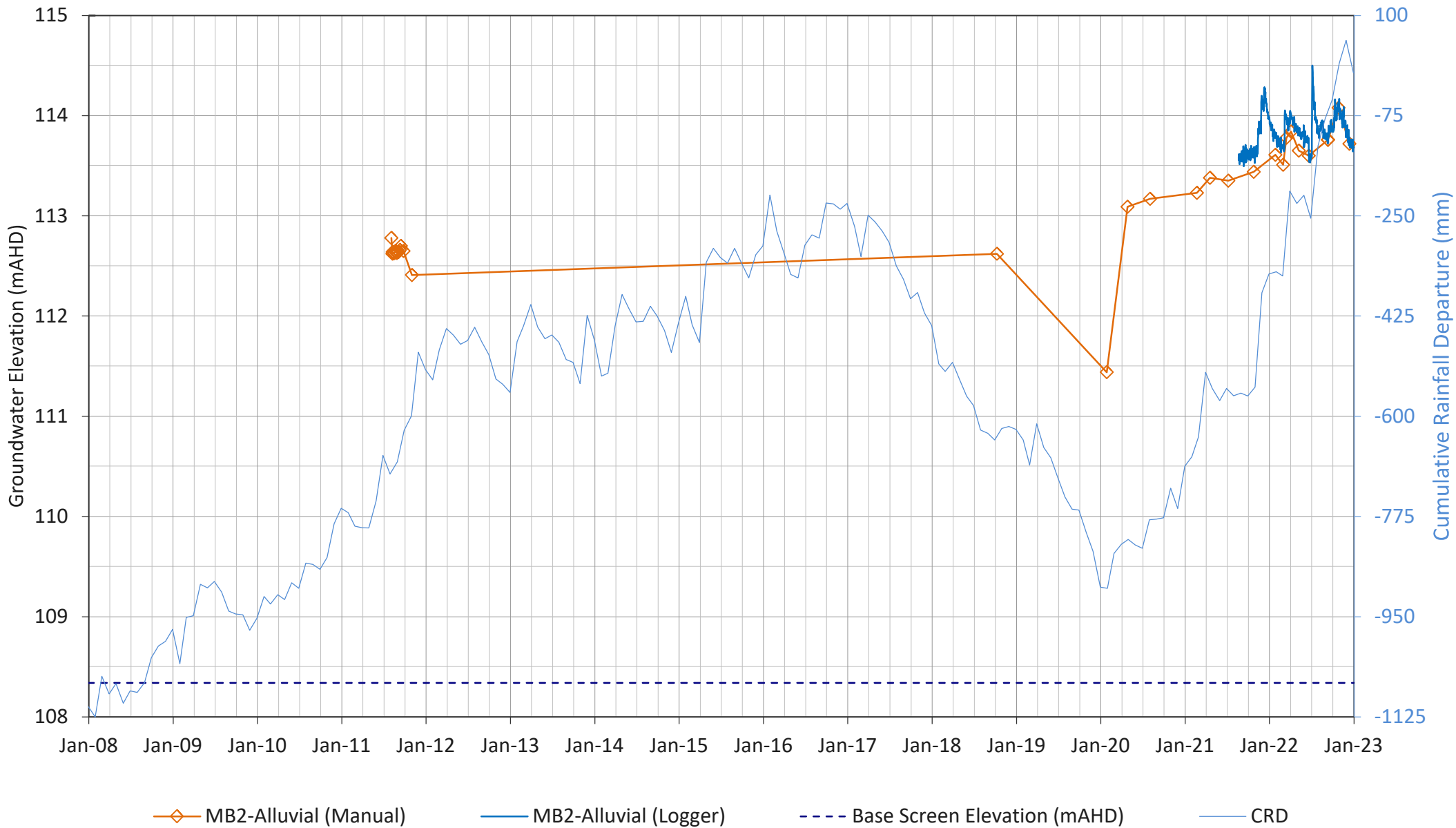


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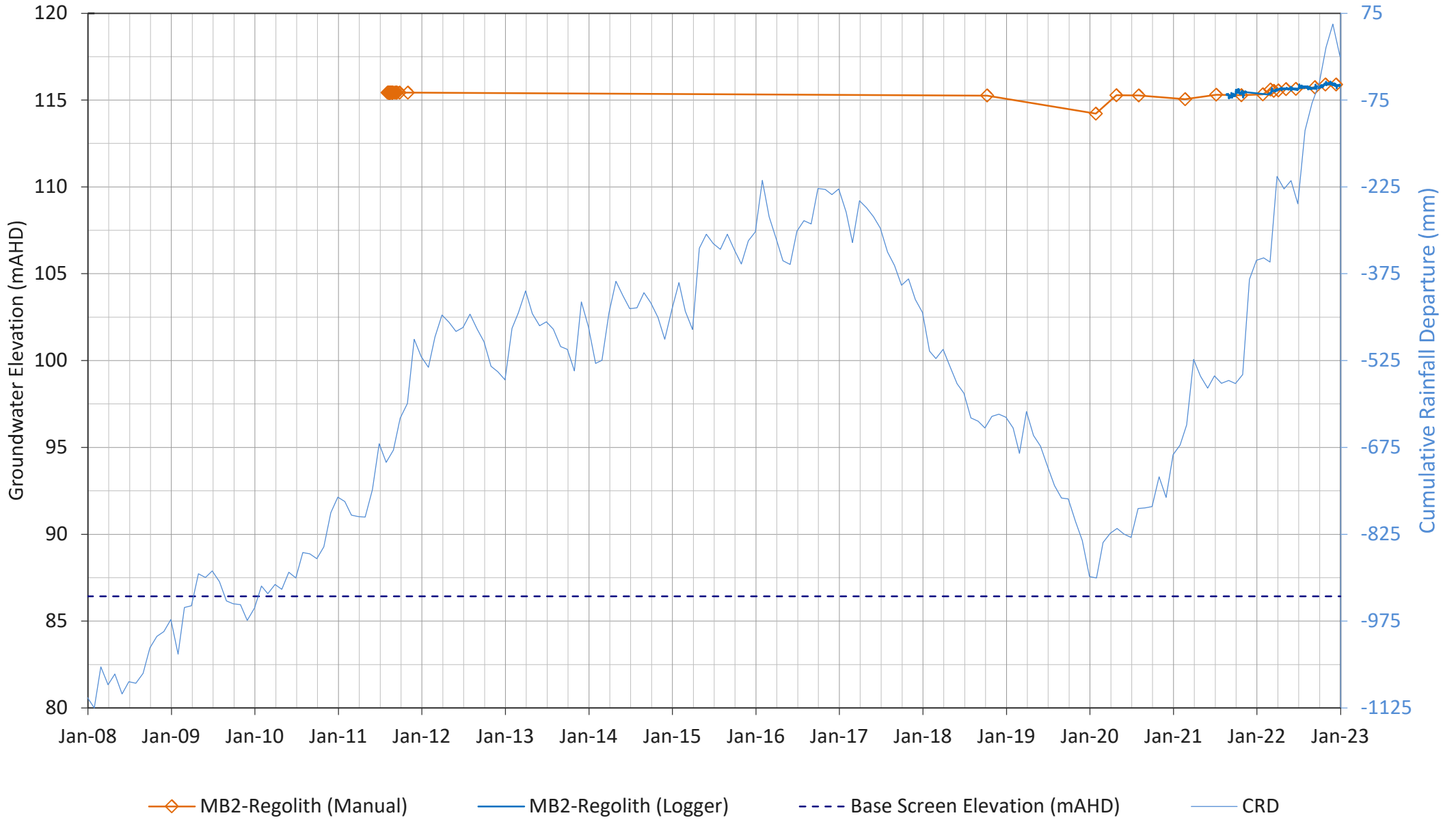


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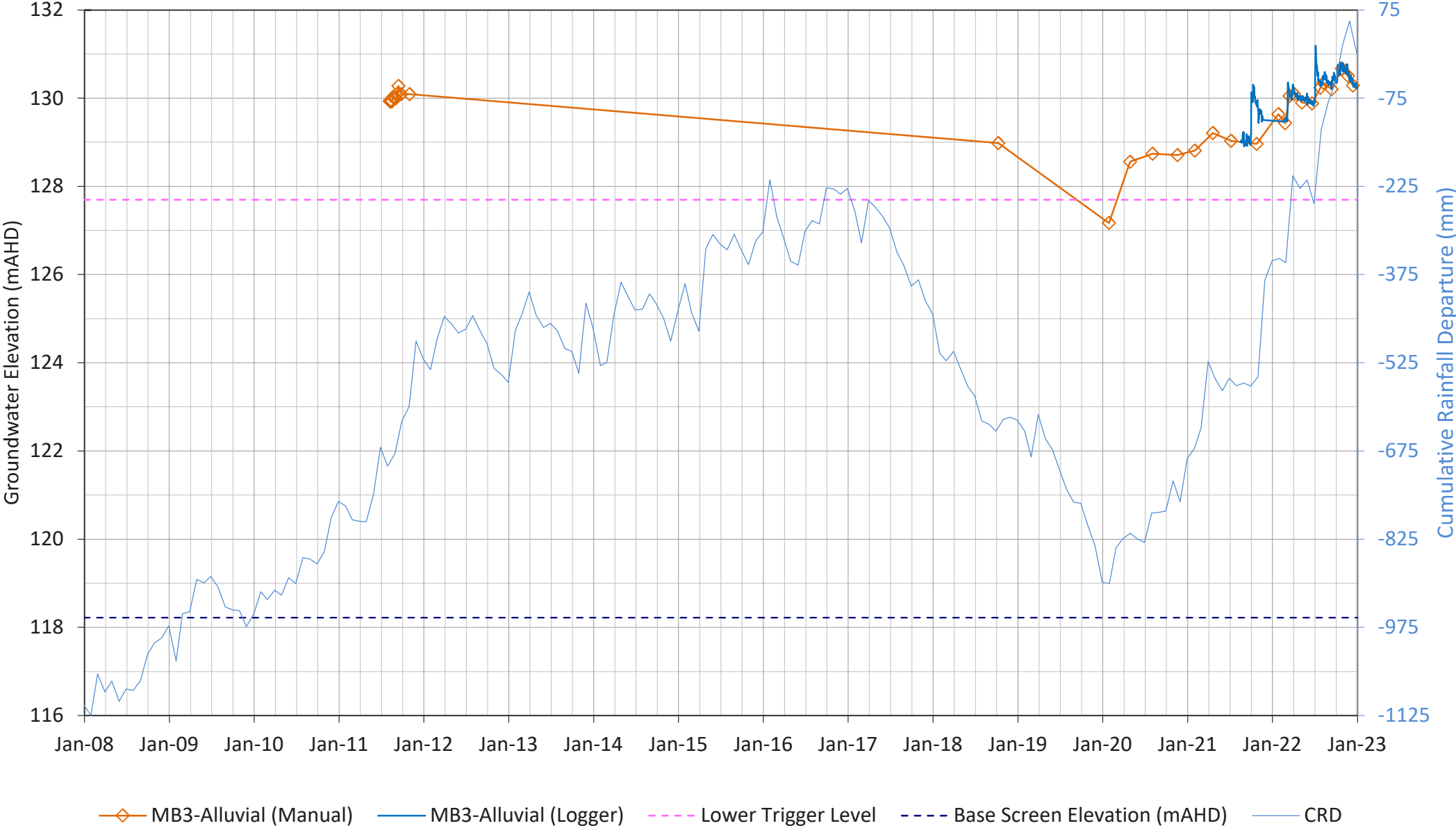


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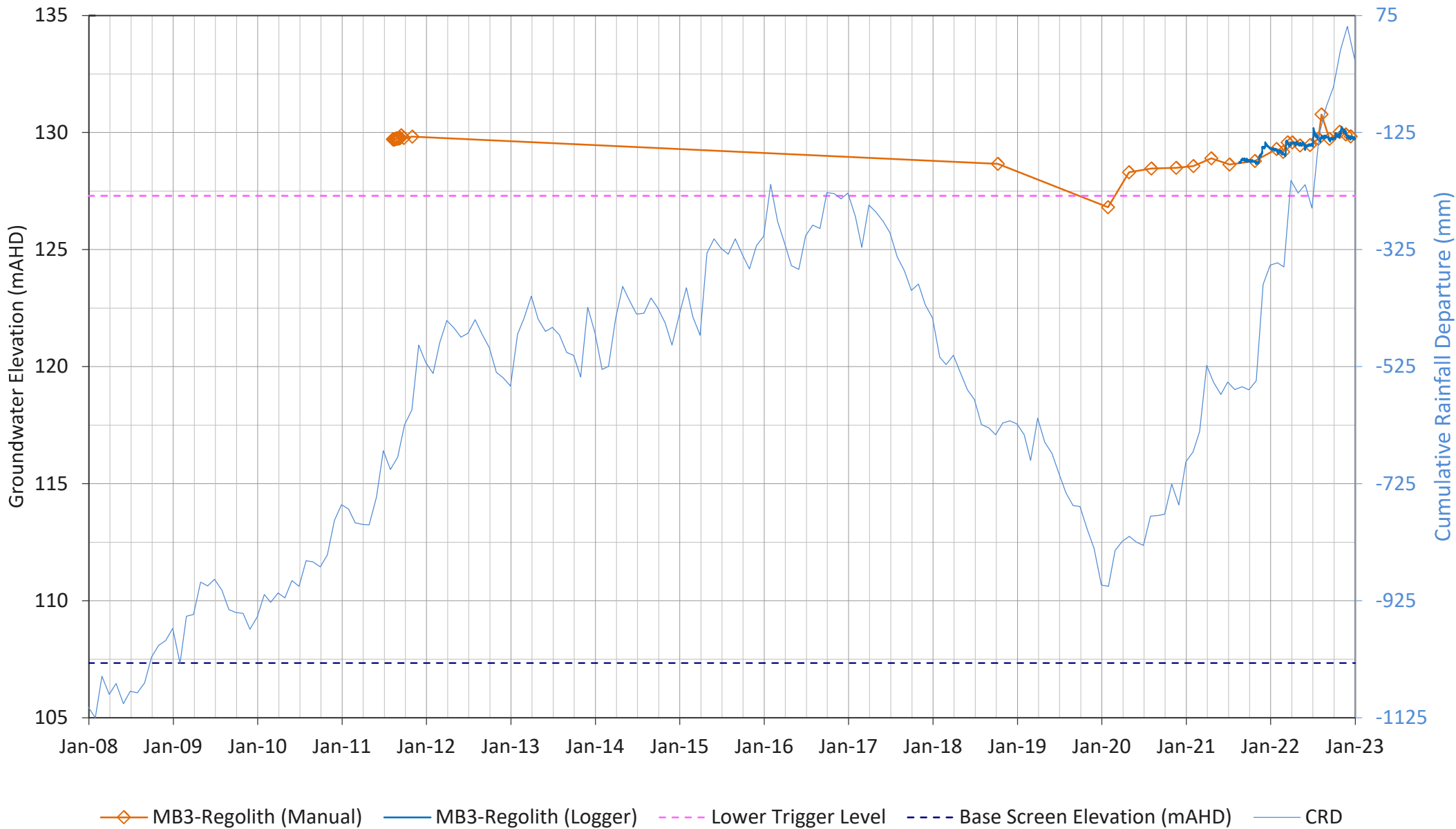


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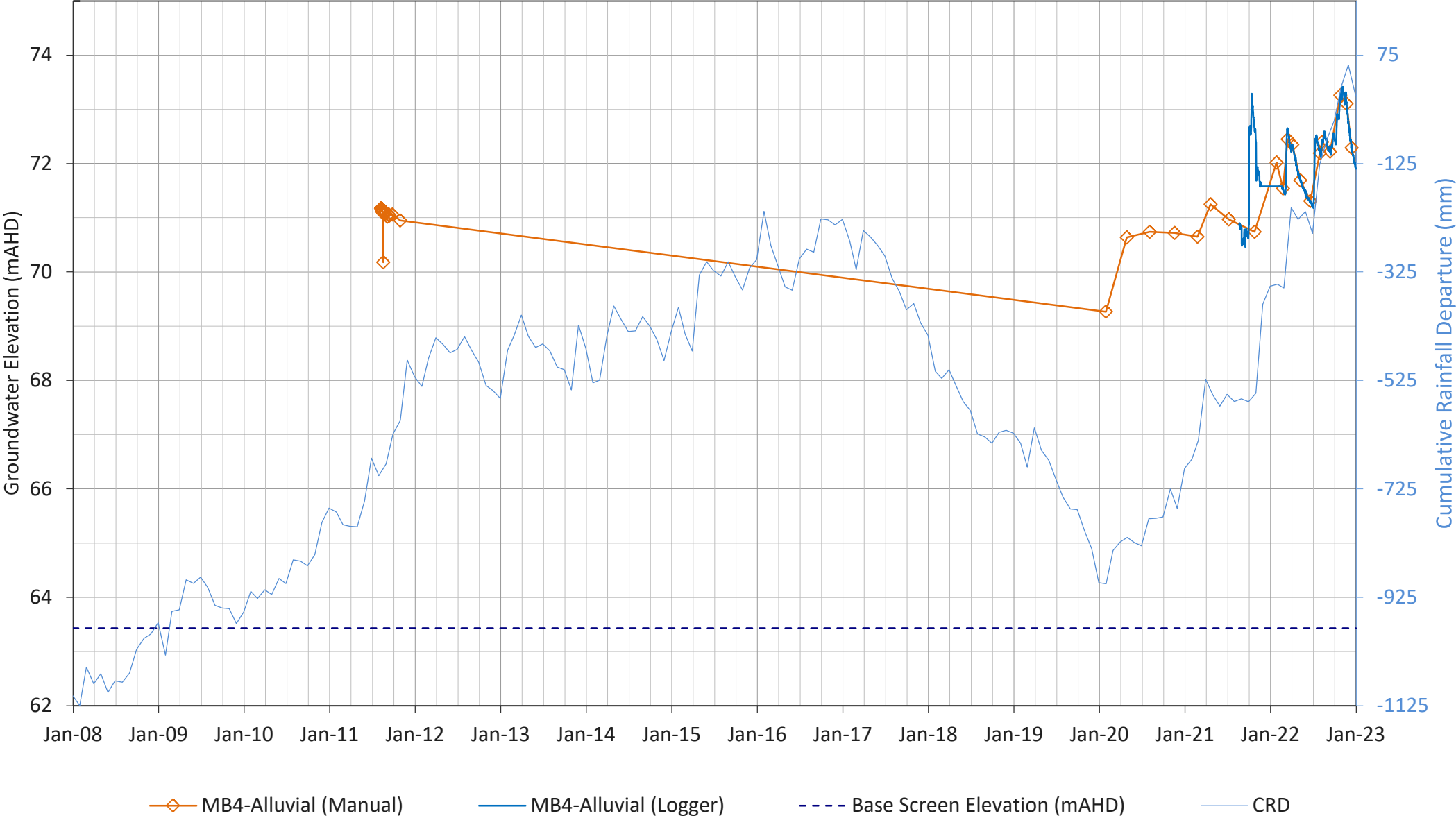


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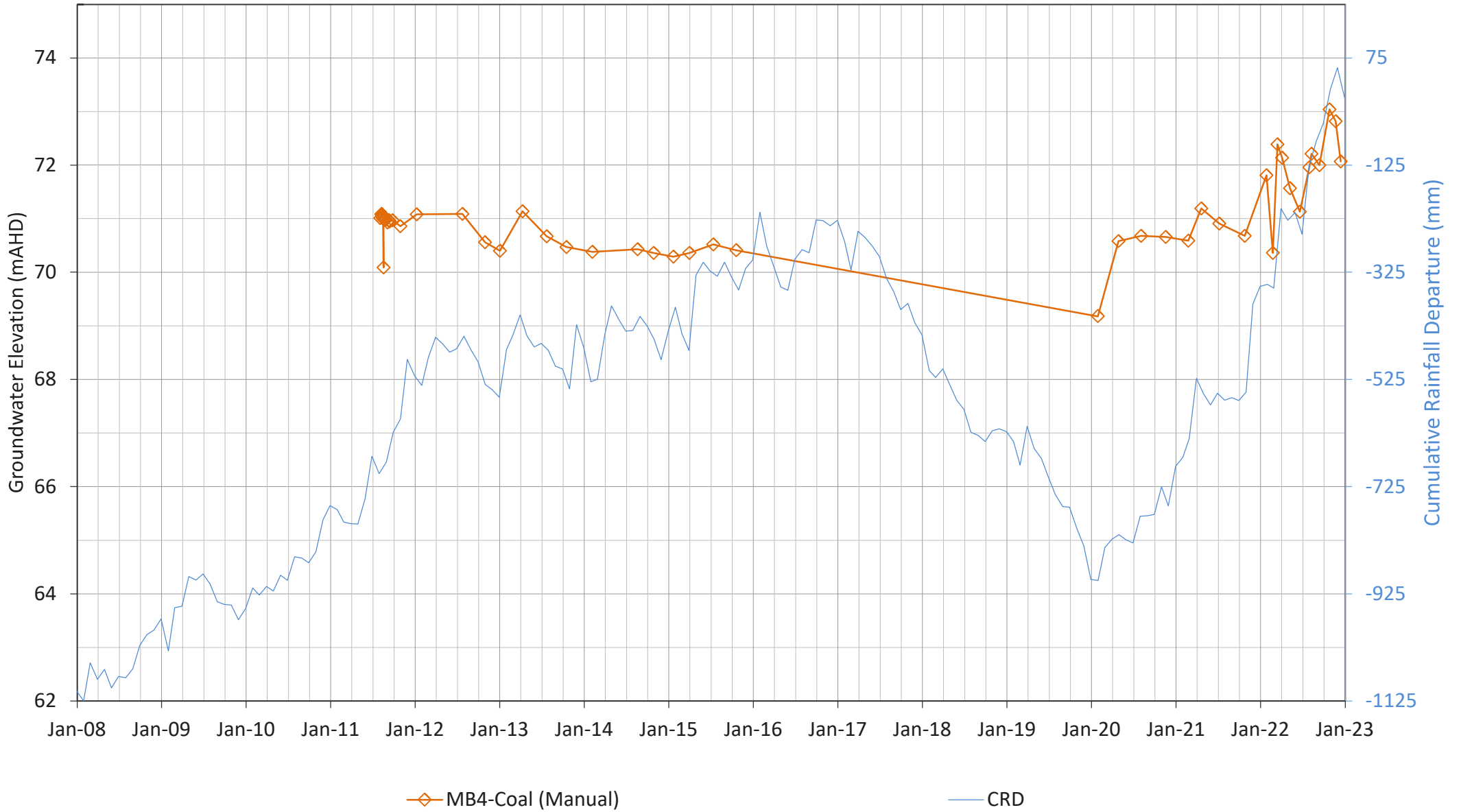


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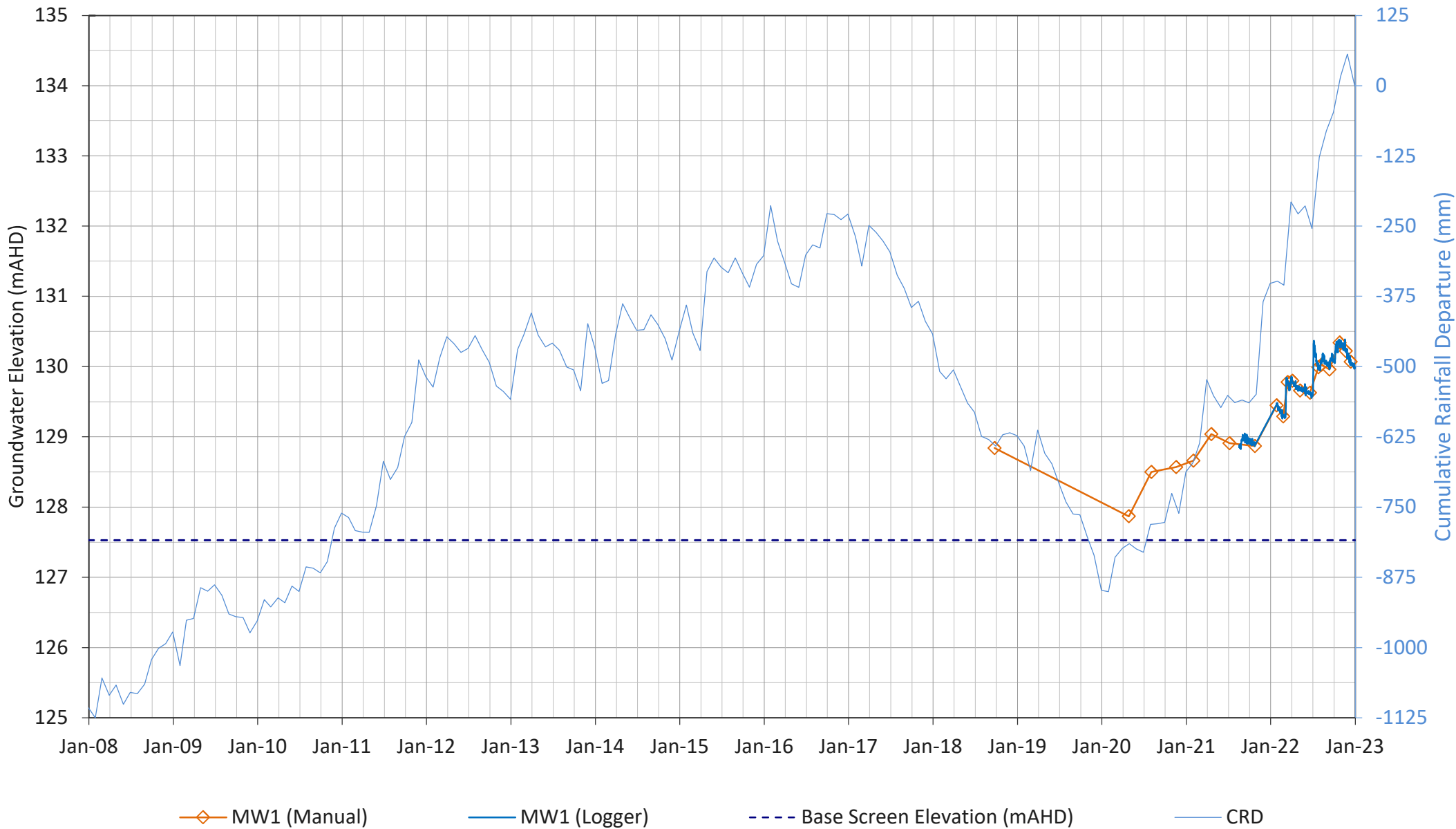


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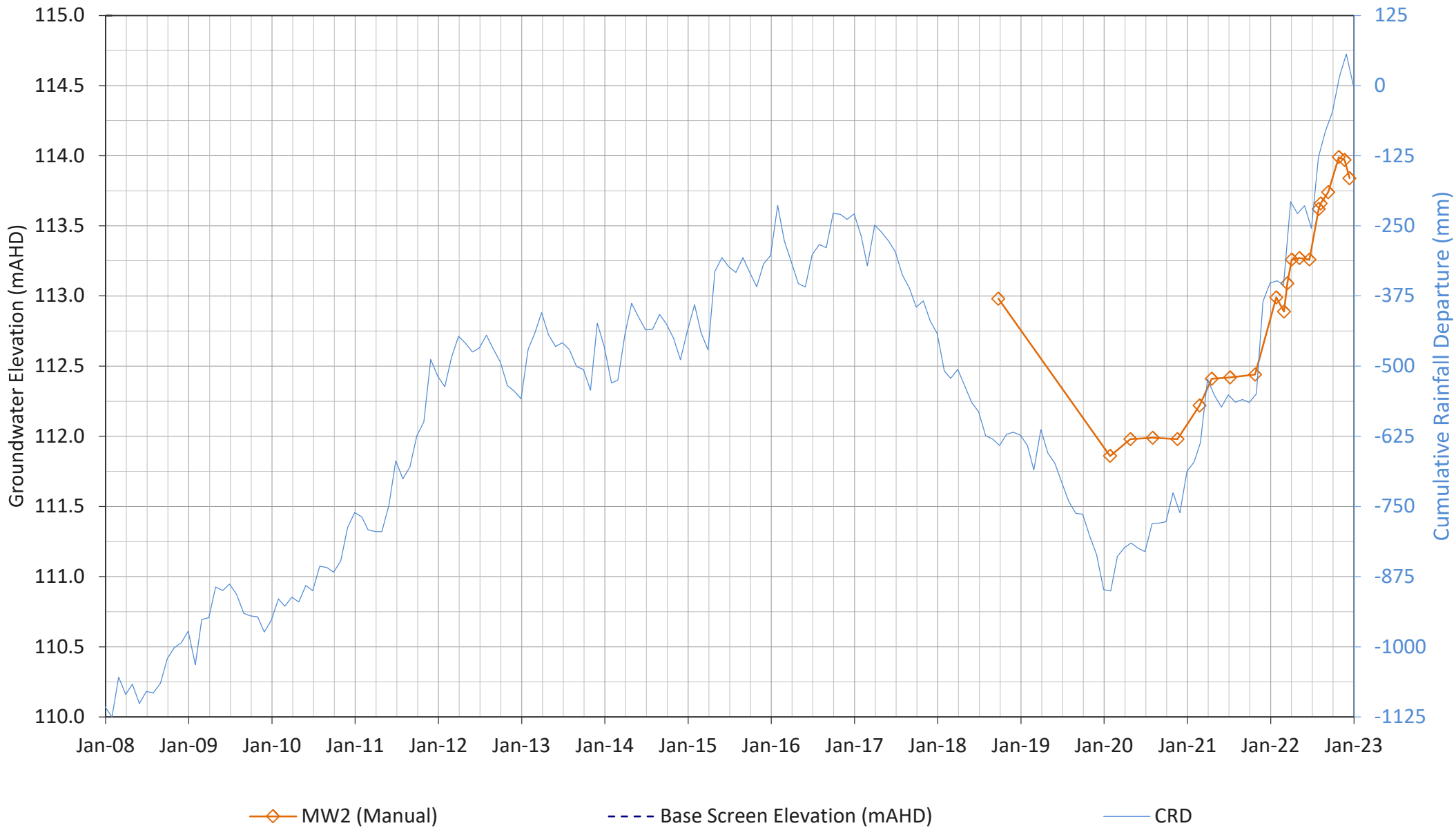


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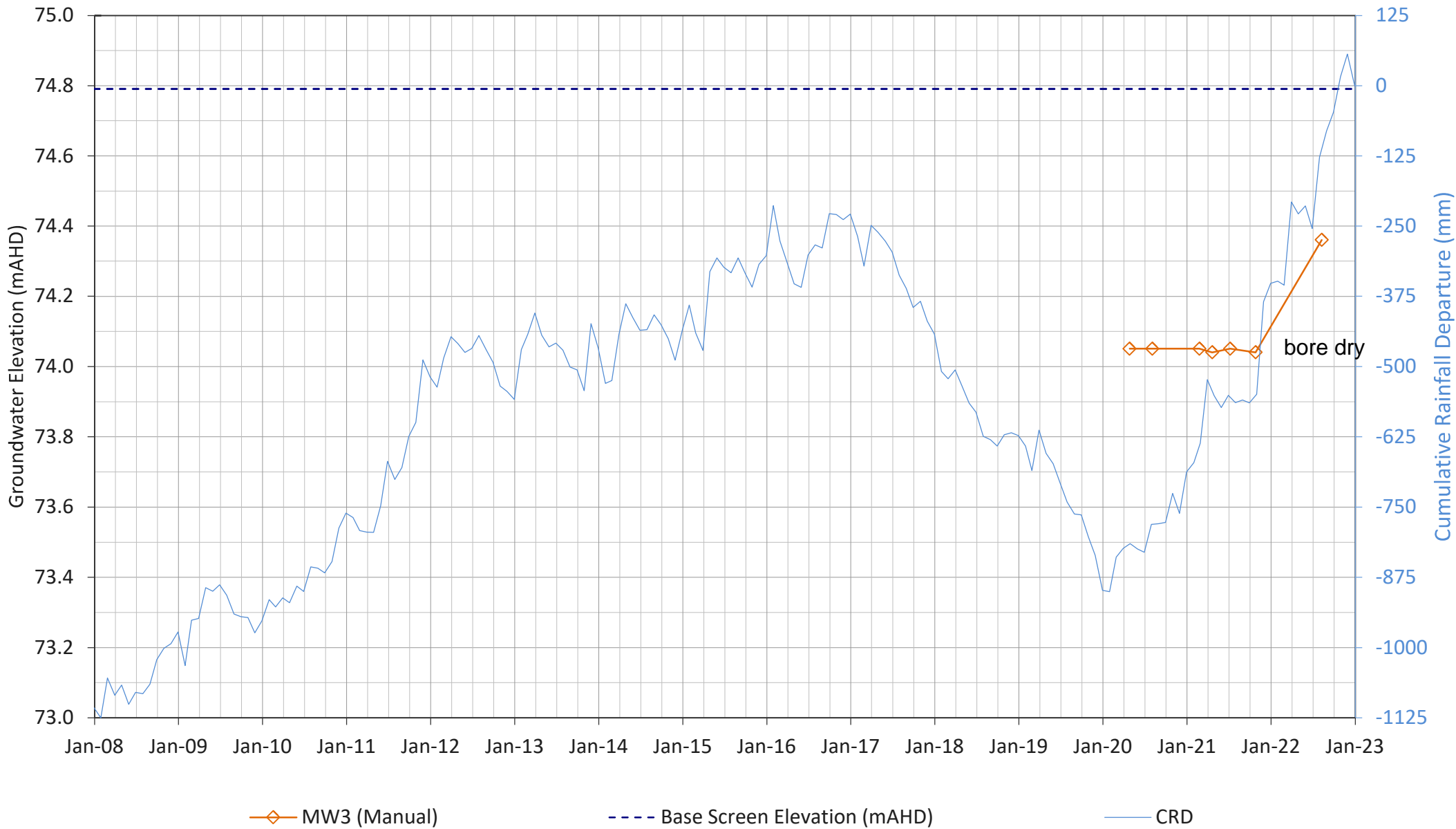


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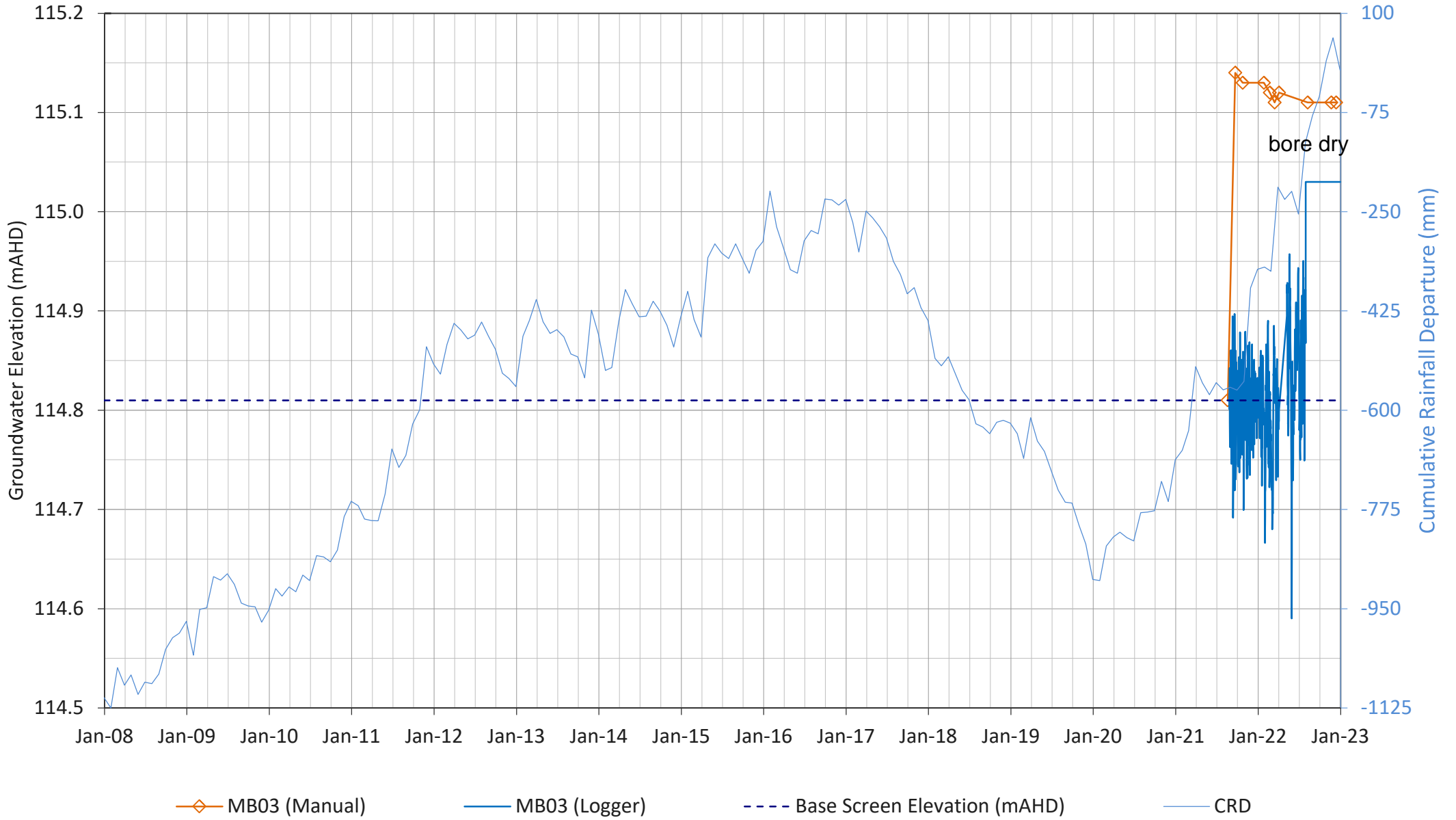


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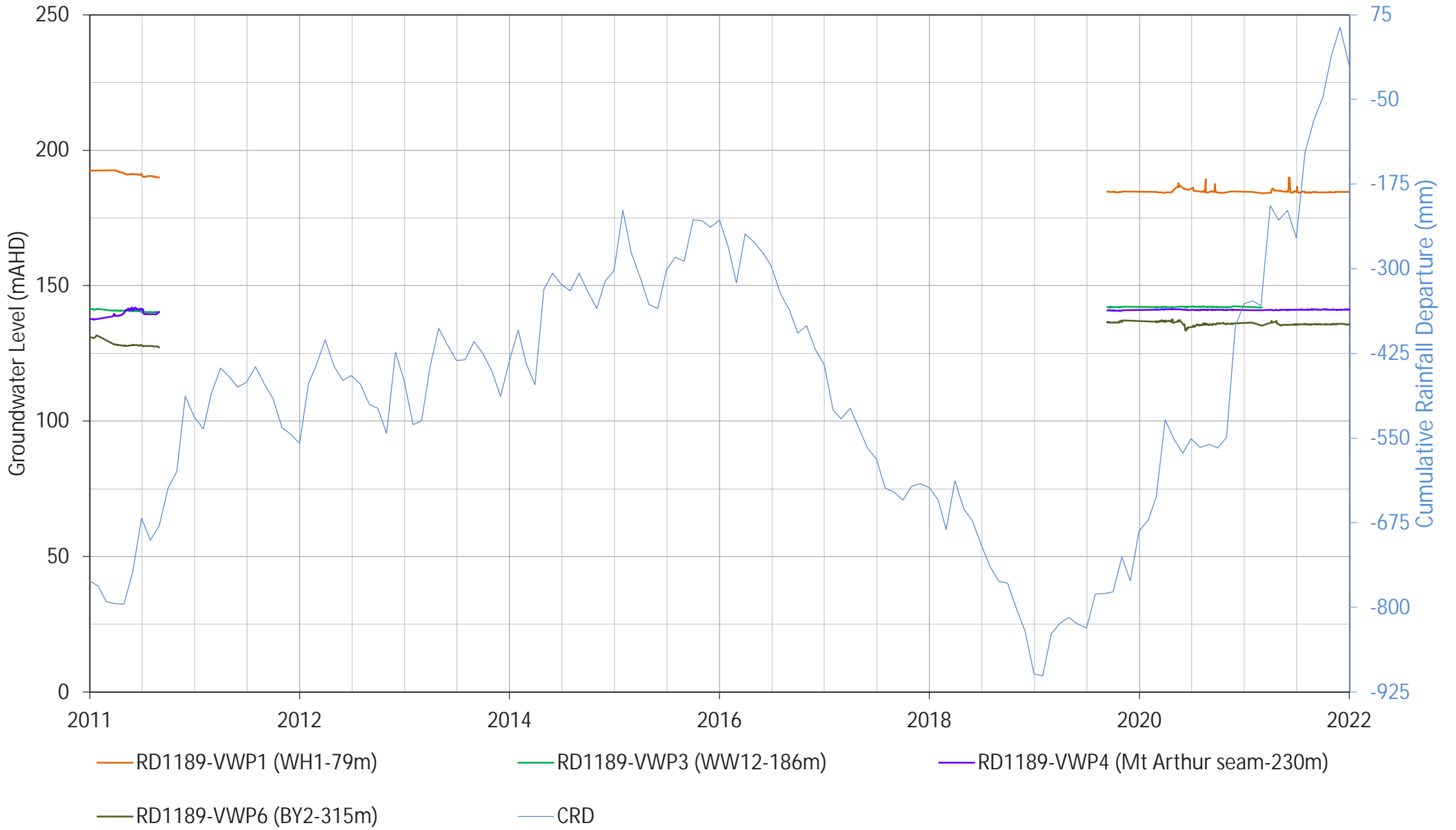


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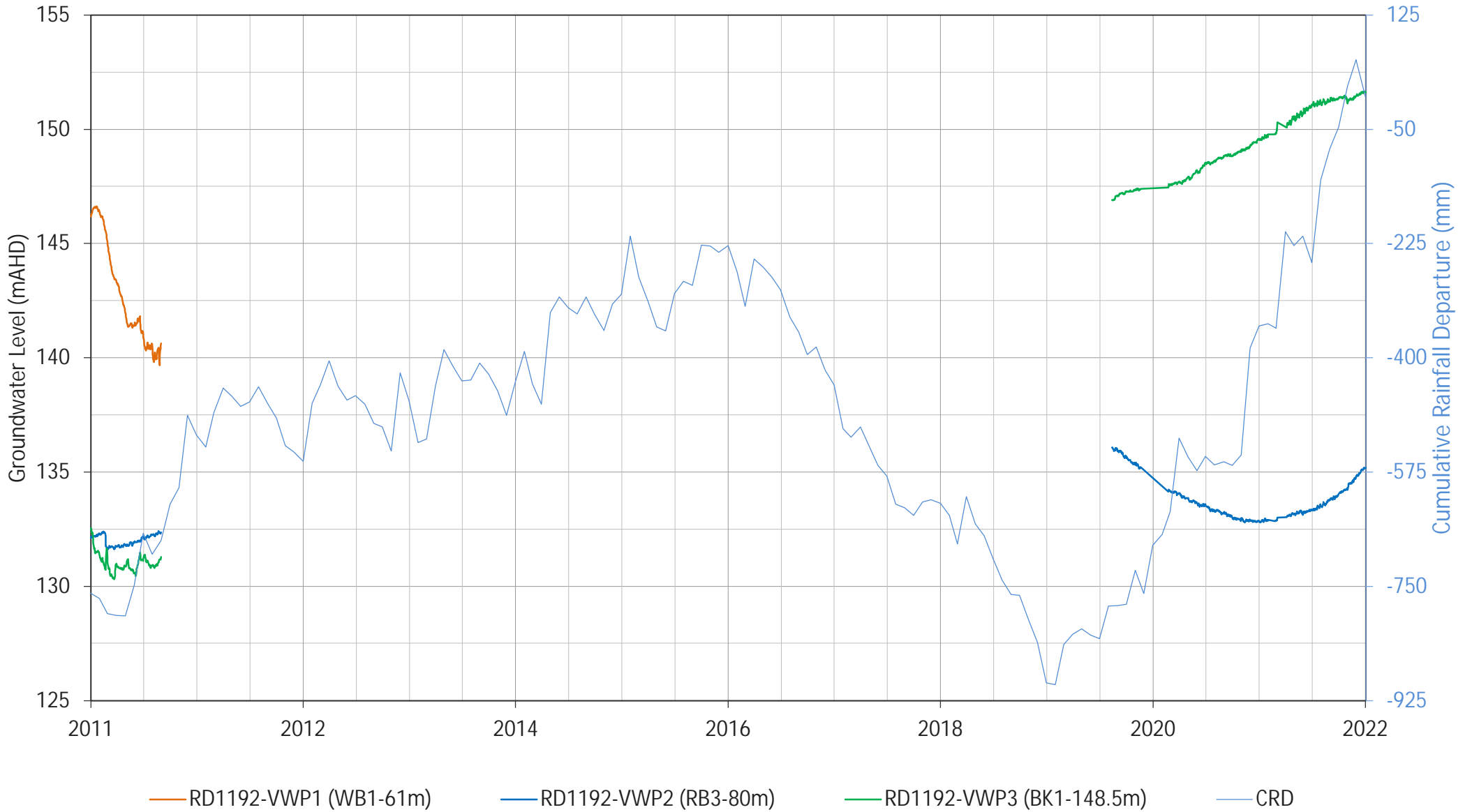


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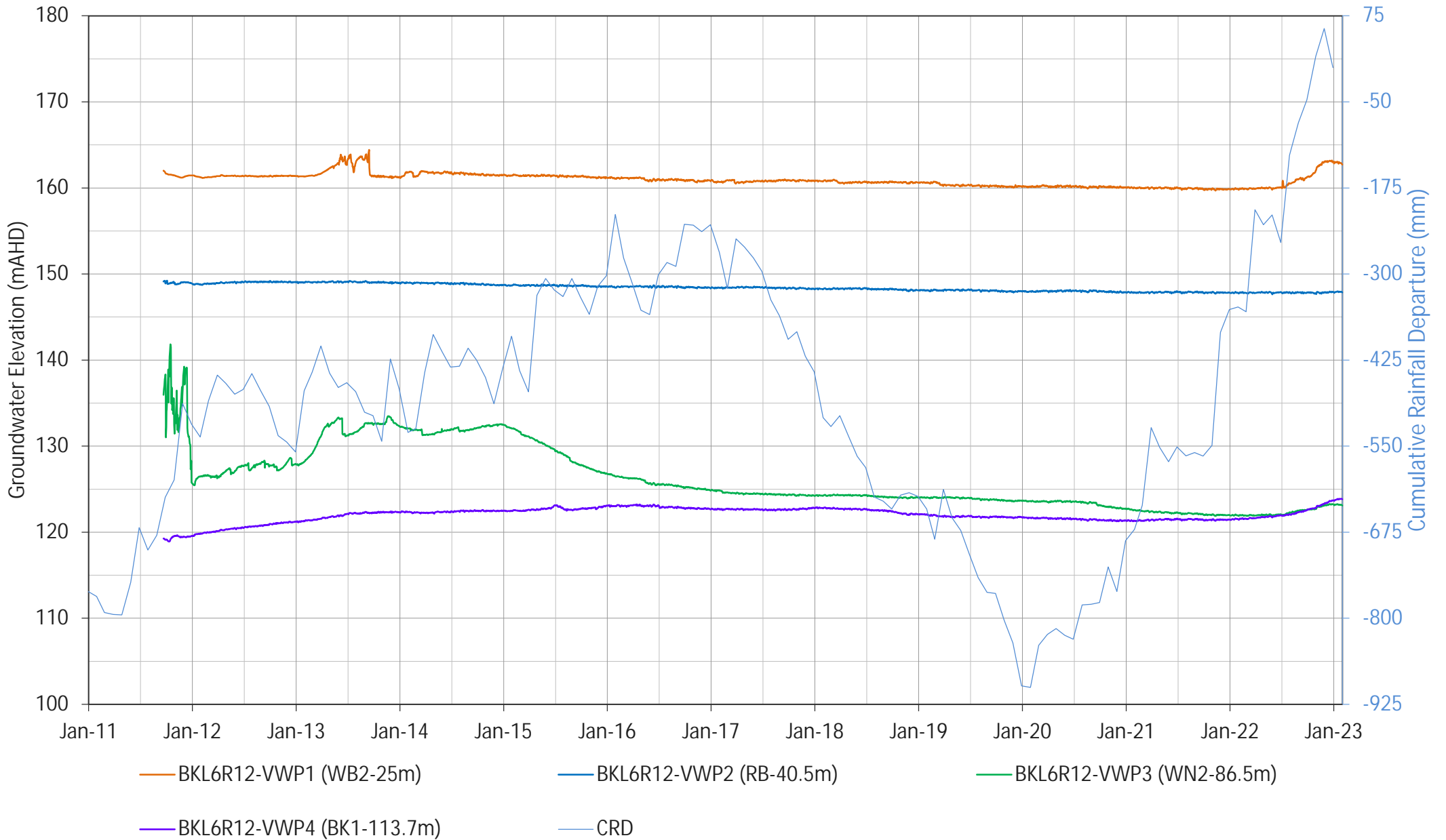


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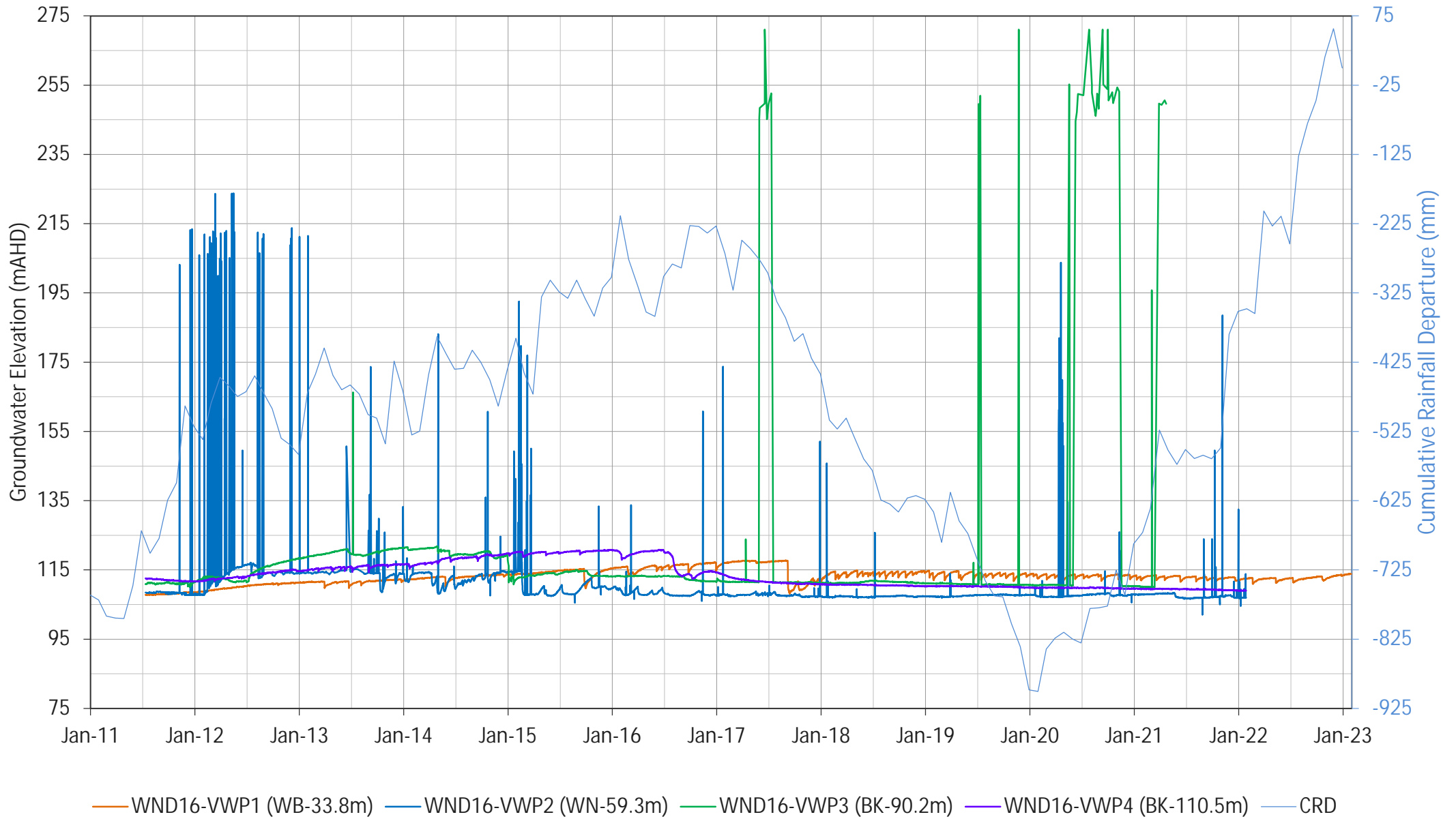


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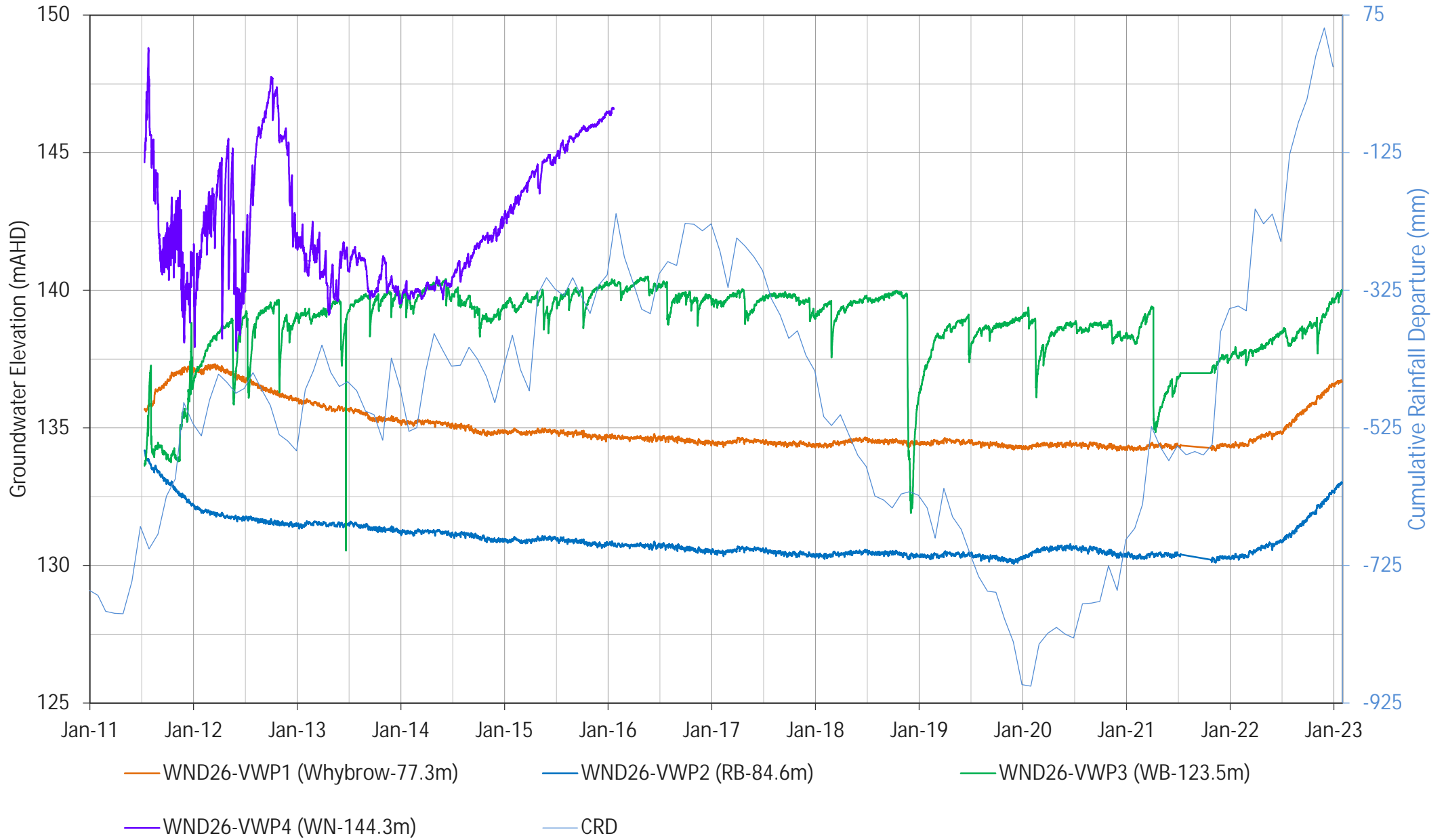


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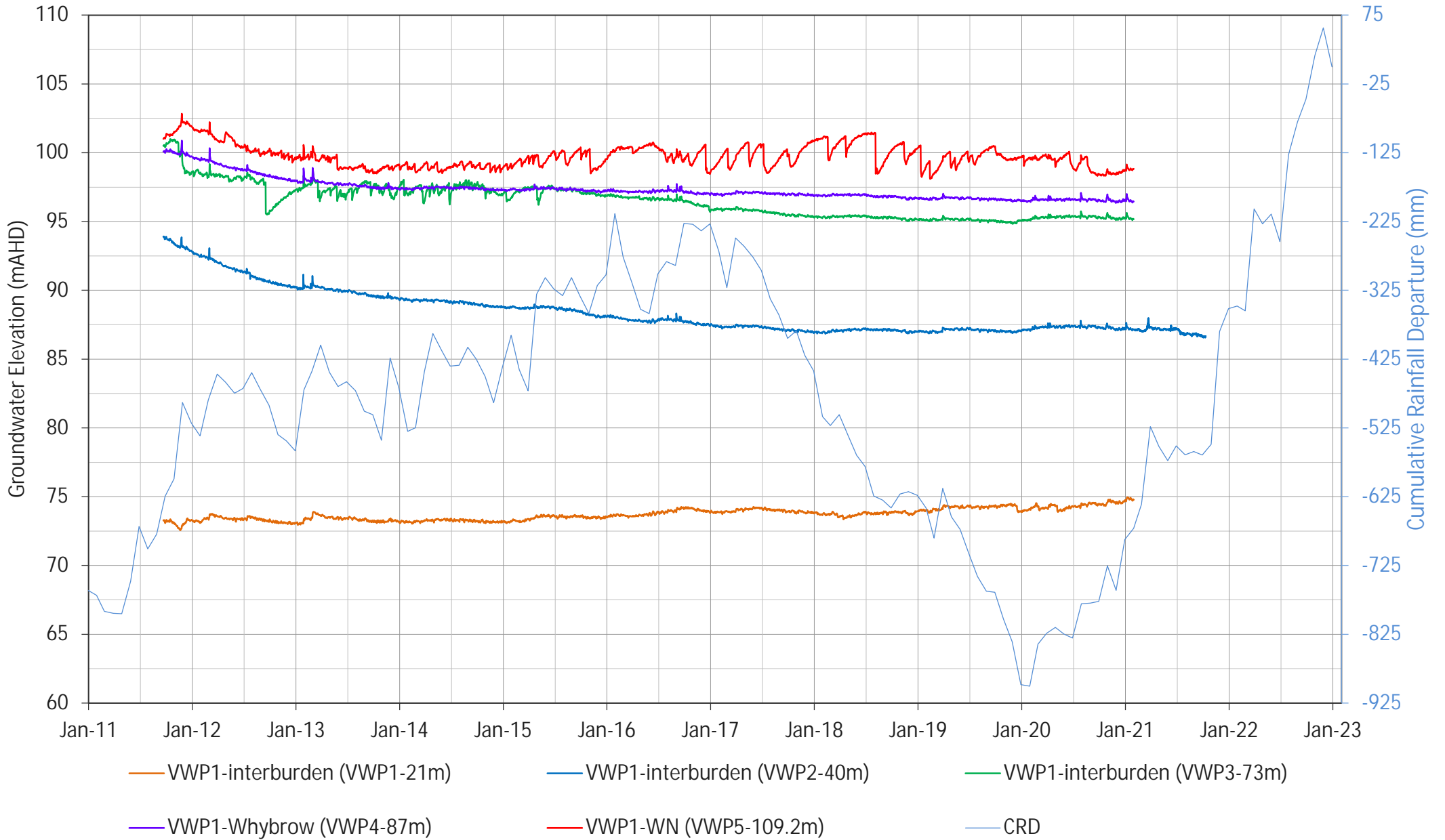


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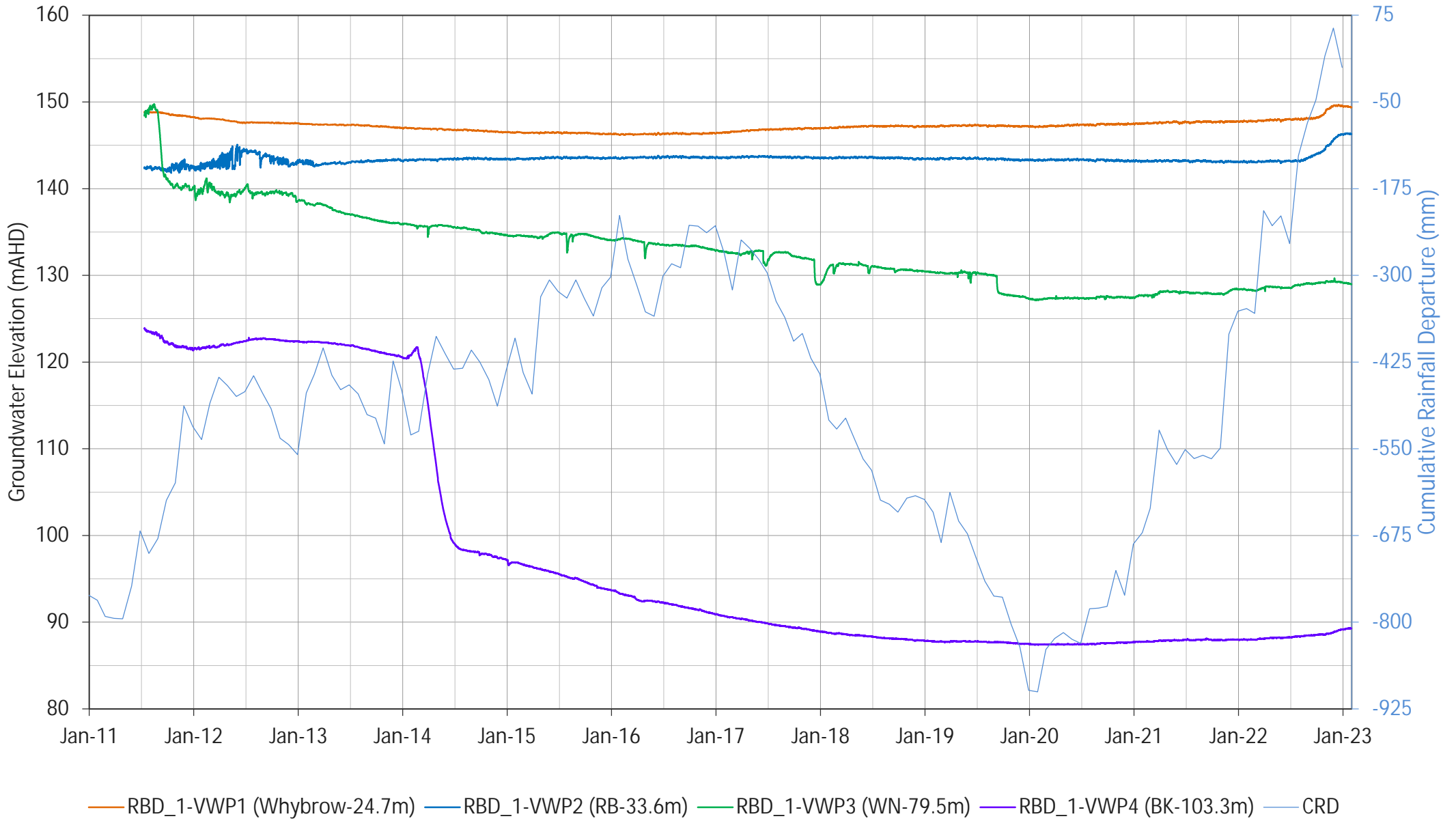
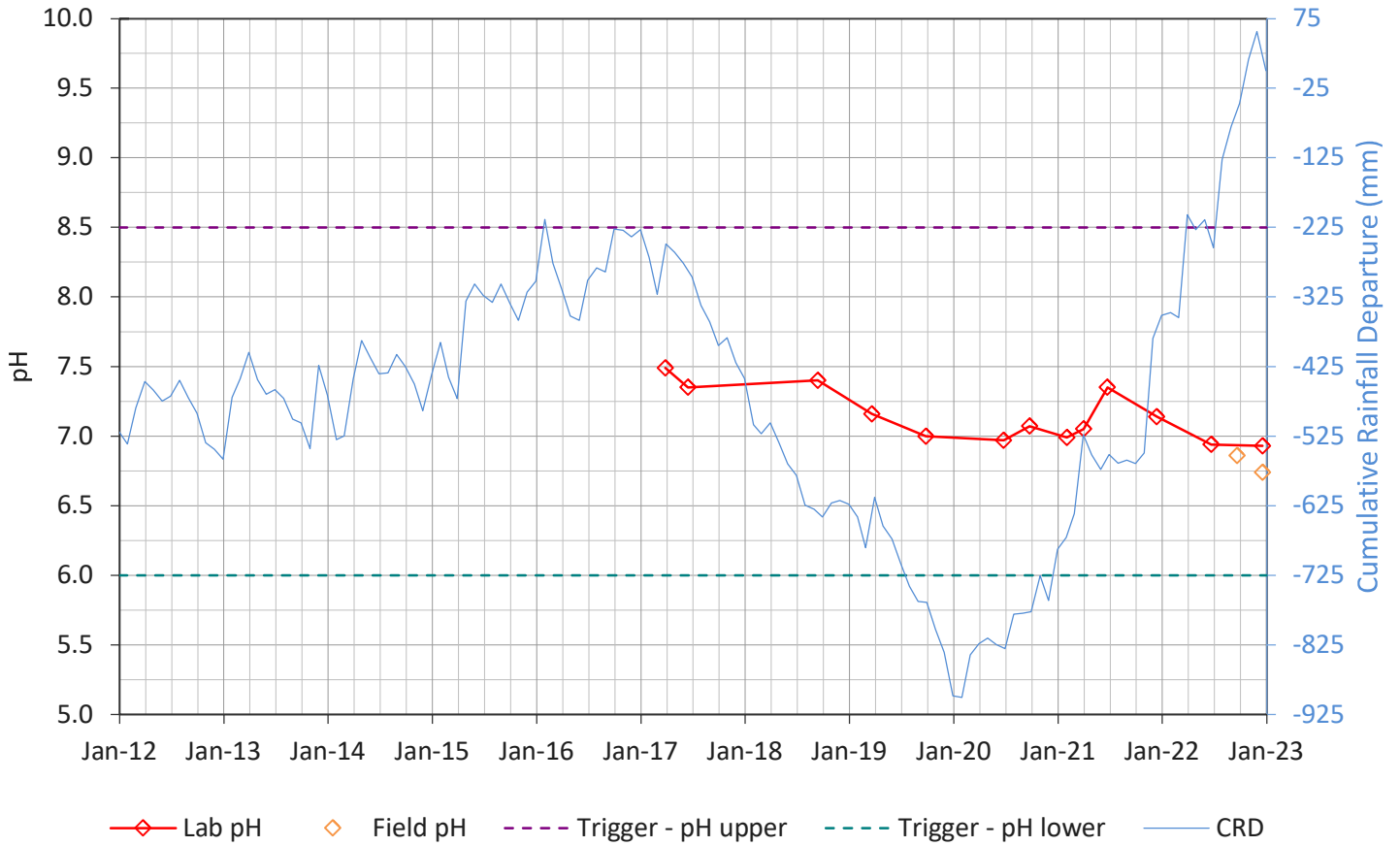


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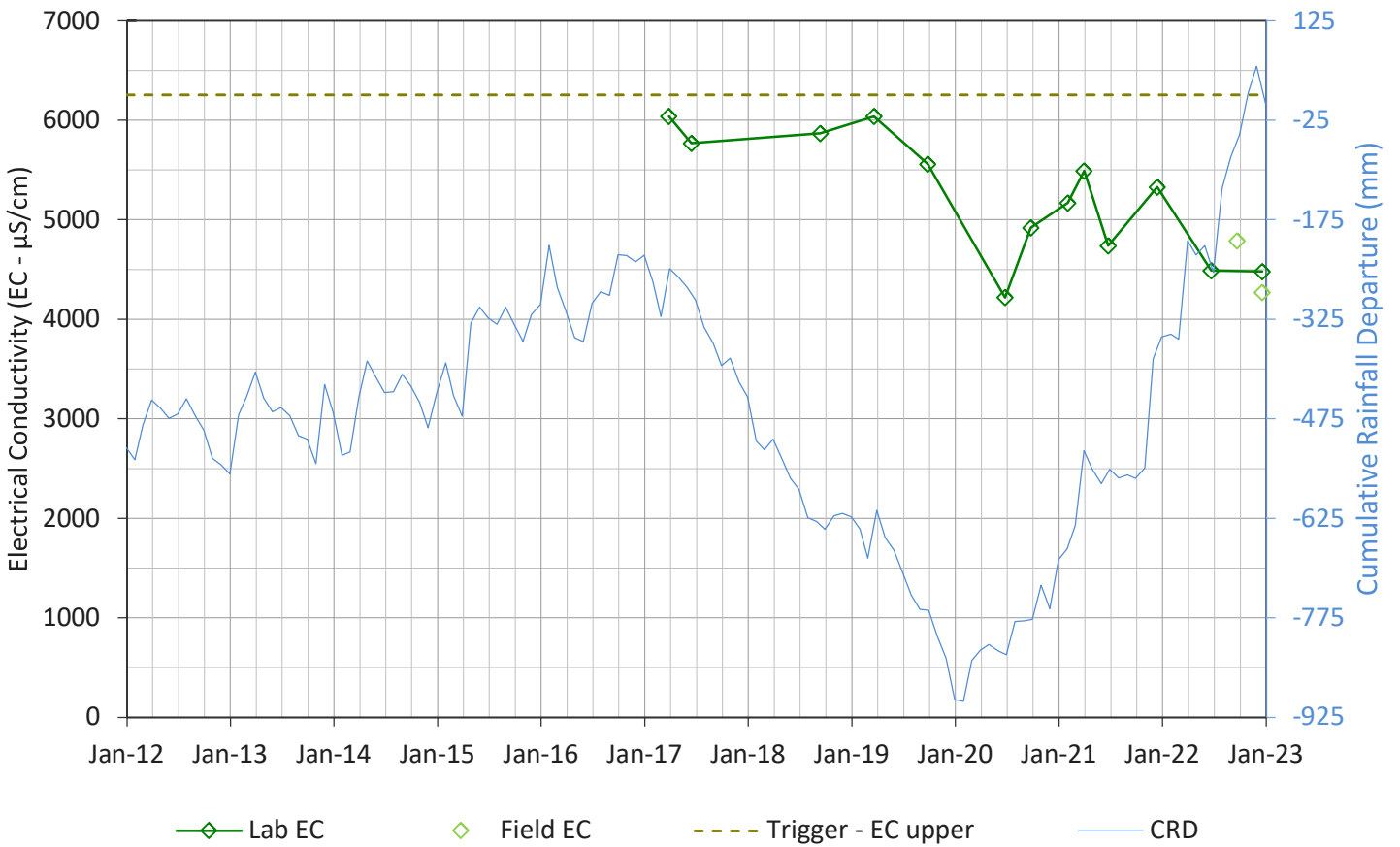
APPENDIX C

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

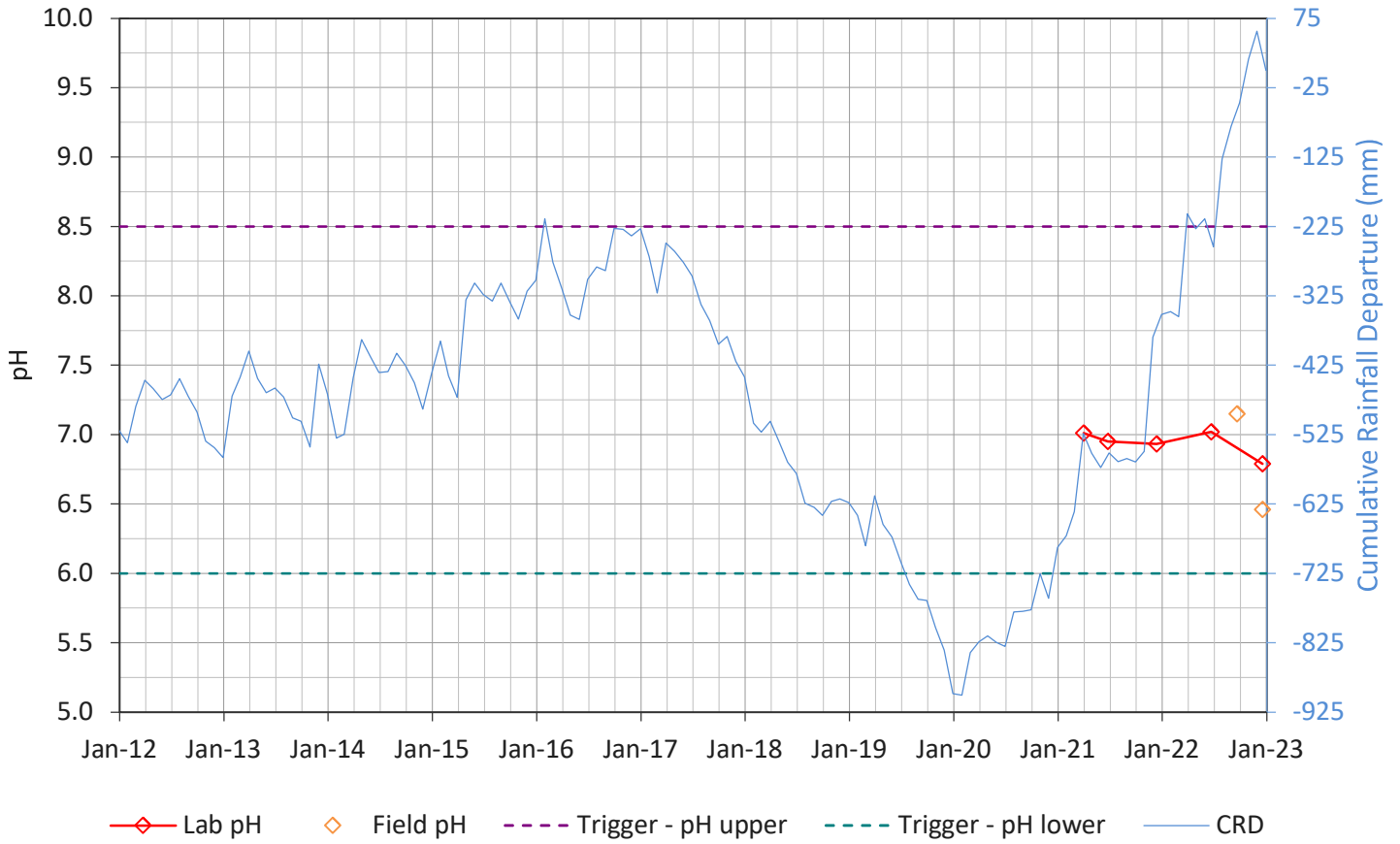
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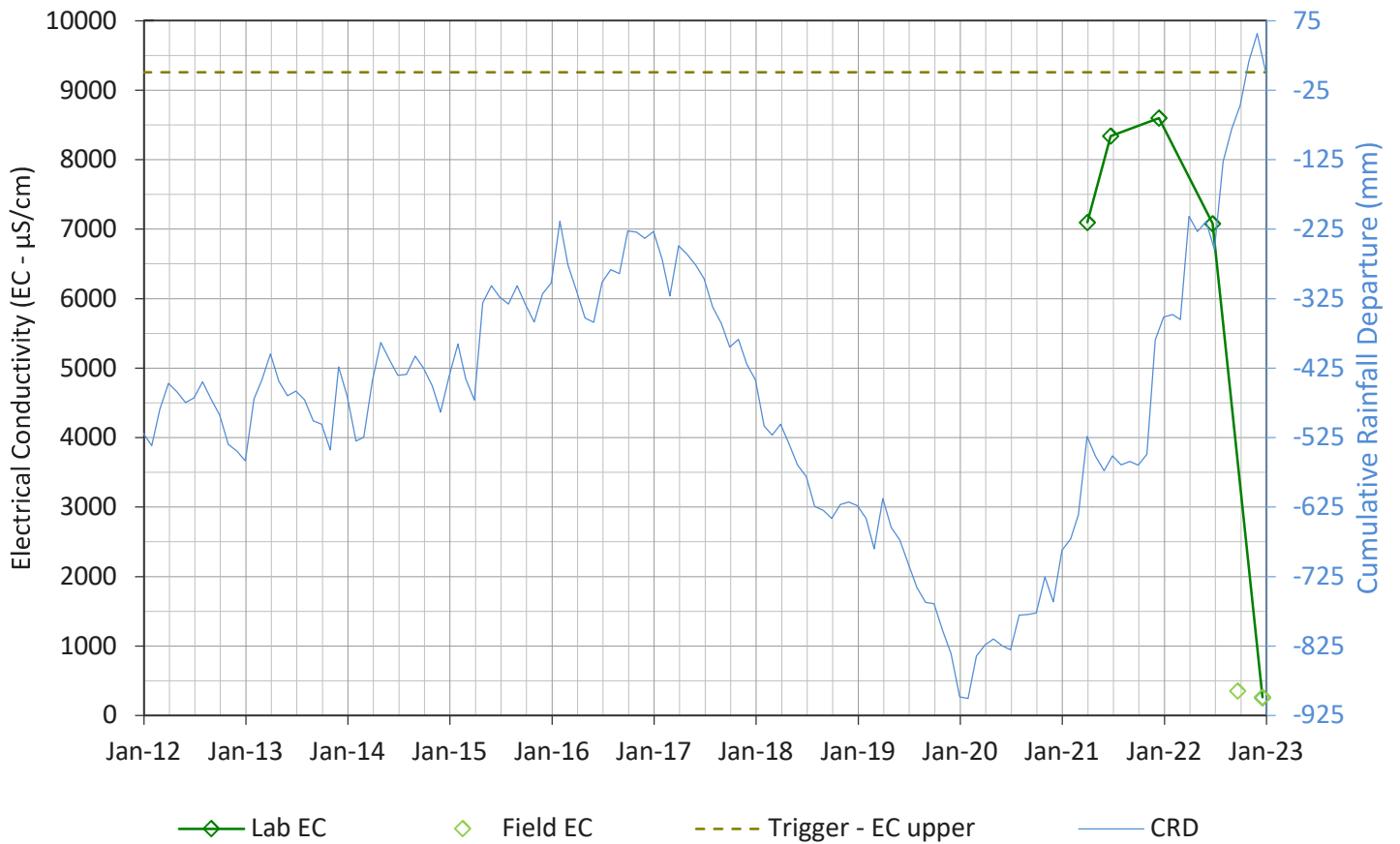
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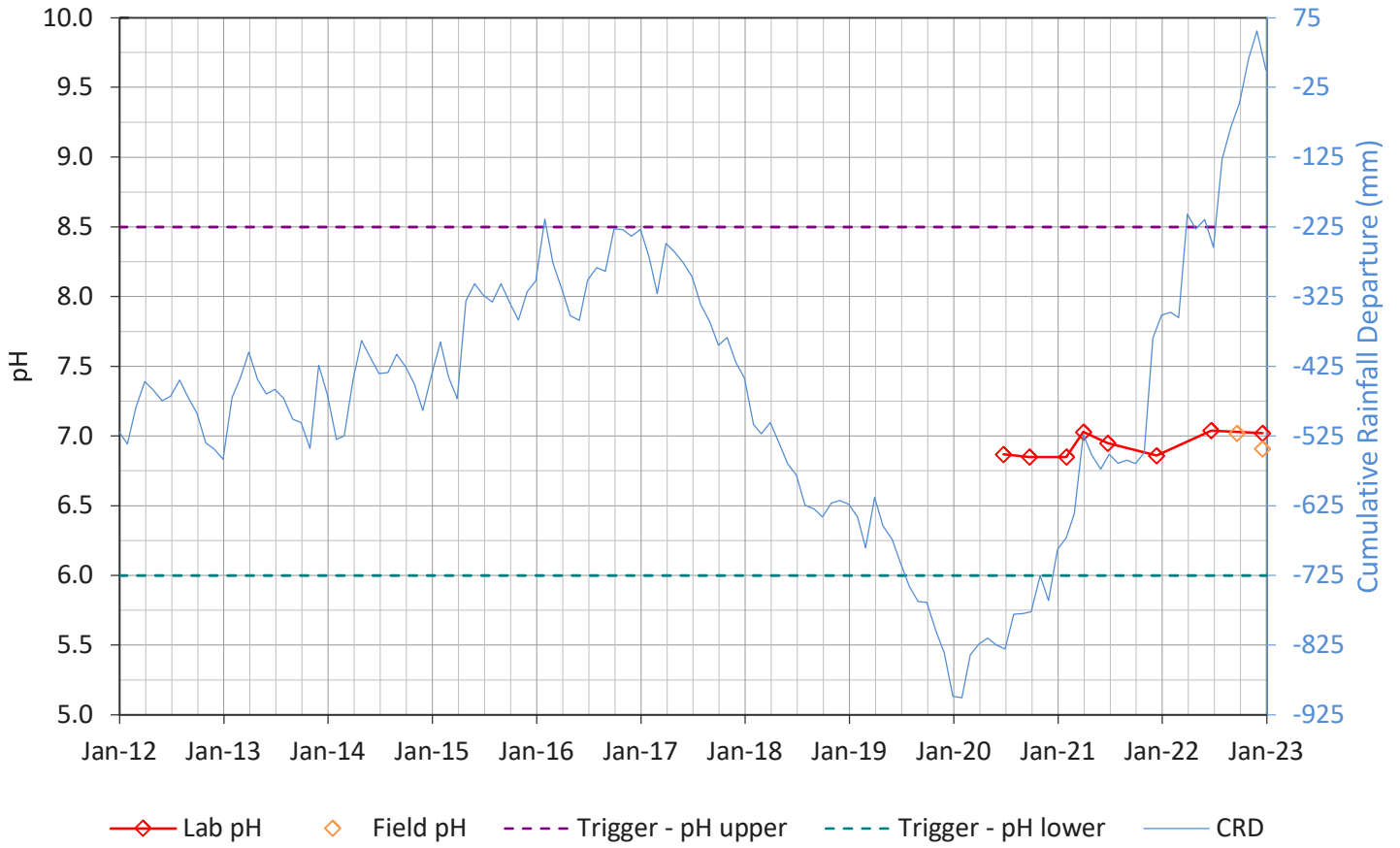
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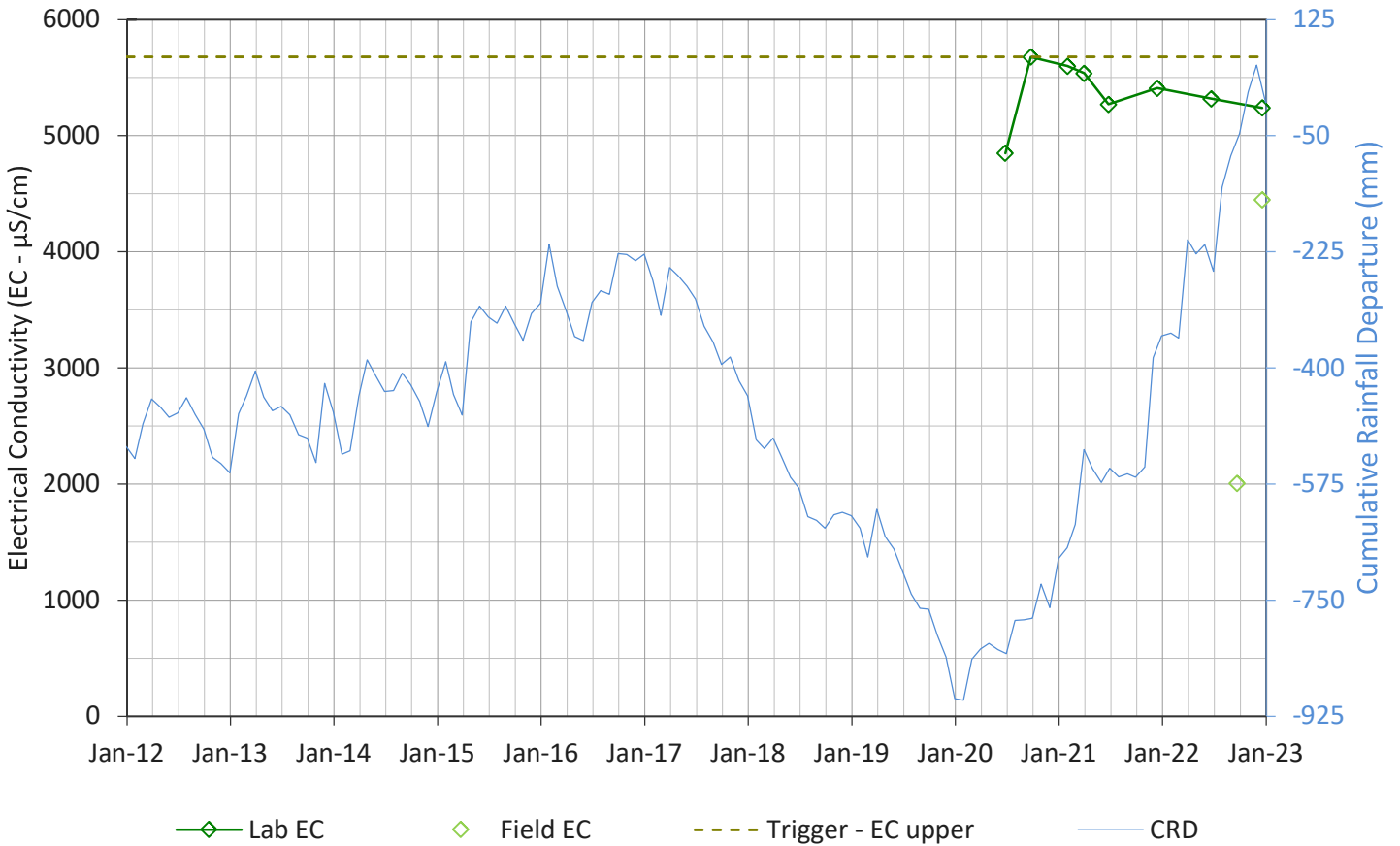
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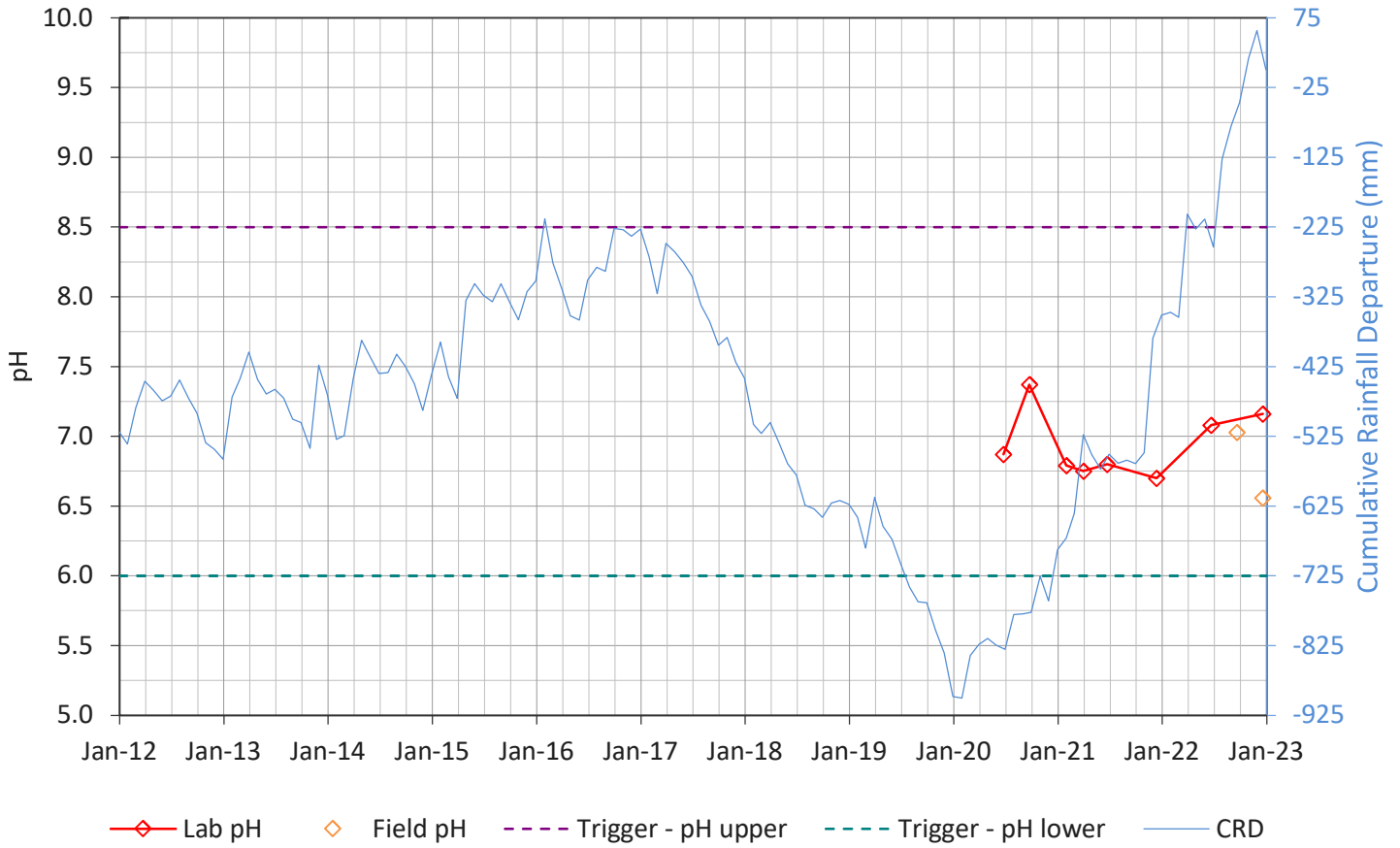
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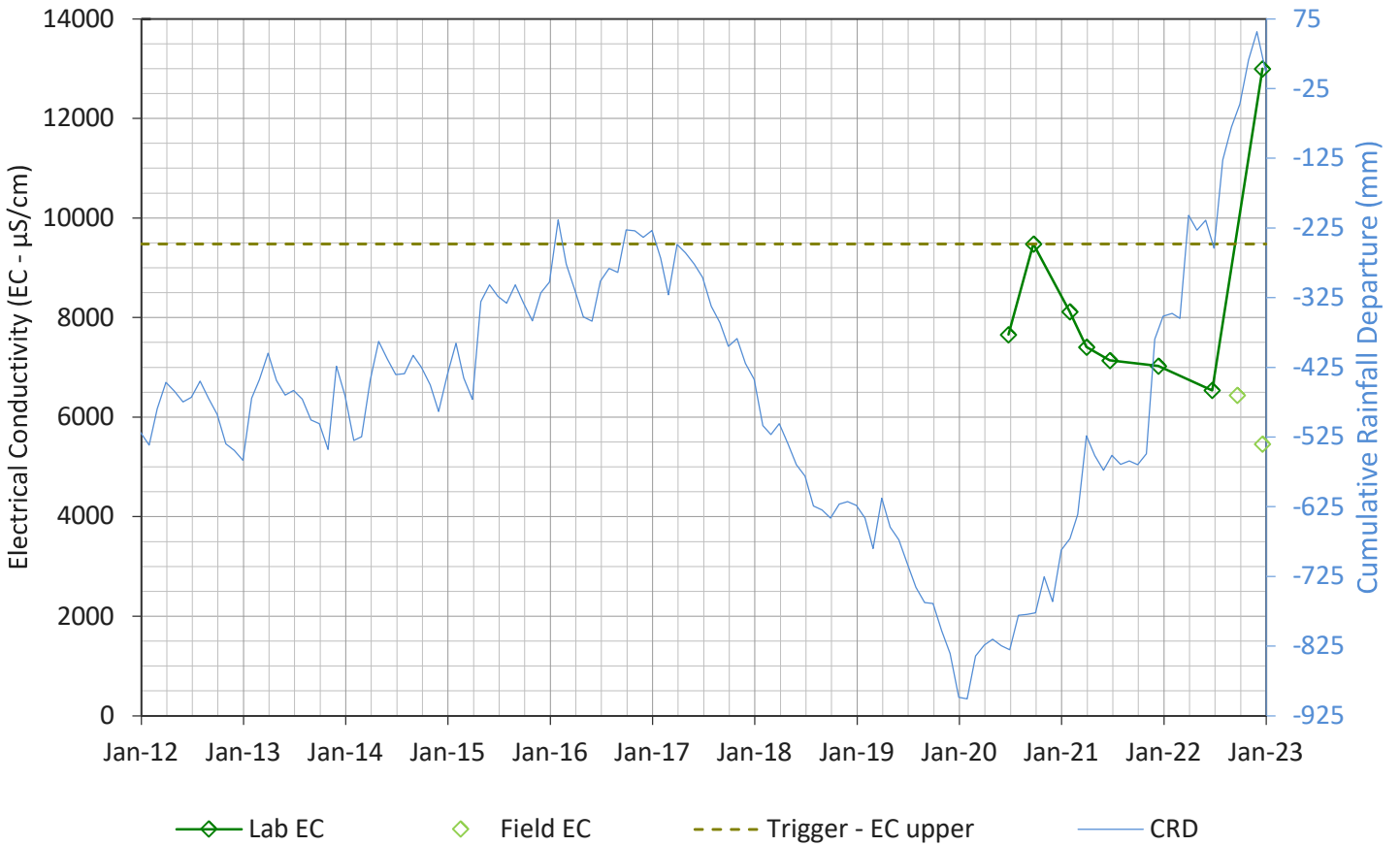
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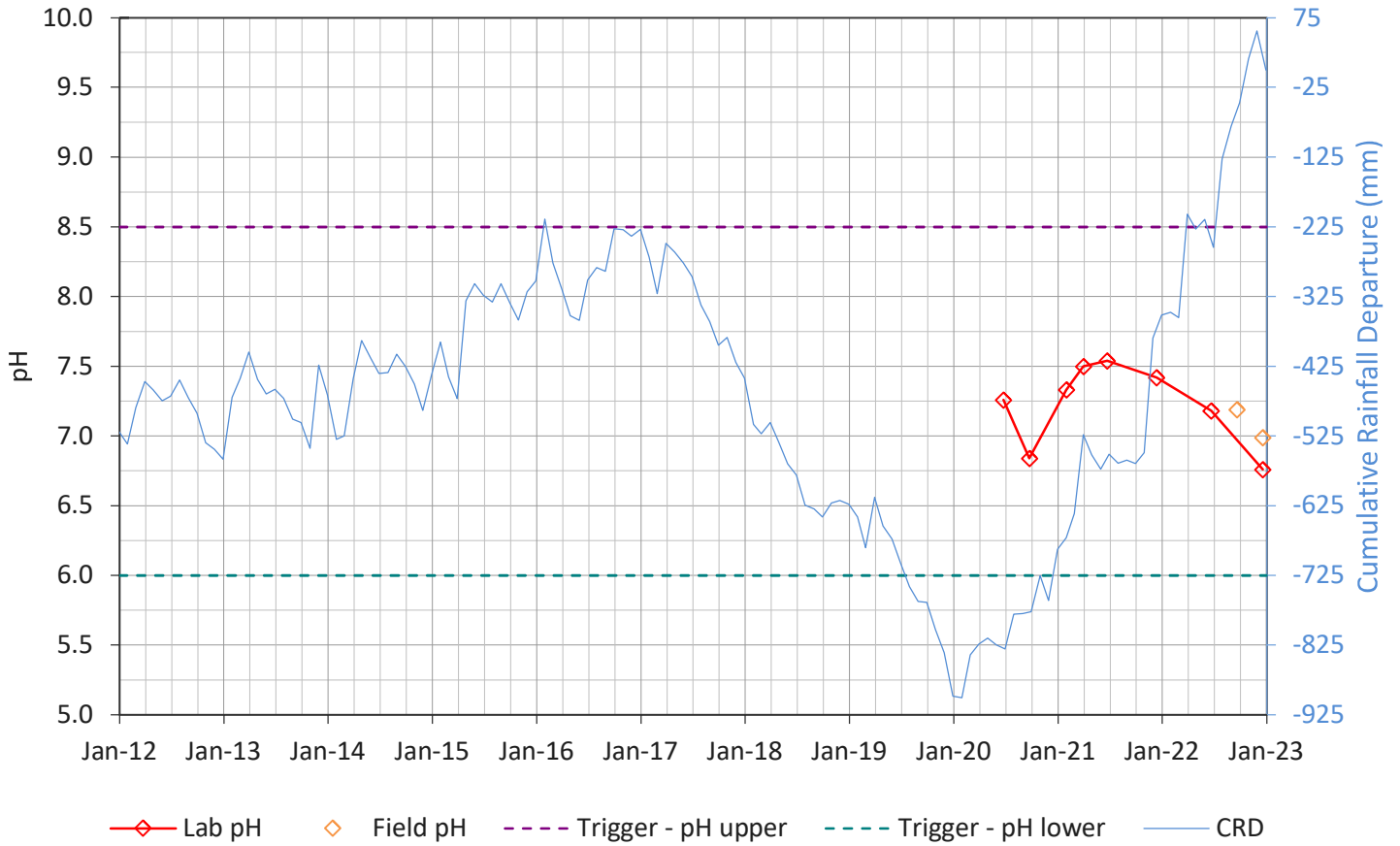
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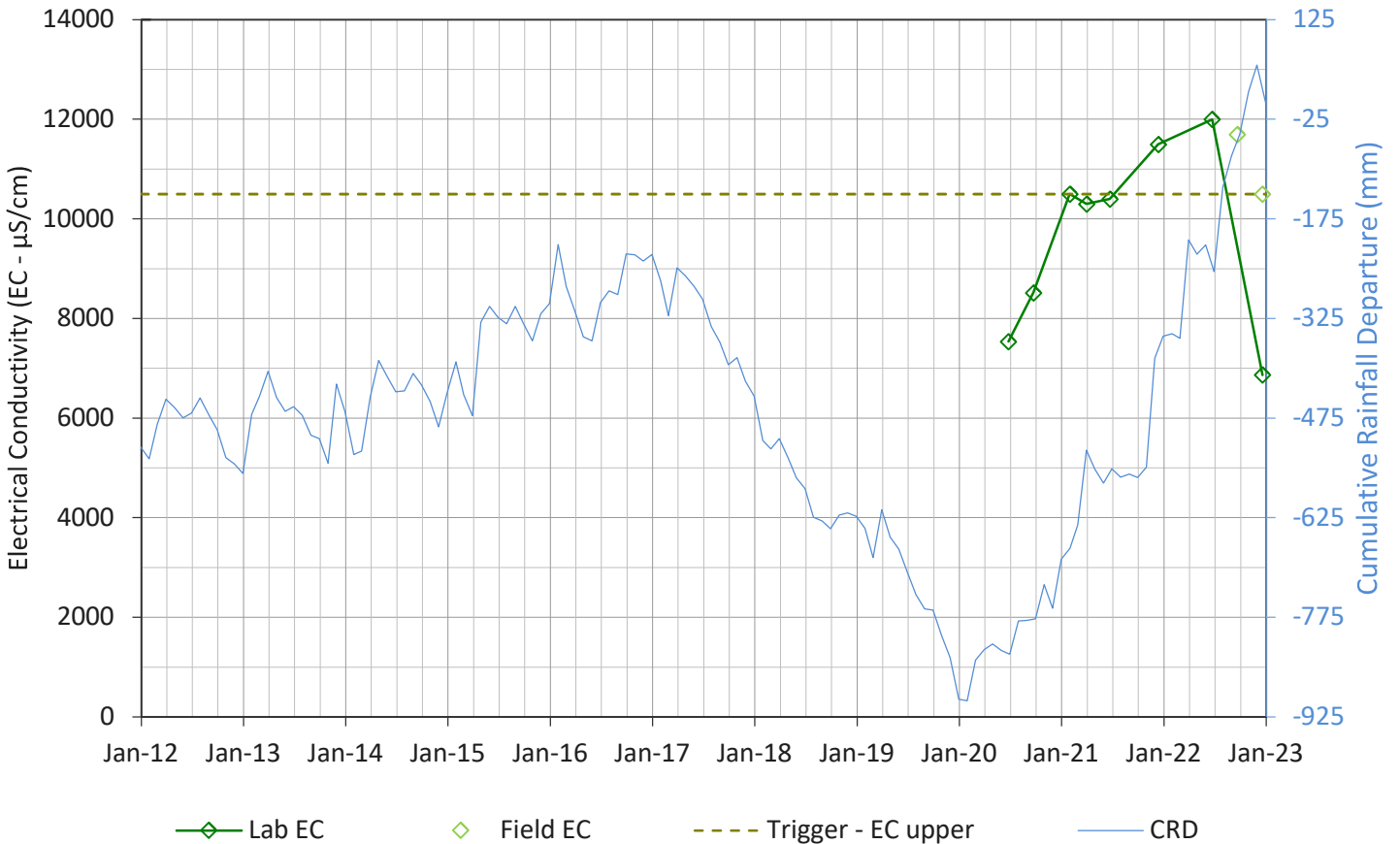
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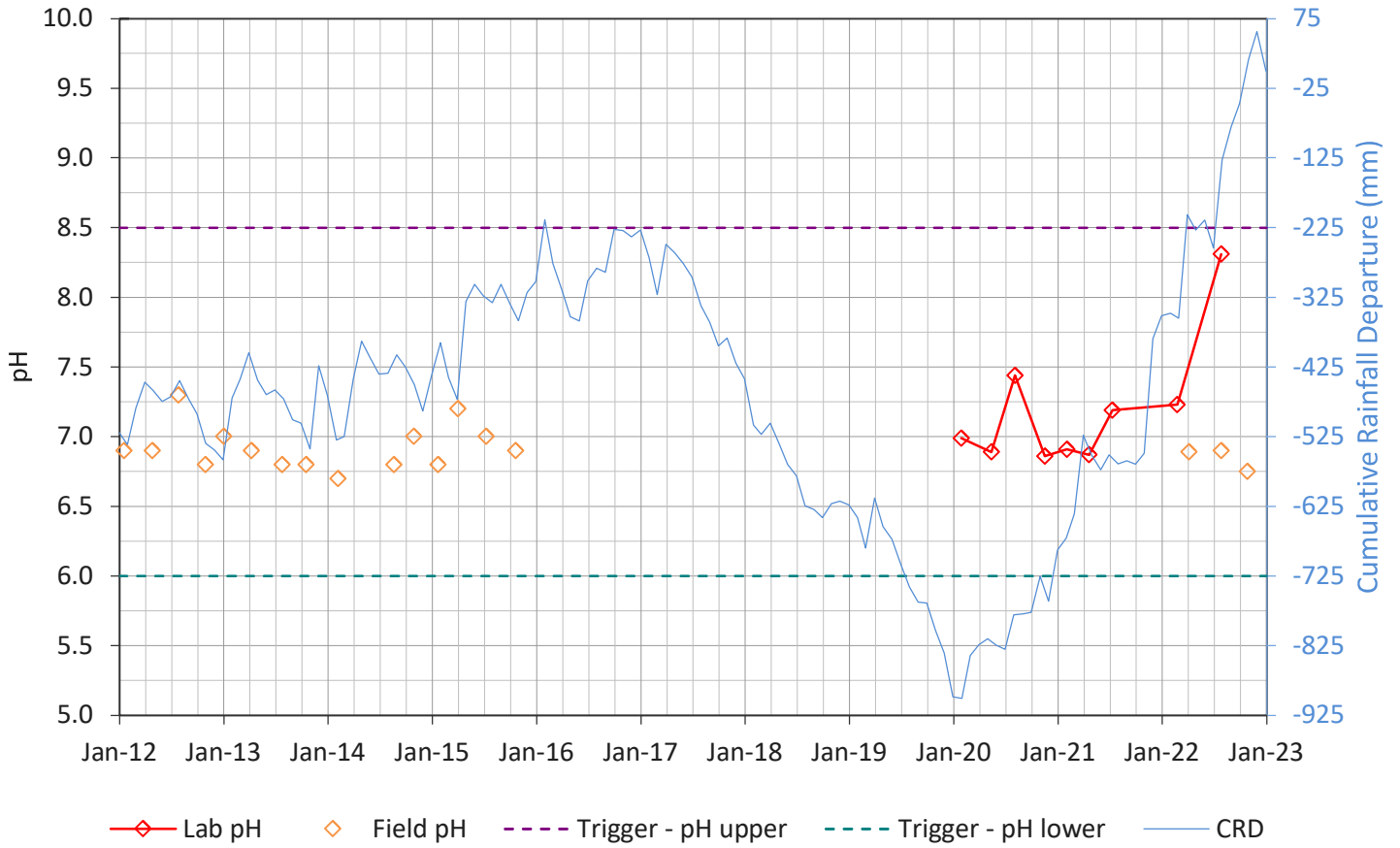
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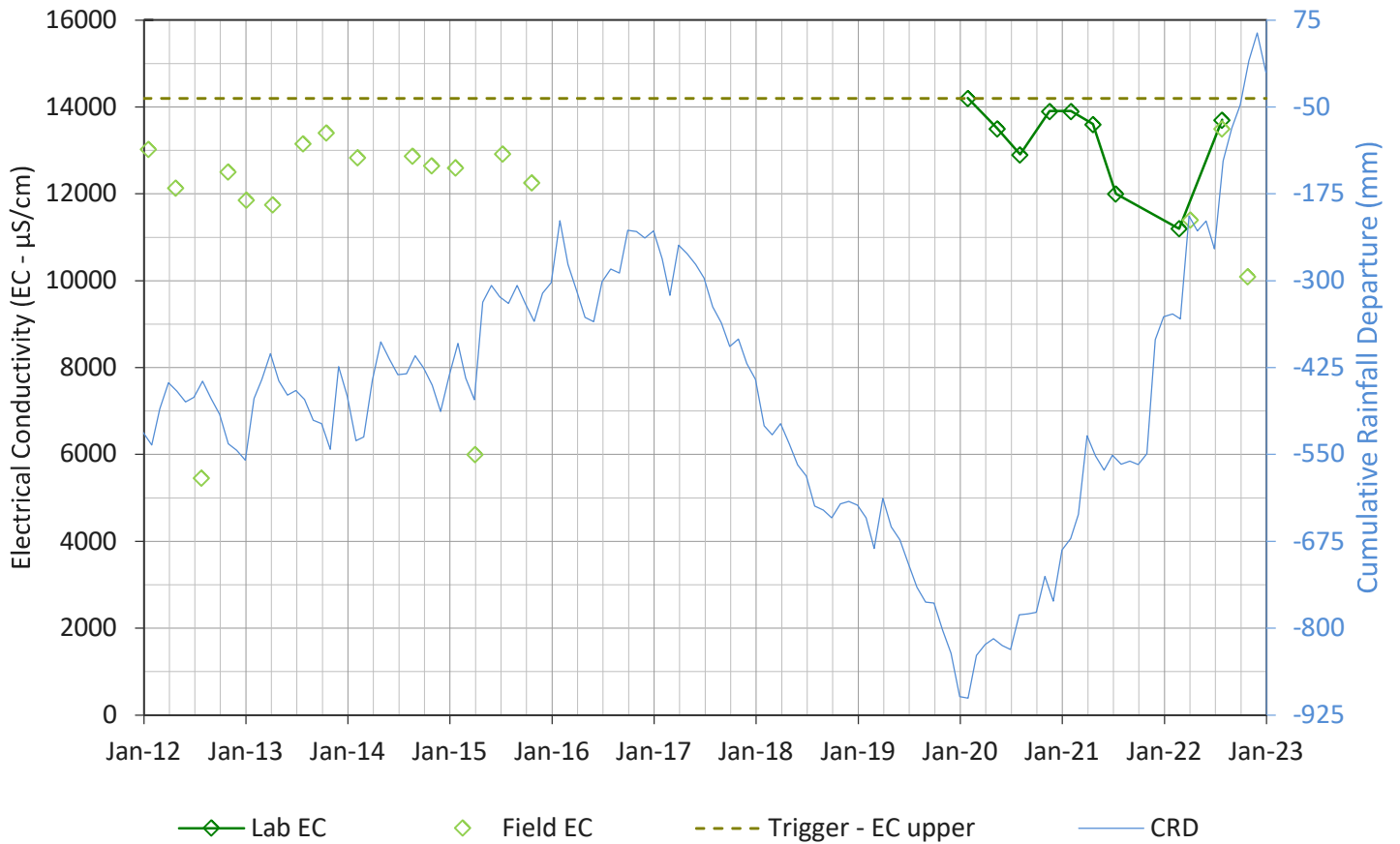
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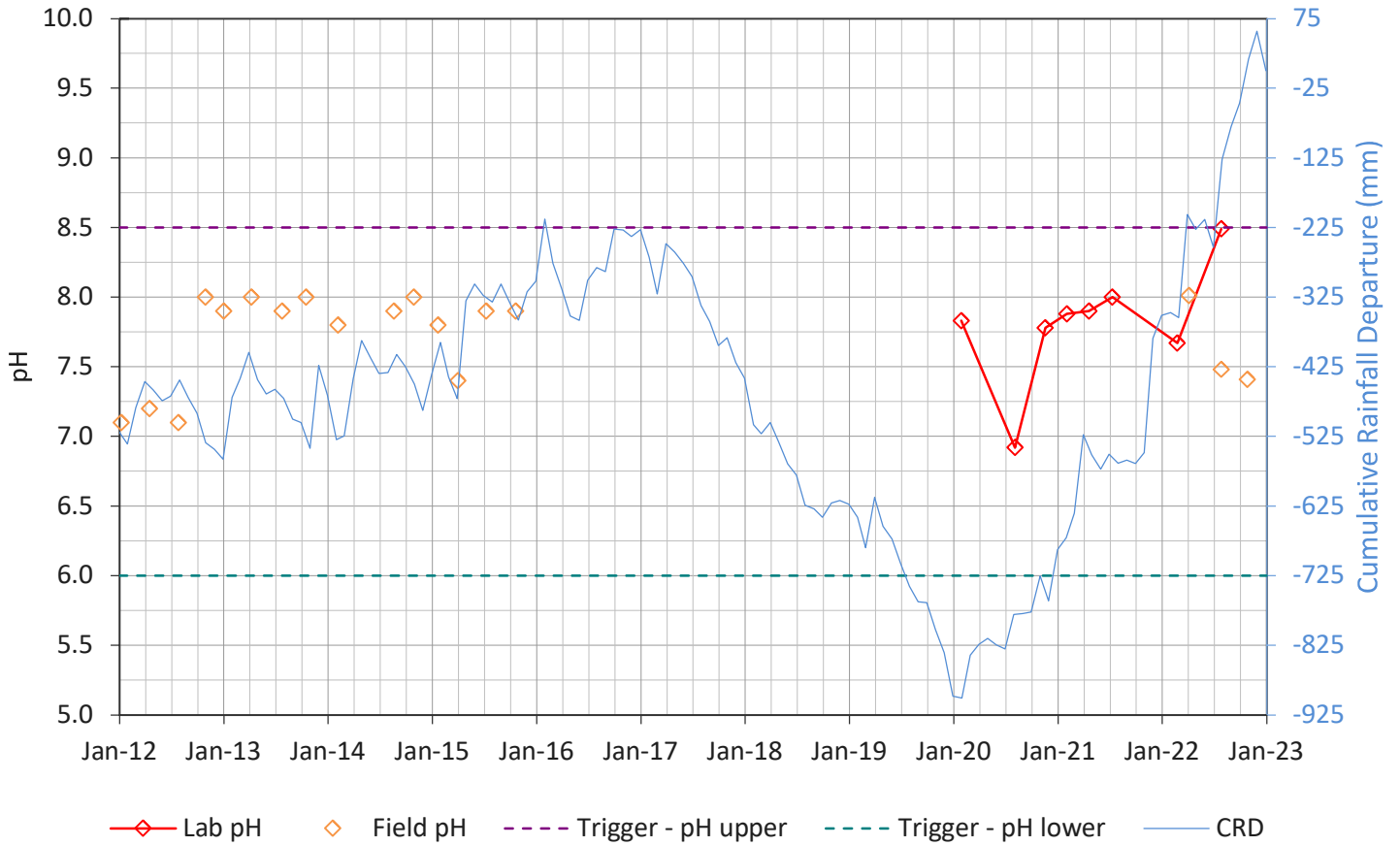
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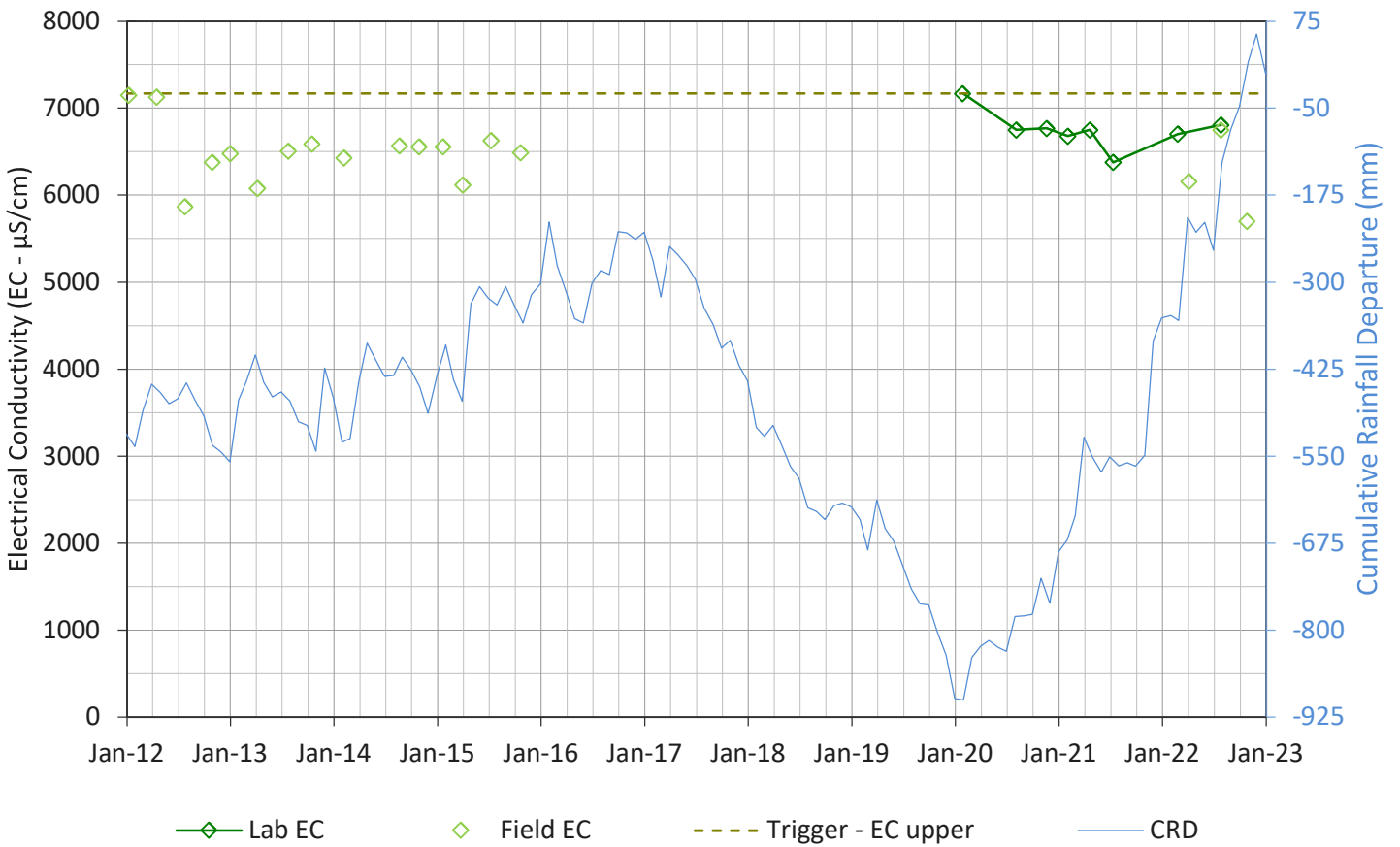
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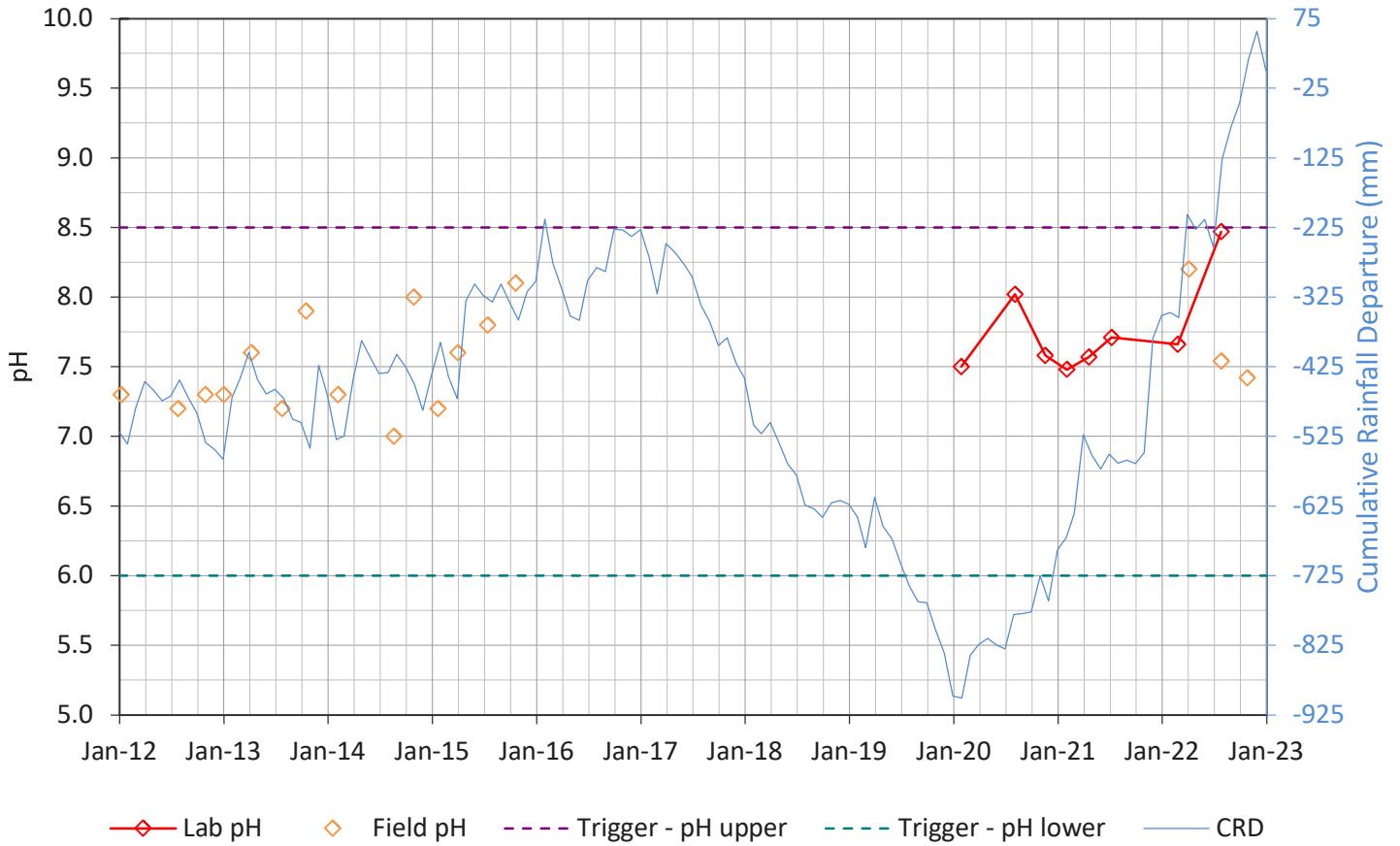
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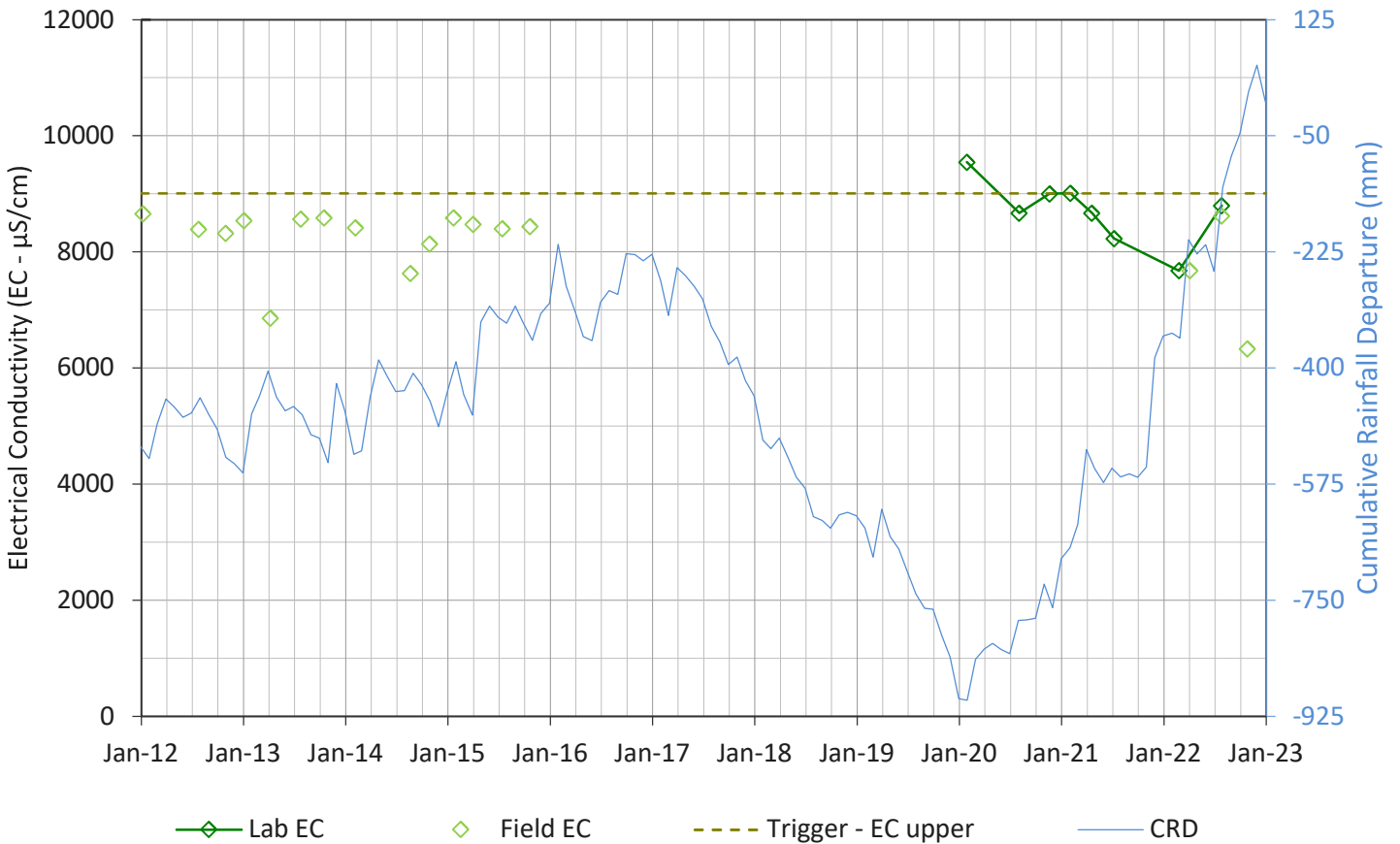
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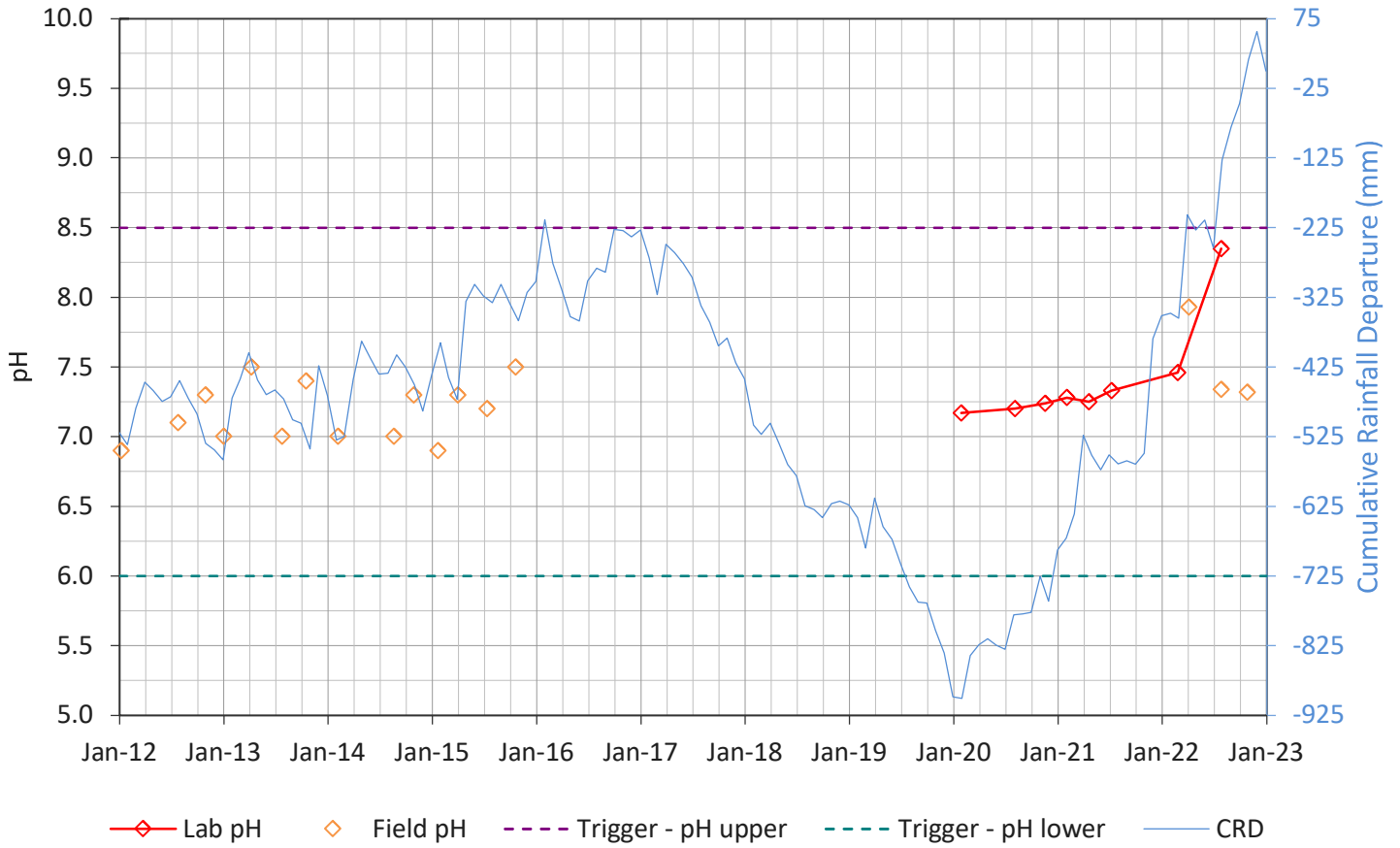
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MB3-Regolith - pH



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