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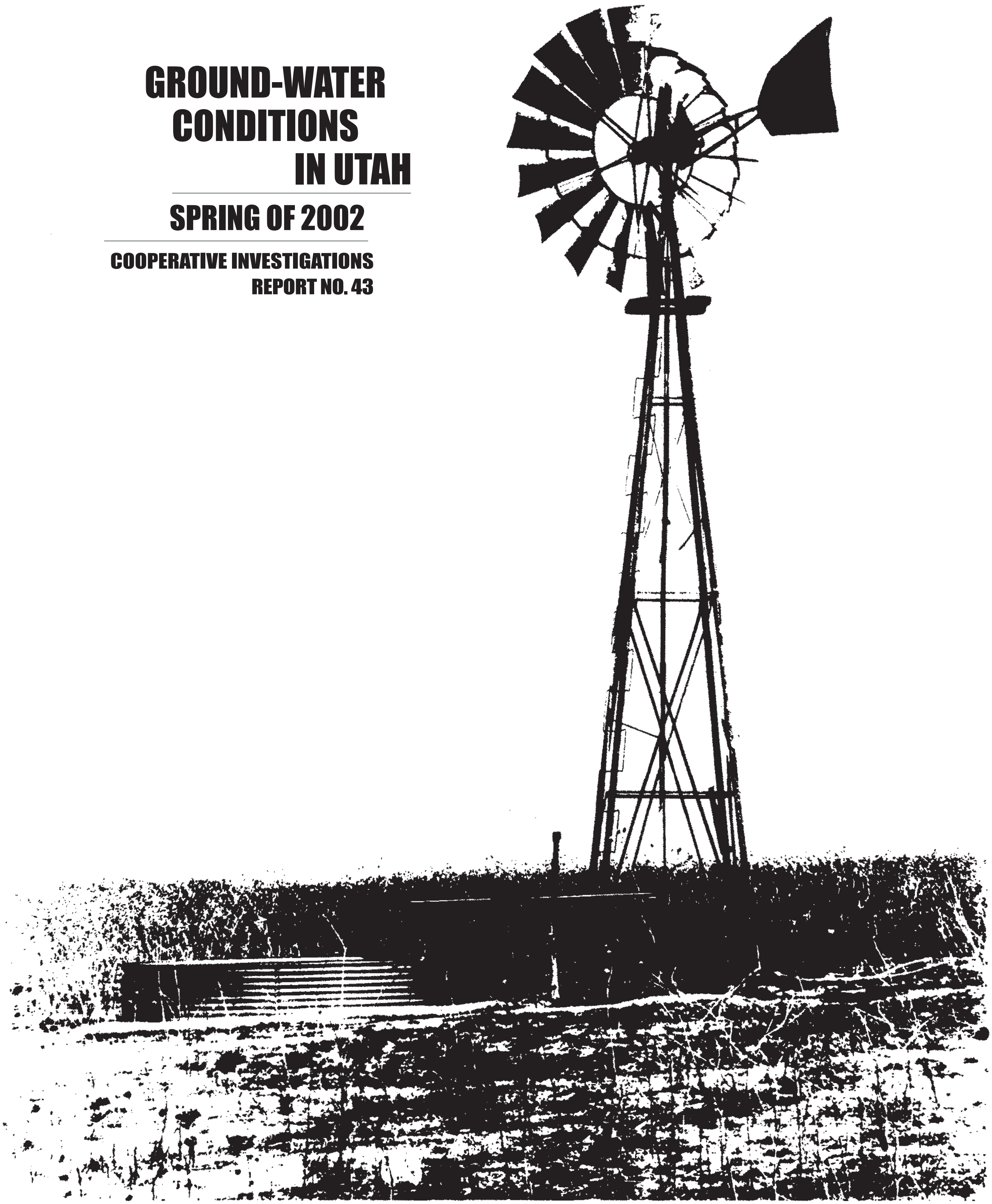

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Multiply	By	To obtain
acre-foot	1,233	cubic meter
foot	0.3048	meter
gallon per minute	0.06308	liter per second
inch	25.4	millimeter
mile	1.609	kilometer
square mile	2.590	square kilometer

Chemical concentration is reported only in metric units—milligrams per liter. For concentrations less than 7,000 milligrams per liter, the numerical value is about the same as for concentrations in parts per million.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Acre-foot—The quantity of water required to cover 1 acre to a depth of 1 foot; equal to 43,560 cubic feet or about 326,000 gallons or 1,233 cubic meters.

Aquifer—A geologic formation, group of formations, or part of a formation that contains sufficient saturated permeable material to yield substantial amounts of water to wells and springs.

Artesian—Describes a well in which the water level stands above the top of the aquifer tapped by the well (confined). A flowing artesian well is one in which the water level is above the land surface.

Dissolved—Material in a representative water sample that passes through a 0.45–micrometer membrane filter. This is a convenient operational definition used by Federal agencies that collect water data. Determinations of "dissolved" constituents are made on subsamples of the filtrate.

Land-surface datum (lsd)—A datum plane that is approximately at land surface at each ground-water observation well.

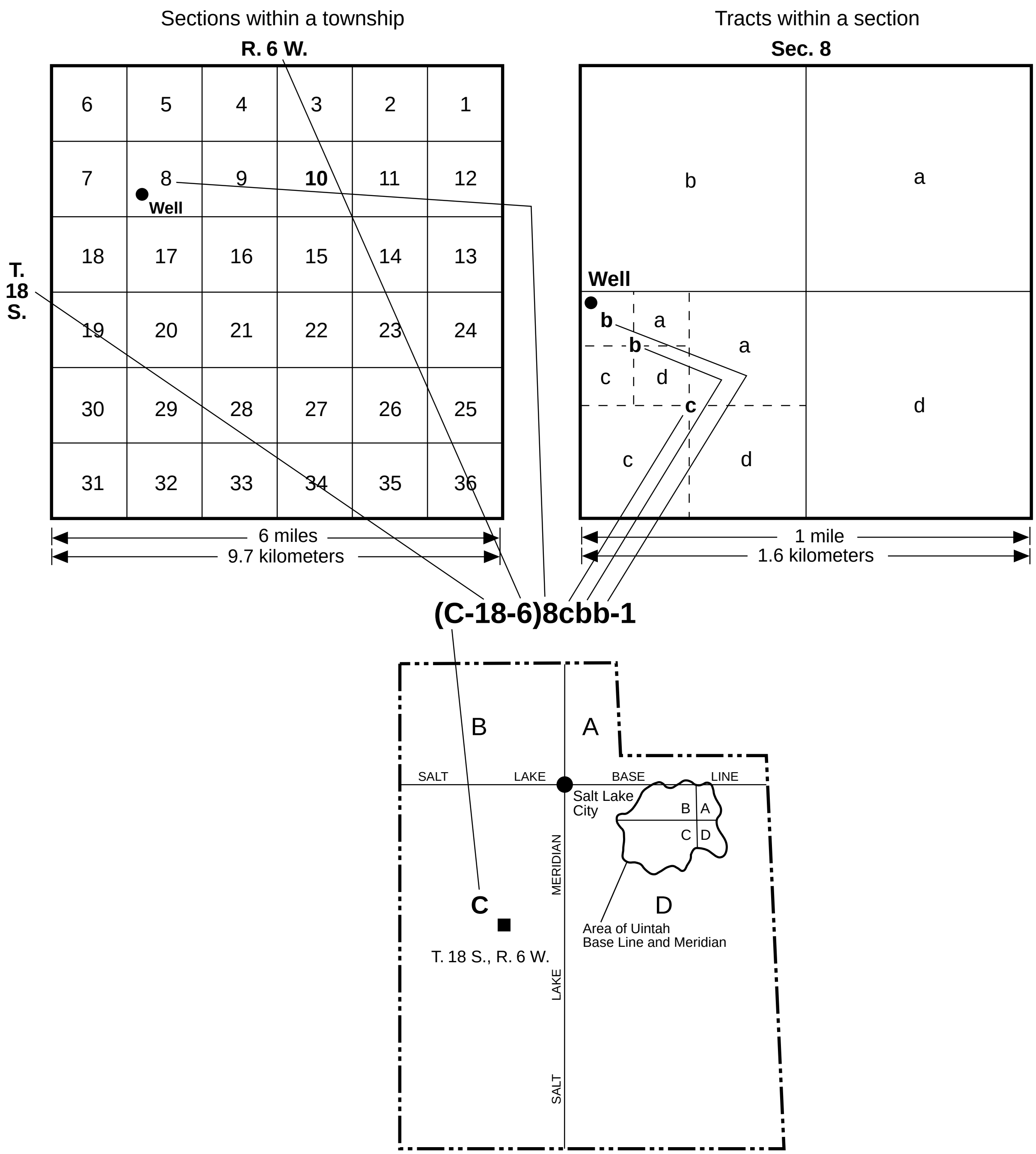
Milligrams per liter—A unit for expressing the concentration of chemical constituents in solution. Milligrams per liter represents the mass of solute per unit volume (liter) of water.

Specific conductance—A measure of the ability of water to conduct an electrical current. It is expressed in microsiemens per centimeter at 25 degrees Celsius. Specific conductance is related to the type and concentration of ions in solution and can be used for approximating the dissolved-solids concentration of the water. Commonly, the concentration of dissolved solids (in milligrams per liter) is about 65 percent of the specific conductance (in microsiemens). This relation is not constant in water from one well or stream to another, and it may vary for the same source with changes in the composition of the water.

Cumulative departure from average annual precipitation—A graph of the departure or difference between the average annual precipitation and the value of precipitation for each year, plotted cumulatively. A cumulative plot is generated by adding the departure from average precipitation for the current year to the sum of departure values for all previous years in the period of record. A positive departure, or greater-than-average precipitation, for a year results in a graph segment trending upward; a negative departure results in a graph segment trending downward. A generally downward-trending graph for a period of years represents a period of generally less-than-average precipitation, which commonly causes and corresponds with declining water levels in wells. Likewise, a generally upward-trending graph for a period of years represents a period of greater-than-average precipitation, which commonly causes and corresponds with rising water levels in wells. However, increases or decreases in withdrawals of ground water from wells also affect water levels and can change or eliminate the correlation between water levels in wells and the graph of cumulative departure from average precipitation.

WELL-NUMBERING SYSTEM

The well-numbering system used in Utah is based on the Bureau of Land Management's system of land subdivision. The well-numbering system is familiar to most water users in Utah, and the well number shows the location of the well by quadrant, township, range, section, and position within the section. Well numbers for most of the State are derived from the Salt Lake Base Line and the Salt Lake Meridian. Well numbers for wells located inside the area of the Uintah Base Line and Meridian are designated in the same manner as those based on the Salt Lake Base Line and Meridian, with the addition of the "U" preceding the parentheses. The numbering system is illustrated below.



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INTRODUCTION

This is the thirty-ninth in a series of annual reports that describe ground-water conditions in Utah. Reports in this series, published cooperatively by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources and Division of Water Rights, provide data to enable interested parties to maintain awareness of changing ground-water conditions.

This report, like the others in the series, contains information on well construction, ground-water withdrawal from wells, water-level changes, precipitation, streamflow, and chemical quality of water. Information on well construction included in this report refers only to wells constructed for new appropriations of ground water. Supplementary data are included in reports of this series only for those years or areas which are important to a discussion of changing ground-water conditions and for which applicable data are available.

This report includes individual discussions of selected significant areas of ground-water development in the State for calendar year 2001. Most of the reported data were collected by the U.S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water Rights and Division of Water Resources.

The following reports deal with ground water in the State and were printed by the U.S. Geological Survey or by cooperating agencies from May 2001 through April 2002:

Ground-water conditions in Utah, spring of 2001, by C.B. Burden, and others, Utah Division of Water Resources Cooperative Investigations Report No. 42.

Selected hydrologic and water-quality data for Kamas Valley and vicinity, Summit County, Utah, 1997-2000, by P.L. Haraden, L.E. Spangler, L.E. Brooks, and B.J. Stolp, U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 01-155.

Selected hydrologic data for field demonstration of three permeable reactive barriers near Fry Canyon, Utah, 1996-2000, by C.D. Wilkowske, R.C. Rowland, and D.L. Naftz, U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report No. 01-361.

Water-quality assessment of the Great Salt Lake Basins, Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho--Environmental setting and study design, by R.L. Baskin, K.M. Waddell, S.Thiros, E. Giddings, H.K. Hadley, D.W. Stephens, and S.J. Gerner, U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 02-4115.

Selected hydrologic data for Cedar Valley, Iron County, southwestern Utah, 1930-2001, by J.H. Howells, J.L. Mason, and B.A. Slaugh, U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 01-419.

UTAH'S GROUND-WATER RESERVOIRS

Small amounts of ground water can be obtained from wells throughout most of Utah, but large amounts that are of suitable chemical quality for irrigation, public supply, or industrial use generally can be obtained only in specific areas. The areas of ground-water development discussed in this report are shown in figure 1 and listed in table 1. Relatively few wells outside of these areas yield large amounts of ground water of suitable chemical quality for the uses listed above, although some of the basins in western Utah and many areas in eastern Utah have not been explored sufficiently to determine their potential for ground-water development.

About 2 percent of the wells in Utah yield water from consolidated rock. Consolidated rocks that yield the most water are lava flows, such as basalt, which contain interconnected vesicular openings, fractures, or permeable weathered zones at the tops of flows; limestone, which contains fractures or other openings enlarged by solution; and sandstone, which contains

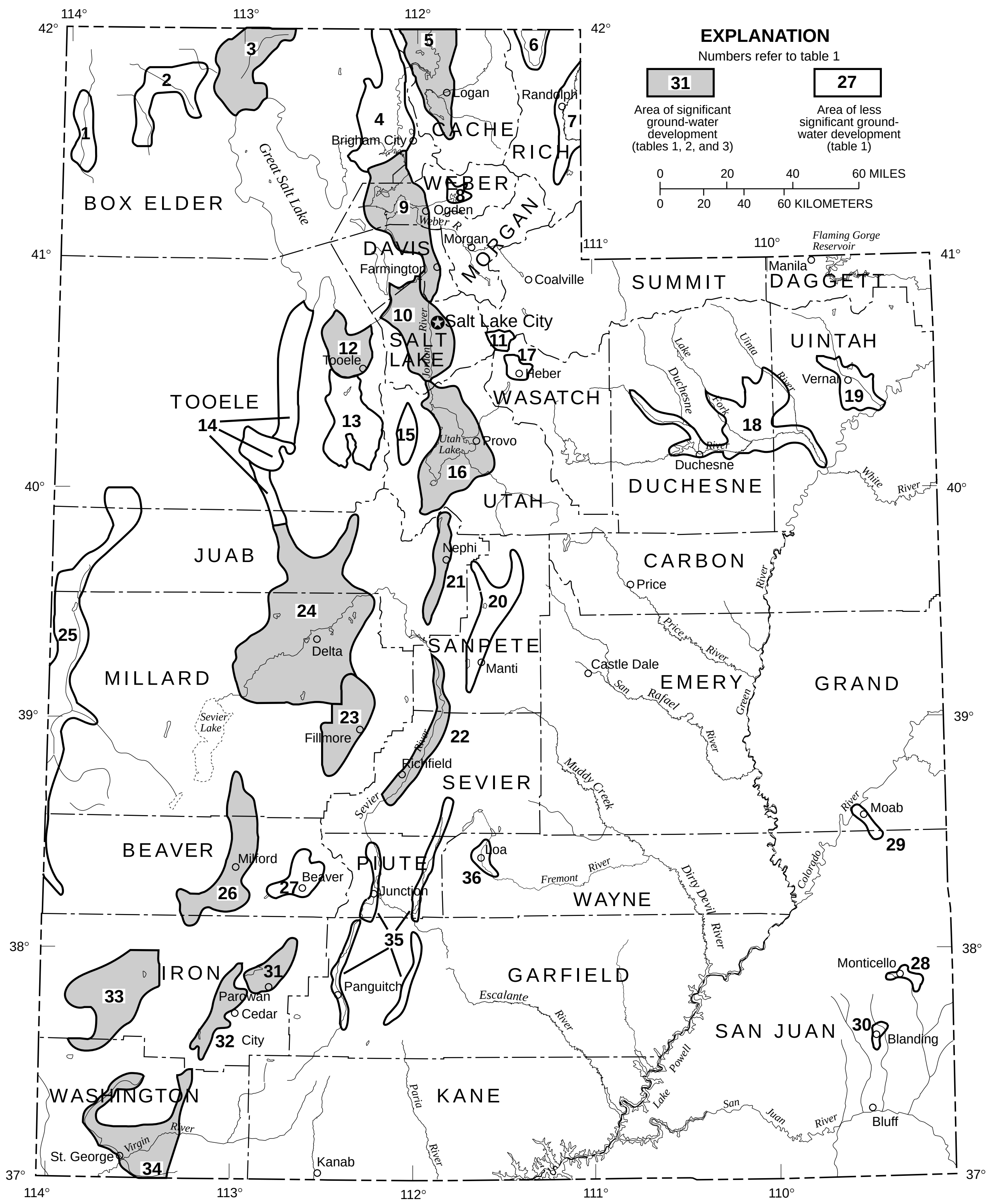

Figure 1. Areas of ground-water development in Utah specifically referred to in this report.

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Number in figure 1	Area	Principal types of water-bearing rocks
1	Grouse Creek Valley	Unconsolidated.
2	Park Valley	Do.
3	Curlew Valley	Unconsolidated and consolidated.
4	Malad-lower Bear River Valley	Unconsolidated.
5	Cache Valley	Do.
6	Bear Lake Valley	Do.
7	Upper Bear River Valley	Do.
8	Ogden Valley	Do.
9	East Shore area	Do.
10	Salt Lake Valley	Do.
11	Park City area	Unconsolidated and consolidated.
12	Tooele Valley	Unconsolidated.
13	Rush Valley	Do.
14	Dugway area	Do.
	Skull Valley	Do.
	Old River Bed	Do.
15	Cedar Valley, Utah County	Do.
16	Utah and Goshen Valleys	Do.
17	Heber Valley	Do.
18	Duchesne River area	Unconsolidated and consolidated.
19	Vernal area	Do.
20	Sanpete Valley	Do.
21	Juab Valley	Unconsolidated.
22	Central Sevier Valley	Do.
23	Pahvant Valley	Unconsolidated and consolidated.
24	Sevier Desert	Unconsolidated.
25	Snake Valley	Do.
26	Milford area	Do.
27	Beaver Valley	Do.
28	Monticello area	Consolidated.
29	Spanish Valley	Unconsolidated and consolidated.
30	Blanding area	Consolidated.
31	Parowan Valley	Unconsolidated and consolidated.
32	Cedar Valley, Iron County	Unconsolidated.
33	Beryl-Enterprise area	Do.
34	Central Virgin River area	Unconsolidated and consolidated.
35	Upper Sevier Valleys	Unconsolidated.
36	Upper Fremont River Valley	Unconsolidated and consolidated.

open fractures. Most of the wells that penetrate consolidated rock are in the eastern and southern parts of the State in areas where water cannot be obtained readily from unconsolidated deposits.

About 98 percent of the wells in Utah yield water from unconsolidated deposits. These deposits may consist of boulders, gravel, sand, silt, or clay, or a mixture of some or all of these materials. The largest yields are obtained from coarse materials that are sorted into deposits of uniform grain size. Most wells that yield water from unconsolidated deposits are in large intermountain basins that have been partly filled with rock material eroded from the adjacent mountains.

SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS

The total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Utah during 2001 was about 883,000 acre-feet (table 2), which is about 43,000 acre-feet less than the revised total for 2000 and 41,000 acre-feet more than the 1991-2000 average annual withdrawal (table 3). The decrease in withdrawals mostly resulted from decreased irrigation. The total estimated withdrawal for irrigation was about 453,000 acre-feet (table 2), which is 51,000 acre-feet less than the revised value for 2000. Withdrawal for industrial use decreased about 8,000 acre-feet to about 70,000 acre-feet. Withdrawal for public supply was about 292,000 acre-feet (table 2), which is about 14,000 acre-feet more than the revised value for 2000. Withdrawal for domestic and stock use was about 67,000 acre-feet, which is about 2,000 acre-feet more than in 2000.

Ground-water withdrawal decreased from 2000 to 2001 in 10 of the 16 areas of ground-water development discussed in this report (table 2). Withdrawal in “other areas” decreased about 21,000 acre-feet (fig. 1). The 2001 withdrawal was more than the average annual withdrawals for 1991-2000 in 8 of the 16 areas (tables 2 and 3).

The amount of water withdrawn from wells is related to demand and availability of water from other sources, which, in turn, are partly related to local climatic conditions. Precipitation during calendar year 2001 at 28 of 29 weather stations included in this report (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 2001), was less than the long-term average. The greatest decrease in precipitation from average in 2001 was the 5.80 inches at Heber City, and the only increase in precipitation from average was 1.15 inches at Bluff, in southeastern Utah.

A total of 755 wells were constructed for new appropriations of ground water in 2001, as determined by the Utah Division of Water Rights (table 2). This is seven fewer wells than was reported for 2000. In 2001, 156 large-diameter wells (12 inches or more) were constructed for new appropriations of ground water (table 2). These are principally for withdrawal of water for public supply, irrigation, and industrial use.

Table 2. Number of wells constructed and estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Utah

Estimated withdrawal from wells—2000 total: From Burden, and others (2001, table 2).

Area	Number in figure 1	Number of wells[1] constructed in 2001		Estimated withdrawal from wells (acre-feet)					
				2001					
		Total	Diameter of 12 inches or more	Irrigation	Industry[1]	Public supply[1]	Domestic and stock	Total (rounded)	2000 Total (rounded)
Curlew Valley	3	2	0	35,200	0	200	100	36,000	41,000
Cache Valley	5	40	3	11,500	5,500	13,400	2,000	32,000	30,000
East Shore area	9	11	8	17,800	3,100	30,700	5,000	57,000	60,000
Salt Lake Valley	10	35	24	1,900	[2]19,700	105,600	24,000	151,000	145,000
Tooele Valley	12	31	5	[3]12,700	440	6,900	1,000	21,000	24,000
Utah and Goshen Valleys	16	65	8	38,300	6,900	63,100	19,600	128,000	132,000
Juab Valley	21	10	4	28,500	0	[4,5]350	400	29,000	27,000
Sevier Desert	24	10	1	9,700	6,500	1,900	1,200	19,000	15,000
Central Sevier Valley	22	[6]30	[6]5	7,400	80	3,200	900	12,000	13,000
Pahvant Valley	23	10	4	78,700	0	980	300	80,000	80,000
Cedar Valley, Iron County	32	17	8	23,500	30	6,400	1,700	32,000	[7]35,000
Parowan Valley	31	8	4	[8]21,900	0	90	200	22,000	30,000
Escalante Valley									
Milford area	26	18	3	33,500	[9]7,600	800	190	42,000	49,000
Beryl-Enterprise area	33	12	5	77,600	[10]1,800	650	520	81,000	84,000
Central Virgin River area	34	3	1	4,100	10	20,700	2,100	27,000	[7]26,000
Other areas[11,12]		453	73	50,400	[13]18,700	37,100	7,300	114,000	[7]135,000
Total (rounded)		755	156	453,000	70,000	292,000	67,000	883,000	[7]926,000

[1] Data provided by Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water Rights.
[2] Includes some use for air conditioning, about 2,500 acre-feet. About 70 percent was injected back into the aquifer.
[3] Includes some domestic and stock use.
[4] Includes some industrial use.
[5] Previously included some springs.
[6] Includes wells constructed in upper Sevier Valley and upper Fremont River Valley.
[7] Revised.
[8] Includes some stock use.
[9] Withdrawal for geothermal power generation. About 99 percent was injected back into the aquifer.
[10] Includes 1,440 acre-feet used for heating greenhouses. About 95 percent was injected back into the aquifer.
[11] Withdrawal totals are estimated minimum. See "Other areas" section of this report for withdrawal estimates for other areas.
[12] Includes withdrawals for upper Sevier Valley and upper Fremont River Valley that were included with central Sevier Valley in reports prior to number 31 of this series.
[13] Includes some withdrawal for geothermal power generation, about 280 acre-feet, of which about 90 percent was injected back into the aquifer.

Table 3. Total annual withdrawal of water from wells in significant areas of ground-water development in Utah, 1991-2000

[From previous reports of this series]

Area	Number in figure 1	Thousands of acre-feet										1991-2000 average (rounded)
		1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	
Curlew Valley	3	37	44	35	41	31	39	36	29	29	41	36
Cache Valley	5	29	36	23	31	23	24	25	26	24	30	27
East Shore area	9	68	59	56	60	53	57	62	56	61	60	59
Salt Lake Valley	10	135	138	116	142	120	138	123	122	126	145	130
Tooele Valley	12	30	30	22	31	26	23	25	[1]19	21	24	25
Utah and Goshen Valleys	16	124	141	89	114	77	99	96	86	[1]110	132	107
Juab Valley	21	25	29	20	26	13	19	15	12	14	27	20
Sevier Desert	24	34	33	31	37	18	17	17	12	12	15	23
Central Sevier Valley[2]	22	18	19	19	20	20	21	20	20	20	13	19
Pahvant Valley	23	74	86	87	93	69	83	67	66	76	80	78
Cedar Valley, Iron County	32	34	34	33	34	31	35	34	36	32	[1]35	34
Parowan Valley	31	32	31	28	30	24	29	25	28	[1]26	30	28
Escalante Valley												
Milford area	26	54	42	50	61	48	52	52	41	41	49	49
Beryl-Enterprise area	33	79	72	78	86	70	92	81	74	79	84	80
Central Virgin River area	34	15	14	13	14	15	17	18	20	[1]18	[1]26	17
Other areas		111	120	94	113	97	113	107	99	106	[1]135	110
Total		899	928	794	933	735	858	803	[1]746	[1]795	[1]926	842

[1] Revised.
[2] Prior to 1991, included upper Sevier and upper Fremont River Valleys.

MAJOR AREAS OF GROUND-WATER DEVELOPMENT

CURLEW VALLEY

By M. Enright

The Curlew Valley drainage basin extends across the Utah-Idaho State line between latitudes 40°41' and 42°30' north and longitudes 112°30' and 113°20' west, and covers about 1,200 square miles. The valley is bounded on the west, north, and east by mountains that range in altitude from about 6,500 to nearly 10,000 feet and is open to the south, where it drains into Great Salt Lake.

The Utah part of Curlew Valley (Utah subbasin) covers about 550 square miles. It is an arid to semiarid, largely uninhabited area, with a community center at Snowville. Average annual precipitation in the Utah subbasin is less than 8 inches on part of the valley floor and reaches a maximum that exceeds 35 inches on one of the highest mountain peaks.

The principal source of water in the Utah subbasin is ground water. The ground-water reservoir is primarily composed of confined aquifers in alluvial and lacustrine deposits and volcanic rocks. These formations yield several hundred to several thousand gallons of water per minute to individual large-diameter irrigation wells west of Snowville and near Kelton.

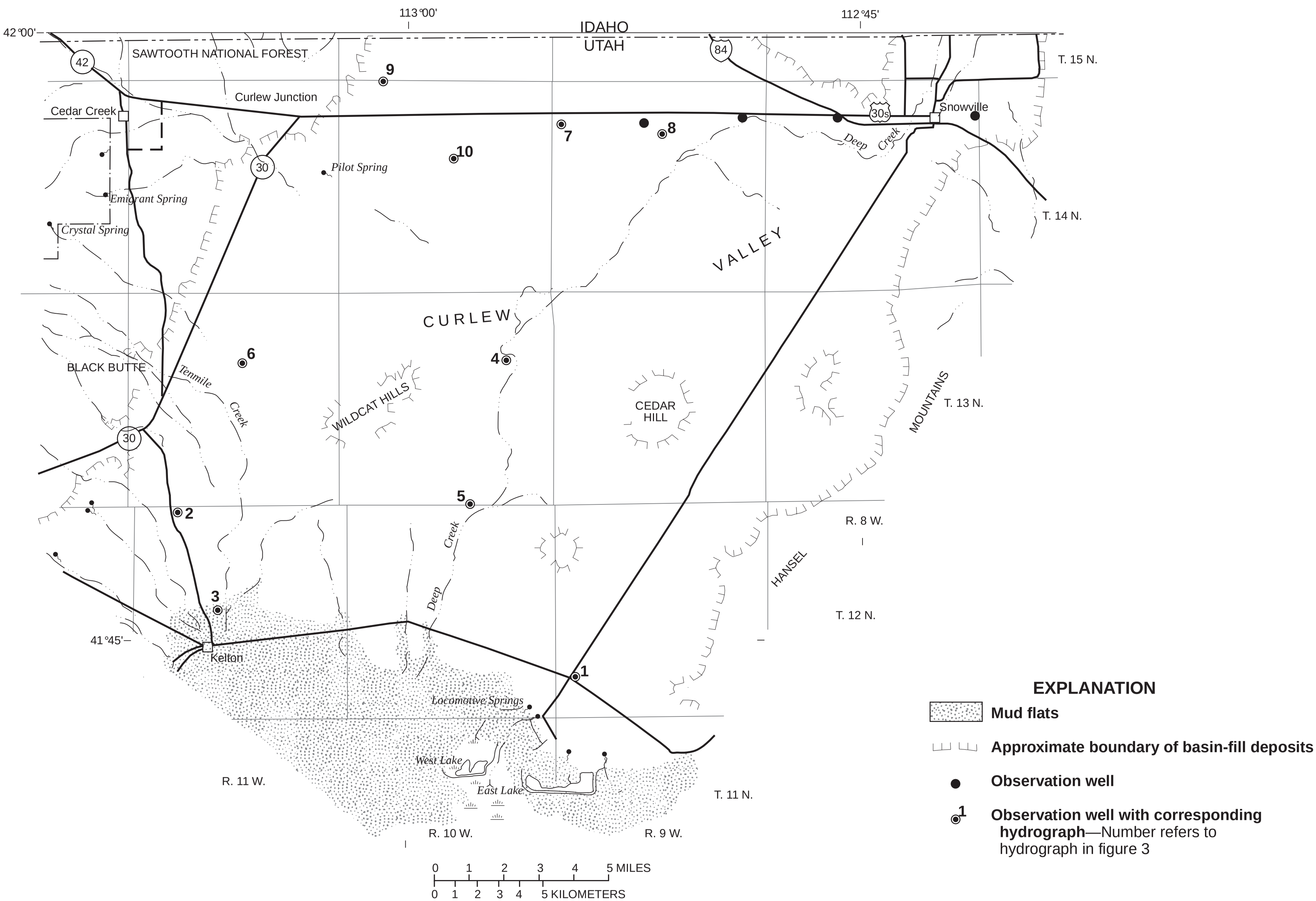
Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Curlew Valley in 2001 was about 36,000 acre-feet, which is 5,000 acre-feet less than reported for 2000 and the same as the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3). The decrease resulted from less water withdrawn for irrigation.

The location of wells in Curlew Valley in which the water level was measured during March 2002 is shown in figure 2. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Grouse Creek, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from selected wells is shown in figure 3.

Water levels generally declined from March 1999 to March 2002 in Curlew Valley. Water levels generally rose from 1982 to 1987, a period of much-greater-than-average precipitation, generally declined from 1987 to 1997, and generally rose slightly from 1997 to 1999. The decline in water level in the northern part of the valley probably resulted from an increase in withdrawal for irrigation.

Precipitation at Grouse Creek in 2001 was 10.65 inches, which is 0.81 inch less than in 2000 and 0.56 inch less than the average annual precipitation for 1959-2001.

The concentrations of dissolved solids in water from well (B-14-9)5bbb-1, west of Snowville, and well (B-12-11)4bcc-1, north of Kelton, generally have increased since 1972. These increases may be a result of recharge from unconsumed irrigation water in which dissolved solids are concentrated by evaporation.



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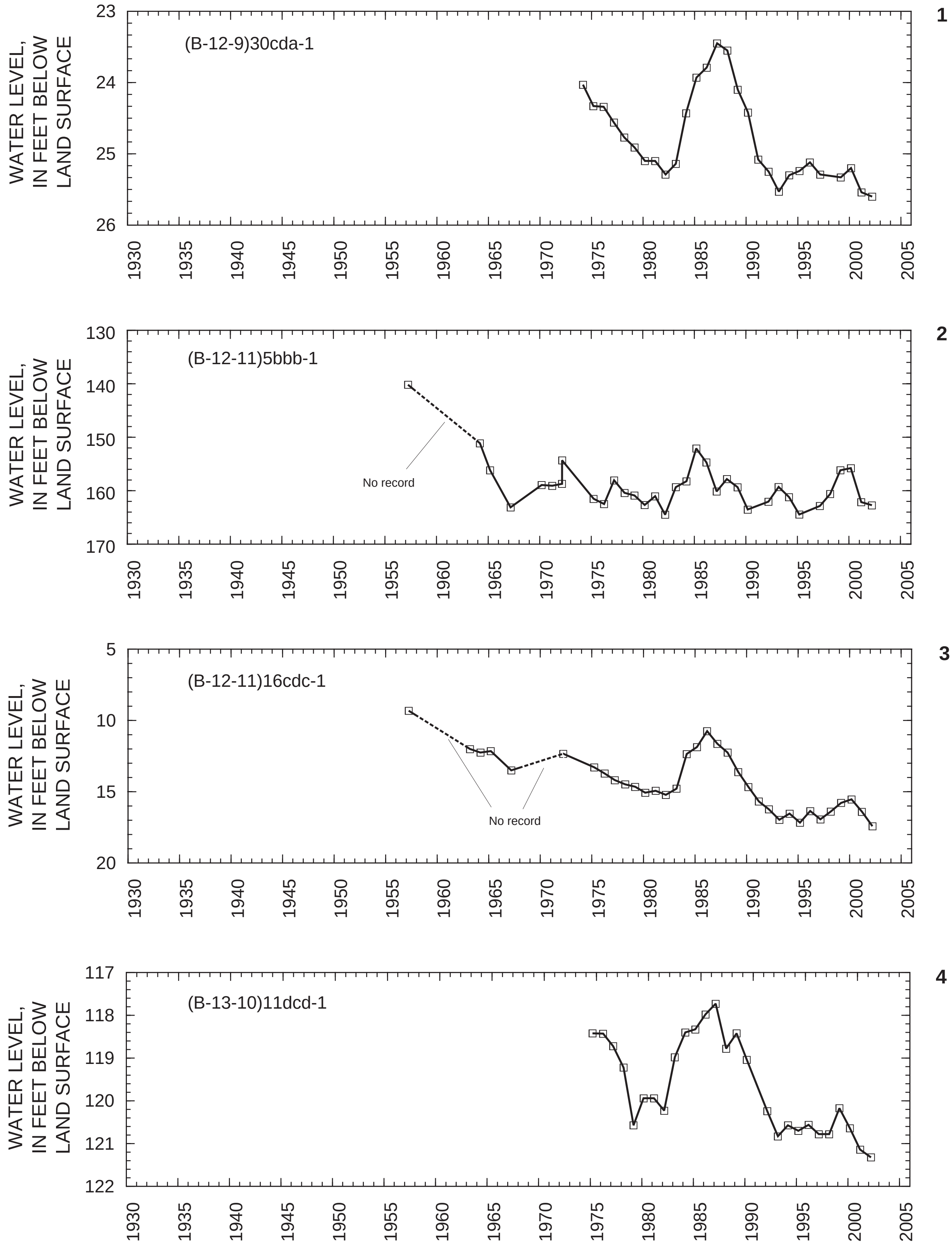

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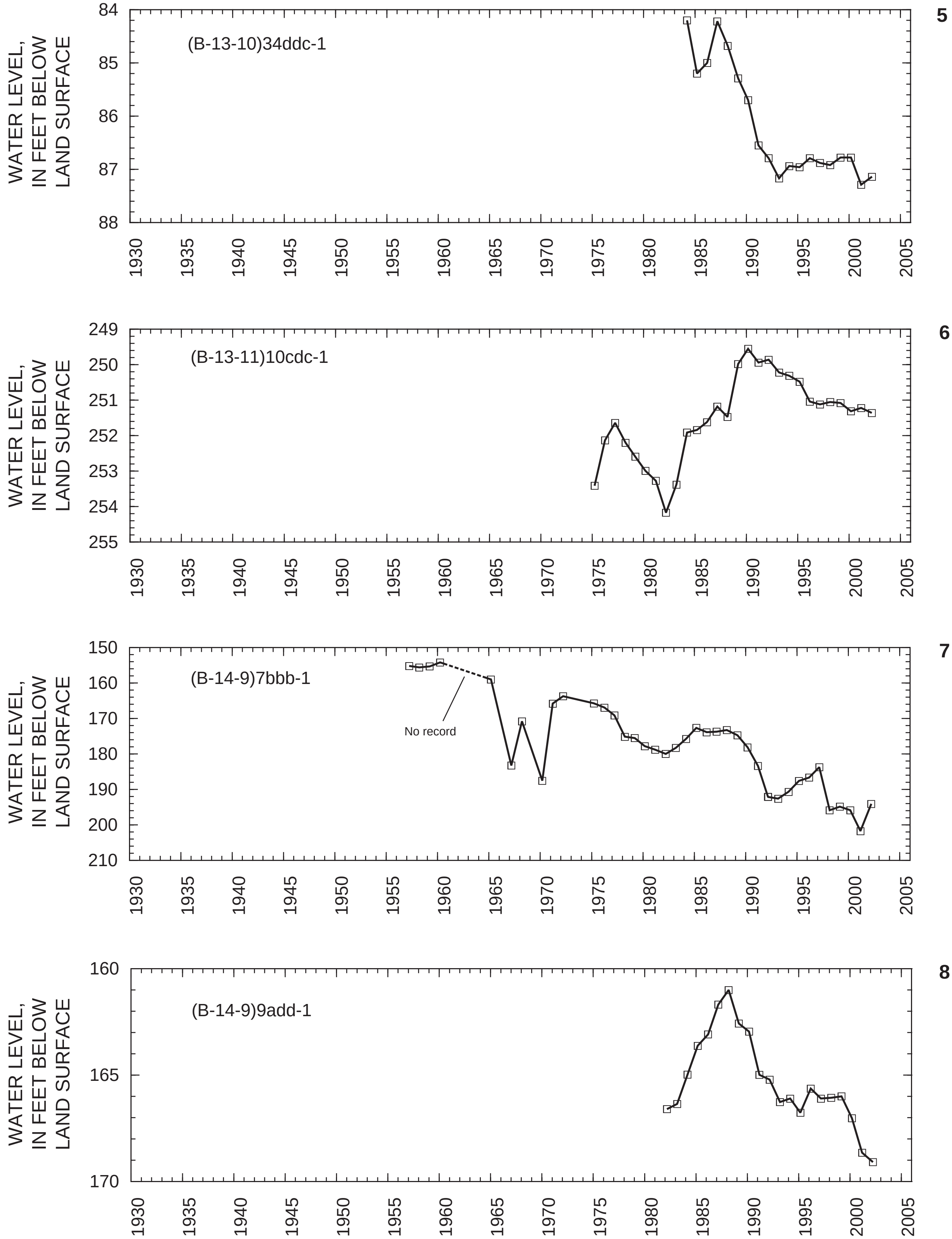

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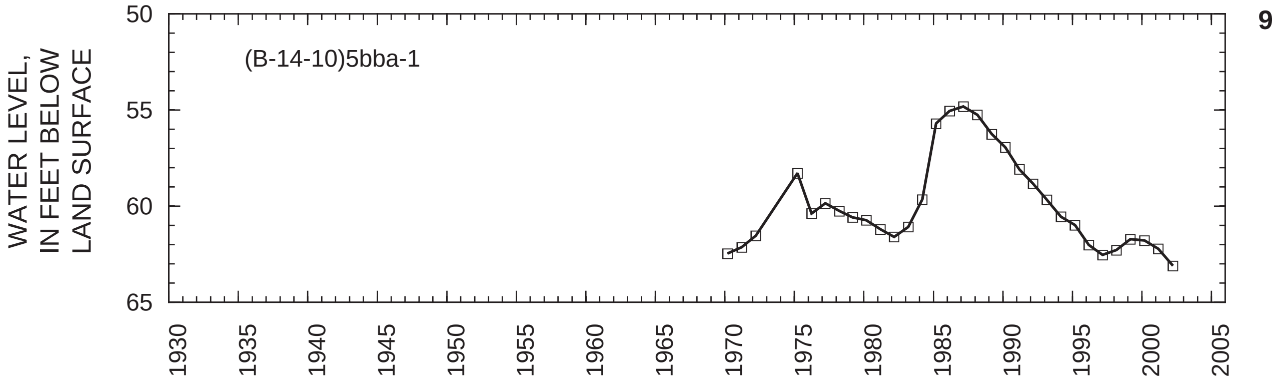

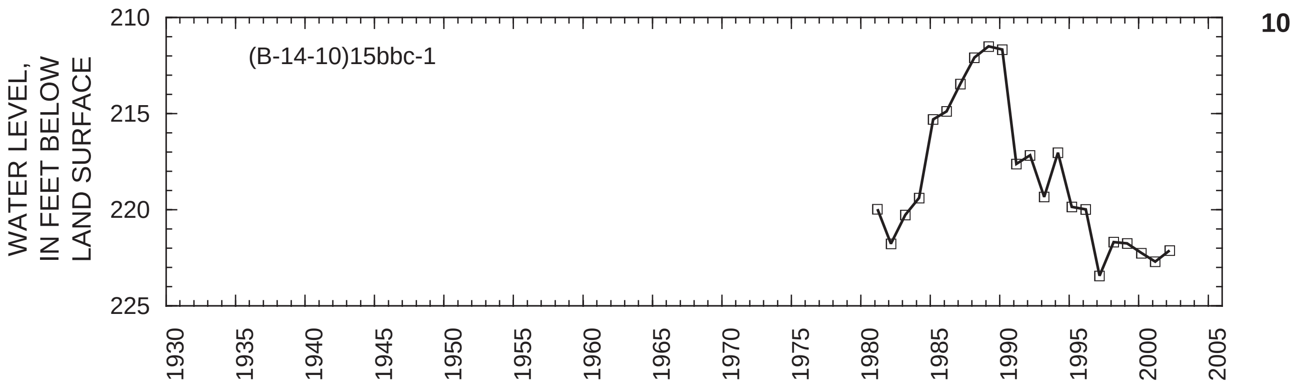

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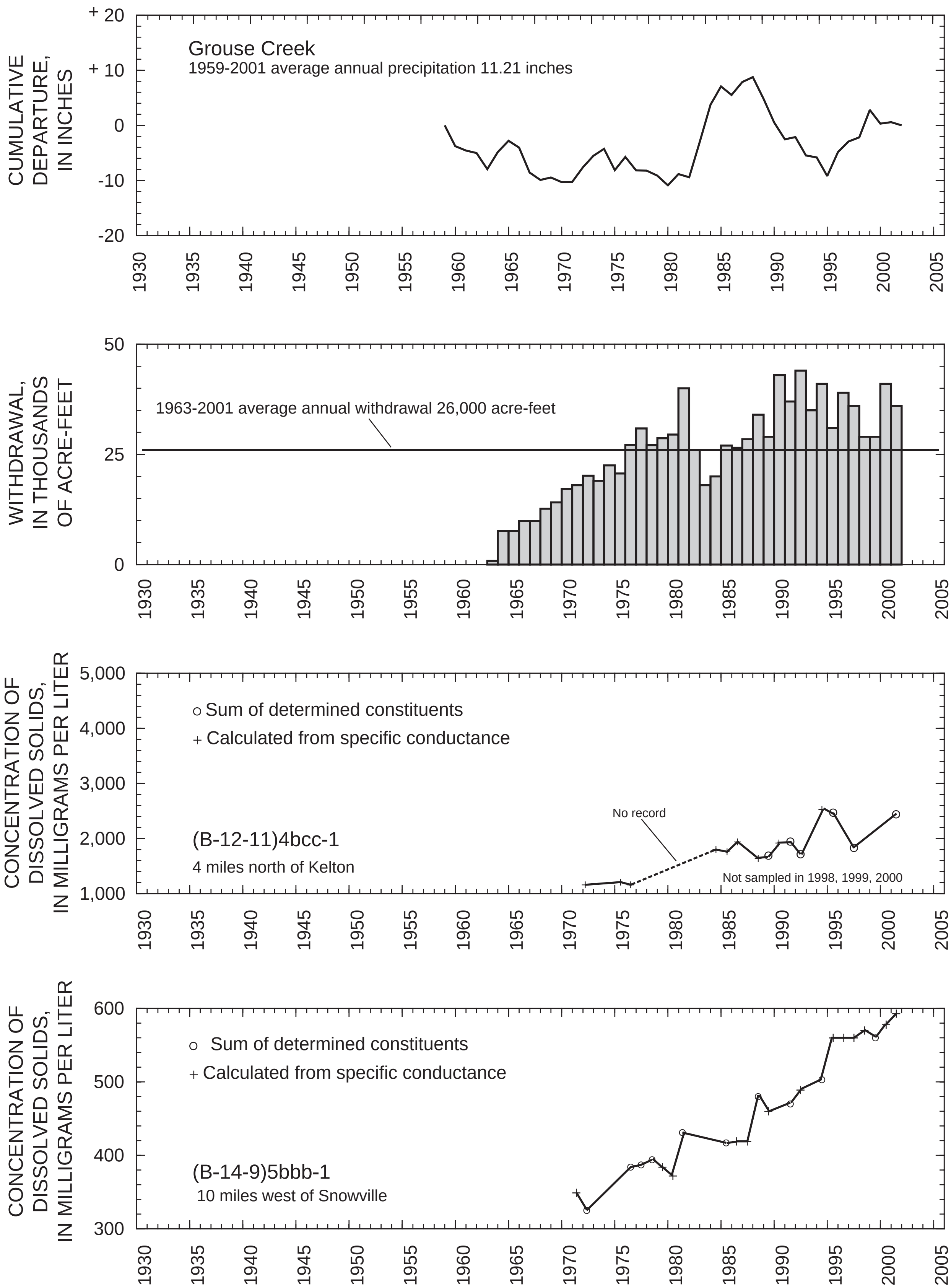

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CACHE VALLEY

By M.R. Danner

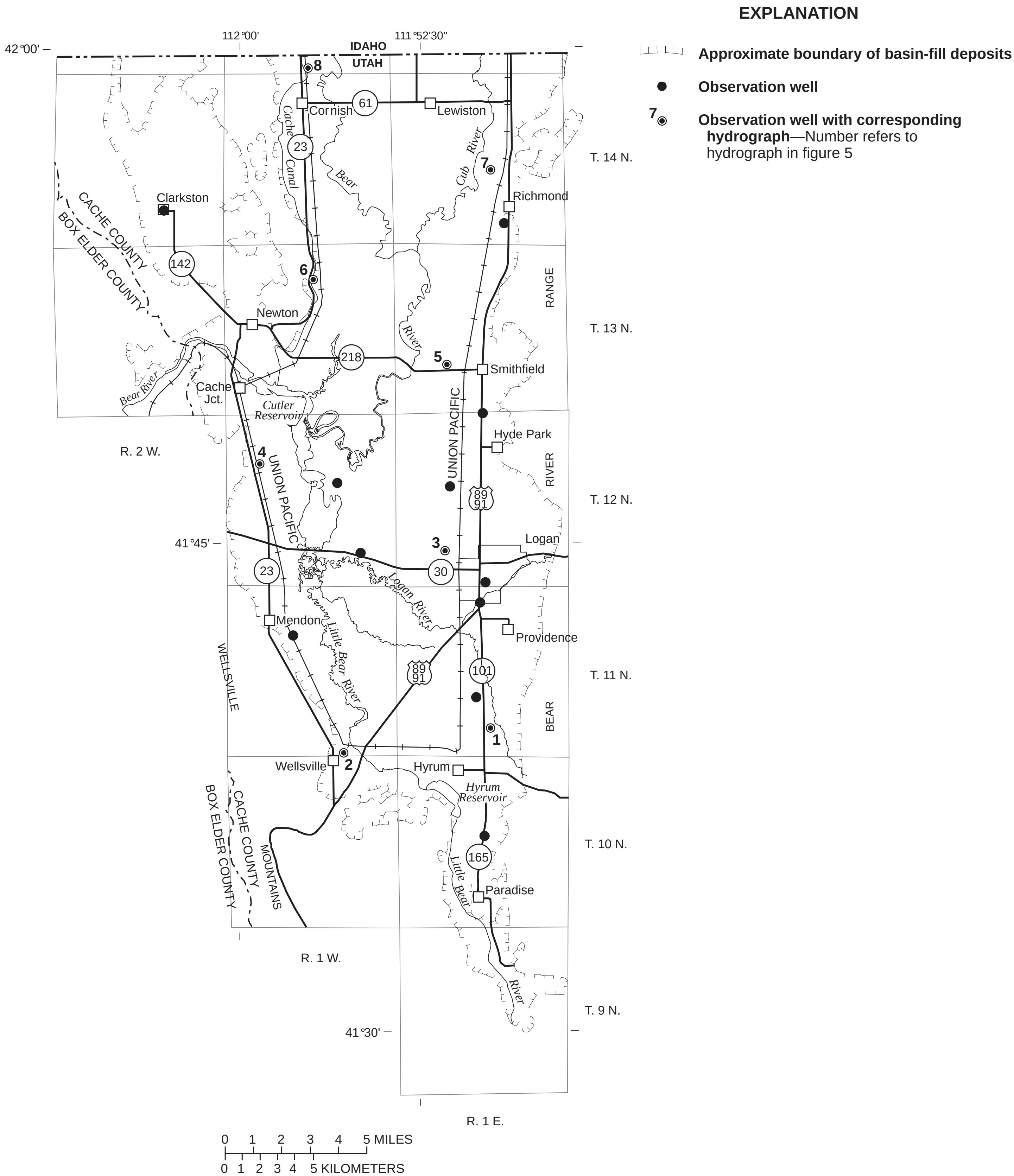
Cache Valley, as referred to in this report, covers about 450 square miles in Utah. Ground water occurs in unconsolidated deposits in the valley, under both water-table and artesian conditions. Recharge to the ground-water system occurs principally at the margins of the valley, and ground water moves toward the center of the valley and toward a point of discharge near Cache Junction.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Cache Valley in 2001 was about 32,000 acre-feet, which is about 2,000 acre-feet more than was reported for 2000 and 5,000 acre-feet more than the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3). The increase in withdrawals mostly resulted from increased public supply use.

The location of wells in Cache Valley in which the water level was measured during March 2002 is shown in figure 4. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to total annual discharge of the Logan River near Logan, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Logan, Utah State University, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (A-13-1)29bcd-1 is shown in figure 5. Water levels generally declined from March 1999 to March 2002. From about 1935 to about 1983 water levels fluctuated with no apparent trend. Levels generally declined from 1985 to 1993, and generally rose from 1993 to 1999.

Total discharge of the Logan River (combined flow from the Logan River above State Dam, near Logan, and Logan, Hyde Park, and Smithfield Canal at Head, near Logan) during 2001 was about 109,200 acre-feet, which is 24,400 acre-feet less than the revised 2000 total of 133,600 acre-feet and 73,700 acre-feet less than the 1941-2001 average annual discharge.

Precipitation at Logan, Utah State University, was 14.09 inches in 2001. This is 0.45 inch more than for 2000 and 4.55 inches less than the average annual precipitation for 1941-2001. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (A-13-1)29bcd-1 fluctuated during 1970-2001 with no apparent trend.



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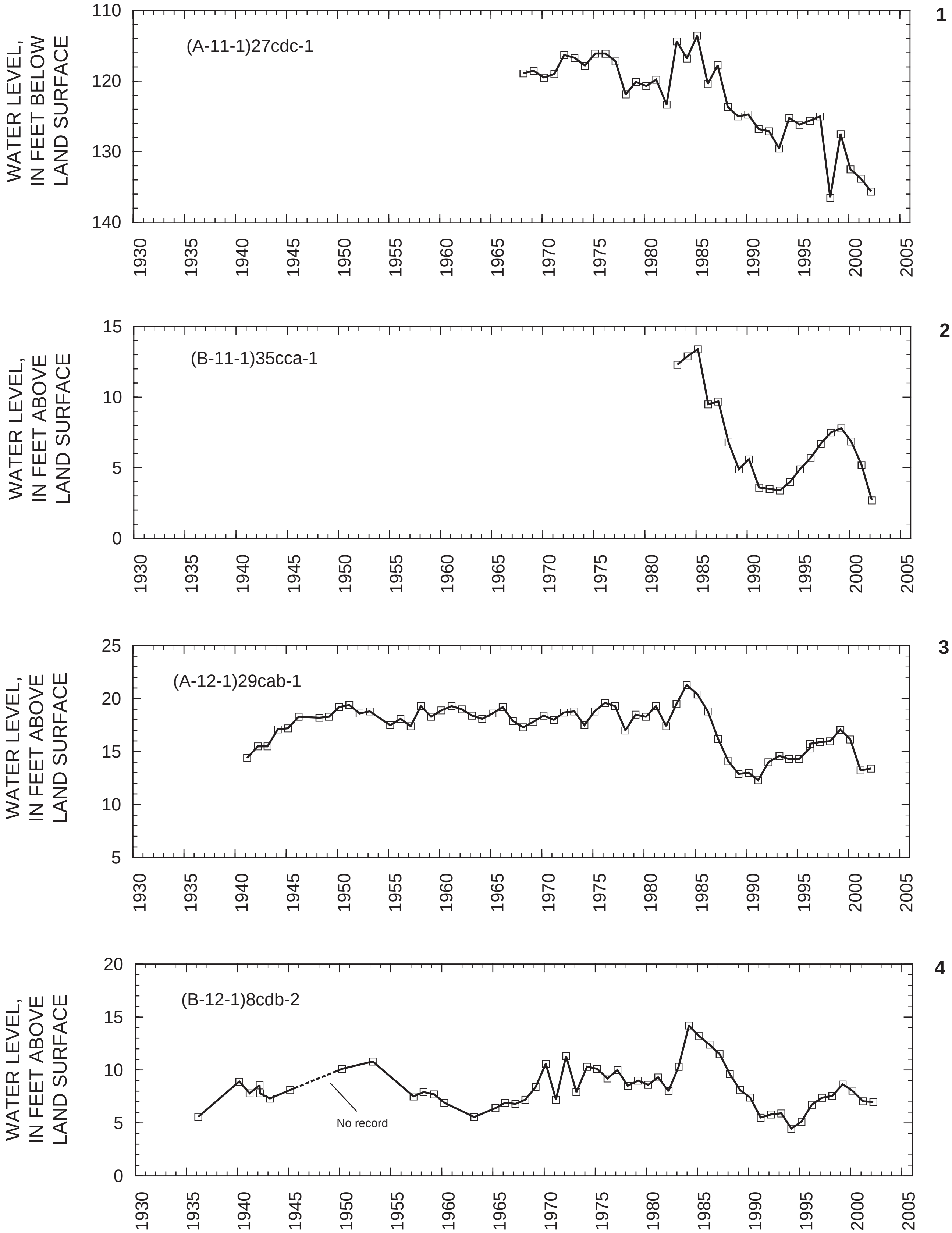

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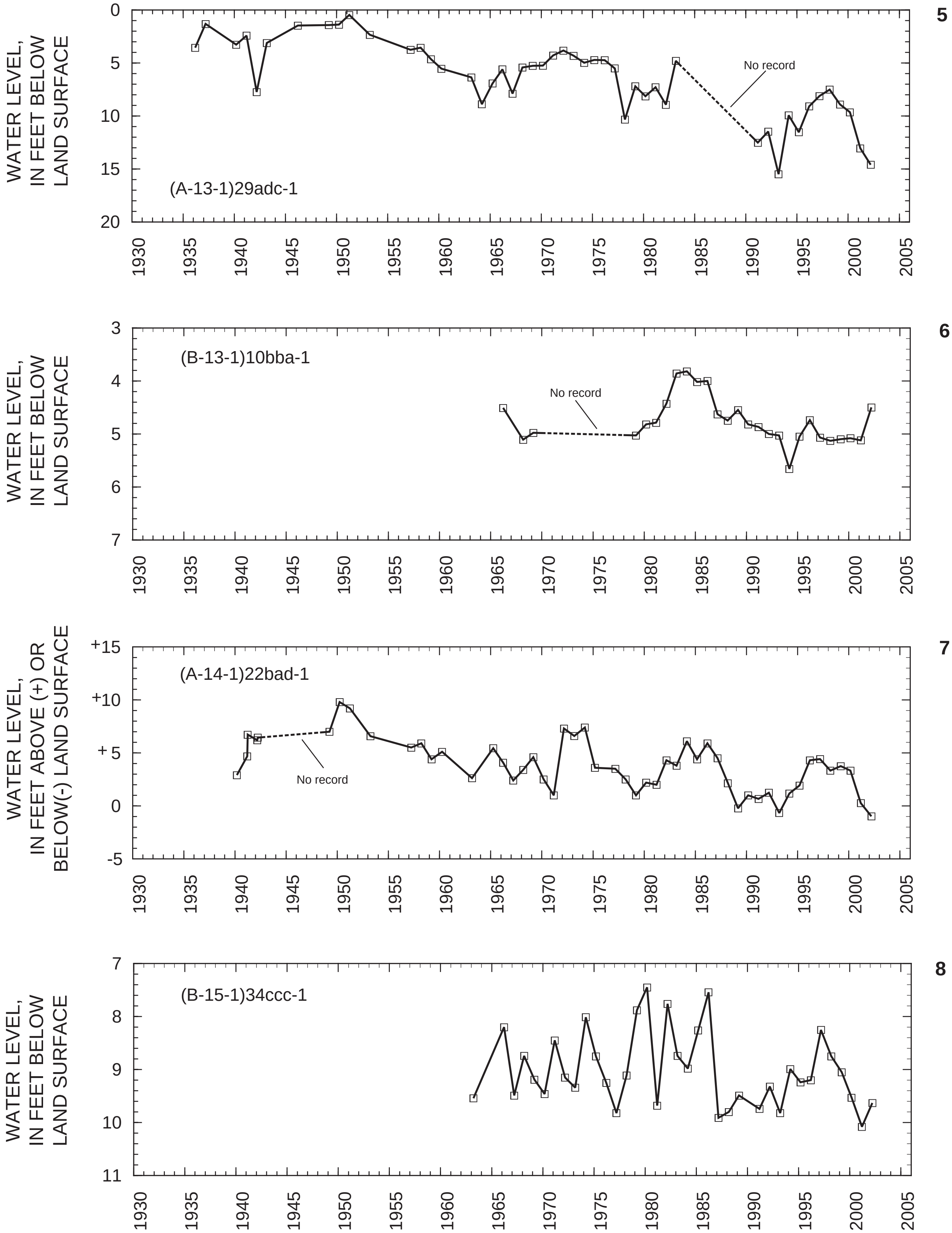

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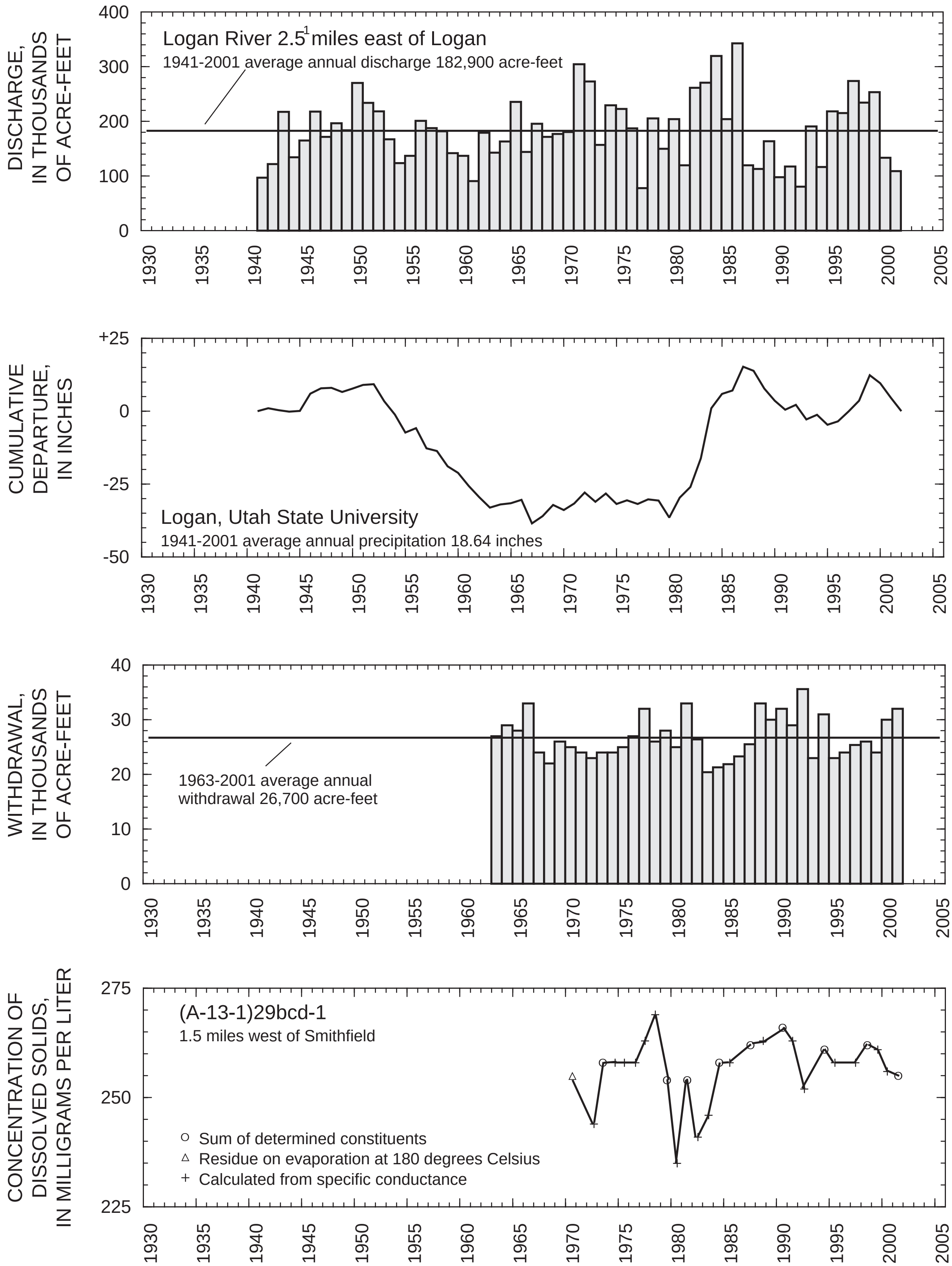

[1] Combined flow from Logan River above State Dam, near Logan, and Logan, Hyde Park, and Smithfield Canal at Head, near Logan.

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EAST SHORE AREA

By M.J. Fisher

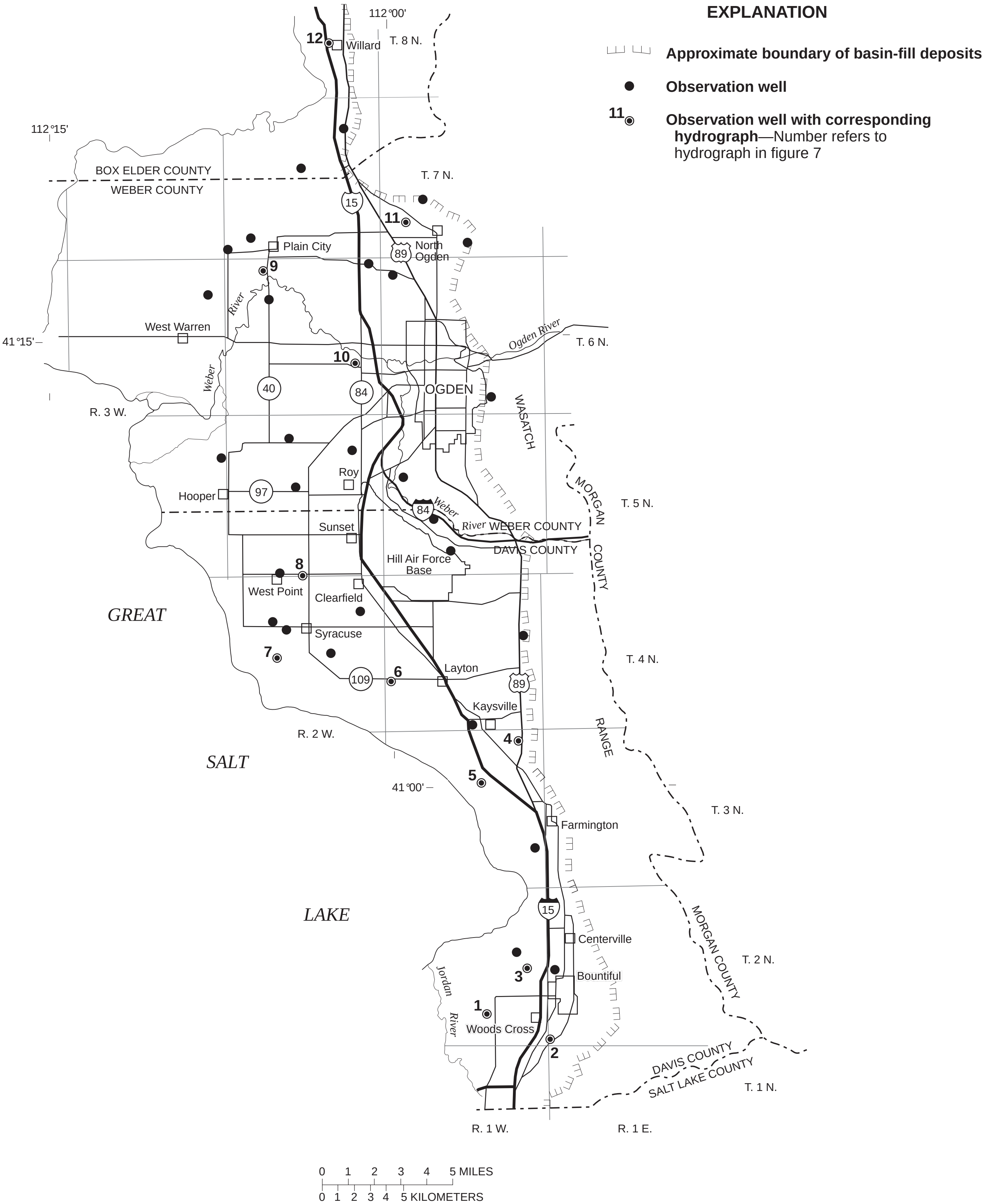
The East Shore area is in north-central Utah between the Wasatch Range and Great Salt Lake. Ground water occurs in unconsolidated deposits under both water-table and artesian conditions, but most of the water withdrawn by wells is from the artesian aquifers. Water enters the artesian aquifers along the east edge of the Weber Delta and also in the Bountiful area and generally moves westward toward Great Salt Lake.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in the East Shore area in 2001 was about 57,000 acre-feet, which is 3,000 acre-feet less than was reported for 2000 and is 2,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3). The decrease in withdrawals mostly resulted from decreased withdrawals for public supply. Withdrawal for public supply was about 2,400 acre-feet less than in 2000.

The location of wells in the East Shore area in which the water level was measured during March 2002 is shown in figure 6. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Ogden Pioneer Powerhouse, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (B-4-2)27aba-1 is shown in figure 7.

Water levels generally declined from 1999-2002 throughout the area. Declines probably resulted from continued large withdrawal for public supply. Water levels generally declined in most of the East Shore area from about 1950 to about 1999, although some wells in the southern part of the area indicated a general rise or no change.

Precipitation at the Ogden Pioneer Powerhouse in 2001 was 16.79 inches, which is 4.95 inches less than the average annual precipitation for 1937-2001, and 2.78 inches less than in 2000.



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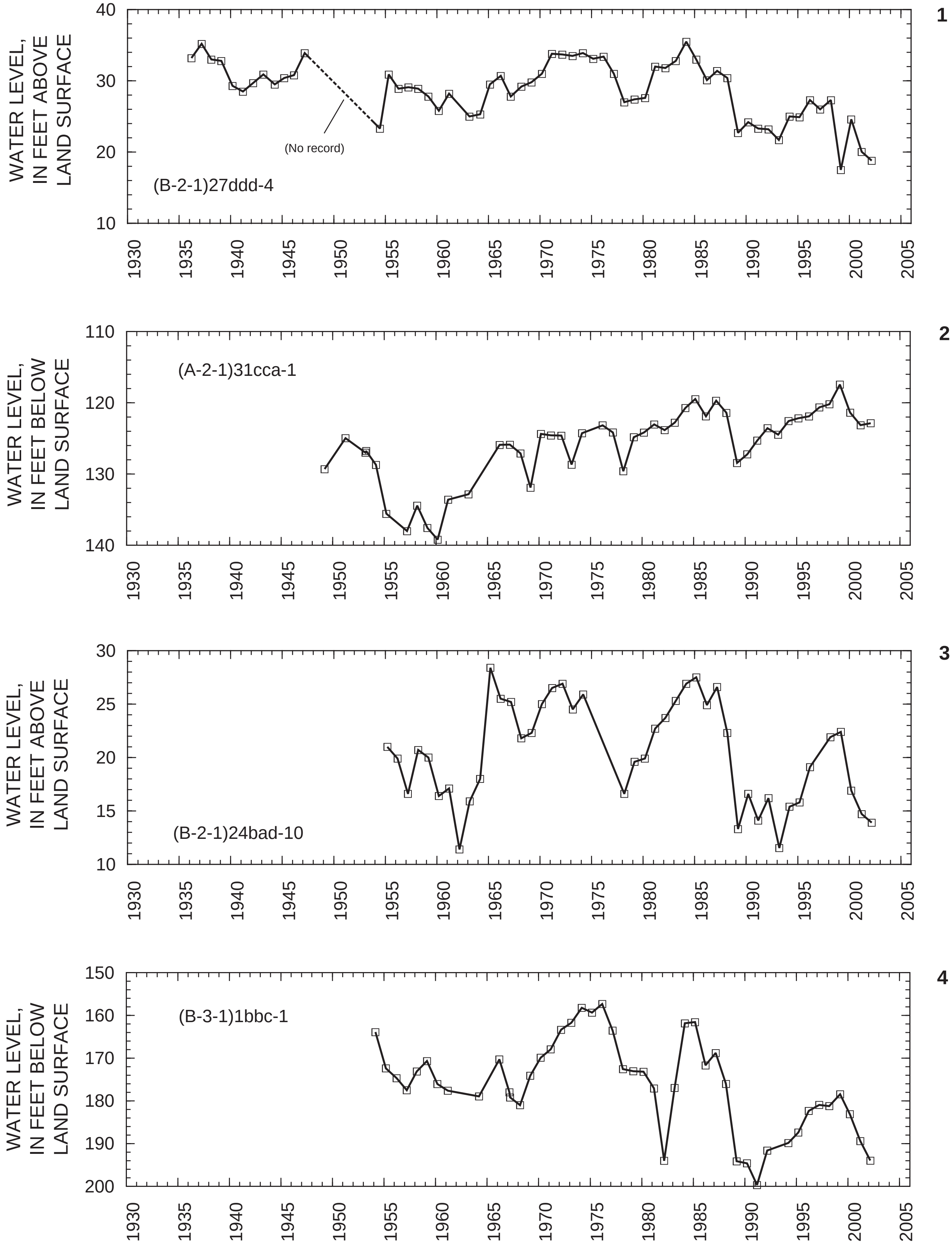

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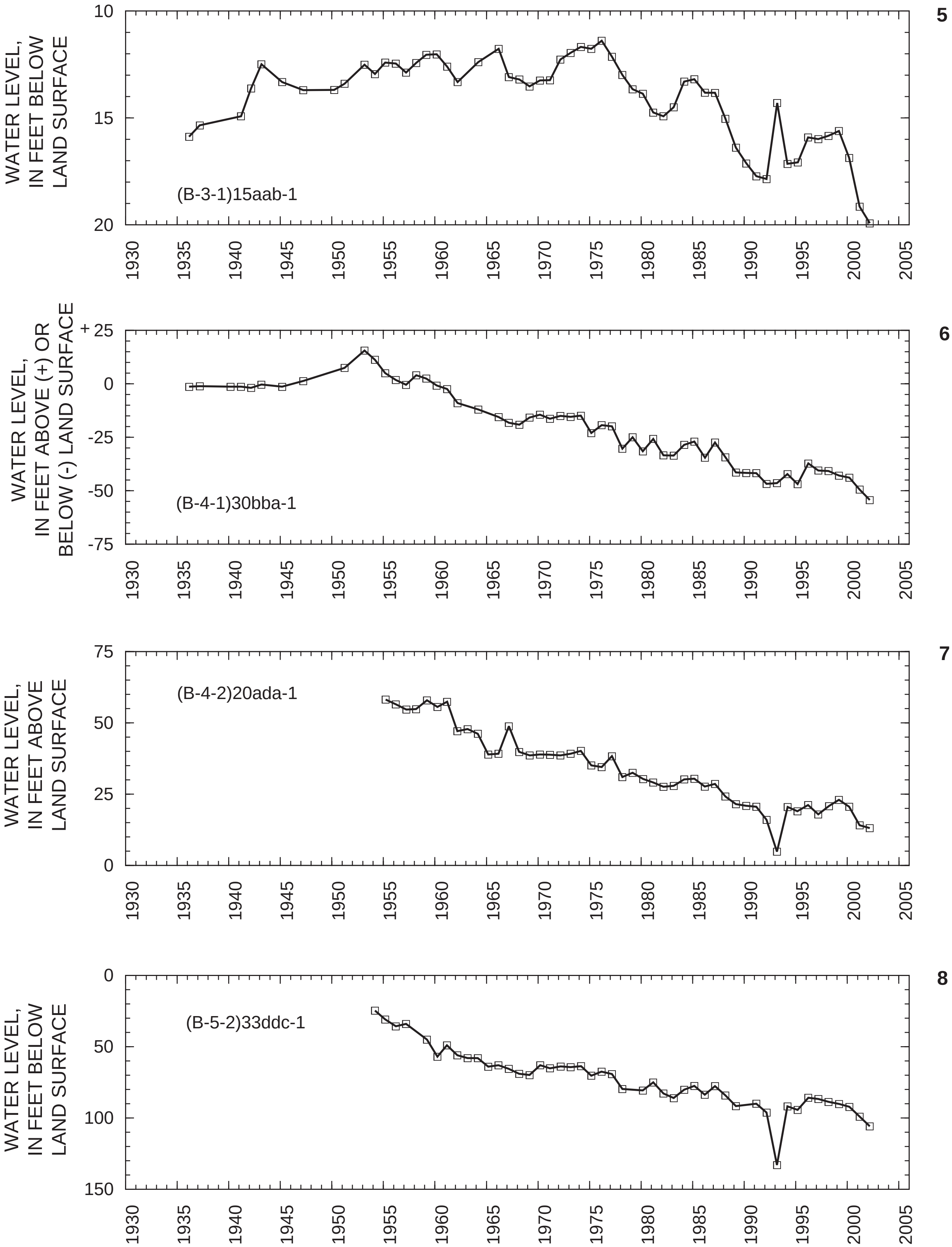

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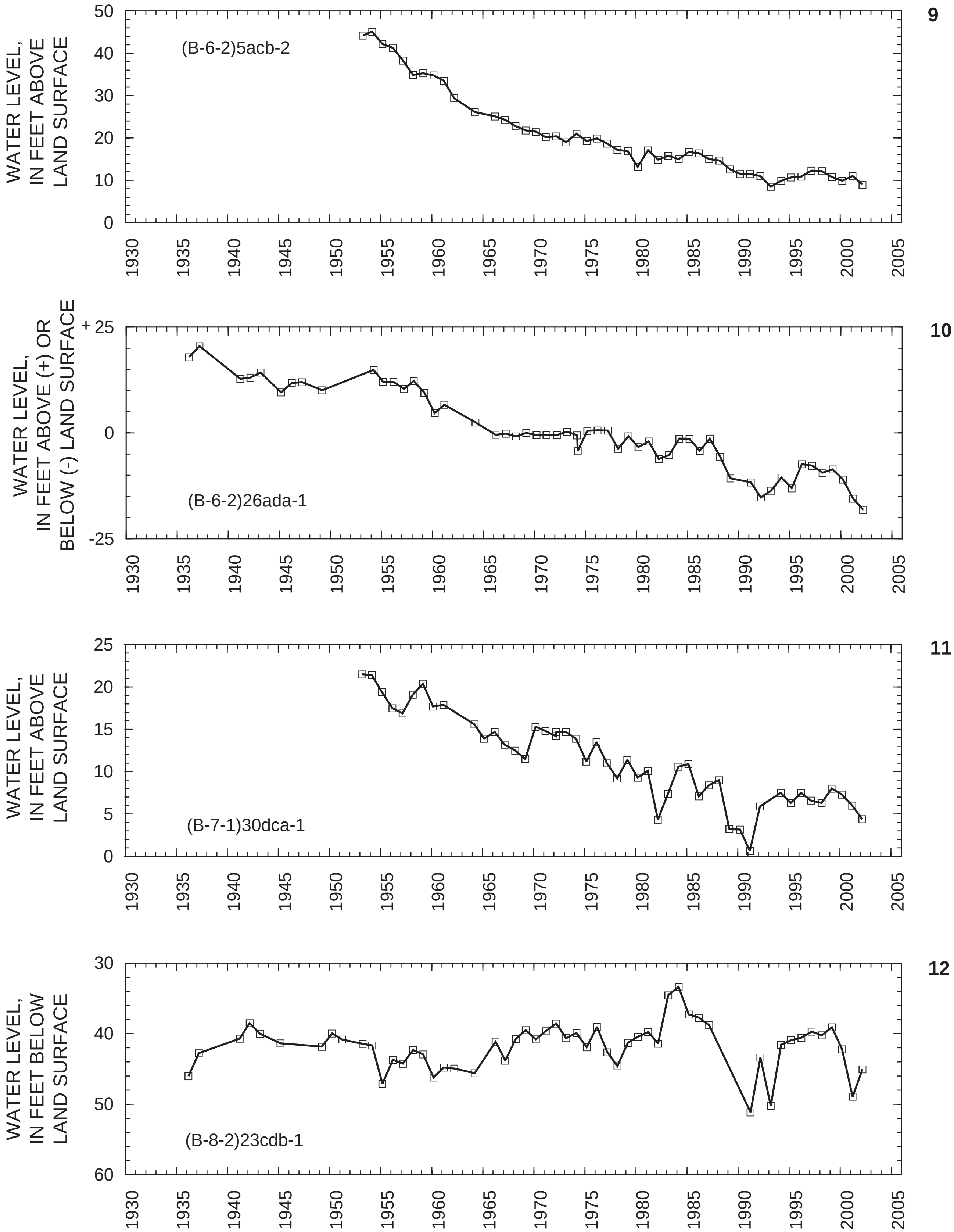

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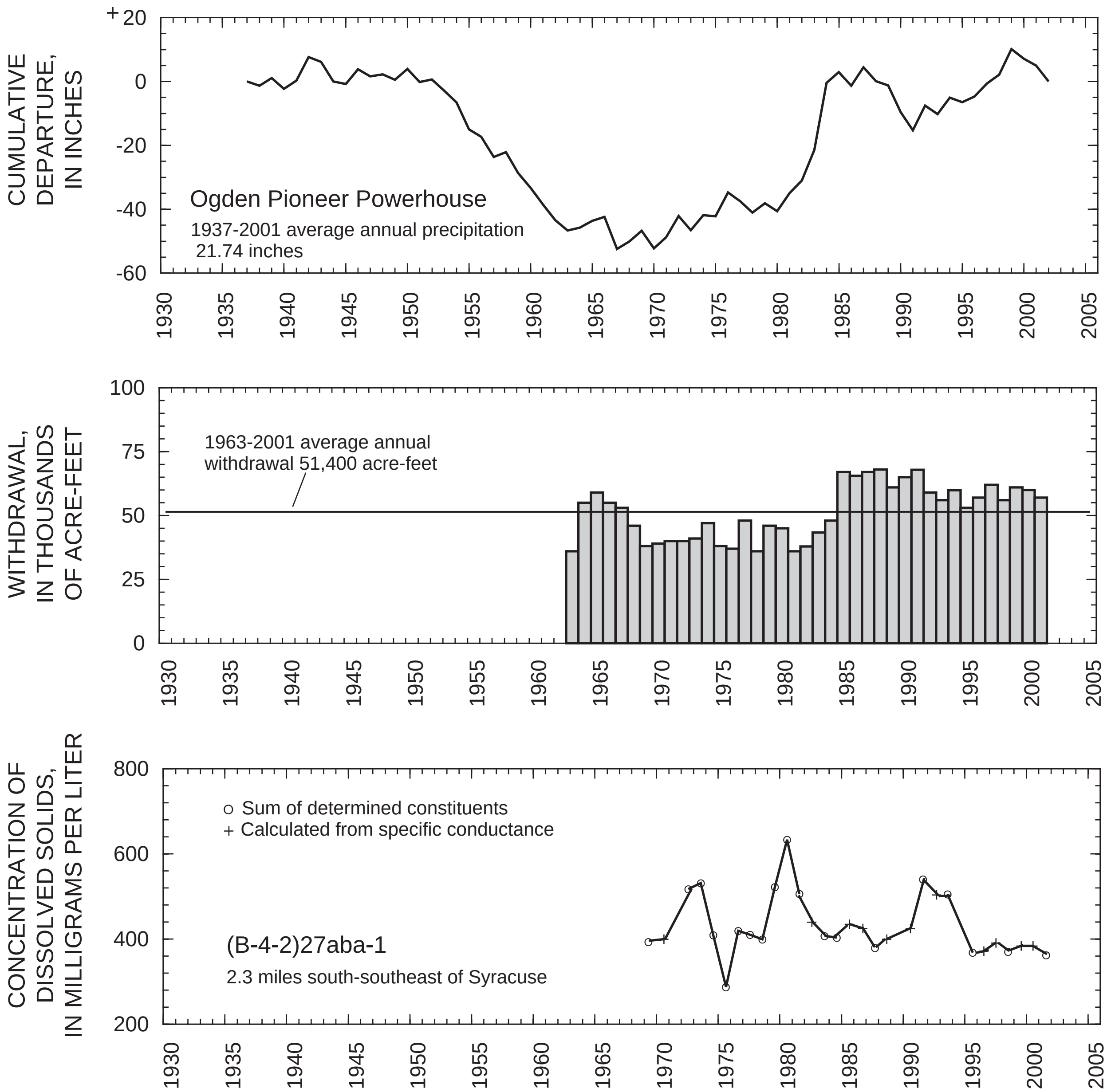

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SALT LAKE VALLEY

By P.L. Haraden

Salt Lake Valley covers about 400 square miles in the lowlands of Salt Lake County. Ground water occurs in unconsolidated deposits in the valley under water-table and artesian conditions. Recharge to the aquifers occurs in the area of the mountains that border the valley. In the southern two-thirds of the western half of the valley, ground water moves from the base of the Oquirrh Mountains eastward toward the Jordan River. In the northern one-third of the western half of the valley, the direction of movement is mostly toward Great Salt Lake. In the eastern half of the valley, ground water moves westward from the base of the Wasatch Range toward the Jordan River. The Jordan River drains both surface water and ground water from the valley.

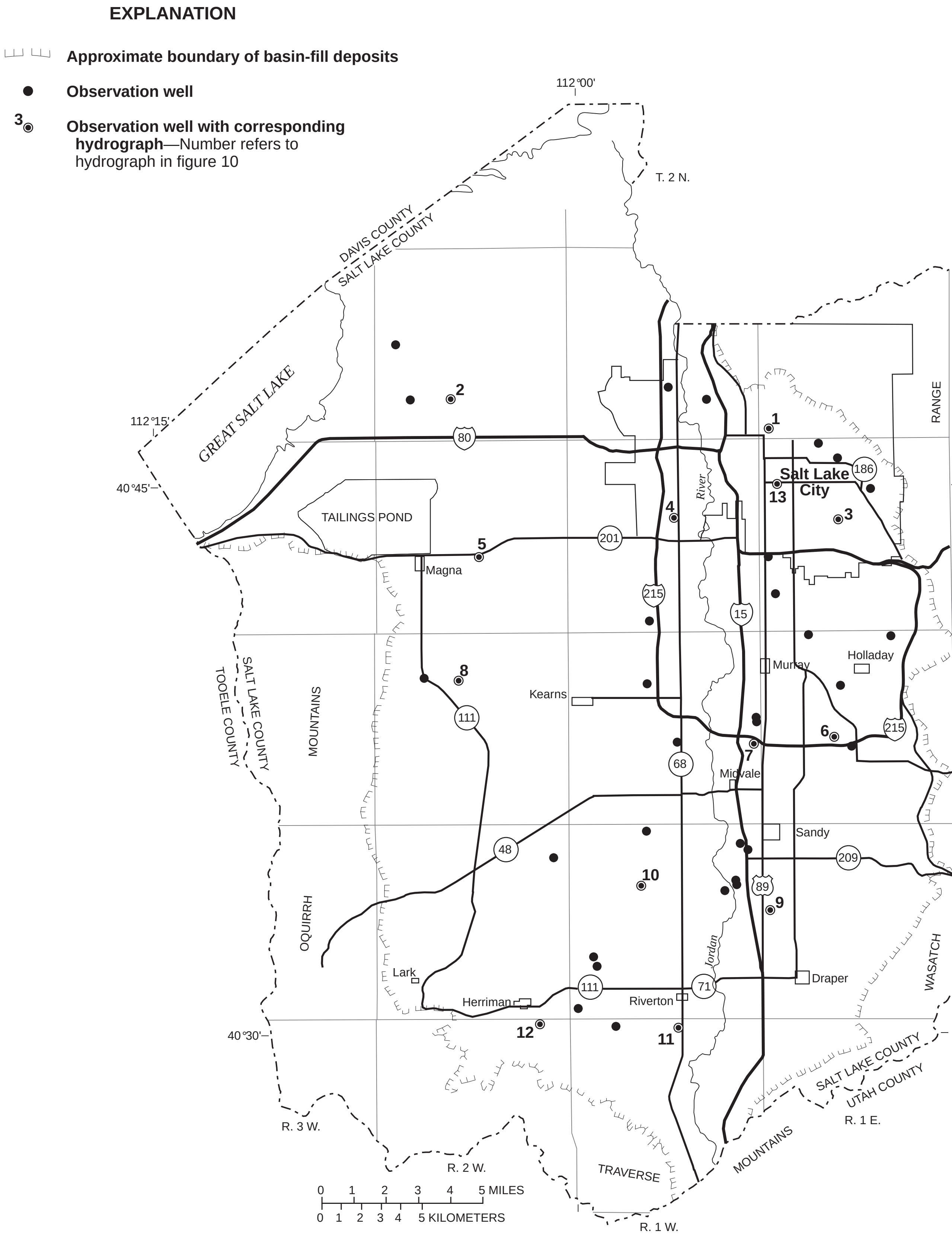
Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Salt Lake Valley in 2001 was about 151,000 acre-feet, which is 6,000 acre-feet more than in 2000 and about 21,000 acre-feet more than the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3). Withdrawal for public supply was about 105,600 acre-feet, which is 11,800 acre-feet more than was reported in 2000. Withdrawal for industrial use was about 19,700 acre-feet, which is 3,700 acre-feet less than was reported for 2000.

The location of wells in Salt Lake Valley in which the water level was measured during February 2002 is shown in figure 8. Estimated population of Salt Lake County, total annual withdrawal from wells, annual withdrawal for public supply, and average annual precipitation at Salt Lake City Weather Service Office (WSO) (International Airport) are shown in figure 9. Precipitation at Salt Lake City WSO during 2001 was 15.04 inches, 1.22 inches more than in 2000, and 0.25 inch less than the average annual precipitation for 1931-2001.

The relation of the water level in selected observation wells completed in the principal aquifer to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Silver Lake near Brighton, and the relation of the water level in well (D-1-1)7abd-6 to concentration of chloride and dissolved solids in water from the well are shown in figure 10. Precipitation at Silver Lake near Brighton was 38.57 inches in 2001, which is 1.33 inches less than in 2000 and 4.16 inches less than the average annual precipitation for 1931-2001.

Water levels generally declined from February 1999 to February 2002 in most of the observation wells in the principal aquifer of the Salt Lake Valley. The water level in most of the observation wells was highest during 1985-87, which corresponds to a period of much-greater-than-average precipitation during 1982-86. Levels have generally declined since 1987, although some rises occurred from 1994 to 1999.

The chloride concentration from well (D-1-1) 7abd-6 (located in Artesian Well Park in Salt Lake City) was 154 milligrams per liter in July 2001; this is about the same as was reported in 2000. Chloride and dissolved-solids concentrations at this well have steadily increased since the 1960s.



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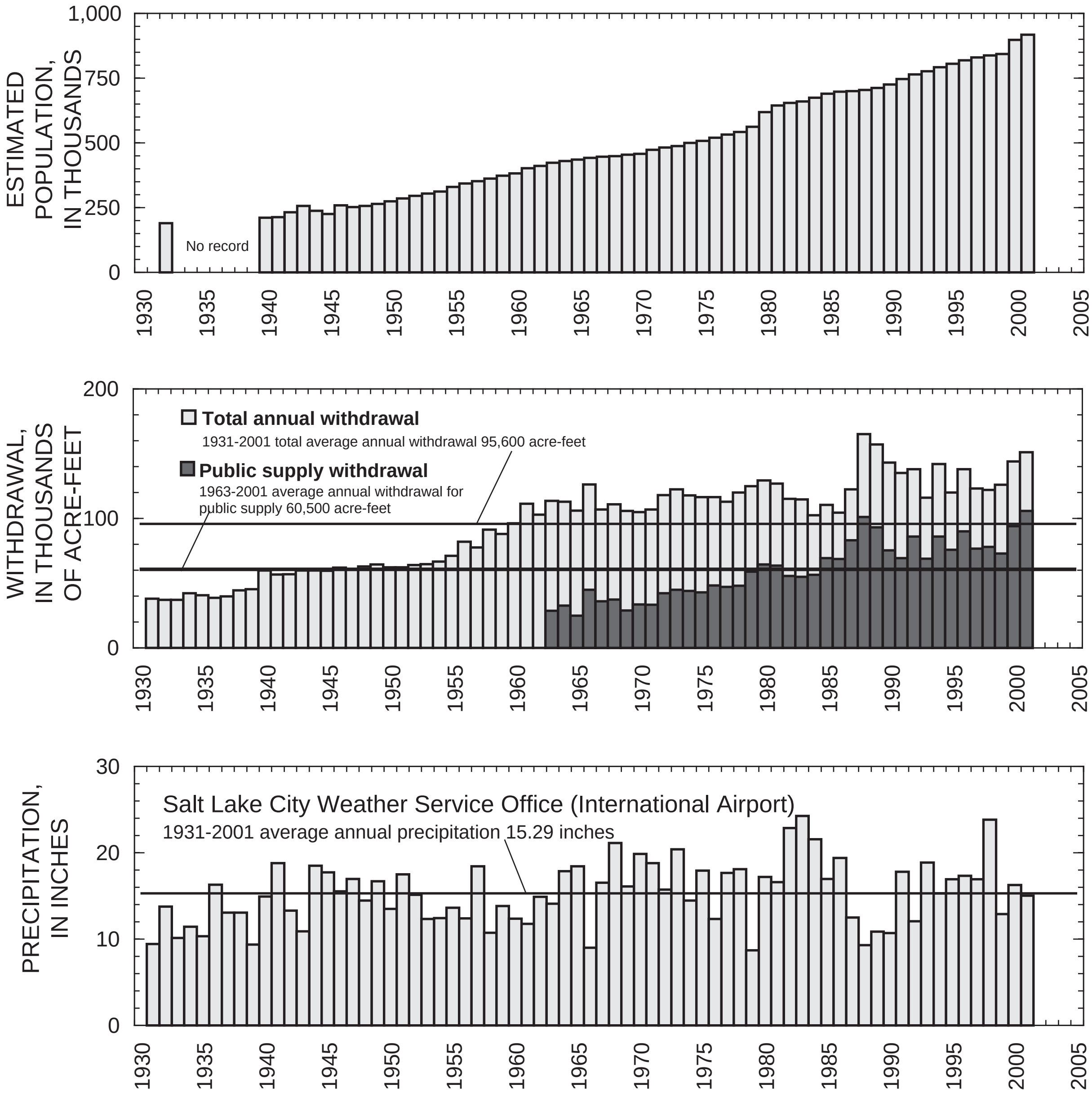

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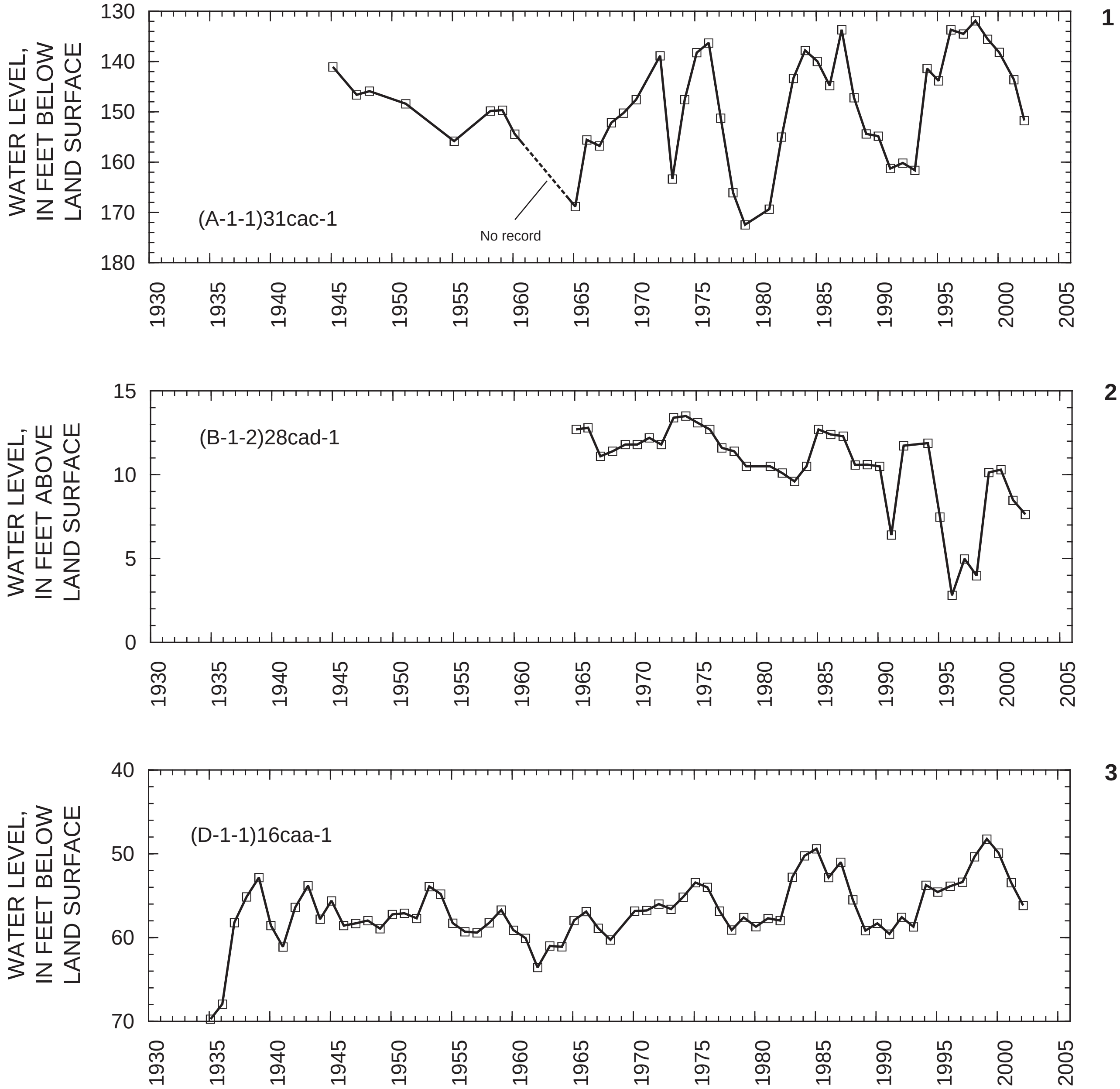
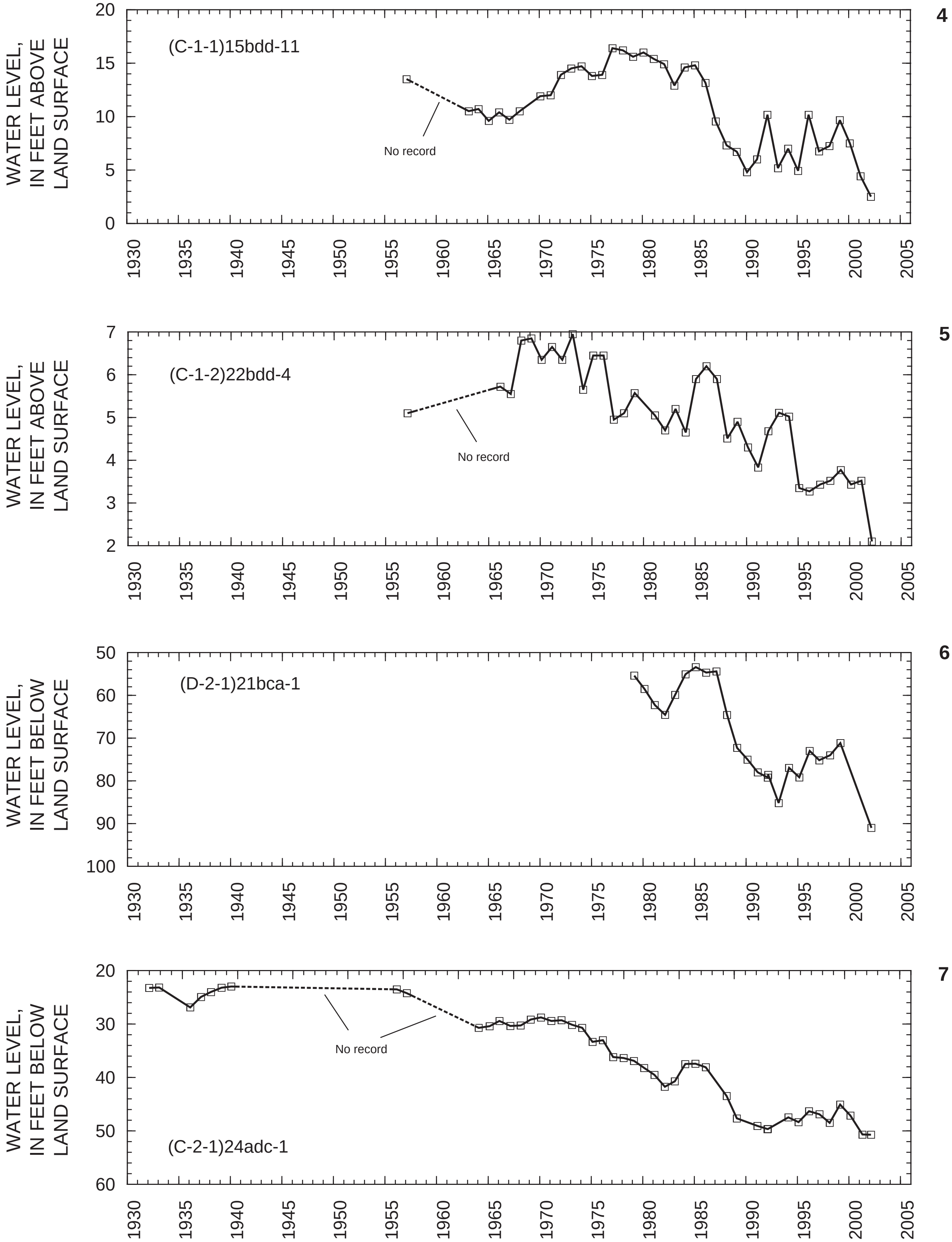


Figure 10. Relation of water level in selected wells completed in the principal aquifer in Salt Lake Valley to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Silver Lake near Brighton, and relation of water level in well (D-1-1)7abd-6 to concentration of chloride and dissolved solids in water from the well.



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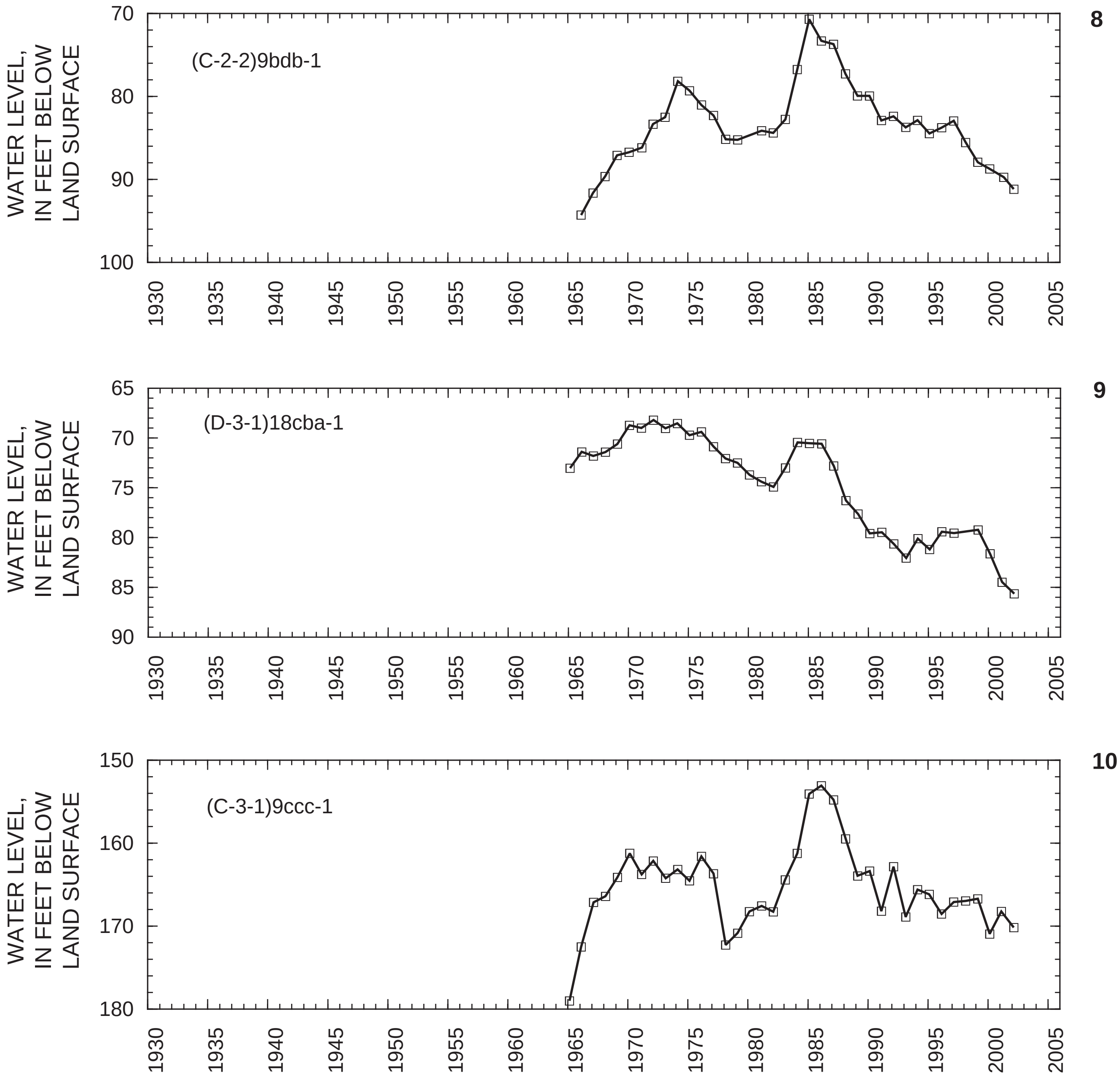

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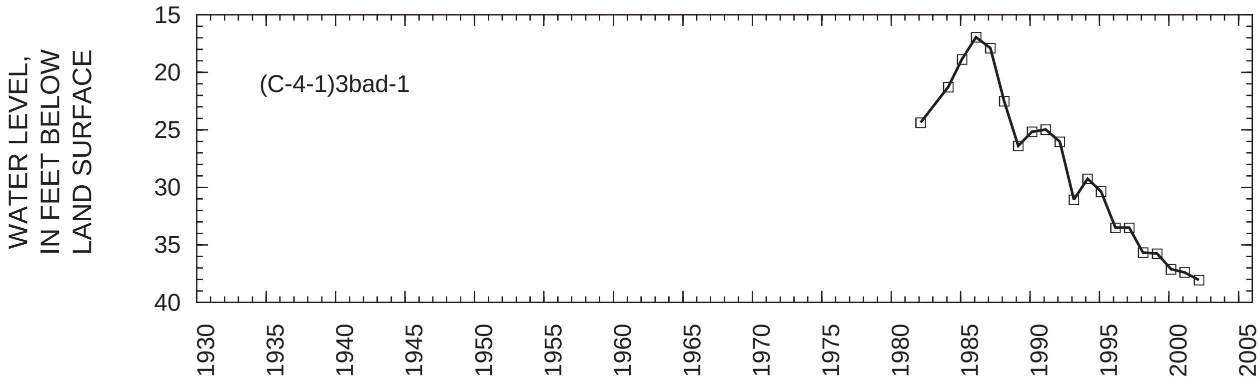

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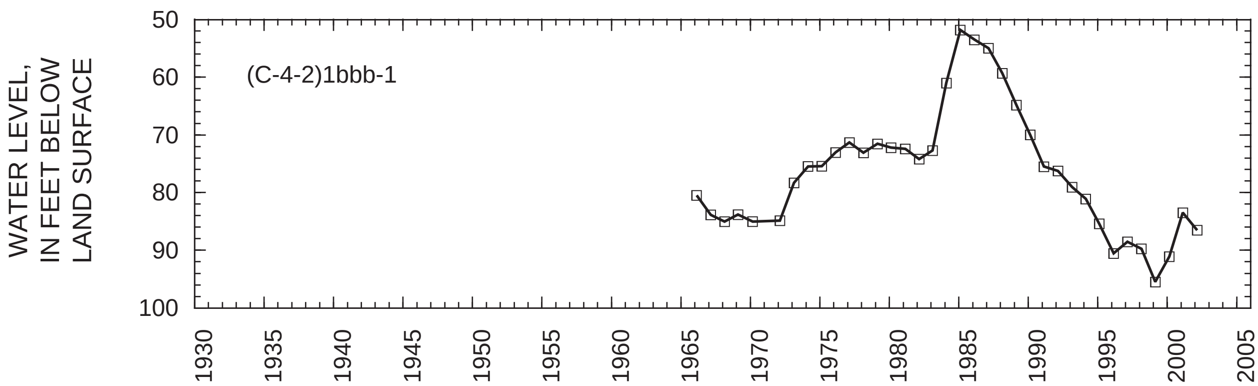

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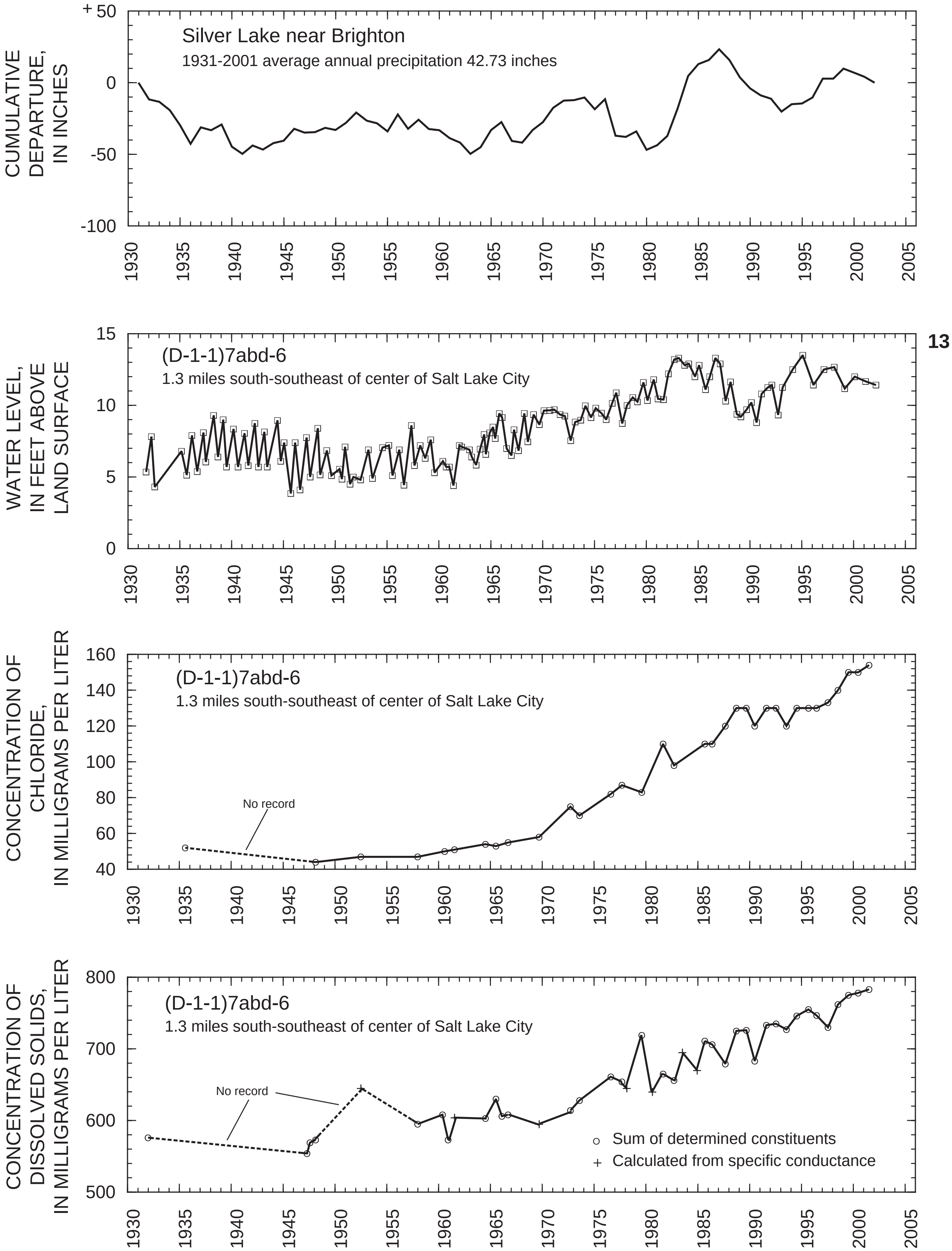

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TOOELE VALLEY

By T.A. Kenney

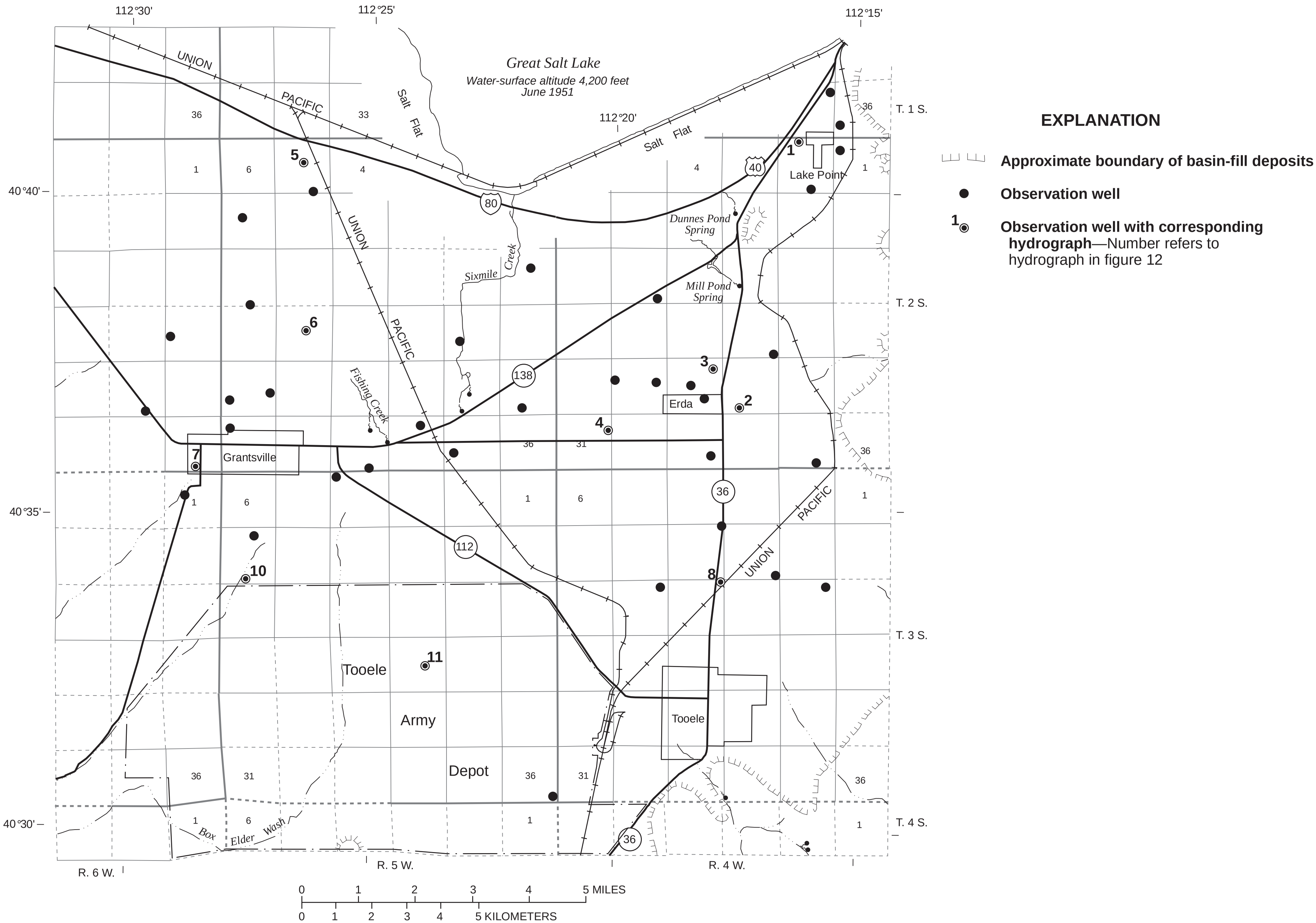
Tooele Valley is between the Stansbury Mountains and Oquirrh Mountains and extends from Great Salt Lake to a low ridge called South Mountain. The total area of the valley is about 250 square miles.

Ground water occurs in the unconsolidated deposits in Tooele Valley under both water-table and artesian conditions, but nearly all the water withdrawn by wells is from artesian aquifers.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Tooele Valley in 2001 was about 21,000 acre-feet, which is 3,000 acre-feet less than for 2000 and 4,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3). The decrease in withdrawals was mostly the result of decreased withdrawals for irrigation. Withdrawal for public supply was about 6,900 acre-feet, which is 2,400 acre-feet more than the withdrawal for 2000. Withdrawal for irrigation in 2001 was about 12,700 acre-feet, which is 4,900 acre-feet less than was reported for 2000.

The location of wells in Tooele Valley in which the water level was measured during March 2002 is shown in figure 11. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Tooele and to annual withdrawal from wells is shown in figure 12. Precipitation during 2001 at Tooele was 17.35 inches, 1.08 inches less than in 2000 and 0.50 inch less than the average annual precipitation for 1936-2001.

Water levels in wells in Tooele Valley generally declined from March 2000 to March 2002. The decline in water levels is probably the result of less-than-average precipitation.



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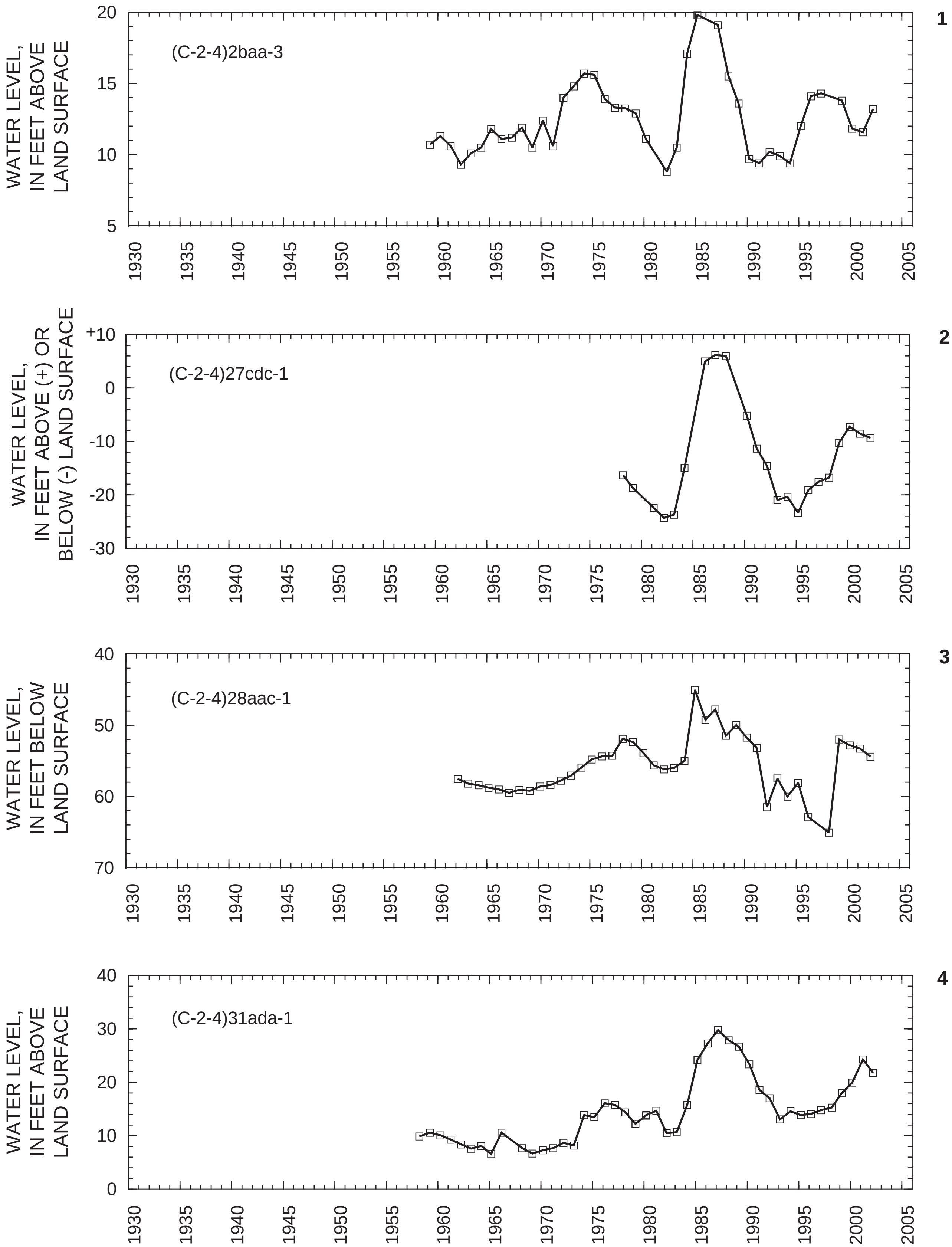

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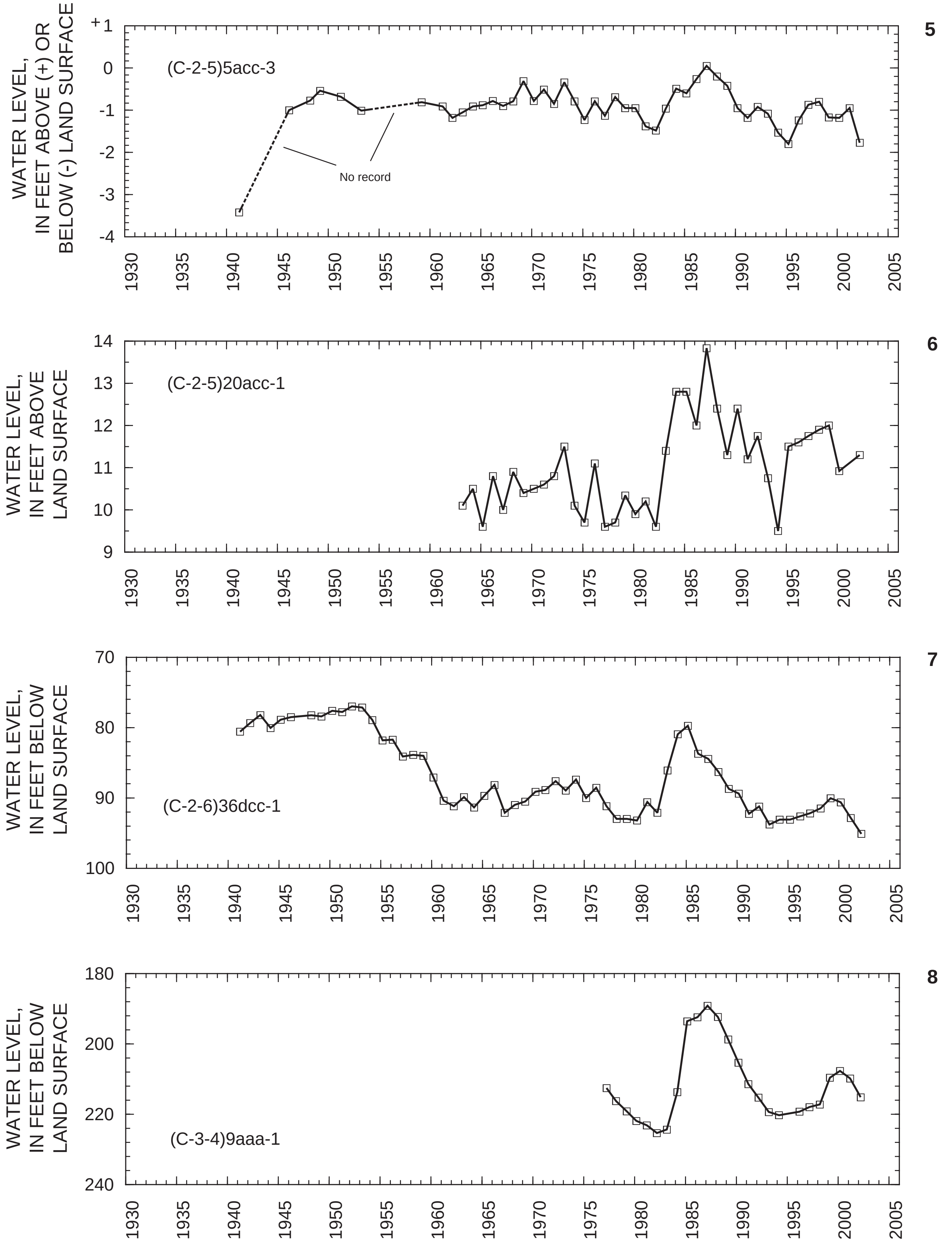

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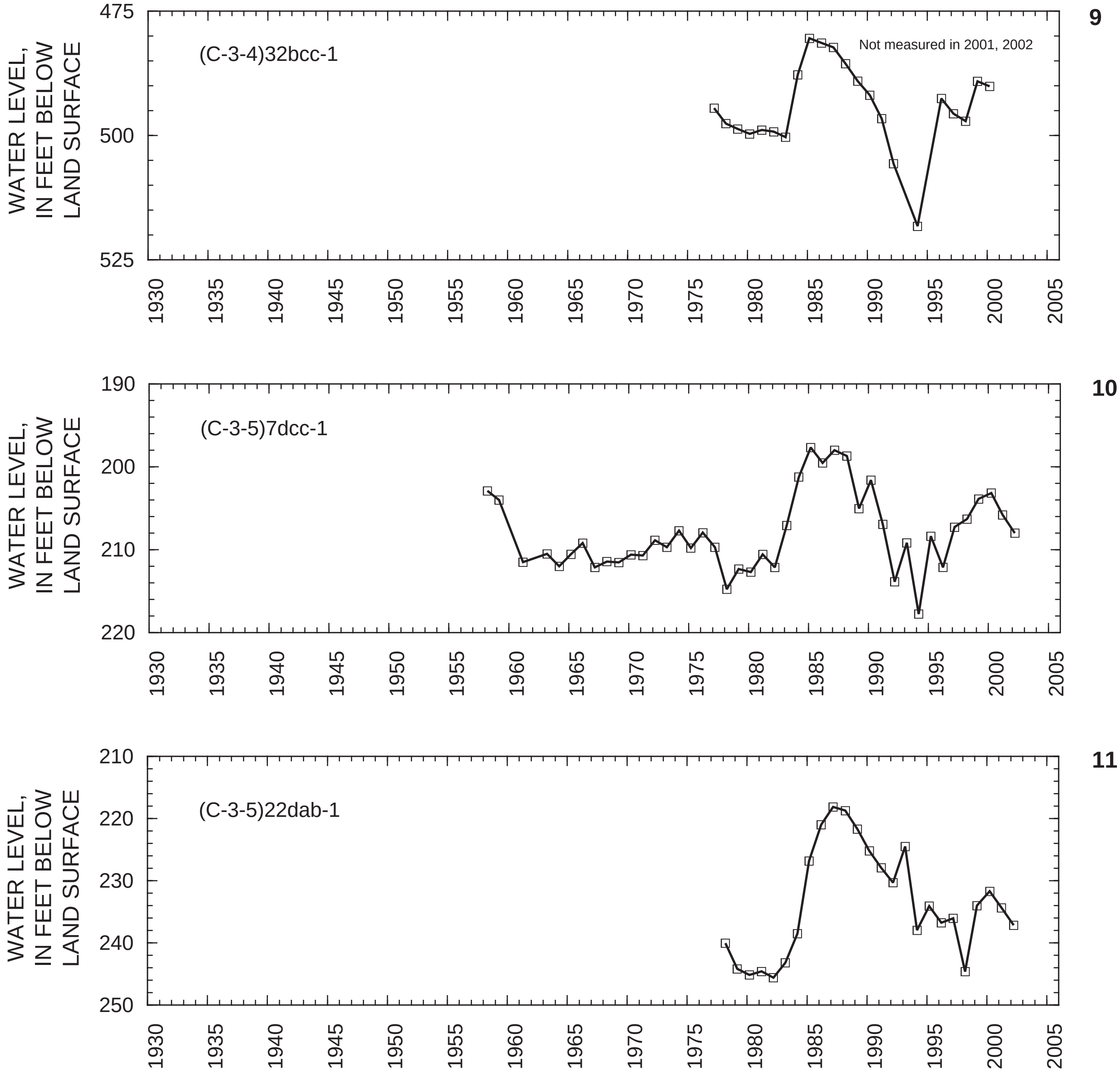

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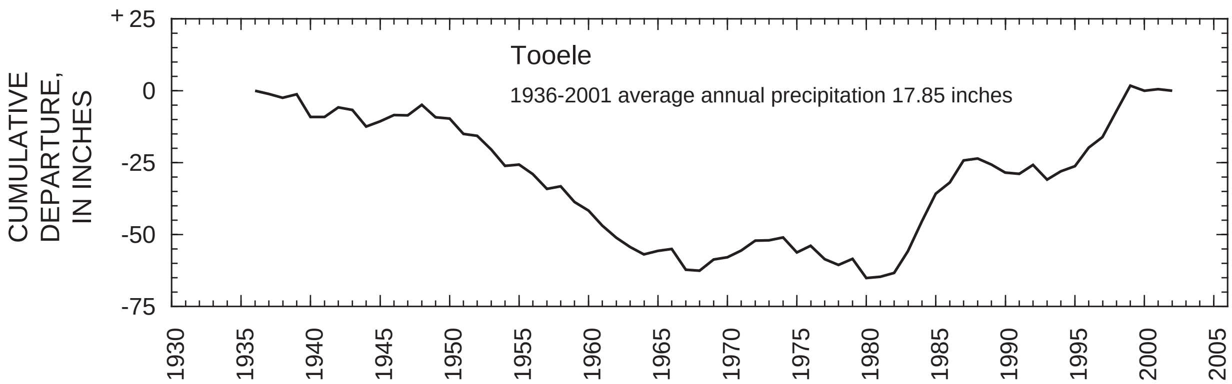

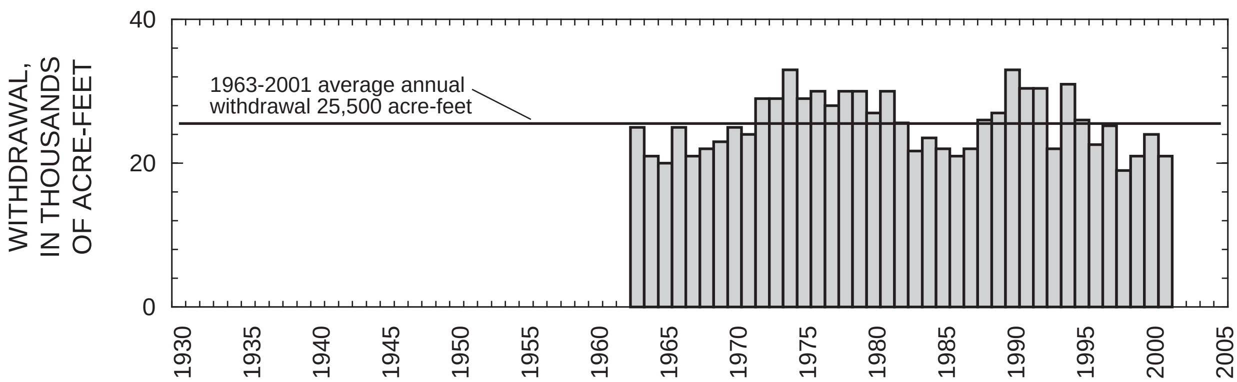

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UTAH AND GOSHEN VALLEYS

By C.D. Wilkowske

Northern Utah Valley is the part of Utah Valley that is north of Provo Bay. Ground water occurs in unconsolidated basin-fill deposits in the valley. The principal ground-water recharge area for the basin fill is in the eastern part of the valley, along the base of the Wasatch Range.

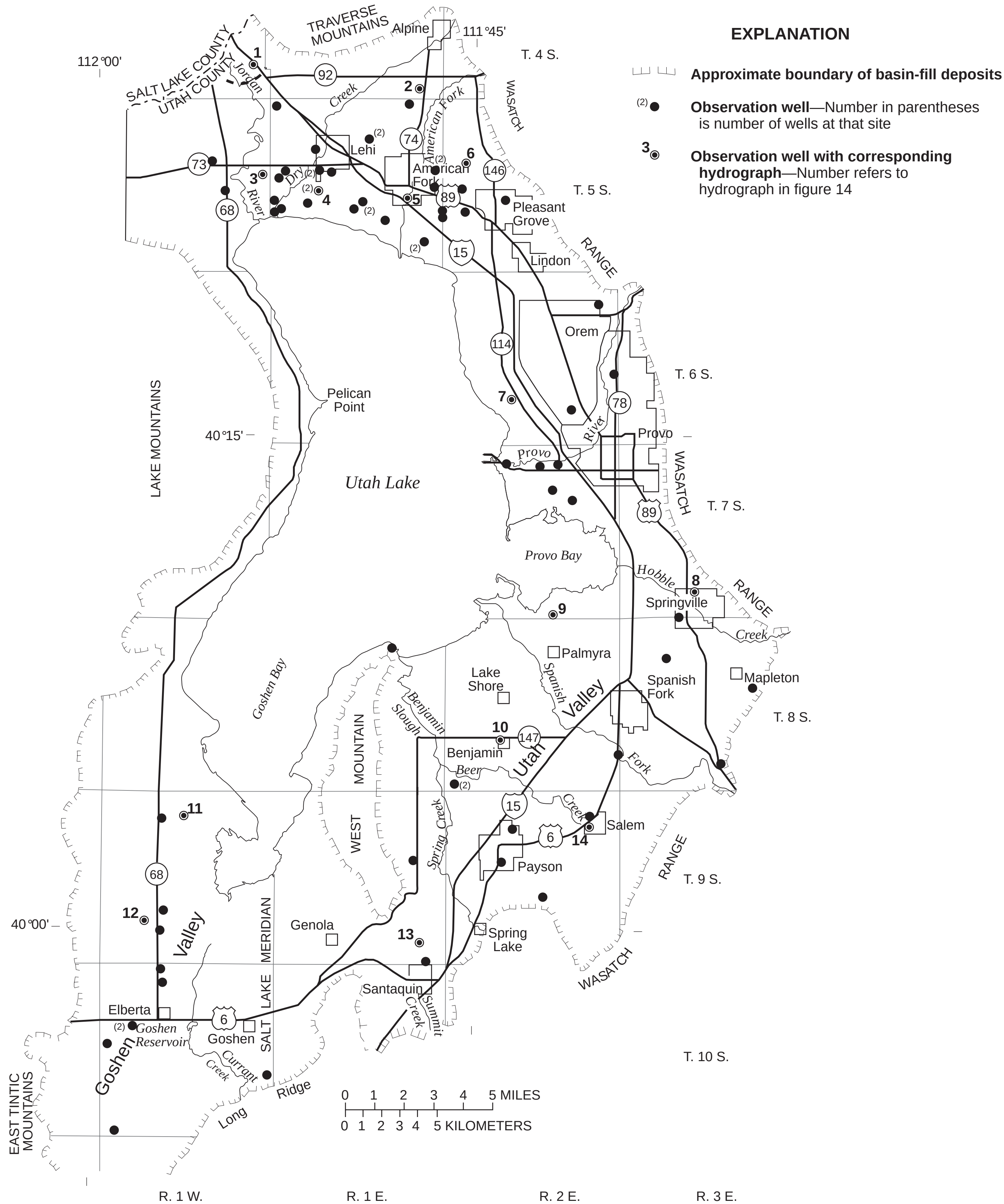
Southern Utah Valley is the part of Utah Valley south of Provo and bounded by the Wasatch Range, West Mountain, and the northern extension of Long Ridge. Goshen Valley is south of the latitude of Provo and is bounded by West Mountain, Long Ridge, and the East Tintic Mountains. Ground water in Utah and Goshen Valleys occurs in the alluvium under both water-table and artesian conditions, but most wells discharge from artesian aquifers.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Utah and Goshen Valleys in 2001 was about 128,000 acre-feet, which is 4,000 acre-feet less than in 2000, and 21,000 acre-feet more than the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3). Ground water withdrawal in northern Utah Valley was about 83,800 acre-feet, which is 1,200 acre-feet less than in 2000; withdrawal in southern Utah Valley was about 32,200 acre-feet, which is 500 acre-feet less than in 2000; withdrawal in Goshen Valley was about 11,800 acre-feet, which is 2,800 acre-feet less than in 2000. The overall decrease in withdrawals was mostly due to decreased withdrawal for irrigation.

Water levels in Goshen Valley and in the northern and southern parts of Utah Valley generally rose in the early 1980s. The rise corresponds to a period of greater-than-average precipitation and recharge from surface water. Water levels generally declined from 1985 to 1993 in Utah Valley and generally rose from 1993 to 1998. This rise resulted from greater-than-average precipitation during this period.

Water levels generally continued to decline throughout Utah Valley from March 1999 to March 2002. Water levels in some wells reached the lowest level for the period of record dating back to 1935. Water levels in Goshen Valley also have continued to decline. This trend generally started in 1992. The decline in water levels is the result of another year of below average precipitation combined with continued large withdrawals from wells for public supply and irrigation.

The location of wells in Utah and Goshen Valleys in which the water level was measured during March 2002 is shown in figure 13. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Silver Lake near Brighton and Spanish Fork Powerhouse, to total annual withdrawal from wells, to annual withdrawal for public supply, and to annual discharge of Spanish Fork at Castilla is shown in figure 14. Discharge of Spanish Fork at Castilla in 2001 was 145,000 acre-feet, which is 22,800 acre-feet less than the 1933-2001 annual average. Precipitation at Silver Lake near Brighton in 2001 was 38.57 inches, which is 4.16 inches less than the 1931-2001 annual average and 1.33 inches less than 2000. Precipitation at Spanish Fork Powerhouse in 2001 was 16.00 inches, which is 3.57 inches less than the 1937-2001 annual average and 4.06 inches less than in 2000.



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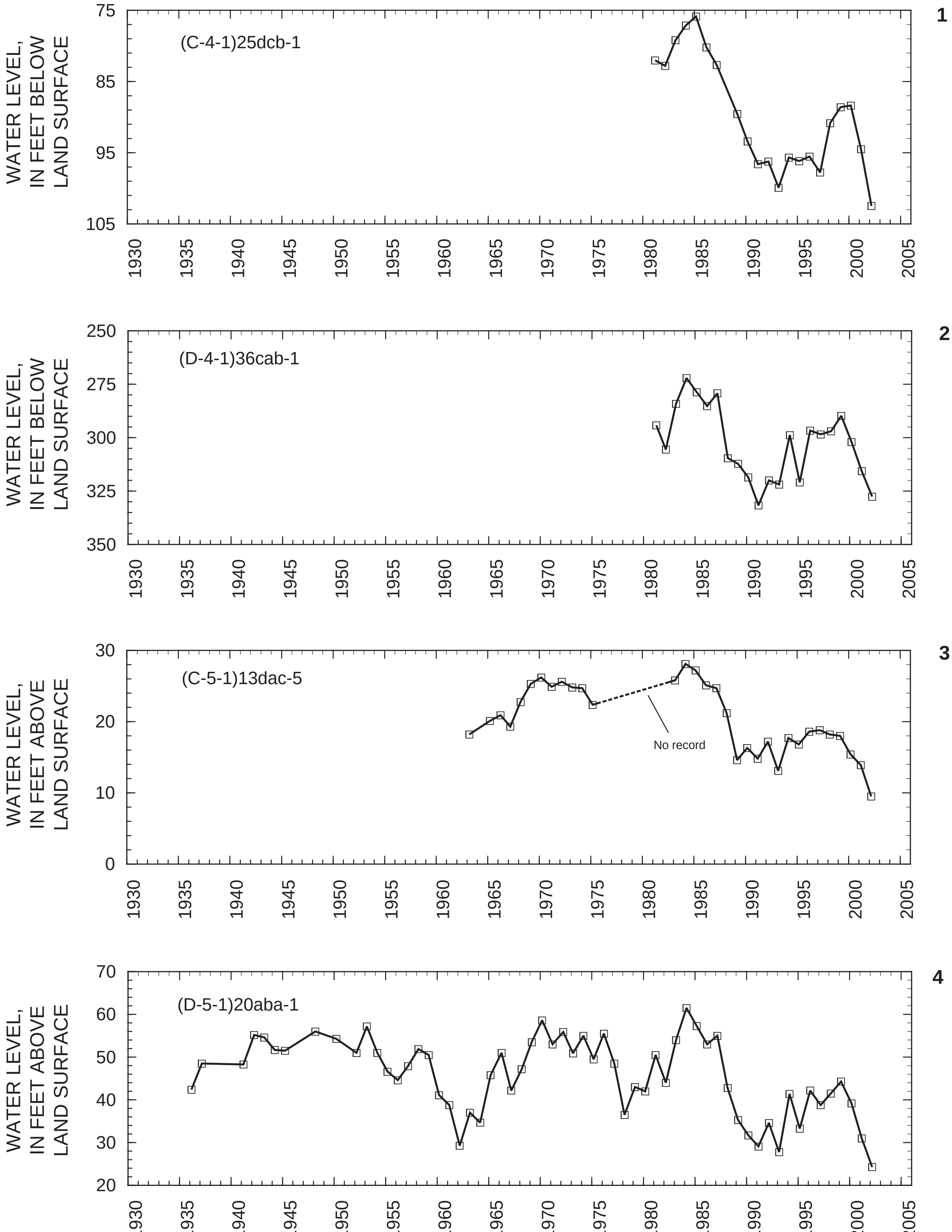

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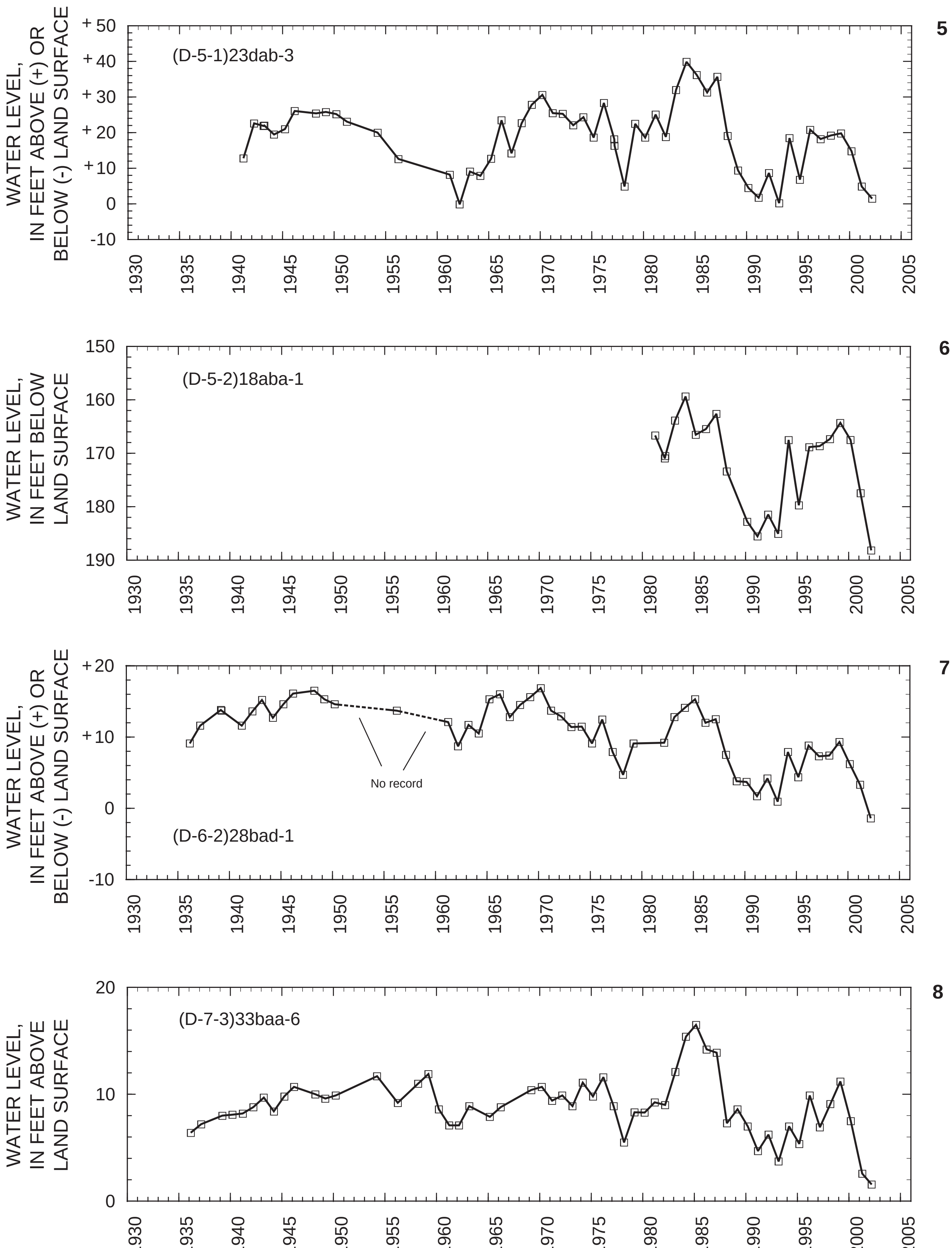

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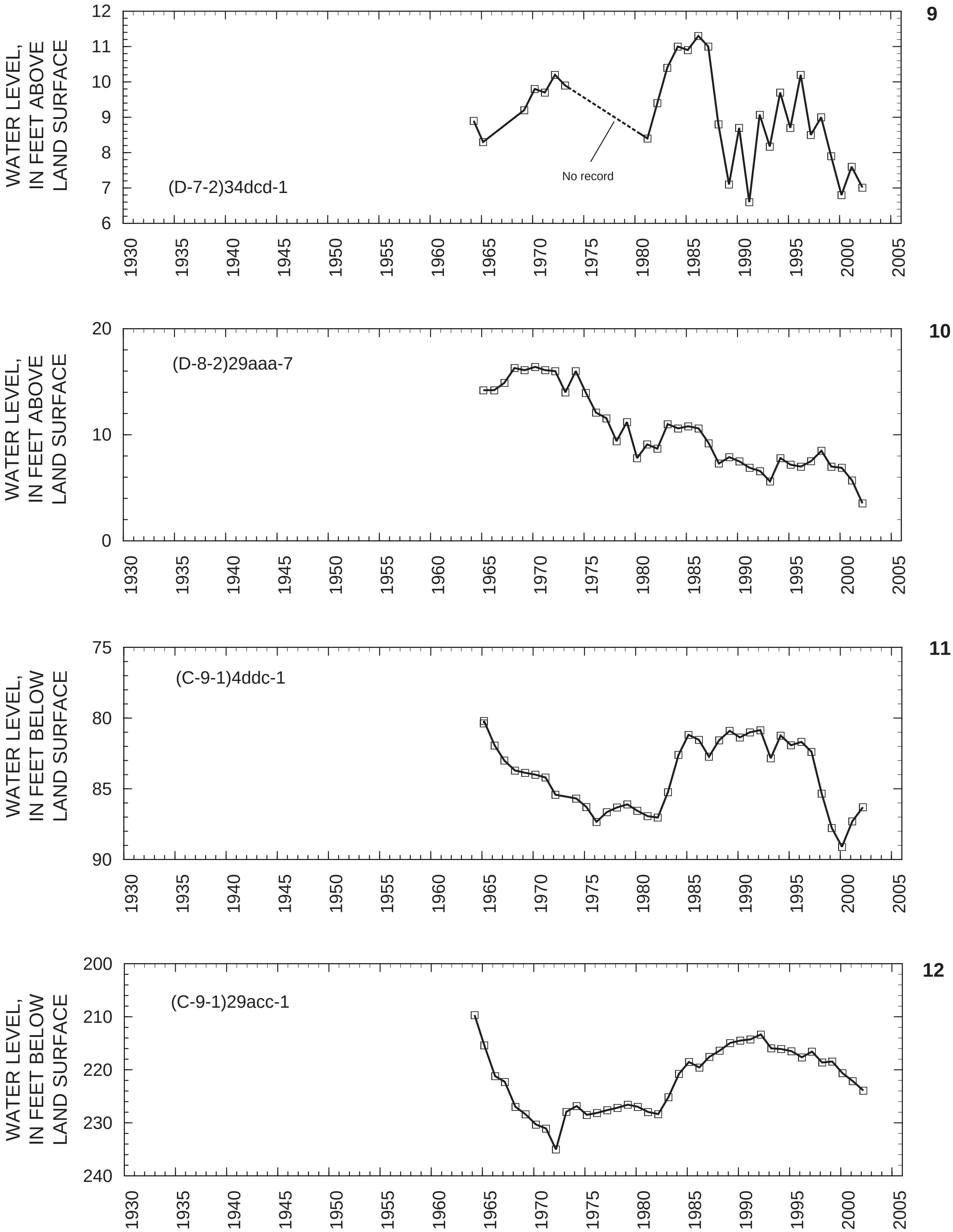

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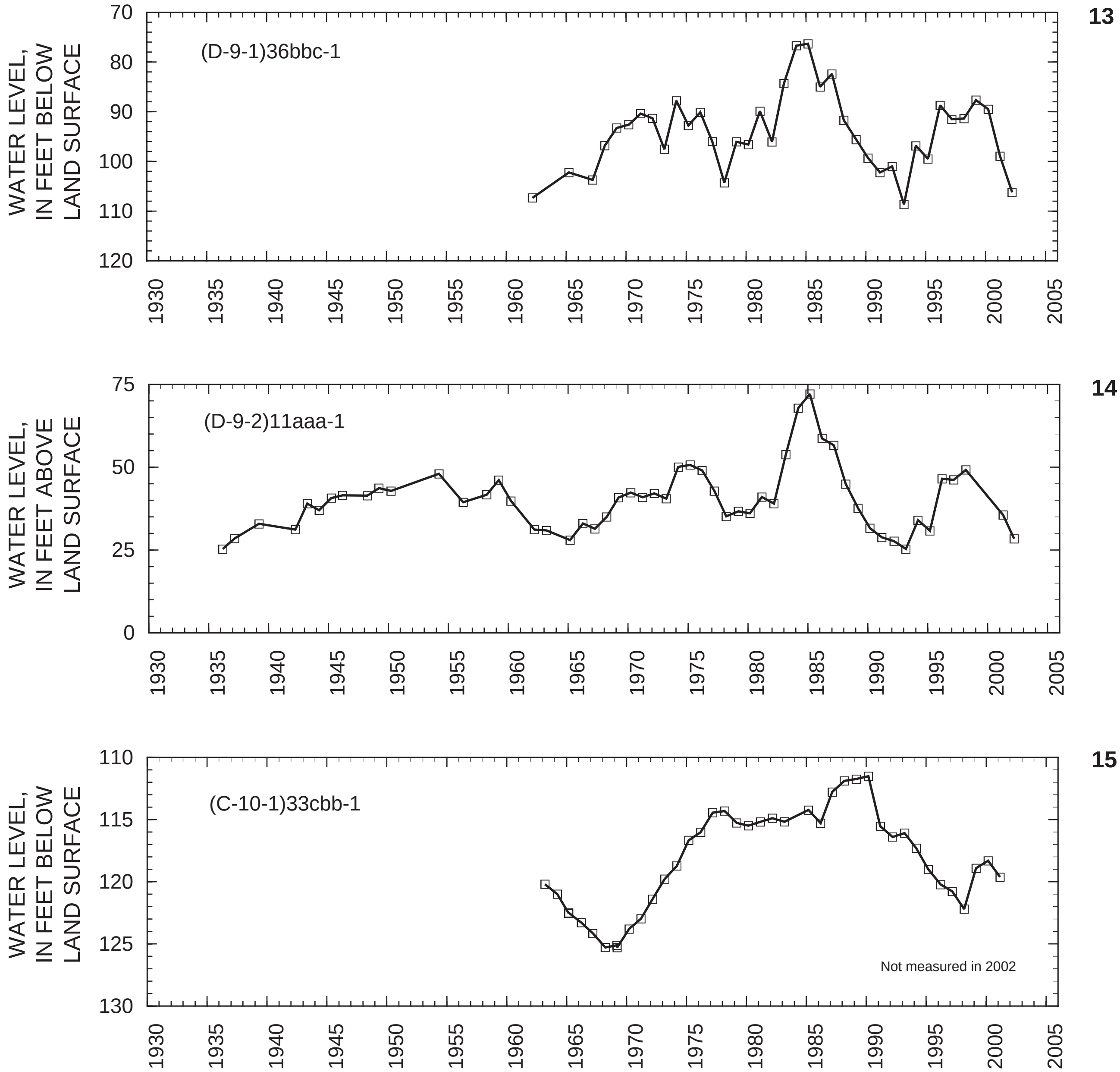

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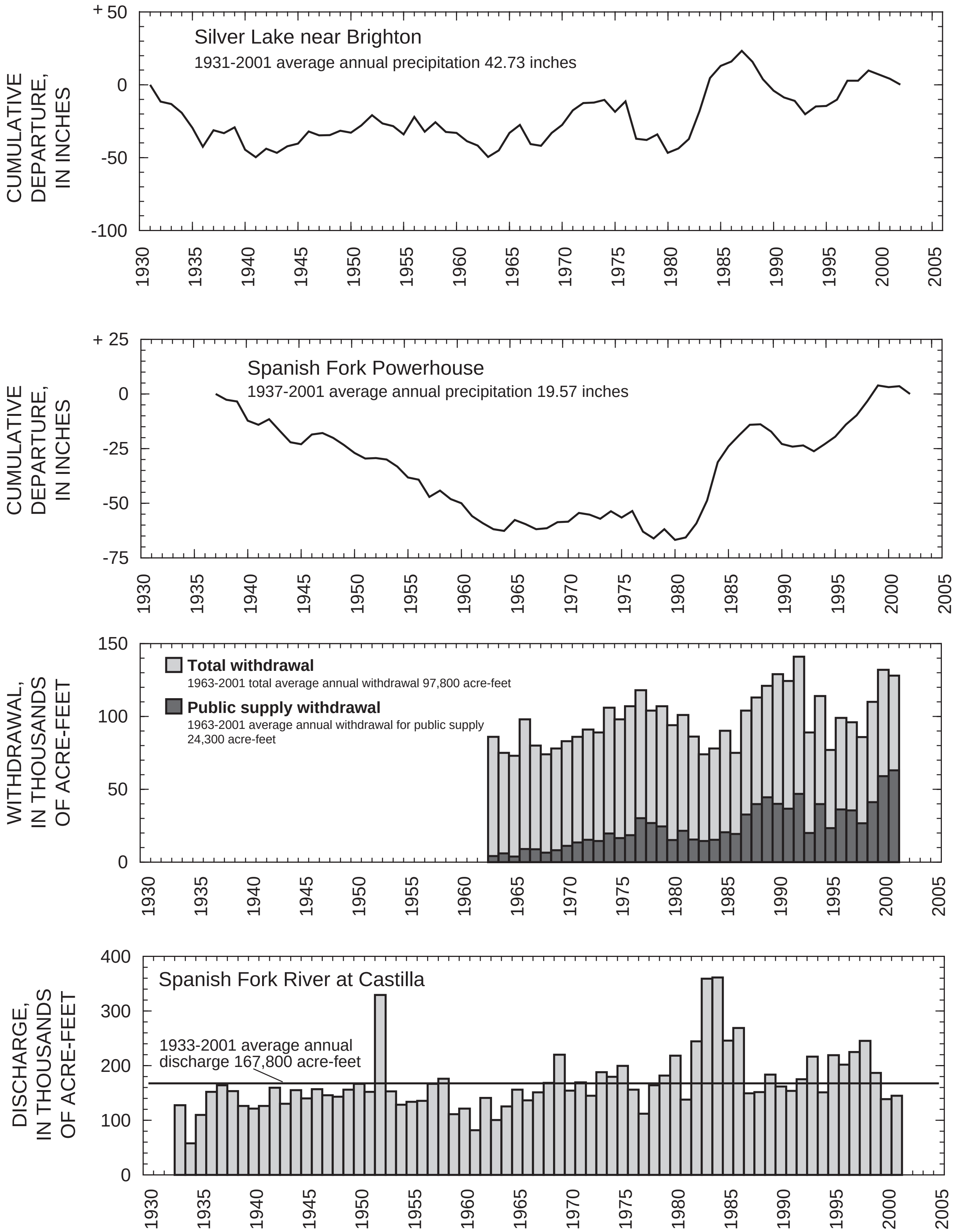

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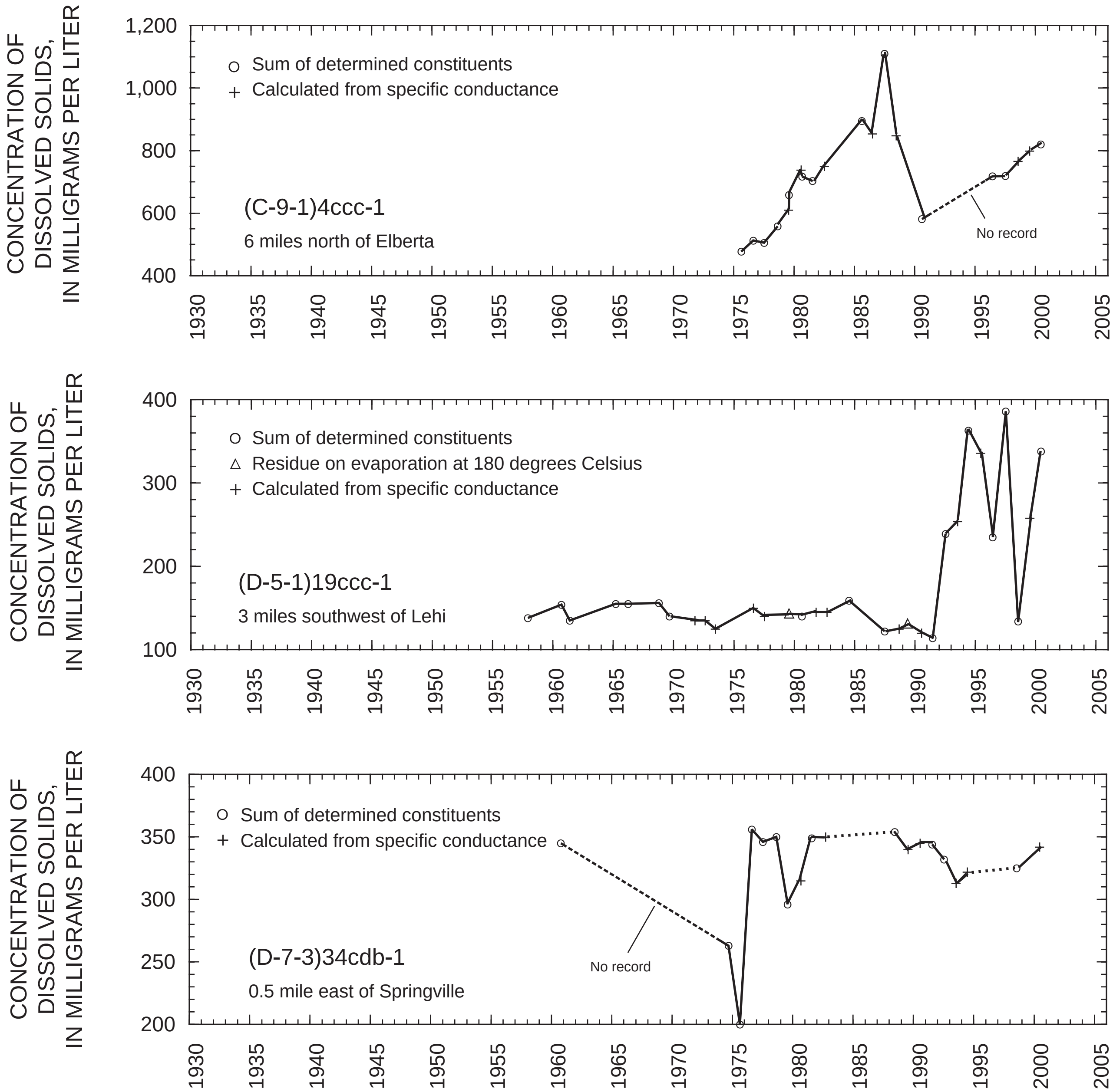

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JUAB VALLEY

By R.J. Eacret

Juab Valley, which is about 30 miles long and averages about 4 miles wide, is in central Utah along the west side of the Wasatch Range and the San Pitch Mountains. The valley drains near both its northern and southern ends—in northern Juab Valley via Currant Creek into Utah Lake, and in southern Juab Valley via Chicken Creek into the Sevier River. The northern and southern parts of Juab Valley are separated topographically by Levan Ridge, a gentle rise near the midpoint of the valley floor.

Ground water in Juab Valley occurs in the unconsolidated basin-fill deposits. Most of the recharge to the ground-water reservoir occurs on the eastern side of the valley along the Wasatch Range and the San Pitch Mountains. Ground water moves to the lower part of the valley and to eventual discharge points at the northern and southern ends of the valley. The ground-water divide between the northern and southern parts of Juab Valley is near Levan Ridge.

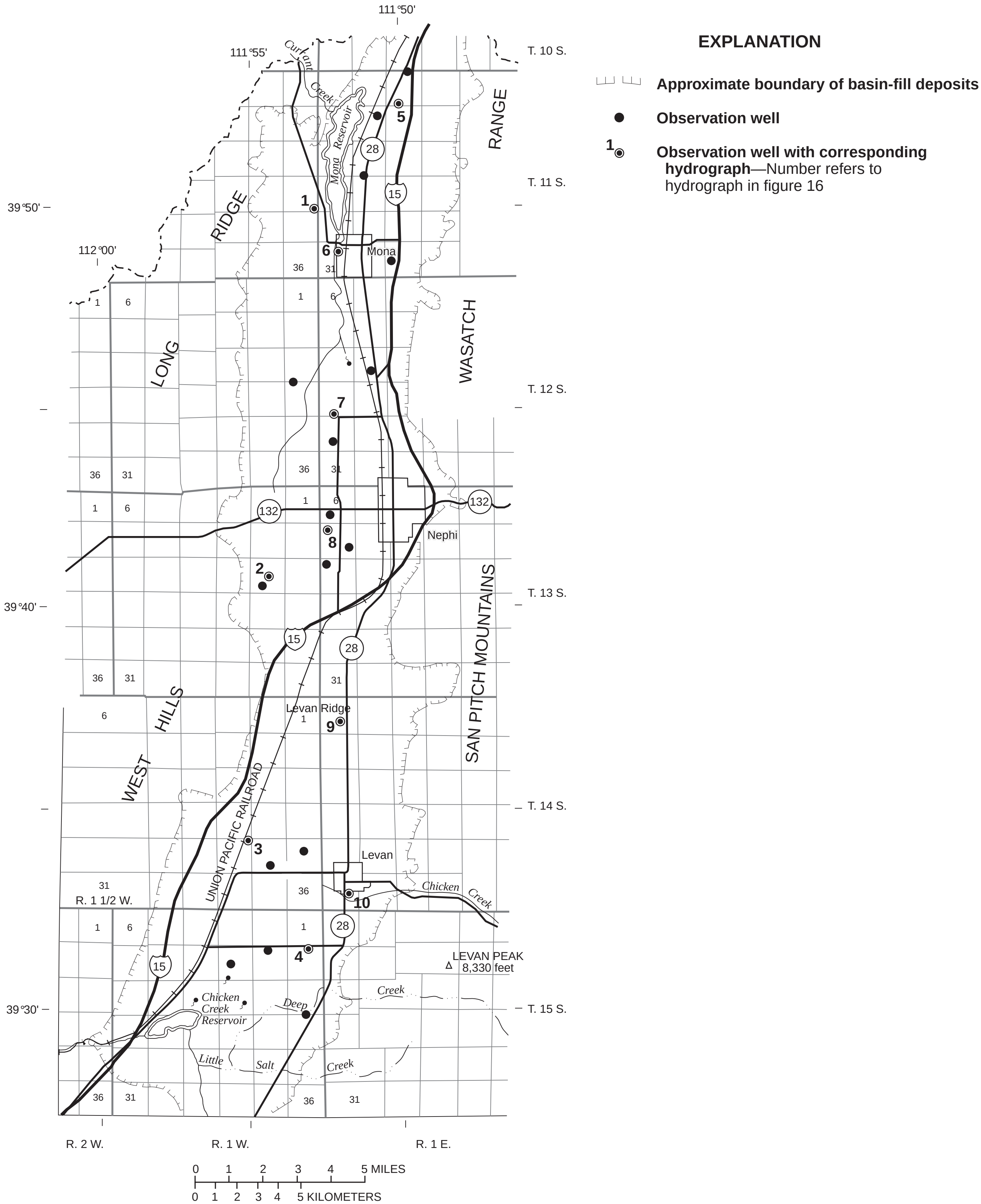
Ground water occurs in the basin-fill deposits under both water-table and artesian conditions; artesian conditions are prevalent in the lower part of the valley. The greatest depths to water are along the eastern margin of the valley, where permeable alluvial fans extend from the mountains into the valley.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Juab Valley in 2001 was about 29,000 acre-feet, which is 2,000 acre-feet more than was reported for 2000 and 9,000 acre-feet more than the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3).

Water levels from March 1999 to March 2002 generally declined in most of Juab Valley. The decline in water levels probably resulted from increased withdrawals and less-than-average precipitation during the irrigation season. Water levels in March generally rose from 1978 to their highest level in 1985. This rise corresponds to a period of greater-than-average precipitation during 1978-86. Water levels have generally declined since 1986, although there was a general rise from 1993 to 1999.

The location of wells in Juab Valley in which the water level was measured during March 2002 is shown in figure 15. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Nephi, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (D-13-1)7dbc-1 is shown in figure 16.

Precipitation at Nephi during 2001 was 11.19 inches, which is 3.31 inches less than the average annual precipitation for 1935-2001, and 5.57 inches less than in 2000. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (D-13-1)7dbc-1 fluctuated during 1964-2001 with a slight upward trend.



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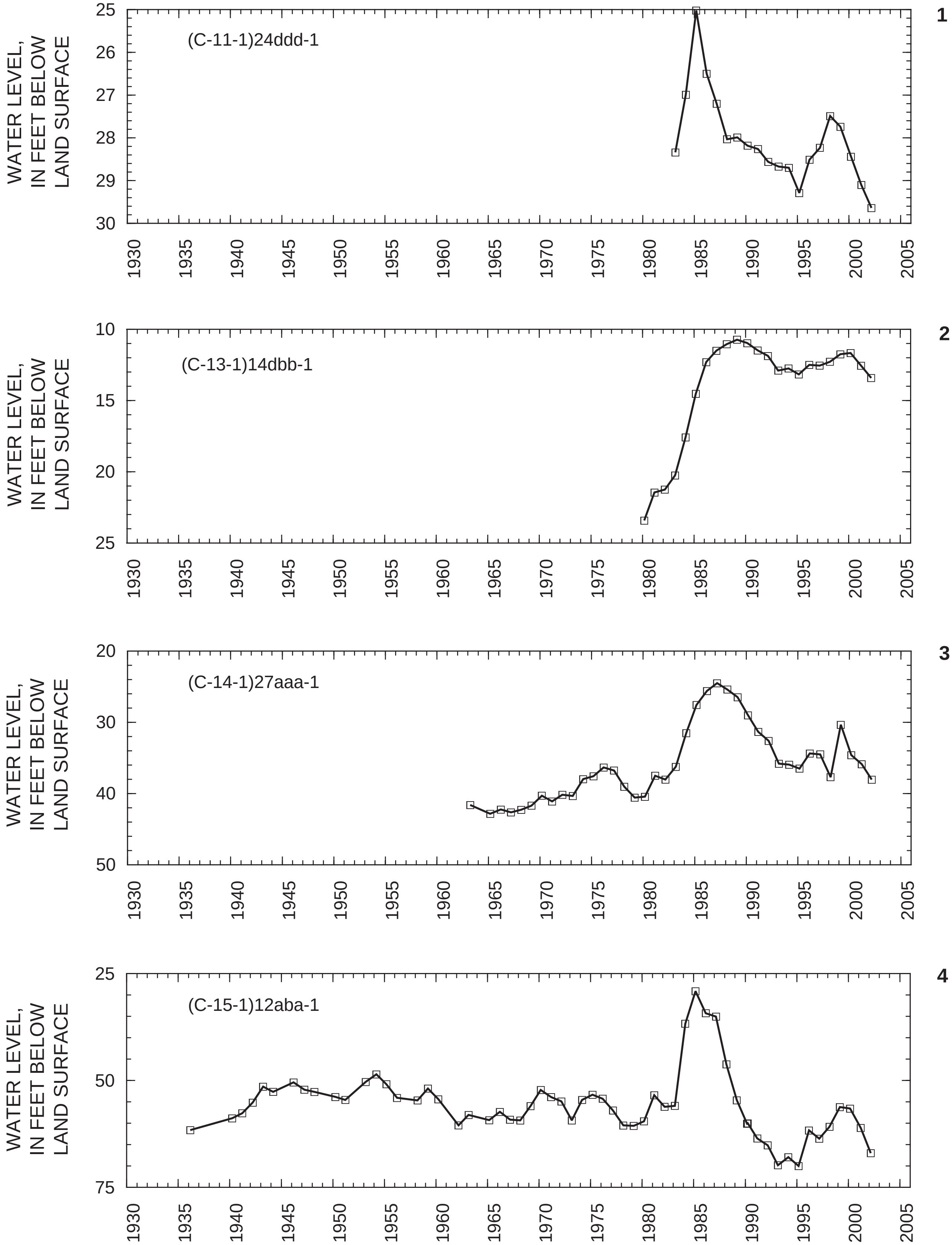

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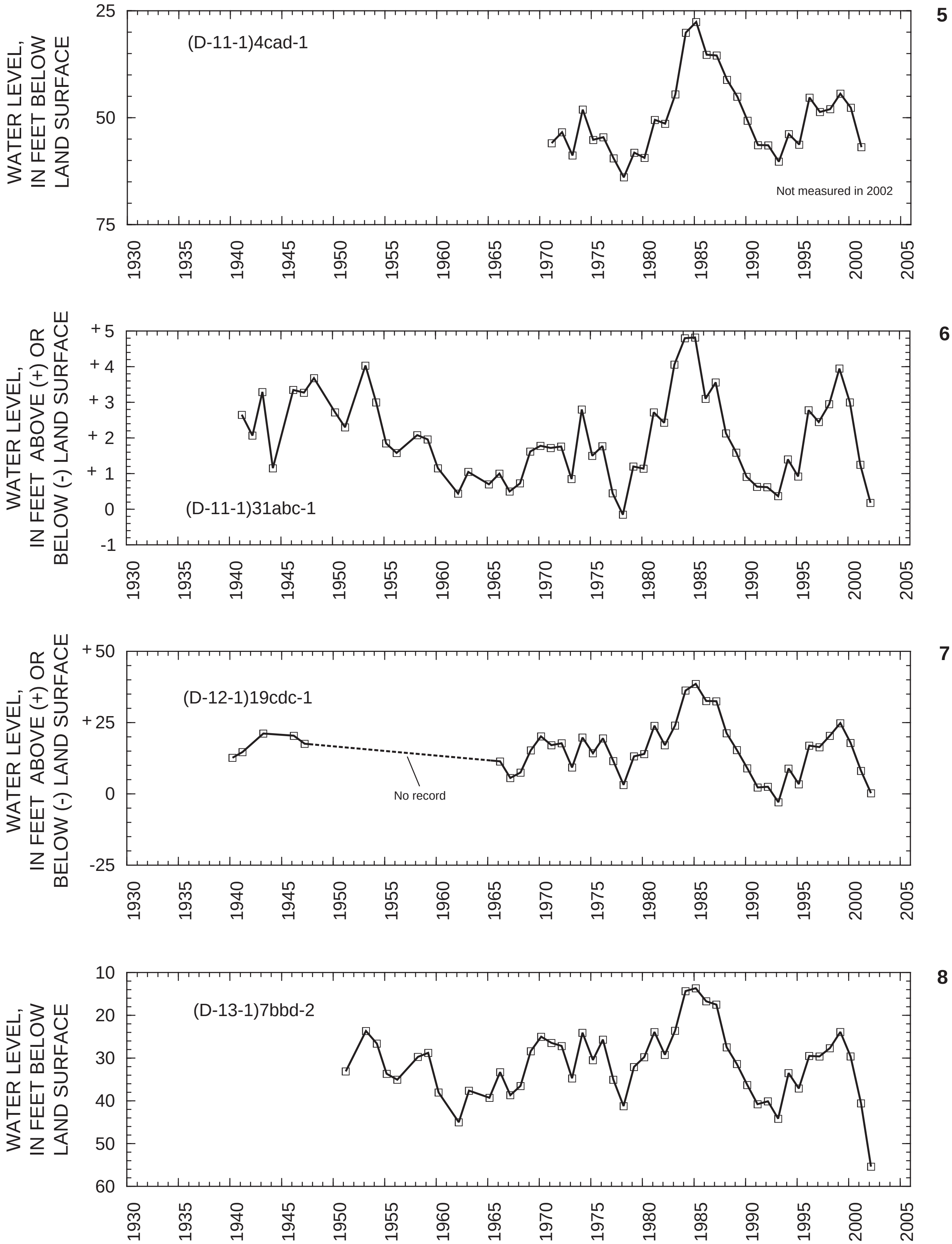

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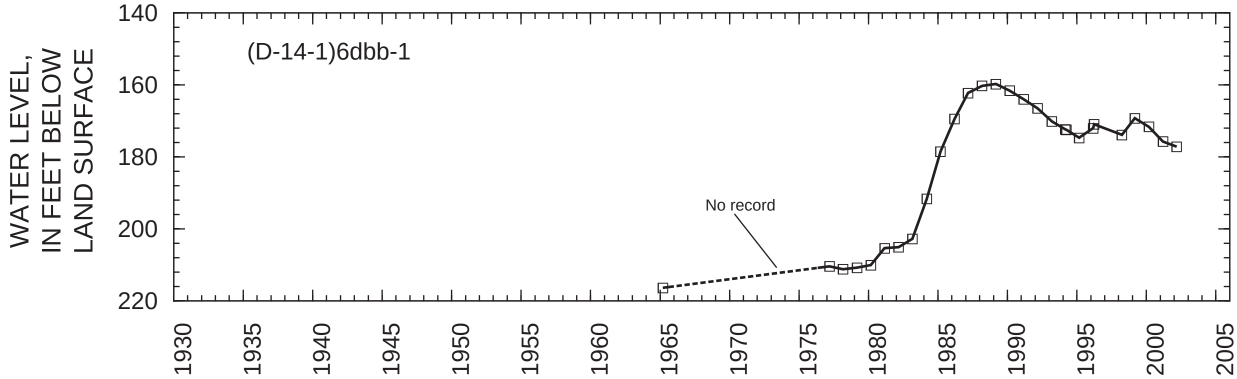

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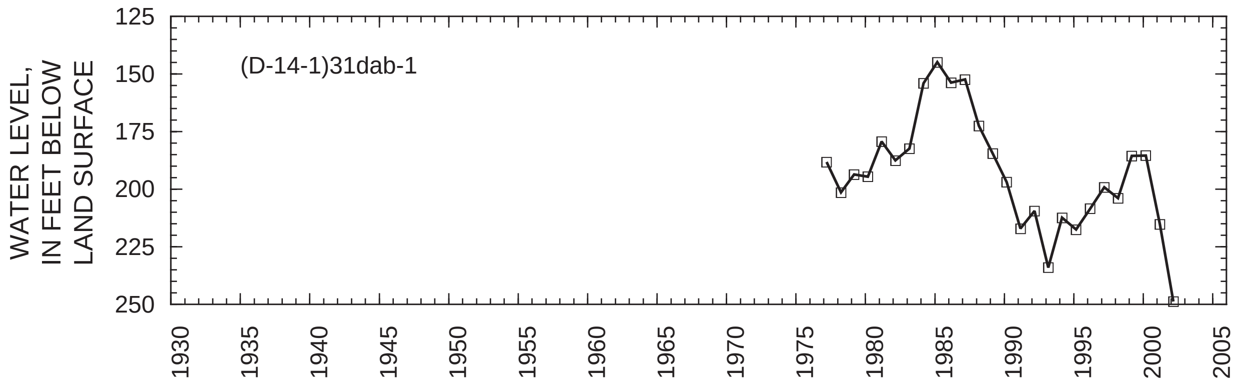

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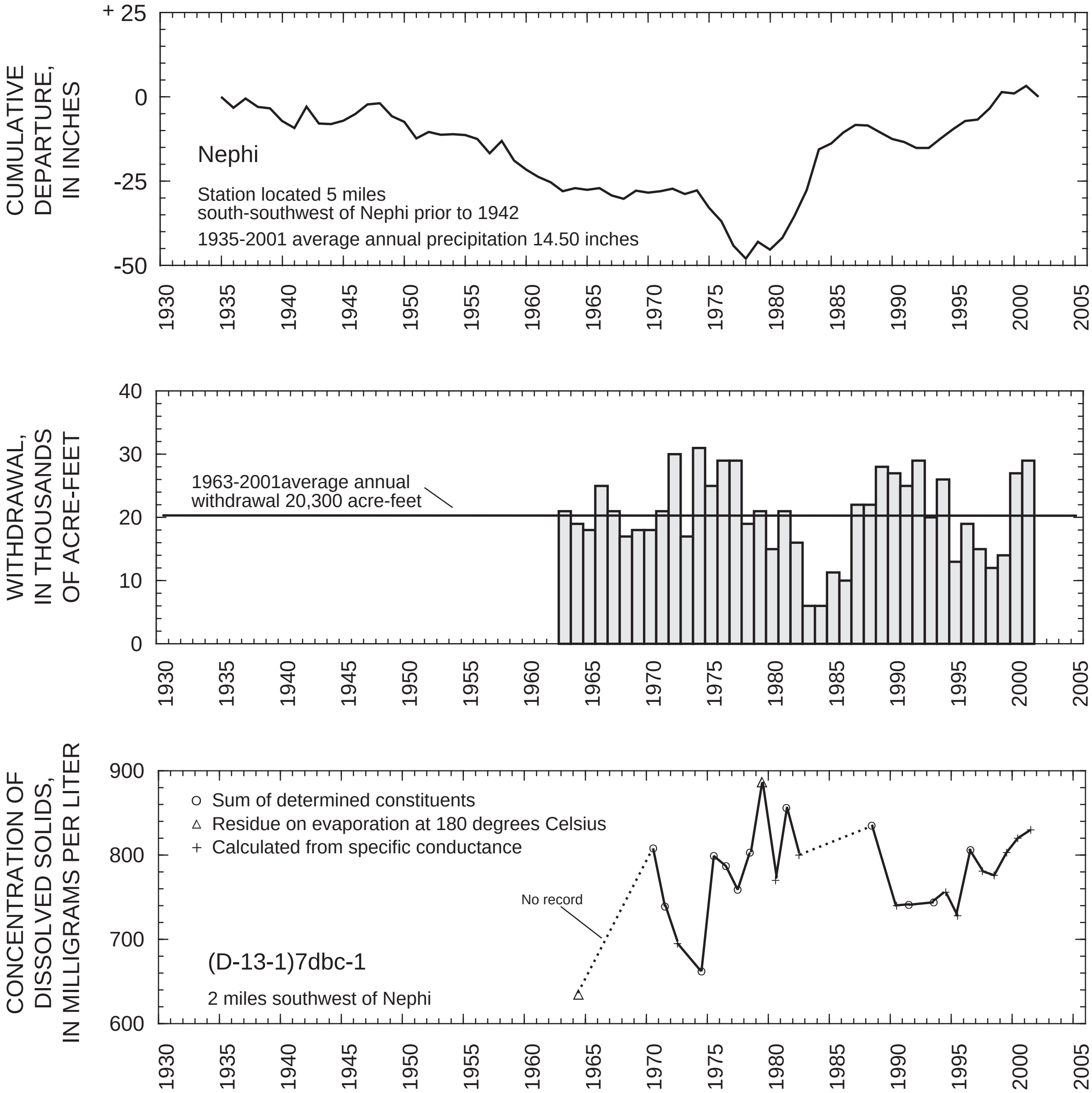

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SEVIER DESERT

By Paul Downhour

The part of the Sevier Desert described here covers about 2,000 square miles. It is principally the broad, gently sloping area, between about Townships 12 South and 19 South, and Ranges 3 West and 11 West. Ground water occurs in the Sevier Desert in unconsolidated deposits under water-table and artesian conditions. Most of the ground water is discharged from wells tapping either of two artesian aquifers—the shallow or deep artesian aquifer.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in the Sevier Desert in 2001 was about 19,000 acre-feet, which is 4,000 acre-feet more than in 2000 and about 4,000 acre-feet less than the 1991-2000 average annual withdrawal (tables 2 and 3). The increase in total withdrawal from 2000 was mostly a result of increased withdrawal for irrigation and industrial uses.

The location of wells in the Sevier Desert in which the water level was measured during March 2002 is shown in figures 17 and 18. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to annual discharge of the Sevier River near Juab, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Oak City, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-15-4)18daa-1 is shown in figure 19. Water levels in both the shallow and deep aquifers in the Sevier Desert generally rose from 1980 to 1987, which corresponds to a period of greater-than-average precipitation and less-than-average withdrawal. Water levels in both aquifers began declining during 1987-90 and continued to decline until 1995. Levels generally rose or remained stable from about 1995 to 1999. Rises during this period probably resulted from decreased withdrawal, greater-than-average precipitation, and more available surface water for irrigation. Water levels generally declined from March 1999 to March 2002, probably as a result of decreased surface-water supplies and increased withdrawal from wells.

Discharge of the Sevier River near Juab in 2001 was 138,700 acre-feet, 92,400 acre-feet less than the revised total of 231,100 acre-feet in 2000 and 45,800 acre-feet less than the long-term average (1935-2001). Precipitation at Oak City was 8.56 inches in 2001, 4.46 inches less than the 1935-2001 average annual precipitation and 8.06 inches less than in 2000. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-15-4)18daa-1, near Lynndyl, has increased from about 900 milligrams per liter in 1958 to about 1,900 milligrams per liter in 1996.

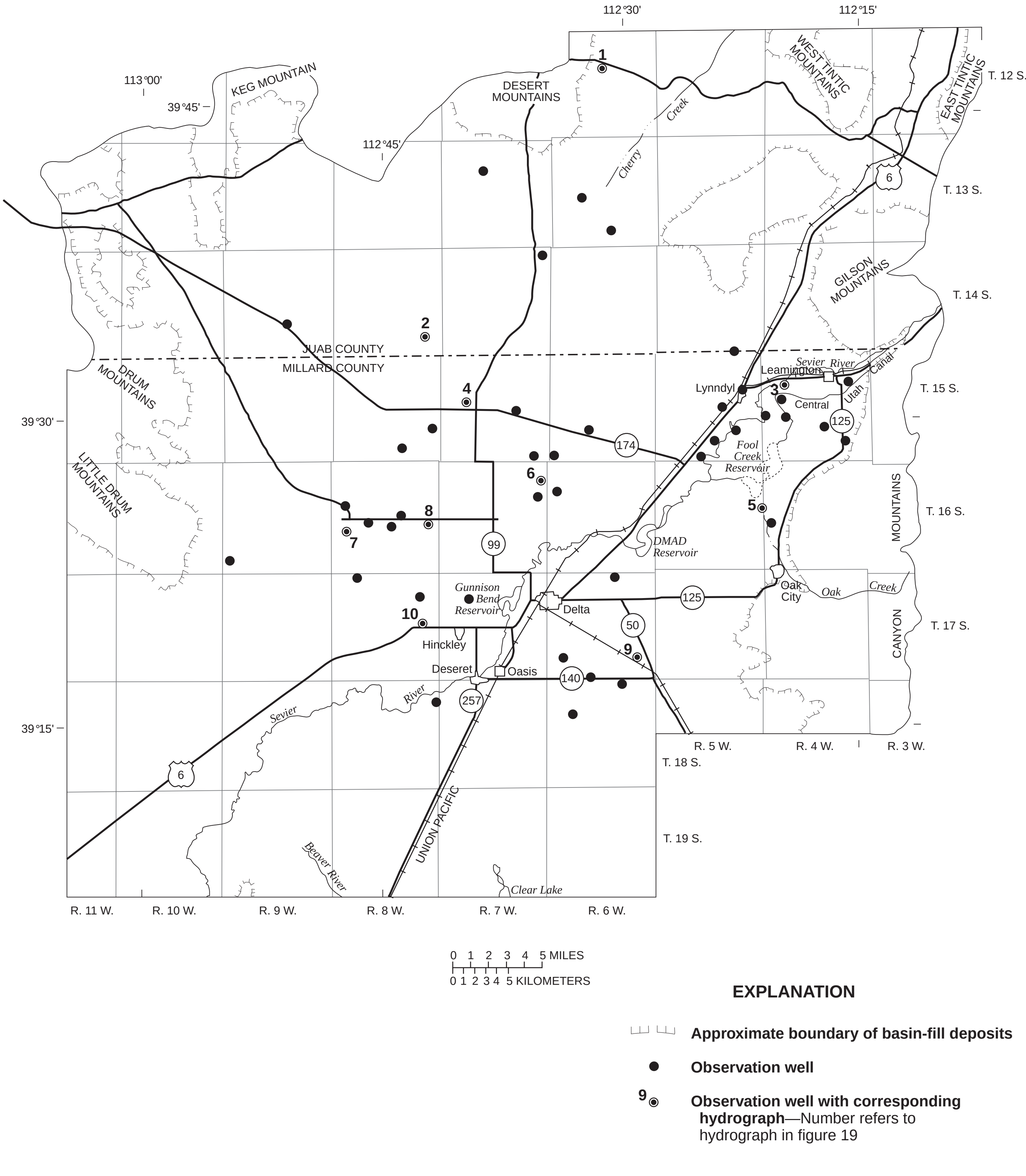
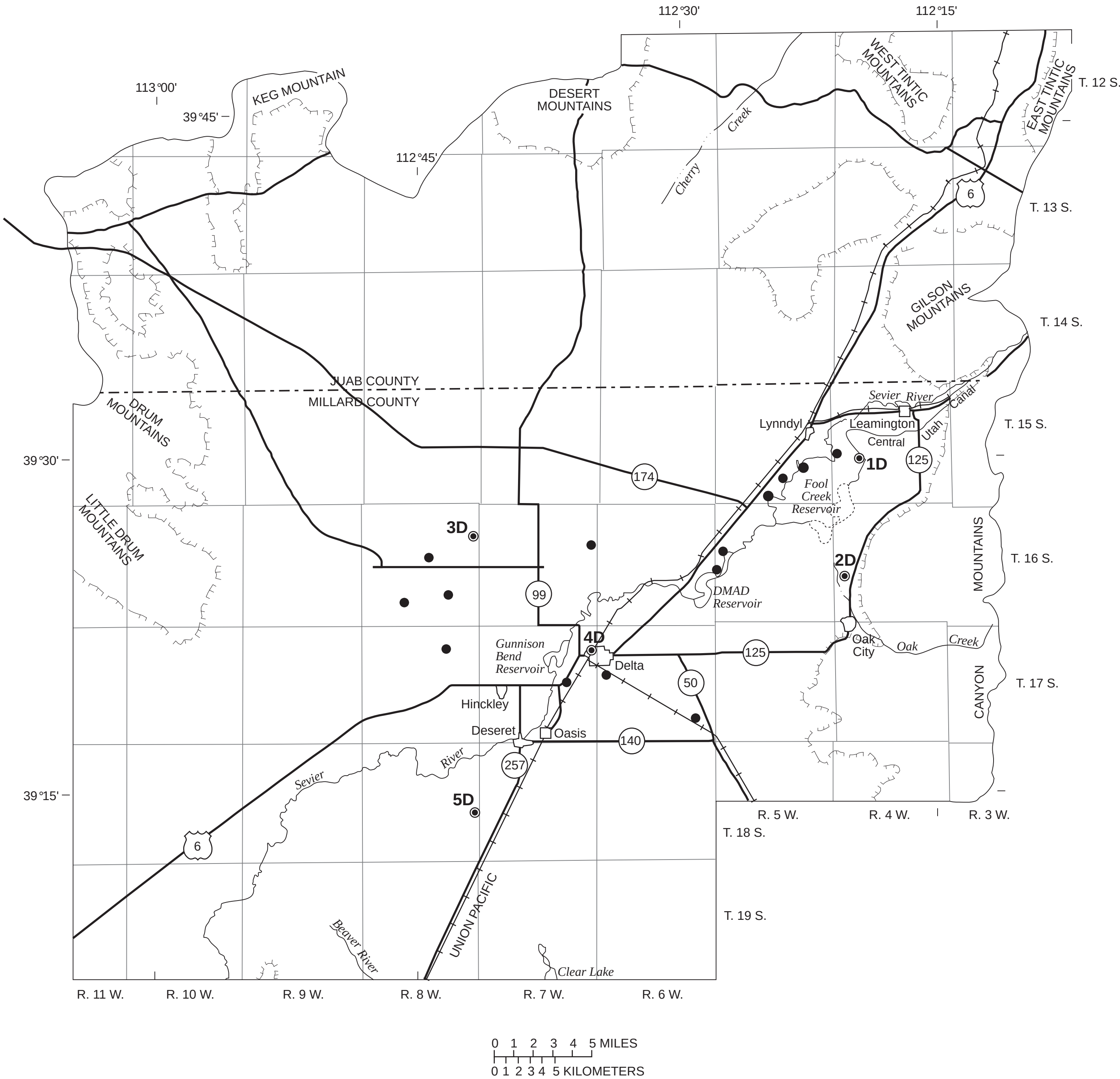


Figure 17. Location of wells in the shallow artesian aquifer in part of the Sevier Desert in which the water level was measured during March 2002.



EXPLANATION

Approximate boundary of basin-fill deposits

Observation well

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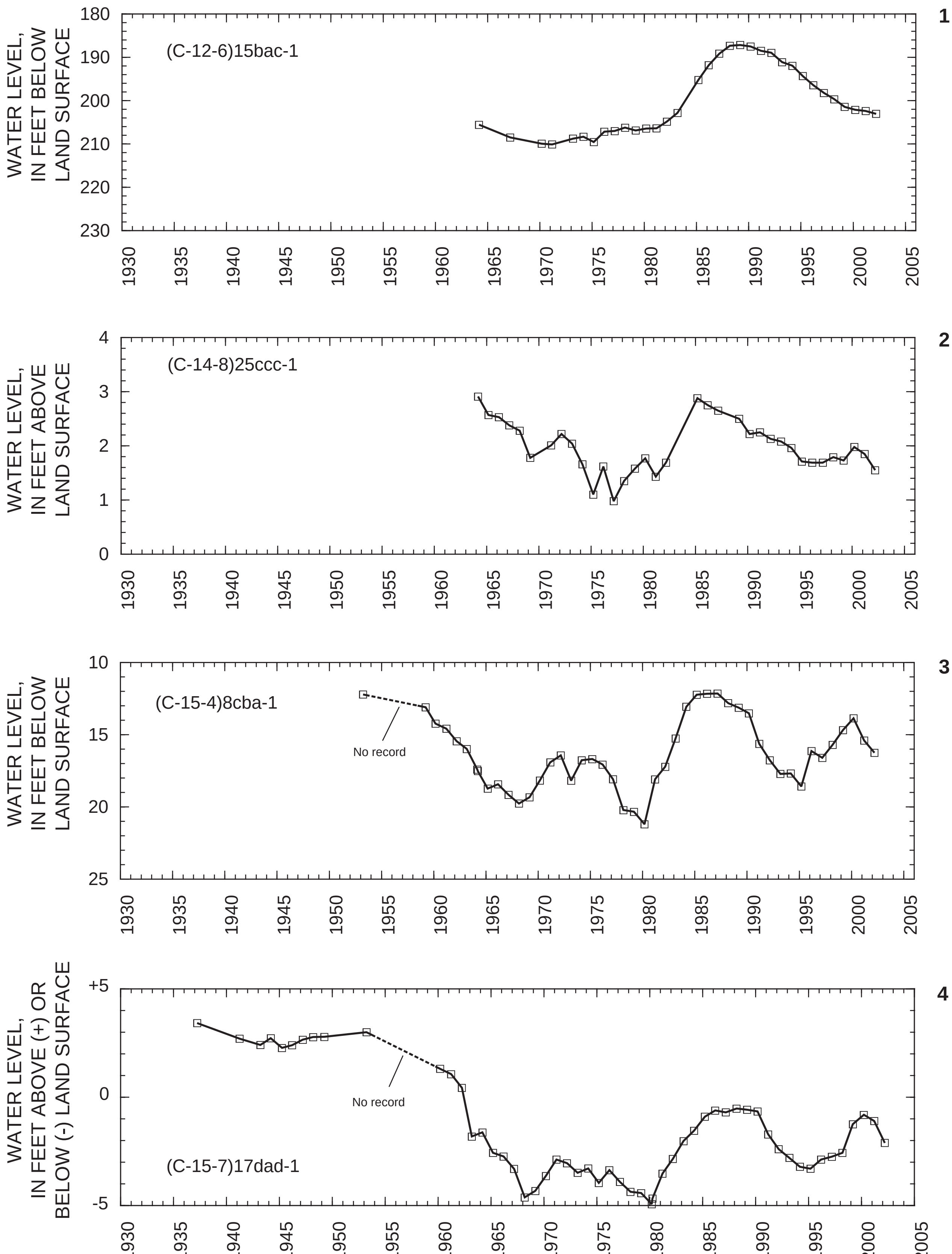

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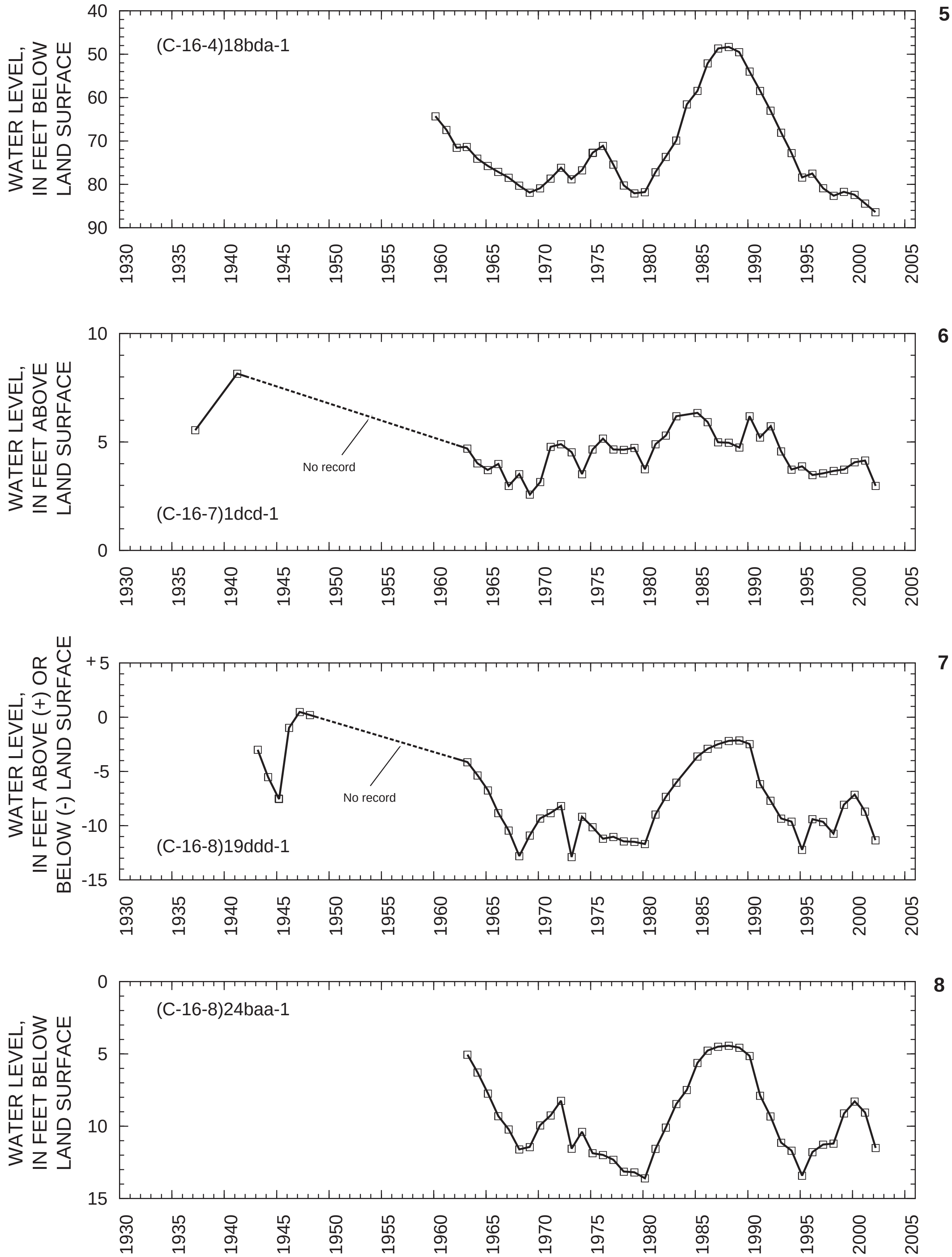

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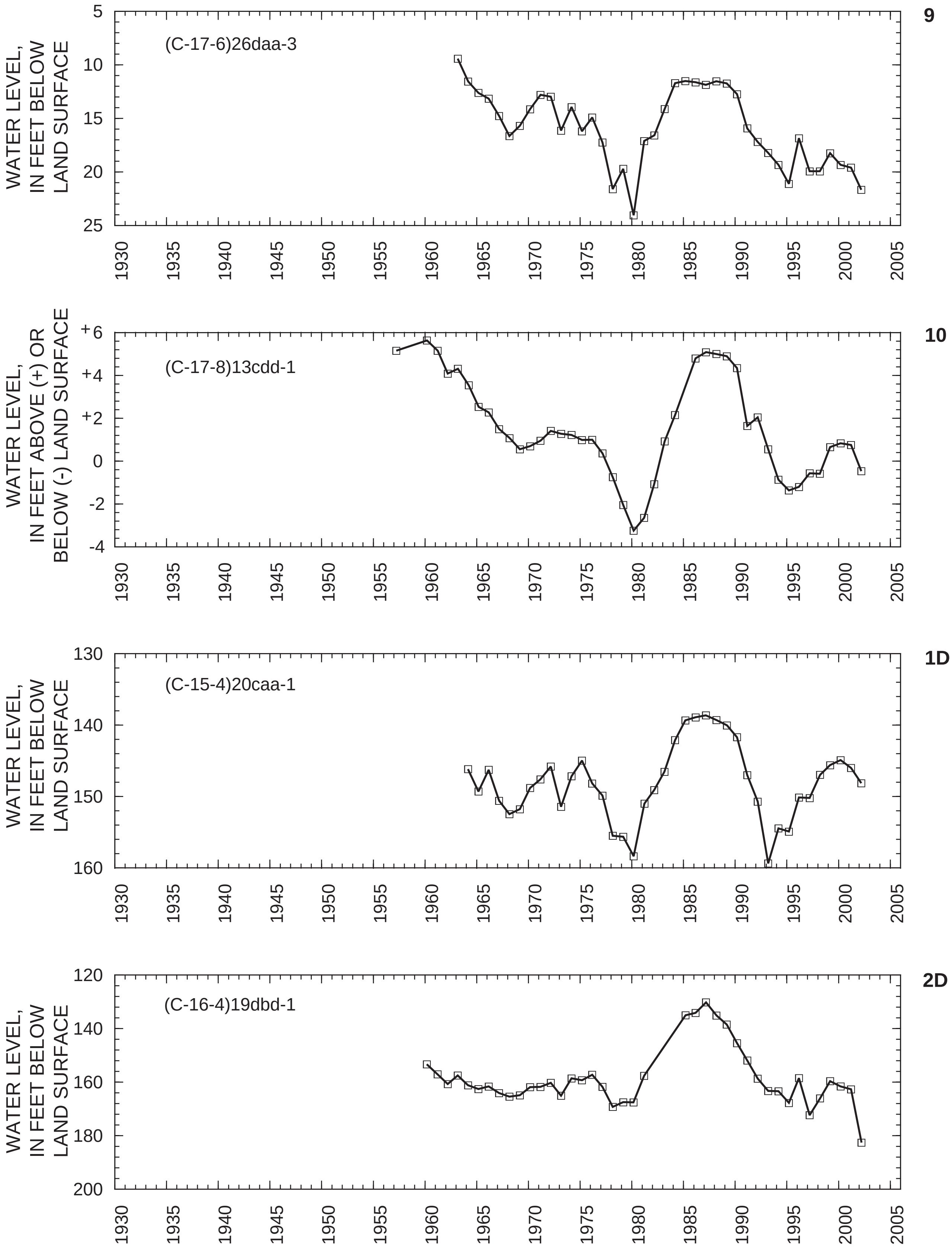

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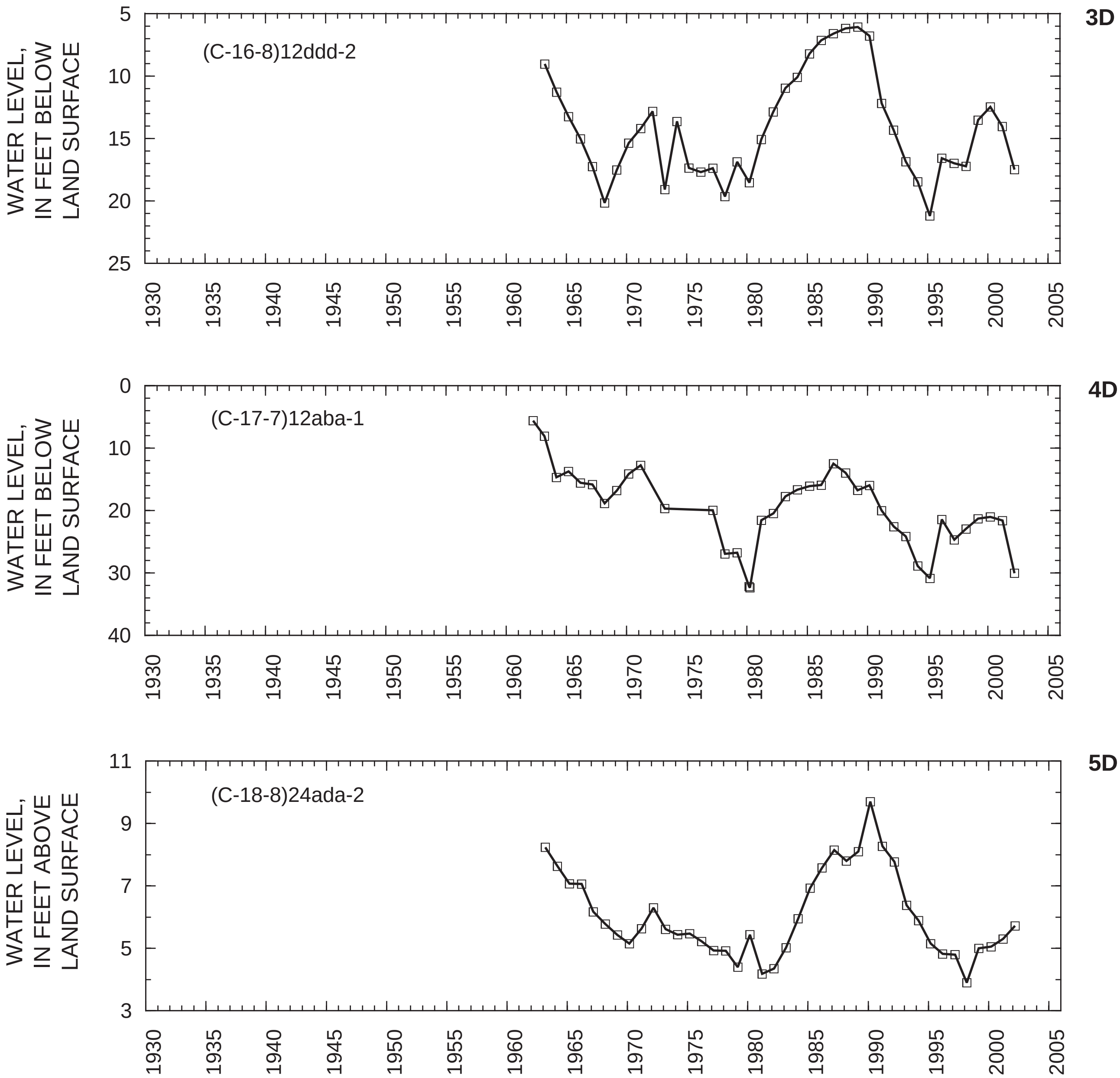

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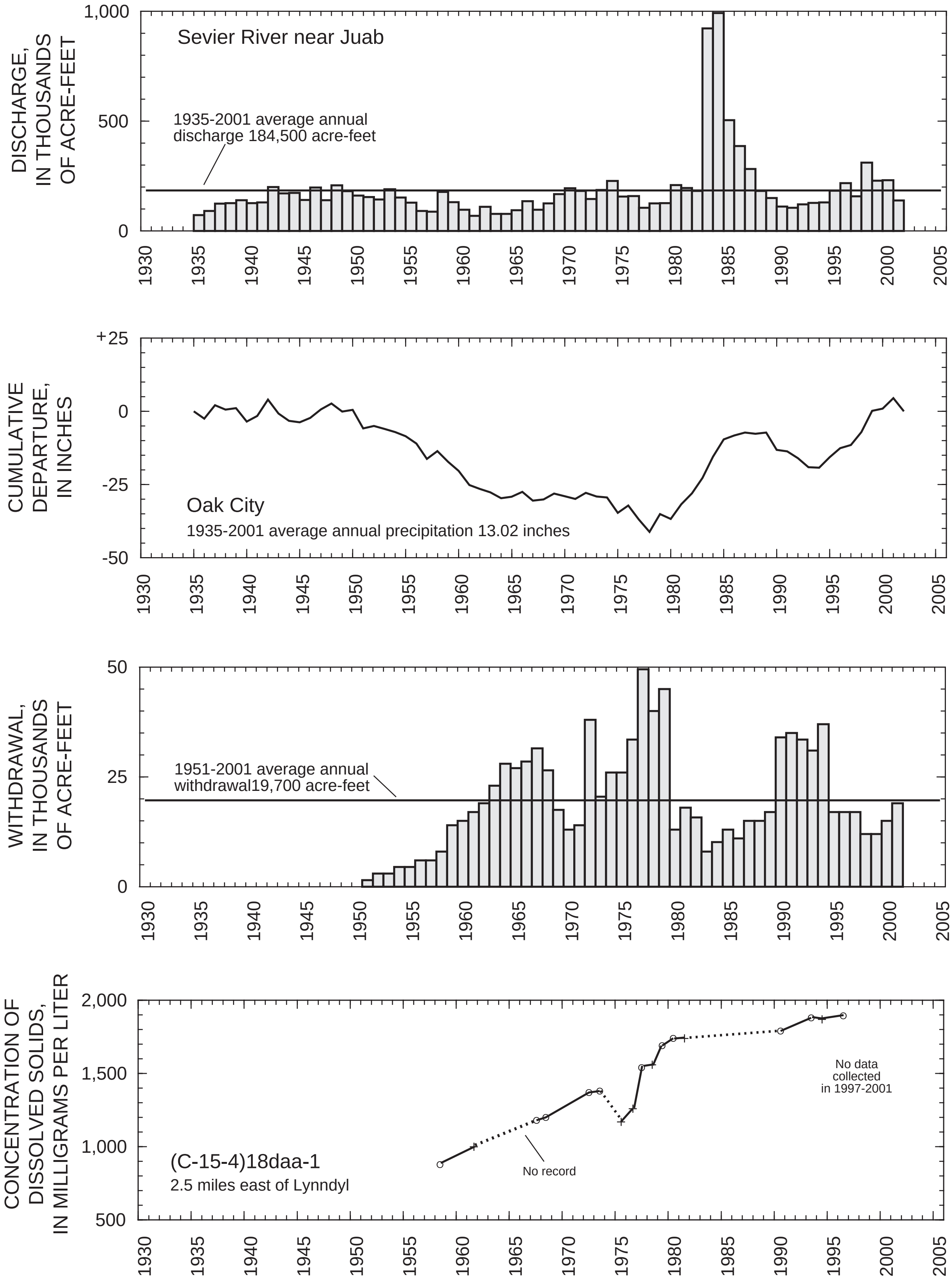

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CENTRAL SEVIER VALLEY

By B.A. Slaugh

The central Sevier Valley is in south-central Utah, surrounded by the Sevier and Wasatch Plateaus to the east and the Tushar Mountains, Valley Mountains, and Pahvant Range to the west. Altitude ranges from 5,100 feet on the valley floor at the north end of the valley near Gunnison to about 12,000 feet in the Tushar Mountains.

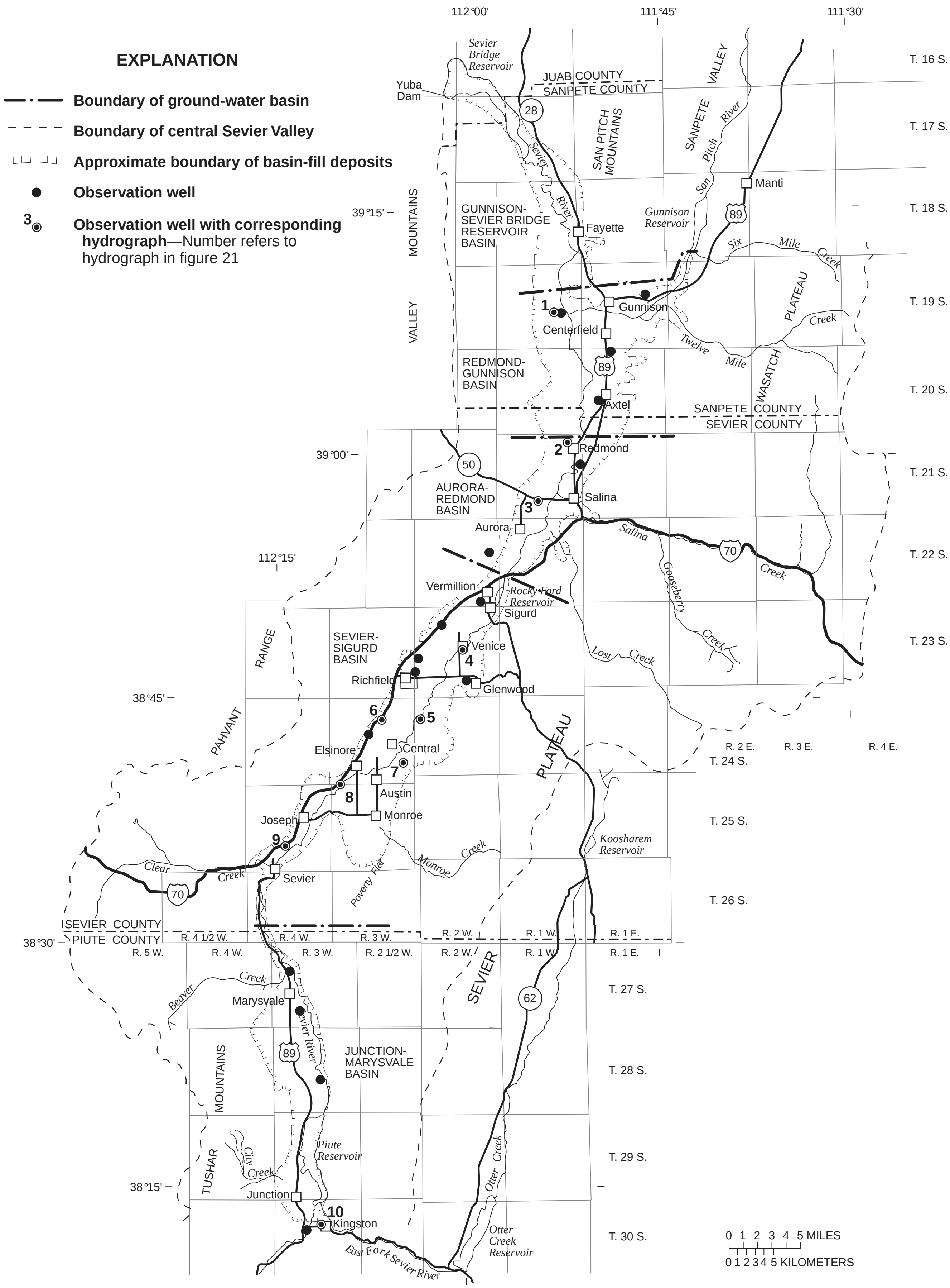
Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in the central Sevier Valley in 2001 was about 12,000 acre-feet, which is 1,000 acre-feet less than reported for 2000, and 7,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3). The decrease was mostly a result of decreased withdrawals for irrigation.

The location of wells in the central Sevier Valley in which the water level was measured during March 2002 is shown in figure 20. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to annual discharge of the Sevier River at Hatch, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Richfield, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-23-2)15dcb-4 is shown in figure 21.

Water levels generally declined from March 1999 to March 2002 in the central Sevier Valley. Hydrographs for selected wells show that March water levels generally rose from about 1978 to 1985 and declined from 1985 to about 1993. Since 1993, water levels have fluctuated depending on the amount and timing of precipitation and the potential for recharge from snowmelt runoff.

Discharge of the Sevier River at Hatch in 2001 was about 69,600 acre-feet. This is about 20,000 acre-feet more than the 49,600 acre-feet for 2000 and about 9,400 acre-feet less than the 1940-2001 average annual discharge.

Precipitation at Richfield was 6.81 inches in 2001, which is 1.33 inches less than the 1950-2001 average annual precipitation and 1.75 inches less than in 2000. Concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-23-2)15dcb-4 decreased from about 600 milligrams per liter to about 400 milligrams per liter during 1987-95, which was about the concentration during 1955-59. The concentration of dissolved solids for 2001 was about 460 milligrams per liter.



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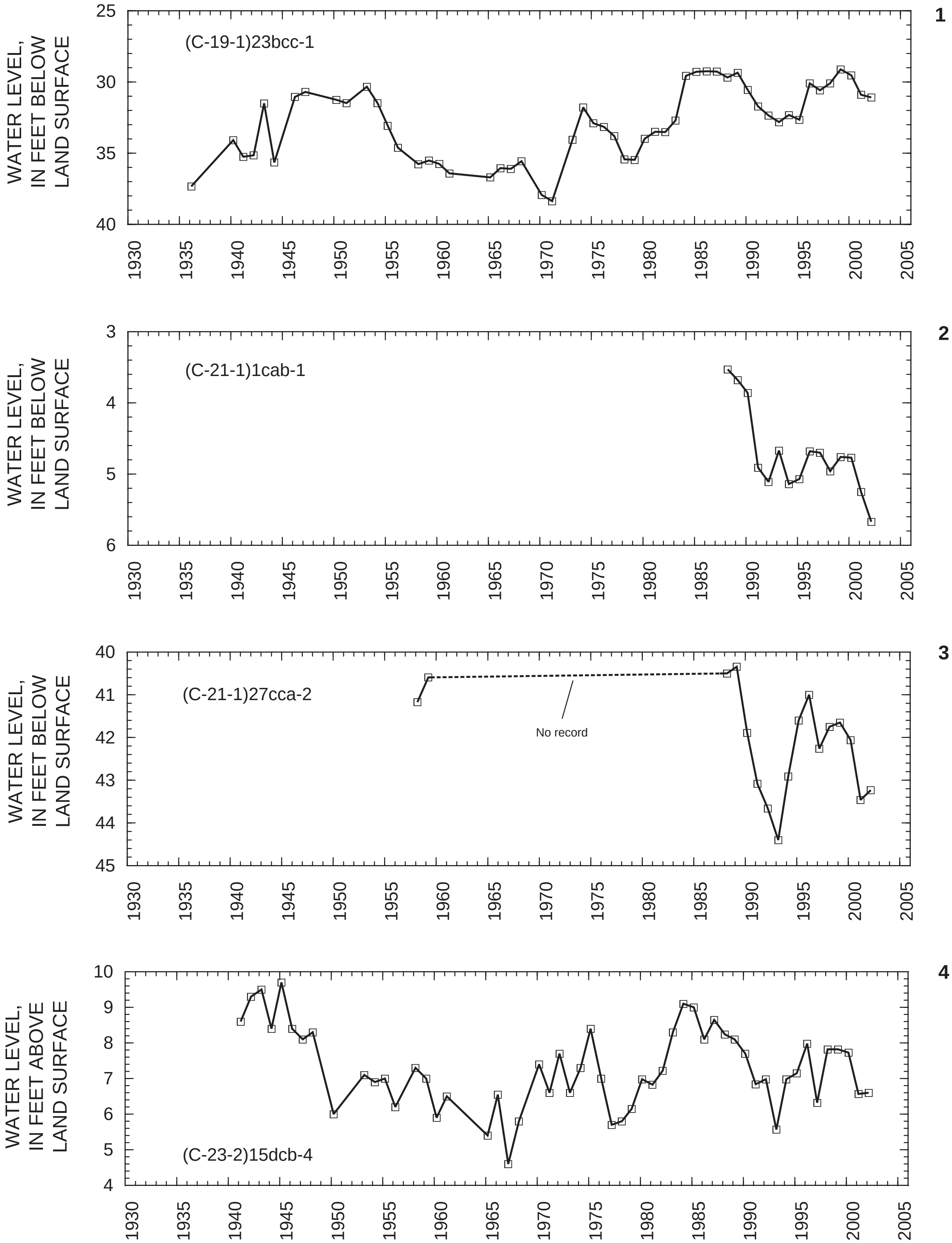

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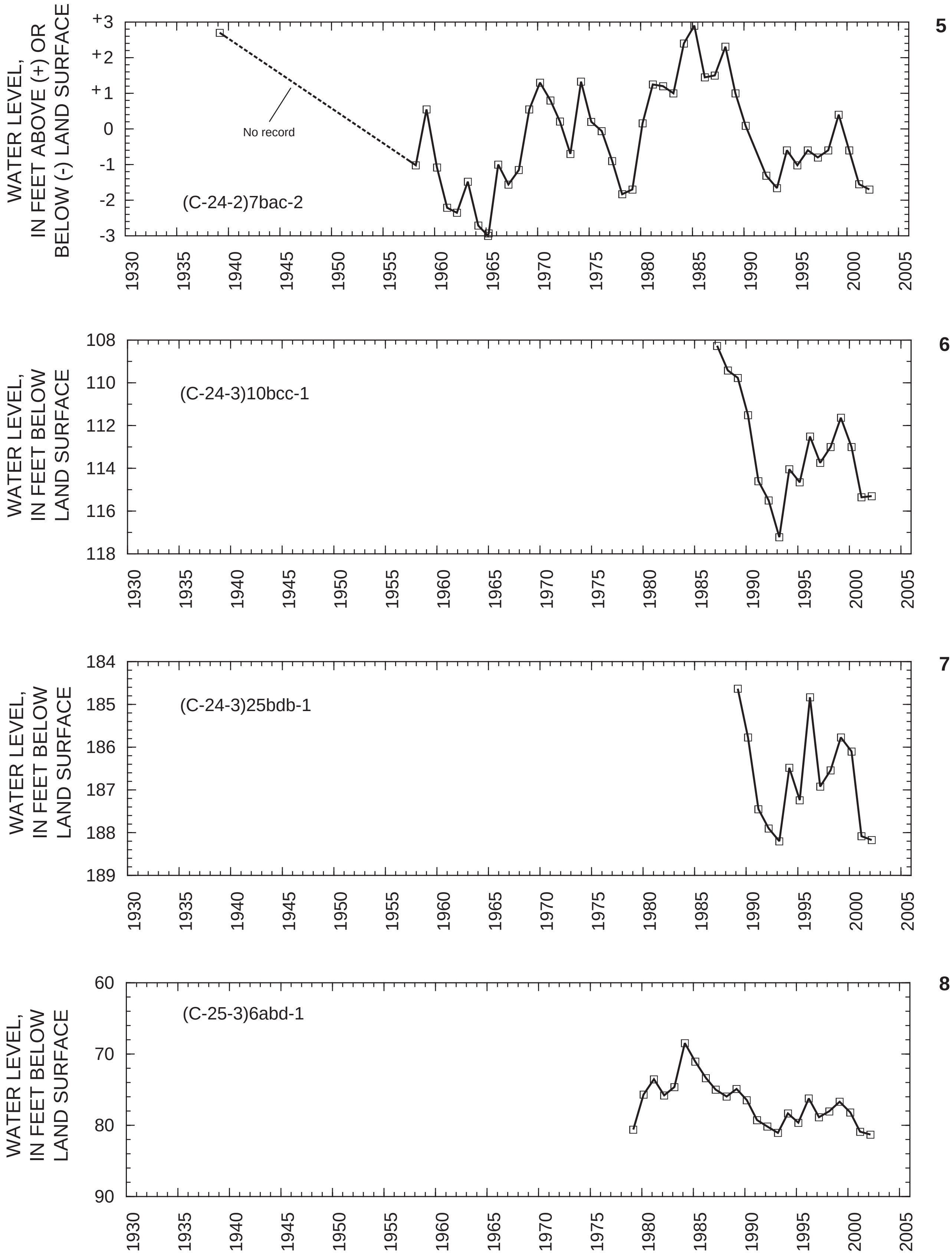

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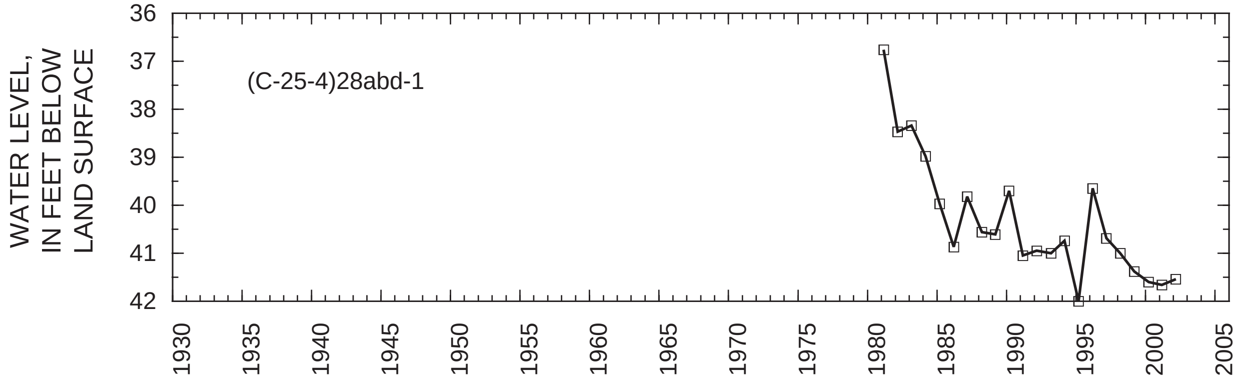

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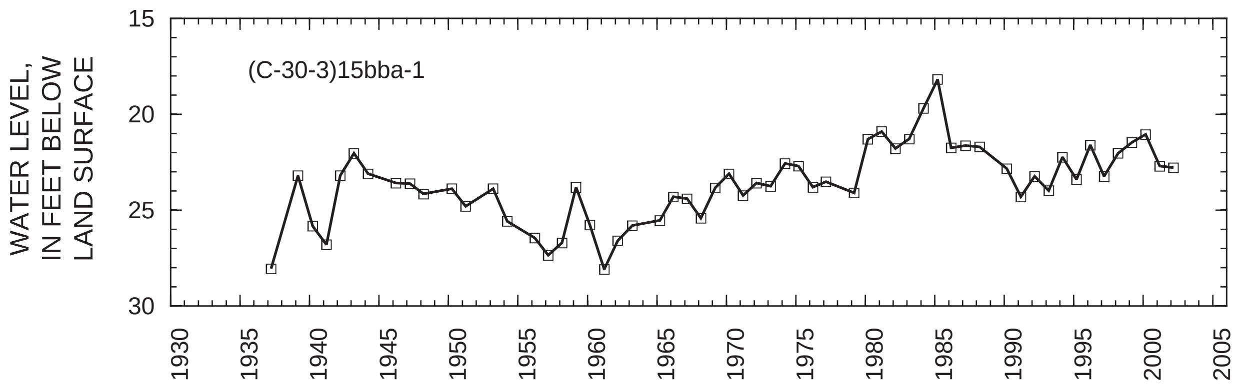

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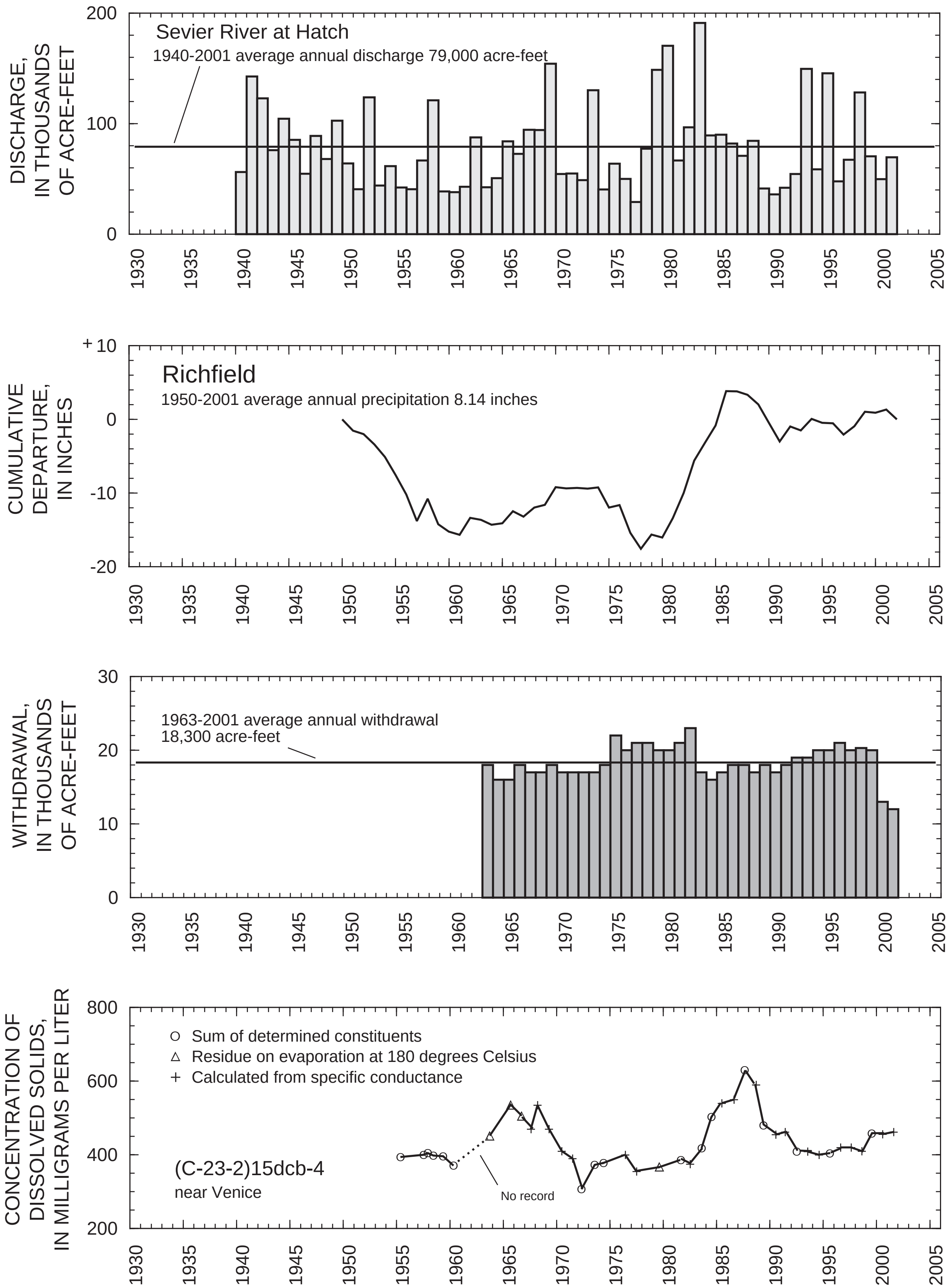

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PAHVANT VALLEY

By R.L. Swenson

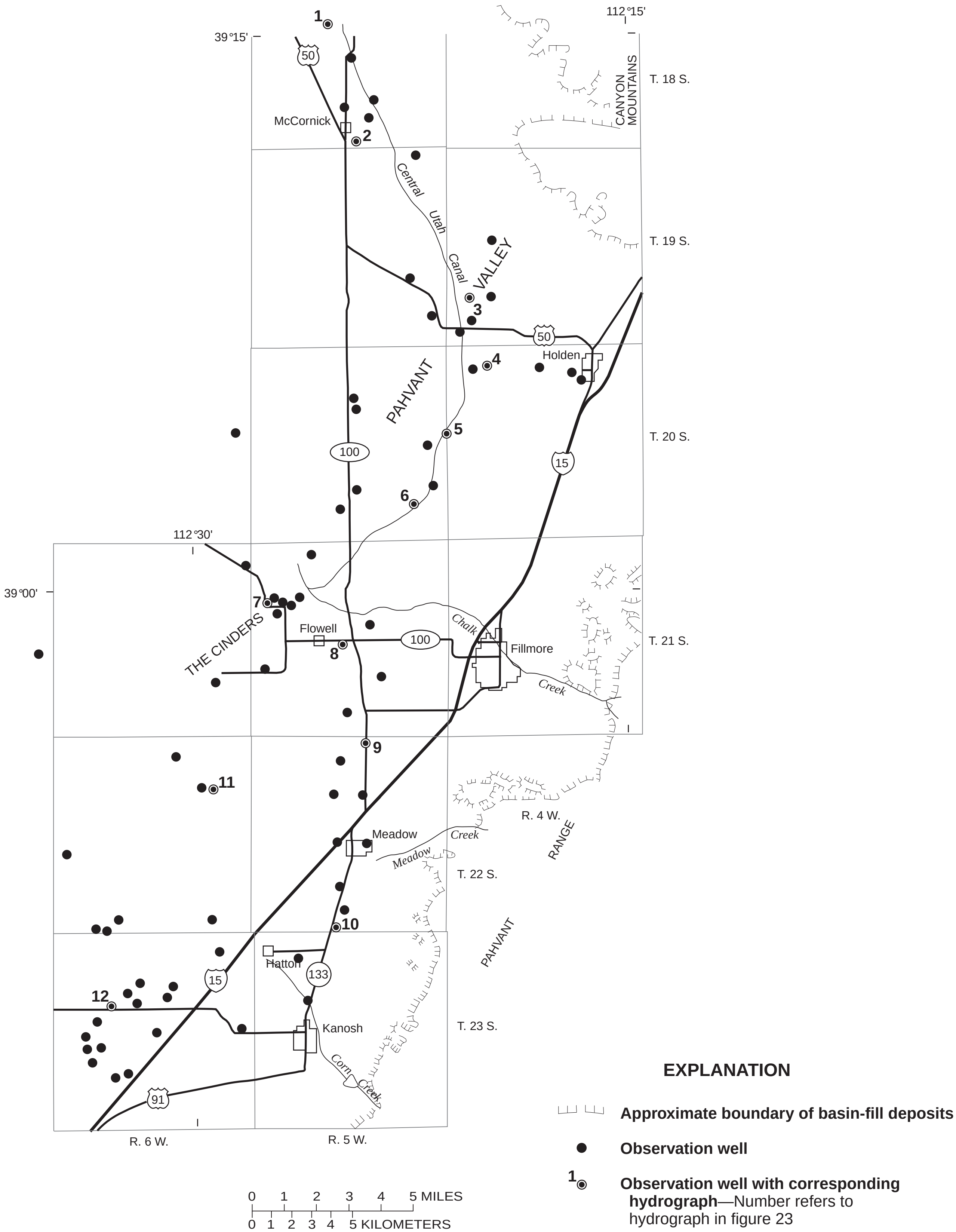
Pahvant Valley, in southeast Millard County, extends from the vicinity of McCornick on the north to Kanosh on the south, from the Pahvant Range and Canyon Mountains on the east and northeast to a low basalt ridge on the west. The area of the valley is about 300 square miles, and water drains to the valley from about 500 square miles of the mountainous terrain. There is surface-water drainage from the southern part of the valley, south of the southern edge of Township 20 South. North of this line, the surface is an undulating plain covered with sand dunes from which there is little or no surface drainage.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Pahvant Valley in 2001 was about 80,000 acre-feet, which is the same as was reported in 2000 and 2,000 acre-feet more than the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3). Withdrawal for irrigation in 2001 was about 78,700 acre-feet, which is 100 acre-feet less than was reported in 2000.

The location of wells in Pahvant Valley in which water levels were measured during March 2002 is shown in figure 22. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Fillmore, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from selected wells is shown in figure 23.

Water levels generally declined in Pahvant Valley from March 2000 to March 2002. The declines are probably a result of continued large withdrawals for irrigation. Water levels generally declined from the early 1950s until 1982 as a result of generally less-than-average precipitation and increased withdrawals. Water levels generally rose from 1982 to 1985, and were generally higher than in the early1950s. The 1982-85 rises were caused by greater-than-average precipitation and decreased withdrawals for irrigation. Levels generally have declined since 1985 because of continued large withdrawals for irrigation.

Precipitation at Fillmore during 2001 was 14.04 inches, which is 1.09 inches less than the average annual precipitation for 1931-2001 and 4.53 inches less than in 2000 (revised). The concentration of dissolved solids in water from wells near Flowell and west of Kanosh is shown in figure 23. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-21-5)7cdd-3, northwest of Flowell, has shown little change since 1983. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-23-6)21bdd-1, west of Kanosh, generally has increased since the late 1950s.



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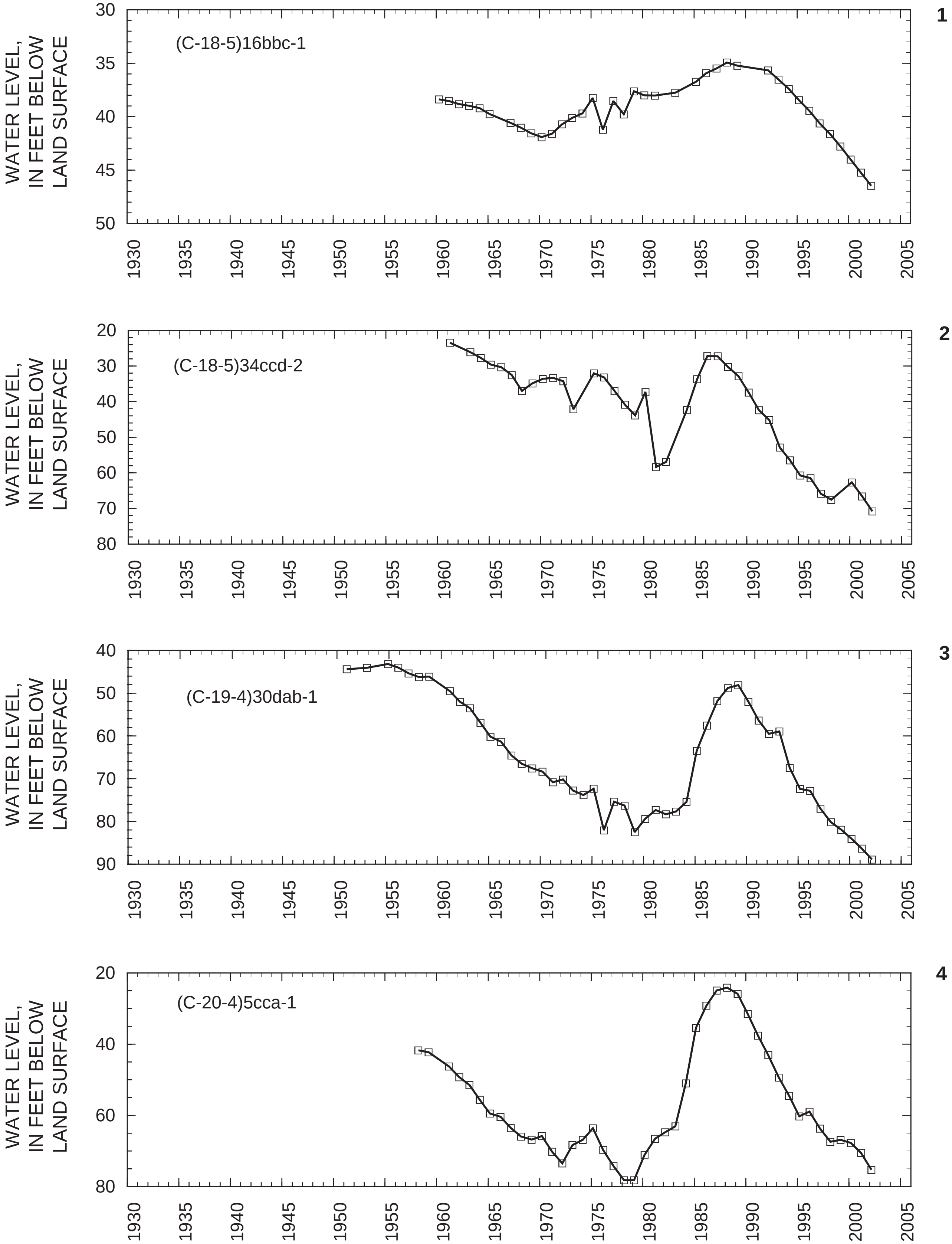

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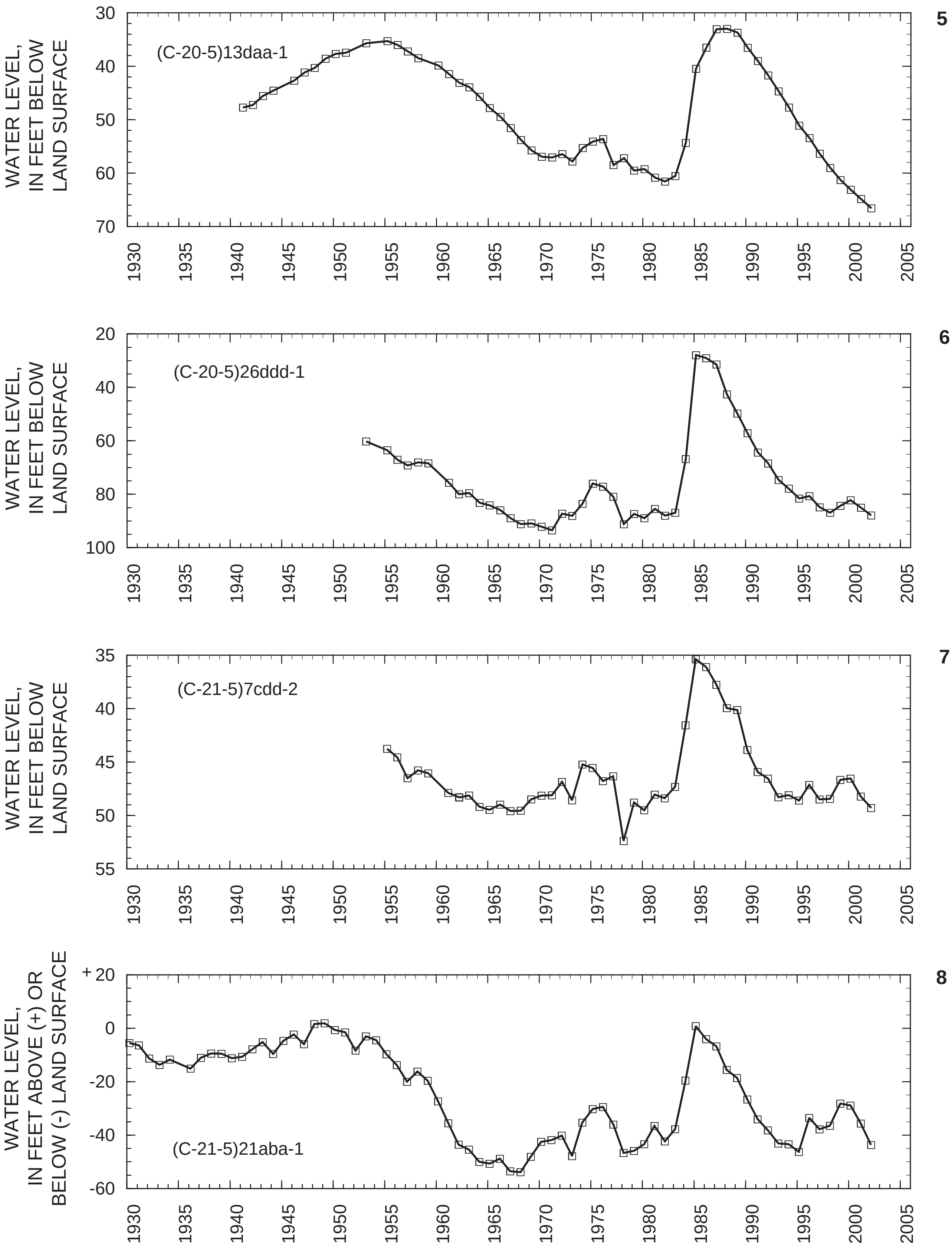

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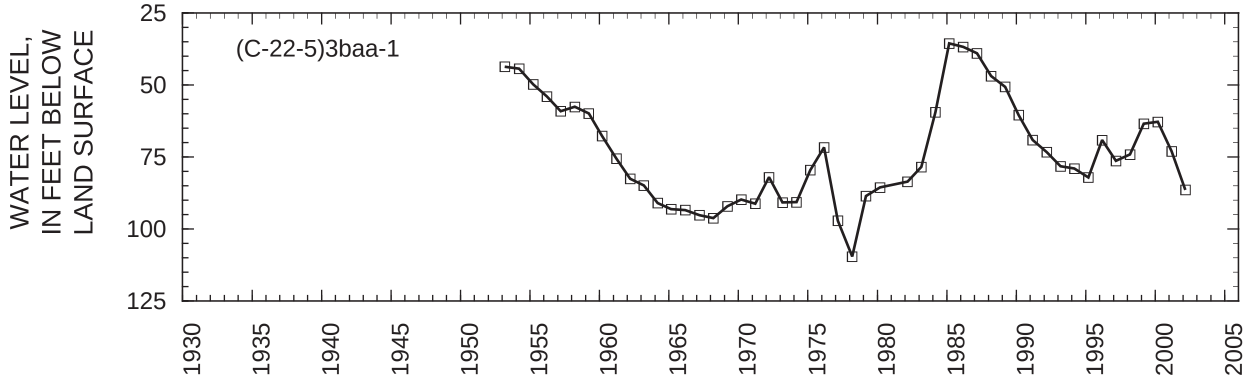

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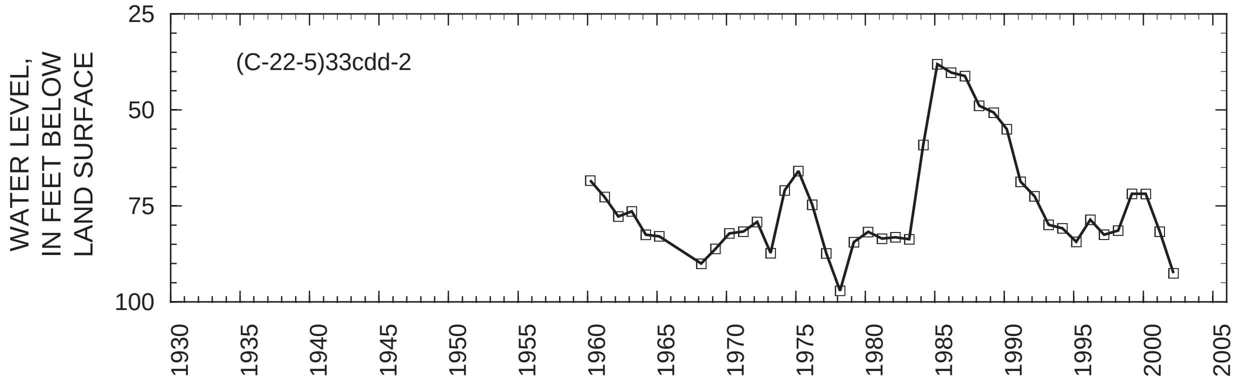

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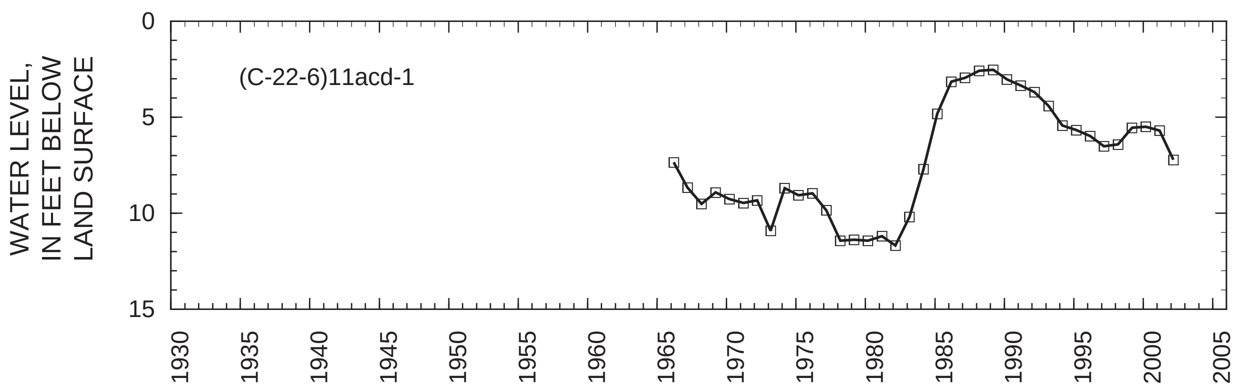

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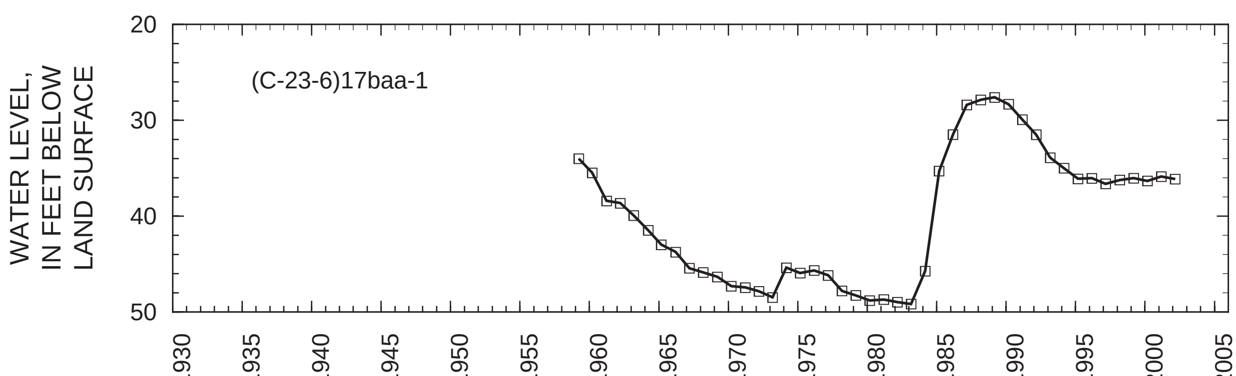

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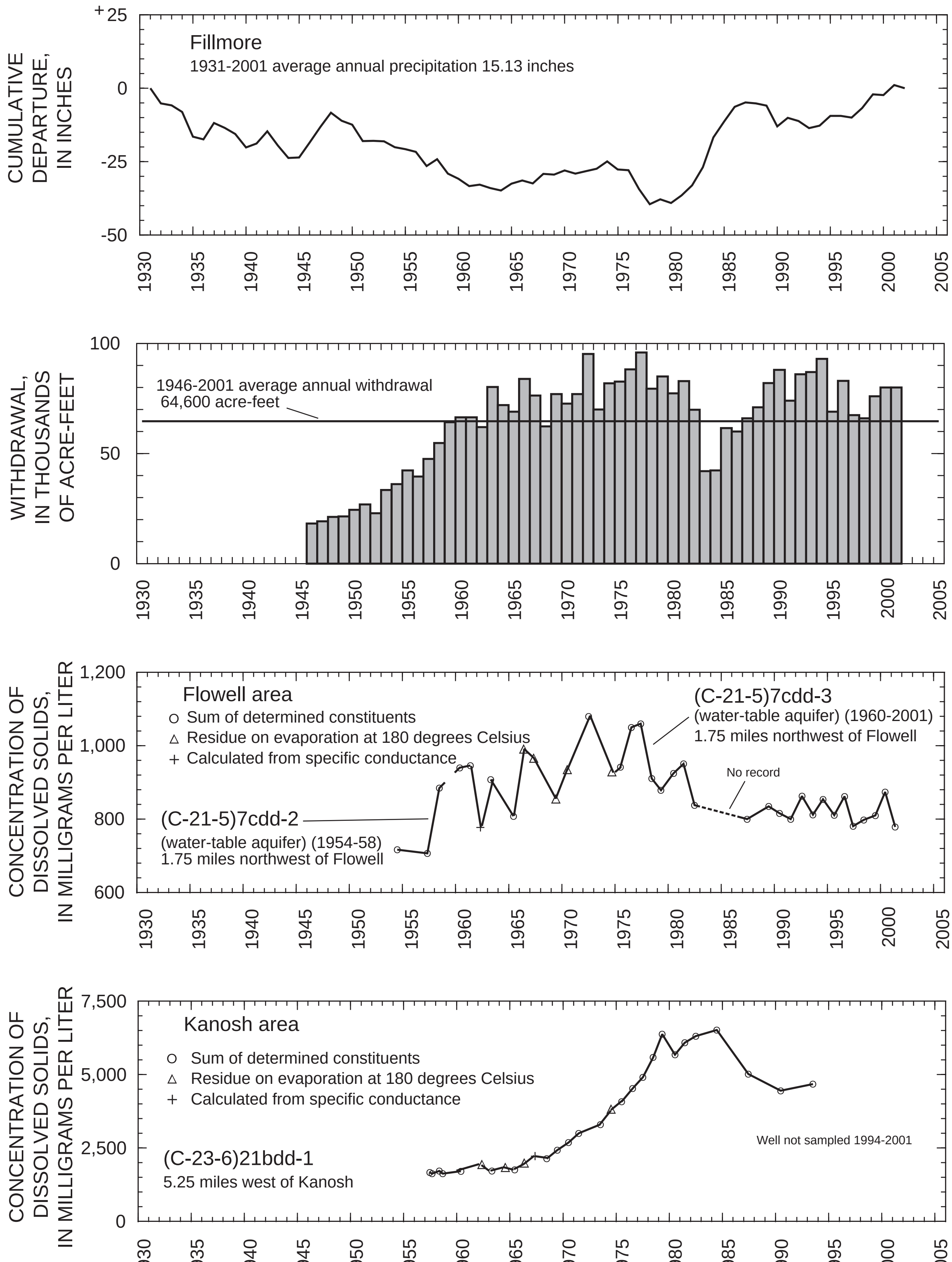

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CEDAR VALLEY, IRON COUNTY

By J.H. Howells

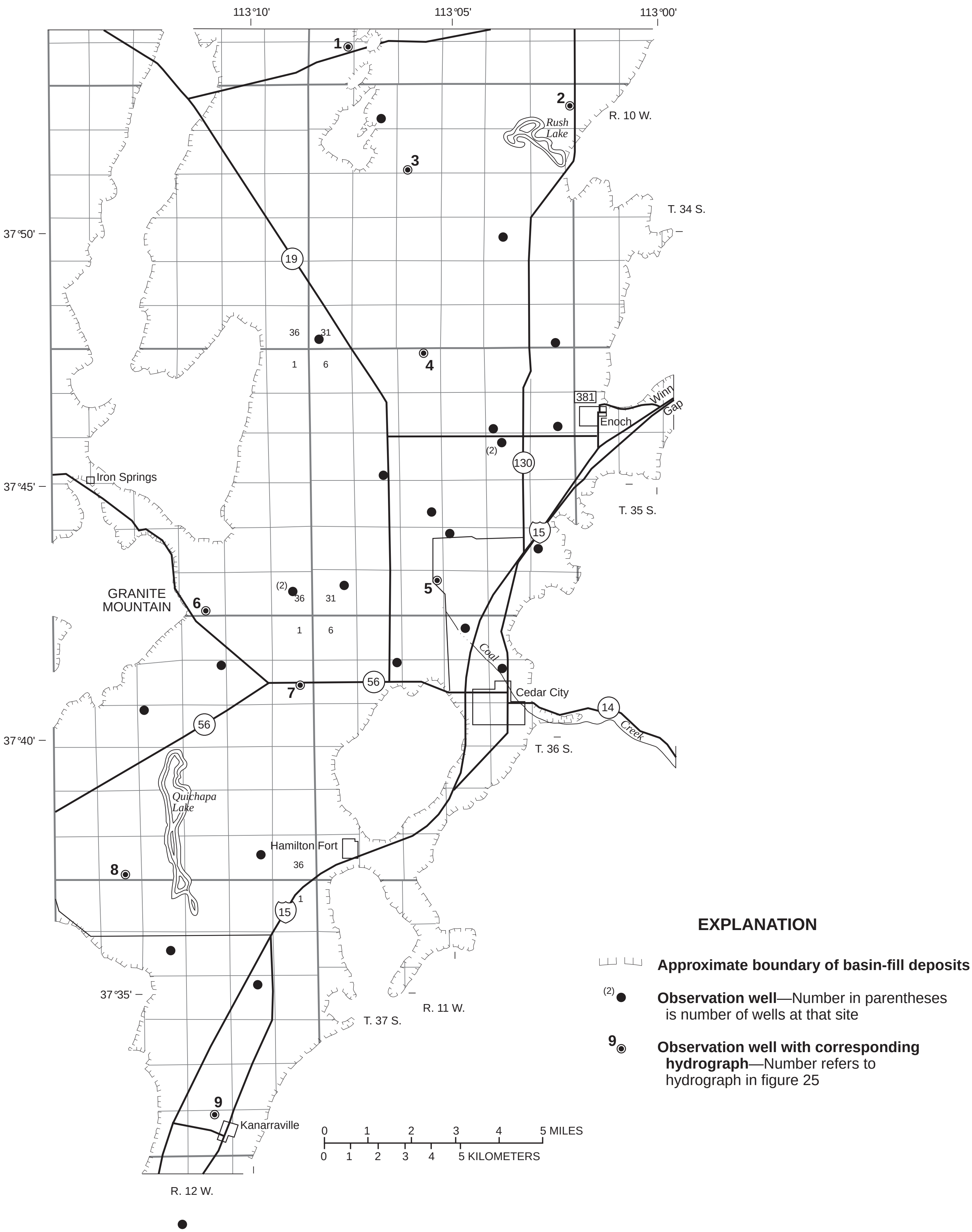
Cedar Valley is in eastern Iron County, southwestern Utah. The valley covers about 170 square miles, from about Townships 34 South to 37 South and Ranges 10 West to 12 West. Ground water in Cedar Valley occurs in unconsolidated deposits, mostly under water-table conditions. The principal source of recharge to aquifers is water from Coal Creek, which seeps directly from the stream channel into the ground after being diverted for irrigation.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Cedar Valley in 2001 was about 32,000 acre-feet, which is 3,000 acre-feet less than the revised value for 2000 and 2,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3).

The location of wells in Cedar Valley, Iron County, in which the water level was measured during March 2002 is shown in figure 24. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Cedar City Federal Aviation Administration Airport, to annual discharge of Coal Creek near Cedar City, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from selected wells is shown in figure 25.

Ground-water levels generally declined from March 1999 to March 2002 in most of Cedar Valley. Water-level declines probably resulted from continued large withdrawals for irrigation and public supply and less-than-average streamflow. Wells in the northern part of Cedar Valley show that water levels generally declined through 1992 and rose slightly from 1993-99. Water levels in the central and southern parts of the valley generally rose in the 1980s and generally have declined since 1989.

Precipitation at Cedar City Federal Aviation Administration Airport in 2001 was 9.96 inches, which is 3.01 inches less than for 2000 and 0.83 inch less than the average annual precipitation for 1951-2001. The discharge of Coal Creek was about 23,300 acre-feet in 2001, which is 6,000 acre-feet more than the revised total of 17,300 acre-feet for 2000, and 900 acre-feet less than the average annual discharge for 1936, 1939-2001. The concentrations of dissolved solids in wells (C-35-11)31dbd-1, (C-37-12)23acb-1, and (C-37-12)23abd-1 have ranged between 300 and 600 milligrams per liter.



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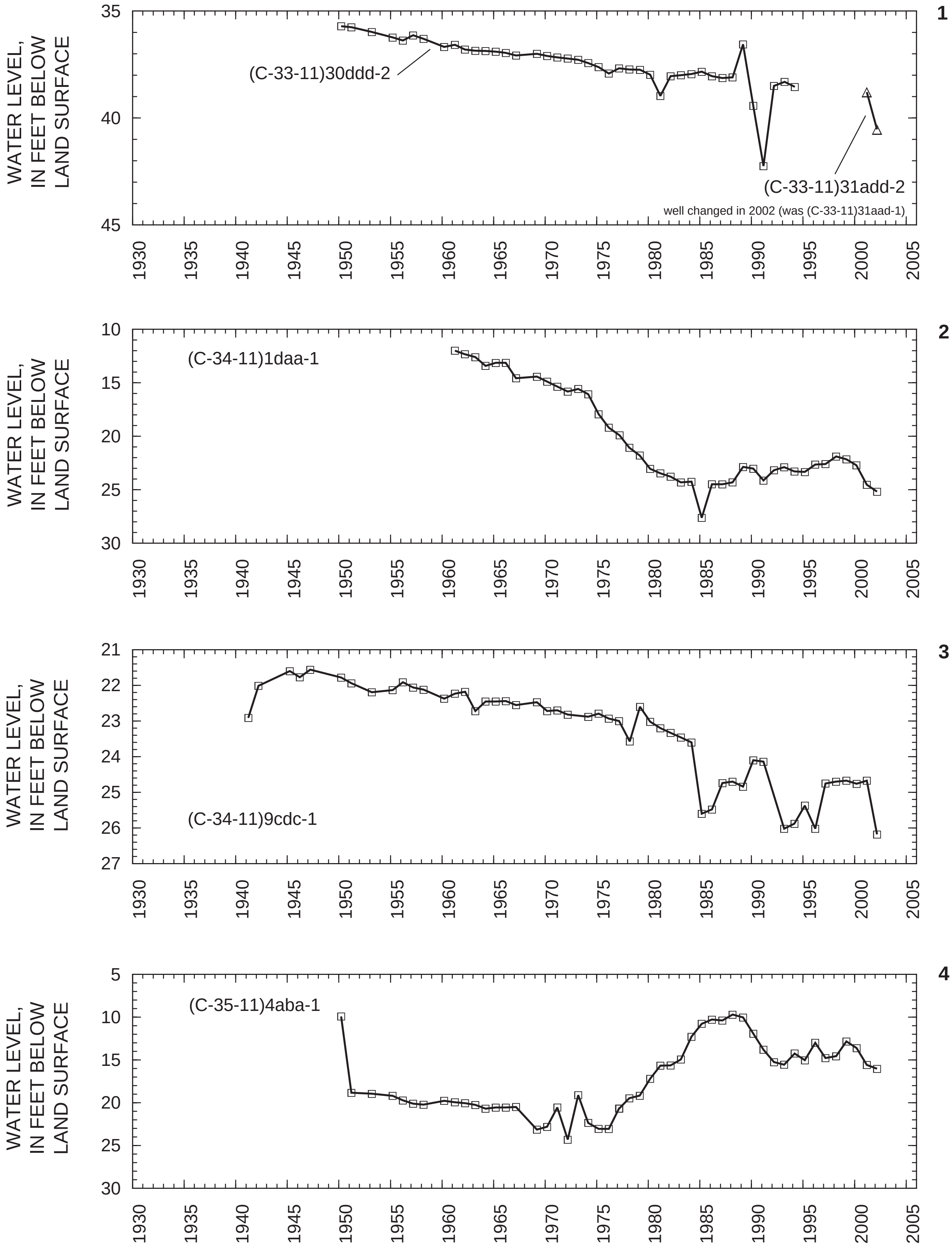

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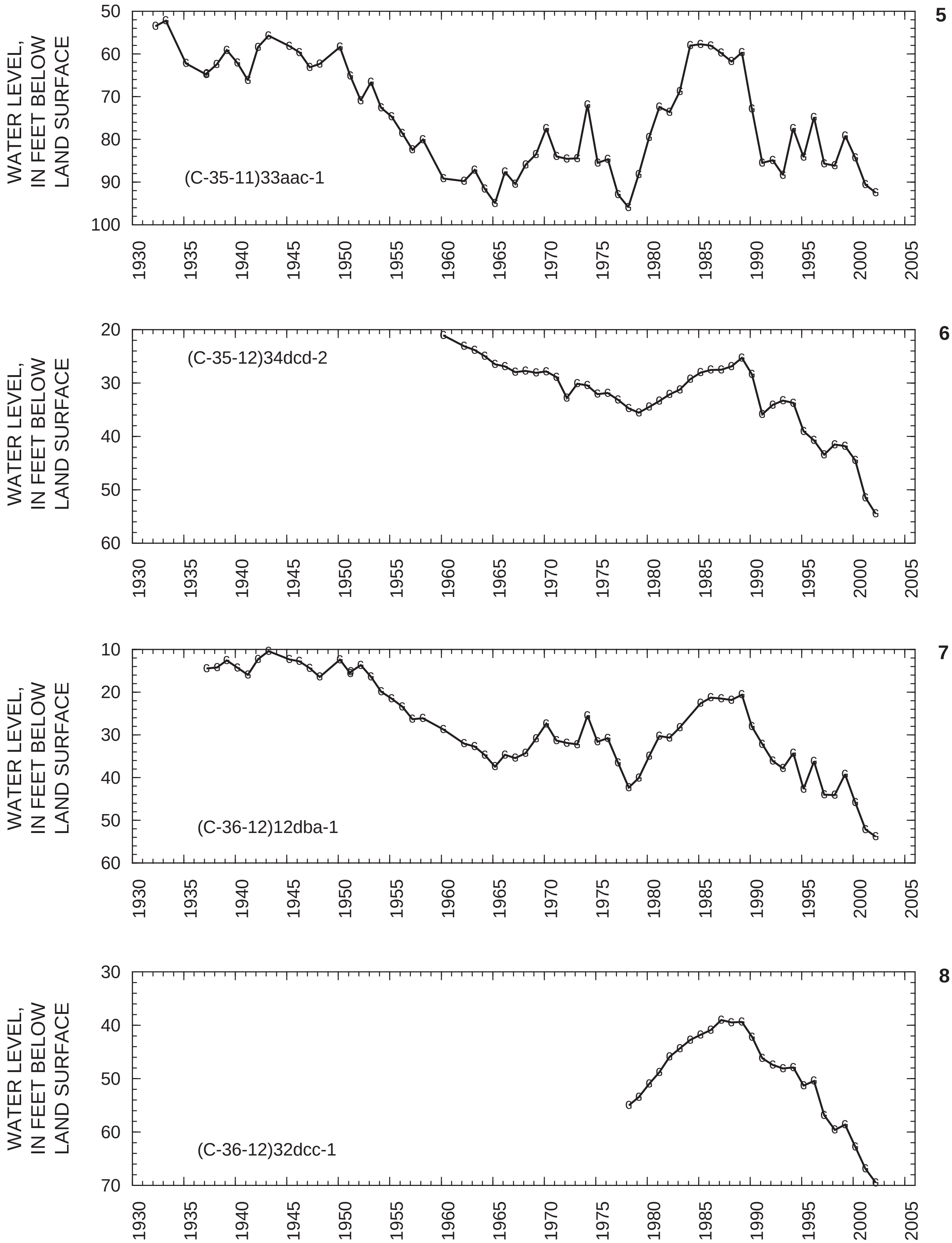

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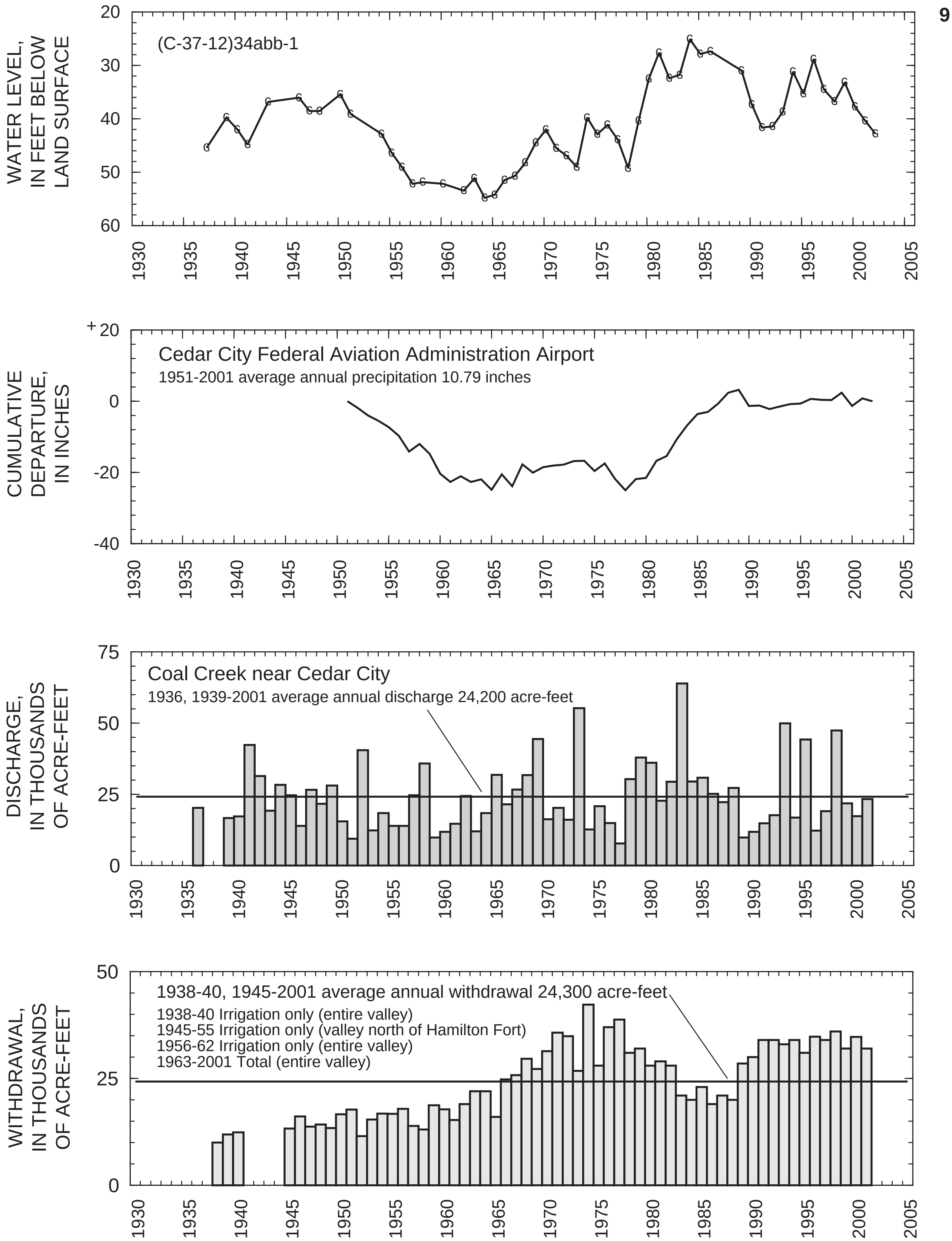

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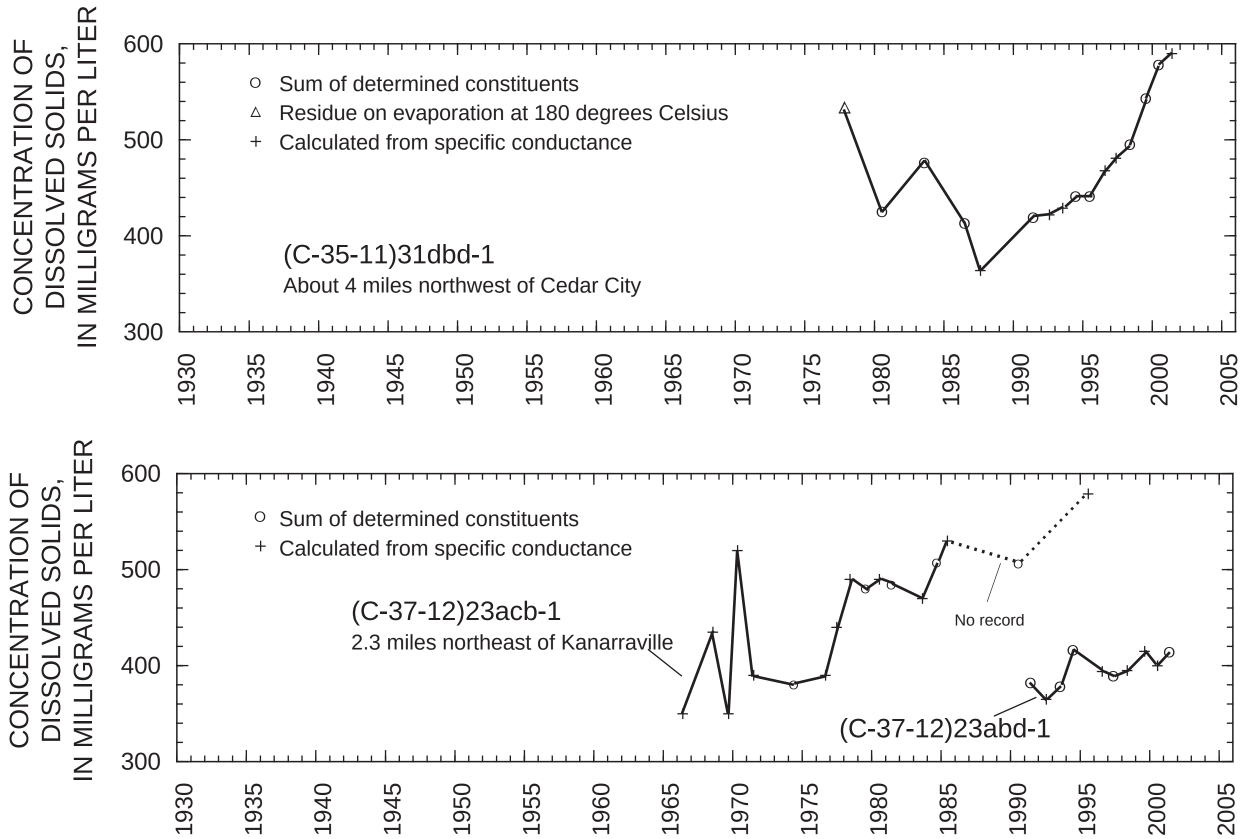

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PAROWAN VALLEY

By J.H. Howells

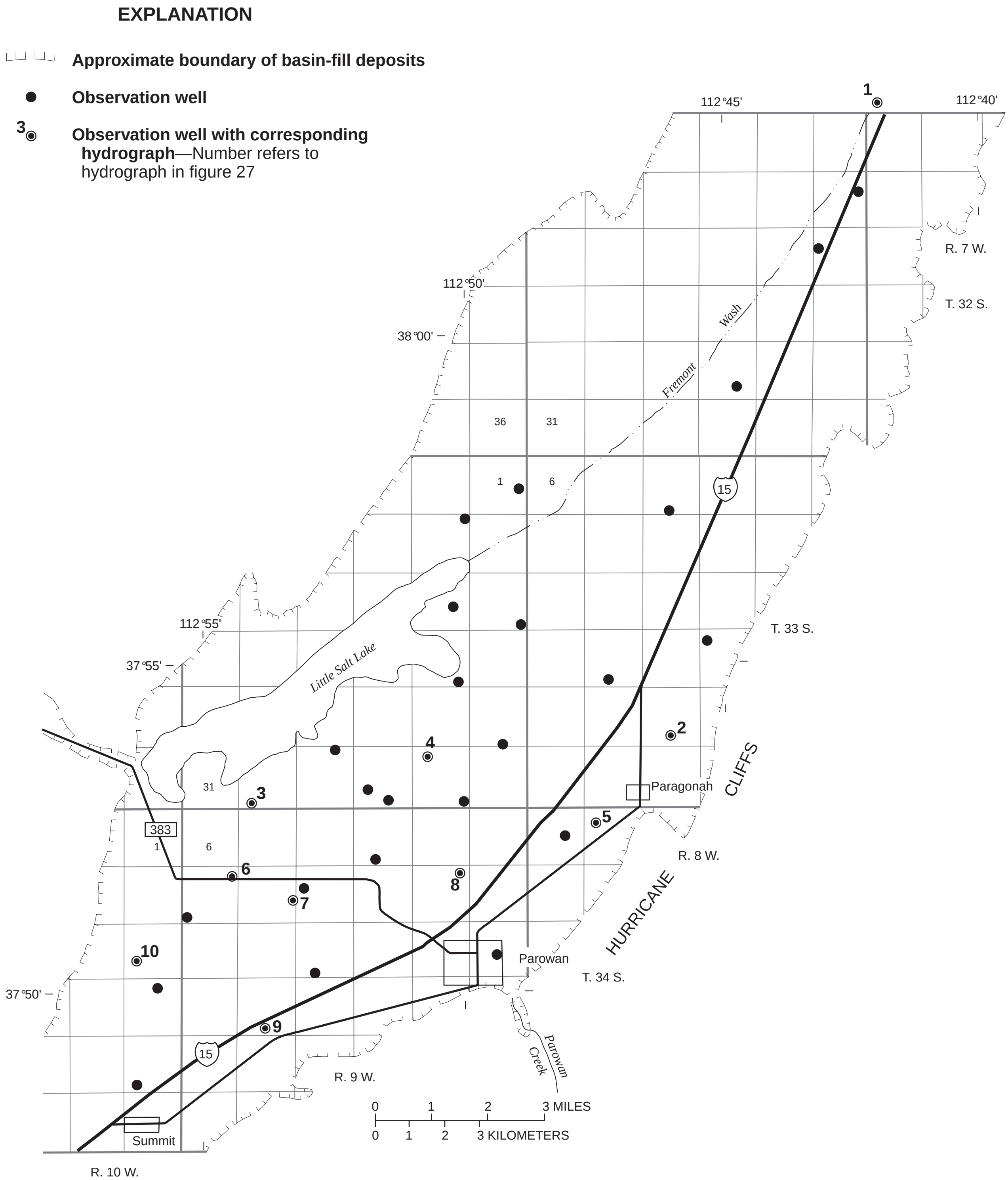
Parowan Valley is in northern Iron County, southwestern Utah. The valley covers about 160 square miles, between about Townships 32 South and 34 South and Ranges 7 West and 10 West. Ground water occurs in unconsolidated deposits under both water-table and artesian conditions.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in Parowan Valley in 2001 was about 22,000 acre-feet, which is about 8,000 acre-feet less than was reported for 2000 and 6,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3).

The location of wells in Parowan Valley in which the water level was measured during March 2002 is shown in figure 26. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to cumulative departure from the average annual precipitation at Parowan Power Plant, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-33-8)31ccc-1 is shown in figure 27.

Water levels generally declined from March 1999 to March 2002 in Parowan Valley. Declines probably resulted from decreased recharge due to less-than-average precipitation. Water levels in Parowan Valley generally have declined since 1950, although rises occurred during 1973-74, 1983-85, and 1996-99. The rises were probably the result of greater-than-average precipitation during those periods.

Precipitation at Parowan Power Plant in 2001 was 10.01 inches, which is 2.50 inches less than the average annual precipitation for 1935-2001 and 3.01 inches less than in 2000. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-33-8)31ccc-1 has shown little change since 1976 (fig. 27).



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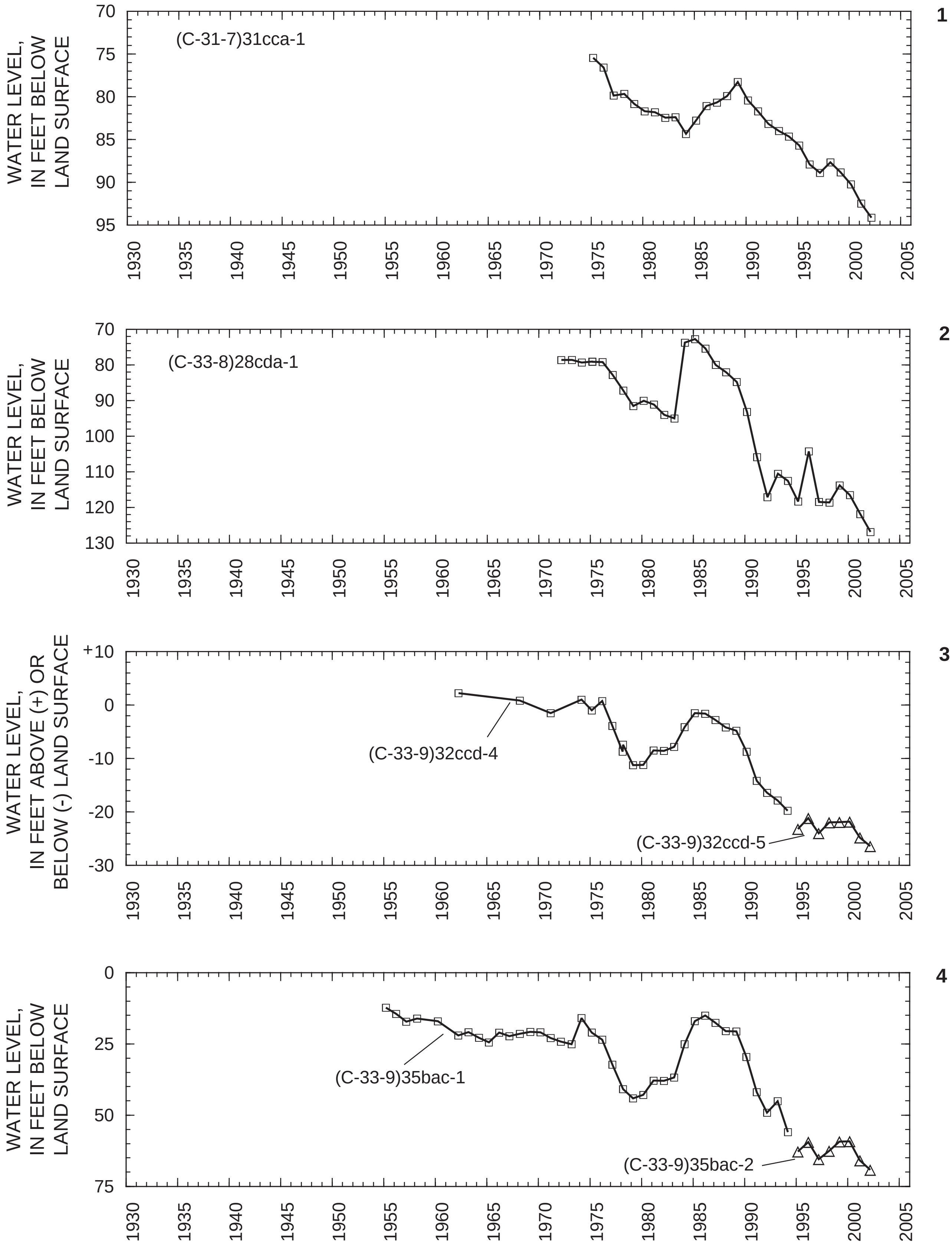

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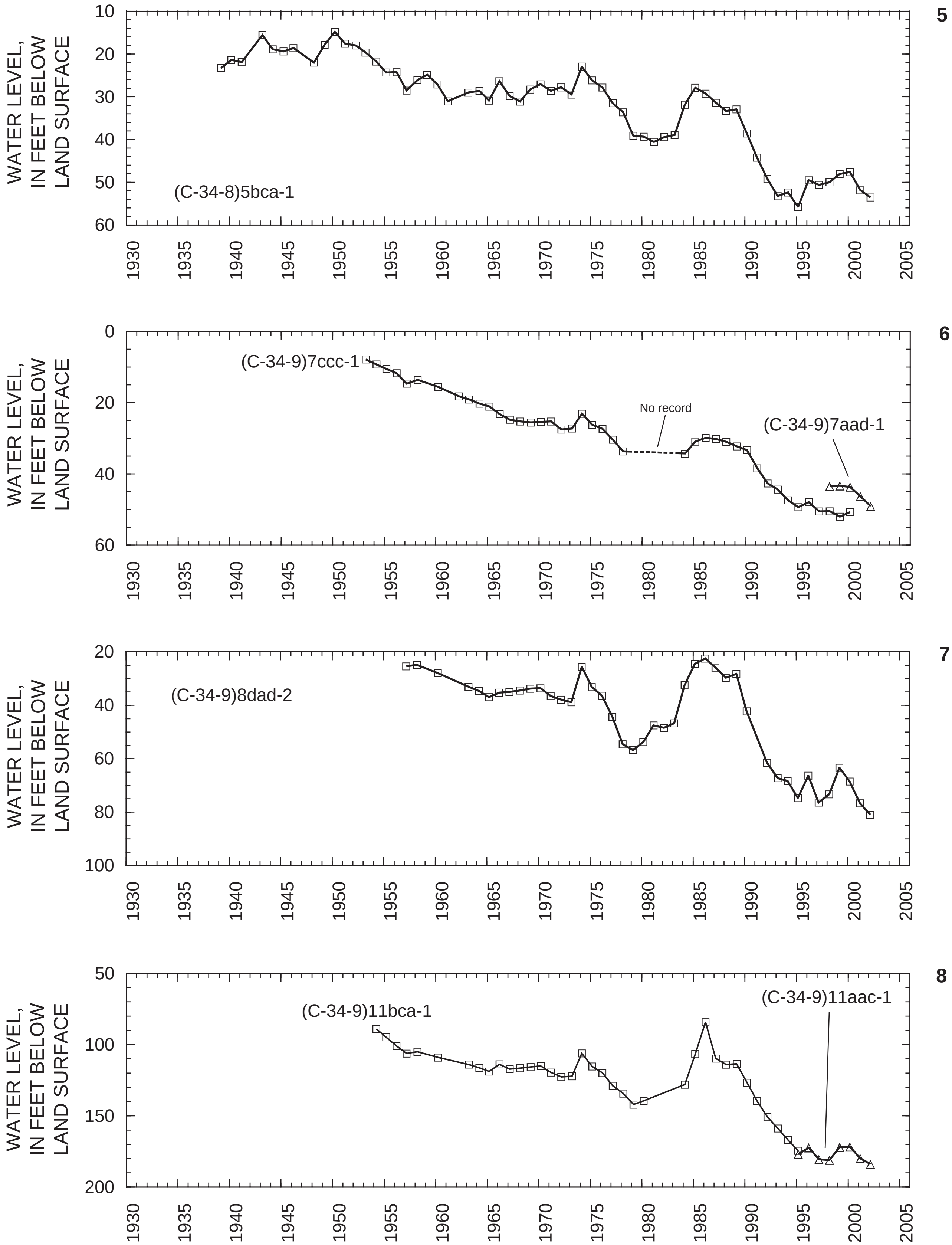

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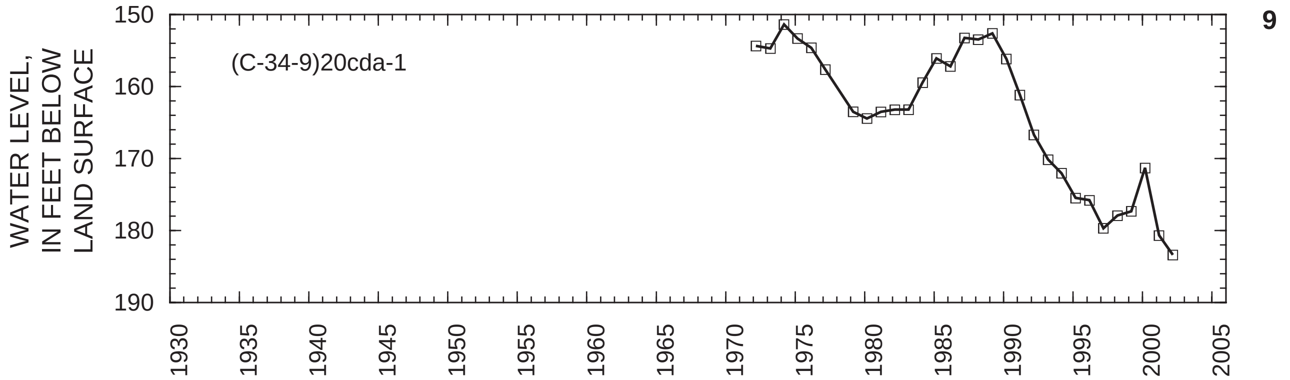

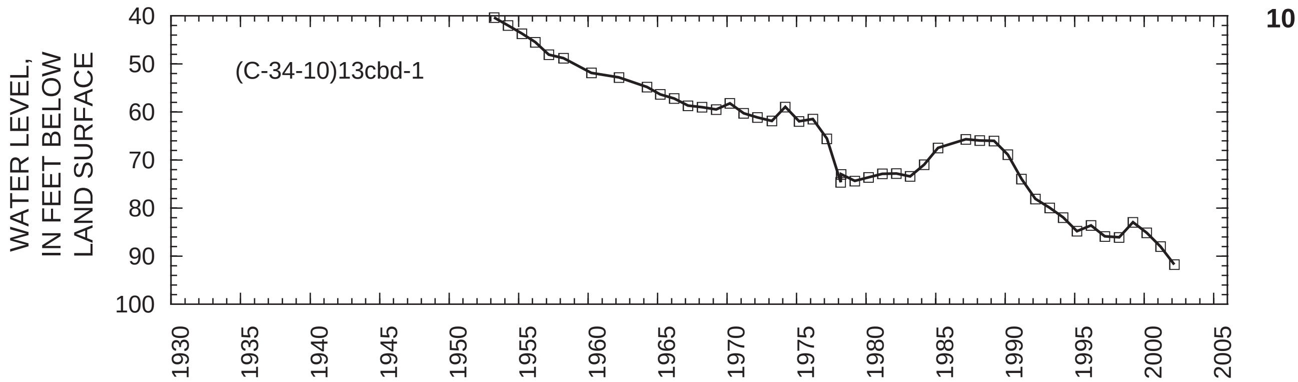

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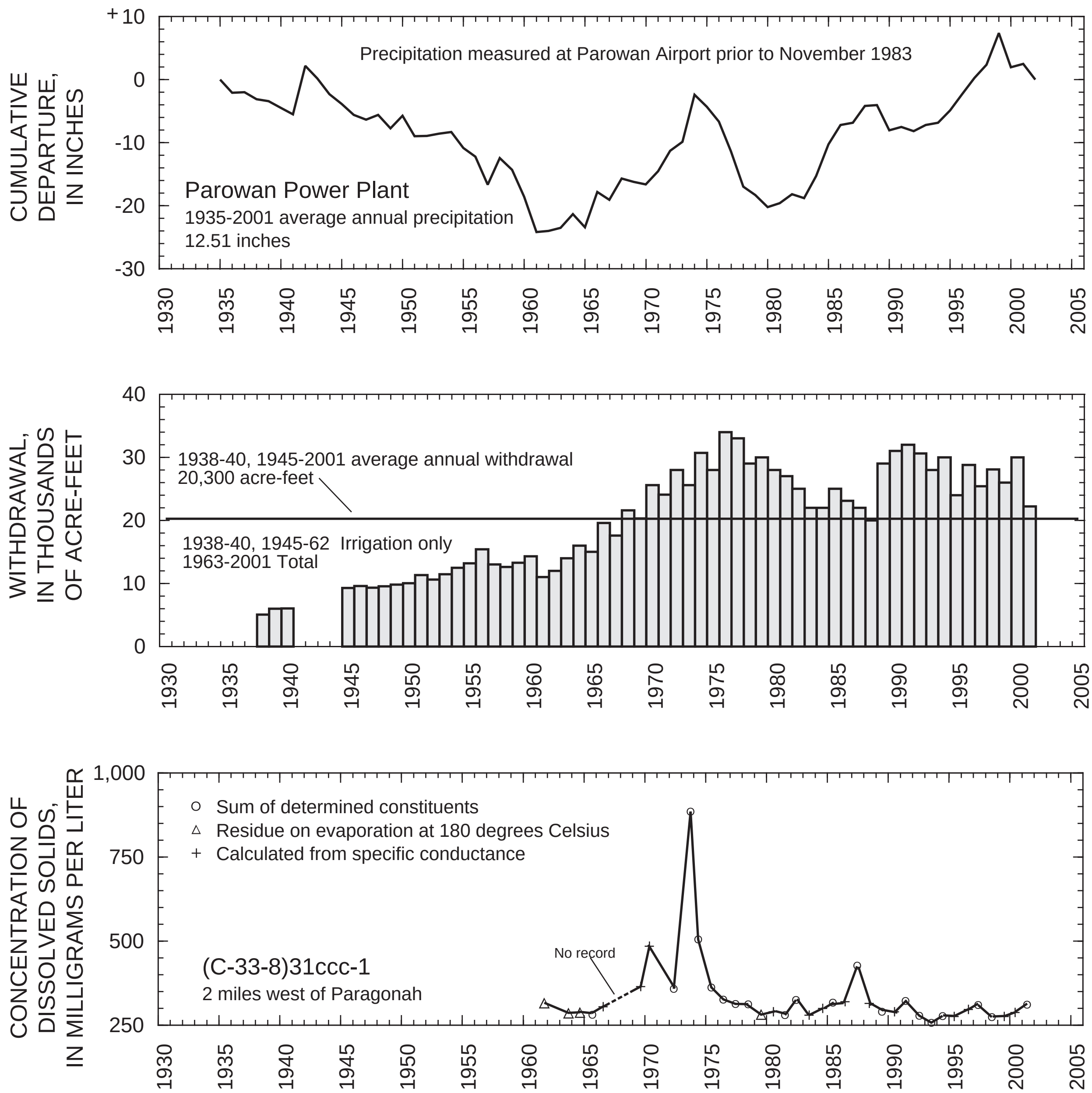

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ESCALANTE VALLEY

Milford Area

By B.A. Slaugh

The Milford area is in southwest Utah in parts of Millard, Beaver, and Iron Counties, between about Townships 24 South and 31 South and Ranges 9 West and 14 West.

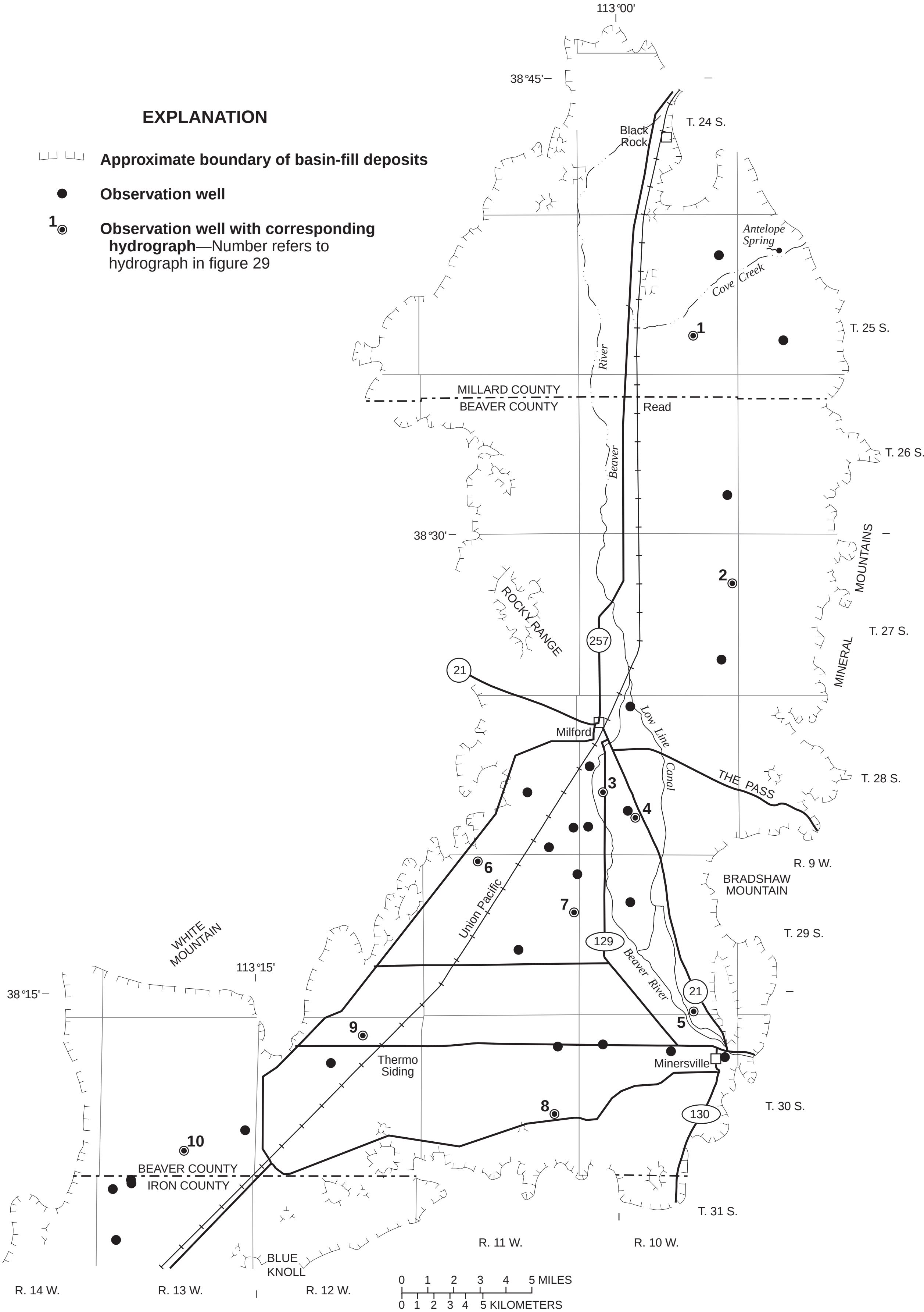
Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in the Milford area of the Escalante Valley in 2001 was about 42,000 acre-feet, which is 7,000 acre-feet less than was reported for 2000 and 7,000 acre-feet less than the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3). The decrease in withdrawals was mostly the result of decreased irrigation.

The location of wells measured in the Milford area during March 2002 is shown in figure 28. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to cumulative departure from the average annual precipitation at Black Rock, to annual discharge of the Beaver River at Rocky Ford Dam, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-28-11) 25dcd-1 is shown in figure 29.

Water levels from March 2001 to March 2002 generally declined in most of the Milford area as a result of less precipitation. Water levels generally have declined since the early 1950s in the south-central Milford area in response to the long-term effects of ground-water withdrawals. Water-level rises during 1983-85 resulted from greater-than-average precipitation during 1982-85 and increased recharge from record flow in the Beaver River during 1983-84.

Precipitation at Black Rock in 2001 was 6.73 inches, 4.71 inches less than in 2000 and 2.32 inches less than the 1952-2001 average annual precipitation.

Discharge of the Beaver River in 2001 was about 13,300 acre-feet, which is 15,700 acre-feet less than the 1931-35, 1938-2001 average annual discharge. From 1950 to 1983, the concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-28-11)25dcd-1 increased from about 500 to almost 2,000 milligrams per liter. Since 1983, concentrations have decreased to about 500 milligrams per liter in 2001.



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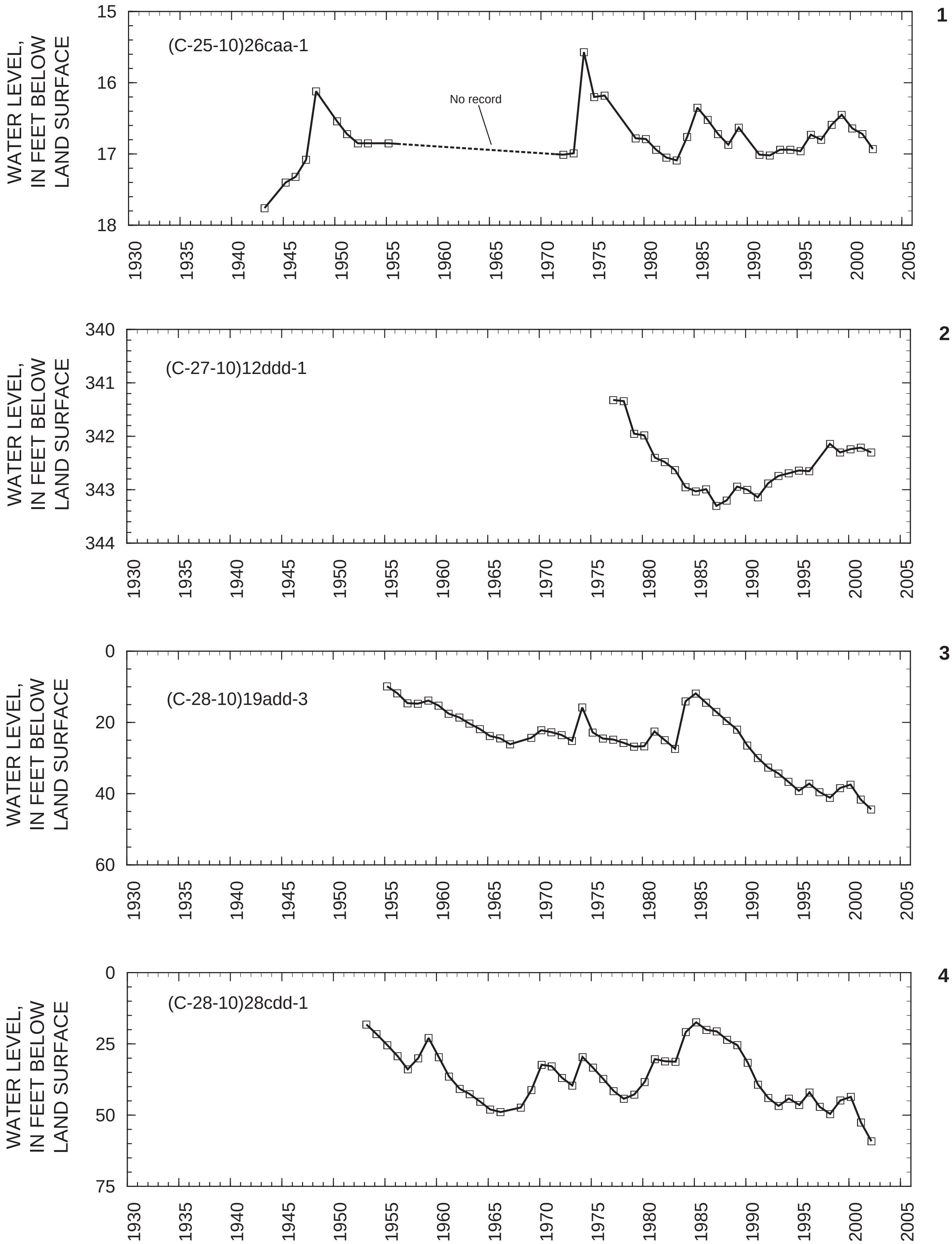

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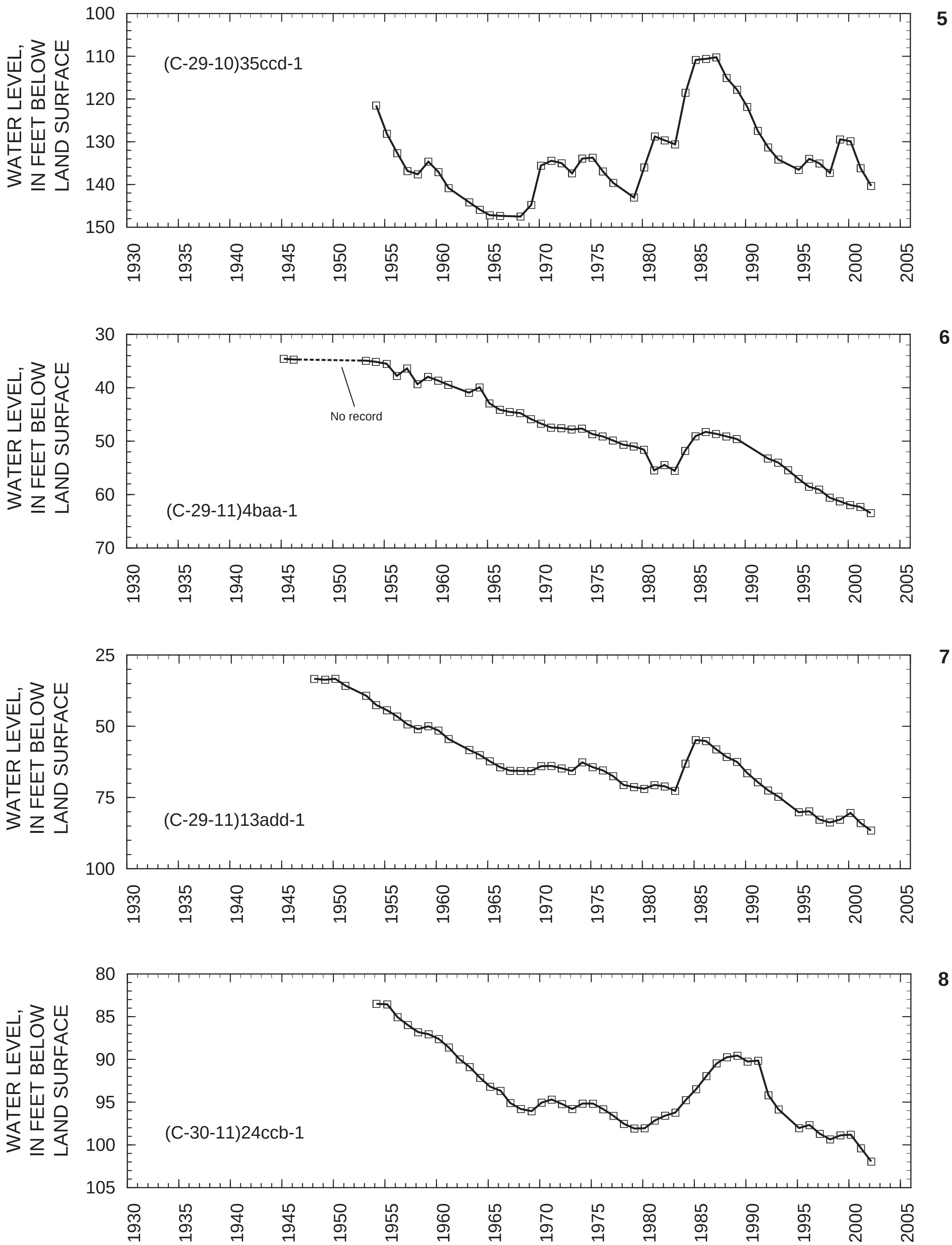

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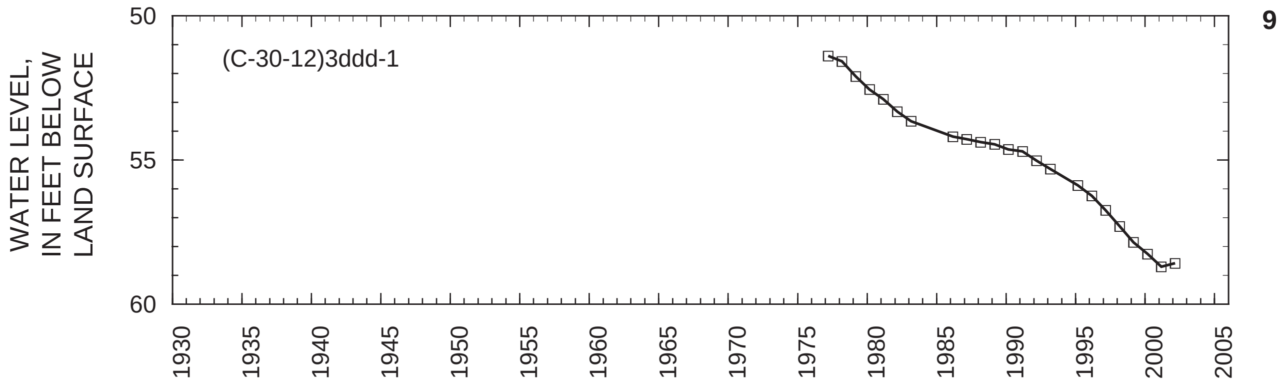

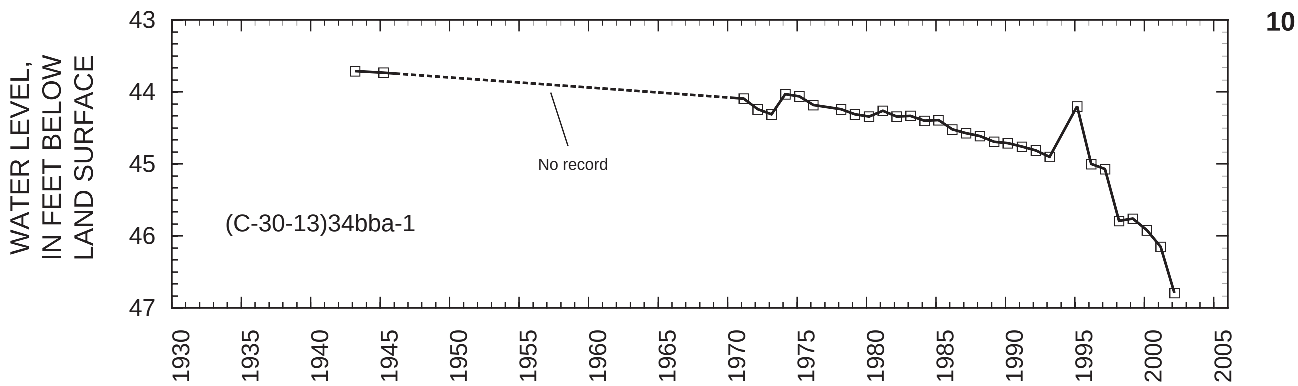

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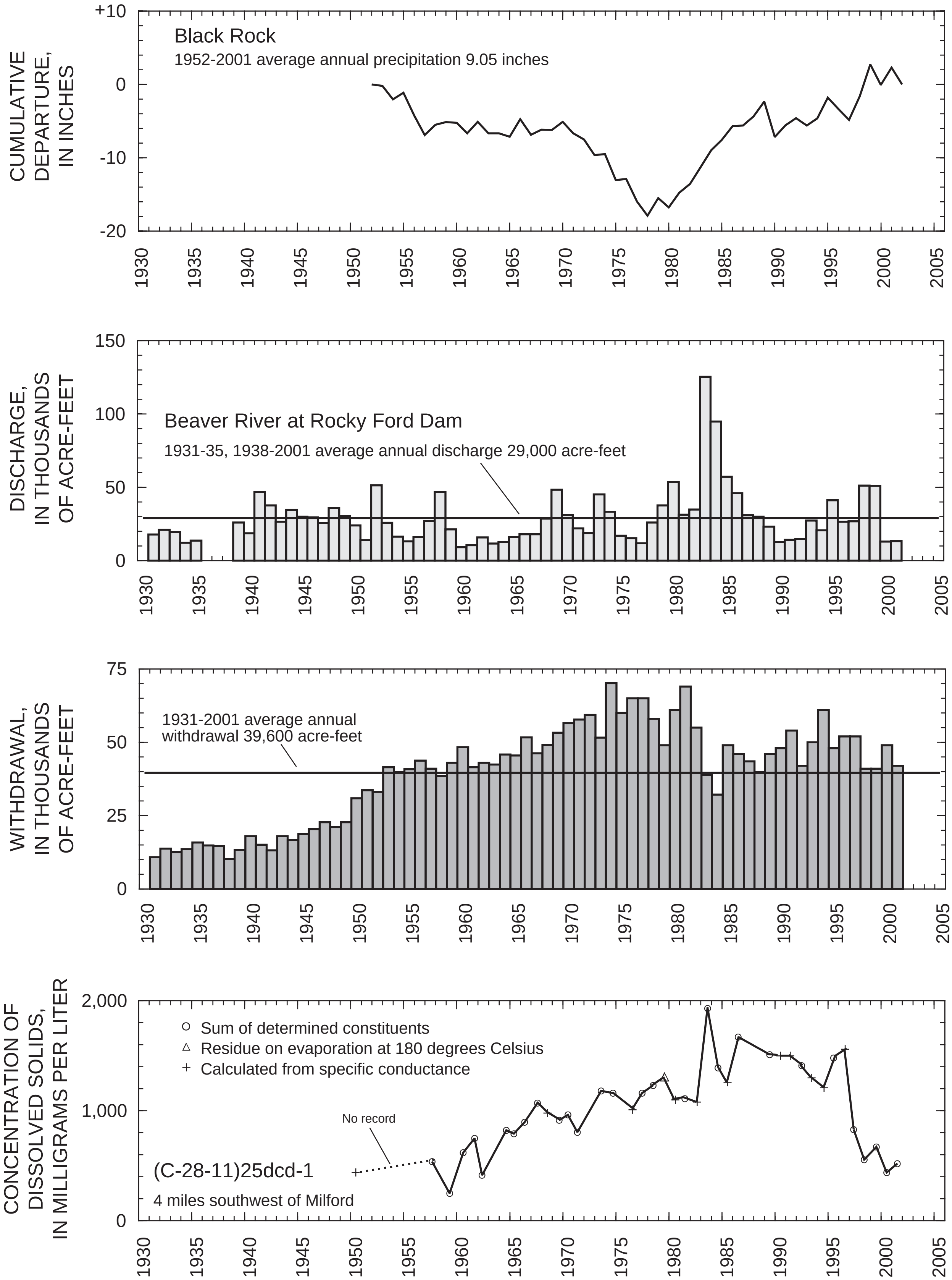

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ESCALANTE VALLEY

Beryl-Enterprise Area

By H.K. Christiansen

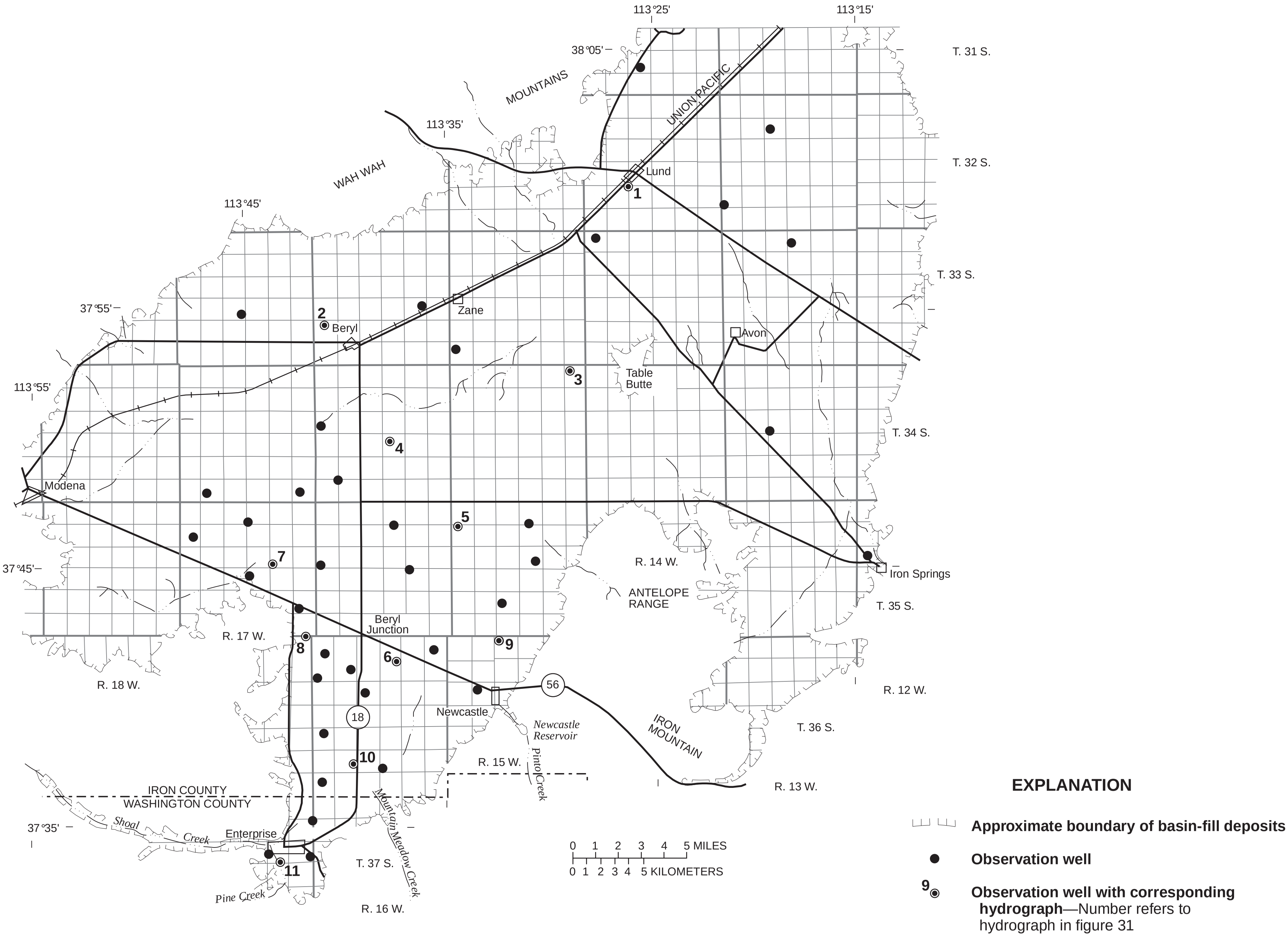
The Beryl-Enterprise area covers about 800 square miles in the southern end of Escalante Valley, between about Townships 31 South and 37 South and Ranges 12 West and 18 West.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in the Beryl-Enterprise area in 2001 was about 81,000 acre-feet, which is 3,000 acre-feet less than in 2000 and 1,000 acre-feet more than the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3). The decrease was mostly the result of decreased withdrawals for irrigation.

The location of wells in the Beryl-Enterprise area in which the water level was measured during March 2002 is shown in figure 30. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Modena, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-34-16)28dcc-2 is shown in figure 31.

Water levels generally declined from March 2001 to March 2002 in the Beryl-Enterprise area. Water levels have generally declined throughout the valley since 1950. The declines are a result of continued large withdrawals for irrigation since 1950. A decline of about 104 feet since 1948 is shown in well (C-36-16)29daa-1, about 5 miles northeast of Enterprise.

Precipitation at Modena in 2001 was 9.01 inches, which is 1.40 inches less than the average annual precipitation for 1936-2001 and 3.72 inches less than in 2000. Concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-34-16)28dcc-2 has increased from about 460 milligrams per liter in 1967 to about 670 milligrams per liter in 2001.



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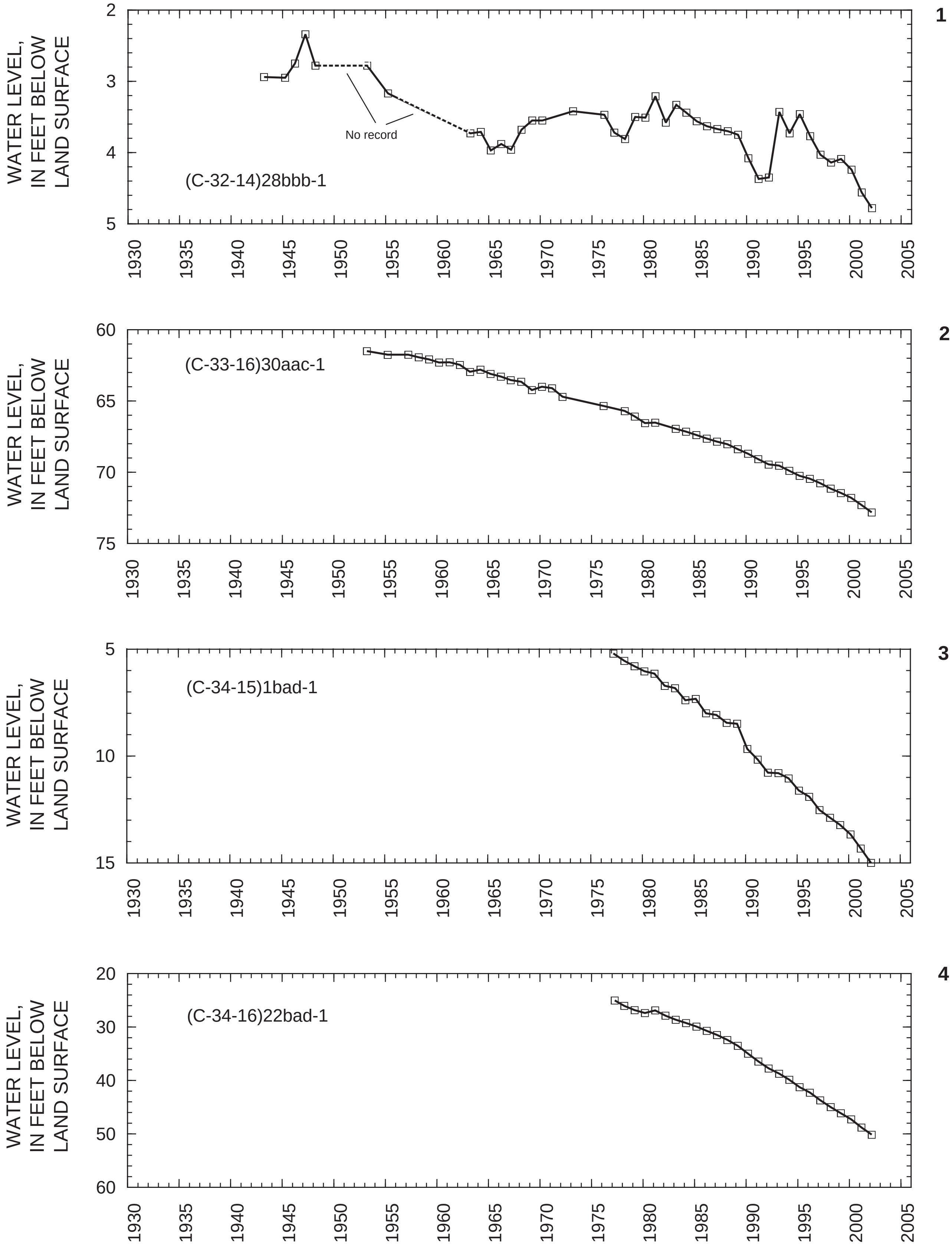

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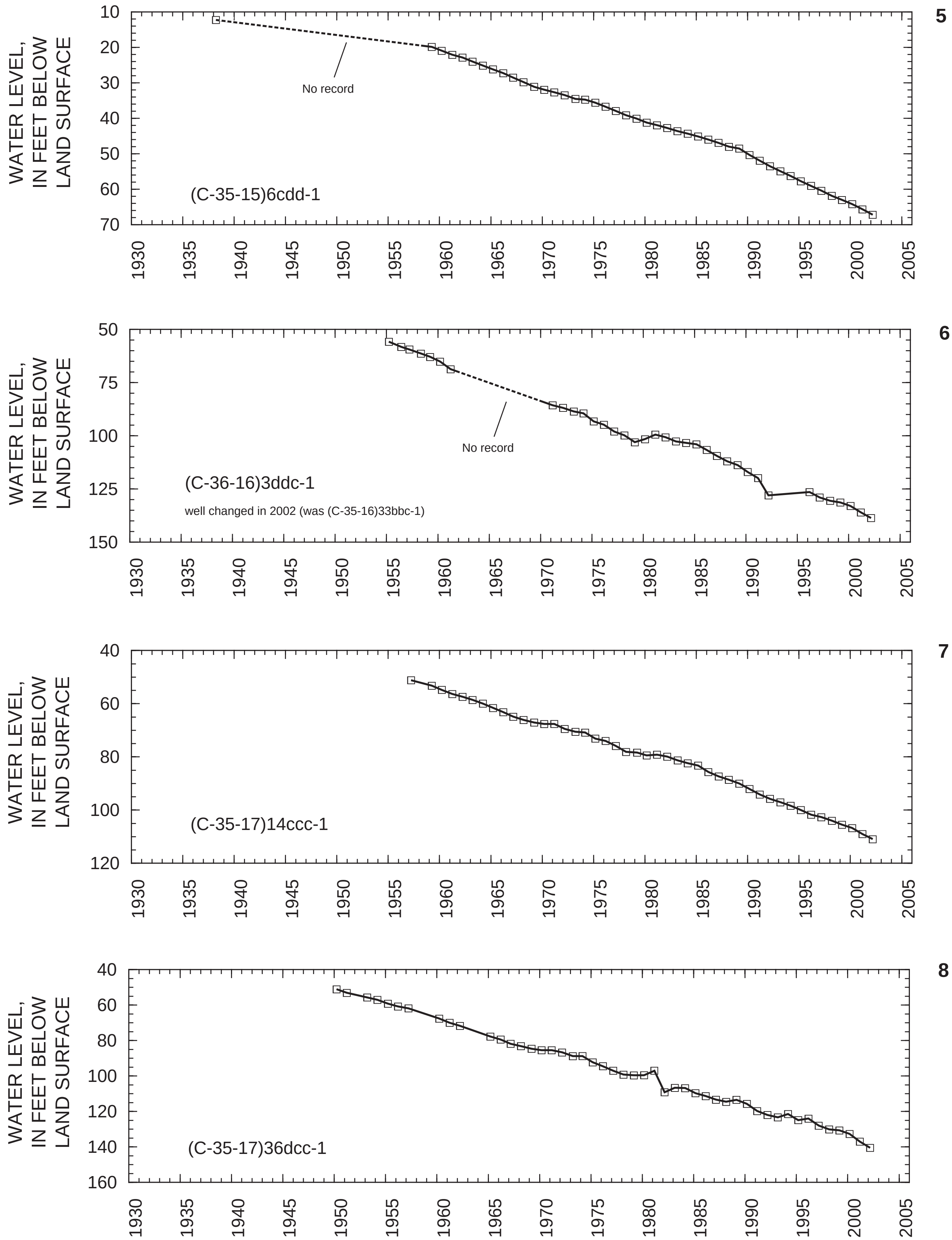

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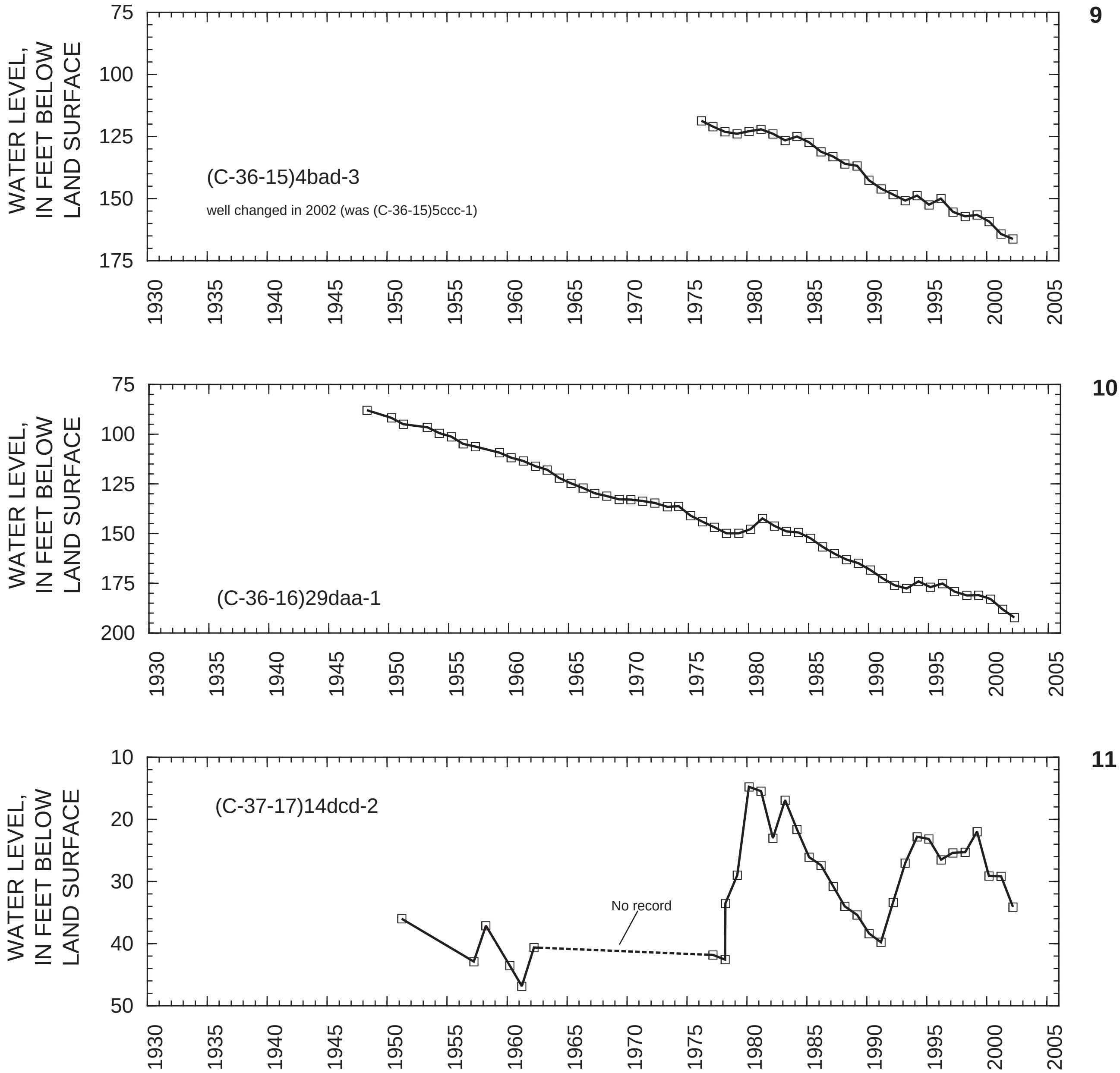

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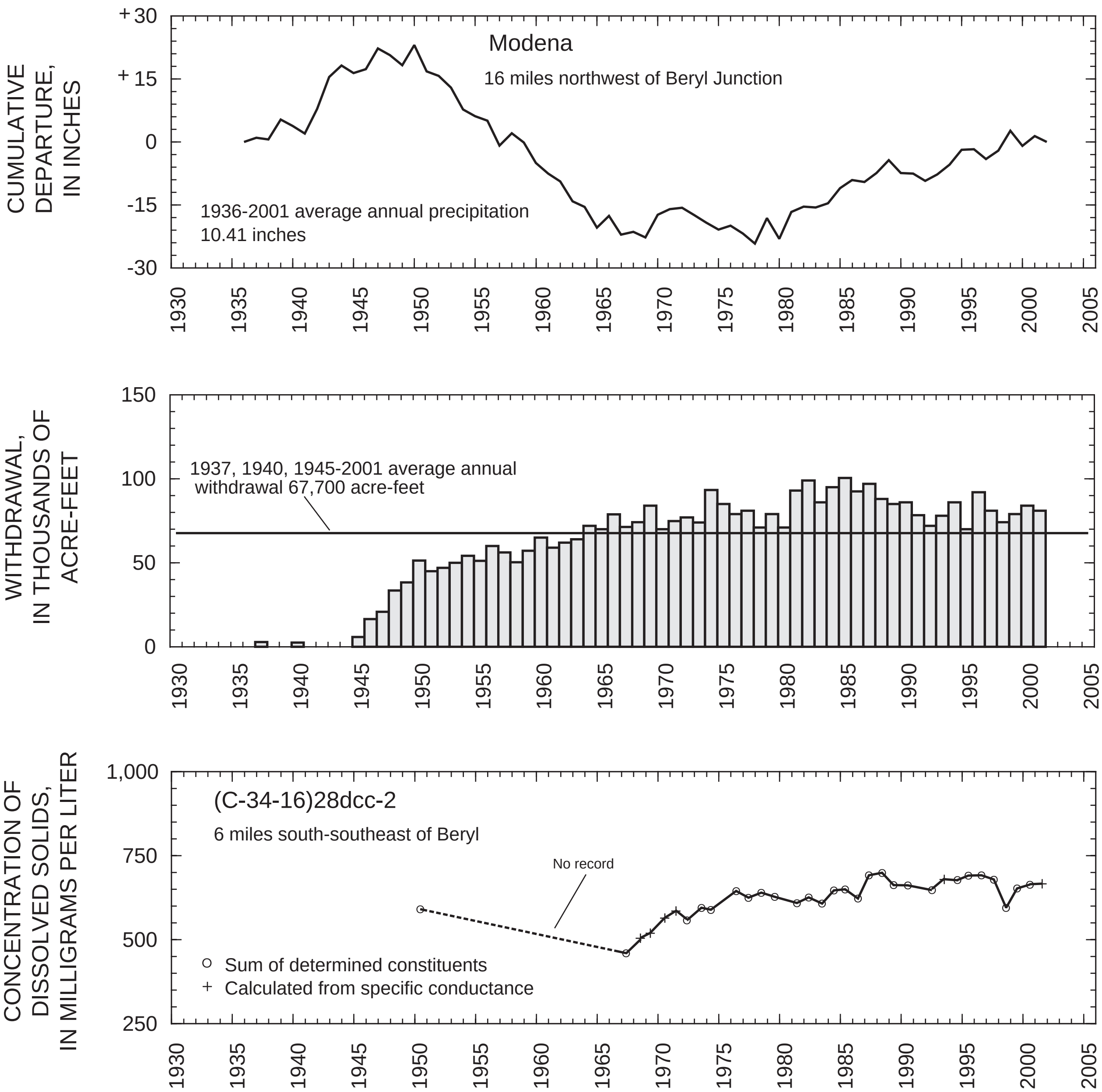

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CENTRAL VIRGIN RIVER AREA

By H.K. Christiansen

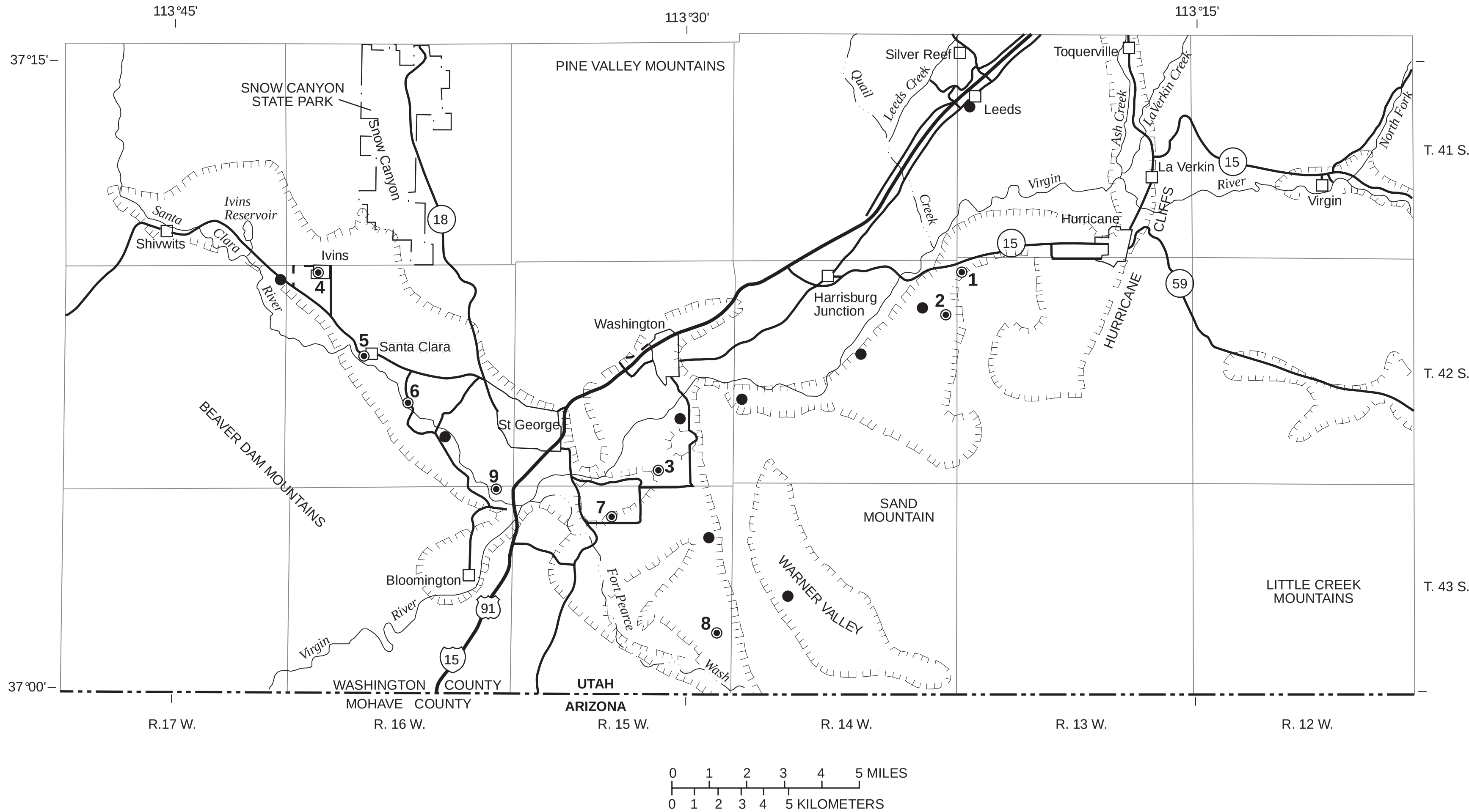
The central Virgin River area is between the south end of the Pine Valley Mountains and the Hurricane Cliffs to the east and the Beaver Dam Mountains to the southwest. Major ground-water development includes water from valley-fill aquifers used primarily for irrigation and water from consolidated rock and valley fill, which is used primarily for public supply. Most of the wells measured are near the Virgin and Santa Clara Rivers.

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in the central Virgin River area in 2001was about 27,000 acre-feet, which is 1,000 acre-feet more than the revised value for 2000 and 10,000 acre-feet more than the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3). Withdrawal for irrigation decreased by about 800 acre-feet from 2000 to 2001. Withdrawal for industry in 2001 decreased by about 140 acre-feet from 2000. Withdrawal for public supply was 100 acre-feet more than the revised 2000 amount. Withdrawal for domestic and stock use was about 1,800 acre-feet more than in 2000.

The location of wells in the central Virgin River area in which the water level was measured during February 2002 is shown in figure 32. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells to annual discharge of the Virgin River at Virgin, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at St. George, to annual withdrawal from wells, and to concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-41-17)17cba-1 is shown in figure 33.

Water levels from February 2001 to February 2002 in the central Virgin River area generally rose in the Santa Clara River drainage and most of the Virgin River drainage. Water levels in the Fort Pearce Wash area have continued to decline since 1961. The declines are probably the result of increased withdrawals for irrigation.

Discharge of the Virgin River at Virgin in 2001 was about 95,200 acre-feet, which is 1,500 acre-feet more than the revised value of 93,700 acre-feet for 2000 and about 38,700 acre-feet less than the long-term average for 1931-70, 1979-2001. Precipitation at St. George in 2001 was 6.41 inches, which is 1.63 inches less than the average annual precipitation for 1947-2001 and 0.54 inch less than in 2000. The concentration of dissolved solids in water from well (C-41-17)17cba-1 indicates moderate fluctuation but little overall change since 1966.



EXPLANATION

- Approximate boundary of valley-fill deposits
- ● **Observation well**
- 3◉ **Observation well with corresponding hydrograph**—Number refers to hydrograph in figure 33

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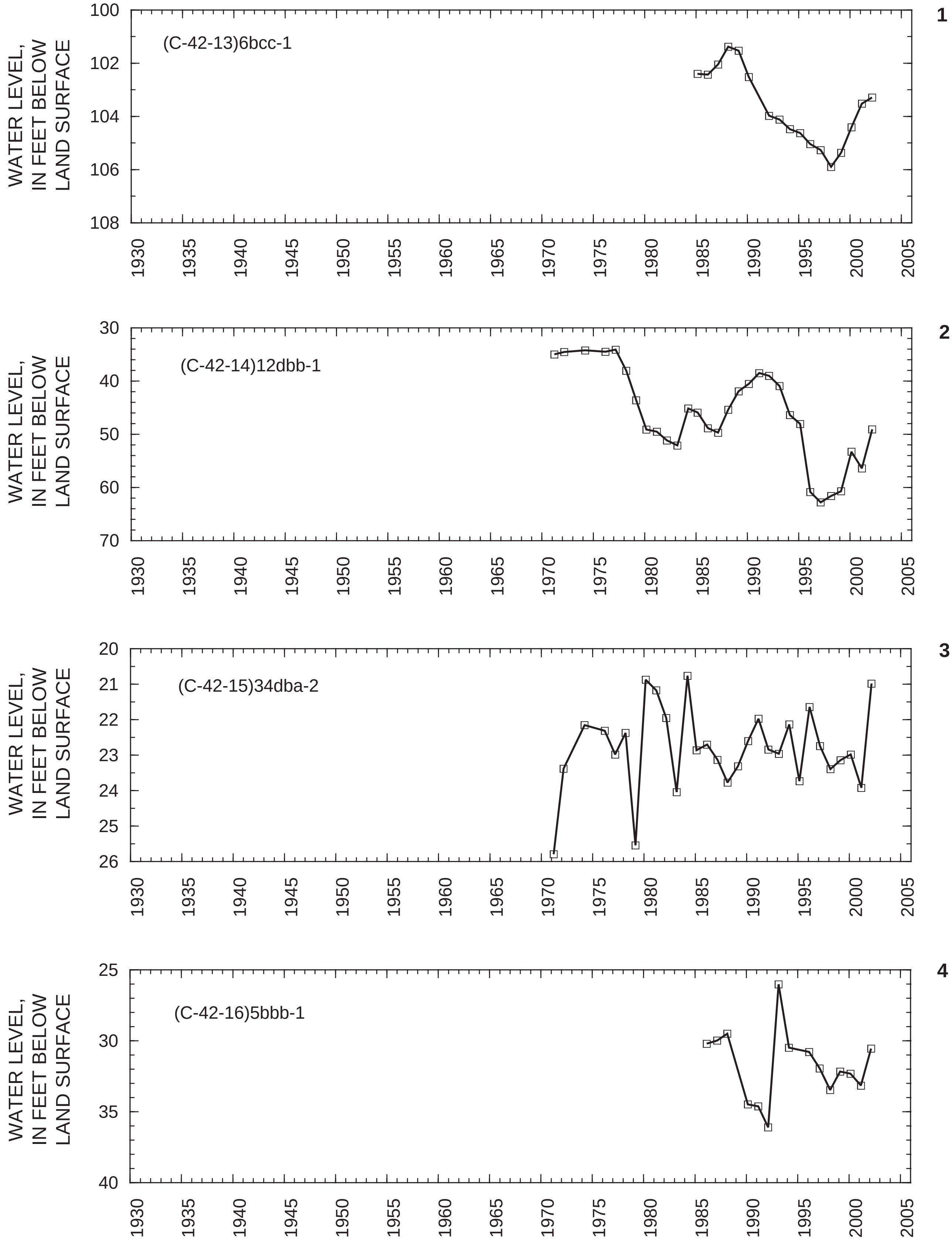

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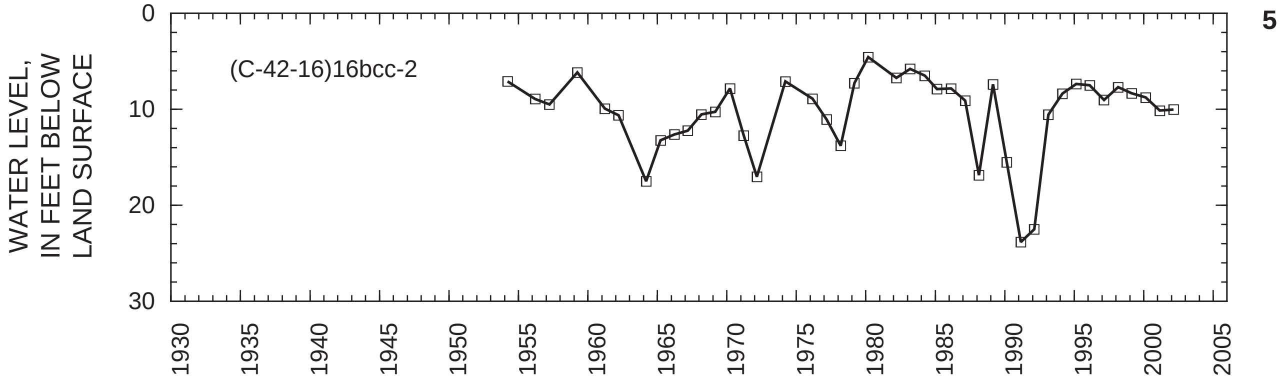

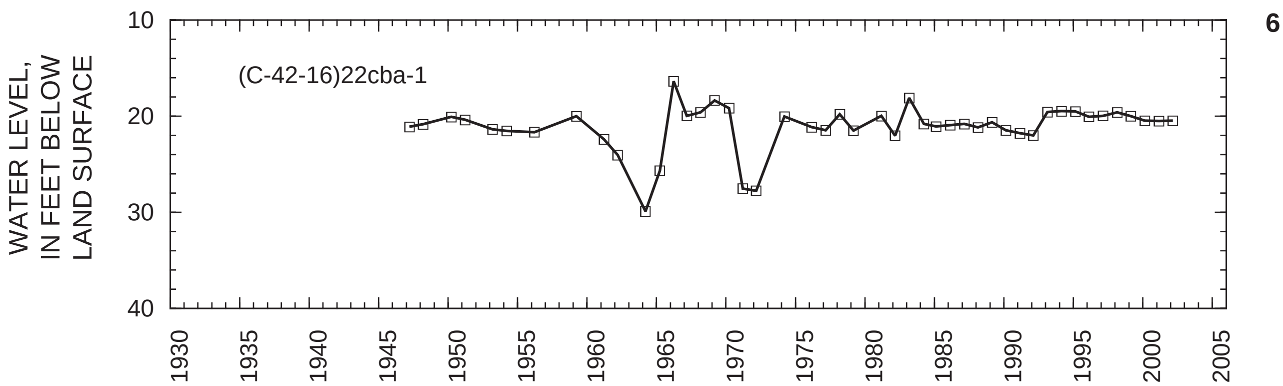

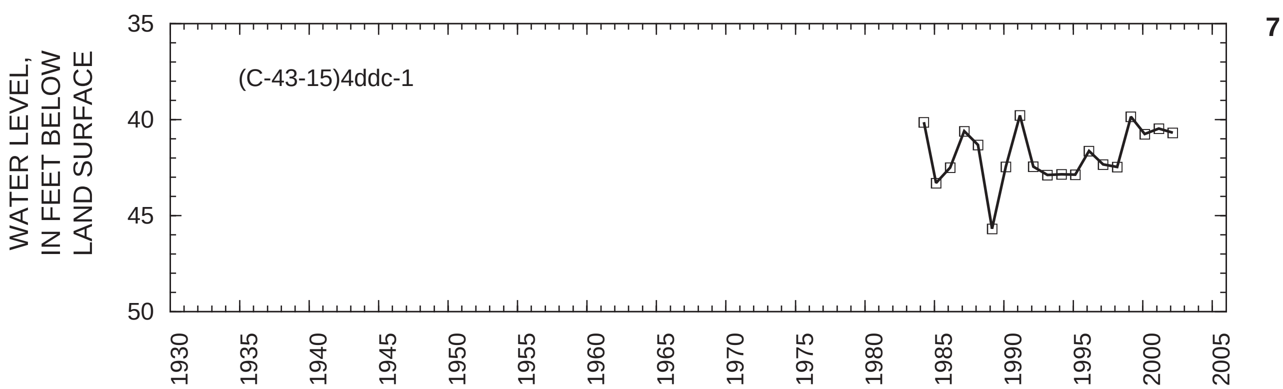

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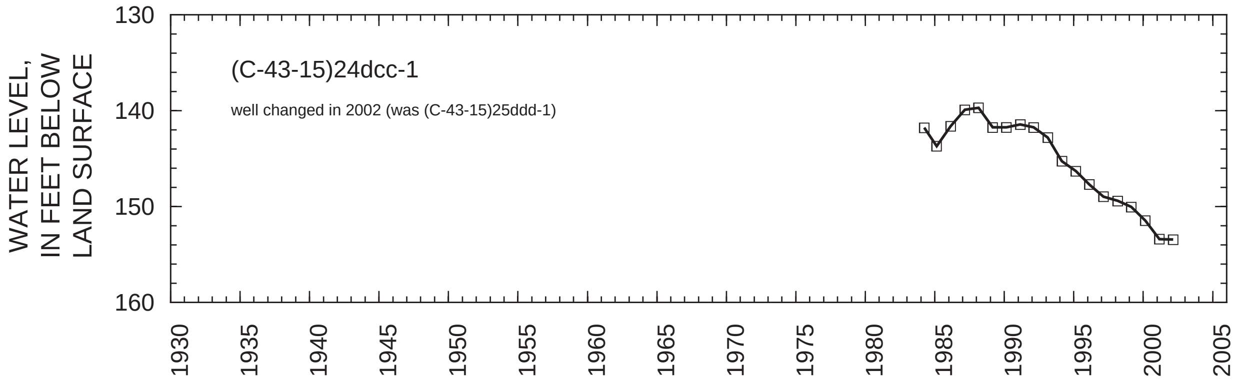

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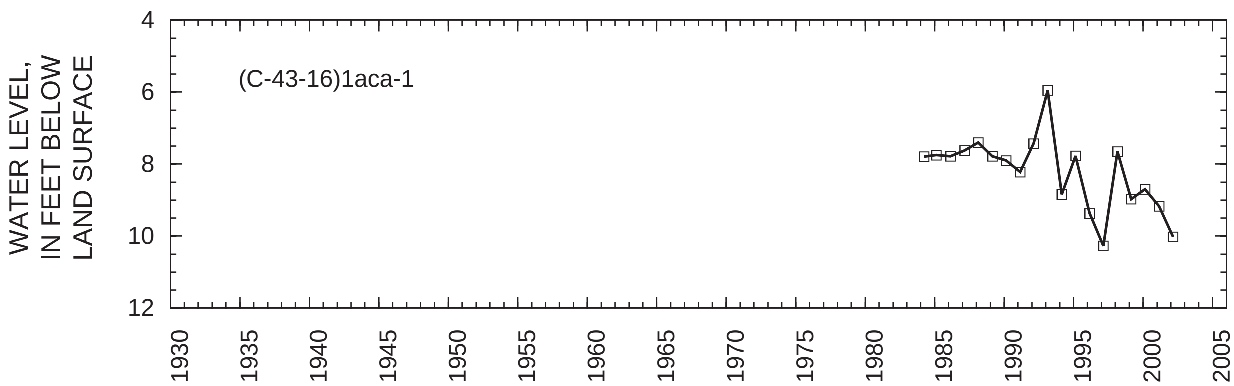

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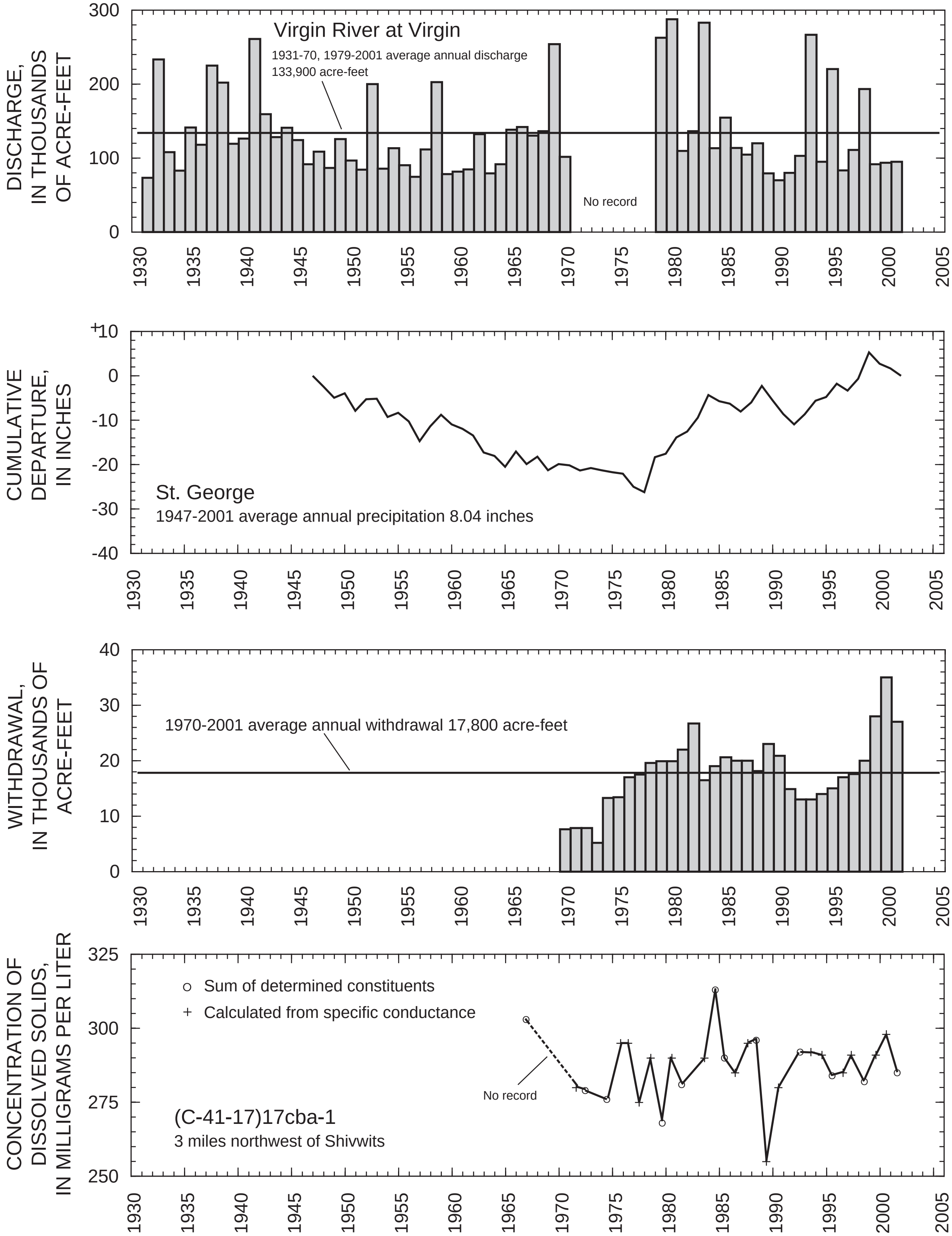

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OTHER AREAS

By M.J. Fisher

Total estimated withdrawal of water from wells in the areas of Utah listed below in 2001 was about 114,000 acre-feet, which is 21,000 acre-feet less than the revised estimate for 2000 and 4,000 acre-feet more than the average annual withdrawal for 1991-2000 (tables 2 and 3). In the areas listed below, withdrawal in 2001 was less than in 2000 except in the Dugway area, Skull Valley, and Old River Bed. The decrease in withdrawal resulted from decreased irrigation, industrial, and public supply use.

The location of wells in Cedar Valley, Utah County, in which the water level was measured during March 2002 is shown in figure 34. The relation of the water level in observation wells in Cedar Valley, Utah County, to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Fairfield is shown in figure 35.

Water levels in the selected wells in Cedar Valley generally rose during the 1970s. Water levels rose sharply from the early to mid-1980s as a result of greater-than-average precipitation, but generally have declined since the mid-1980s because of continued withdrawal and less precipitation. Water levels declined in most of the wells from March 2001 to March 2002. The declines probably resulted from less-than-average precipitation.

The location of wells in Sanpete Valley in which the water level was measured during March 2002 is shown in figure 36. The relation of the water level in selected observation wells in Sanpete Valley to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at Manti is shown in figure 37.

Water levels in many of the selected wells in Sanpete County rose from the late 1970s to the mid-1980s as a result of greater-than-average precipitation, and have varied since the mid-1980s, but overall have declined. Water levels declined in most of the wells from March 1999 to March 2002. The declines probably resulted from increased withdrawal for irrigation and public supply use.

The relation of the water level in wells in the remaining selected areas of Utah (see accompanying table) to cumulative departure from average annual precipitation at sites in or near those areas is shown in figure 38. Water levels generally declined in most of the selected observation wells from March 1999 to March 2002. The declines probably resulted from increased withdrawals for public supply, industry, and local irrigation. Water-level rises in some of the areas from 2001 to 2002 probably resulted from greater-than-average precipitation and (or) increased local recharge from surface water.

Number in figure 1	Area	Estimated withdrawal (acre-feet)					
		2001					2000 total (rounded)
		Irrigation	Industrial	Public supply	Domestic and stock	2001 total (rounded)	
1	Grouse Creek Valley	2,800	0	0	20	2,800	4,100
2	Park Valley	2,500	0	0	10	2,500	2,600
4	Malad-lower Bear River Valley	2,300	930	5,200	200	8,600	11,900
8	Ogden Valley	0	0	11,100	20	11,100	15,900
13	Rush Valley	4,100	170	250	30	4,600	5,400
14	Dugway area, Skull Valley, and Old River Bed	2,500	2,800	2,800	10	8,100	7,600
15	Cedar Valley, Utah County	2,800	0	920	40	3,800	6,100
20	Sanpete Valley	5,100	540	840	4,000	10,500	10,600
25	Snake Valley	10,200	0	70	50	10,300	11,500
27	Beaver Valley	5,000	20	530	420	6,000	[1]8,000
	Remainder of State	13,100	14,200	15,400	2,500	45,200	50,900
Total (rounded)		50,400	18,700	37,100	7,300	114,000	[1]135,000

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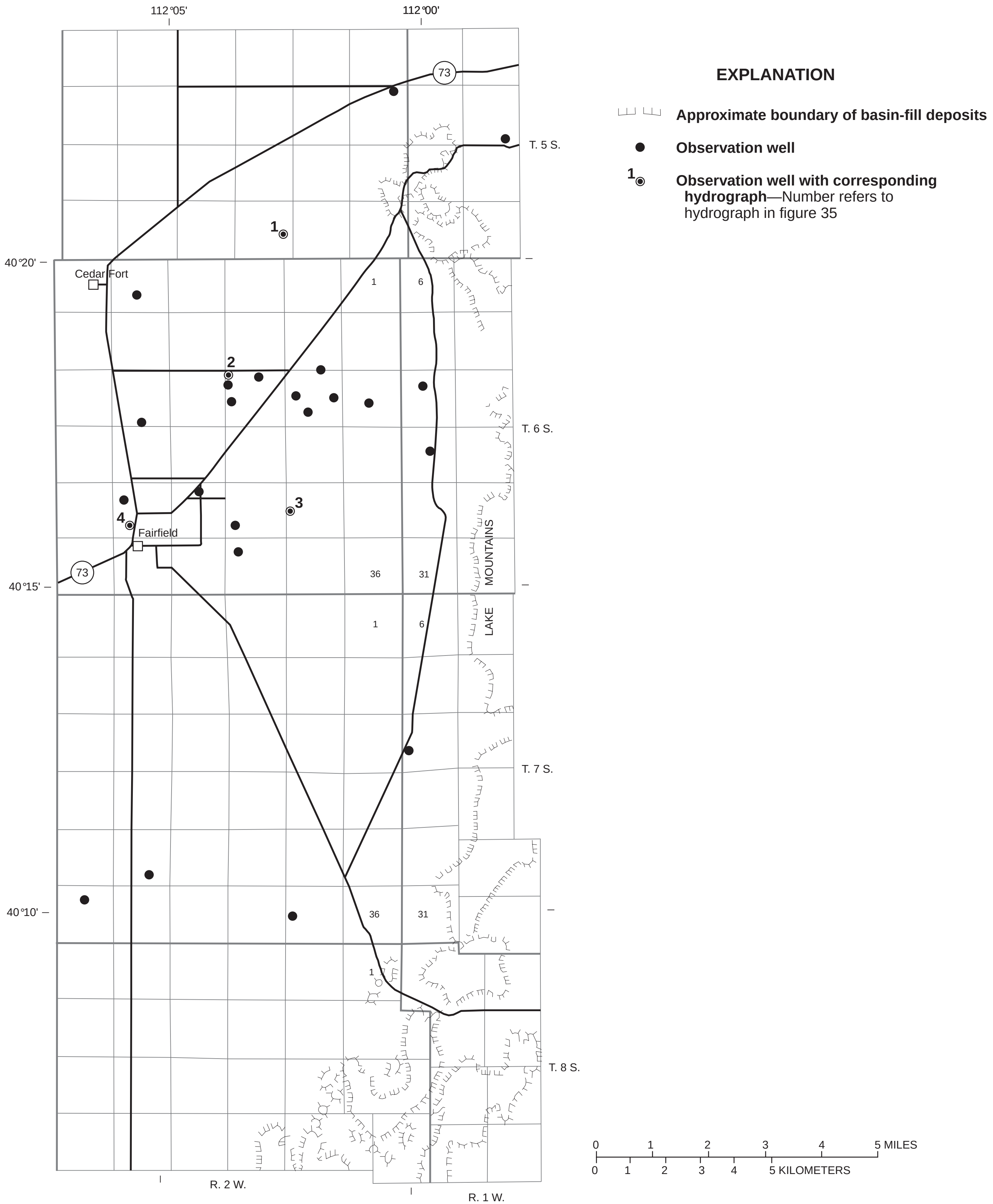

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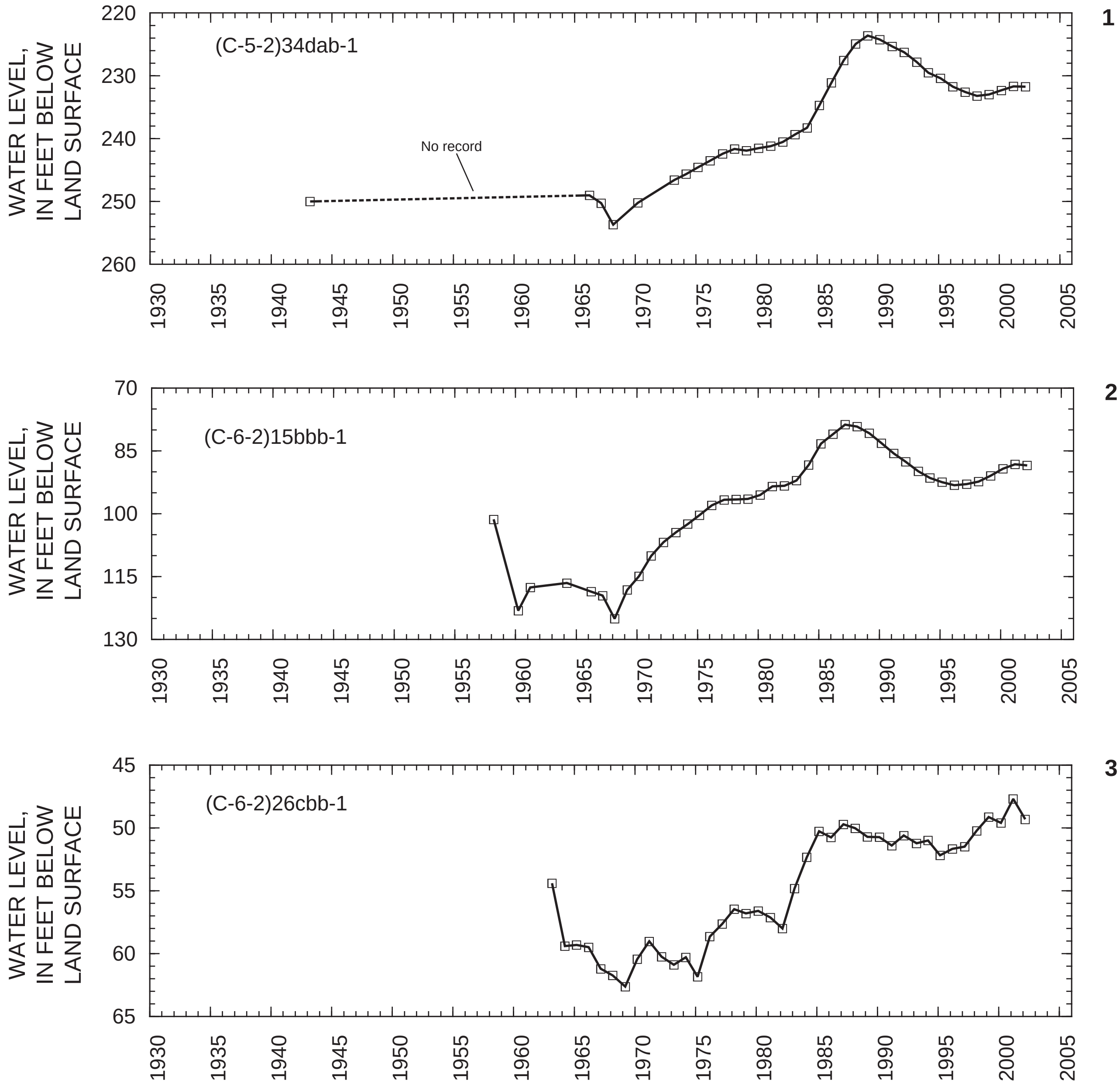

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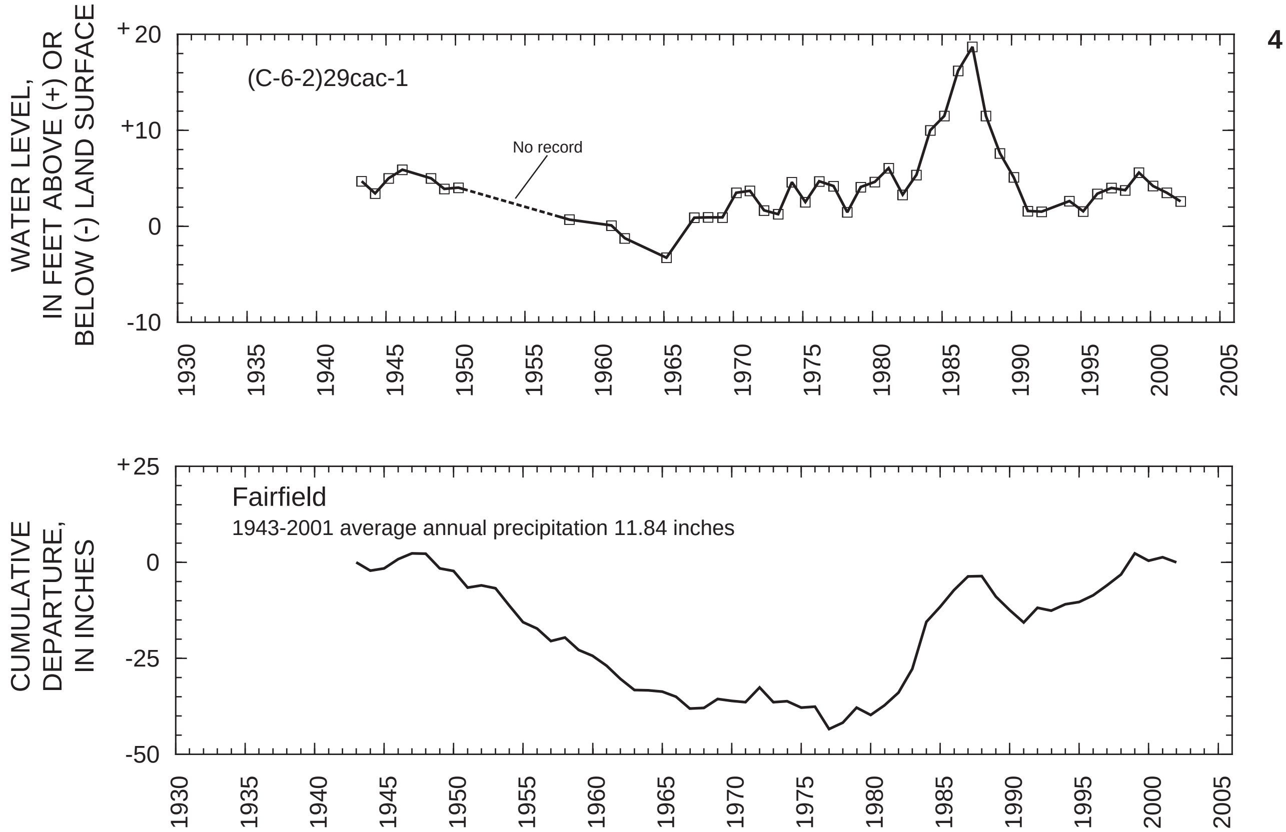

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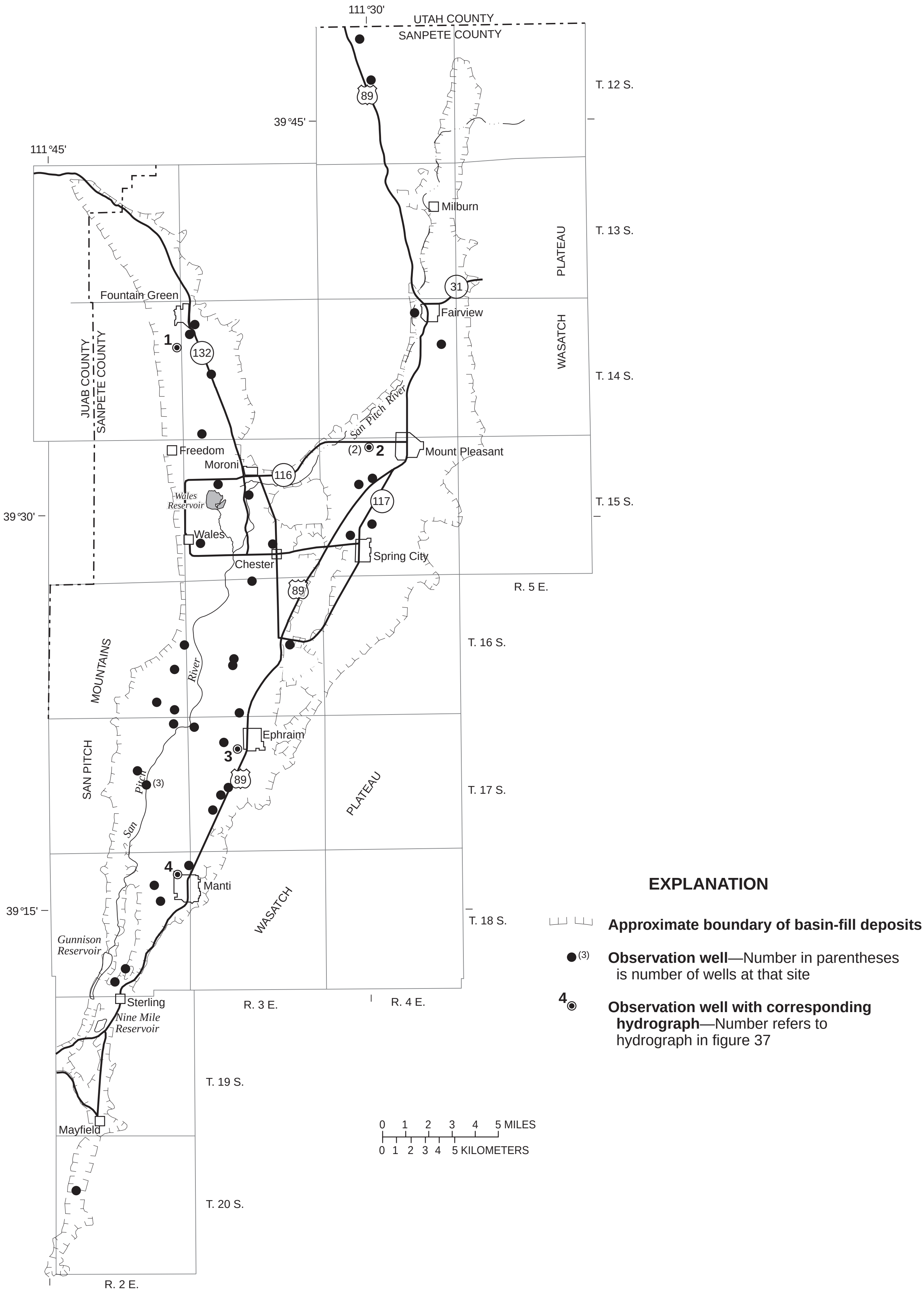

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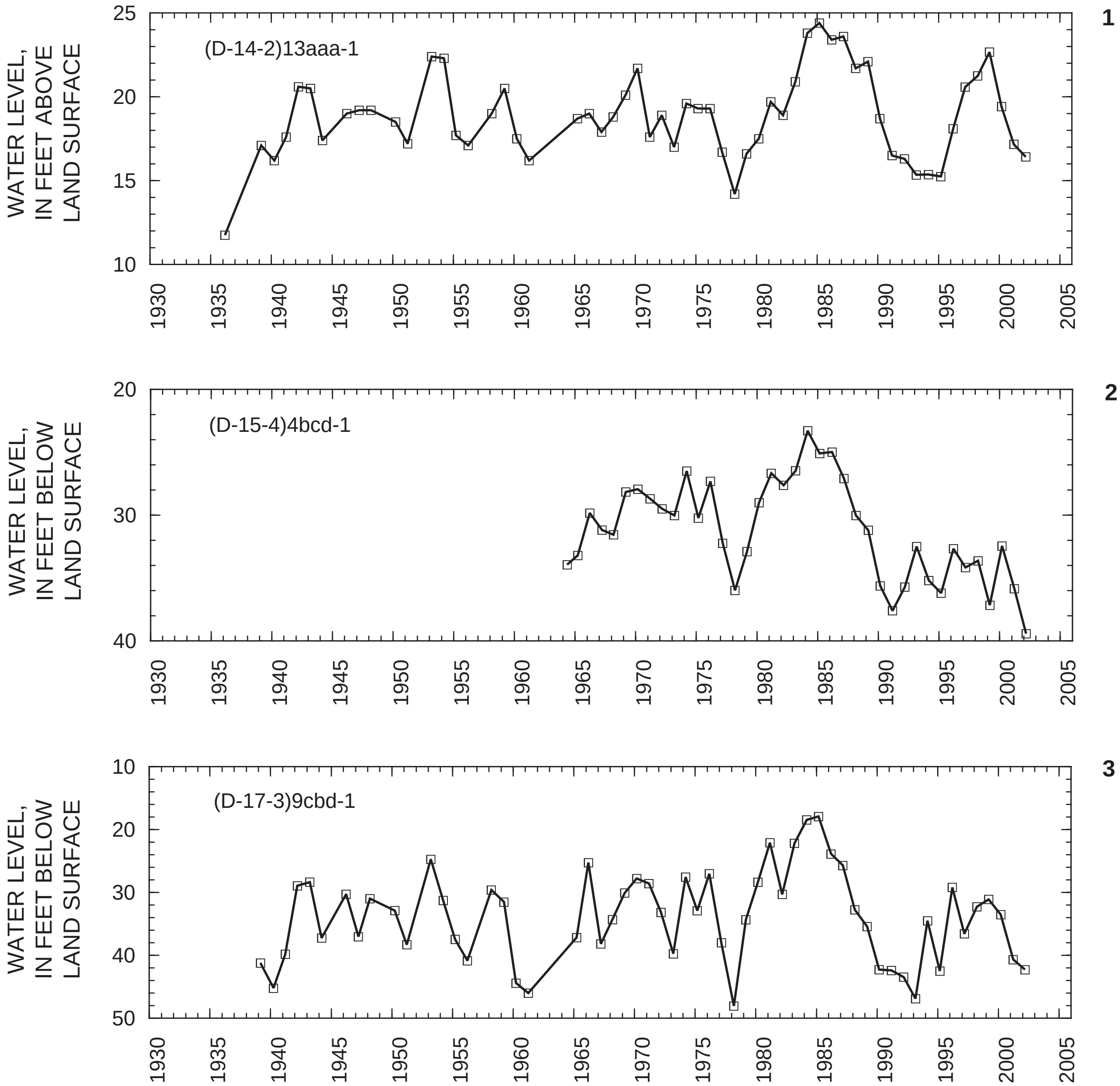

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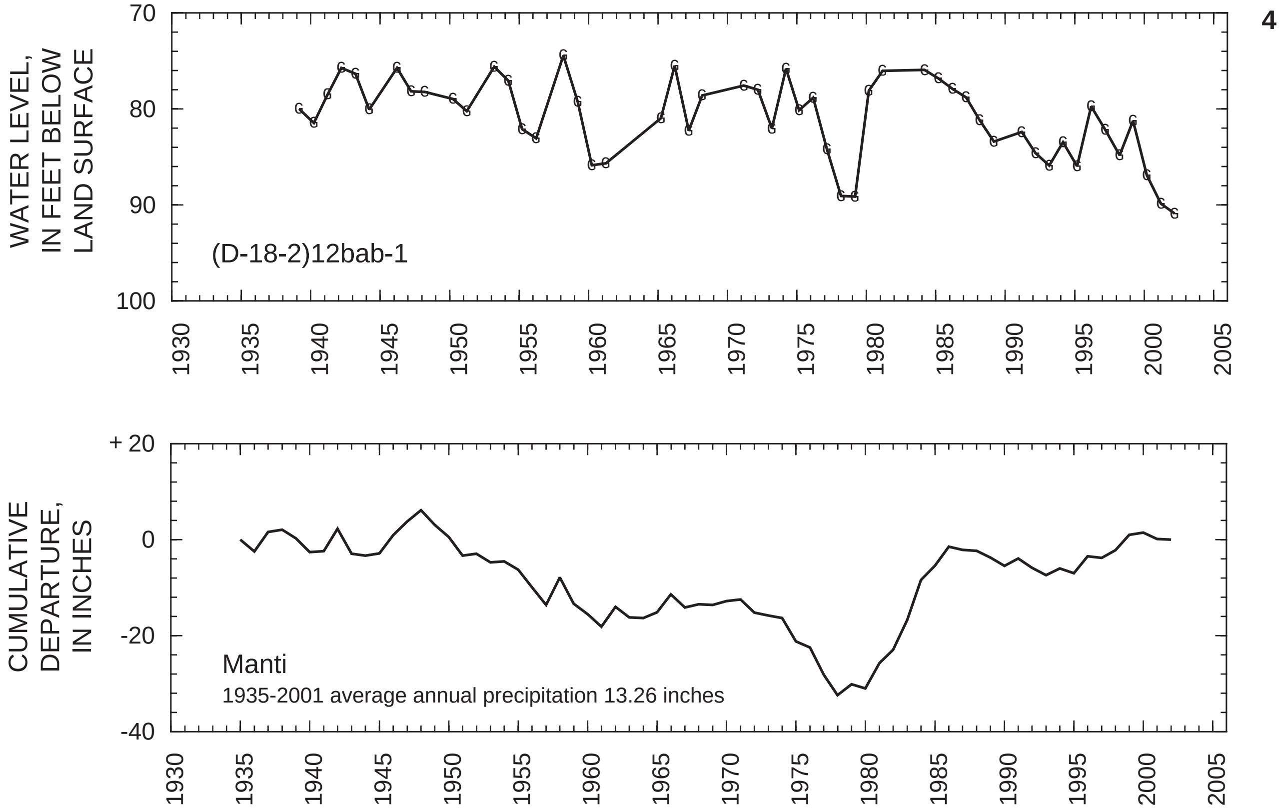

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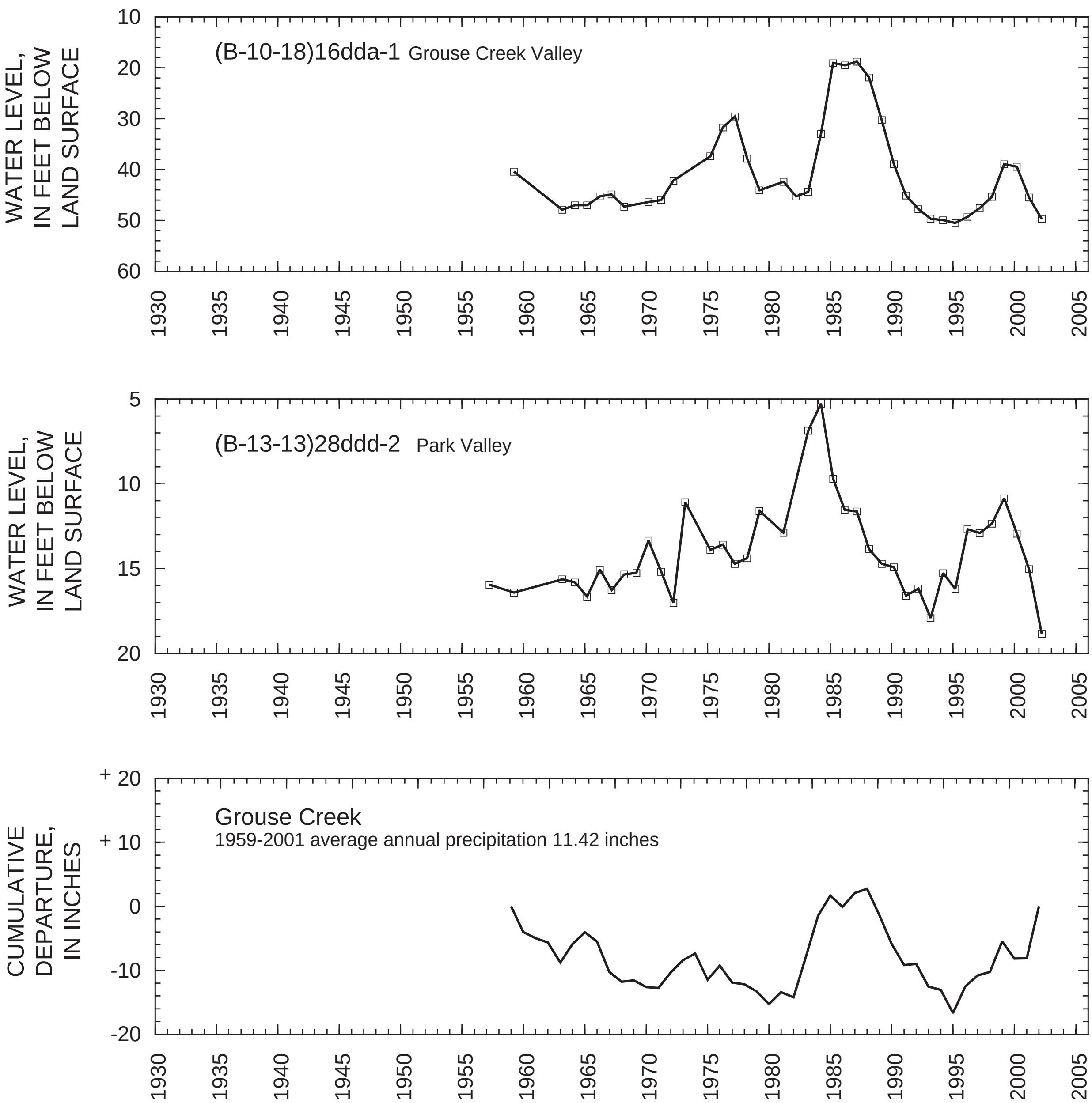

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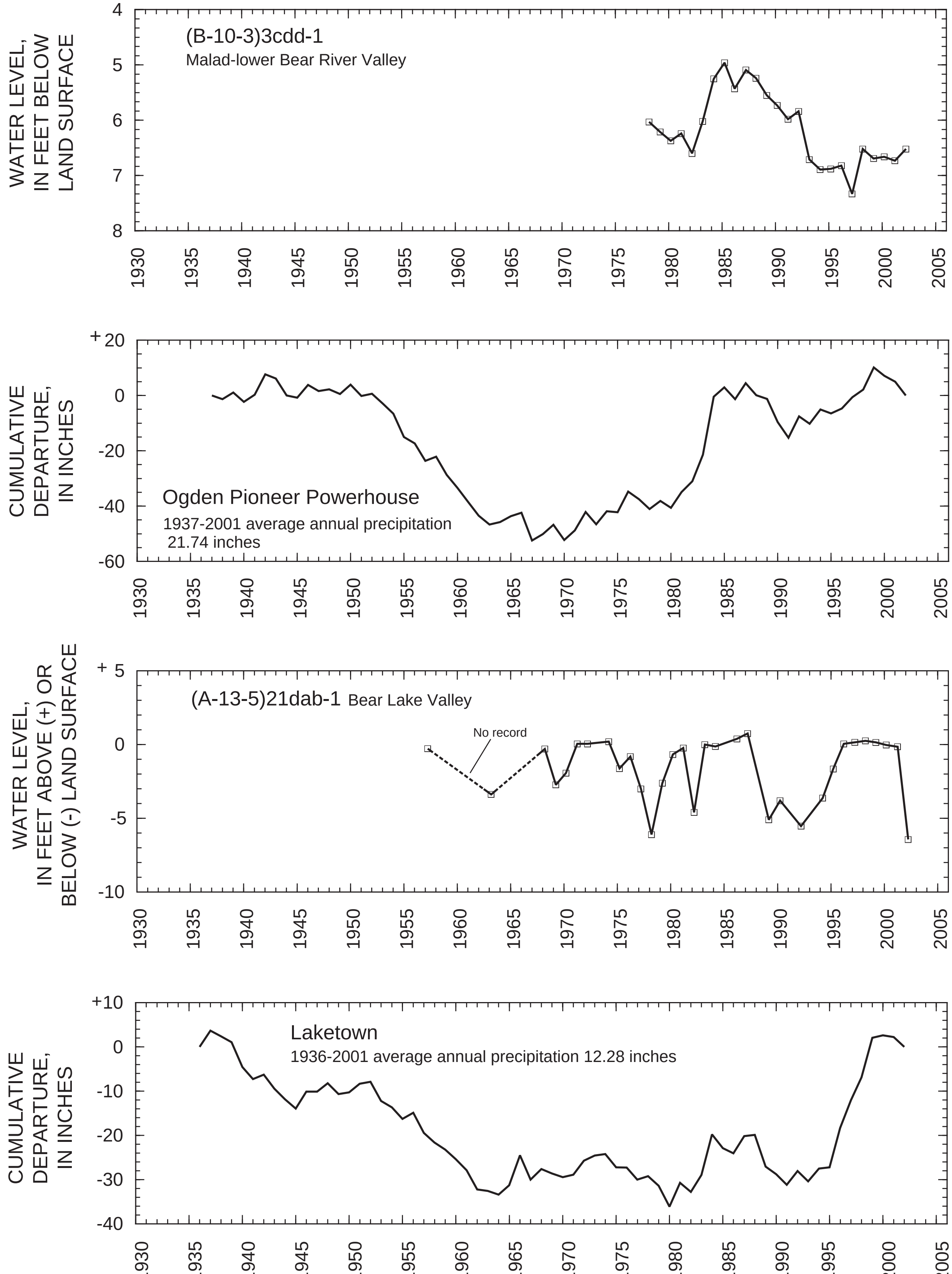

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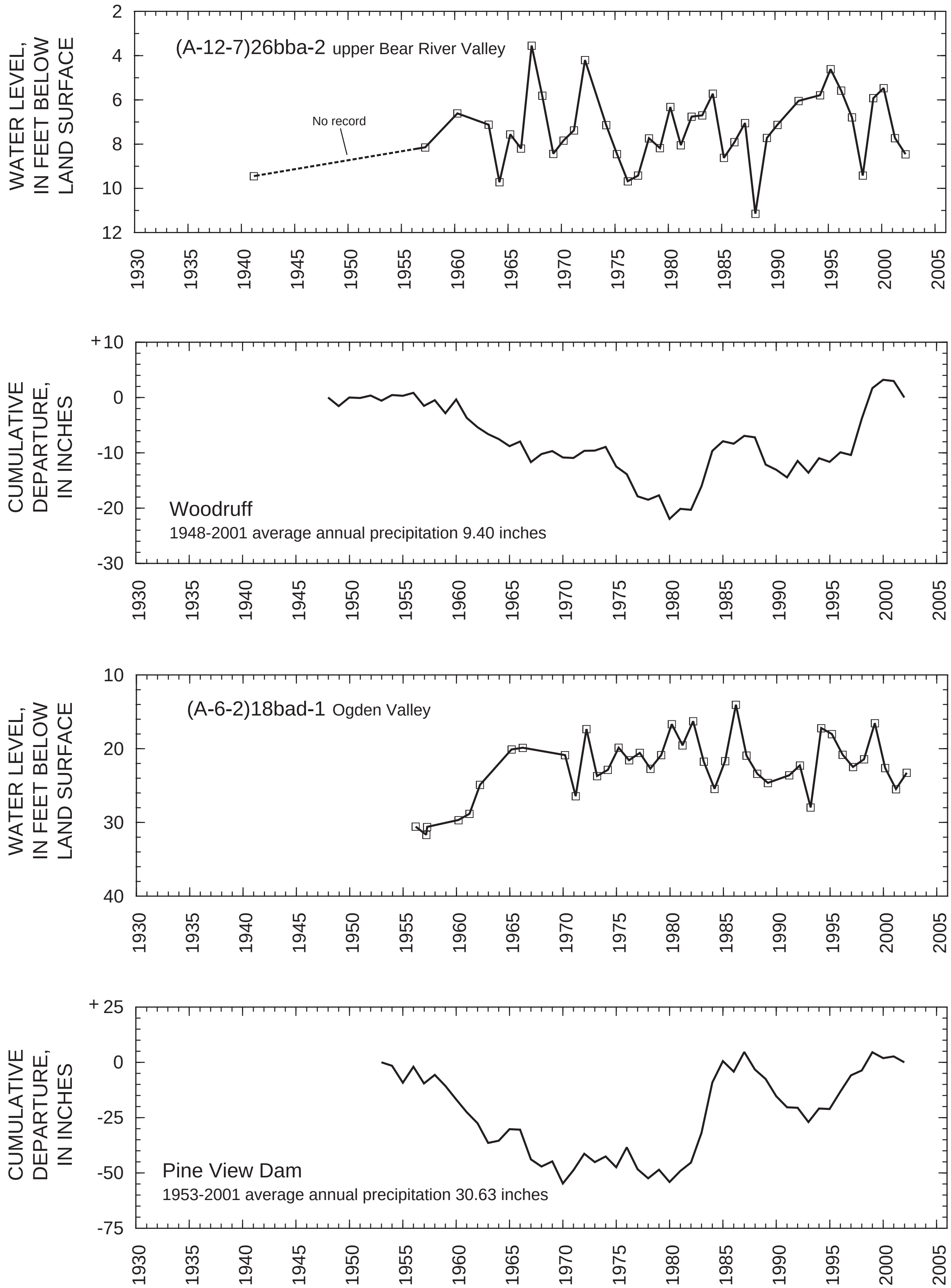

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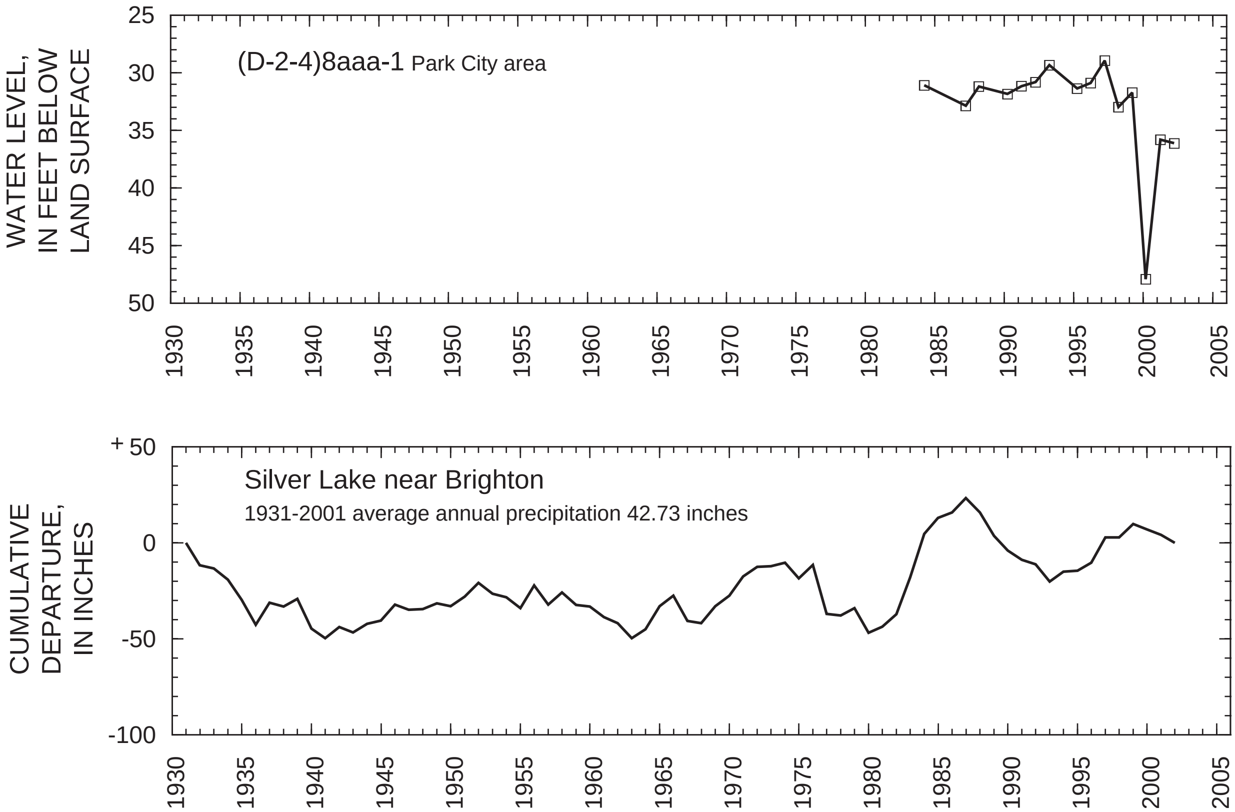

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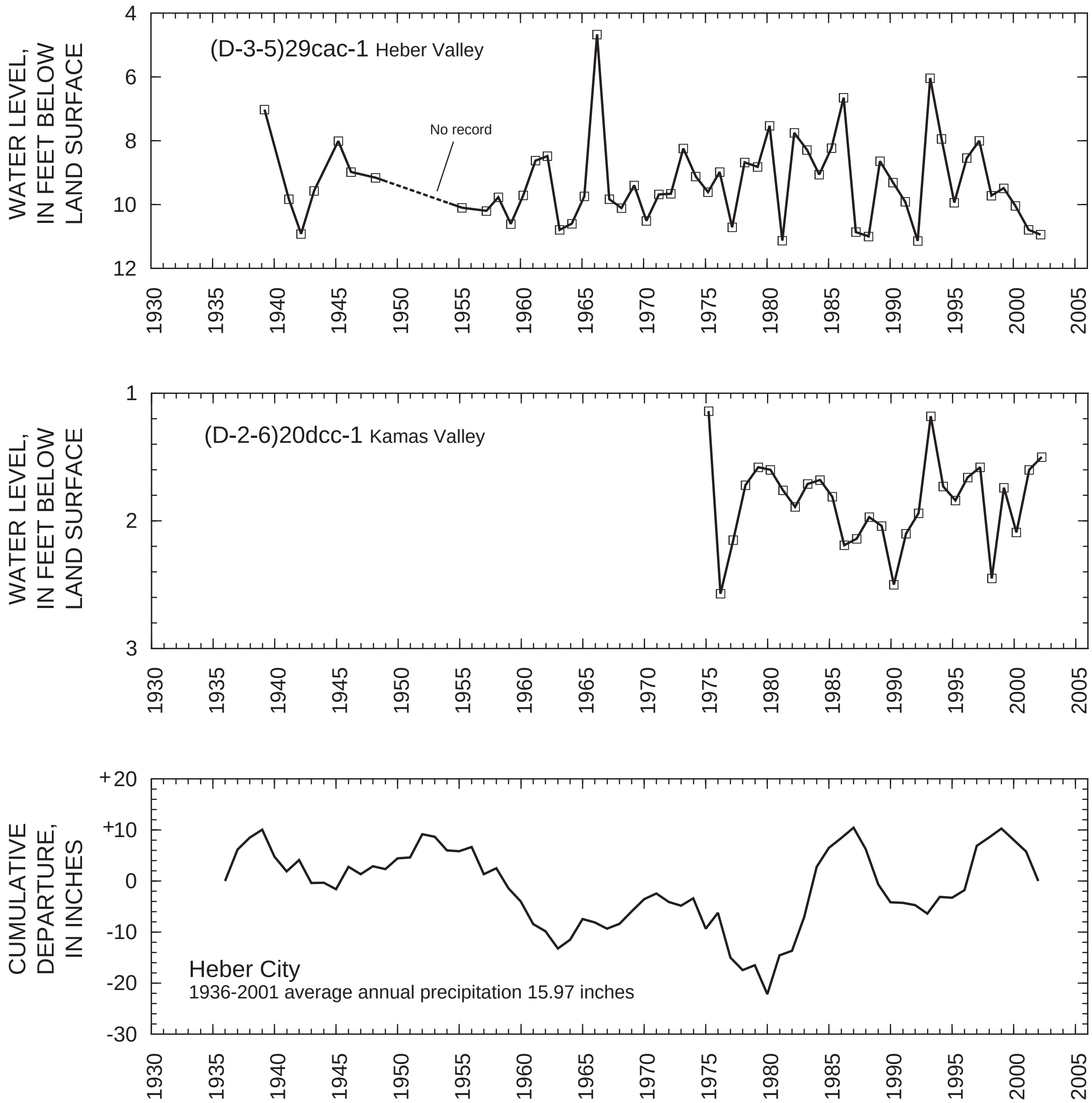

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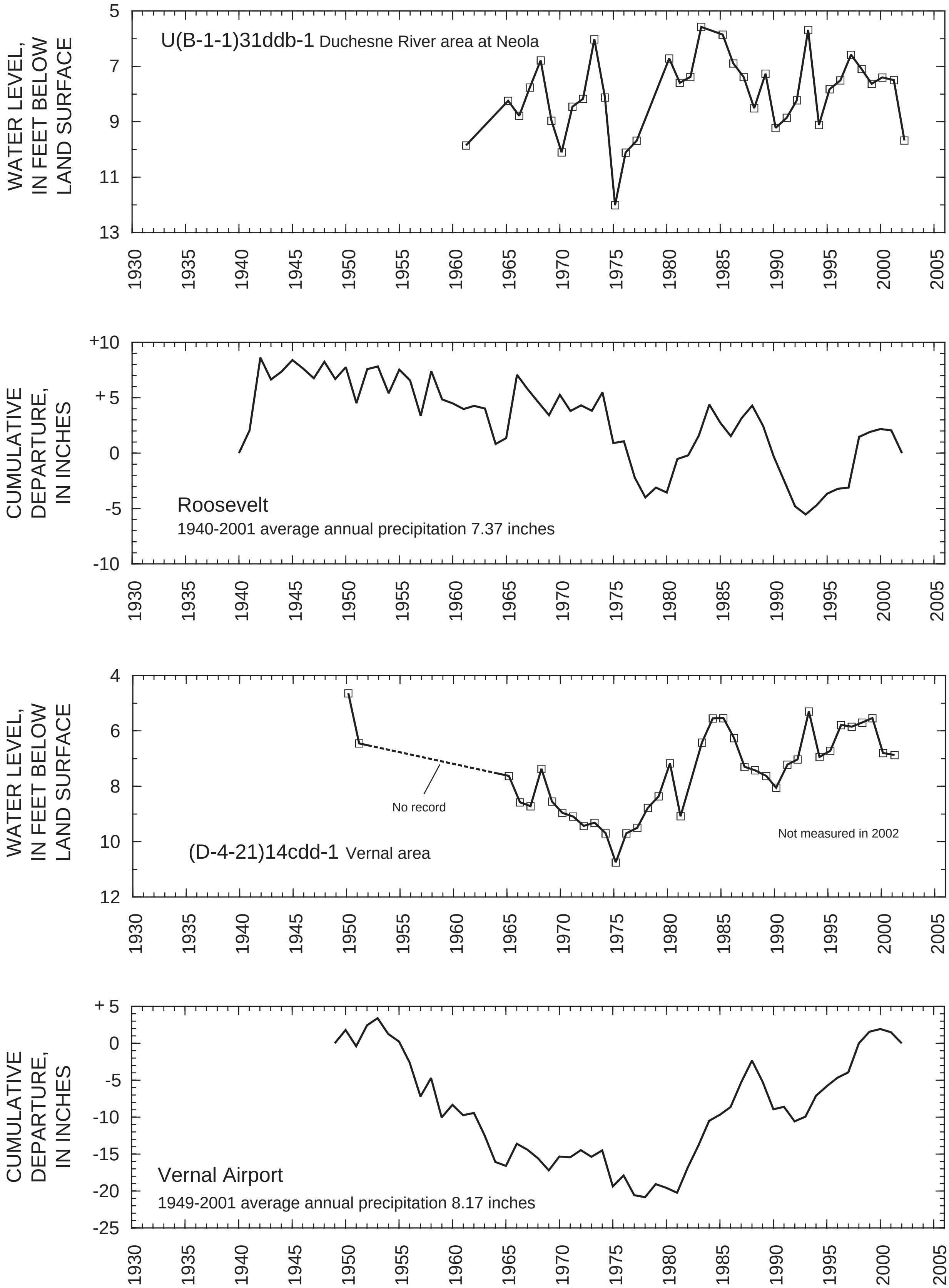

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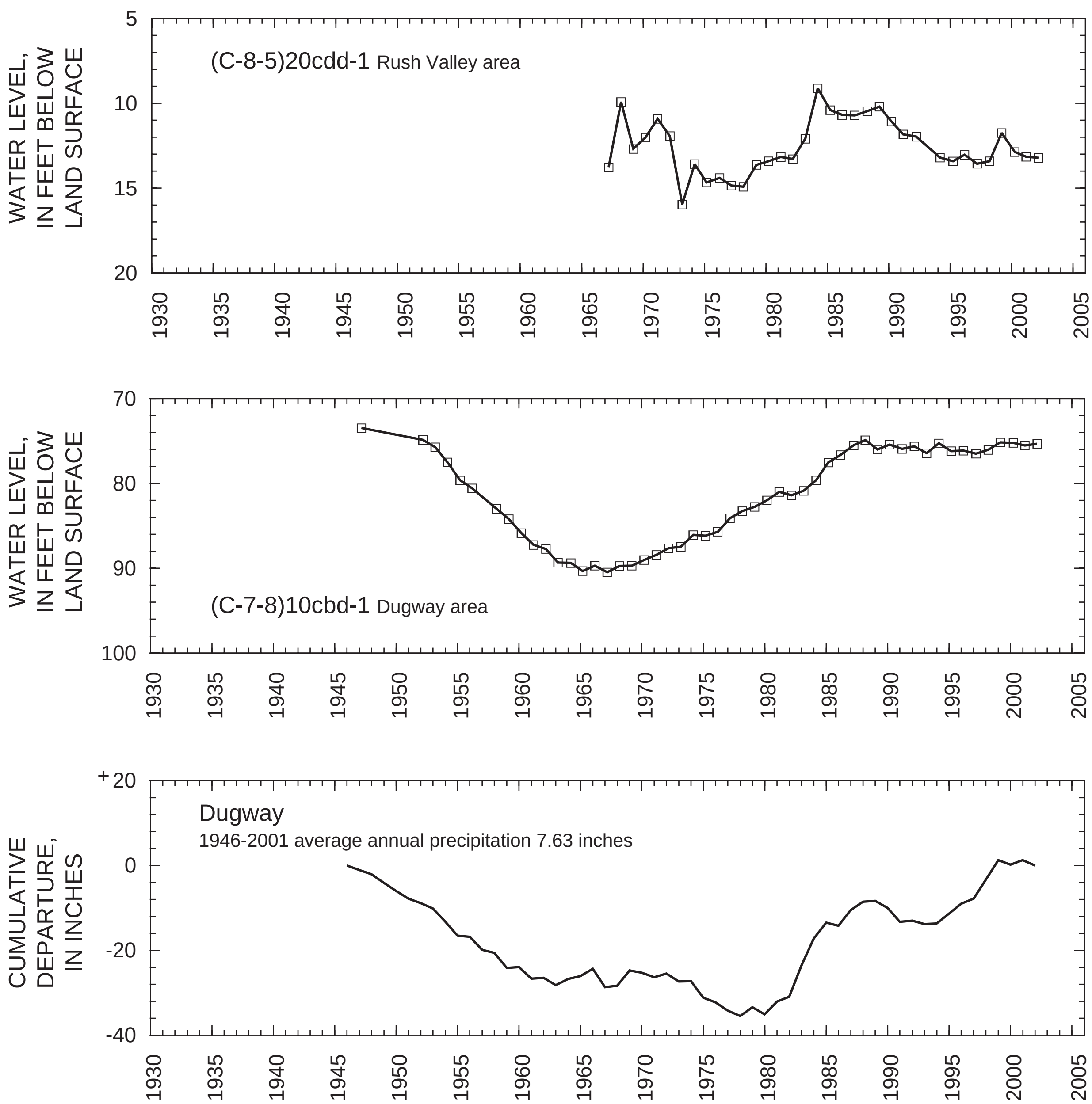

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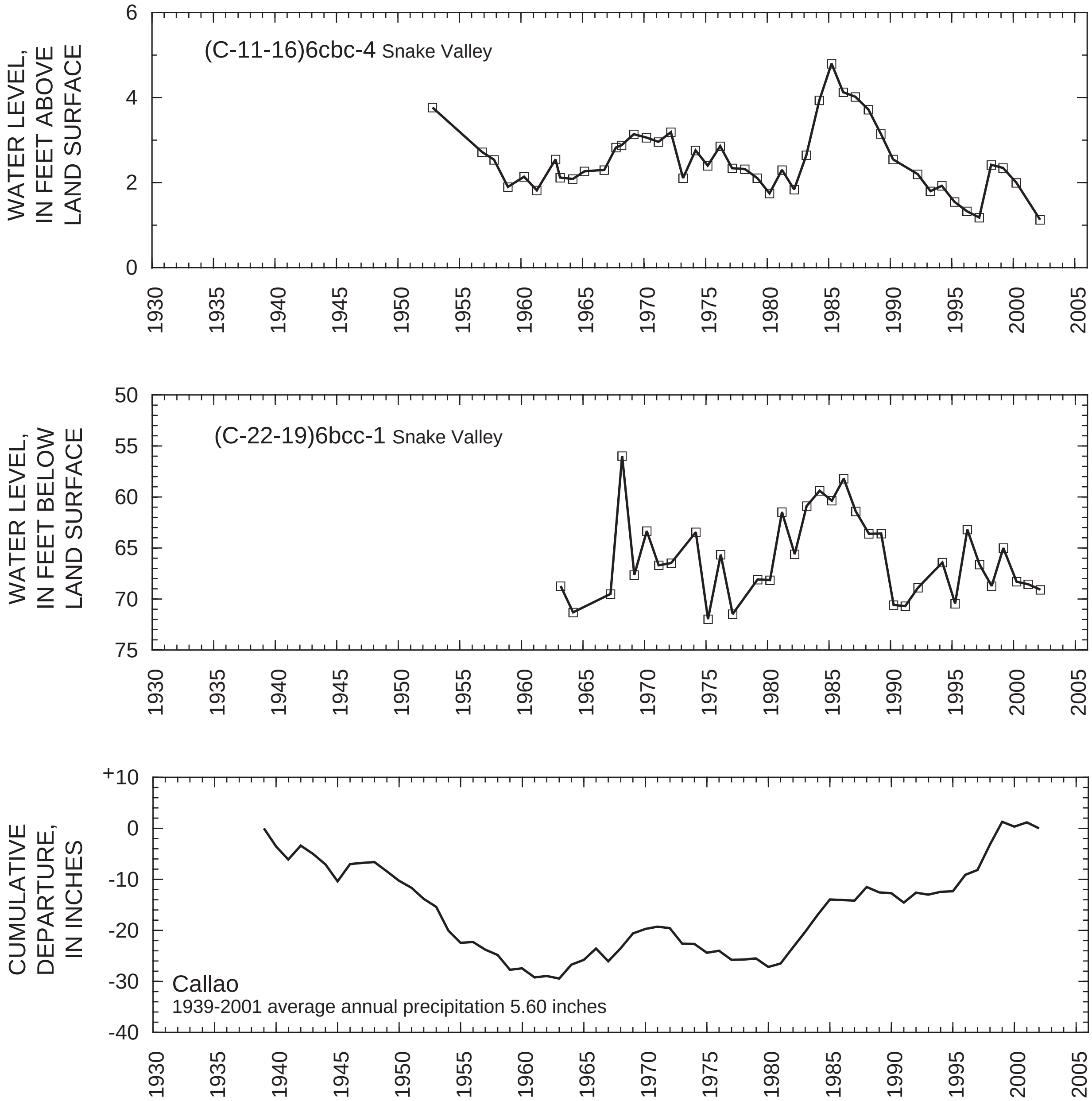

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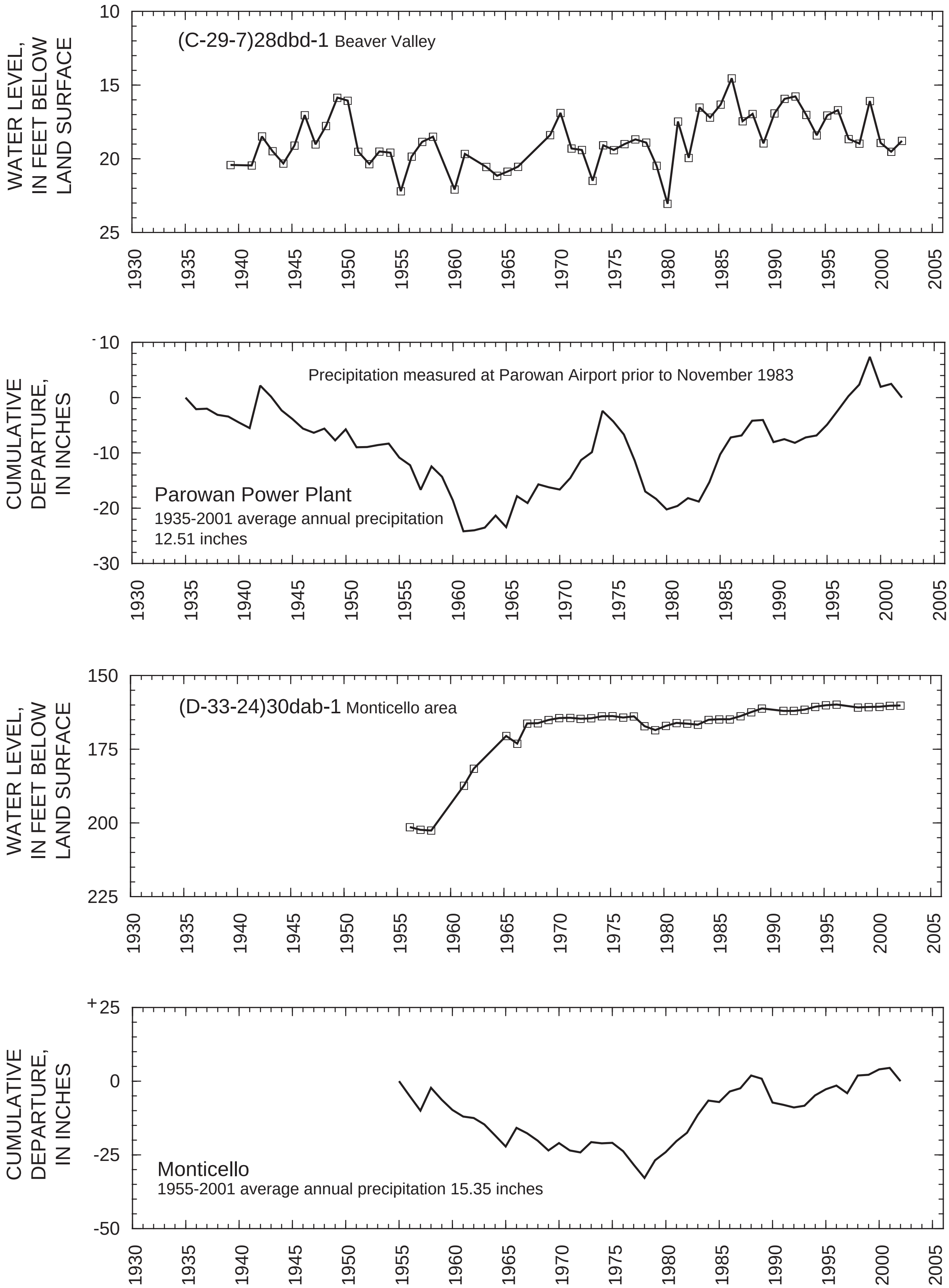

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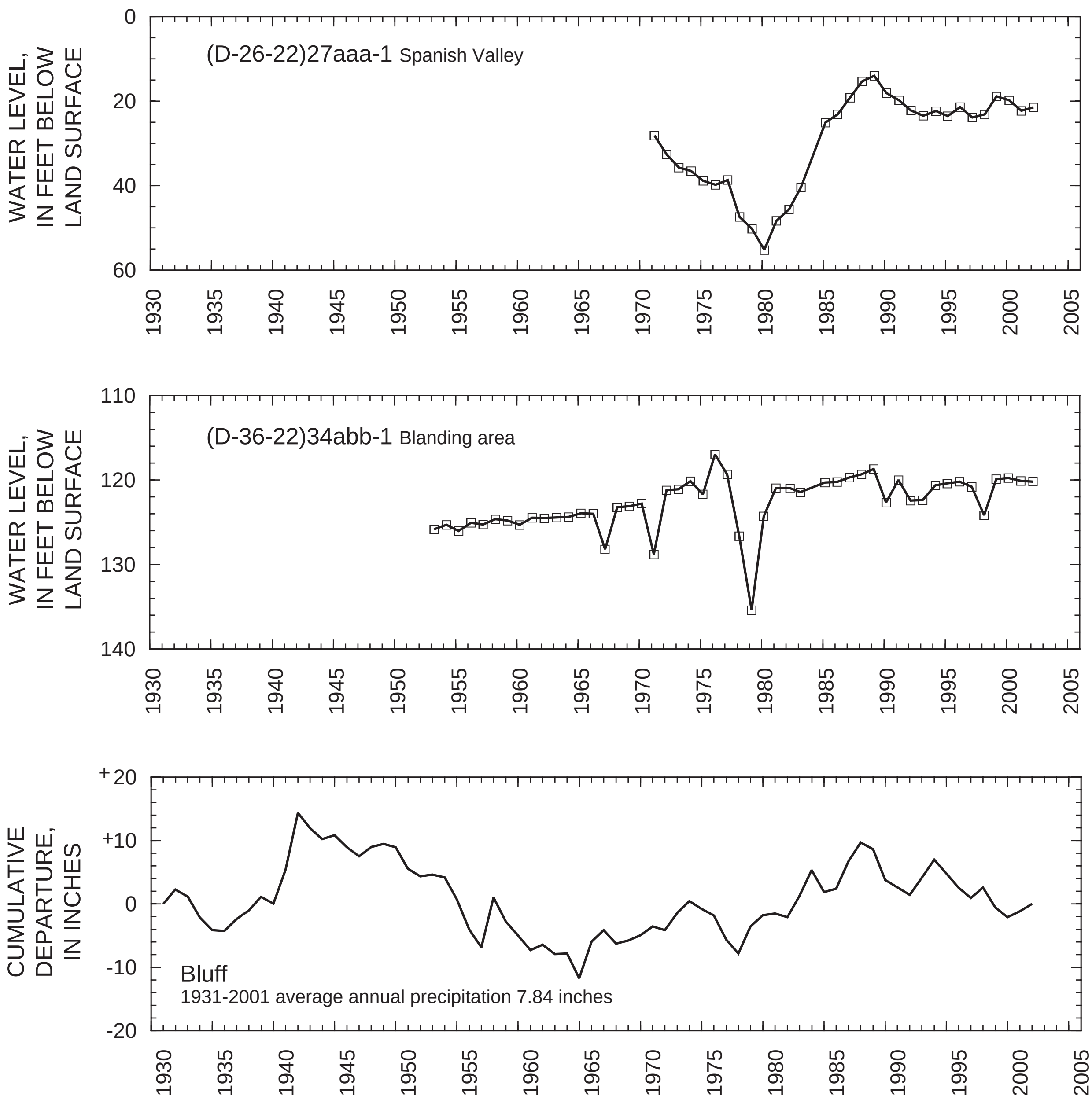

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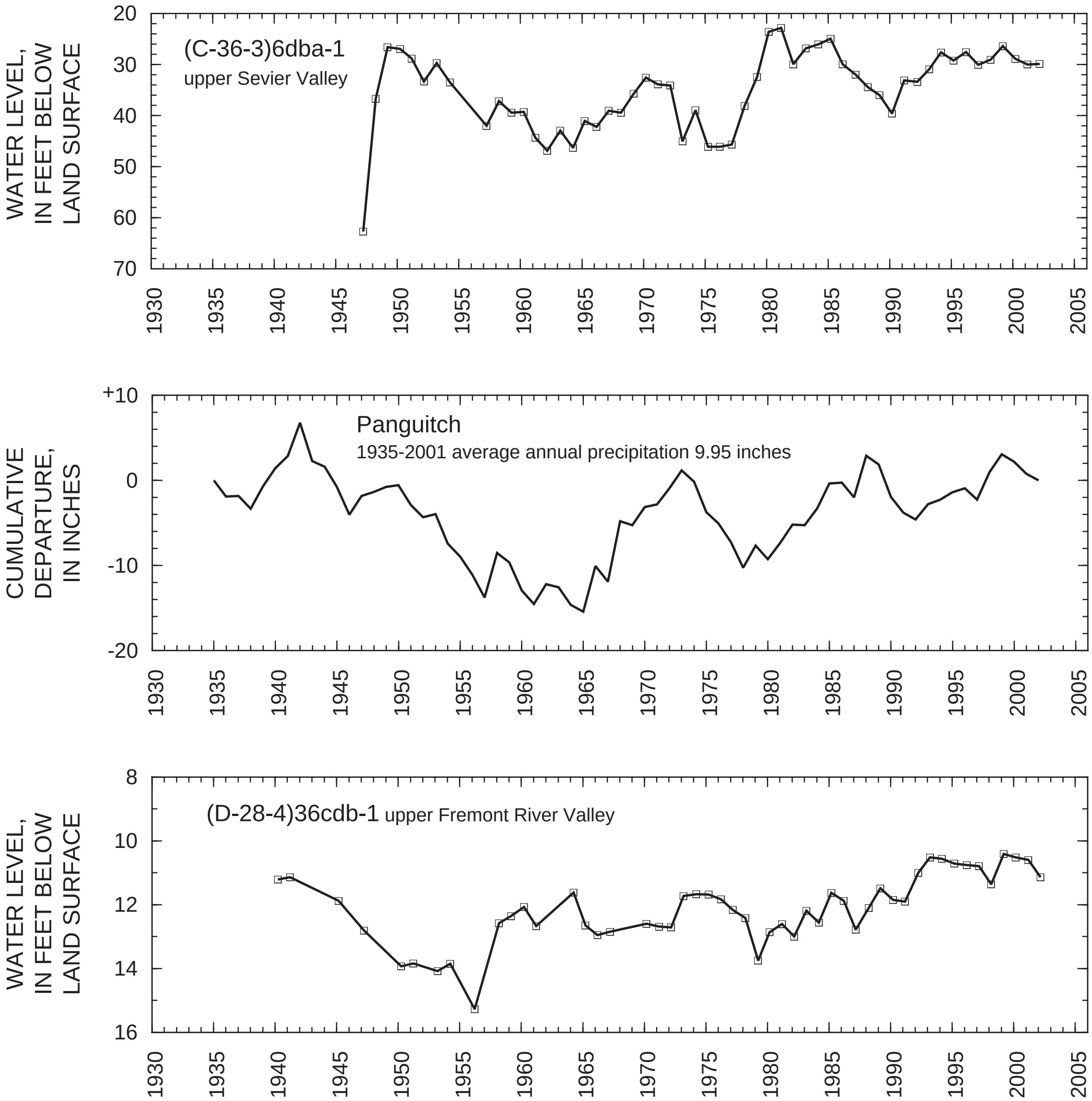

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