



Maxwell Underground Mine
Environmental Monitoring Data
Quarter 2 2024

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 January to 31 March 2024. 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 monthly field measurements for Maxwell Infrastructure bore DS1 are provided in **Table 7**.

Groundwater quality results for Maxwell Underground bores are provided in **Table 8**.

Groundwater level results are provided in **Table 9**.

Locations of monitoring sites are shown in **Appendix 1** to **Appendix 3**.

The 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 4**.

Noise and blast monitoring results are not presented in this report as they are contained within the monthly reports required by the Environment Protection Licence and can be downloaded from the Malabar Resources website.

Table 1. Deposited dust monitoring results for reporting period Quarter 2 2024

Gauge	Insoluble Solids Result (g/m ² /month)			Annual Mean Limit (g/m ² /month)	Rolling Annual Average to end of reporting period (g/m ² /month)
	Apr	May	Jun		
2175	1.0	1.0	0.4	4	1.3
2230	1.2	1.2	0.7	4	1.6
2235	1.4	1.4	0.5	4	1.7
2247	1.4	1.1	0.7	4	1.6

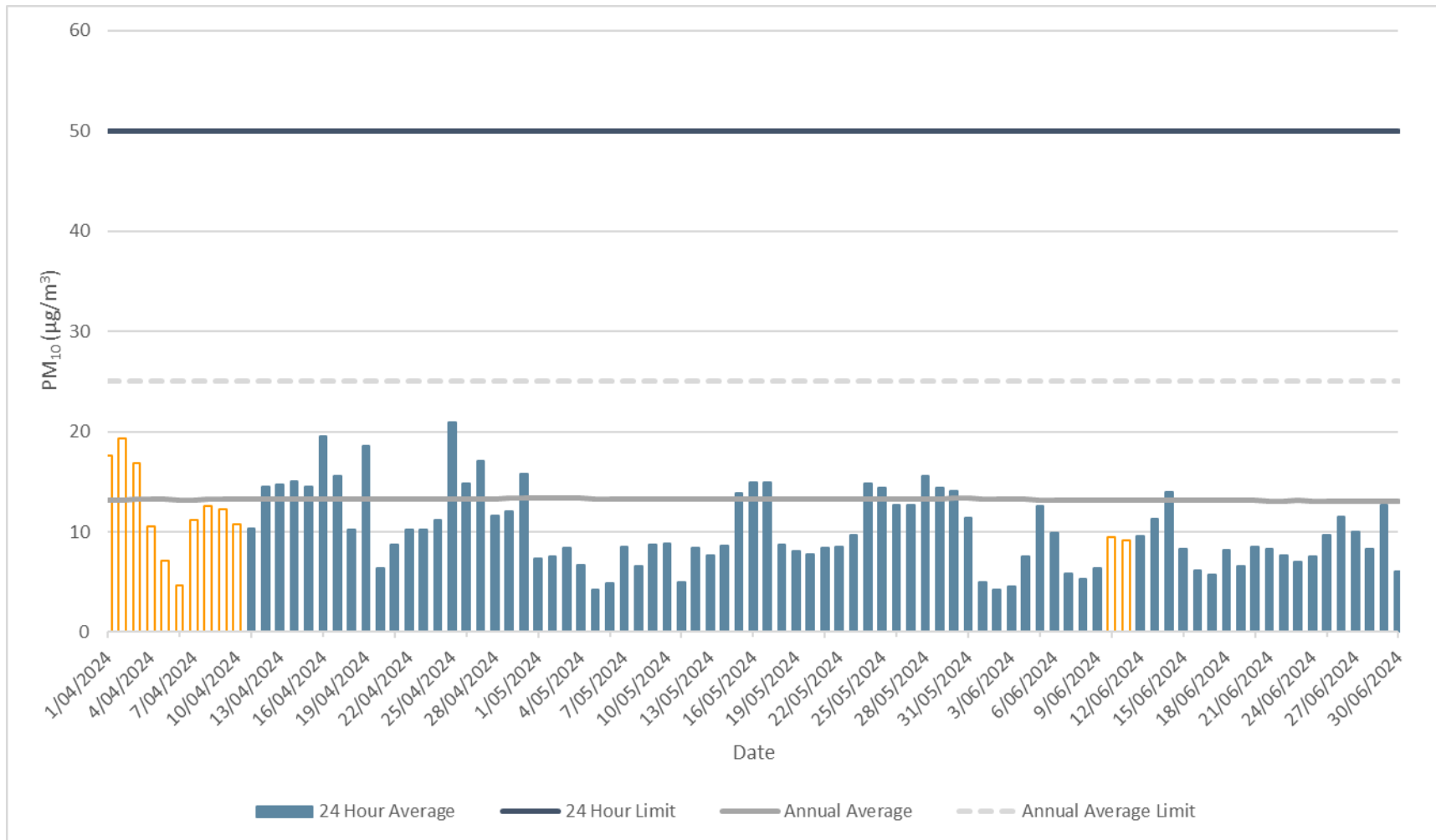


Figure 1. TEOM-1 PM₁₀ monitoring results for the reporting period. Refer to notes for explanation of data gaps as shown by orange bars.

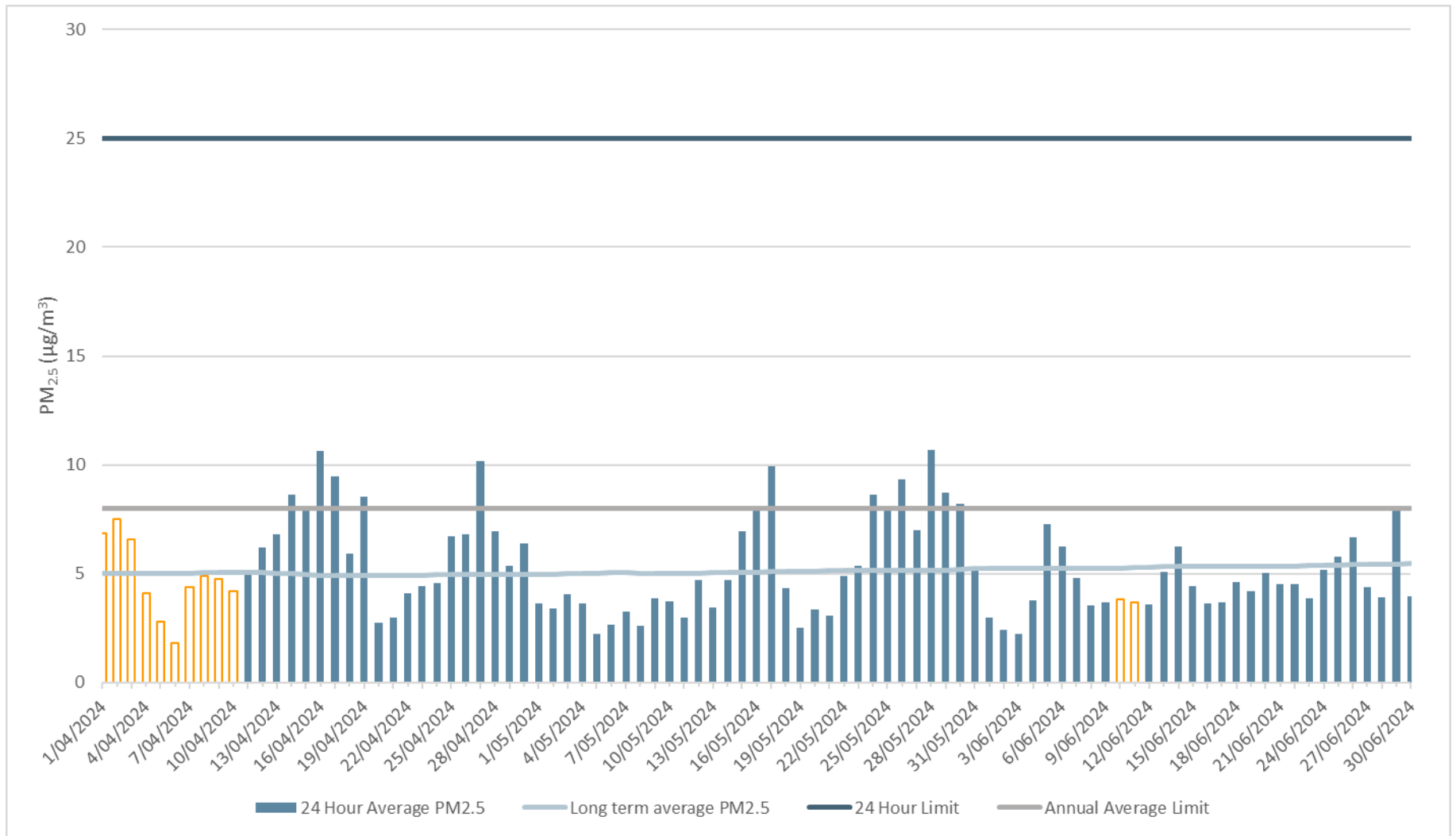


Figure 2. TEOM-1 PM_{2.5} monitoring results for the reporting period. Refer to notes for explanation of data gaps as shown by orange bars.

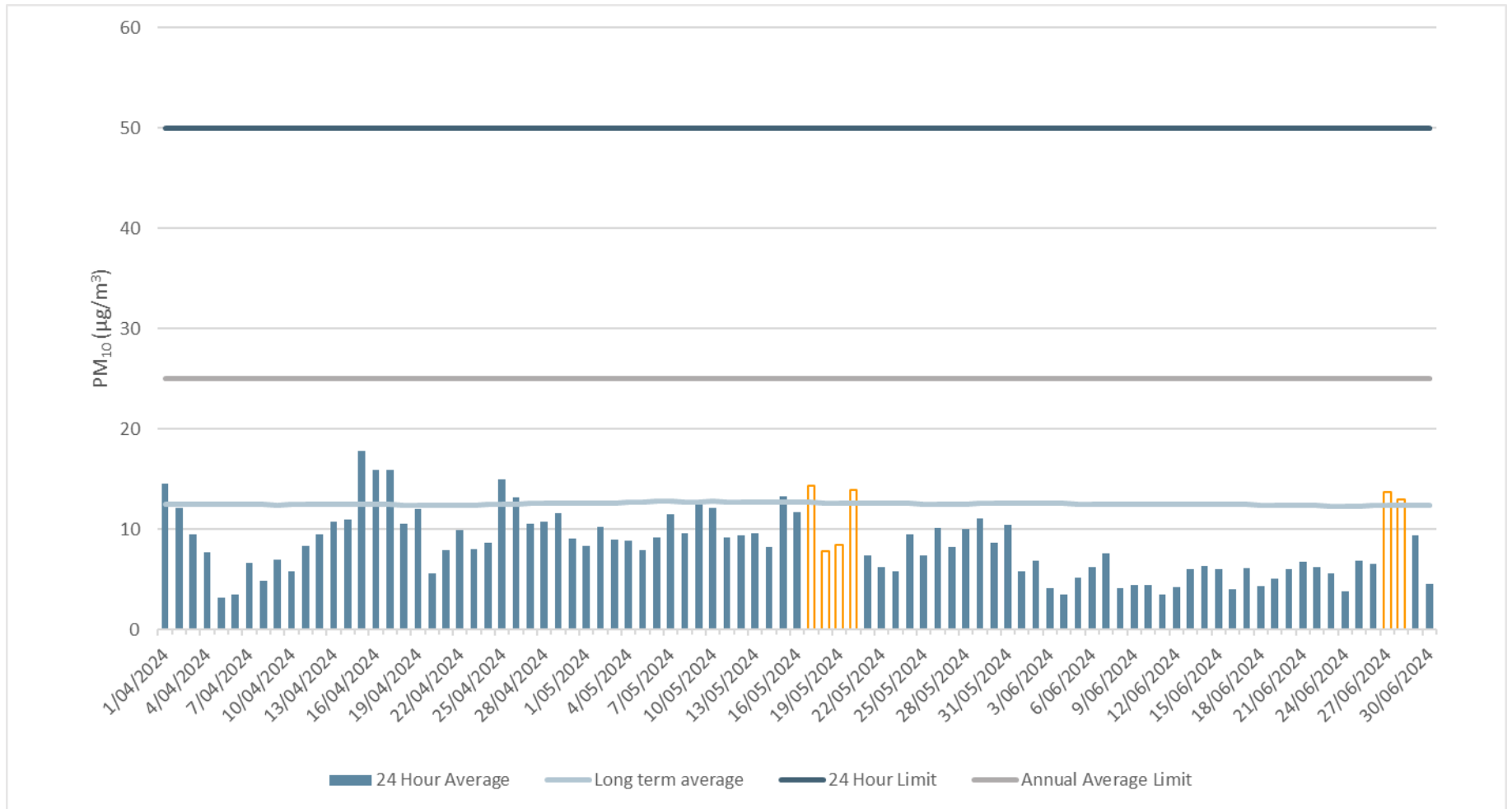


Figure 3. TEOM-2 PM₁₀ monitoring results for the reporting period. Refer to notes for explanation of data gaps as shown by orange bars.

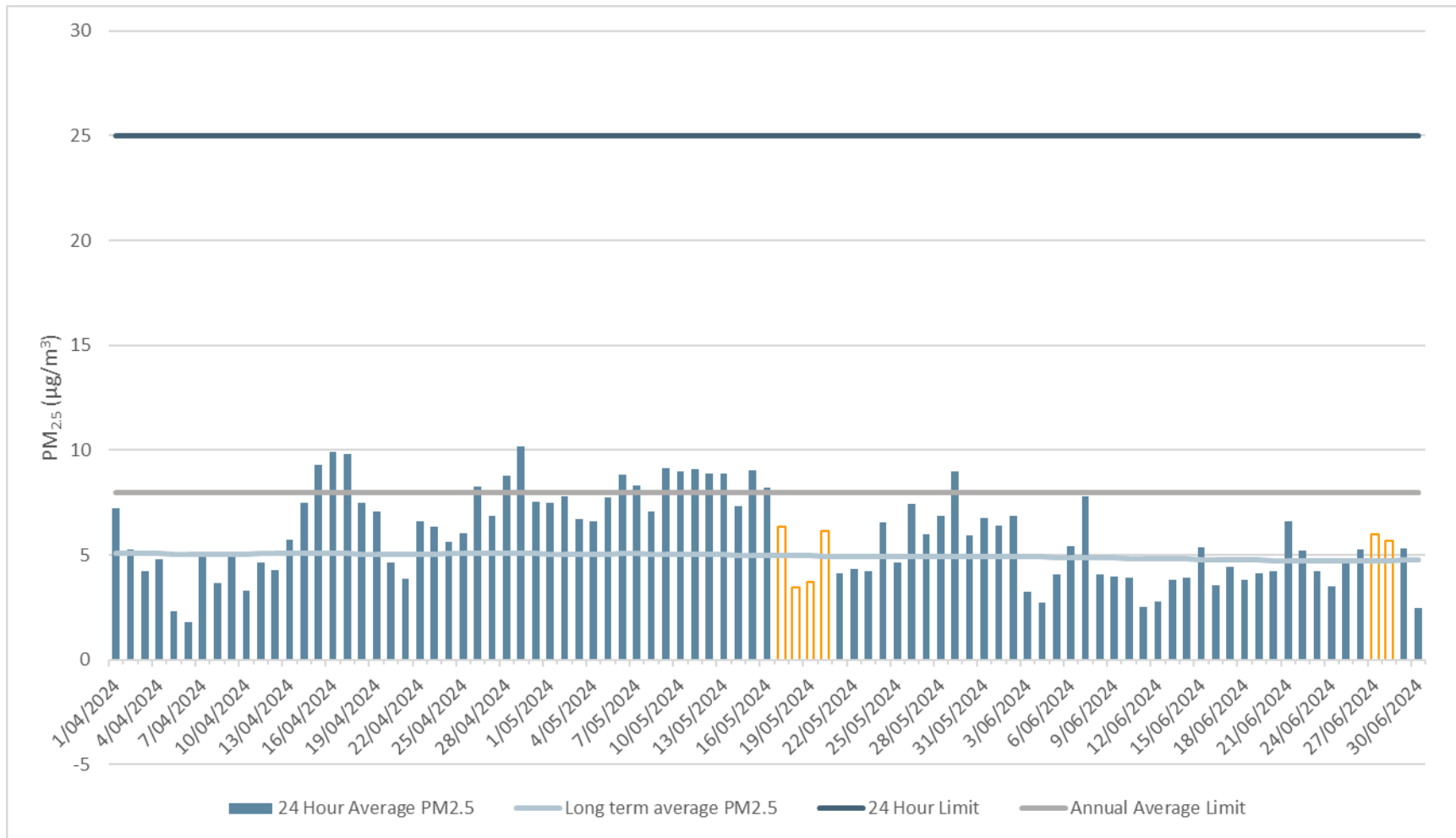


Figure 4. TEOM-2 PM_{2.5} monitoring results for the reporting period. Refer to notes for explanation of data gaps as shown by orange bars.

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 issues such as 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 the monitoring contractor's data validation process, where such events result in 75% or less of 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 is presented, ie if no 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

When required, for TEOM-1, extended data gaps for PM₁₀ are replaced with data from the BHP TEOM (DC07) on Balmoral Road, 2km to the northwest. Noting that PM_{2.5} is not recorded at DC07 and where data is replaced, the long-term ratio of PM₁₀ to PM_{2.5} as recorded at TEOM-1 is applied to PM₁₀ concentrations at DC07.

- 10&11 June 2024: Email alert received 10/6/24 10.46AM: "Drayton CHP TEOM, data is NOT being updated, last update time: 2024-06-10 09:45:00". Data was inspected remotely via Teledata. Confirmed TEOM-1 offline since 2100hrs 9 June. Site visited ~1215hrs Tuesday 11th June (Monday was a public holiday). Time on the front screen had frozen at 2100hrs 9th June (Sunday evening). Despite the front screen showing Fully Operational and Normal Status. Buttons were not operational. Power turned on and off and data came back online, however missing data since Sunday evening. NSW Dept of Planning notified via Major Projects Portal as a non-compliance who responded with 'no comments on the document at this time'.
- Insufficient PM_{2.5} data for 29 Mar–10 Apr. Investigated by CBased who advised it was due to a failed motherboard and likely other failed electrics. A replacement TEOM was purchased by CBased from Melbourne for hire to Malabar, shipped to site and installed on 10 Apr. Reported to NSW Dept. of Planning as a non-compliance who responded with 'no comments on the document at this time'.

TEOM-2

When required, for TEOM-2, extended data gaps for PM₁₀ are replaced with data from the Upper Hunter Air Quality Monitoring Network station named Jerrys Plains, which is located 2km to the south-east of TEOM-2. Noting that PM_{2.5} is not recorded at the Jerrys Plains station, and where data is replaced, the long-term ratio of PM₁₀ to PM_{2.5} at TEOM-2 is applied to PM₁₀ concentrations at Jerrys Plains.

- 17–20 May 2024: Frozen device, requiring a restart. Notified to DPIE via the Major Projects Portal.
- 27–28 June 2024: Annual calibration and flow test requiring a zero filter to be applied 24 hours later.

Table 2. All mine water storage monitoring locations: laboratory water quality monitoring results for the reporting period compared to year-to-date averages. 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)	Jun	151	529	857	7840	626	7.7	83	723	3560	5.0	7080
	Avg	141	508	835	7440	578	8.3	76	683	3360	8.5	6850
DC2 Dam (2109)	Jun	16	23	125	852	30	7.2	5	106	192	24.0	577
	Avg	329	220	1896	10463	485	7.7	15	1914	3263	12.3	9039
Rail Loop Dam (2114)	Jun	44	48	62	892	39	7.2	6	79	286	61.0	606
	Avg	152	340	623	5358	381	7.4	44	522	2344	19.3	4909
Industrial Dam (1969)	Jun	164	402	627	6020	442	8.0	60	519	2680	16.0	4950
	Avg	153	353	559	5278	375	8.3	51	454	2243	9.8	4413
OPC Dam	Jun	60	93	80	1280	66	7.9	6	91	426	26.0	836
	Avg	110	165	292	2660	164	8.3	21	220	972	20.5	2152
V Notch	Jun	159	253	923	6780	295	7.8	12	956	2350	5.0	5030
	Avg	338	475	1314	9753	474	7.8	31	1538	3598	5.3	8352
ES Void	Jun	243	586	815	7960	617	7.8	84	655	3660	8.0	6880
	Avg	240	579	835	7713	612	8.0	81	659	3720	6.8	7195
MEA Dam (MEA)	Apr	87	107	332	2660	83	9.1	11	310	876	5.0	1700
	Avg*	87	107	332	2660	83	9.1	11	310	876	5.0	1700
Mine Water Dam (MWD)	April	210	199	578	4470	184	8.4	28	506	1220	5.0	3240
	Avg	226	223	699	5122	263	8.3	33	597	1749	10.8	4117
	Apr	94	560	872	8690	544	8.7	88	672	3750	5.0	7650

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)
Treated Water Dam (TWD)	Avg	121	517	868	8147	616	8.5	85	688	4063	5.0	8203
MEA Sedimentation Dam (SED)	Apr	308	274	817	6230	263	8.4	40	720	1940	6.0	4480
	Avg	243	209	694	5000	242	8.3	30	625	1693	22.2	3583

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.

The MEA Dam, Mine Water Dam, Treated Water Dam and MEA Sedimentation Dam were progressively constructed and commissioned during 2023. Samples were taken when water was available and safe access permitted.

Table 3. All downstream surface water monitoring locations: surface water quality scheduled and sediment dams plus mine water dams (overflow events only) laboratory monitoring results for the reporting period compared to rolling year-to-date averages. See notes for further details. Where creeks were not flowing during scheduled sampling no results are presented in this Table. In general, no creeks were flowing during sampling in 2023, hence the rolling annual average is not available for this Q2 2024 table.

Site	Month	Antimony	Arsenic	Bicarbonate (CaCO ₃)	Calcium	Chloride	EC	Magnesium	Molybdenum	Potassium	Selenium	Sodium	Sulphate (SO ₄)	TSS	TDS	Turbidity
Saddlers U/S	Jun*	0.0010	0.0010	81	50	254	1340	46	0.0010	8.0	0.010	148	328	36	902	70
	Avg*	0.0010	0.0020	435	84	2405	7963	419	0.0010	11	0.010	1109	926	24	5737	29
W3	Jun*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Avg*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SW1/ Saddlers U/S	Jun*	0.0010	0.0010	51	10	130	466	9.0	0.0010	9.0	0.010	63	10	50	446	170
	Avg*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Saddlers D/S (W4-Bowfield)	Jun*	0.0010	0.0010	148	21	375	1340	36.0	0.0010	8.0	0.010	198	71	36	843	95
	Avg*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MEA D/S	Jun*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Avg*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Saltwater D/S	Jun*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Avg*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SW3	Jun*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Avg*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Jun*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Site	Month	Antimony	Arsenic	Bicarbonate (CaCO ₃)	Calcium	Chloride	EC	Magnesium	Molybdenum	Potassium	Selenium	Sodium	Sulphate (SO ₄)	TSS	TDS	Turbidity
MEA Dam (MEA)	Avg*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mine Water Dam (MWD)	Jun*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Avg*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Treated water Dam (TWD)	Jun*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Avg*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MEA sediment dam (SED)	Jun*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Avg*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

***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 Transport and Services Corridor sediment dams (Access Road Dam 1, 2, 3 and 4) were progressively constructed and commissioned during 2023. The requirement for the sampling and analysis for these variables is required within 24 hours of commencement of an overflow from a sedimentation dam or mine water dam (taken to be defined as an uncontrolled release from those dams). During the reporting period there were no overflows from such dams and hence there are no results in Table 3.

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.

Following an investigation into the high EC readings at site Saddlers Upstream (U/S) in Q3 2023 it was found that due to a change in sampling personnel, the requirement (Section 5.3 of the Water Management Plan) to only sample waterways that are flowing was not occurring (ie samples were of stagnant (ie non-flowing) water). This was reflective of the regional drought conditions. It was determined that all samples taken in 2023 were of stagnant water; and hence should not be used for comparison against trigger values and hence are not presented in this report. Going forward, samples are only taken if water is flowing.

Table 4. Surface water scheduled field measurements at sites along Saddlers Creek for Q3 2023 to Q2 2024 and comparison against trigger levels. If an exceedance of the trigger level occurs (median over three consecutive samples), this is highlighted in red. TLTS = too low to sample. No sites were flowing during scheduled or post-rainfall sampling during prior three quarters and hence there are no results presented in the Table for those periods.

Site		Field result											
		pH				EC				Turbidity			
		pH				µS/cm				NTU			
		6.5–8.5				7,600				64			
		Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024
W3*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Saddlers D/S (W4 – Bowfield)*	*	*	*	8.1	*	*	*	1350	*	*	*	*	103
MEA D/S*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Saddlers U/S*	*	*	*	7.5	*	*	*	1349	*	*	*	*	74
Saltwater D/S*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SW1/ Saddlers*	*	*	*	7.6	*	*	*	466	*	*	*	*	213
SW2*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SW3*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

* As is explained in the Notes to Table 3, all surface water samples taken in 2023 were of stagnant water and there were no samples taken during the reporting period due to no flow. Hence there are no results in Table 3. Going forward, samples will only be taken in creeks when they are flowing.

Table 5. Surface water laboratory results at sites along Saddlers Creek (scheduled and post-rainfall sampling) from Q2 2023 to Q2 2024 and comparison against trigger levels. If an exceedance of the trigger level occurs (median over three consecutive samples), this is highlighted in red. Refer also to Notes at end of Table 5. No sites were flowing in 2023 hence no results are presented in this Table for that period.

Site	Scheduled or post-rainfall 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	13/4/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	11/7/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	18/10/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	12/1/24	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	06/04/24	Rainfall event*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	19/04/24	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	03/06/24	Rainfall event*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Saddlers D/S	13/4/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	11/7/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	18/10/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	11/1/24	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	06/04/24	Rainfall Event*	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	650	59	1960	218	0.0010	11	0.01	1370	163	14.0	4180
	19/04/24	Scheduled*	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	779	78	2220	223	0.0020	12	0.01	1370	218	5.0	4690

Site	Scheduled or post-rainfall 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
	03/06/24	Rainfall event*	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	148	21	375	36.0	0.0010	8.0	0.010	198	71	36	843
MEA D/S	13/4/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	11/7/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	18/10/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	15/1/24	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	06/04/24	Rainfall event*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	18/04/24	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	03/06/24	Rainfall event*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Saddlers U/S	13/4/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	11/7/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	18/10/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	12/1/24	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	06/04/24	Rainfall event*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	19/04/24	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	03/06/24	Rainfall event*	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	81	50	254	46.0	0.0010	8.0	0.010	148	328	36	902

Site	Scheduled or post-rainfall 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
Saltwater D/S	13/4/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	11/7/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	18/10/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	10/1/24	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	19/04/24	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	03/06/24	Rainfall event*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SW1/ Saddlers D/S	13/4/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	11/7/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	18/10/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	11/1/24	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	06/04/24	Rainfall event*	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	21	10	105	10	0.0010	8	0.01	55	10	41	334
	19/04/24	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
03/06/24	Rainfall event*	0.0010	0.0010	0.0010	51	10	130	9.0	0.0010	9.0	0.010	63	10	50	446	
SW2	-	-	Sampling location to be established – see notes													
SW3	13/4/23	Scheduled*														

Site	Scheduled or post-rainfall 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
	11/7/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	18/10/23	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	10/1/24	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	06/04/24	Rainfall event*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	19/04/24	Scheduled*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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.

* As is explained in the Notes to Table 3, all surface water samples taken in 2023 were of stagnant water and there were no samples taken during the reporting period due to no flow. Hence there are no results in Table 3. Going forward, samples will only be taken in creeks when they are flowing.

Table 6. Maxwell Infrastructure groundwater quality biennial monitoring results for Quarter 2 2024 (rolling year to date average shown July 2023–June 2024). See notes for further details. If specified, NS = not sampled (as sampling for laboratory analysis is twice a year, next is due Q2 2024). EC and pH recording from quarterly field measurements is specified.

Site	Aluminium	Arsenic	Bicarbonate Alkalinity as CaCO3	Total Alkalinity	Carbonate Alkalinity as CO3	Boron	Calcium	Chloride	Chromium	Copper	Electrical conductivity	EC trigger value	Iron	Lead
R4241	0.010	0.0010	555	555	1.0	0.25	222	992	0.0010	0.0010	5,570	6,253	1.1	0.0010
Average	0.010	0.0010	562	562	1.0	0.27	231	1,011	0.0010	0.0010	5,563	-	0.96	0.0010
F1162	0.010	0.0010	996	996	1.0	0.35	180	534	0.0020	0.0010	3,660	-	0.060	0.0010
Average	0.010	0.0010	1,003	1,003	1.0	0.23	123	375	0.0020	0.0010	2,820	-	0.055	0.0010
F1164	0.010	0.0010	715	715	1.0	0.27	208	942	0.0020	0.0010	5,680	-	4.1	0.016
Average	0.065	0.0010	734	734	1.0	0.26	197	962	0.0020	0.0010	5,525	-	4.7	0.0085
GW01D	0.010	0.0010	590	590	1.0	0.36	450	1,380	0.0010	0.0010	5,910	5,680	0.050	0.0010
Average	0.010	0.0010	594	594	1.0	0.37	462	1,395	0.0010	0.0010	5,945	-	0.61	0.0010
GW01S	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	9,260	NS	NS
Average	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GW02D	0.020	0.0010	2,110	2,110	1.0	0.27	63	2,060	0.0010	0.0050	14,500	10,500	0.050	0.0010
Average	0.020	0.0010	2,055	2,055	1.0	0.31	70	1,835	0.0010	0.0035	14,000	-	0.13	0.0010
GW02S	0.010	0.0010	863	863	1.0	0.14	418	1,010	0.0010	0.0010	8,100	9,480	0.050	0.0010
Average	0.010	0.0010	871	871	1.0	0.18	428	1,040	0.0010	0.0010	7,990	-	2.4	0.0010
GW04	2.4	0.0010	826	826	1.0	0.78	139	184	0.0090	0.0080	1,880	-	7.4	0.0080
Average	1.2	0.0010	835	835	1.0	0.85	141	182	0.0050	0.0045	1,870	-	4.7	0.0045

Table 6 continued

Site	Magnesium	Manganese	Molybdenum	Nickel	pH value	pH trigger value	Selenium	Silver	Sodium	Sulfate as SO4 – Turbidimetric	Suspended Solids (SS)	Total Dissolved Solids @180°C	Zinc
R4241	338	0.11	0.0040	0.0060	7.1	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5	0.010	0.0010	582	1,330	34	4,100	0.0050
Average	350	0.12	0.0040	0.0060	7.1	-	0.010	0.0010	599	1,295	39	4,075	0.0060
F1162	193	0.22	0.0010	0.0040	6.9	-	0.010	0.0010	566	255	64	1,890	0.0050
Average	120	0.20	0.0040	0.010	7.0	-	0.010	0.0010	353	130	71	1,370	0.0050
F1164	255	0.23	0.0030	0.0070	7.0	-	0.010	0.0010	742	1,250	61	4,010	0.029
Average	249	0.33	0.0025	0.0060	7.0	-	0.010	0.0010	732	1,058	60	3,760	0.017
GW01D	186	0.23	0.0010	0.012	6.9	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5	0.010	0.0010	583	776	10	4,340	0.041
Average	194	0.23	0.0010	0.029	6.7	-	0.010	0.0010	607	762	12	4,255	0.028
GW01S	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GW02D	18	0.43	0.0050	0.017	7.2	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5	0.010	0.0010	3,650	3,720	1,850	11,000	0.0080
Average	20	0.55	0.0050	0.28	7.2	-	0.010	0.0010	3,670	3,760	2,185	11,150	0.013
GW02S	430	1.8	0.0010	0.014	6.7	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5	0.010	0.0010	1,030	2,930	390	6,830	0.0050
Average	445	1.9	0.0010	0.020	6.8	-	0.010	0.0010	1,075	2,770	935	6,380	0.033
GW04	65	0.30	0.0010	0.0080	6.7	-	0.010	0.0010	186	67	688	1,060	0.098
Average	69	0.30	0.0010	0.0045	6.7	-	0.010	0.0010	193	60	379	1,040	0.052

Table 7. DS1 monitoring bore: Laboratory groundwater quality monthly monitoring results for Quarter 2 2024 (rolling year to date average shown Jul 23 – Jun 24). See notes for further details. NS = Not sampled.

Date of sample	pH value	Electrical conductivity	Total Dissolved Solids @180°C	Salinity (g/kg)
08/04/2024	6.4	8,760	7,160	4.9
08/05/2024	6.2	8,330	7,210	4.6
28/06/2024	6.1	8,400	7,262	4.7
Average	6.2	8,497	7,210	4.7

Table 8. Maxwell Underground groundwater quality biennial monitoring results for Quarter 2 2024 (rolling year to date average shown Jul 23–Jun 24). See notes for further details. If applicable, NS = not sampled (as sampling is twice a year, next is due Q3 2024).

Site	Aluminium	Arsenic	Bicarbonate Alkalinity as CaCO3	Total Alkalinity	Carbonate Alkalinity as CO3	Boron	Calcium	Chloride	Chromium	Copper	Electrical conductivity	EC trigger value	Iron	Lead
DD1005	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	1,000	1,000	1.0	0.21	105	1,690	0.0010	0.019	6,995	-	0.050	0.0010
DD1014	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	1,075	1,075	1.0	0.38	53	2,475	0.0010	0.0010	9,530	-	0.31	0.0010
DD1015	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DD1016	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	1,155	1,155	1.0	0.26	153	1,580	0.0010	0.0010	6,570	-	1.7	0.0010
DD1025	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	14,200	NS	NS
Average	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DD1027	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DD1032	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	7,170	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	1,115	1,115	1.0	0.27	12	1,550	0.0010	0.0010	6,795	-	0.050	0.0010
DD1043	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	2,410	2,410	1.0	0.47	44	1,395	0.0010	0.0010	8,190	-	0.11	0.0010
DD1052	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS

Site	Aluminium	Arsenic	Bicarbonate Alkalinity as CaCO3	Total Alkalinity	Carbonate Alkalinity as CO3	Boron	Calcium	Chloride	Chromium	Copper	Electrical conductivity	EC trigger value	Iron	Lead
Average	0.050	0.0010	960	960	1.0	0.27	4.0	1,855	0.0050	0.0015	7,515	-	0.090	0.0010
DD1057	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0020	3,930	3,930	1.0	0.39	10	1,425	0.0030	0.0010	10,250	-	1.3	0.0010
MB03	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MB1A	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	734	734	1.0	0.090	167	1,029	0.0010	0.010	4,415	-	0.050	0.0010
MB1R	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	1,285	1,285	1.0	0.18	59	1,300	0.0010	0.0010	6,320	-	0.095	0.0010
MB1W	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	1,290	1,290	1.0	0.18	56	1,250	0.0010	0.0015	6,120	-	0.070	0.0010
MB2A	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	824	824	1.0	0.27	75	1,620	0.0010	0.0010	6,985	-	0.050	0.0010
MB2R	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	1,215	1,215	1.0	0.25	35	1,480	0.0010	0.0010	6,575	-	0.050	0.0010
MB3A	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	9,009	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	863	863	1.0	0.27	44	2,110	0.0010	0.0080	8,780	-	0.055	0.0010
MB3R	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	6,327	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	763	763	1.0	0.19	152	1,470	0.0010	1.5	6,525	-	0.050	0.0010

Site	Aluminium	Arsenic	Bicarbonate Alkalinity as CaCO3	Total Alkalinity	Carbonate Alkalinity as CO3	Boron	Calcium	Chloride	Chromium	Copper	Electrical conductivity	EC trigger value	Iron	Lead
MB4A	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	304	304	1.0	0.050	59	106	0.0010	0.0015	912	-	0.050	0.0010
MB4C	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	602	602	1.0	0.13	14	507	0.0010	0.0010	2,505	-	0.050	0.0010
MW1	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	694	694	1.0	0.22	91	1,395	0.0020	0.026	6,080	-	0.050	0.0010
MW2	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	831	831	1.0	0.23	64	1,540	0.0020	0.0050	6,335	-	0.050	0.0010
MW3	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MB04	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	1,390	1,390	1.0	0.20	165	2,920	0.0010	0.0010	11,150	-	0.050	0.0010
MB05	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	670	670	1.0	0.17	102	1,525	0.0010	0.0010	6,135	-	0.050	0.0010
MB06D	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0040	4,065	4,065	1.0	0.28	26	729	0.0010	0.0010	8,430	-	0.055	0.0010
MB06S	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.032	2,125	2,125	1.0	0.26	28	568	0.0010	0.0010	5,295	-	0.16	0.0010
MB07	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS
Average	0.010	0.0010	732	732	1.0	0.23	133	1,895	0.0010	0.0010	7,820	-	0.050	0.0010

Table 8. continued

Site	Magnesium	Manganese	Molybdenum	Nickel	pH value	pH trigger value	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	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	206	0.014	0.0070	0.015	7.2	-	0.010	0.0010	1,100	211	29	4,010	0.0085
DD1014	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	36	0.028	0.0010	0.0025	7.3	-	0.010	0.0010	1,995	207	9.5	5,540	0.0050
DD1015	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DD1016	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	305	0.16	0.0010	0.0010	7.0	-	0.010	0.0010	820	90	12	3,950	0.010
DD1025	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DD1027	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DD1032	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	6.0	0.021	0.0010	0.0010	7.5	-	0.010	0.0010	1,510	57	25	3,915	0.0050
DD1043	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	27	0.026	0.0015	0.0045	7.1	-	0.010	0.0010	1,845	141	12	5,115	0.0050

Table 8. continued

Site	Magnesium	Manganese	Molybdenum	Nickel	pH value	pH trigger value	Selenium	Silver	Sodium	Sulfate as SO4 - Turbidimetric	Suspended Solids (SS)	Total Dissolved Solids @180°C	Zinc
DD1052	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	3.0	0.029	0.014	0.010	8.1	-	0.010	0.0010	1,605	83	10	4,470	0.0050
DD1057	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	6.0	0.028	0.0085	0.0025	7.6	-	0.010	0.0010	2,770	10	7.5	6,915	0.0050
MB03	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MB1A	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	148	0.0030	0.0020	0.011	7.3	-	0.010	0.0010	548	110	195	2,530	0.014
MB1R	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	58	0.016	0.0010	0.0010	7.2	-	0.010	0.0010	1,255	89	5.0	3,505	0.0050
MB1W	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	57	0.043	0.0010	0.0020	7.3	-	0.010	0.0010	1,260	82	17	3,540	0.0050
MB2A	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	179	0.35	0.0035	0.0020	7.8	-	0.010	0.0010	2,215	441	15	4,085	0.0050
MB2R	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	51	0.0035	0.0010	0.0010	7.7	-	0.010	0.0010	1,350	1.0	19	3,800	0.0050

Table 8. continued

Site	Magnesium	Manganese	Molybdenum	Nickel	pH value	pH trigger value	Selenium	Silver	Sodium	Sulfate as SO ₄ - Turbidimetric	Suspended Solids (SS)	Total Dissolved Solids @180°C	Zinc
MB3A	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	234	0.024	0.0030	0.0025	7.6	-	0.010	0.0010	1,545	617	5.0	4,985	0.0050
MB3R	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	Min: 6.0, Max: 8.5	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	329	0.27	0.0015	0.088	7.6	-	0.010	0.0010	789	546	6.5	4,105	0.028
MB4A	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	43	0.0015	0.0010	0.0010	7.3	-	0.010	0.0010	71	31	142	525	0.0050
MB4C	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	28	0.0010	0.0015	0.0010	8.1	-	0.010	0.0010	514	17	5.0	1,390	0.0050
MW1	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	325	0.0010	0.0010	0.0015	7.6	-	0.010	0.0010	797	563	6,945	3,890	0.0050
MW2	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	141	0.0030	0.0010	0.025	7.5	-	0.010	0.0010	1,102	120	2,125	3,570	0.015
MW3	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MB04	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	373	0.25	0.0010	0.0035	6.9	-	0.010	0.0010	1,750	392	93	6,395	0.011

Table 8. continued

Site	Magnesium	Manganese	Molybdenum	Nickel	pH value	pH trigger value	Selenium	Silver	Sodium	Sulfate as SO4 - Turbidimetric	Suspended Solids (SS)	Total Dissolved Solids @180°C	Zinc
MB05	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	167	0.096	0.0090	0.0015	7.6	-	0.010	0.0010	1,013	254	17,200	3,790	0.0050
MB06D	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	21	0.23	0.017	0.010	7.7	-	0.010	0.0010	2,210	83	13	5,340	0.0050
MB06S	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	32	0.10	0.012	0.013	7.6	-	0.010	0.0010	1,265	179	62	3,400	0.0080
MB07	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	-	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Average	353	0.011	0.0010	0.0010	7.1	-	0.010	0.0010	1,075	650	387	4,815	0.0050

Notes

The Maxwell Underground Mine Water Management Plan (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).

The year-to-date averages includes samples taken on a biennial basis. 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 and Table 8**. Plots of total and dissolved metal concentrations are shown in **Appendix 4**. Dissolved concentrations are the most applicable to groundwater quality evaluation and indications to change in trend and are presented here. EC and pH recordings are from field measurements, the remainder are from laboratory analysis.

See **Appendix 4** for an assessment against trigger levels.

Table 9. All groundwater bores: Reduced standing groundwater levels (mAHD) during Quarter 2 2024 compared to the rolling year-to-date average (Jul 23–Jun 24).

Site (with seam names for VWPs)	Apr	May	Jun	Rolling average	Type of bore	Type of measurement as of Mar 24
DS1	223.94	223.94	223.94	223.94	Standpipe	Manual
R4241	176.66	176.88	177.40	176.45	Standpipe	Logger
F1162	144.37	144.68	144.94	144.15	Standpipe	Logger
F1164	143.99	144.32	144.59	143.57	Standpipe	Logger
GW01D	199.65	199.69	200.12	200.29	Standpipe	Logger
GW01S	198.79	198.85	198.78	198.81	Standpipe	Logger
GW02D	135.72	135.85	135.80	135.80	Standpipe	Logger
GW02S	190.15	190.42	190.90	190.47	Standpipe	Logger
GW04	150.16	150.33	150.53	149.86	Standpipe	Logger
BLK6R12 – VW1 (WB)	161.86	(1)	(1)	162.14 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
BLK6R12 – VW2 (RB)	148.59	(1)	(1)	148.46 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
BLK6R12 – VW3 (WN)	122.21	(1)	(1)	122.45 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
BLK6R12 – VW4 (BK)	123.53	(1)	(1)	123.76 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
DD1005	143.12	(1)	(1)	143.68 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
DD1014	136.09	(1)	(1)	136.10 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
DD1015	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	Standpipe	Logger
DD1016	142.12	(1)	(1)	142.05 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
DD1025	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	Standpipe	Logger
DD1027	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	Standpipe	Logger
DD1032	128.24	(1)	(1)	128.30 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
DD1043	127.57	(1)	(1)	128.40 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
DD1052	118.59	(1)	(1)	120.17 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger

Site (with seam names for VWPs)	Apr	May	Jun	Rolling average	Type of bore	Type of measurement as of Mar 24
DD1057	123.37	(1)	(1)	123.37 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB03	114.80 ⁽⁵⁾	(1)	(1)	114.82 ⁽¹⁾⁽⁵⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB04	128.33	(1)	(1)	128.67 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB05	93.29	(1)	(1)	93.53 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB06D	121.48	(1)	(1)	121.42 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB06S	119.20	(1)	(1)	119.06 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB07	123.40	(1)	(1)	123.52 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB1-Alluvial	72.89	(1)	(1)	72.99 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB1-Redbank	75.13	(1)	(1)	75.30 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB1-Whybrow	74.51	(1)	(1)	74.64 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB2-Alluvial	113.43	(1)	(1)	113.52 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB2-Regolith	115.87	(1)	(1)	115.74 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB3-Alluvial	129.21	(1)	(1)	129.41 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB3-Regolith	128.77	(1)	(1)	128.96 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB4-Alluvial	70.48	(1)	(1)	70.52 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MB4-Coal	70.39	(1)	(1)	70.42 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MW1	129.00	(1)	(1)	129.21 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MW2	112.42	0	(1)	112.63 ⁽¹⁾	Standpipe	Logger
MW3	⁽⁶⁾	⁽⁶⁾	⁽⁶⁾	⁽⁶⁾	Standpipe	Manual
RBD1 – VW1 (WB)	148.65	(1)	(1)	148.82 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
RBD1 – VW2 (RB)	145.04	(1)	(1)	145.22 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
RBD1 – VW3 (WN)	127.90	(1)	(1)	128.16 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
RBD1 – VW4 (BK)	88.64	(1)	(1)	88.90 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP1 (WH)	185.69	(1)	(1)	184.84 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger

Site (with seam names for VWPs)	Apr	May	Jun	Rolling average	Type of bore	Type of measurement as of Mar 24
RD1189 – VWP2 (AZZBF)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP3 (WW12)	147.91	(1)	(1)	147.75 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP4 (Mt Arthur seam)	141.18	(1)	(1)	141.13 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP5 (PF2)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP6 (BY)	134.53	(1)	(1)	134.79 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
RD1189 – VWP7 (WY)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)	VWP	Logger
RD1192- VWP1 (WB)	52.68	(1)	(1)	152.77 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
RD1192- VWP2 (RB)	135.38	(1)	(1)	135.47 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
RD1192-VWP3 (BK)	153.33	(1)	(1)	152.81 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP1) (INT)	75.24	(1)	(1)	75.13 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP2) (INT)	86.77	(1)	(1)	86.75 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP3) (INT)	95.50	(1)	(1)	95.36 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP4) (WB)	96.54	(1)	(1)	96.26 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
MB1VWP (VWP5) (WN)	100.34	(1)	(1)	99.98 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
WND16 (VWP1) (WB)	112.35	(1)	(1)	112.68 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
WND16 (VWP2) (WN)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	VWP	Logger

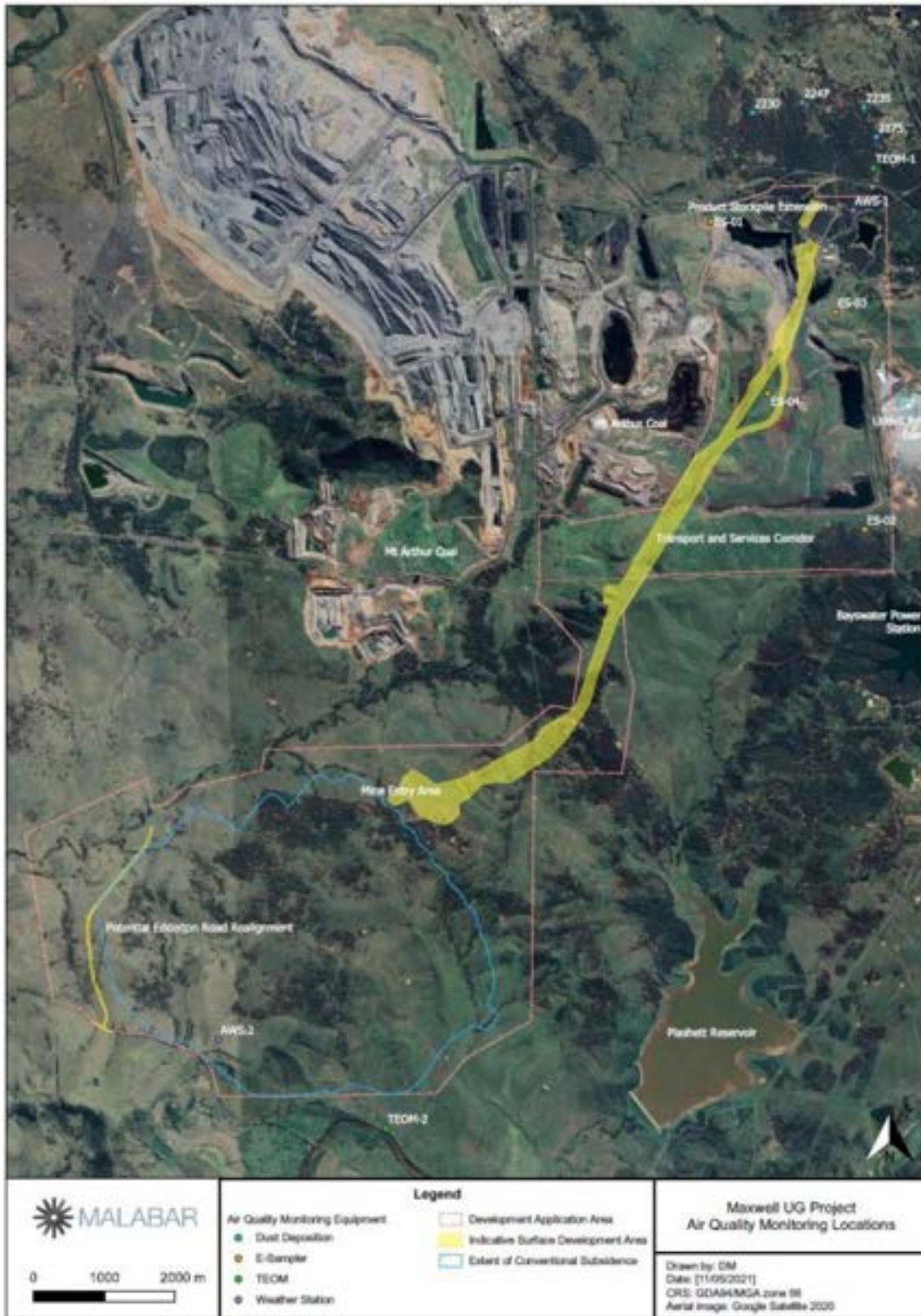
Site (with seam names for VWPs)	Apr	May	Jun	Rolling average	Type of bore	Type of measurement as of Mar 24
WND16 (VWP3) (BK)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	VWP	Logger
WND16 (VWP4) (BK)	109.58	(1)	(1)	109.52 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
WND26 (VWP1) (WY)	136.78	(1)	(1)	136.76 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
WND26 (VWP2) (RB)	134.43	(1)	(1)	134.33 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
WND26 (VWP3) (WB)	141.00	(1)	(1)	141.11 ⁽¹⁾	VWP	Logger
WND26 (VWP4) (WN)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	VWP	Logger

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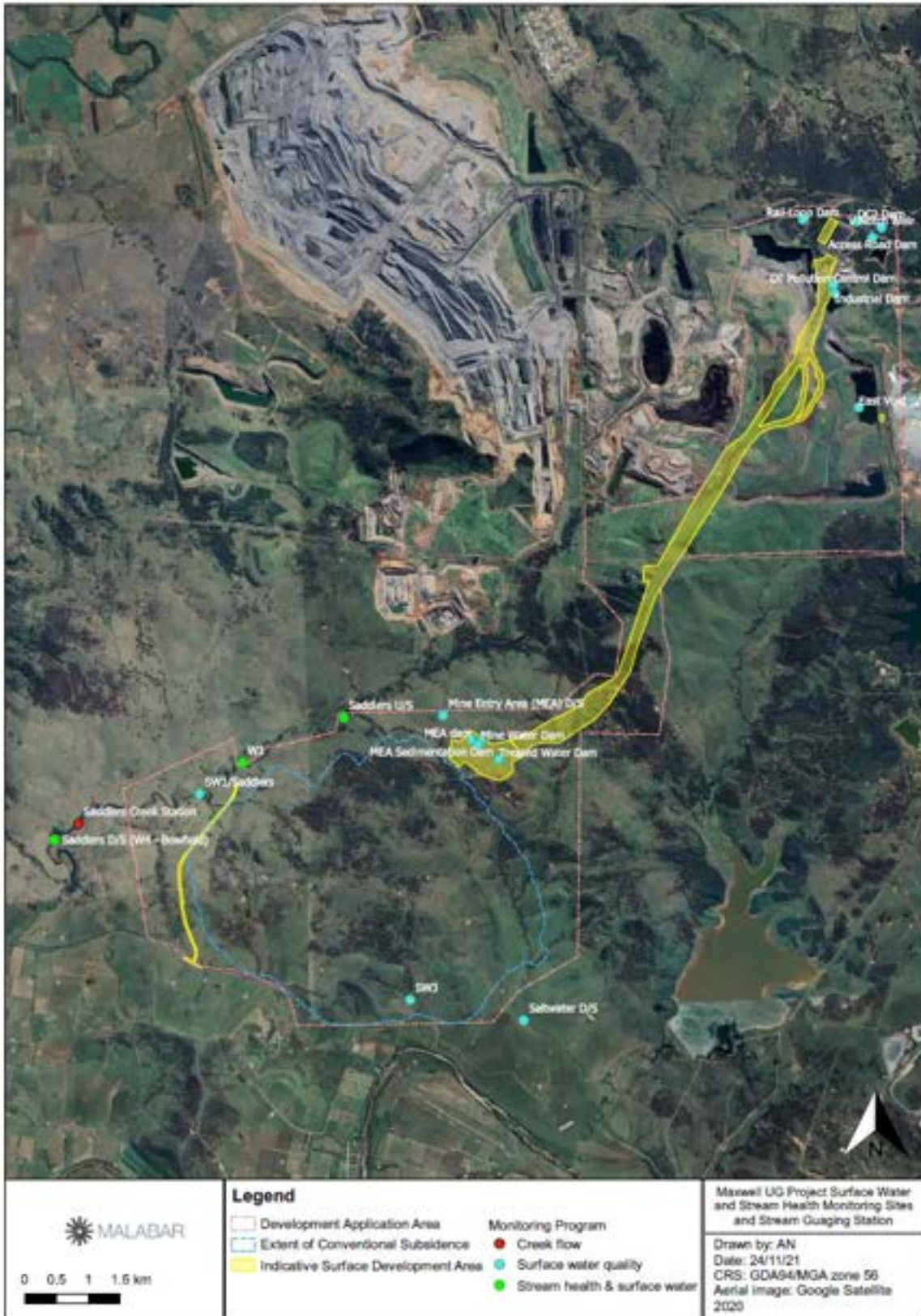
1. The GWMP requirement is to download data every three months. Measurements for MI bores (DS1 to GW04) for Q2-2024 were downloaded in June 2024. Measurements for MXU bores for Q2-2024 were downloaded during April 2024; subsequent months will be downloaded during Q3-2024 and included in the rolling average for that report.
2. DD1015 is reported blocked during the reporting period; DD1027 is deemed to bring no significant value to future groundwater assessments as it monitors the Edderton Seam which is not targeted by the Maxwell UG Mine. As per the recommendations in the 2022 Annual Review, Malabar will seek to have these monitoring locations removed from the next version of the Management Plan.
3. DD1025 was decommissioned in December 2022 for safety reasons (to prevent inrush to the upcoming underground mining operations). As per the recommendations in the 2022 and 2023 Annual Reviews, it is proposed that this site be replaced by a replacement bore for the purposes of the TARP assessment in Appendix A, via a revised GWMP.
4. Bore not accessible for safety reasons.
5. Bore reported as dry during monitoring period from manual measurements. Readings most likely reflects stagnant water level in bore and not true water level.
6. MW3 was most recently recorded as dry; as per the recommendations in the 2022 and 2023 Annual Reviews, it is proposed that MW3 be removed from the reporting via an update to Management Plan.
7. Groundwater levels at RD1189 VWP2, VWP7 & VWP8 appear unstable hence are not reported. As per the recommendations in the 2022 Annual Review, these monitoring datasets will be removed from the reporting, once the next version of the Management Plan is approved.
8. The following VWPs wires are considered disabled: WND16-VWP2 and WND16-VWP3 (unstable and disabled respectively), WND26-VWP4 (disabled).

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.

APPENDIX 1 – AIR QUALITY MONITORING LOCATIONS



APPENDIX 2 – SURFACE WATER MONITORING LOCATIONS



APPENDIX 3 – GROUNDWATER MONITORING LOCATIONS



**APPENDIX 4 – CONSULTANT HYDROGEOLOGIST REPORT PROVIDING
HYDROGRAPHS AND DATA ANALYSIS**



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Appendices

- Appendix A Trigger Action Response Plan & Groundwater Level Triggers**
- Appendix B Groundwater and Trigger Levels**
- Appendix C Groundwater Quality and Trigger Levels (only sites within the TARP)**



Acronyms and Abbreviations

Cbased	Cbased Environmental Pty Ltd
EC	Electrical Conductivity
GWMP	Groundwater Management Plan
mAHD	Metres <i>above</i> Australian Height Datum
Malabar	Malabar Resources Pty Ltd
mbgl	Metres below ground level
mbTOC	Metres below top of casing
MI	Maxwell Infrastructure
MU	Maxwell Underground
SLR	SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd
TARP	Trigger Action Response Plan
VWP	Vibrating Wire Piezometer



1.0 Introduction

SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd (SLR) was engaged by Malabar Resources Pty Ltd (Malabar) to perform a quarterly groundwater review of data collected by Cbased Environmental Pty Ltd (CBased) for the Maxwell Underground (MXU) mine and Maxwell Infrastructure (MI). The quarterly groundwater assessment supports the annual review compliance reporting conducted by Malabar Resources and acts as an early warning procedure for any performance trigger exceedances.

This quarterly report provides an overview of the groundwater data collected at the relevant monitoring bores for the period April–June 2024 and assesses this data against the Trigger Action Response Plan (TARP) threshold levels presented in the Groundwater Management Plan (GWMP) contained within the Maxwell Water Management Plan (December 2023). The groundwater monitoring network is illustrated in **Figure 1**.

1.1 Groundwater Data Limitations

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

- Groundwater levels and quality results for private bores were not available and therefore not presented.

1.2 Groundwater Monitoring Parameters and Frequency

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

- Standpipes – *Bores without automatic dataloggers*
 - Reduced standing water level (for bores with no data logger) – monthly manual measurements.
 - Automatic dataloggers have been installed in all monitoring standpipes/bores. Manual groundwater level measurements are also taken to supplement the automatic dataloggers biennially (depending on the site), the data recording frequency for which varies between 1 to 4 times per day depending on the individual bore.
 - pH, electrical conductivity, redox potential, temperature – quarterly.
 - Total dissolved solids, total suspended solids, major cations/anions, total alkalinity, dissolved and total metals – biennially (twice per year).
- Bore 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 – *Bores installed with automatic dataloggers or VWPs*
 - Reduced standing water level from VWP data loggers– downloaded quarterly.



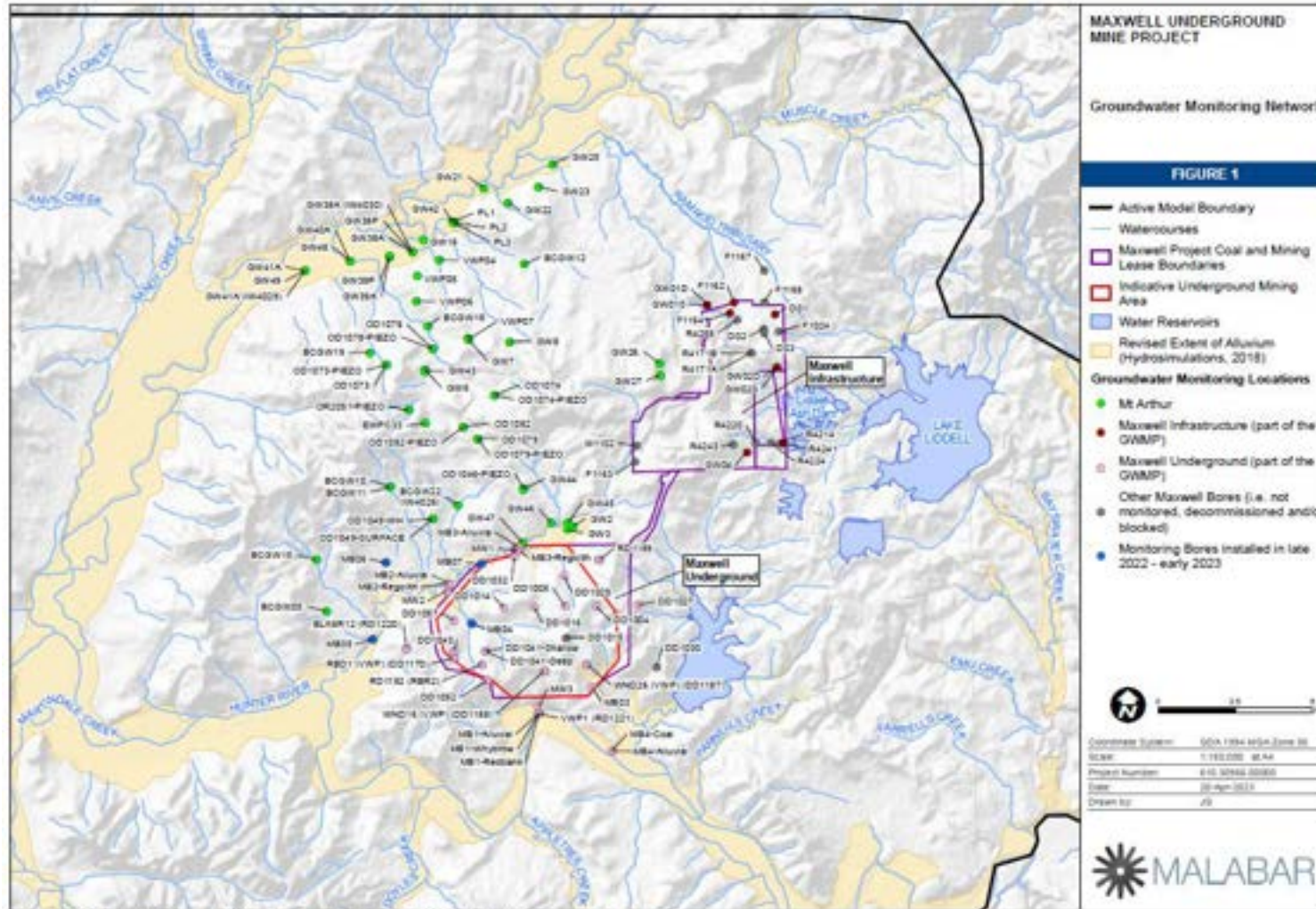


Figure 1 Maxwell Underground Project and Groundwater Monitoring Network



2.0 Groundwater Level Trigger Review

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

Groundwater level monitoring bores and VWP's in the vicinity of the Maxwell Project, and their available completion details, are listed in **Table 1** below.

Table 1 Groundwater Monitoring Bore Network – Maxwell Underground (MXU) and Maxwell Infrastructure (MI)

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	Open
F1162	301045	6420755	Greta Coal Measures	274	Open
F1164	304223	6420406	Greta Coal Measures	190.5	Open
R4241	305793	6416224	Jurassic Volcanics	150	Open
GW01S	303386	6420691	Base Regolith	12–15	Open
GW01D	303391	6420683	Greta Coal Measures	29–32	Open
GW02S	305592	6420380	Base Regolith	8–14	Open
GW02D	301045	6420755	Greta Coal Measures	69–72	Open
GW04	304223	6420406	Permian Sequence	101–104	Open
Maxwell Underground (MUG) – standpipes					
MB1 - Redbank	297930	6407453	Redbank Seam	51–57	Open
MB1 - Whybrow	297928	6407448	Whybrow Seam	25–28	Open
MB1A	297933	6407459	Hunter River Alluvium	8–11	Open
MB2R	295004	6411675	Regolith	20–29	Open
MB2A	294998	6411669	Saddlers Creek Alluvium	5–7	Open
MB3R	297328	6412729	Regolith	27–30	Open
MB3A	297269	6412850	Saddlers Creek Alluvium (upslope)	8.5–14.5	Open
MB4 - Coal	300302	6406234	JPS-Coal	42–47	Open
MB4A	300307	6406231	Hunter River Alluvium	10–18	Open
MB03	299649	6408297	Saltwater Creek Alluvium	5–8	Open
MW1	297254	6412760	Saddlers Creek Alluvium (upslope)	6–9	Open
MW2	294977	6411419	Saddlers Creek Alluvium	4–9.5	Open
MW3	297904	6407652	Hunter River Alluvium	2.9–6.9	Problem ²
MB04	295755	6410371	Unnamed Creek Regolith	10-13	Open
MB05	292546.7	6409857	Saddlers Creek alluvium	1.8-3.8	Open



Monitoring Bore or VWP ID	Easting ¹ (GDA94)	Northing ¹ (GDA94)	Geology	Bore Screen or VWP Sensor Depth (mBGL)	Status
MB06_S	292980.2	6412335	Woodland Hill Overburden	29-32	Open
MB06_D	292980.2	6412335	Bowfield Seam	95-101	Open
MB07	296070.3	6412297	Saddlers Creek Alluvium	3-5.5	Open
DD1005	298799	6410901	Blakefield Overburden	138.6	Open
DD1014	296799	6410864	Blakefield Overburden	90.5	Open
DD1015	298815	6409900	Blakefield Overburden	162.5	Problem ³
DD1016	297801	6410882	Blakefield Overburden	126.4	Open
DD1025	298764	6411901	Blakefield Overburden	44.6	Problem ⁴
DD1027	301133	6410960	Edderton Seam	252.8	Open
DD1032	297143	6412495	Piercefield Overburden	276.5	Open
DD1043	295200	6409458	Woodlands Hill Overburden	182–203	Open
DD1052	296274	6408513	Whynot Seam Overburden	105–127	Open
DD1057	295181	6410458	Arrowfield Overburden	164–188	Open
Maxwell Underground (MUG) – Vibrating Wire Piezometers (VWPs)					
RD1189 (SD1_DD001)	299896	6412419	Woodlands Hill Seam	78.9	Normal
			AZZBF	145.5	Problem ⁵
			WW12	186.2	Normal
			MAL	230	Normal
			PF2	255.5	Problem ⁵
			BY2	315	Normal
			WY2	322	Problem ⁵
RD1192 (RBR2)	296092	6409038	Wambo Seam	61.2	Normal
			Redbank Seam	80	Normal
			Blakefield Seam	148.5	Normal
BLK6R12 (RD1220)	293653	6409558	WB2 Seam	25	Normal
			Redbank Seam	40.5	Normal
			Whynot Seam	86.5	Normal
			Blakefield Seam	148.5	Normal
VWP1 (RD1221) (RDW006A)	297926	6407444	Interburden	21	Normal
			Interburden	40	Normal
			Interburden	73	Normal
			Whybrow Seam	87	Normal
			Whynot Seam	109.2	Normal
			Blakefield Seam	138	Problem ⁶
RBD1 (DD1170)	295178	6409246	Whybrow Seam	24.65	Normal
			Redbank Seam	33.55	Normal



Monitoring Bore or VWP ID	Easting ¹ (GDA94)	Northing ¹ (GDA94)	Geology	Bore Screen or VWP Sensor Depth (mBGL)	Status
			Whynot Seam	79.5	Normal
			Blakefield Seam	103.3	Normal
WND16 (DD1188)	298122	6408842	Wambo Seam	33.75	Normal
			Whynot Seam	59.25	Problem ⁷
			Blakefield Seam	90.15	Problem ⁷
			Blakefield Seam	110.5	Normal
WND26 (DD1187)	299487	6409044	Whybrow Seam	77.3	Normal
			Redbank Seam	84.6	Normal
			Wambo Seam	123.45	Normal
			Whynot Seam	144.25	Problem ⁷

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

2 MW3 was last recorded dry; as per the recommendations in the 2022 Annual Review, it is proposed that MW3 will be removed from the reporting, once the next version of the Management Plan is approved.

3 DD1015 is reported blocked during the reporting period; DD1027 is deemed to bring no significant value to future groundwater assessments as it monitors the Edderton Seam which is not targeted by the Maxwell UG Mine. As per the recommendations in the 2022 Annual Review, these monitoring locations will be removed from the reporting, once the next version of the GWMP is approved. The site is reviewing the GWMP, as it requires incorporation of the recommendations made in the 2022 and 2023 Annual Reviews, not currently included in the current GWMP.

4 DD1025 was decommissioned in December 2022 for safety reasons (to prevent inrush to the upcoming underground mining operations). As per the recommendations in the 2022 Annual Review, it is proposed that this site will be replaced by a replacement bore for the purposes of the TARP assessment in Appendix A, once a revised GWMP has been approved. The site is reviewing the GWMP, as it requires incorporation of the recommendations made in the 2022 and 2023 Annual Reviews, not currently included in the current GWMP.

5 Groundwater levels at RD1189 VWP2, VWP5 & VWP7 appear unstable hence are not reported. As per the recommendations in the 2022 Annual Review, these monitoring datasets will be removed from the reporting, once the next version of the GWMP is approved. The site is reviewing the GWMP, as it requires incorporation of the recommendations made in the 2022 and 2023 Annual Reviews, not currently included in the current GWMP. The site is also conducting a VWP Investigation to determine if the sensors could possibly be fixed.

6 VWP1 sensor 6 indicates no data and not reported.

7 The following VWPs wires are considered disabled: WND16-VWP2 and WND16-VWP3 (unstable and disabled respectively), WND26-VWP4 (disabled).

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

A – Alluvium R – Regolith JPS – Jerry's Plain Subgroup

Open – Functional for pressure/water level measurements and/or quality sampling

Closed – Decommissioned/ To be removed

Problem – Blocked/Dry/Issue detected during monitoring period

Table 2 outlines the current status of the groundwater level trigger exceedance targets during the review period and indicates where exceedances are noted at each of the monitored bore locations. The approved trigger criteria are presented in **Appendix A**. Hydrographs for all groundwater monitoring locations including those with approved groundwater level trigger levels are presented in **Appendix B**.



Section 2.0 discusses briefly any groundwater level exceedances observed during the reporting period only, as identified in **Table 2**.

Table 2 Groundwater Level Trigger Exceedance Status – Shallow and Deep Open Bores

Bore	TARP Level [mAHD]	Previous Monitoring Period Q4-2023			Current Monitoring Period Q1-2024		
		Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24
Maxwell Infrastructure		Water Management Plan (Dec 2023)					
R4241	173.6	N	N	N	N	N	N
GW01D	198.2	N	N	N	N	N	N
GW01S	197.0	N	N	N	N	N	N
GW02D	135.7	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
GW02S	187.7	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Maxwell Underground		Water Management Plan (Dec 2023)					
DD1025	157.3	<i>Decommissioned</i>			<i>Decommissioned</i>		
DD1032	130.6	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	*
MB3-Alluvial	127.7	N	N	N	N	*	*
MB3-Regolith	127.3	N	N	N	N	*	*

mAHD – metres above Australian Height Datum

N: Normal Level TARP Level 1 TARP Level 2

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

"*" no groundwater level data available for this period – logger data downloaded quarterly – next download scheduled for Q3-2024.

2.1 Normal Level

Groundwater levels at the Maxwell Infrastructure groundwater monitoring sites R4241, GW01D, GW01S, GW02D, and GW02S and at the Maxwell Underground sites MB3-Alluvial and MB3-Regolith were observed above the groundwater trigger level over the reporting period hence were within the Normal Level of the TARP criteria (**Appendix A**).

2.2 TARP Level 1

DD1032 continued to exceed the TARP Level 1 groundwater level trigger exceedance over the reporting period. DD1032 exceeded the TARP Level 1 groundwater level trigger exceedance limit during 2023 and is discussed in more detail in the site 2023 quarterly monitoring reports as well as 2023 Annual Review. The exceedance was not expected to be related to site activities and a Trigger Exceedance Investigation is currently underway to evaluate TARP exceedances, including DD1032. Initial observations indicated that the decline in water level has been observed since 2011, well before mining activities commenced at MUX. Results and recommendations of the study will be referenced in the next quarterly monitoring report.

Apart from DD1032, there were no other TARP Level 1 groundwater level trigger exceedances over the reporting period.



2.3 TARP Level 2

A TARP Level 2 exceedance is defined as where a 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. There were no TARP Level 2 groundwater level trigger exceedances over the reporting period.

2.4 General Observations

- MB03 was reported as dry during April 2024.
- GW02D exceeded the TARP water level trigger periodically during April 2024. Groundwater levels were above the TARP water level trigger during May and June 2024.
- GW01S was close to the bottom of the bore with the average groundwater level measured during the reporting period being 0.31 metres above the bottom of the bore.
- MB3-Alluvial had a recorded manual measurement of 14.48 m from Top of Casing (TOC) during Q1-2024; however, this was adjusted to 4.48 m TOC to be inline with previous manual measurements as well as the logger data. The manual measurement taken during April 2024 confirmed a groundwater level of 4.54 m TOC. The logger data did not indicate any major fluctuations during Q1-2024 and Q2-2024. The 14.48 m TOC measurement during Q1-2024 is expected to have been a measurement error.
- MB05 was noted to have a very low water level with the average groundwater level during Q2-2024 being 0.45 m above the bottom of the bore.
- During July 2023, October 2023, and January 2023 it was noted that DD1057 had identical manual groundwater level measurements recorded. During Q2-2024 CBased inserted a pump and removed water from the bore for 10 minutes at an unmeasured rate to evaluate the initial response. The water level decreased from 22.56 m TOC to 22.84 m TOC during the 10 minutes. Recovery of 4 cm was measured in 15 minutes. Additionally, the site conducted a downhole-camera inspection of the bore to identify any possible obstructions/ blockages. The bore was found to be clear of any obstructions/ blockages up to a maximum depth of the camera at 150 mBGL (bore depth is 188 m). Datalogger data for the bore indicates very stable levels during this period, with minor fluctuations observed. Lowering of water level is observed during each quarter when the bore is sampled and water removed from the bore, with subsequent recovery in water level. From the available information it does not appear that the bore is blocked or that any further action is required. It is recommended to continue monitoring the bore as stipulated in the GWMP.

3.0 Groundwater Quality Trigger Review

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, February 2023) and presented in **Appendix A**.

An assessment of groundwater quality (EC and pH) at each of the monitored bore locations against the TARP threshold levels has been completed. EC and pH plots for groundwater



monitoring locations with approved groundwater quality trigger levels are presented in **Appendix C**. During the reporting period, EC and pH recorded at the groundwater monitoring sites were within the TARP Normal Level threshold.

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 April – June 2024

Bore	Period [Month Sampled - Analysis]	TARP Level		Q1 2024			Q2 2024		
		EC (µS/cm)	pH min/ max	EC (µS/cm)	pH lower	pH upper	EC (µS/cm)	pH lower	pH upper
R4241	Q2-2024 [Jun 24 – Lab]	6,253	6 / 8.5	N	N	N	N	N	N
GW01S	Q2-2024	9,260		*	*	*	*	*	*
GW01D	Q2-2024 [Jun 24 – Lab]	5,680		N	N	N	Y	N	N
GW02S	Q2-2024 [Jun 24 – Lab]	9,480		N	N	N	N	N	N
GW02D	Q2-2024 [Jun 24 – Lab]	10,500		Y	N	N	Y	N	N
DD1025	<i>Decommissioned</i>			-	-	-	-	-	-
DD1032	Q3-2023 [Jun 24 – Field]	7,170	6 / 8.5	N	N	N	N	N	N
MB3- Alluvial	Q3-2023 [Jun 24 – Field]	9,009		N	N	N	N	N	N
MB3- Regolith	Q3-2023 [Jun 24 – Field]	6,327		Y	N	N	N	N	N

N: Normal Level TARP Level 1 TARP Level 2

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

"*" no groundwater quality data available for this period – Not enough water present in bore for sampling.

3.1 Normal Level

Groundwater quality at the Maxwell Infrastructure groundwater monitoring sites R4241 and GW02S (**Appendix C**) and at the Maxwell Underground sites DD1032, MB3-Alluvial, and MB3-Regolith (**Appendix C**) were 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

During Q2-2024 GW02D continued to exceed the TARP Level 1 EC trigger. The exceedance was not expected to be related to site activities and a Trigger Exceedance Investigation is currently underway to evaluate TARP exceedances, including GW02D. Initial observations indicated a very low water level in the bore as well as mud/ sediment in the bottom of the bore requiring the logger to be cleaned and raised. Results and recommendations of the study will be referenced in the next quarterly monitoring report.

Apart from GW02D, there were no other TARP Level 1 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

- GW01S could not be sampled during Q2-2024 due to insufficient volume of water present in the bore for sampling. It is noted that this is the second concurrent sampling round where a sample could not be taken.

4.0 Recommendations

Based on the trigger exceedances assessed in **Section 2.0** and **Section 3.0** and the TARP criteria presented in **Appendix A**, the following actions are recommended:

4.1 Actions – Trigger Assessment

- Continue with monitoring as stipulated in the sites existing GWMP and incorporate findings and recommendations of the Trigger Exceedance Investigation currently being undertaken into the next quarterly reporting period (Q3-2024).

4.2 Actions – Reporting

- Update the GWMP to incorporate recommended changes to the monitoring network recommended in the site's 2022 and 2023 Annual Reviews.

4.3 Actions – Monitoring and Sampling

- Incorporate any mine dewatering volume and mining floor elevations into the quarterly groundwater monitoring database and reporting as this data will be useful when interpreting groundwater level responses due to mining activities.



5.0 Closing

SLR was engaged by Malabar to perform a quarterly groundwater review of data collected by Cbased for the Maxwell Project. This quarterly report provides an overview of the groundwater data collected at the relevant monitoring bores for the period April - June 2024 and assesses this data against the TARP Trigger Criteria presented in the GWMP contained within the Water Management Plan for the Maxwell Underground Project.

Groundwater levels at the Maxwell Infrastructure groundwater monitoring sites R4241, GW01D, GW01S, GW02D, GW02S and at the Maxwell Underground sites MB3-Alluvial and MB3-Regolith were observed above the groundwater trigger level over the reporting period were within the Normal Level of the TARP criteria.

Groundwater quality at the Maxwell Infrastructure groundwater monitoring sites R4241 and GW02S and at the Maxwell Underground sites DD1032, MB3-Alluvial, and MB3-Regolith did not exceed the EC and pH trigger levels over the reporting period and were within the Normal Level of the TARP criteria.

DD1032 and GW02D exceeded the TARP Level 1 groundwater level and EC trigger exceedance over the reporting period, respectively. The exceedances were not expected to be related to site activities and a Trigger Exceedance Investigation is currently underway to evaluate the TARP exceedances for DD1032 and GW02D. Results and recommendations of the study will be referenced in the next quarterly monitoring report.

Sincerely,

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7.0 Feedback

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Appendix A Trigger Action Response Plan & Groundwater Level Triggers

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Table A-1: 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.



Status	Trigger	Action	Response
			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 A-2: 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.



Status	Trigger	Action	Response
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 A-3: Summary of groundwater level and quality triggers for alluvium and hard rock aquifers (Maxwell Project) – (GWMP – Malabar Resources, Feb 2023) and Annual Review 2022

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 (155.1 #)	6.0	8.5	14,200
DD1032	130.6 (128.3 #)	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

Proposed levels in 2022 Annual Review and subject to approval of the GWMP

Table A-4: 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 and Trigger Levels

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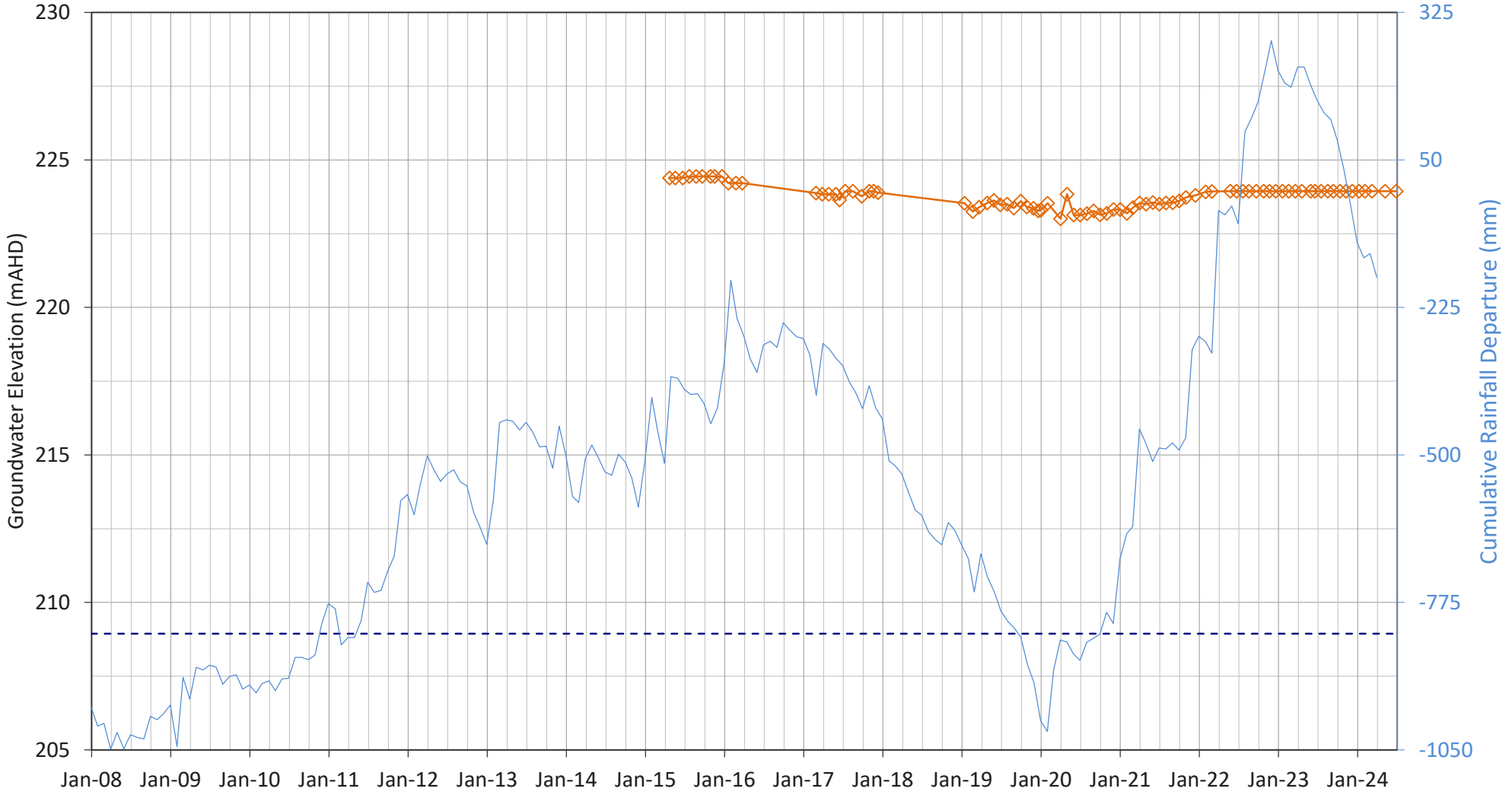
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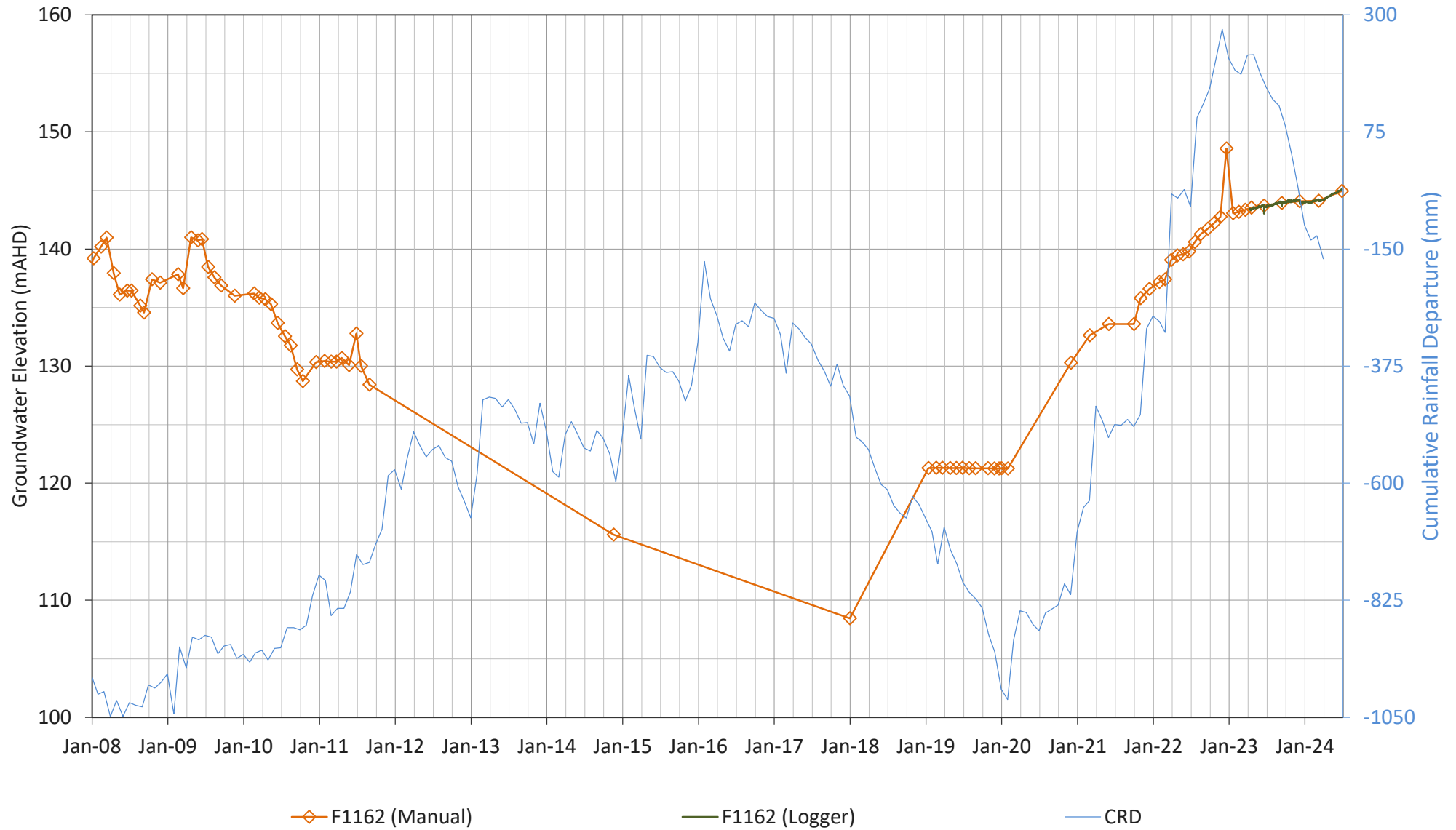


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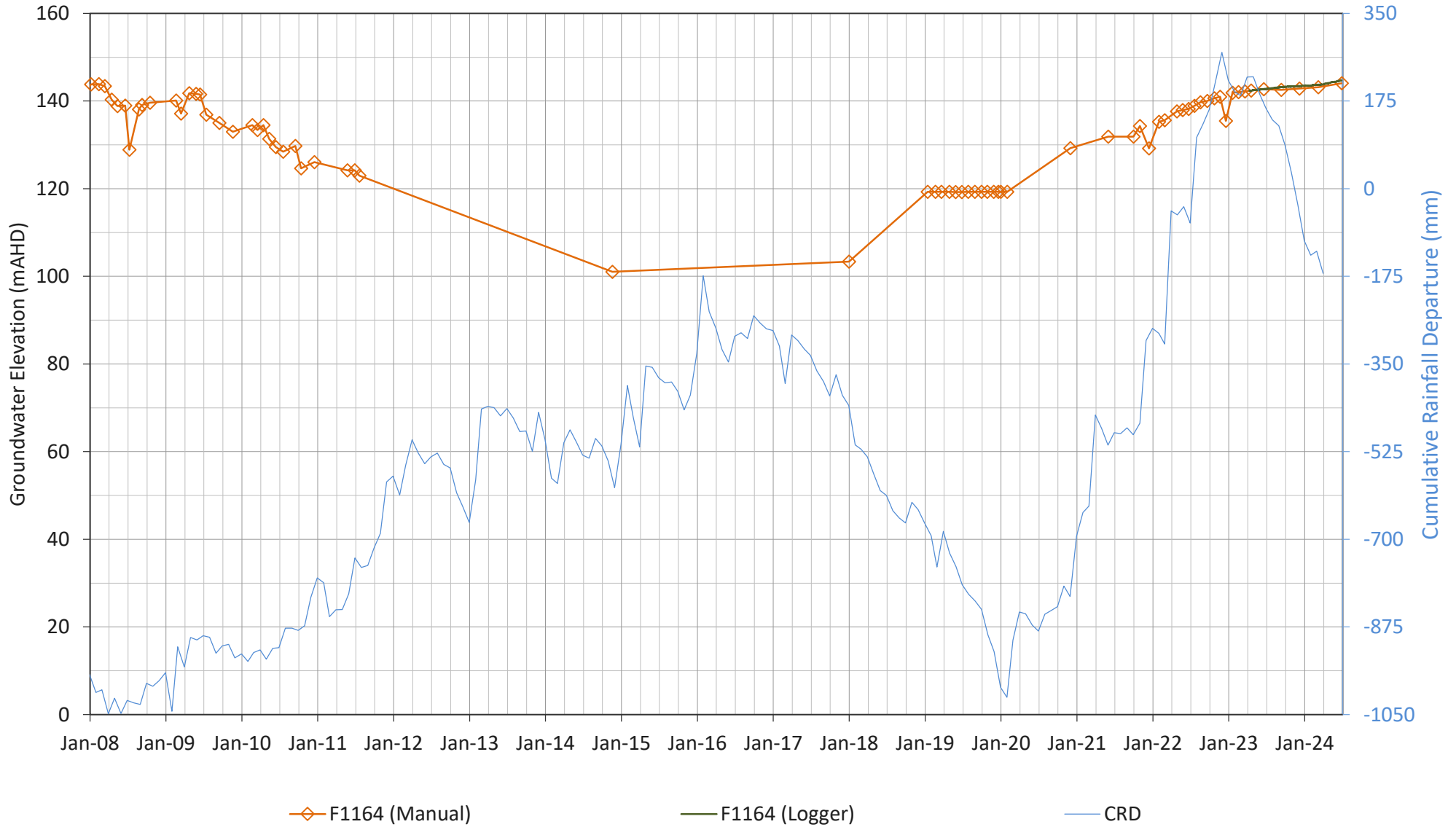
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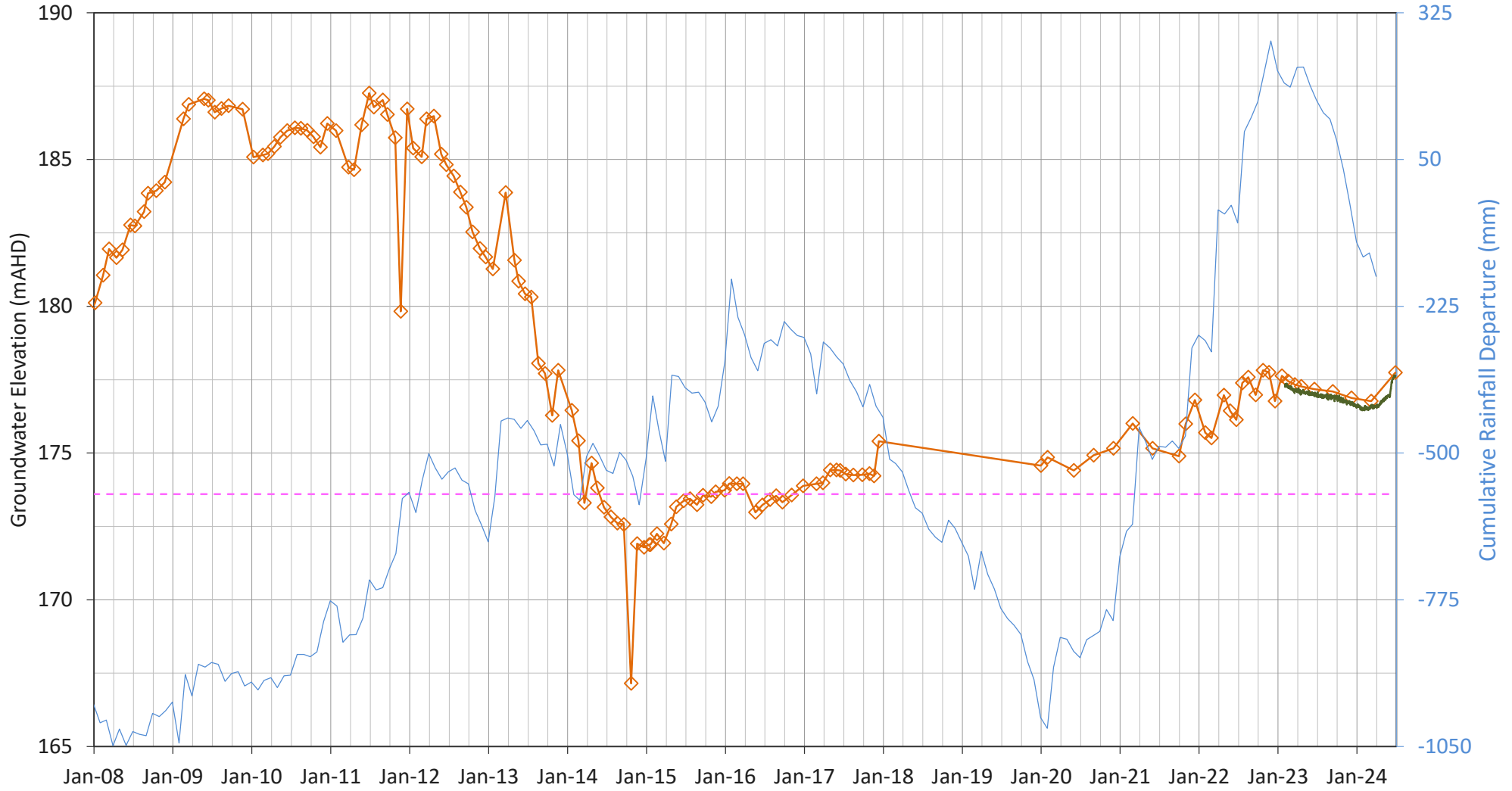
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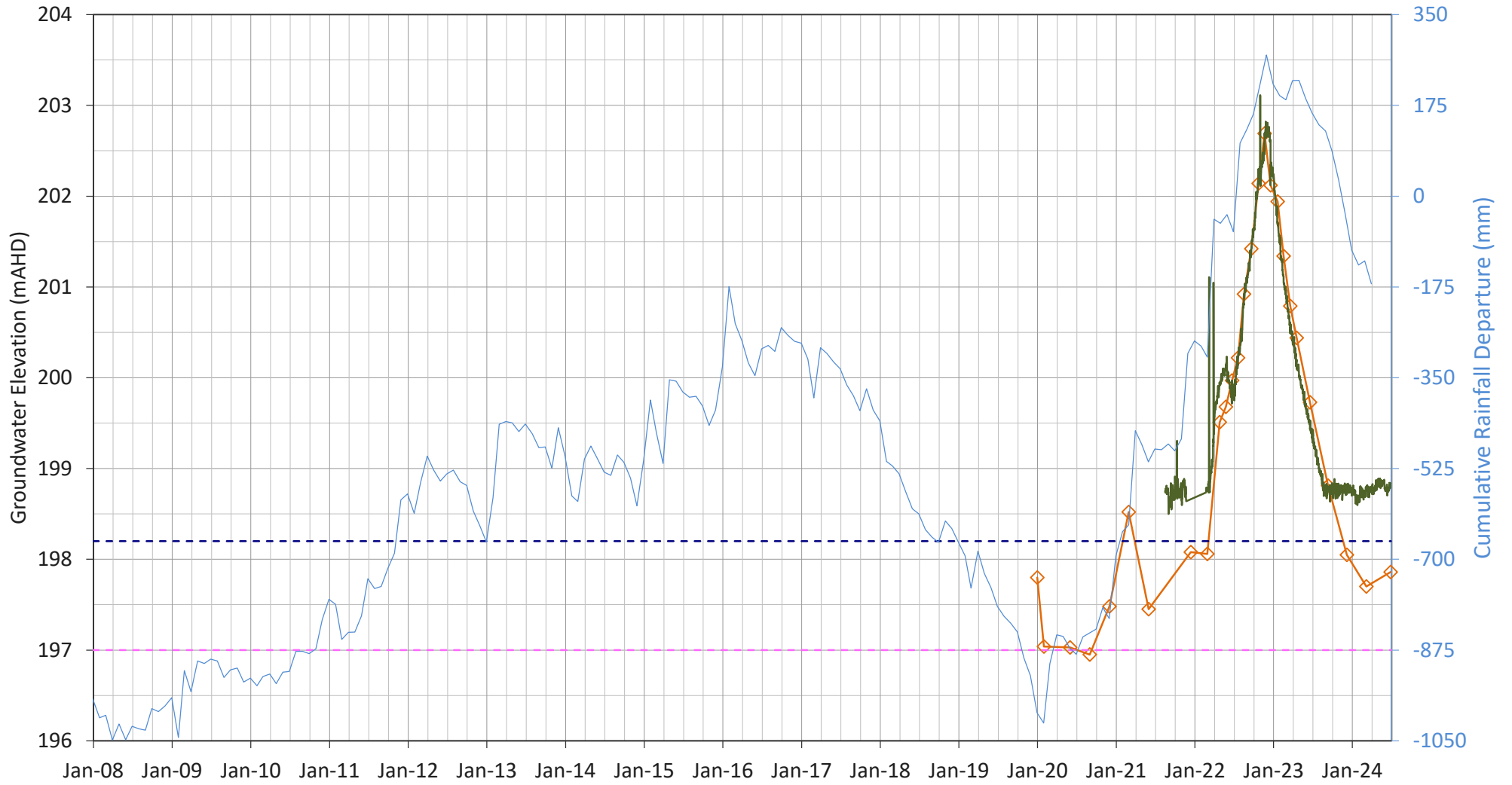
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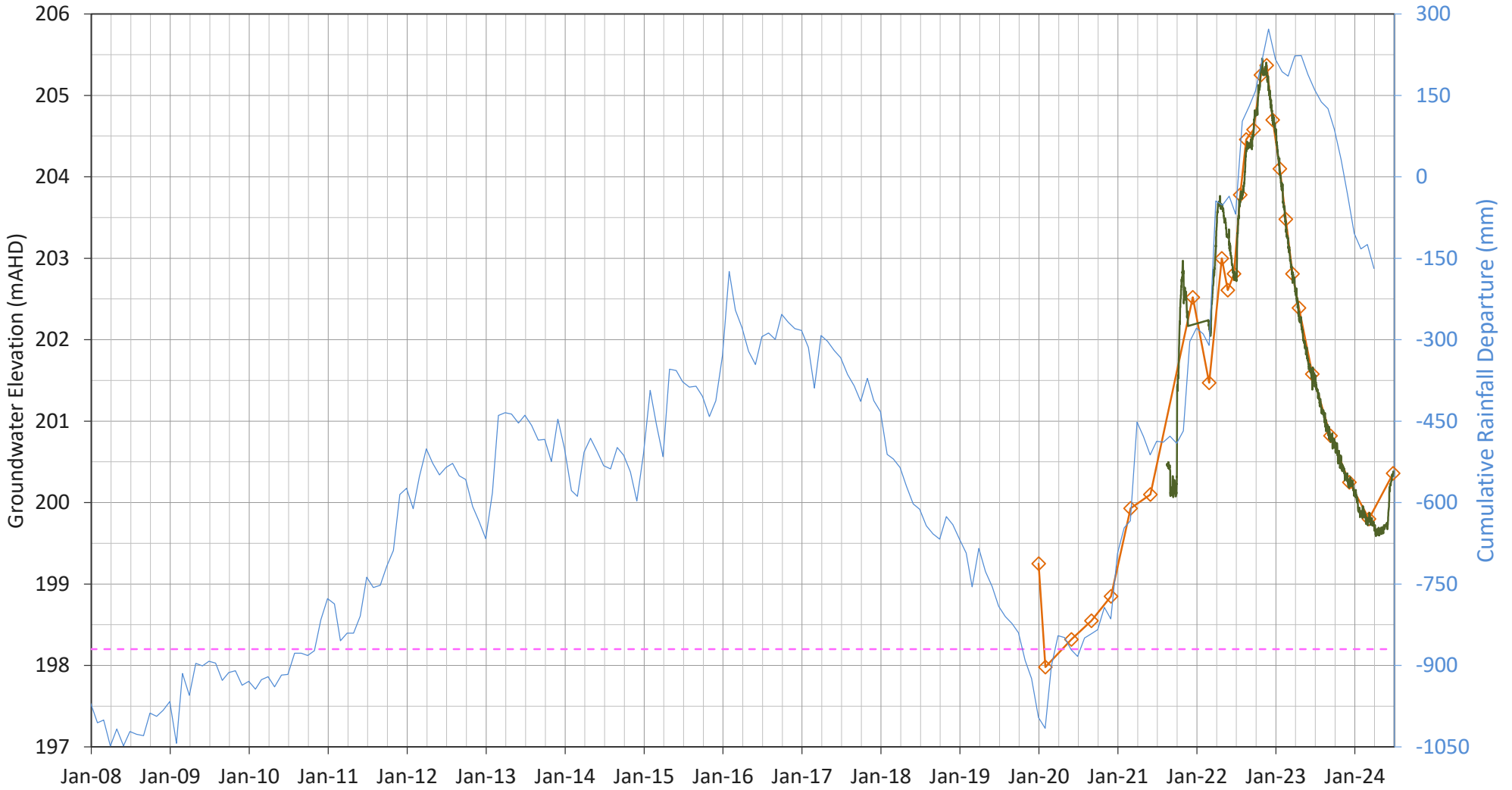
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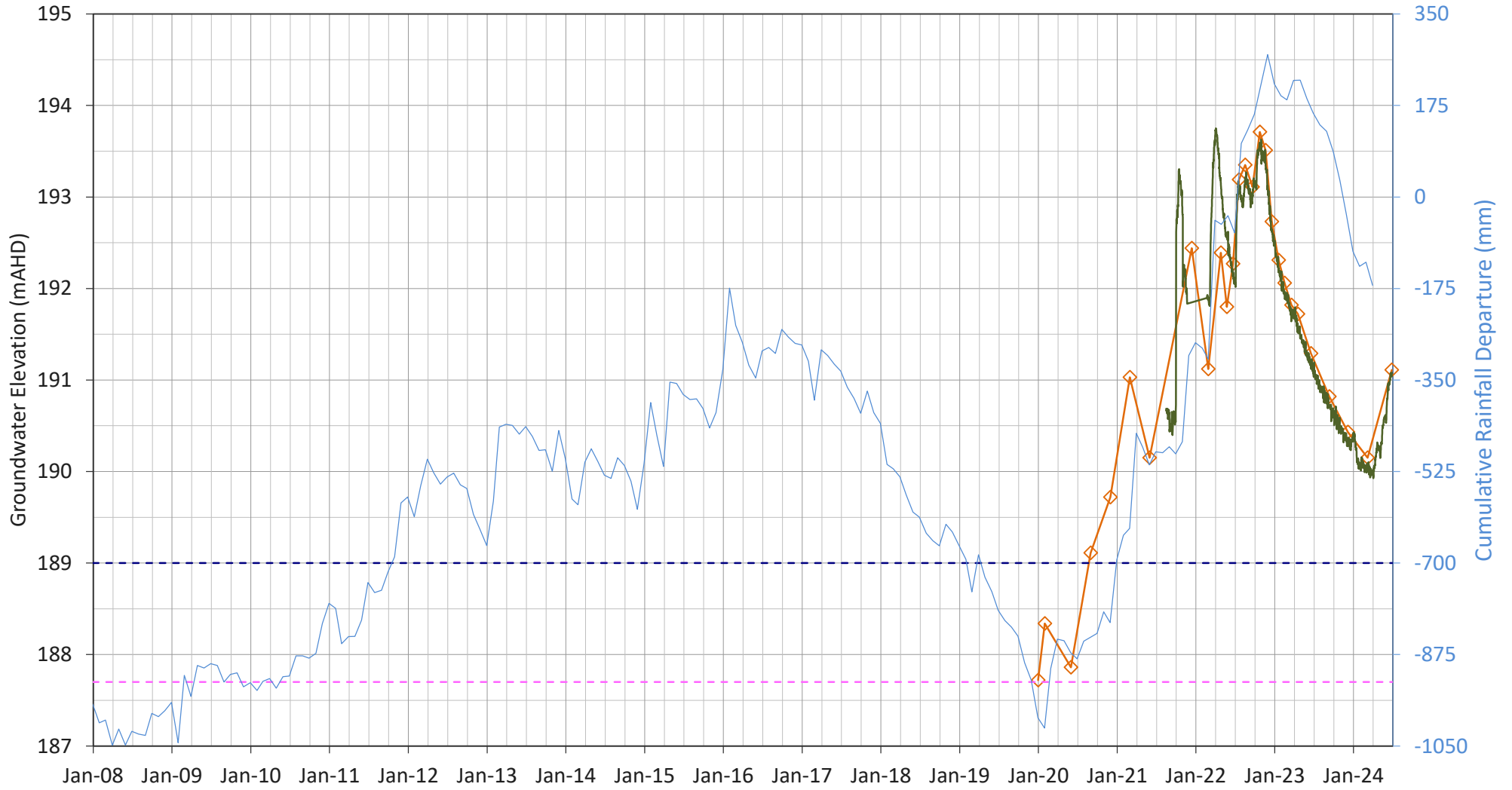
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GW01D



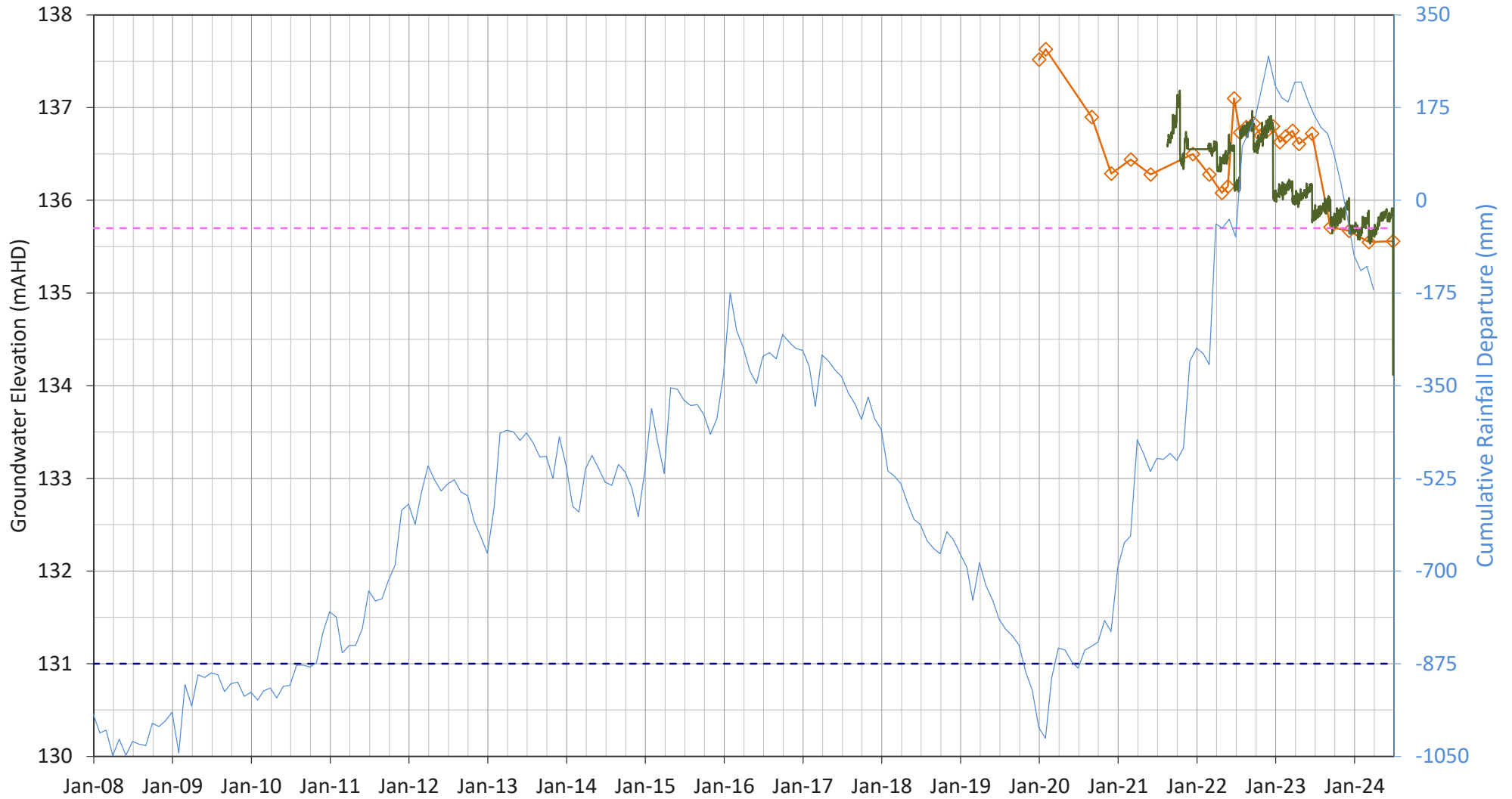
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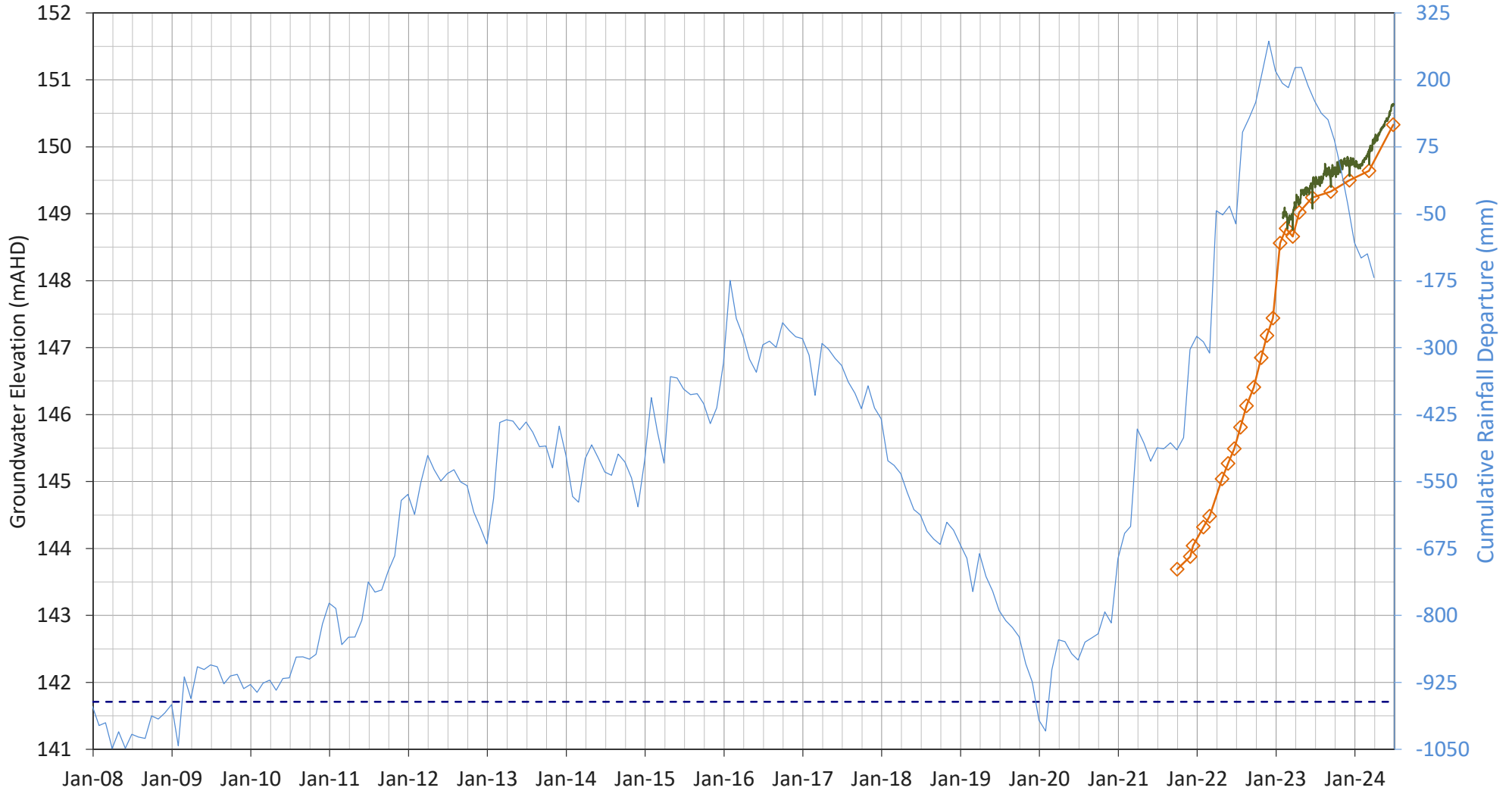
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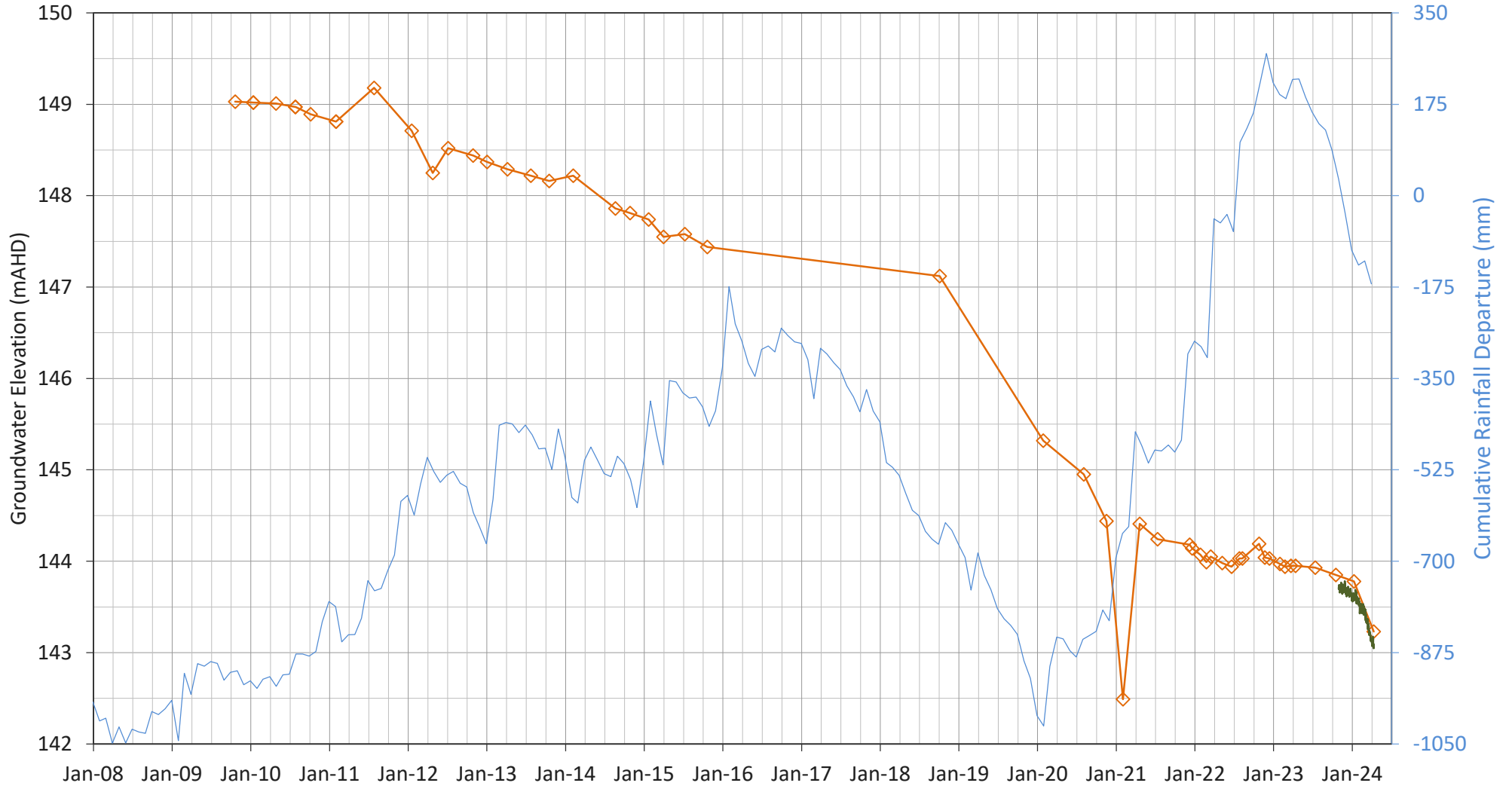
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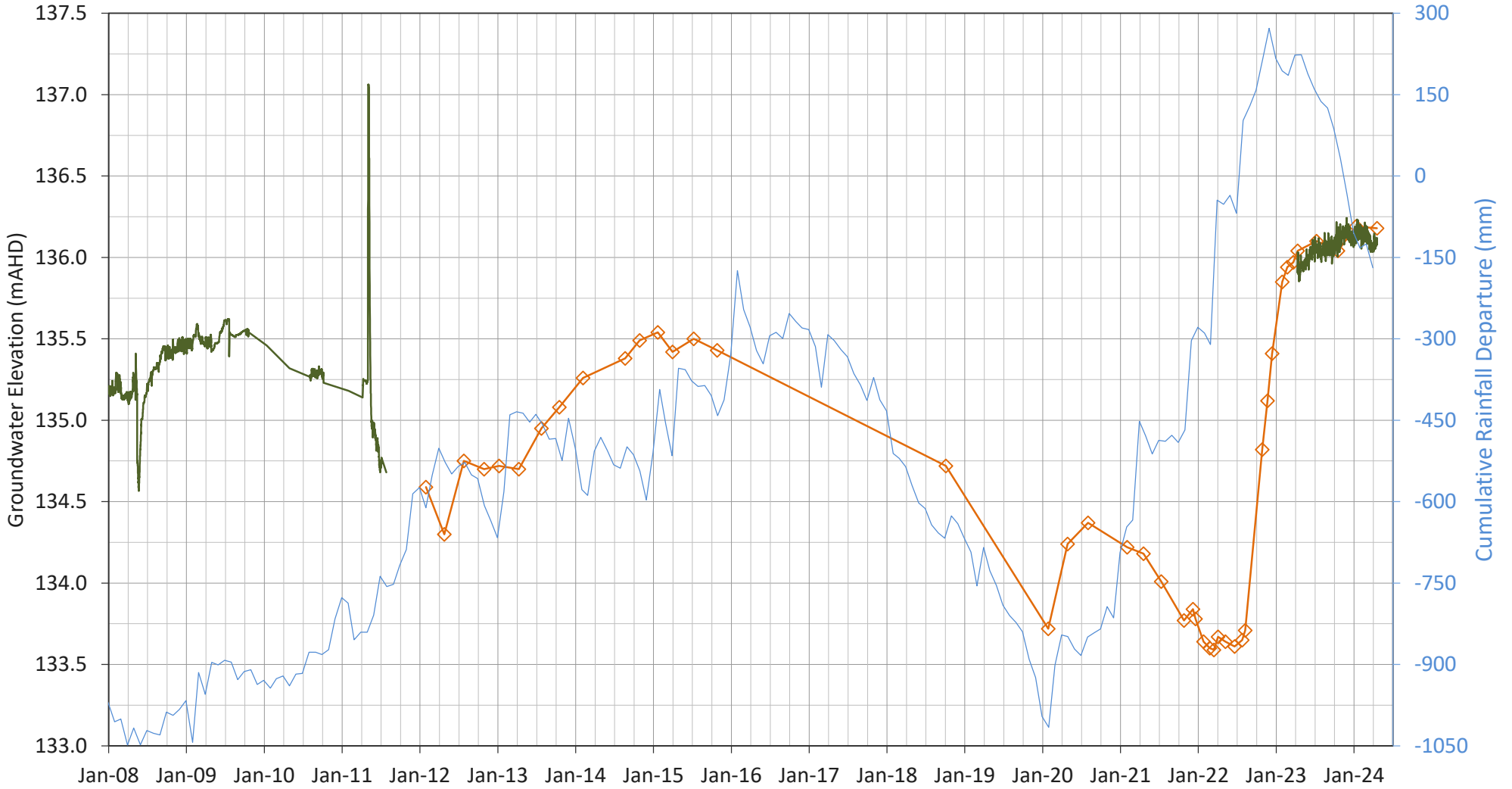


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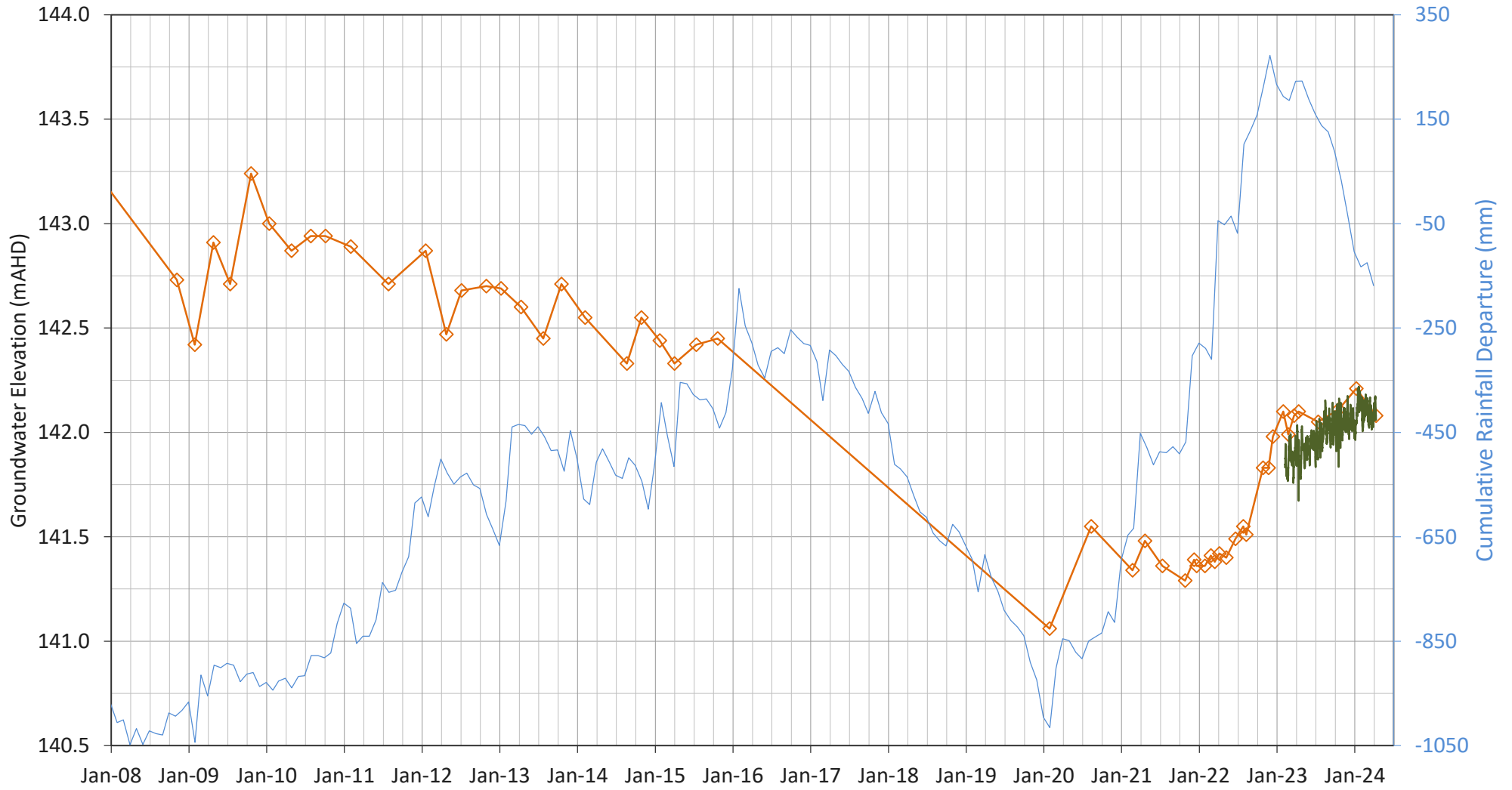


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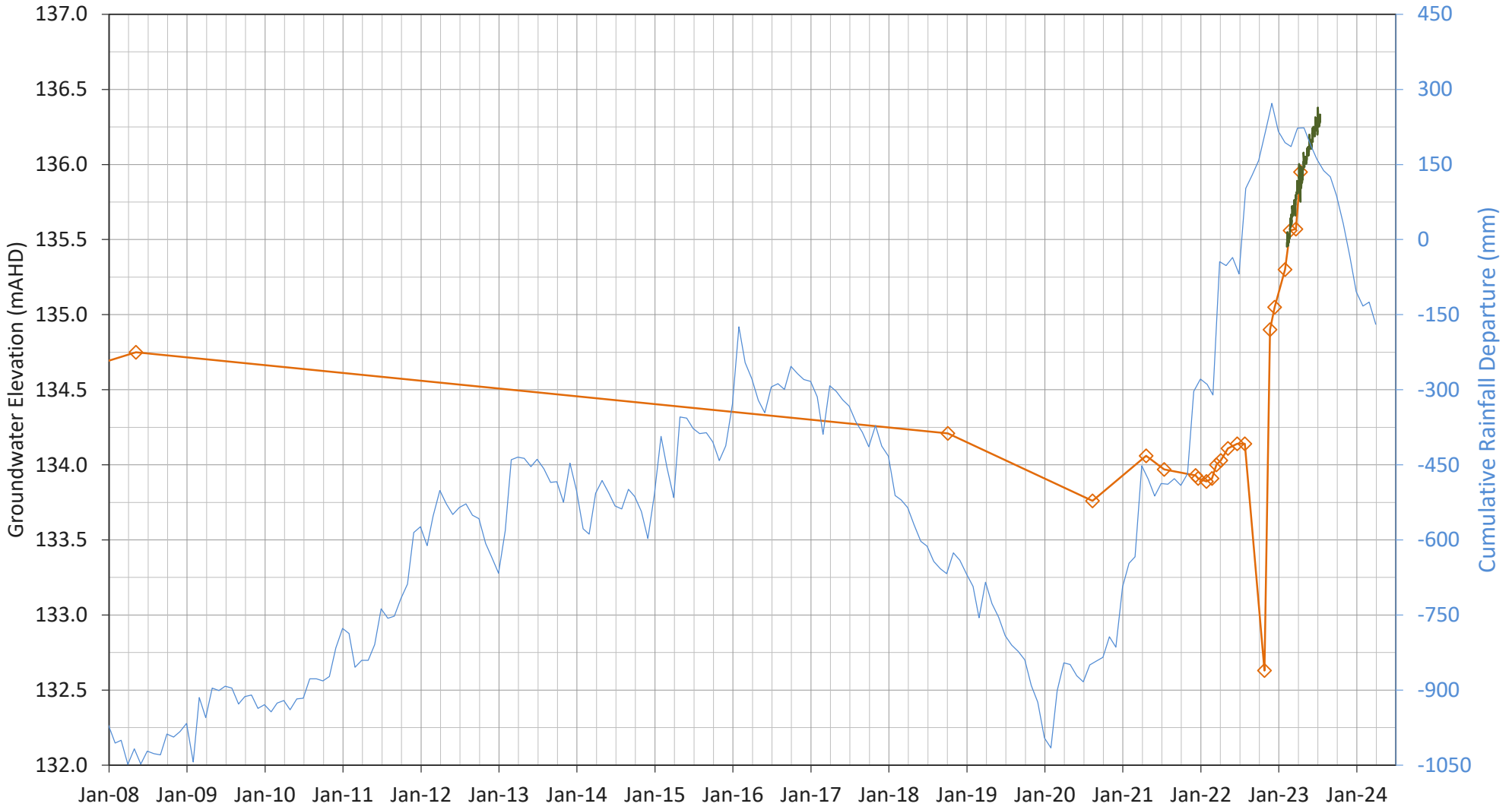


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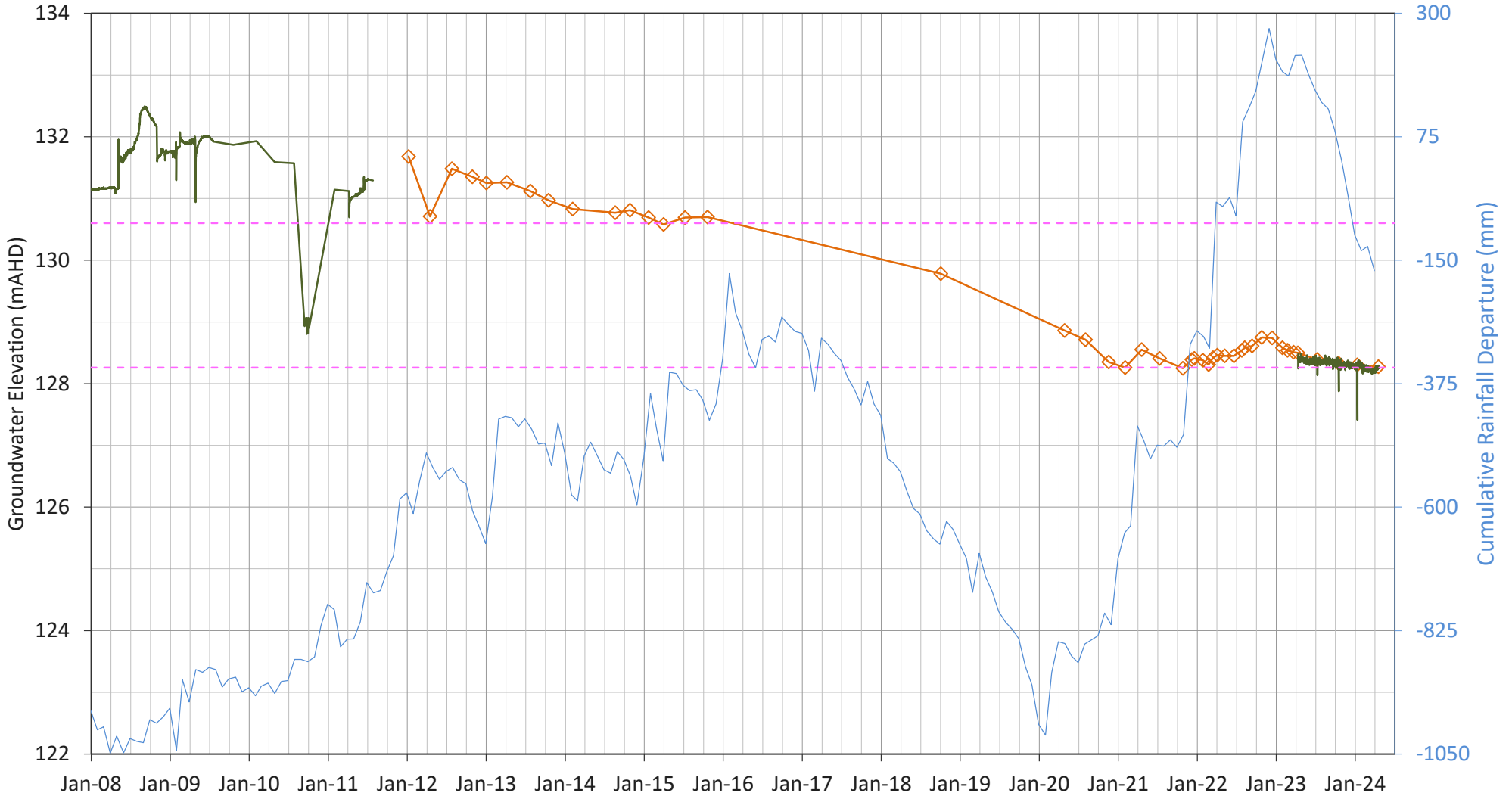


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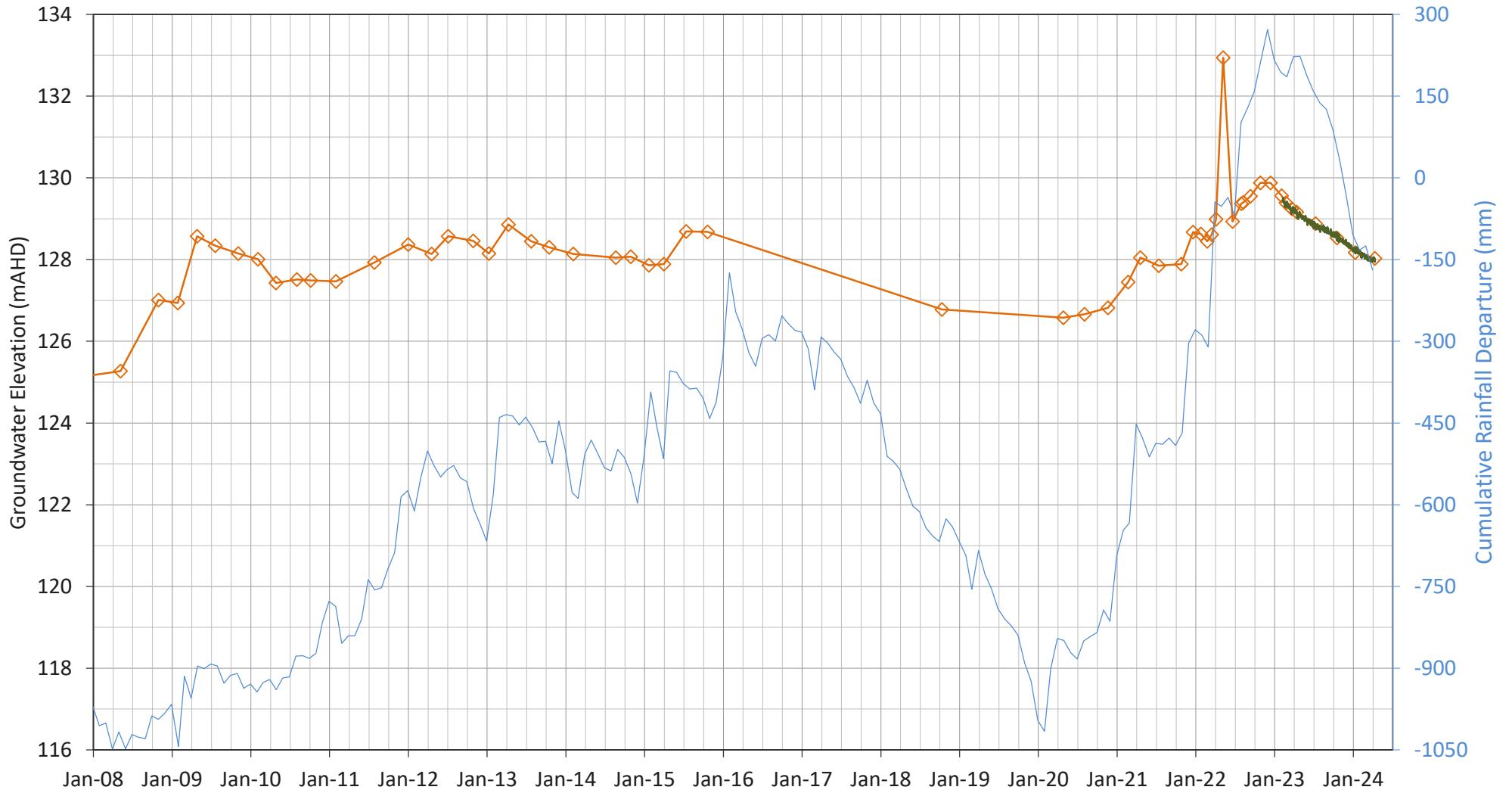
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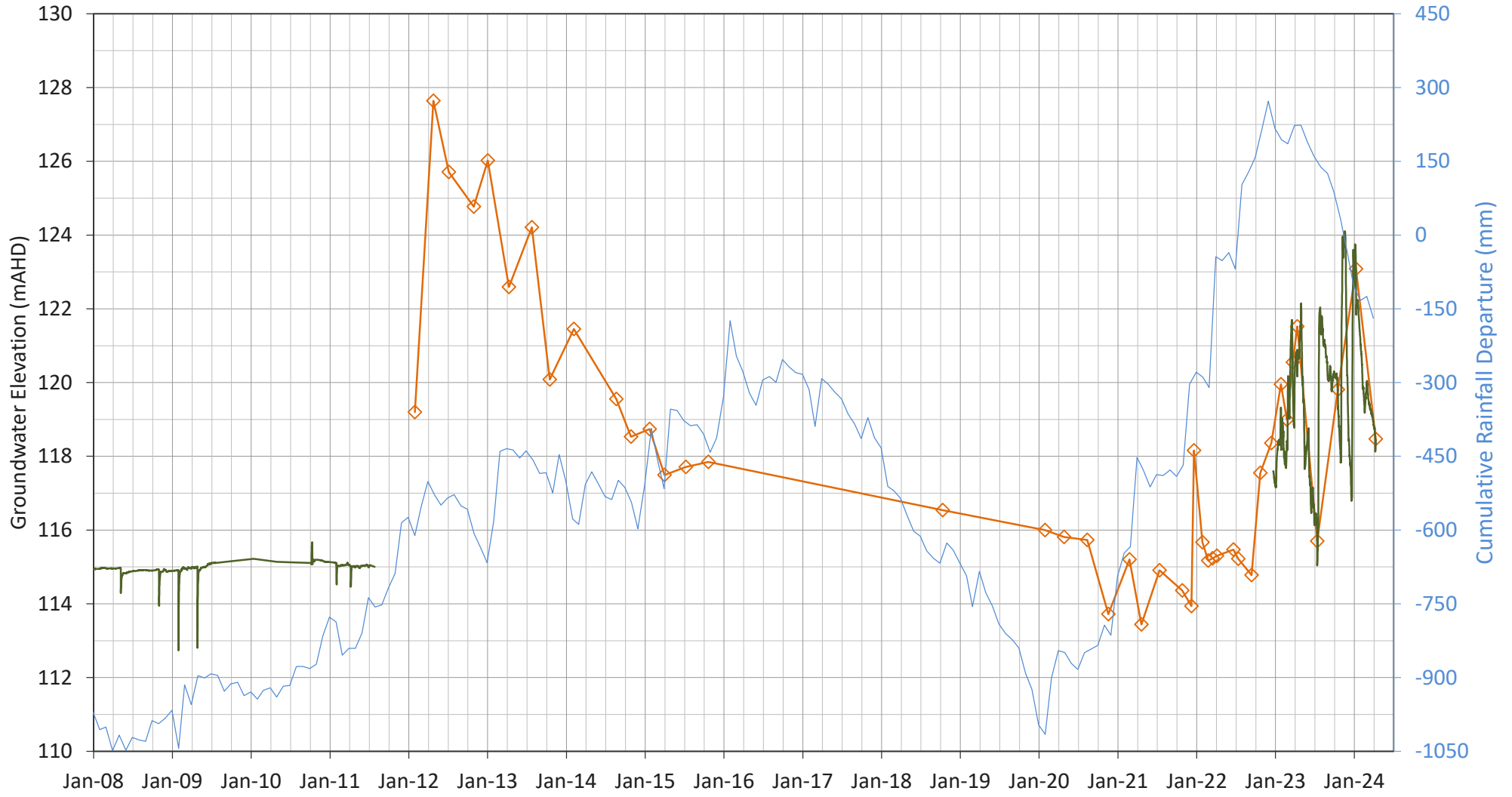


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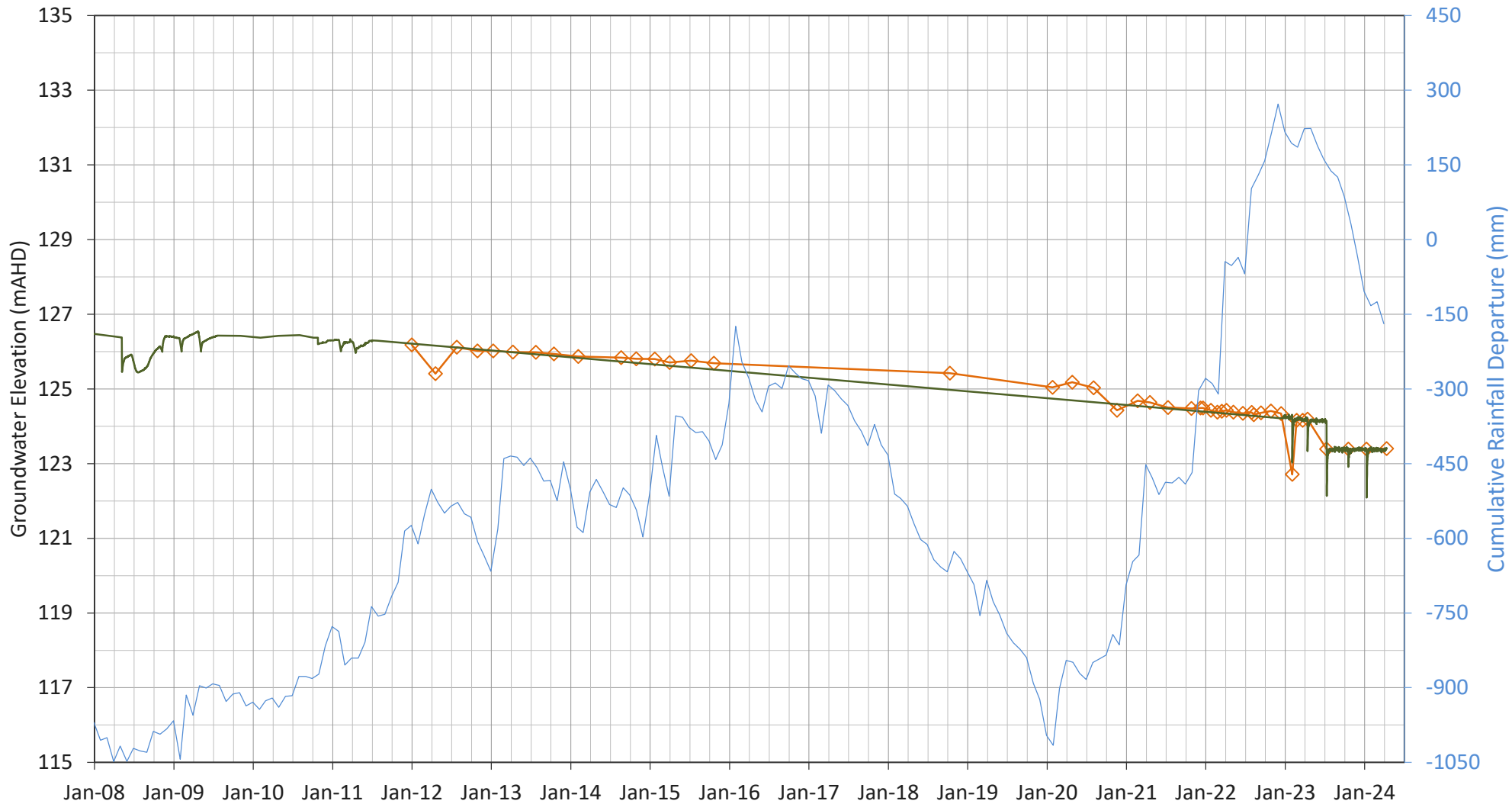


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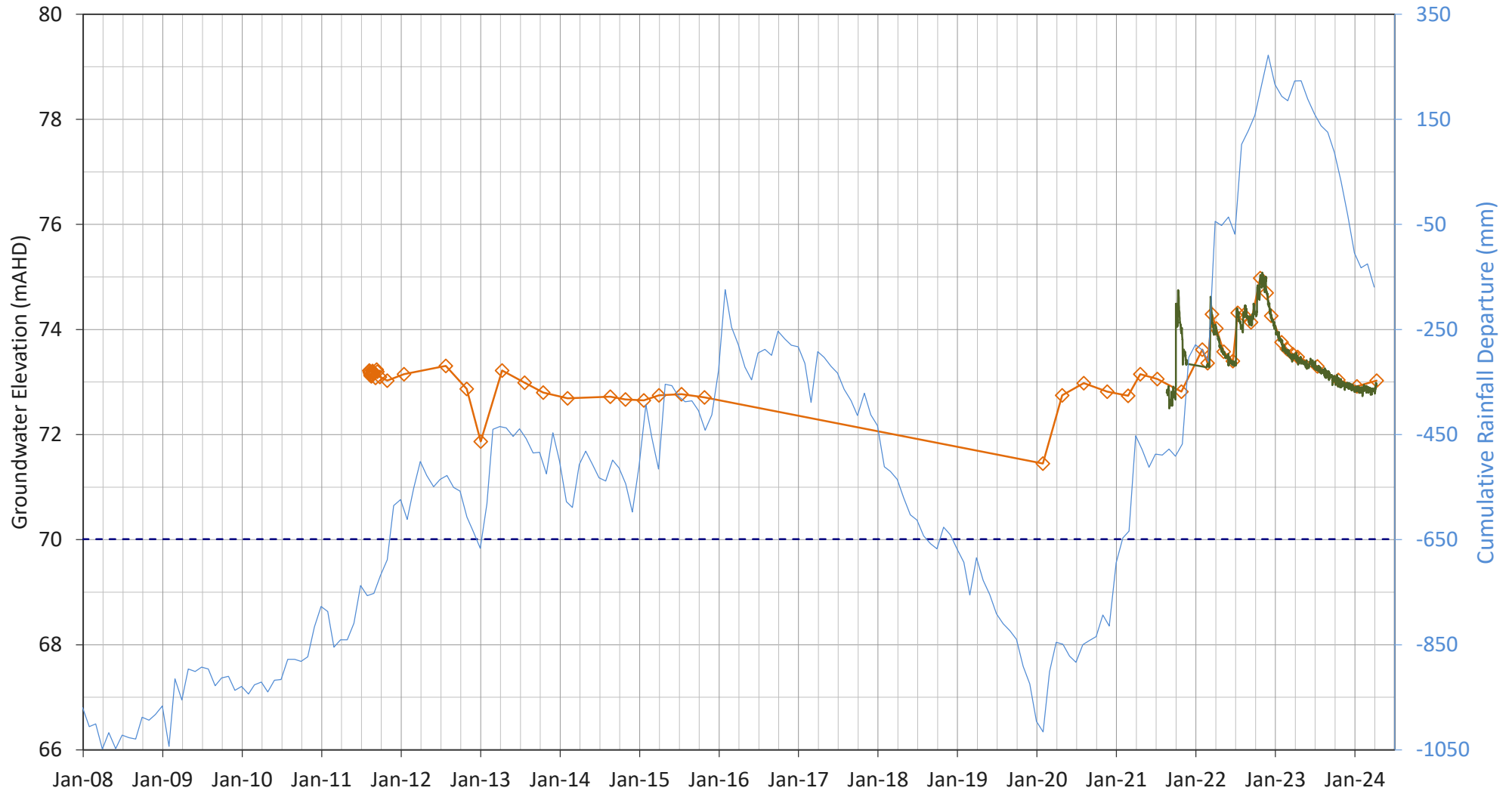


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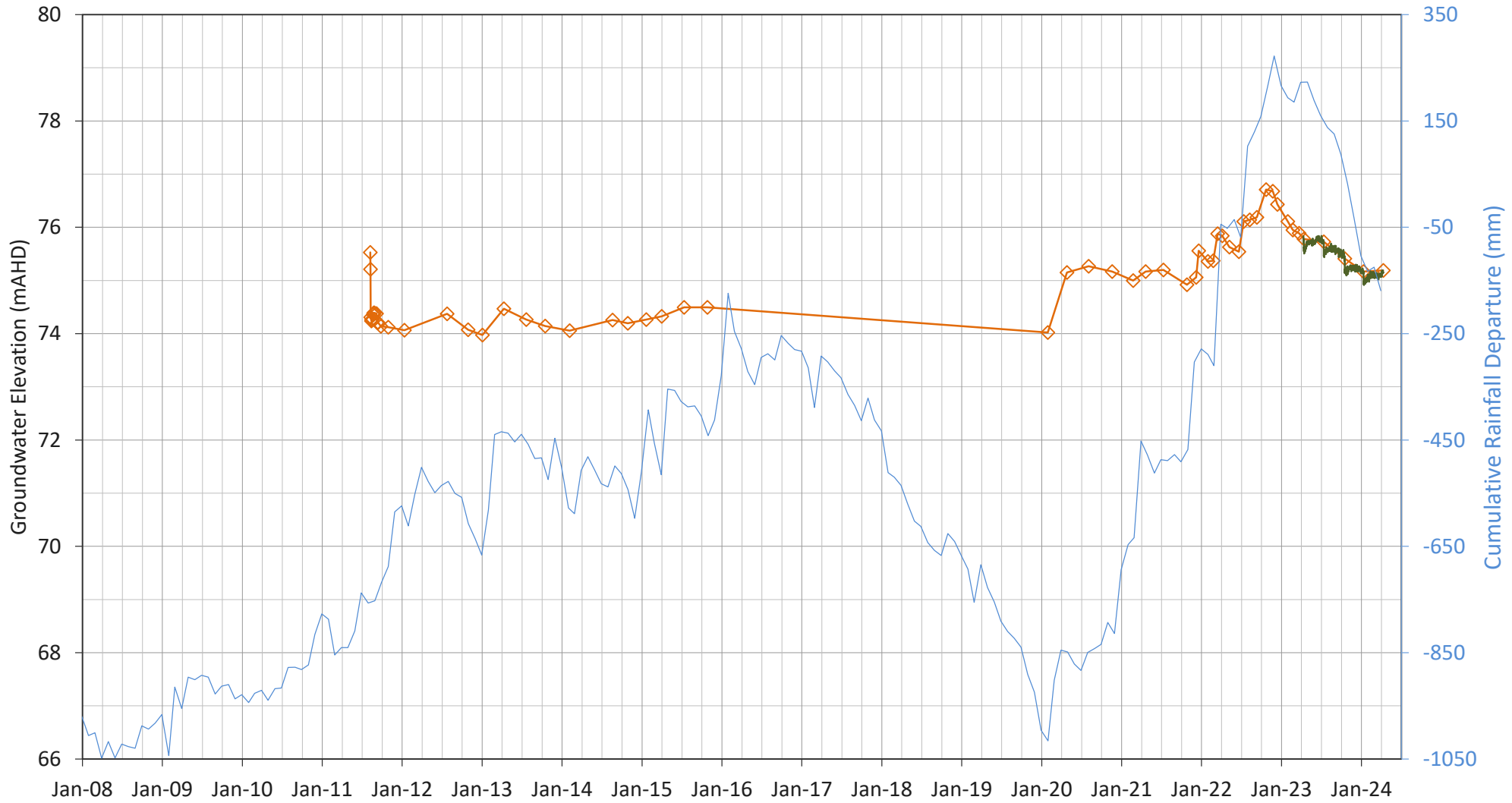
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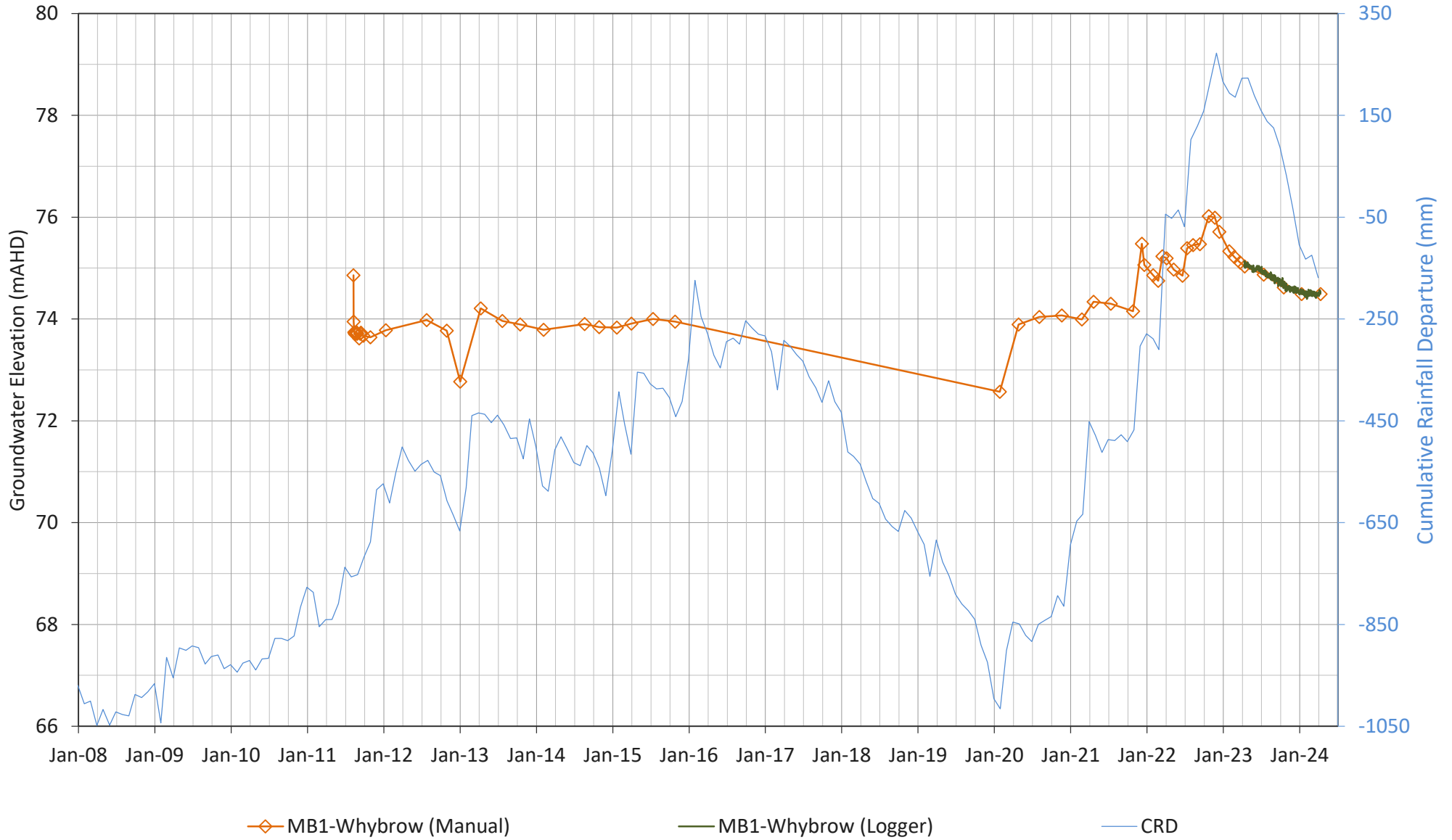


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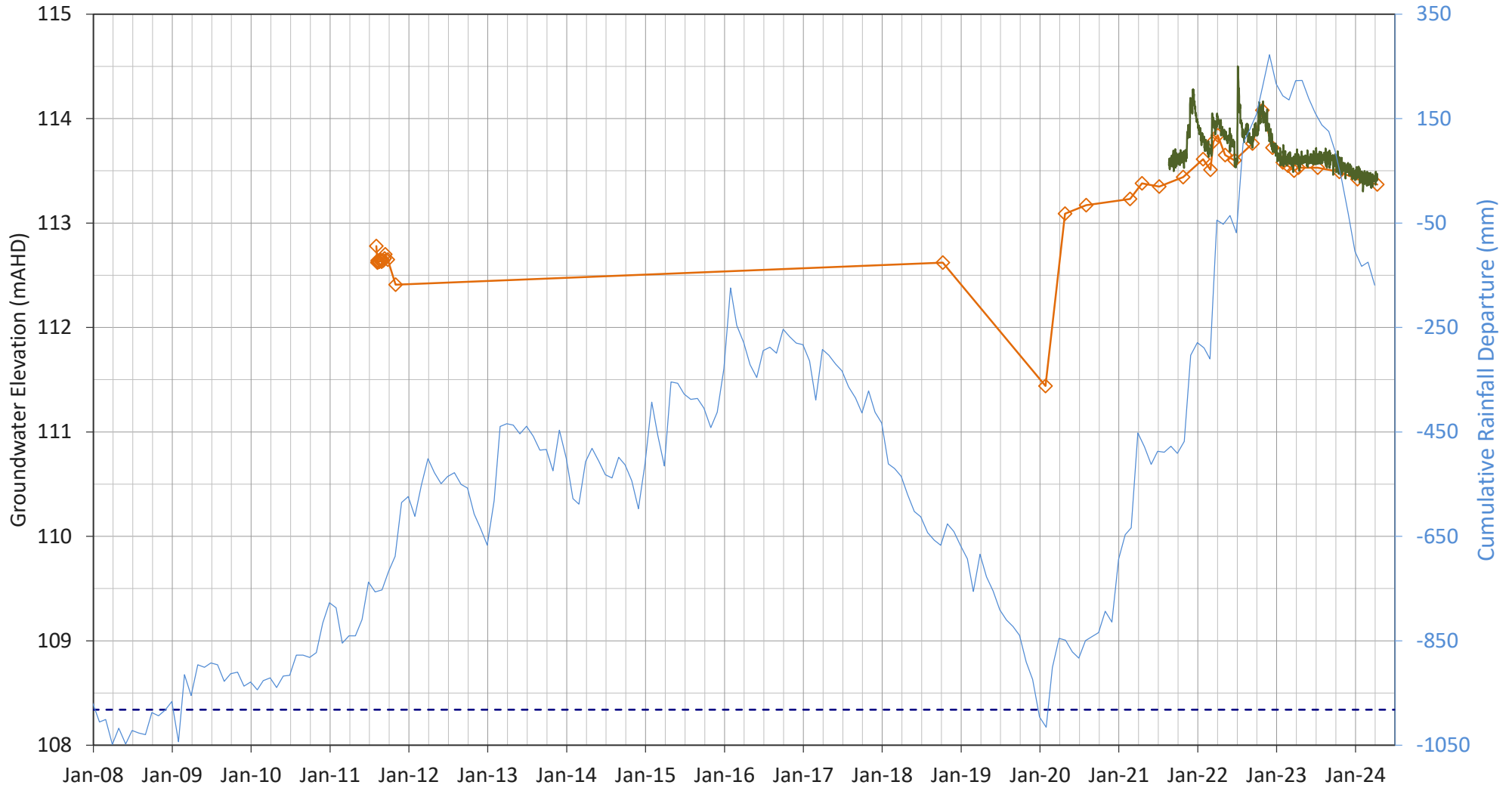
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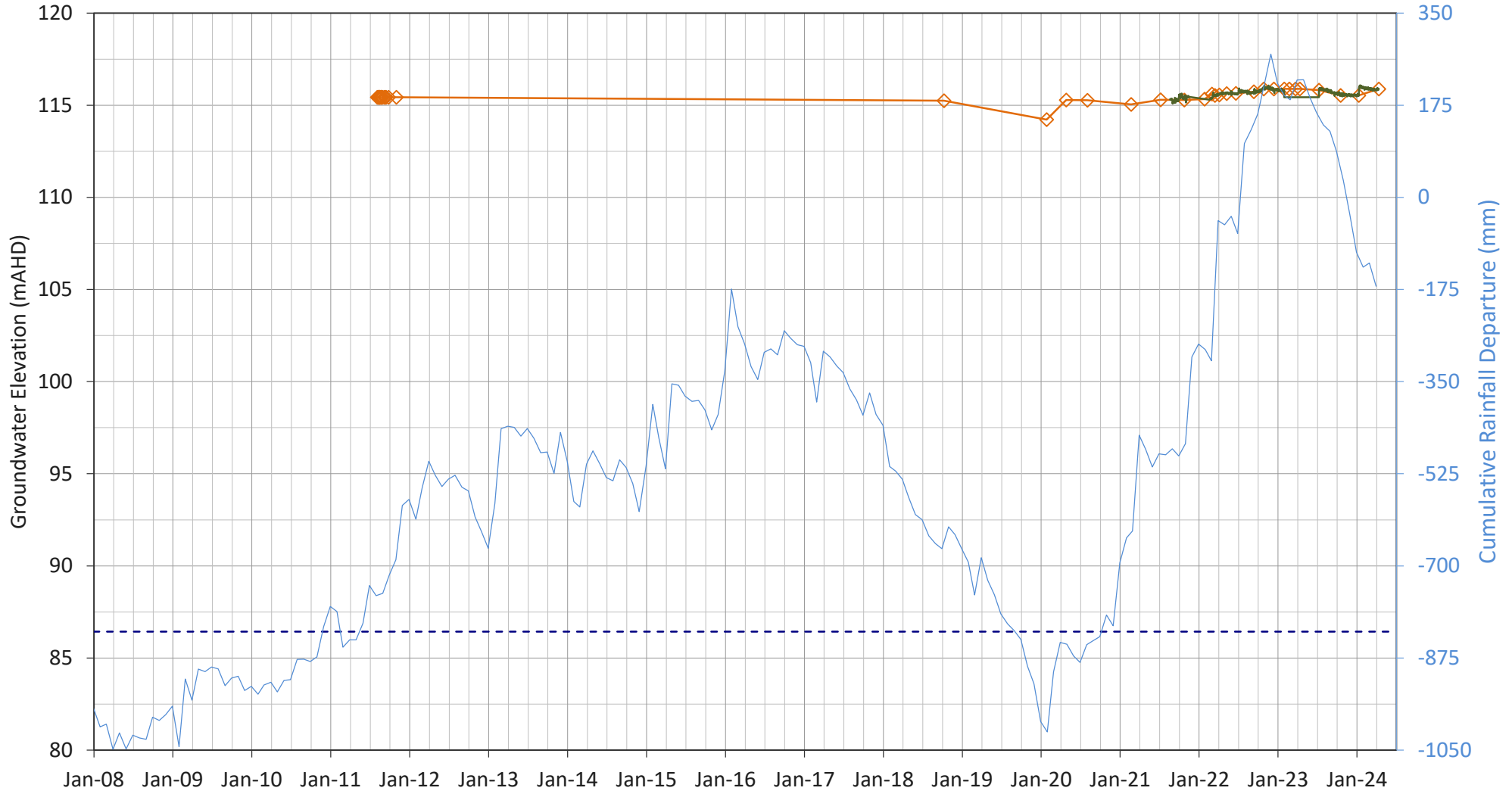


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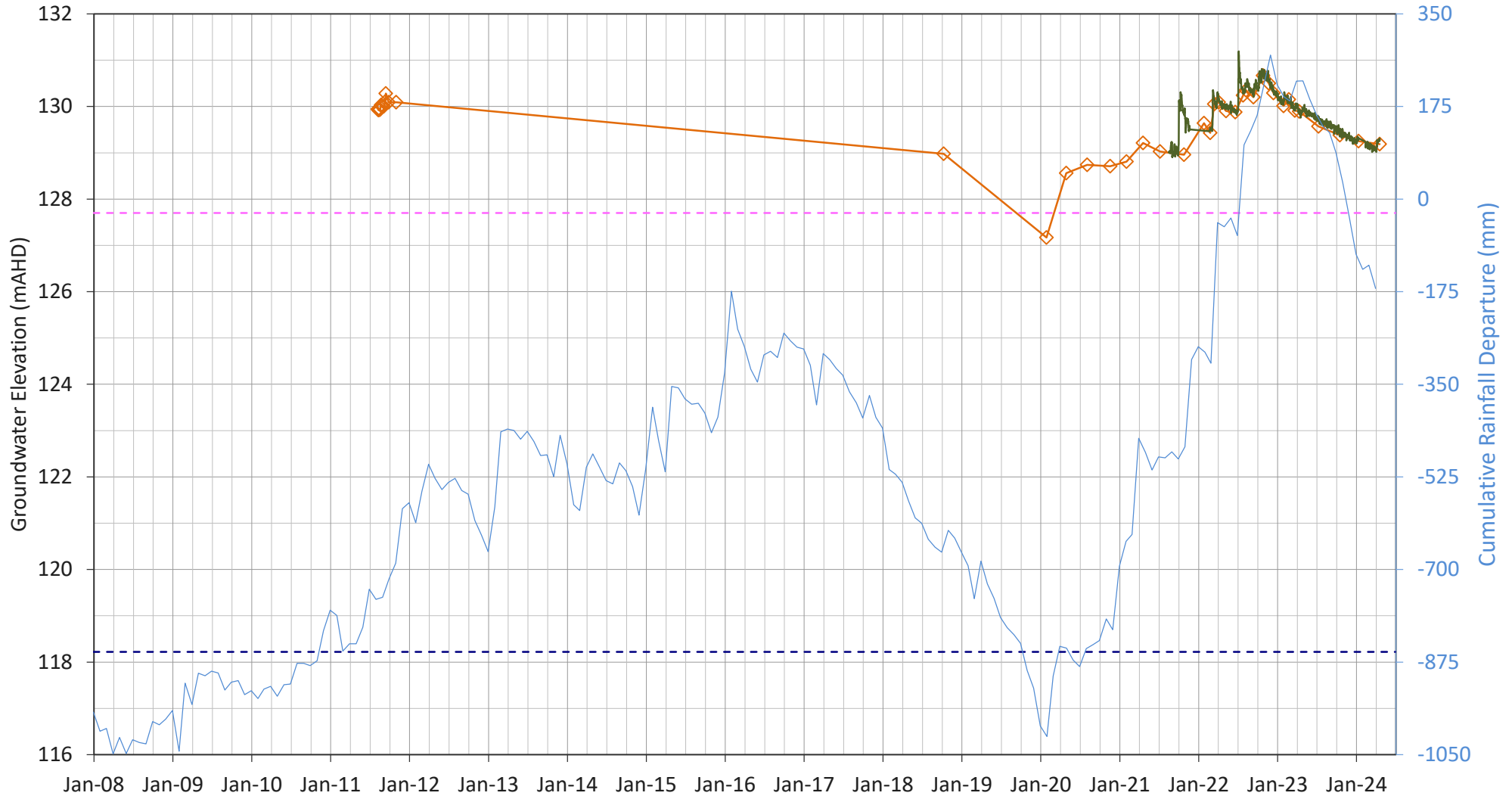
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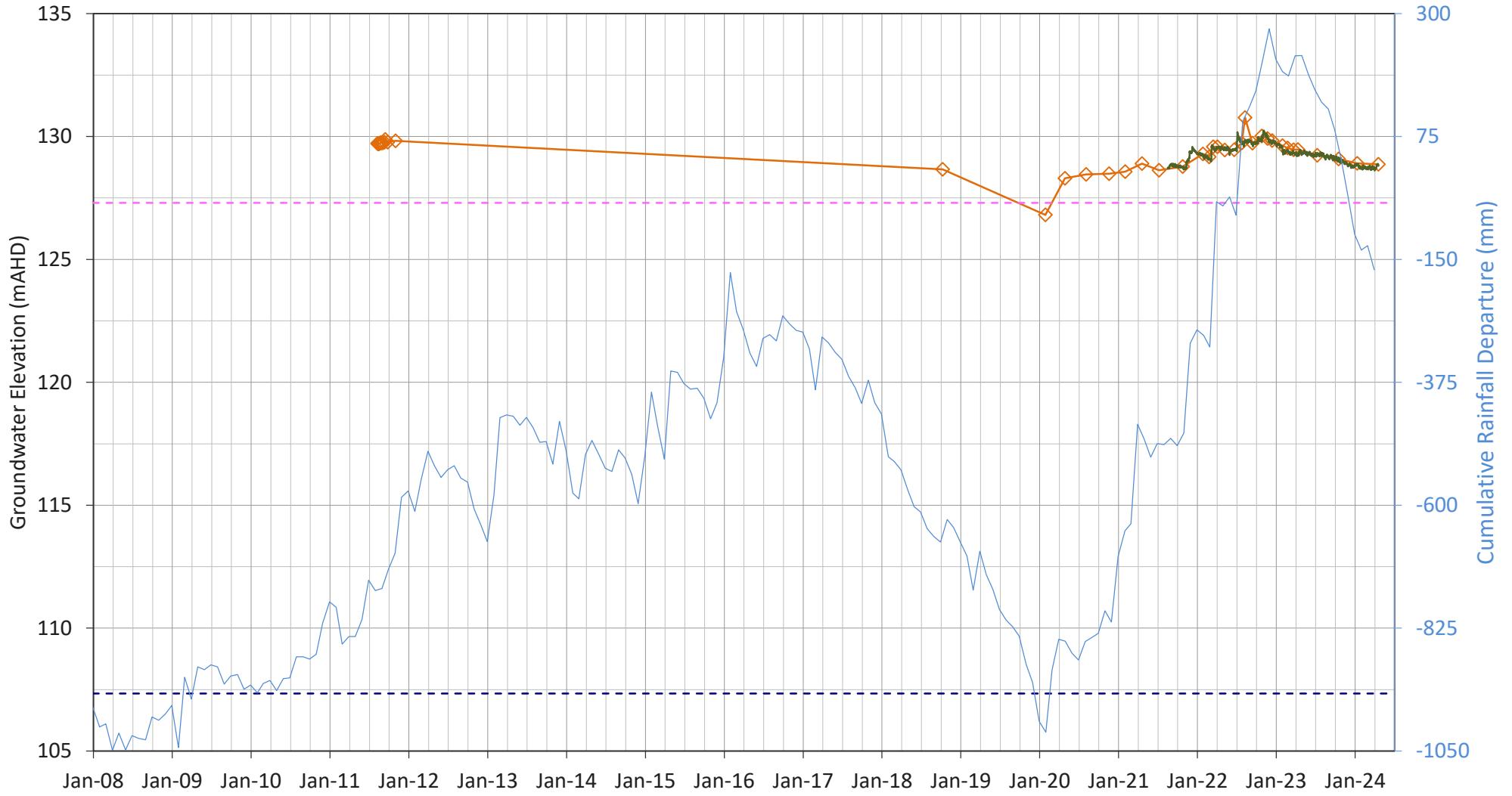
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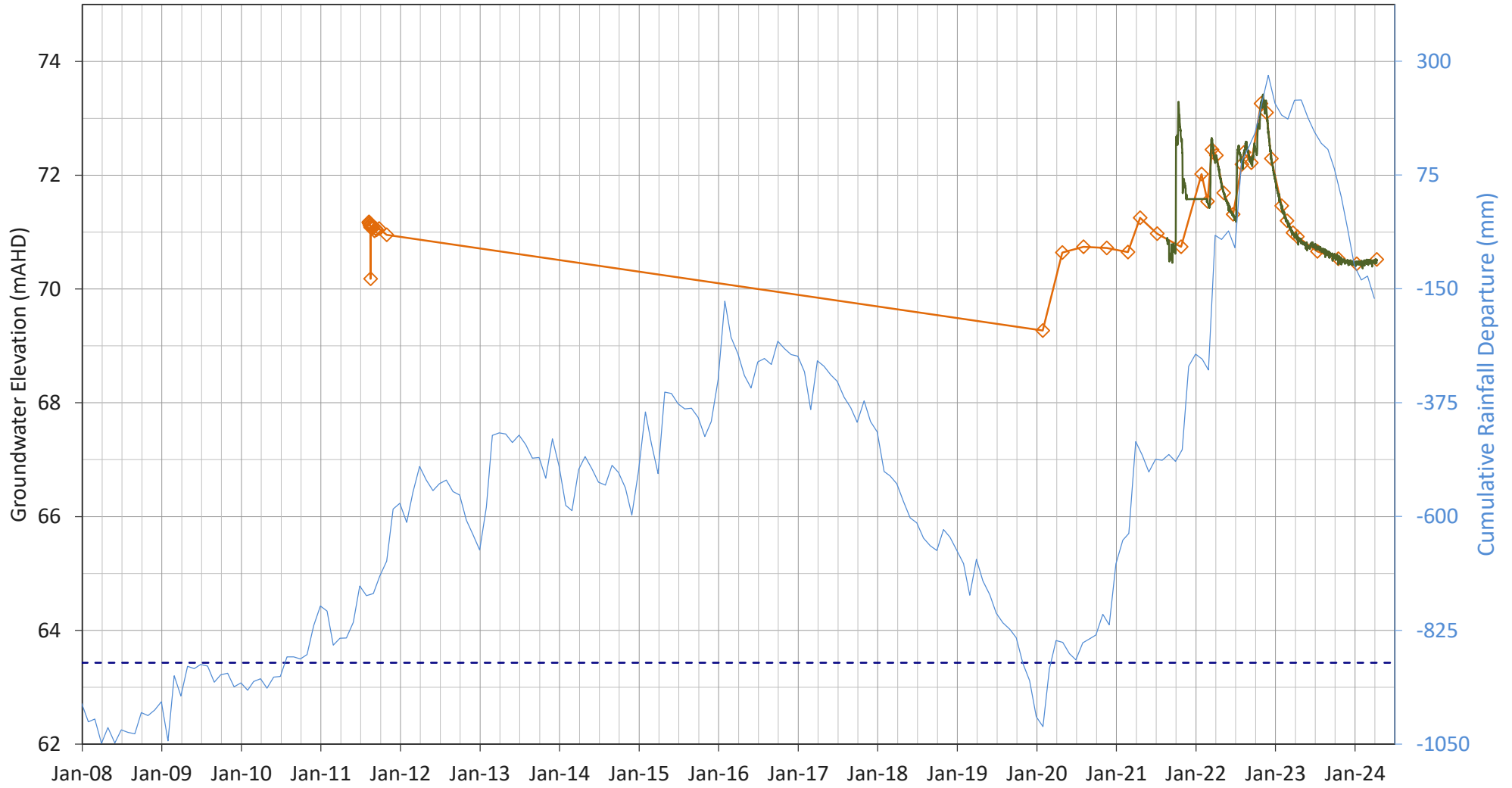
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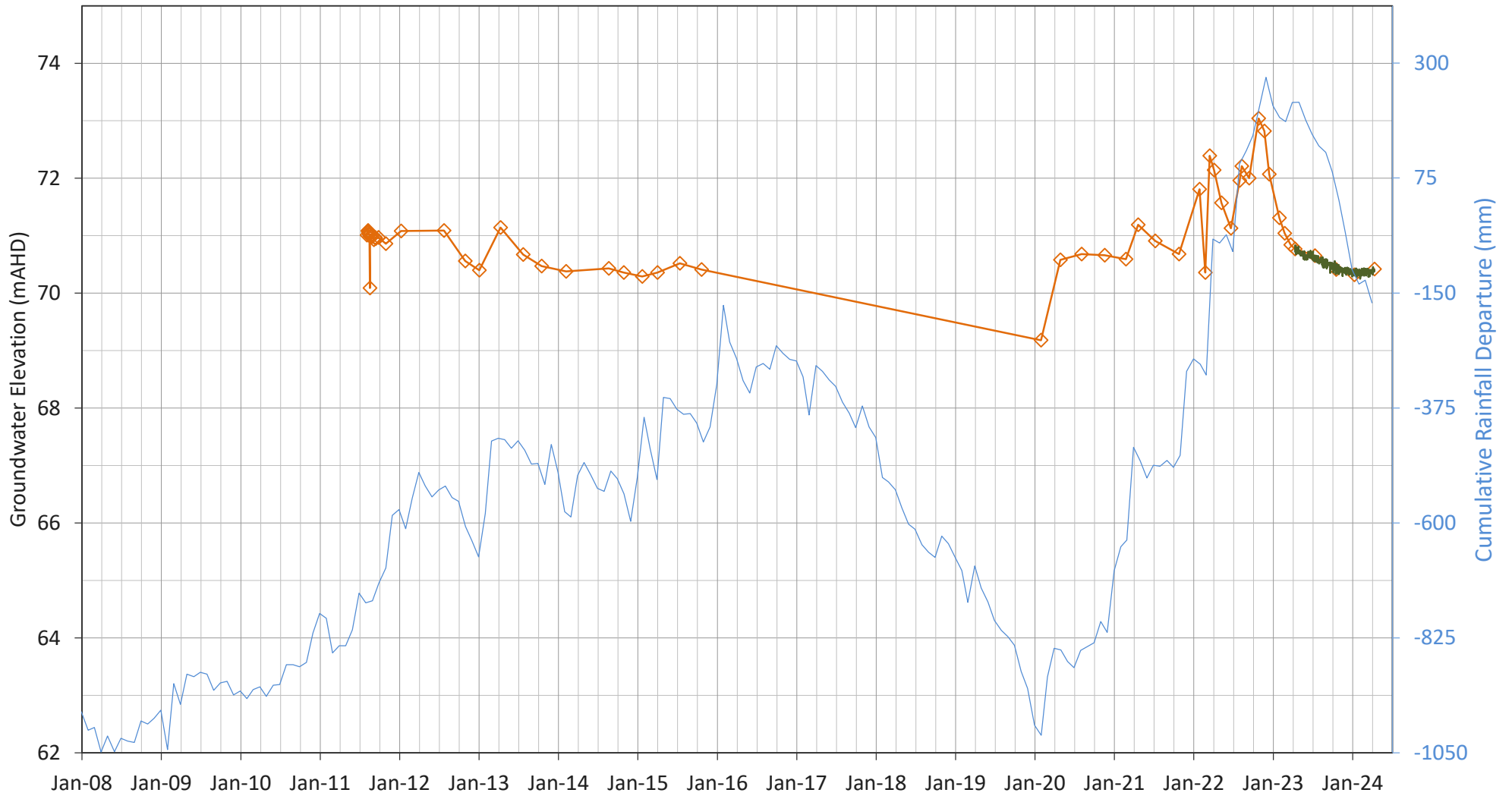
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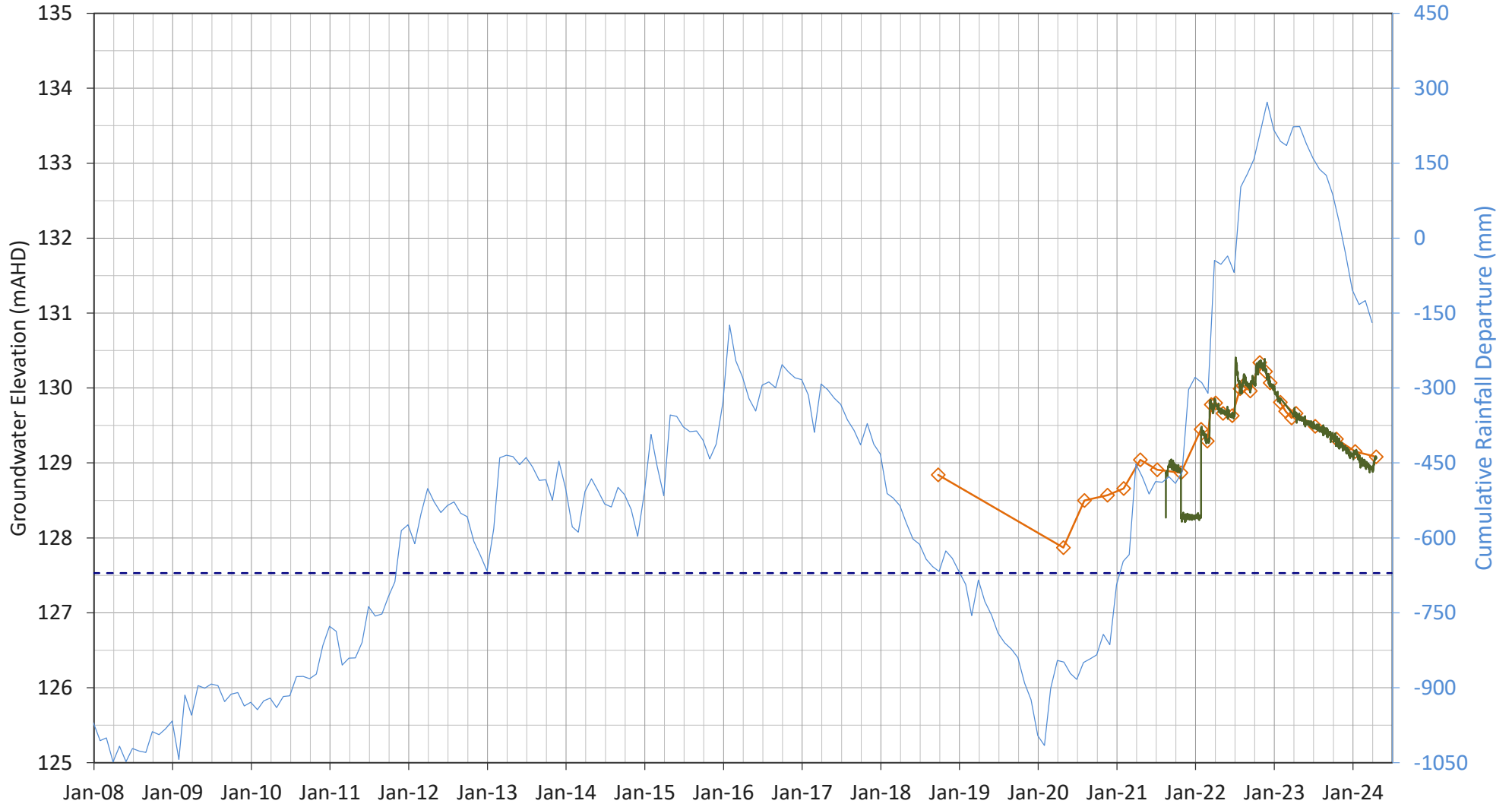


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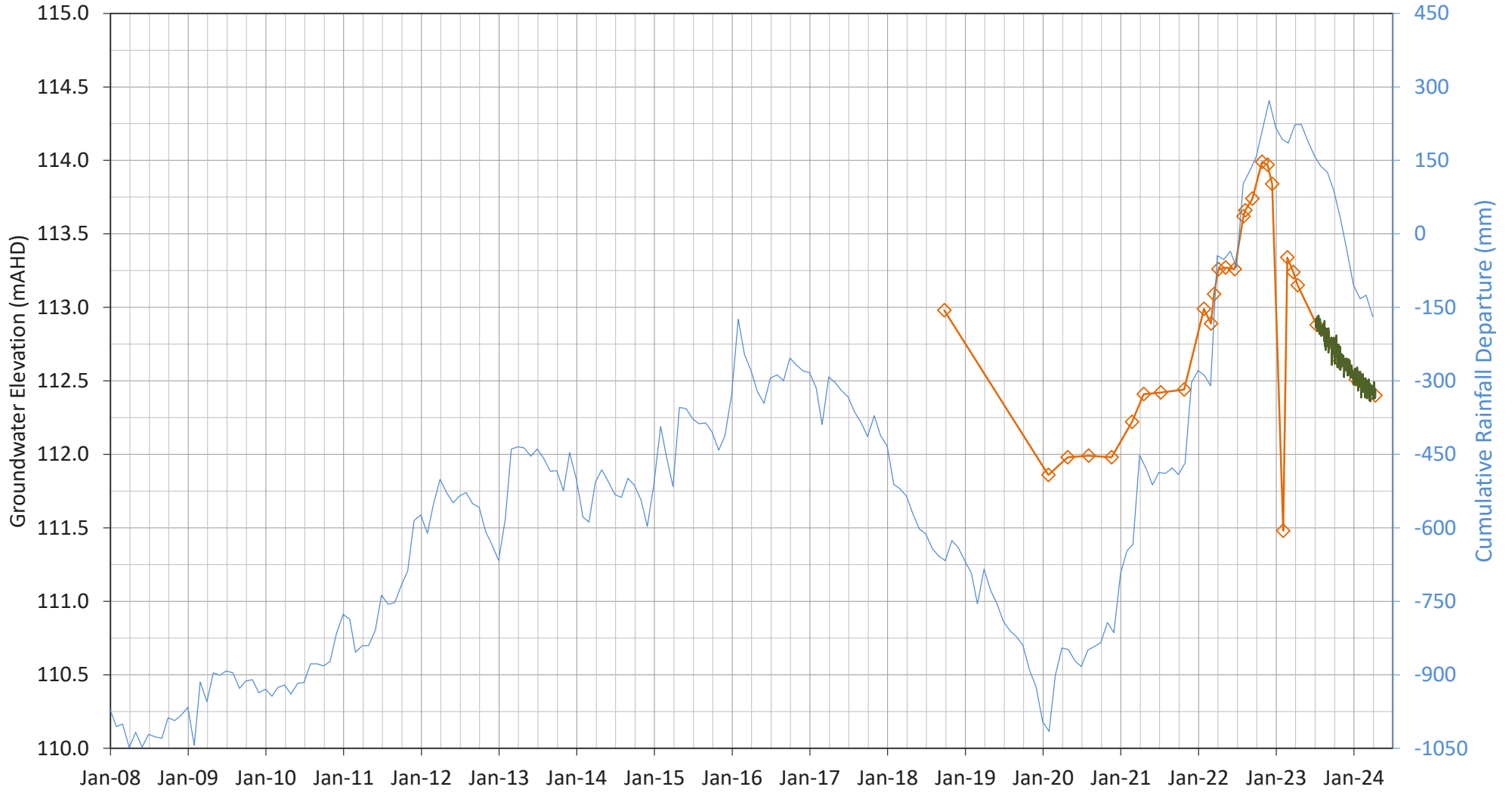
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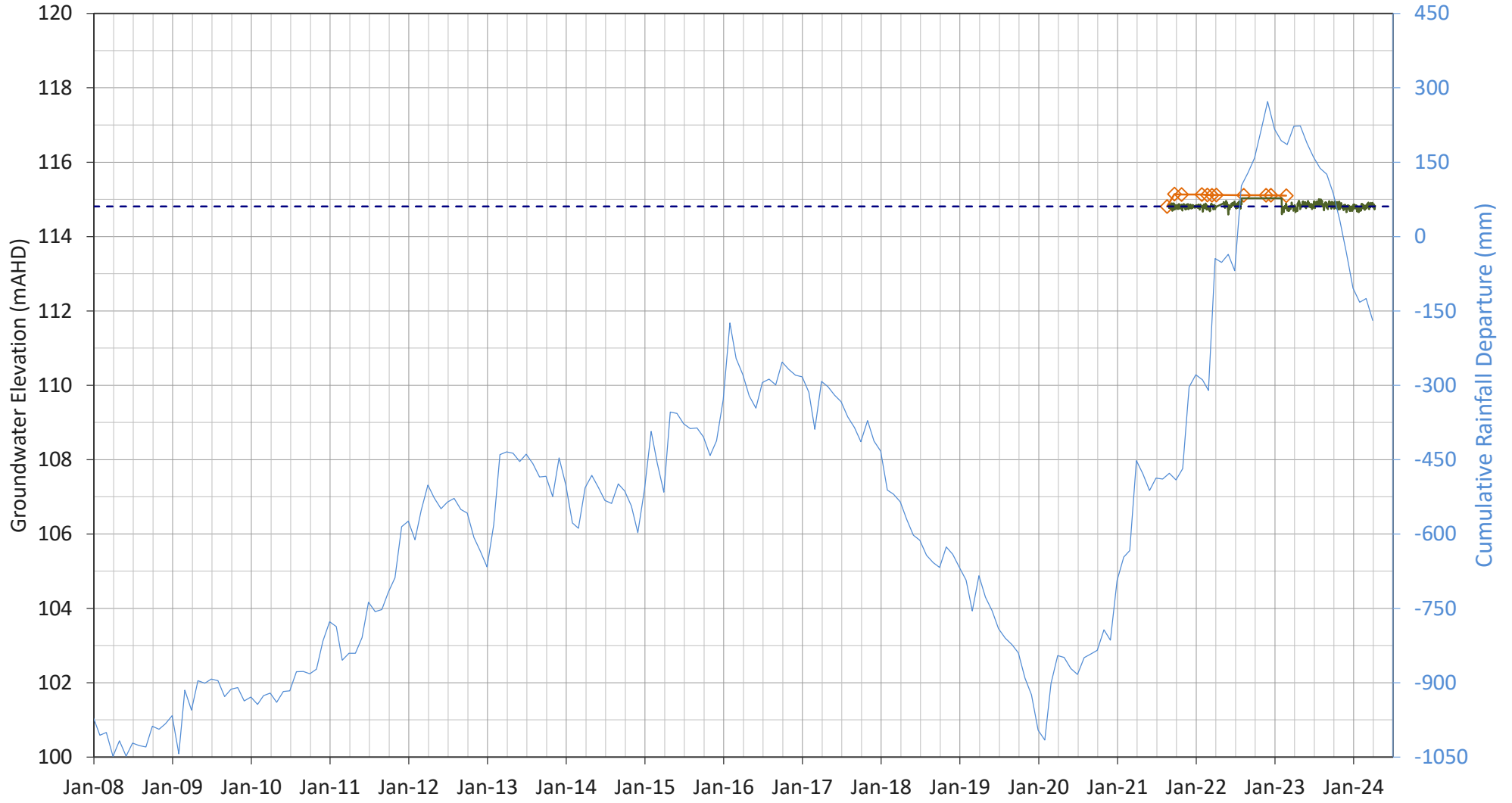
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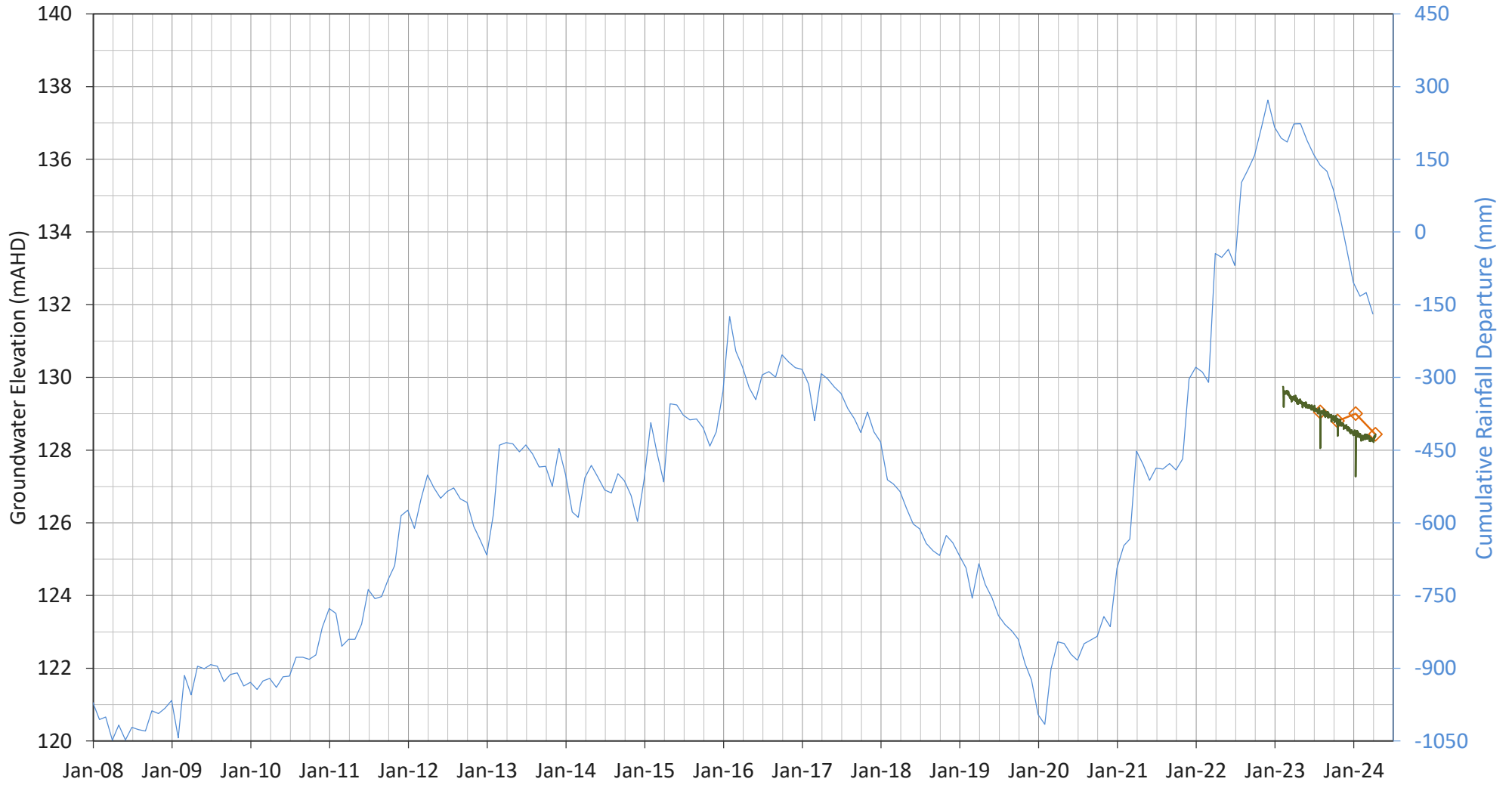
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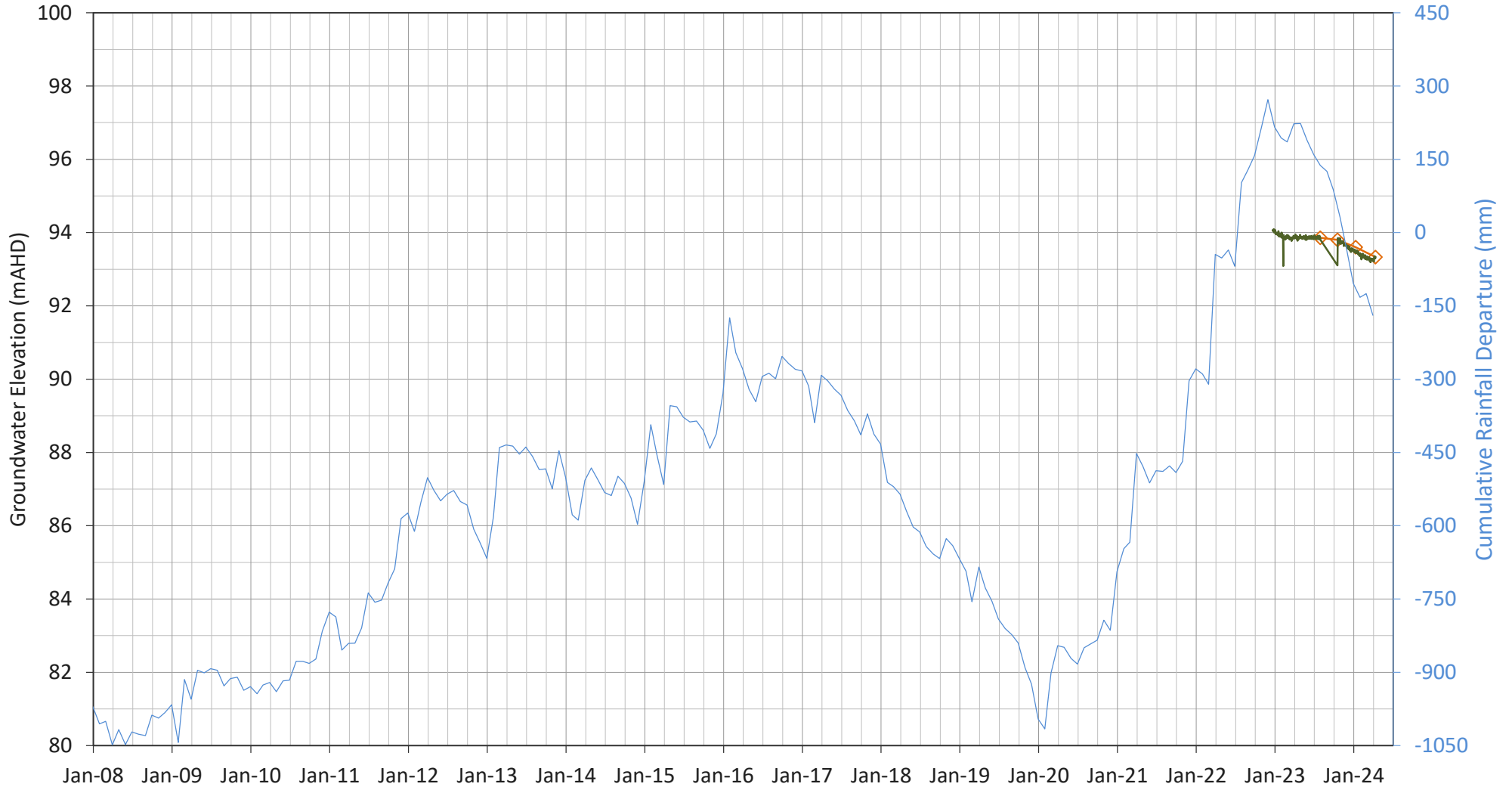


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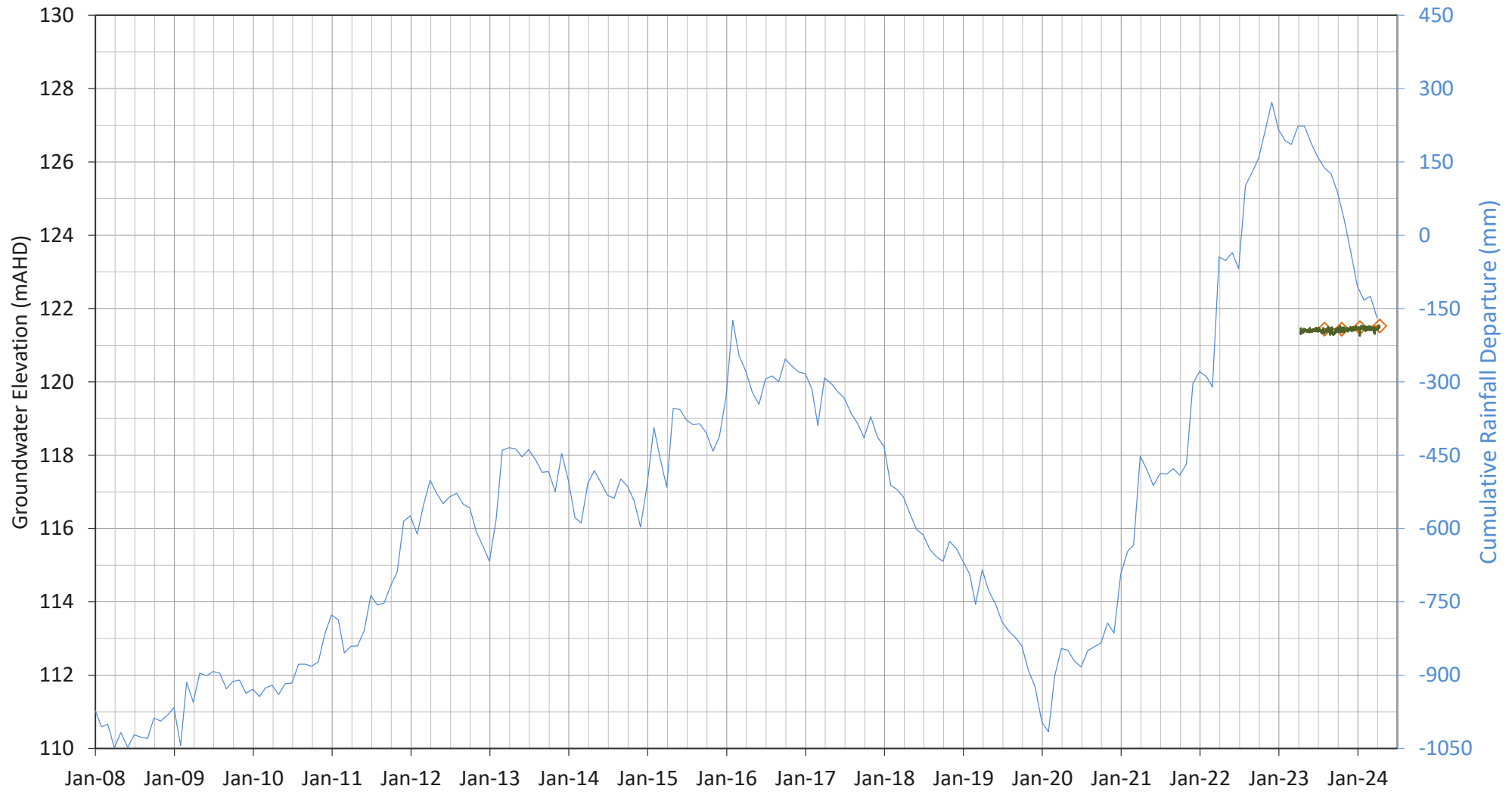


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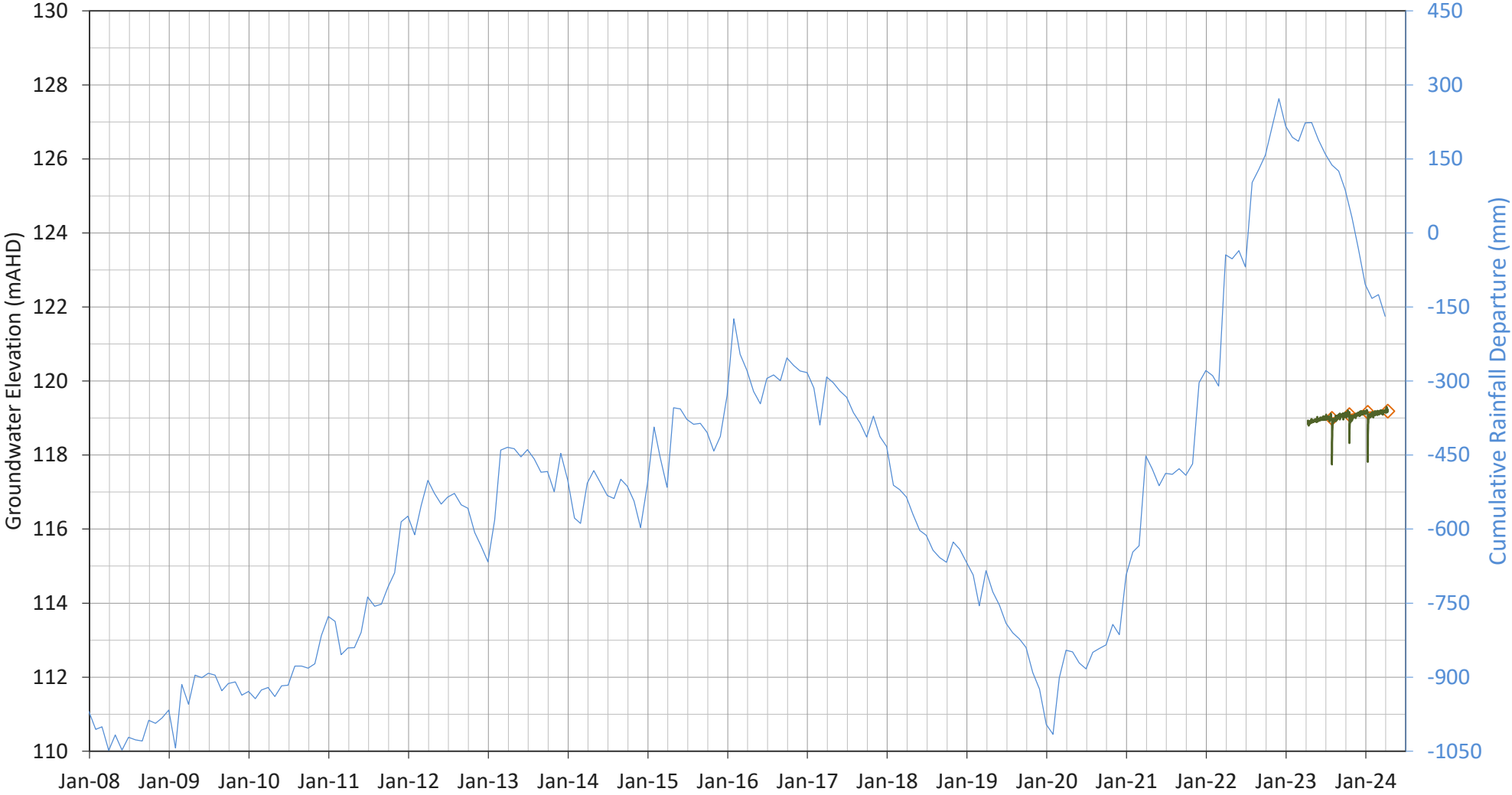


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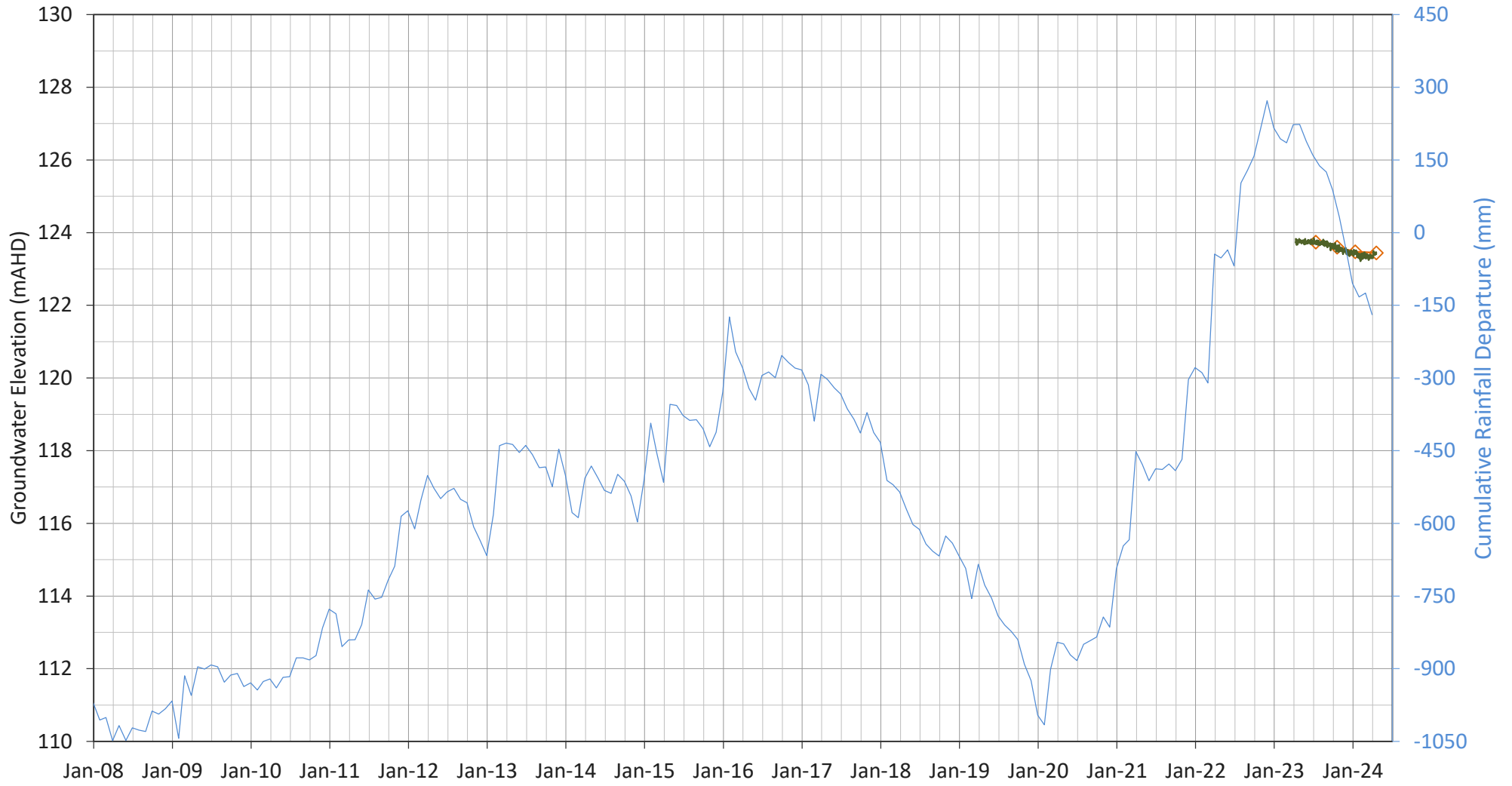


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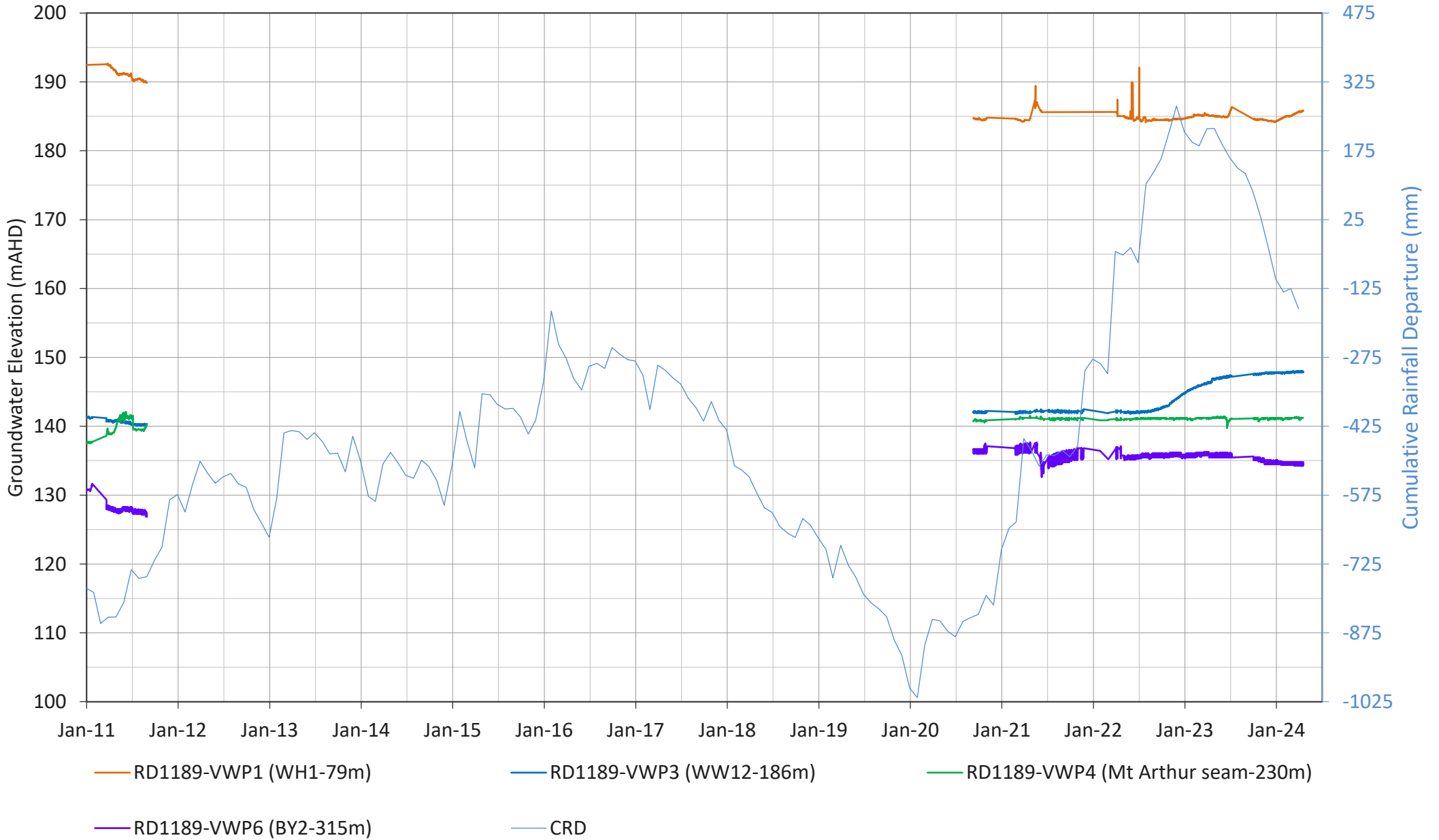


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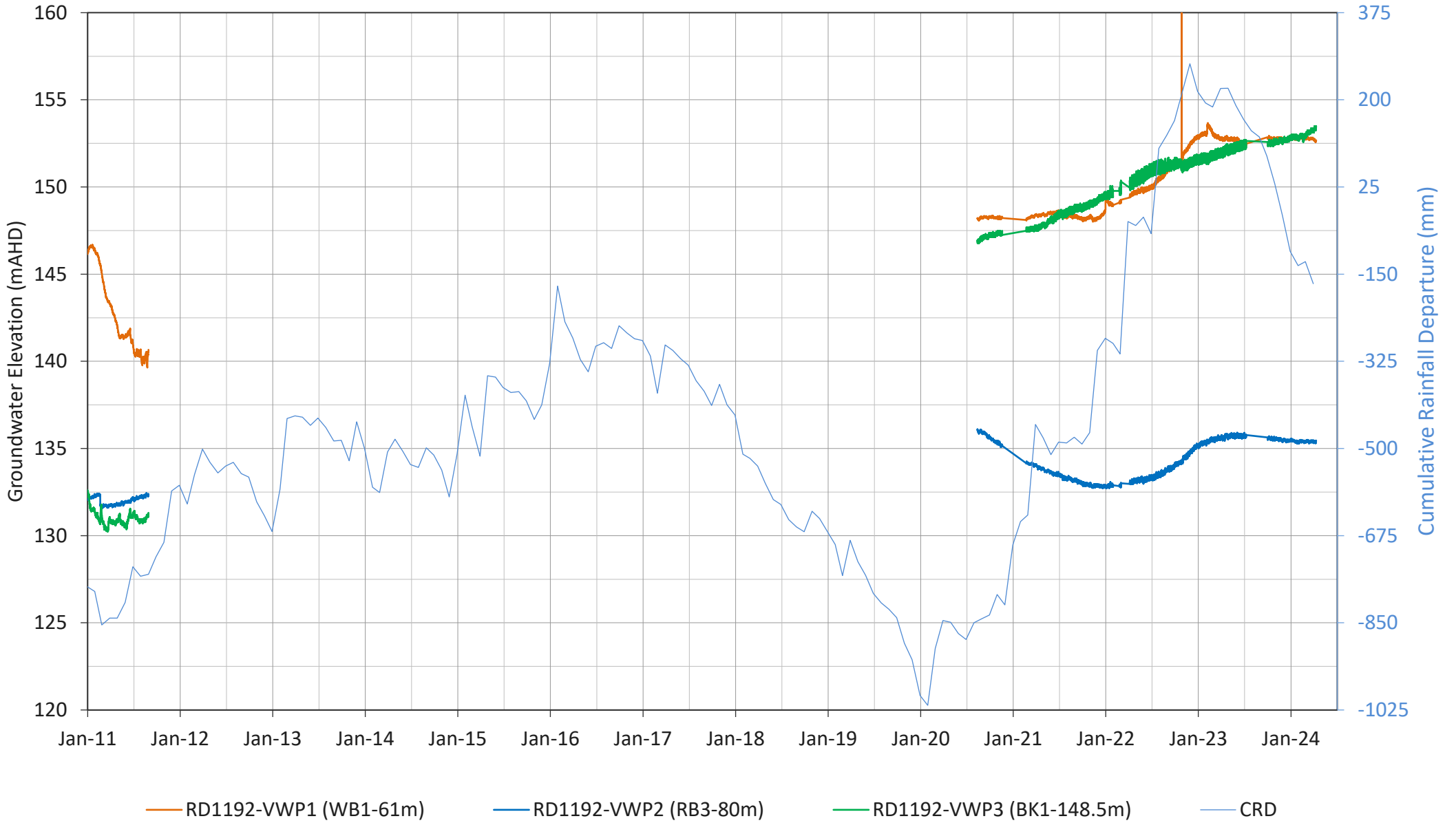
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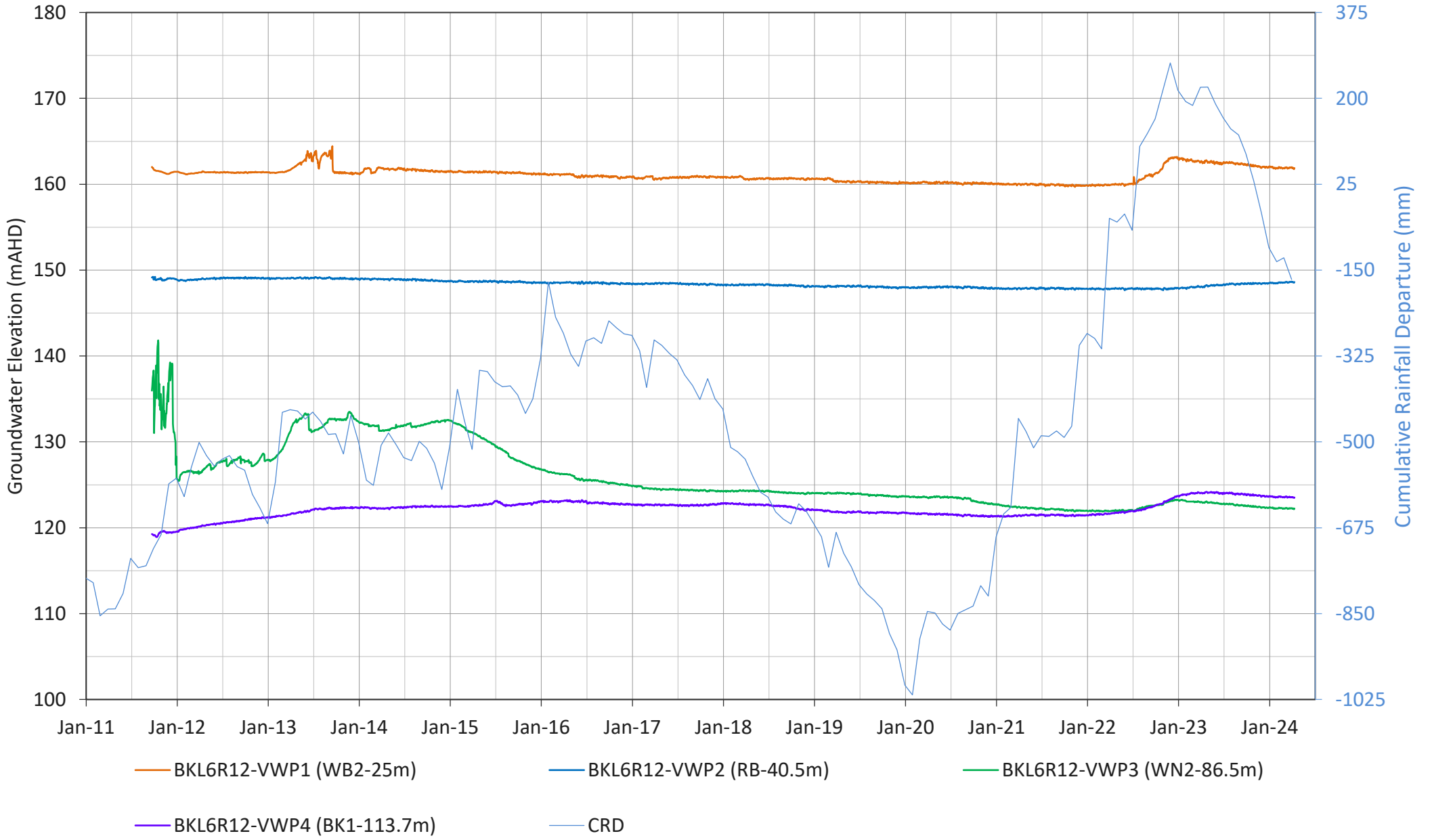
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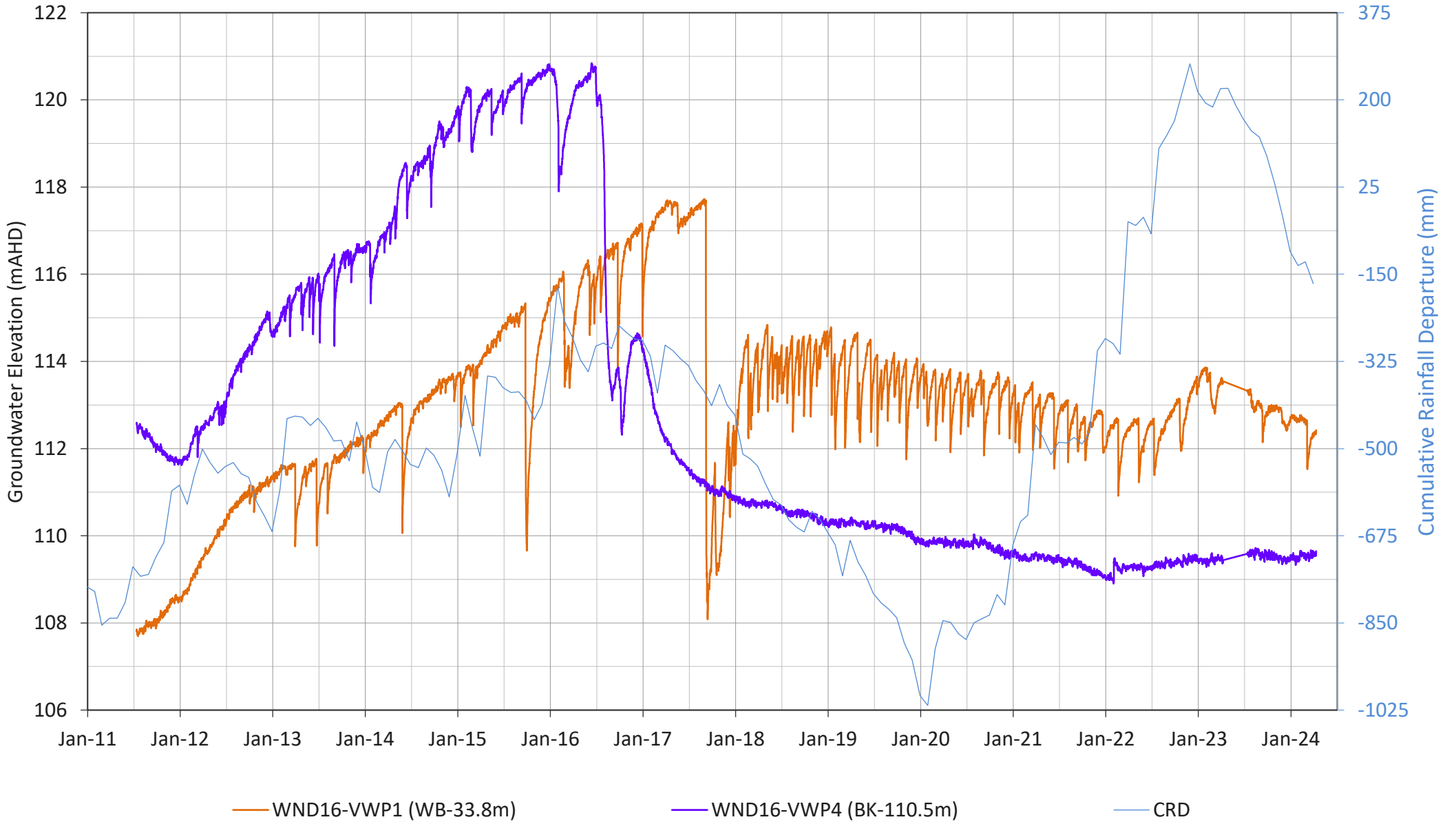
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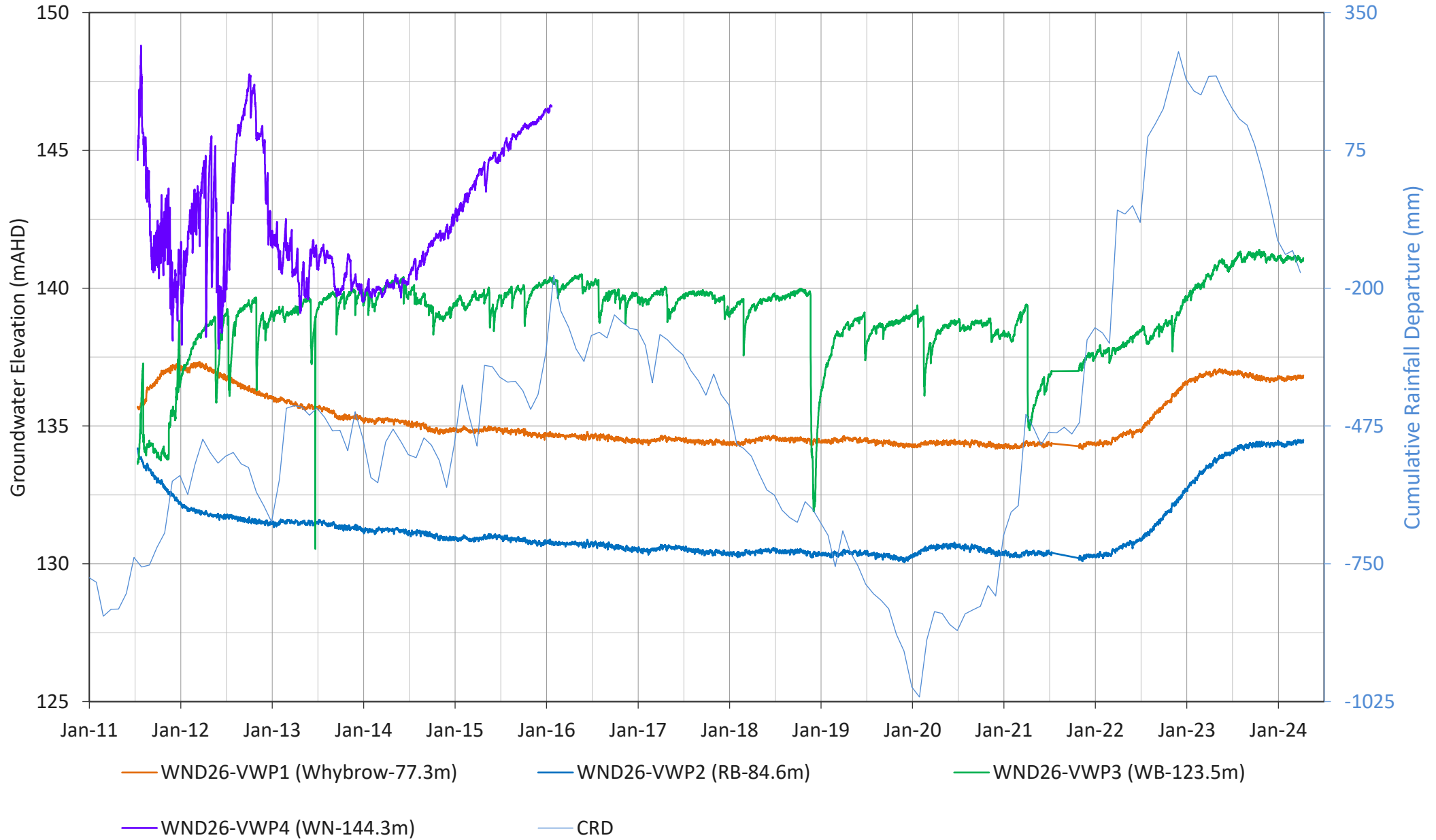
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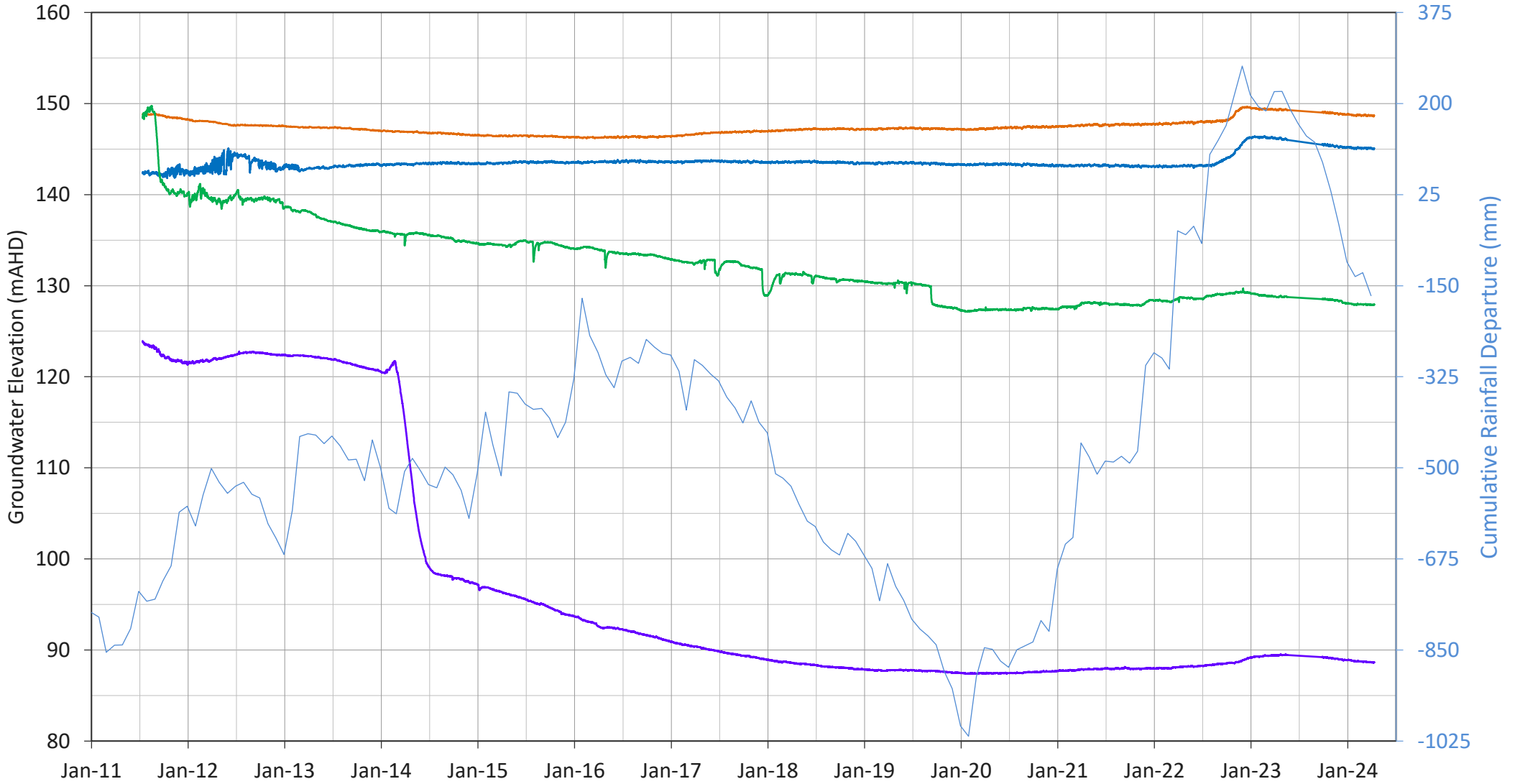
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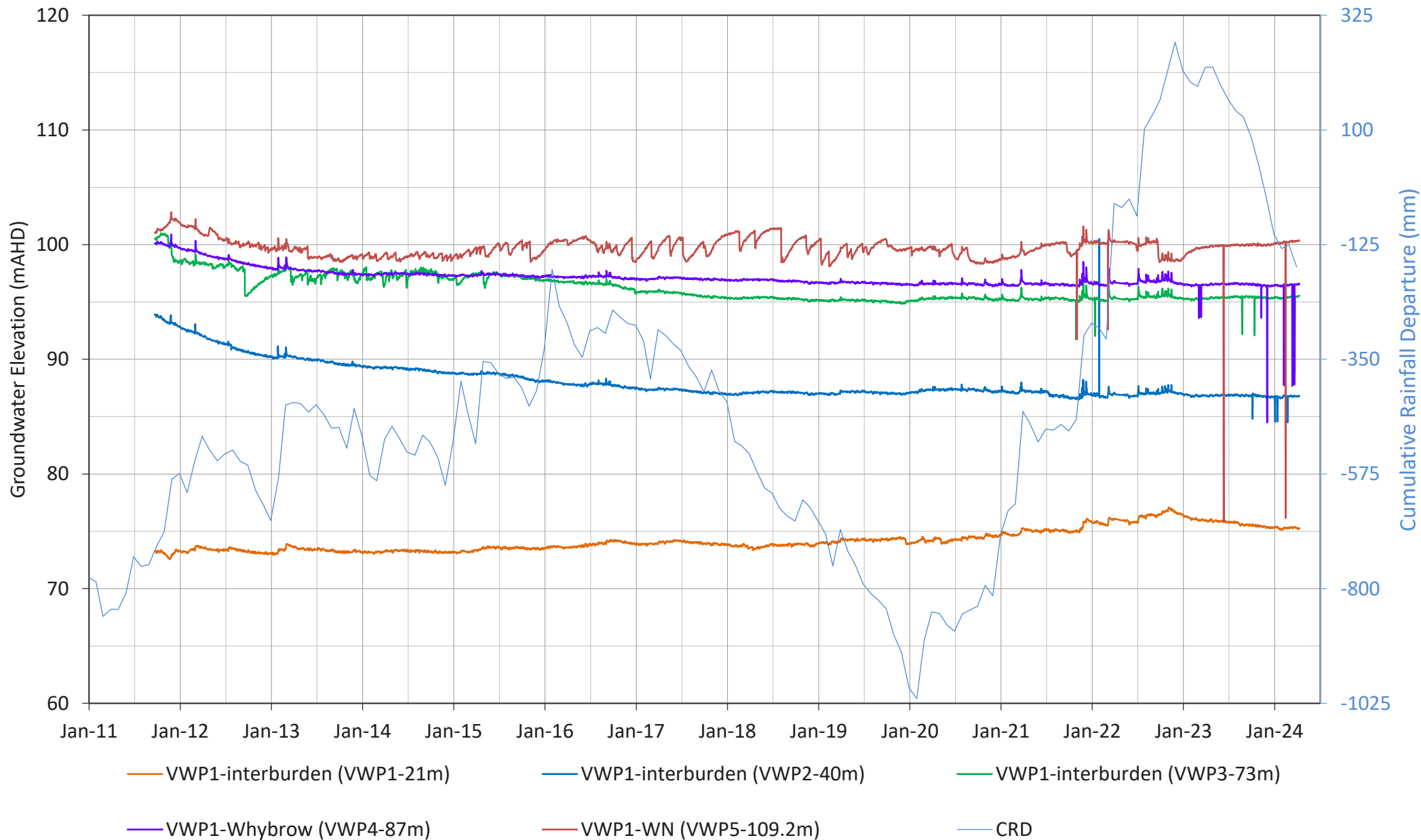


RBD_1



— RBD_1-VWP1 (Whybrow-24.7m) — RBD_1-VWP2 (RB-33.6m) — RBD_1-VWP3 (WN-79.5m) — RBD_1-VWP4 (BK-103.3m) — CRD

VWP1



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

Maxwell Underground Mine

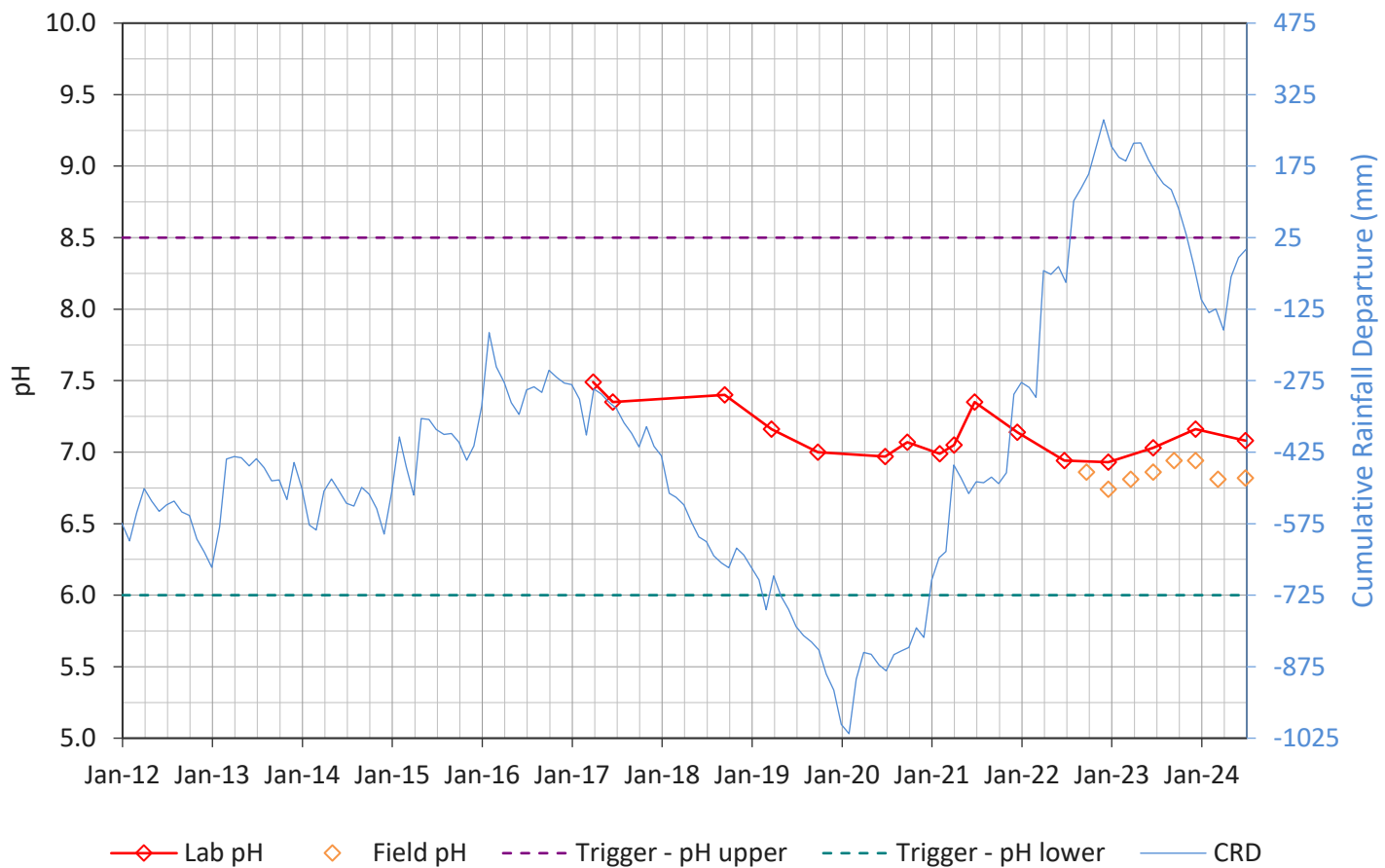
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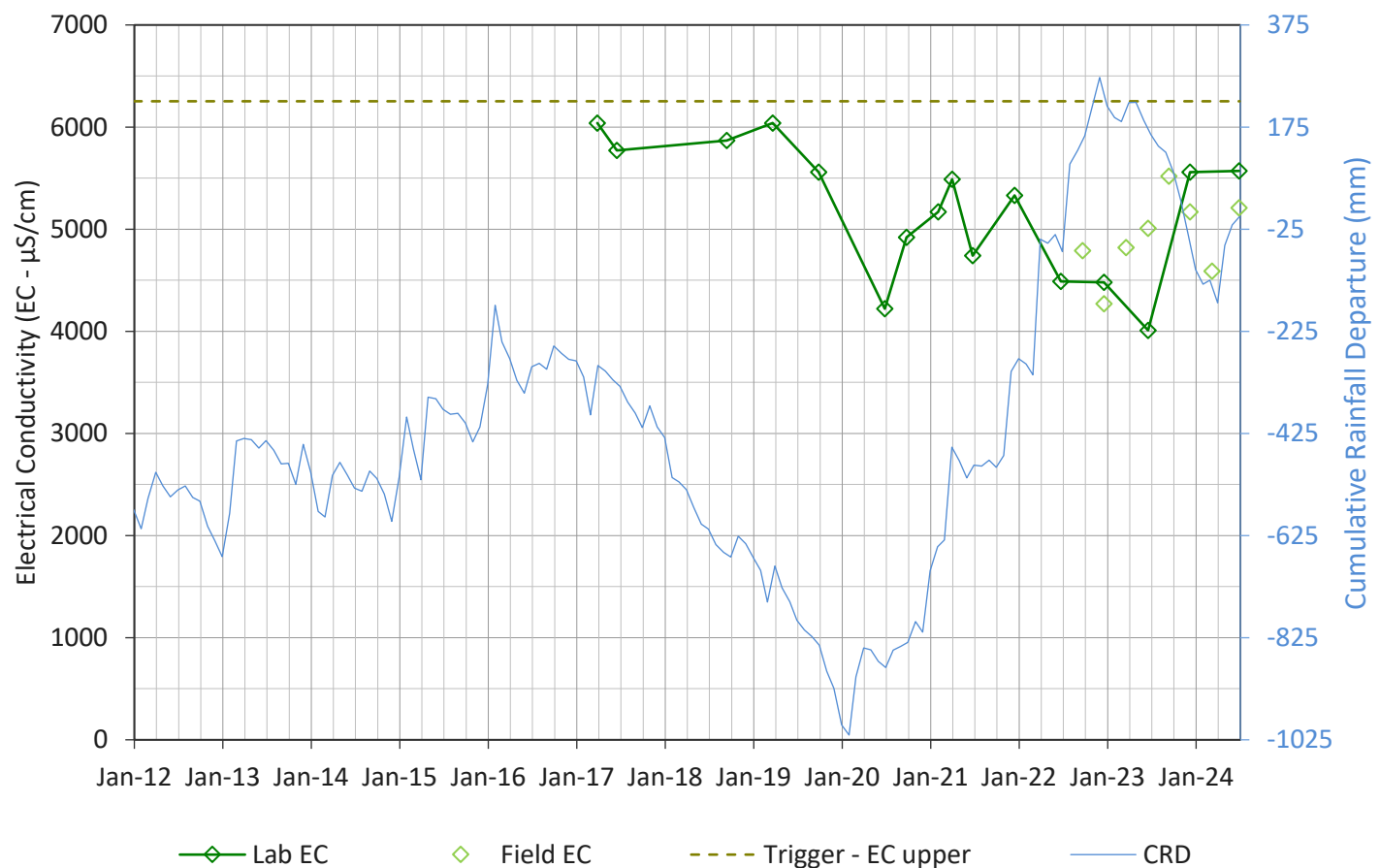
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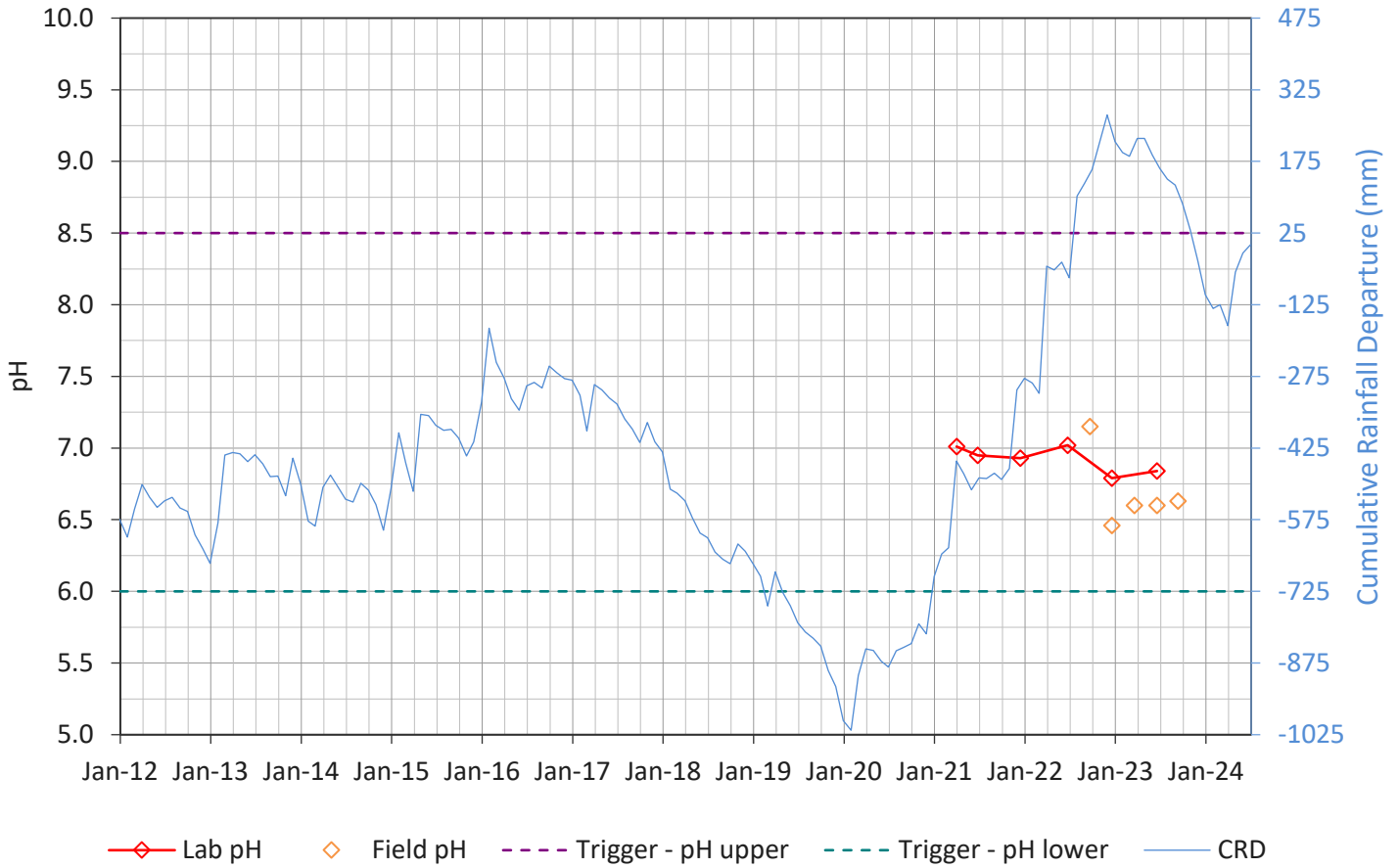
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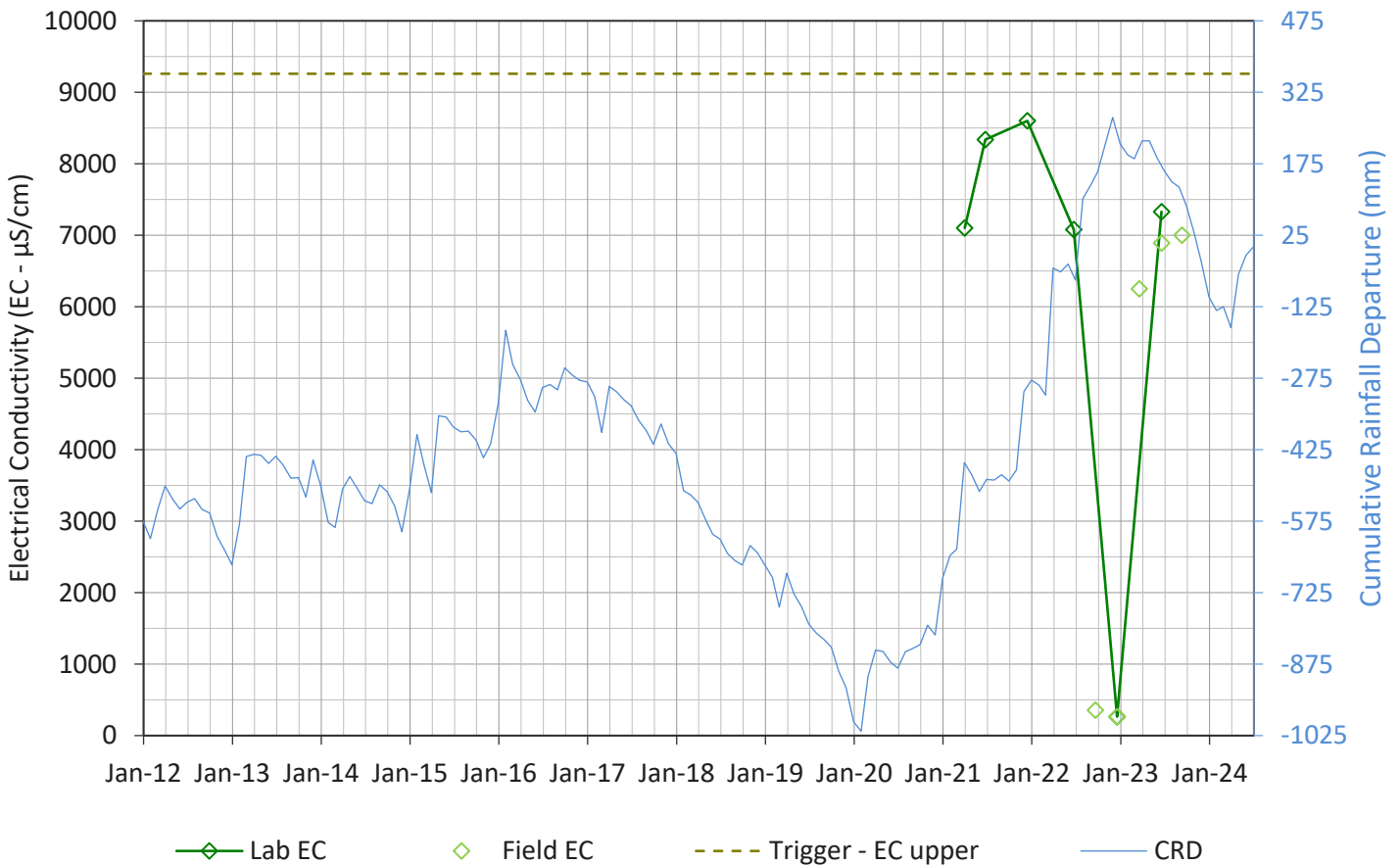
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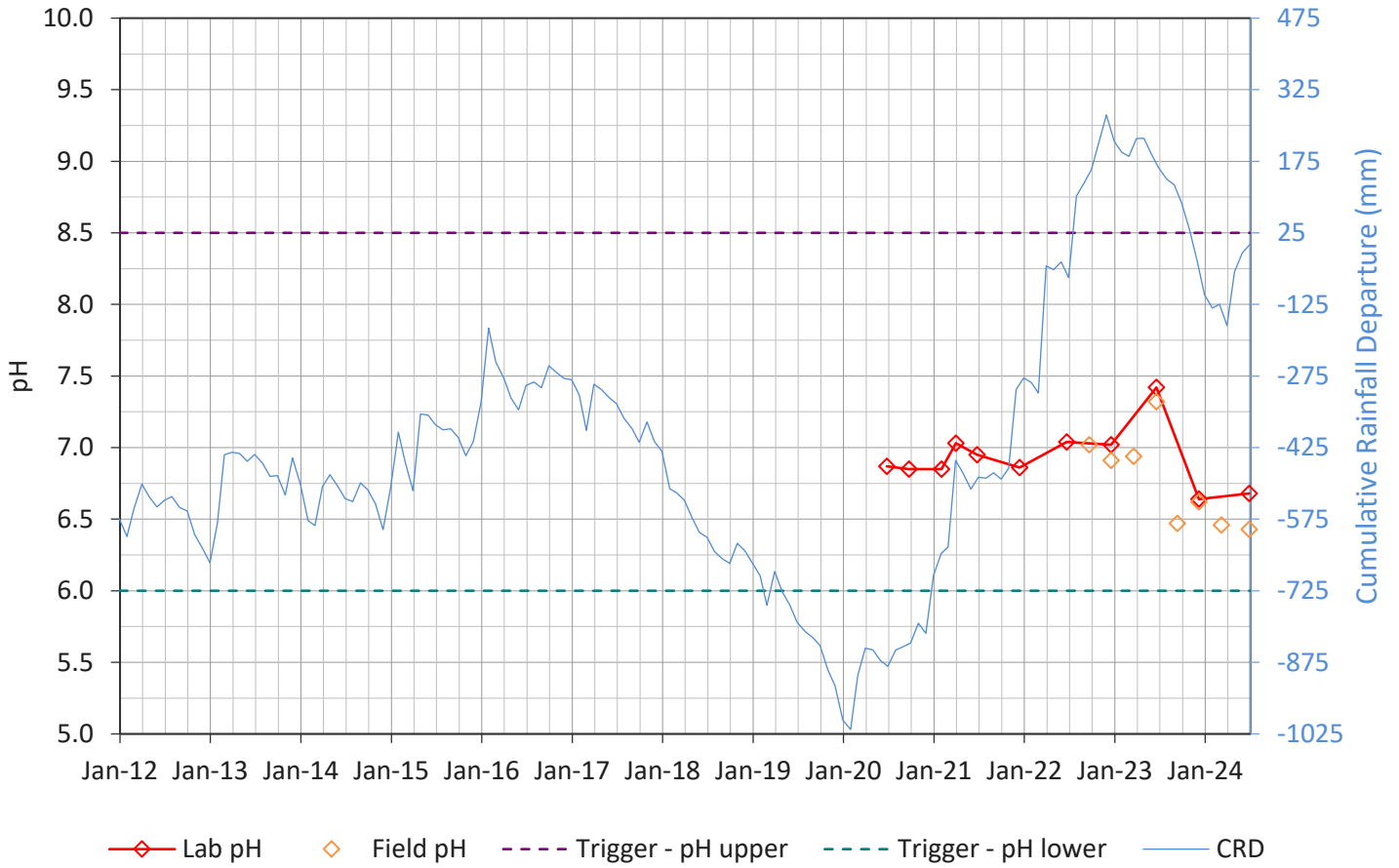
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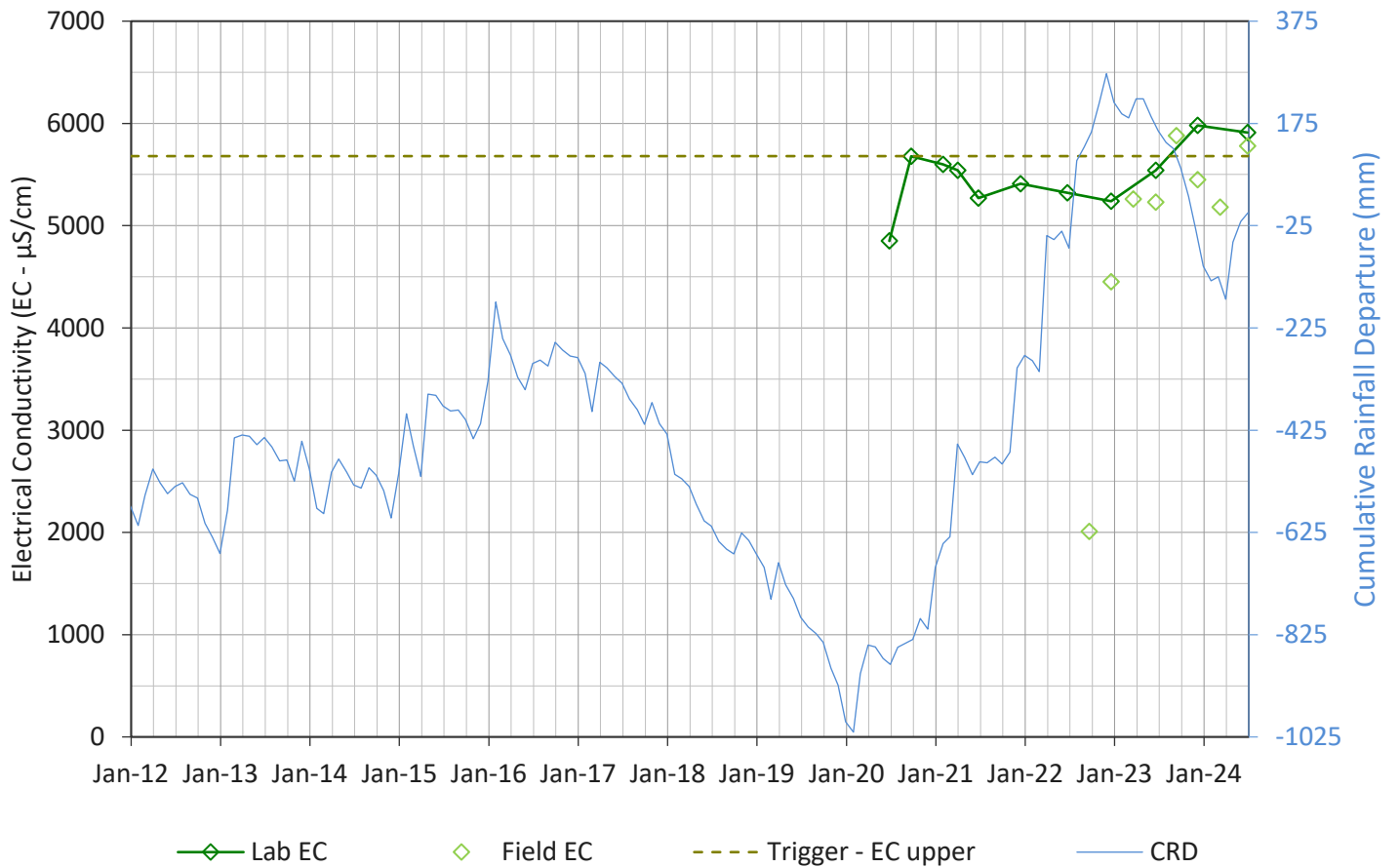
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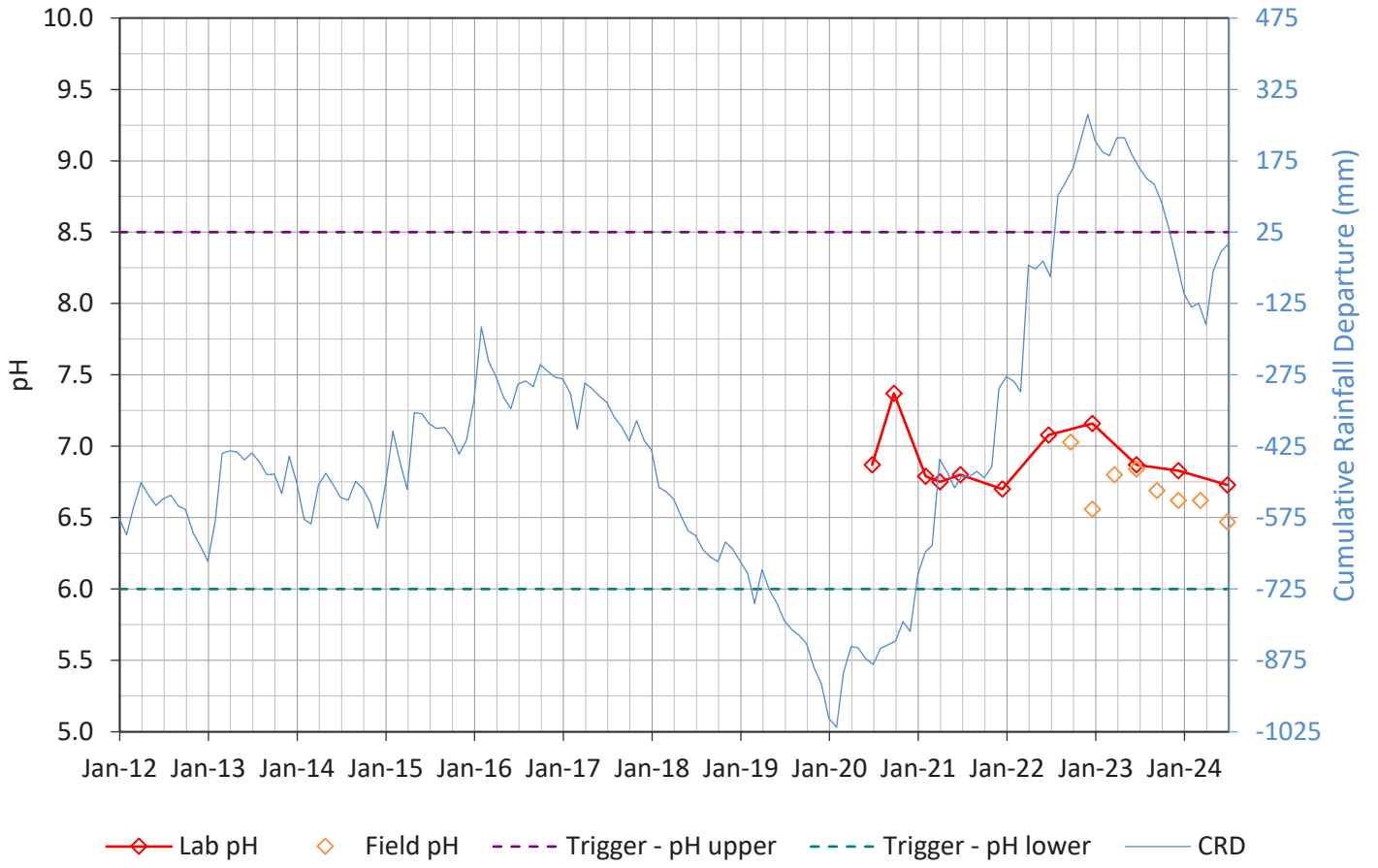
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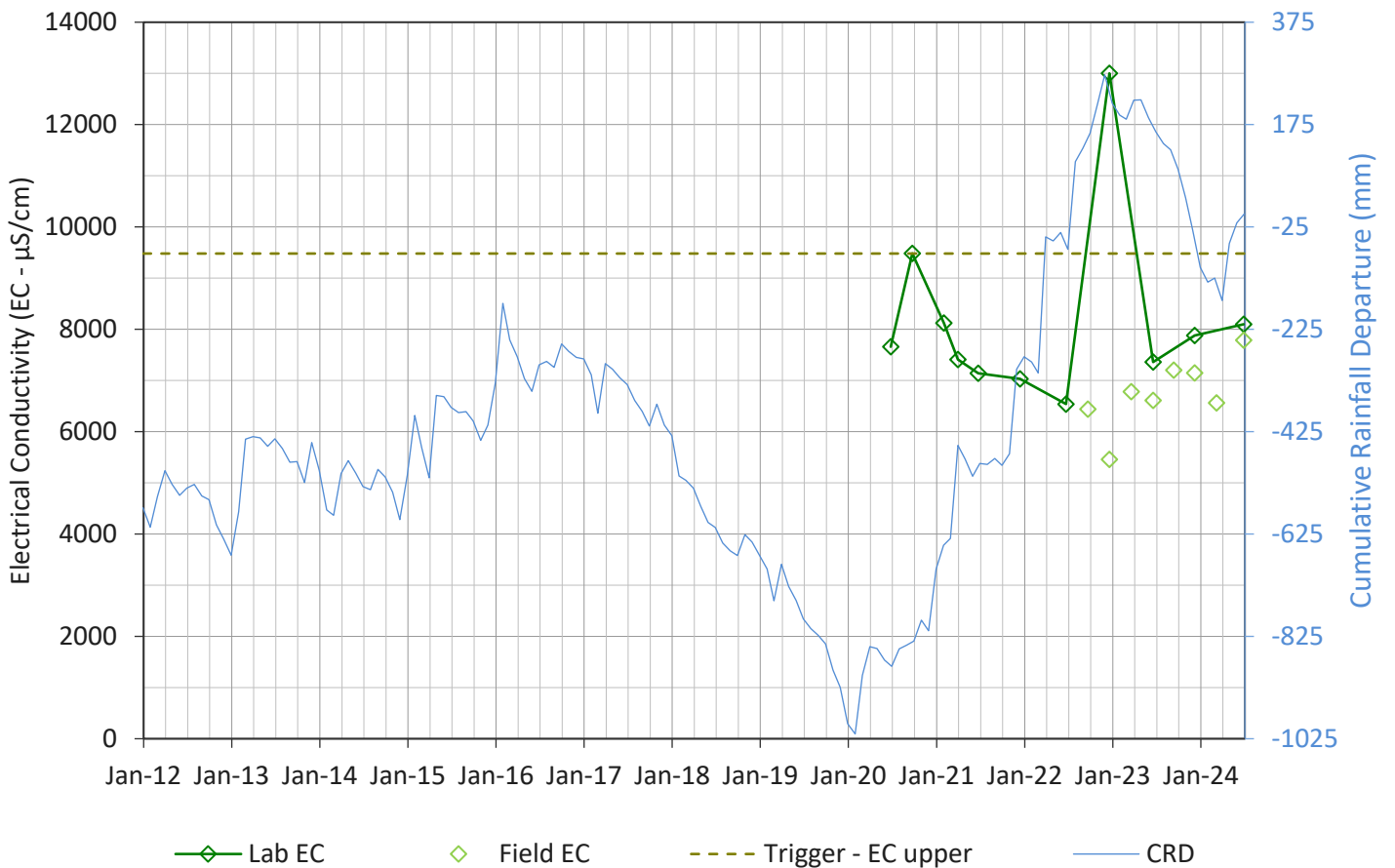
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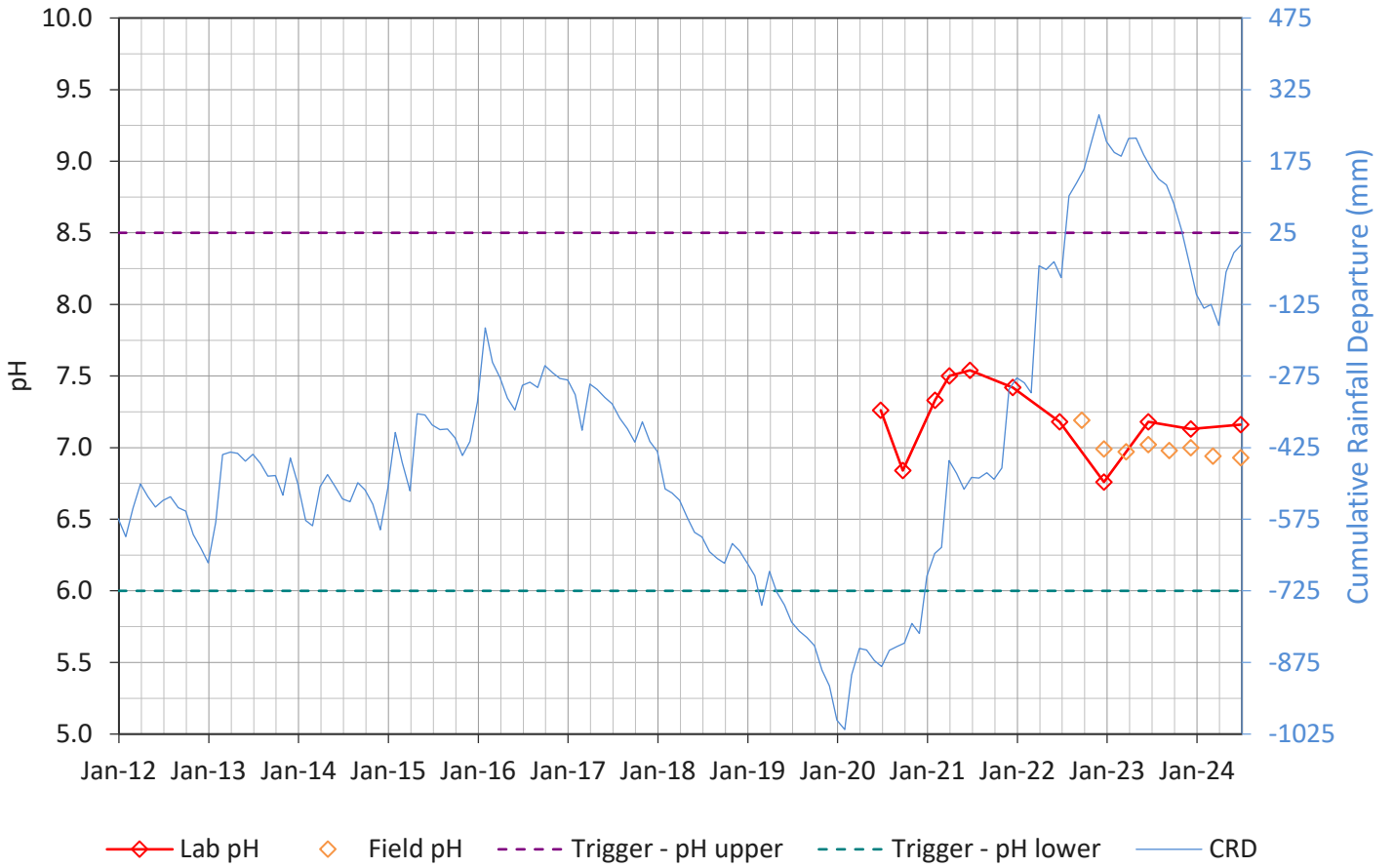
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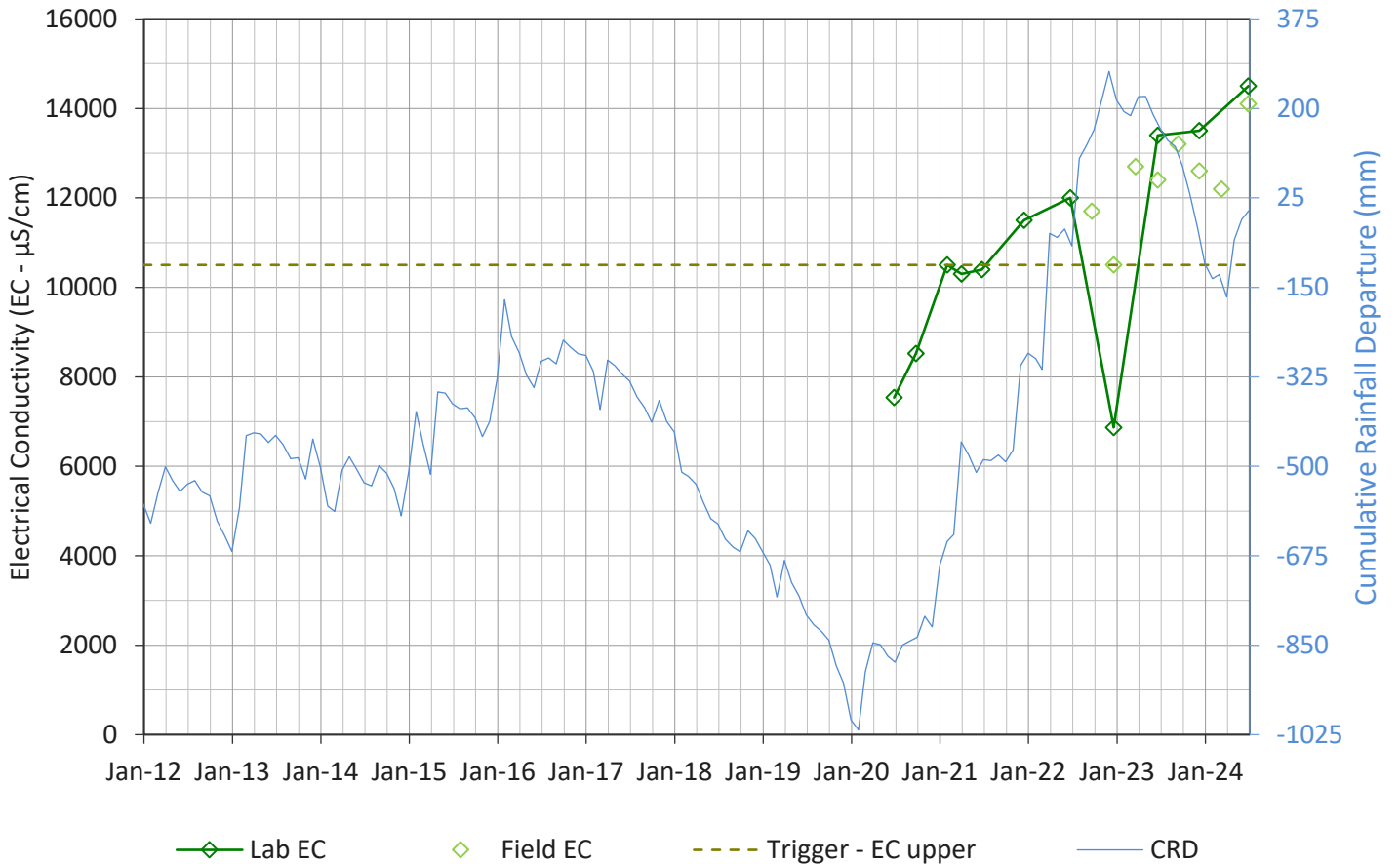
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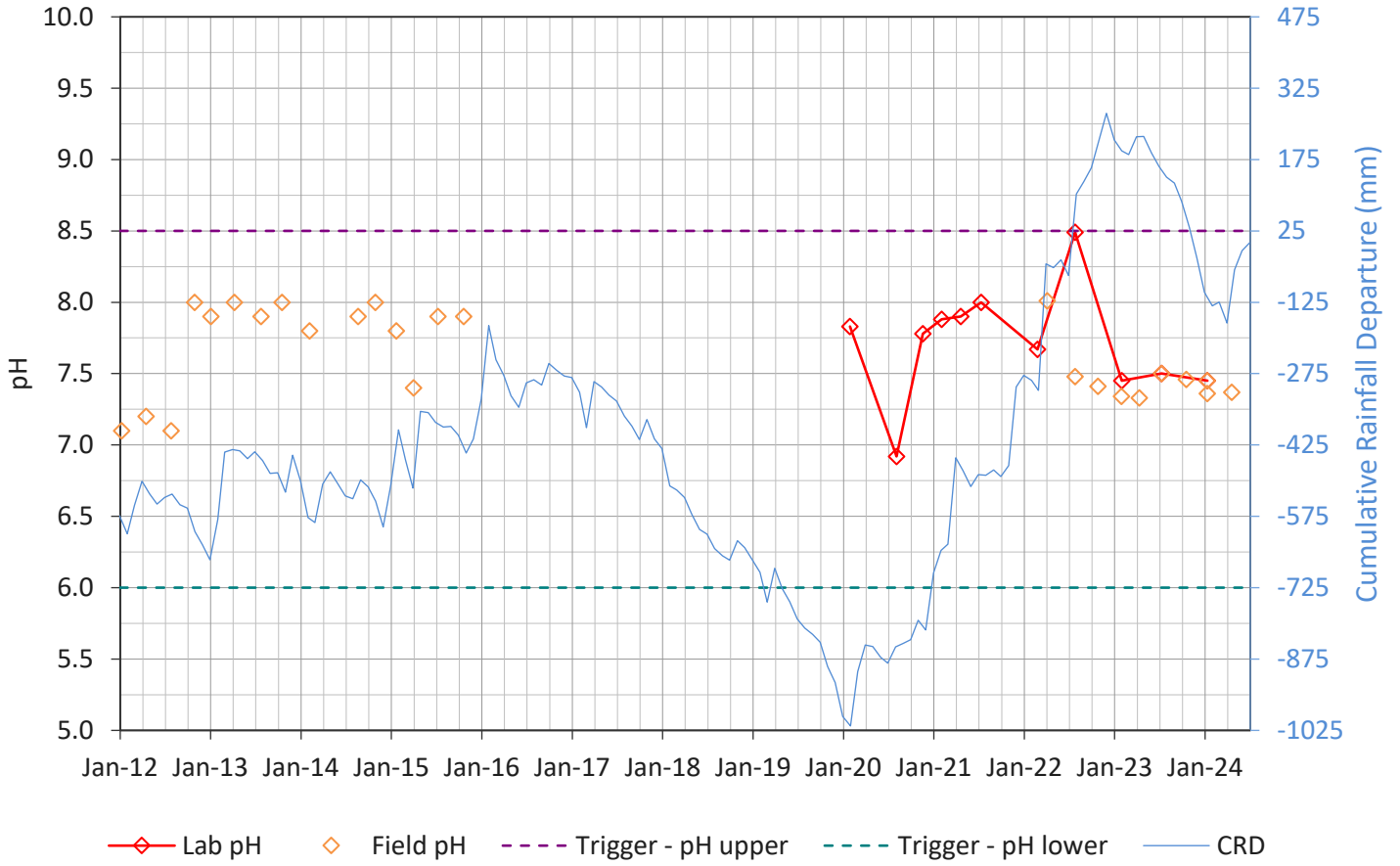
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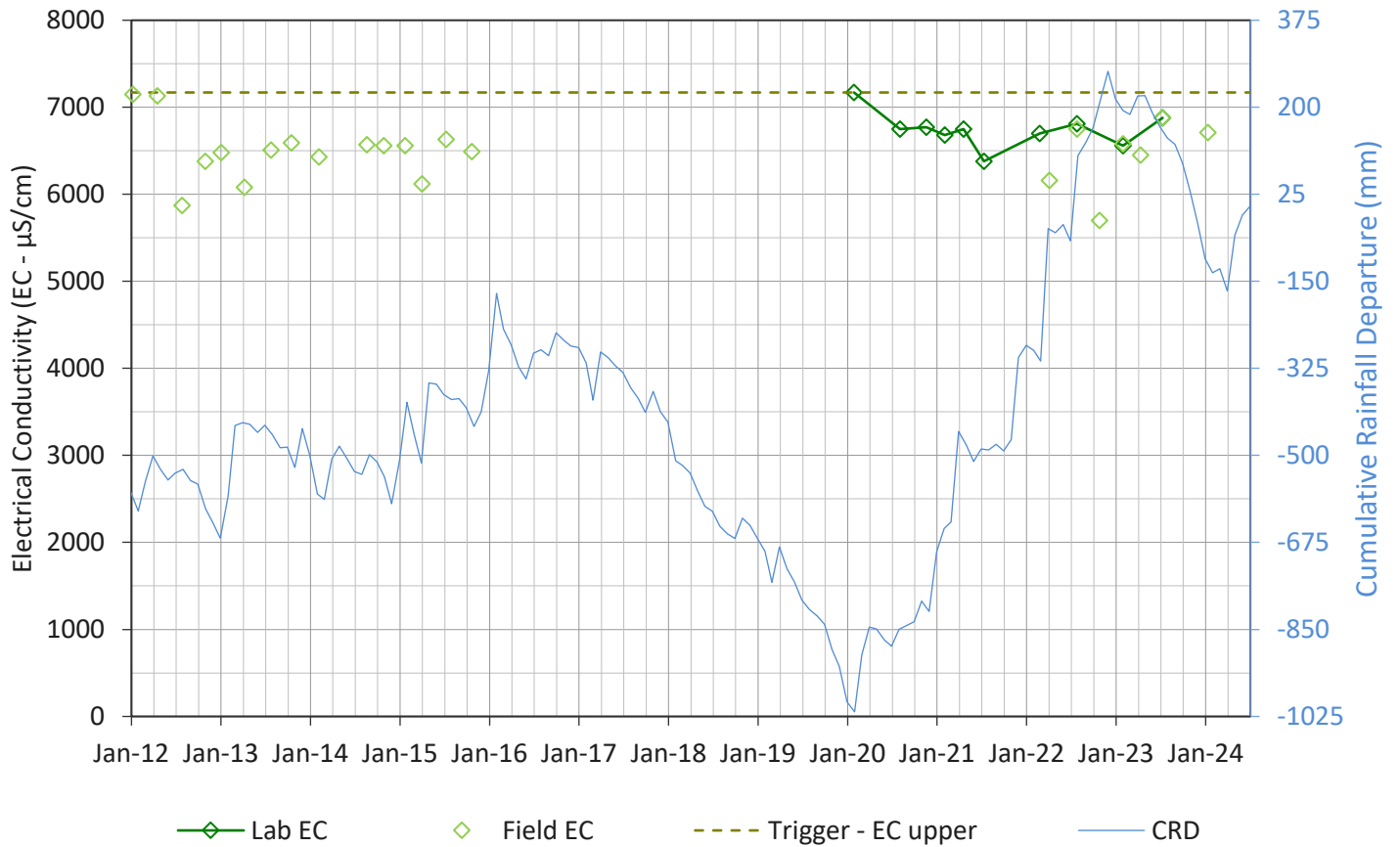
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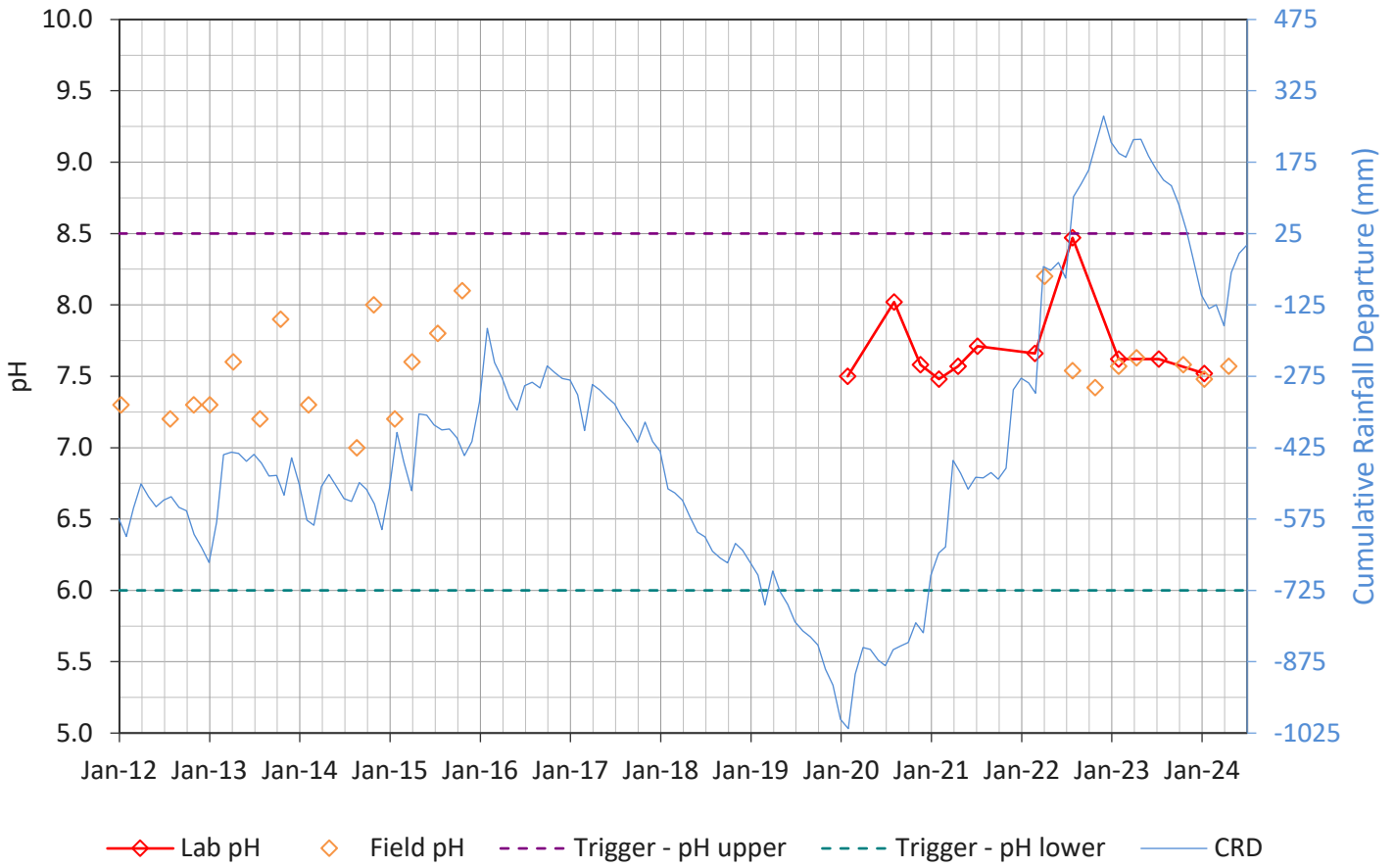
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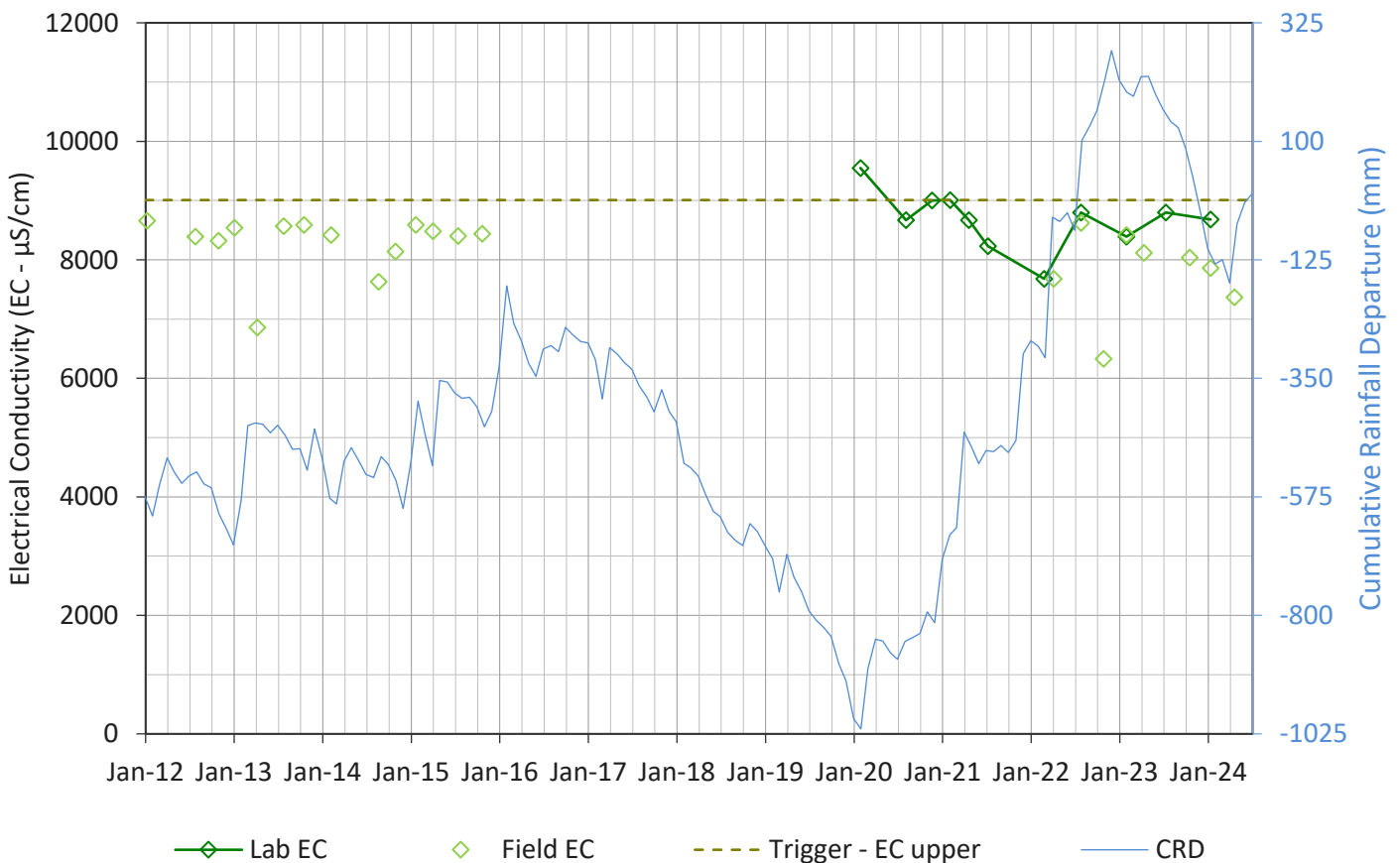
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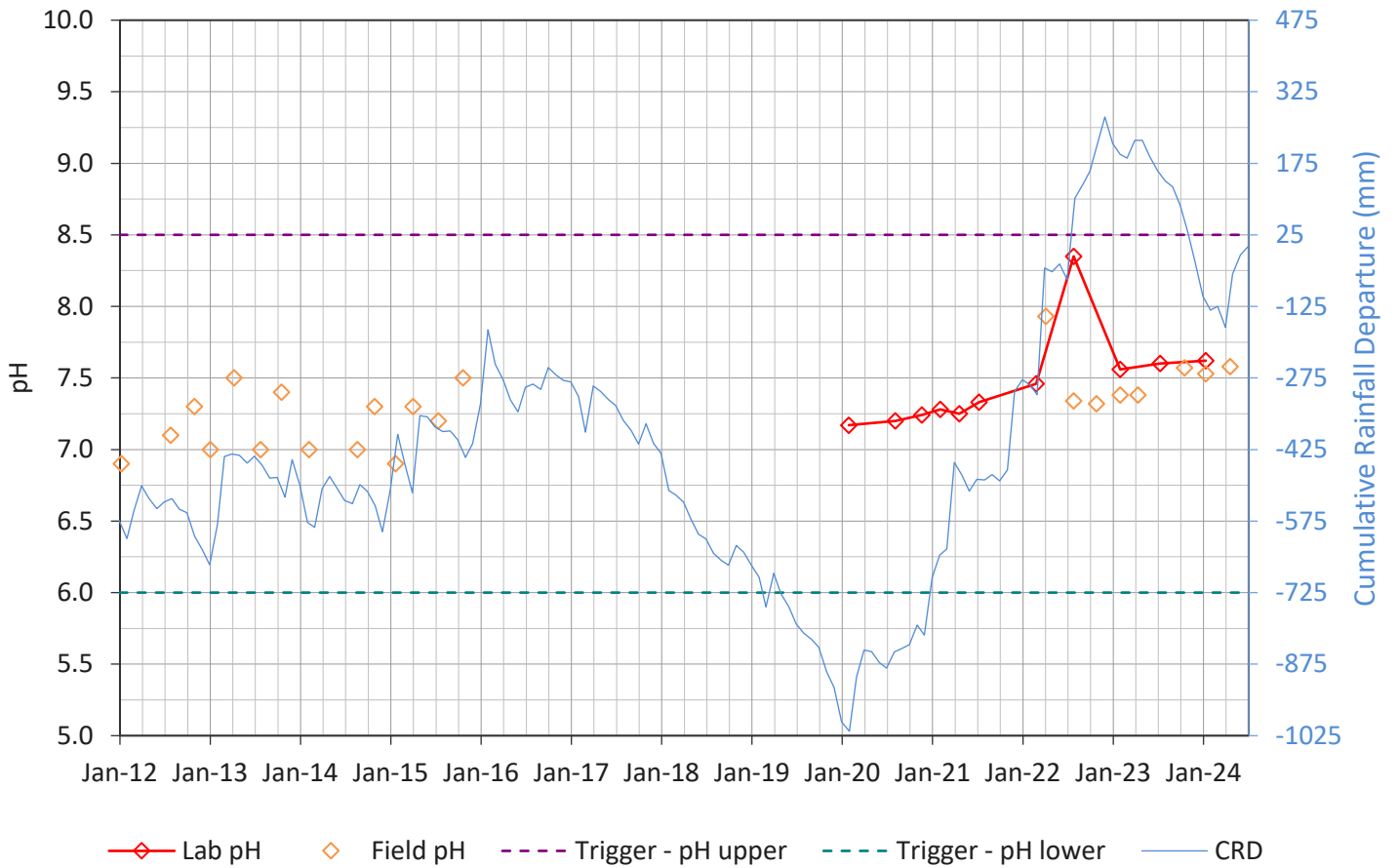
MB3-Alluvial - pH



MB3-Alluvial - EC



MB3-Regolith - pH



MB3-Regolith - EC

