MOUNTAIN REGIONAL WATER

To: Mountain Regional Water Administrative Control Board Members

From: Jessica DiCaprio, Staff Engineer
Sam Grenlie, District Engineer

Date: April 16th, 2026

Re: Annual Concurrency and Groundwater Quality Report

The following memorandum summarizes the District's 2025 Concurrency Report. **No action is needed from the Board**, this memorandum is for informational purposes only. There are a number of charts attached to the end of this memorandum for reference, and a few charts will be highlighted during the Board Meeting. **It is not necessary for the Board to review these charts ahead of the meeting.**

Supply and Demand Preview

Water Year 2025 (October 1, 2024–September 30, 2025) was a drought year for Utah, Summit County was no exception. Below-average precipitation, above-average temperatures, and growth within the District all contributed to increased demand in 2025. These factors in combination with reduced available sources meant that the District had to operate several wells at higher capacities (similar patterns to 2024).

Groundwater Source Summary

Each year, MRW updates a worksheet which tracks well groundwater levels and total dissolved solids (TDS) sample results. The District also provides a supplemental report to discuss groundwater quality trends and explanations. The worksheet charts are attached to the end of this memorandum.

In 2021, MRW contracted with Loughlin Water Associates (LWA) to better understand the groundwater chemistry and optimize operation of the wells. In recent years, the

Summit County Concurrency Engineer has expressed concern about water quality at five sources in particular, listed below:

- Atkinson Well 2
- Jailhouse Well 3
- Silver Creek Well 10
- Blackhawk Well 2R
- Gorgoza Well 6

MRW continues to monitor the water quality and operational practices at these wells. Atkinson Well 2 has become a case study in recent years with high levels of TDS and significant changes to production. Figure 1 shows total production since 2019. All five of the above wells are represented in Figure 1, but Atkinson Well 2 results are explained in more detail in the following paragraph as an example.

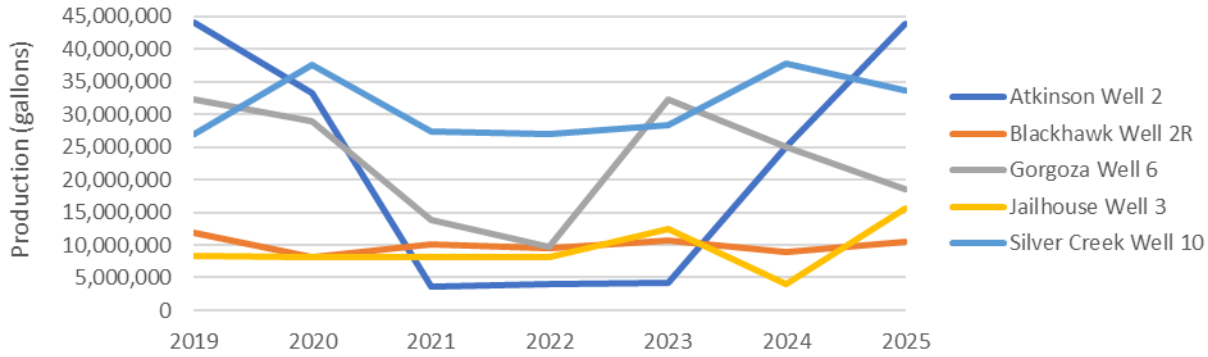


Figure 1: Source Production Since 2019

While there was a significant decrease in production 2020-2023, Atkinson Well 2 has been used more in recent years to the point where 2025 production (about 43 million gallons) is within one percent of 2019. Atkinson Well 2 was one of several wells operated at higher capacities in 2024 and 2025 due to a combination of reduced available sources and drier conditions which contributed to increased demands.

Turning to TDS levels, Figure 2 shows groundwater levels (blue and gray points) and TDS levels (yellow points and yellow trendline) in Atkinson Well 2 since 2013. Please note that while the well was operated January through February and June through August 2025, there were issues with the transducer so there is no water level data for much of the year. However, a video was taken in January 2026 that showed a static water level of 321 feet below ground surface which was added to the figure.

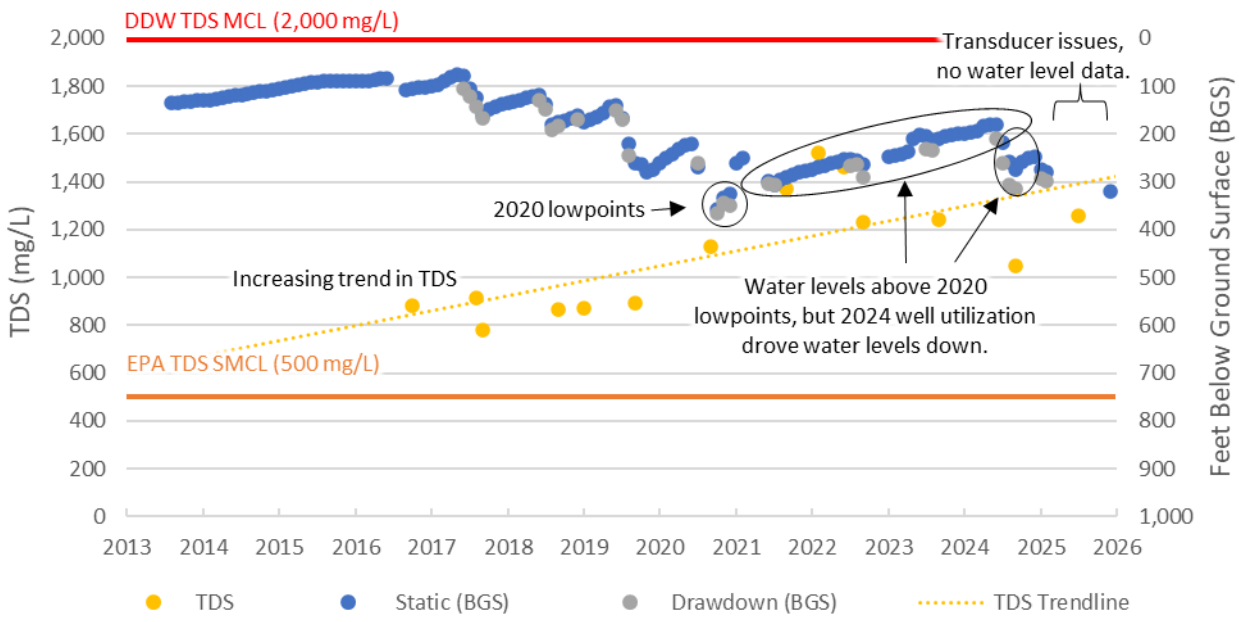


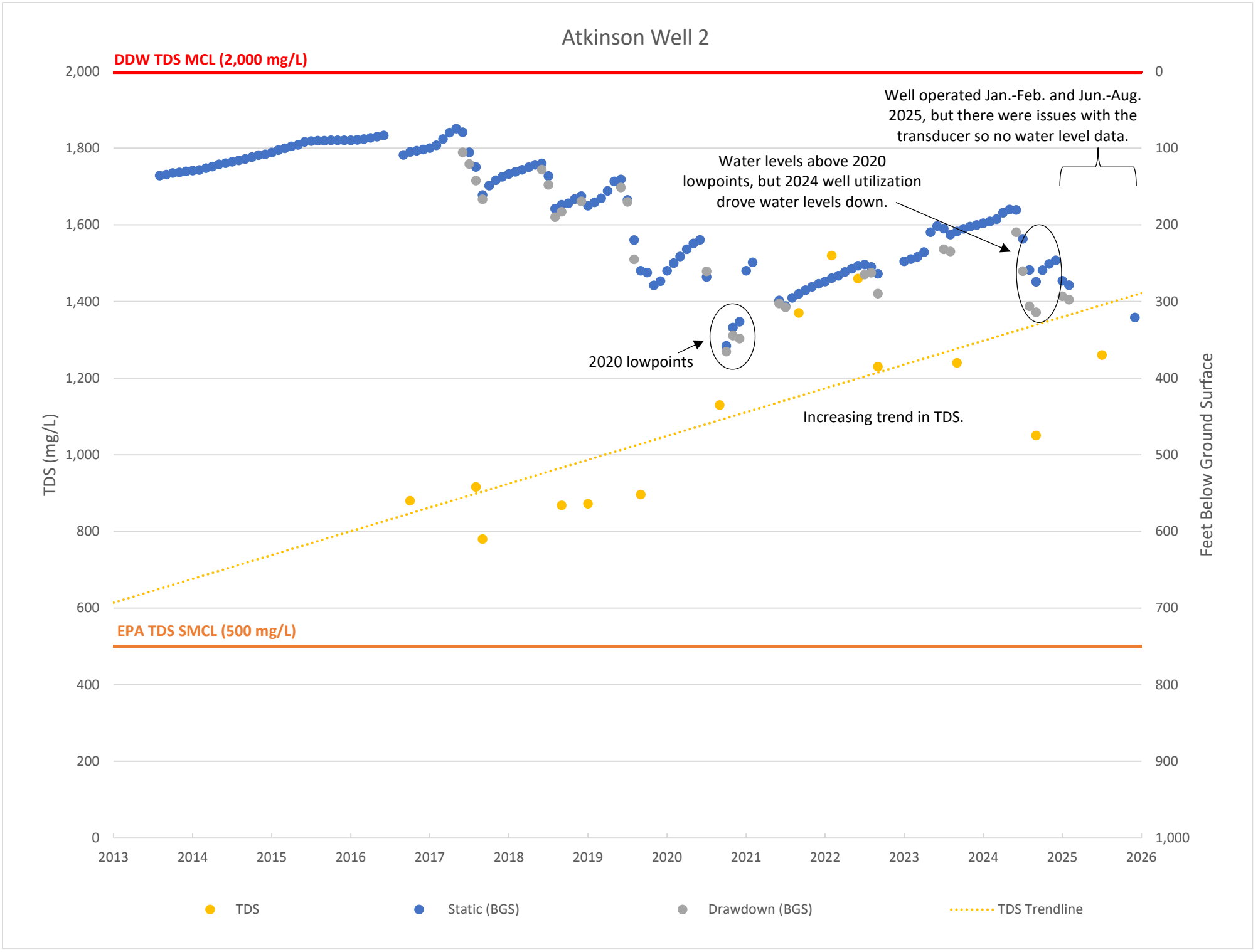
Figure 2: Groundwater and TDS levels in Atkinson Well 2 Over Time

TDS continues to trend upwards despite changes in operational practices and the occasional low TDS sample result. Atkinson Well 2 is not an outlier; many other well maintained their existing TDS trends (typically increasing over time) throughout years of varied operations. As a result, MRW still suspects that chlorides are driving TDS trends more so than operations and believes the data as a whole supports LWA findings. This study can be provided upon request, and emphasized a need to improve source protection programs to address the use and storage of road salt in the Snyderville Basin.

Groundwater Source Conclusions

In general, Mountain Regional has been able to control water levels across its groundwater portfolio – maintaining levels above historic lows, in spite of limited resources and a growing District.

Water quality, especially in the Silver Creek Basin, has been more challenging. We continue to see rising TDS trends in that drainage which may require additional blending of sources and more reliance on our surface water resources and Signal Hill Water Treatment Plant to meet future demands.


Atkinson Well 2
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Well operated Jan.-Feb. and Jun.-Aug. 2025, but there were issues with the transducer so no water level data.
Water levels above 2020 lowpoints, but 2024 well utilization drove water levels down.
2020 lowpoints
Increasing trend in TDS.
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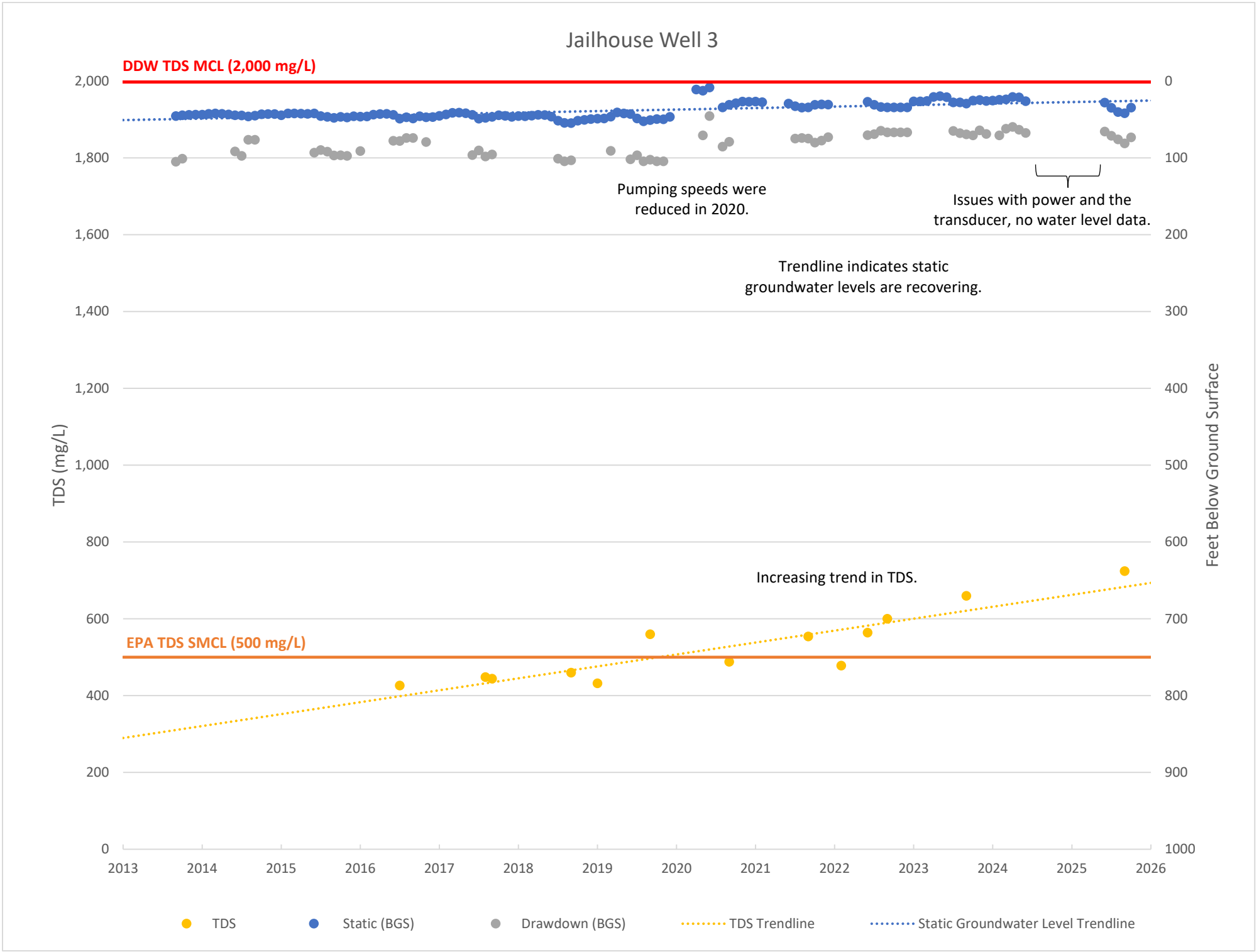
Jailhouse Well 3
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Pumping speeds were reduced in 2020.
Issues with power and the transducer, no water level data.
Trendline indicates static groundwater levels are recovering.
Increasing trend in TDS.
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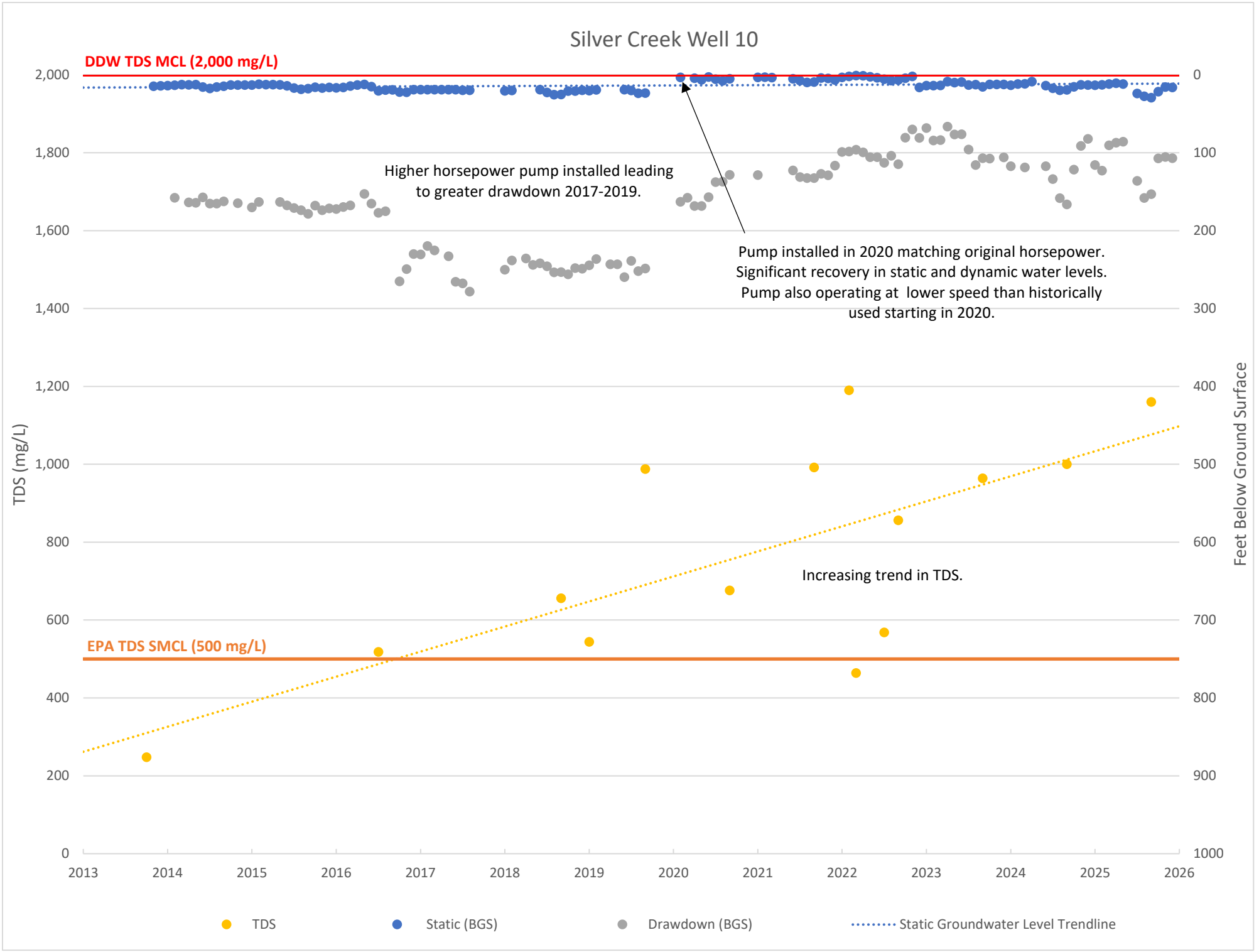
Silver Creek Well 10
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Higher horsepower pump installed leading to greater drawdown 2017-2019.
Pump installed in 2020 matching original horsepower. Significant recovery in static and dynamic water levels. Pump also operating at lower speed than historically used starting in 2020.
Increasing trend in TDS.
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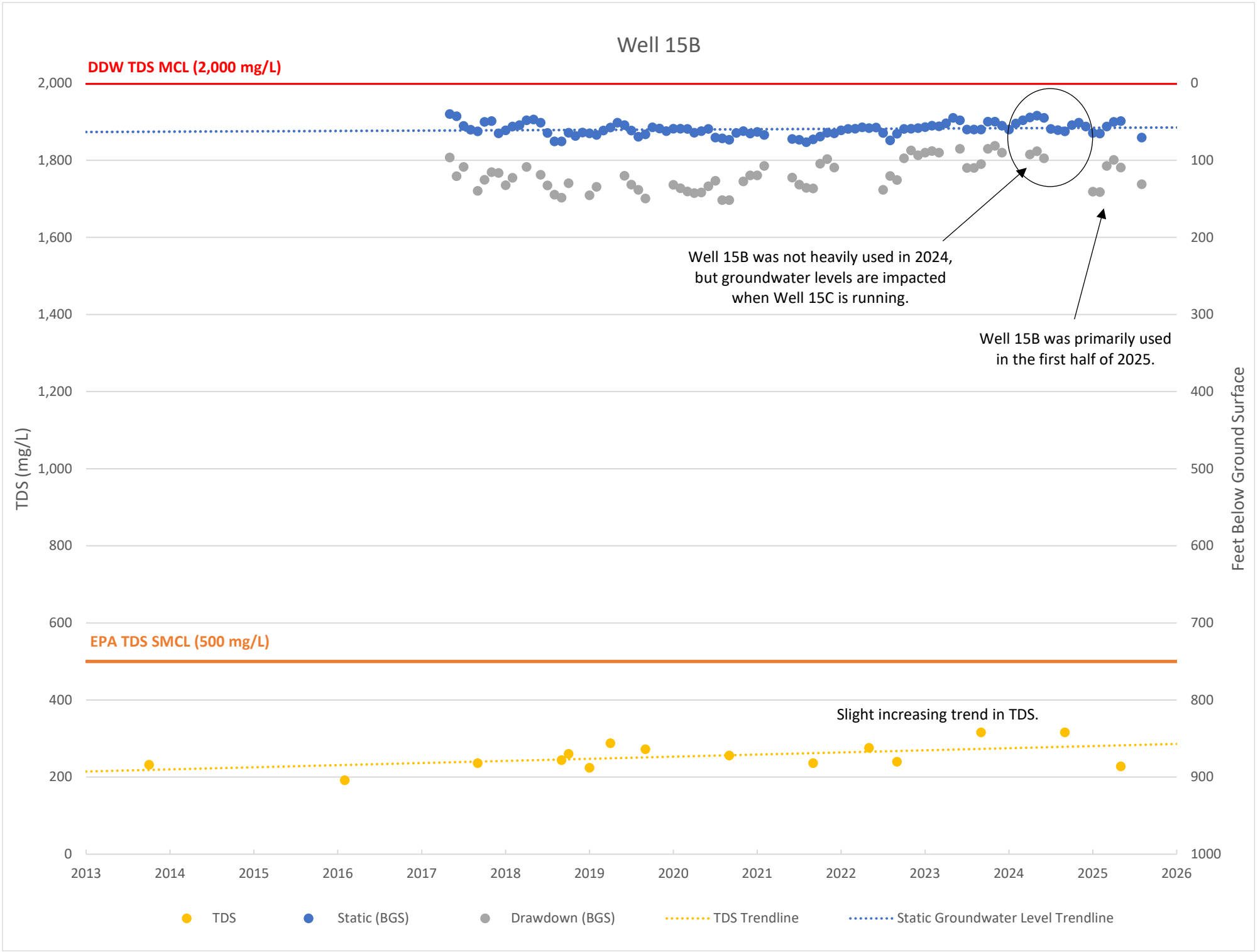
Well 15B
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Well 15B was not heavily used in 2024, but groundwater levels are impacted when Well 15C is running.
Well 15B was primarily used in the first half of 2025.
Slight increasing trend in TDS.
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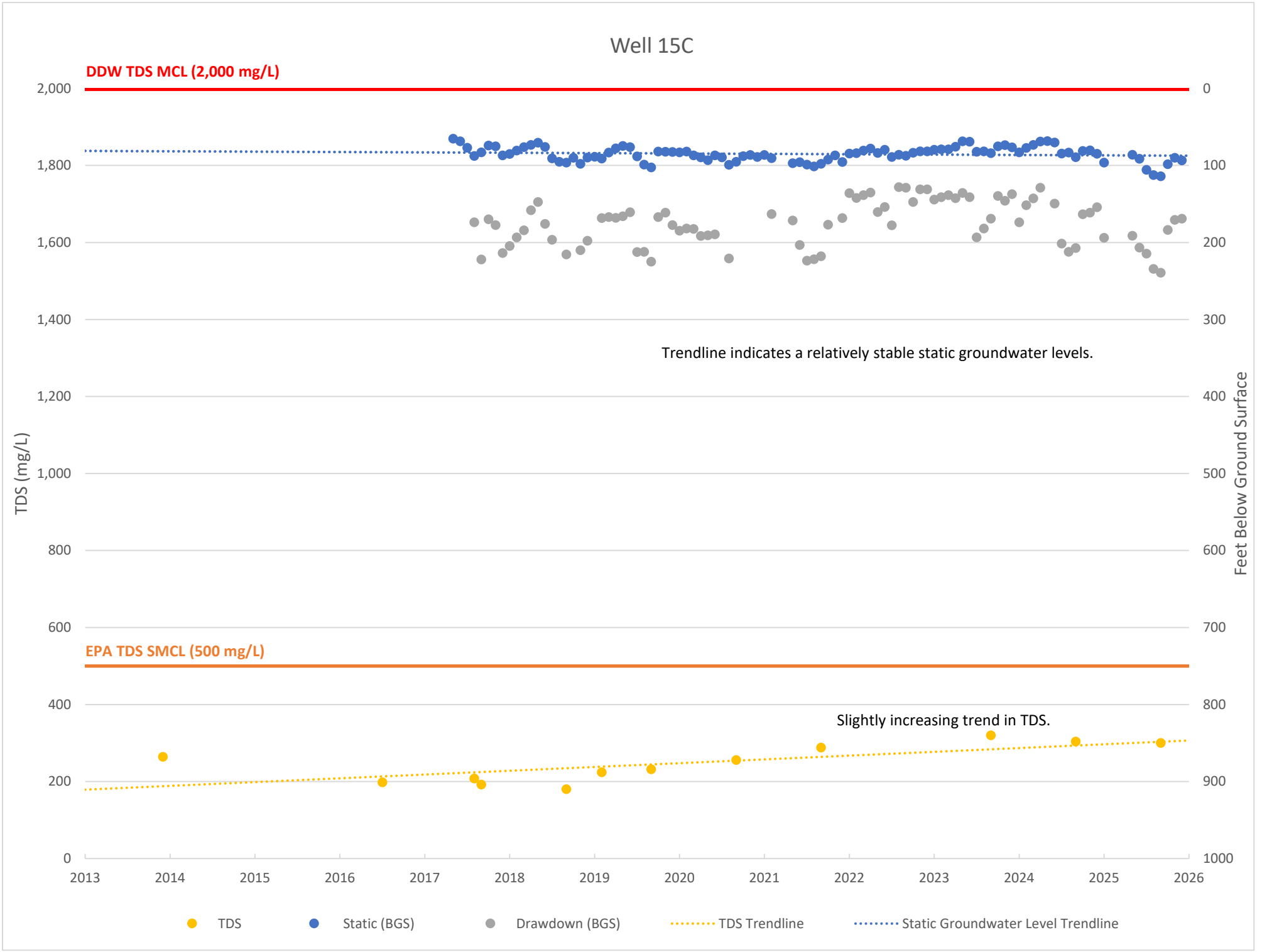
Well 15C
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Trendline indicates a relatively stable static groundwater levels.
Slightly increasing trend in TDS.
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3 Mile Well
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Limited data exists for 3 Mile Well. However, static groundwater levels appear to be relatively stable.
Slight increasing trend in TDS.
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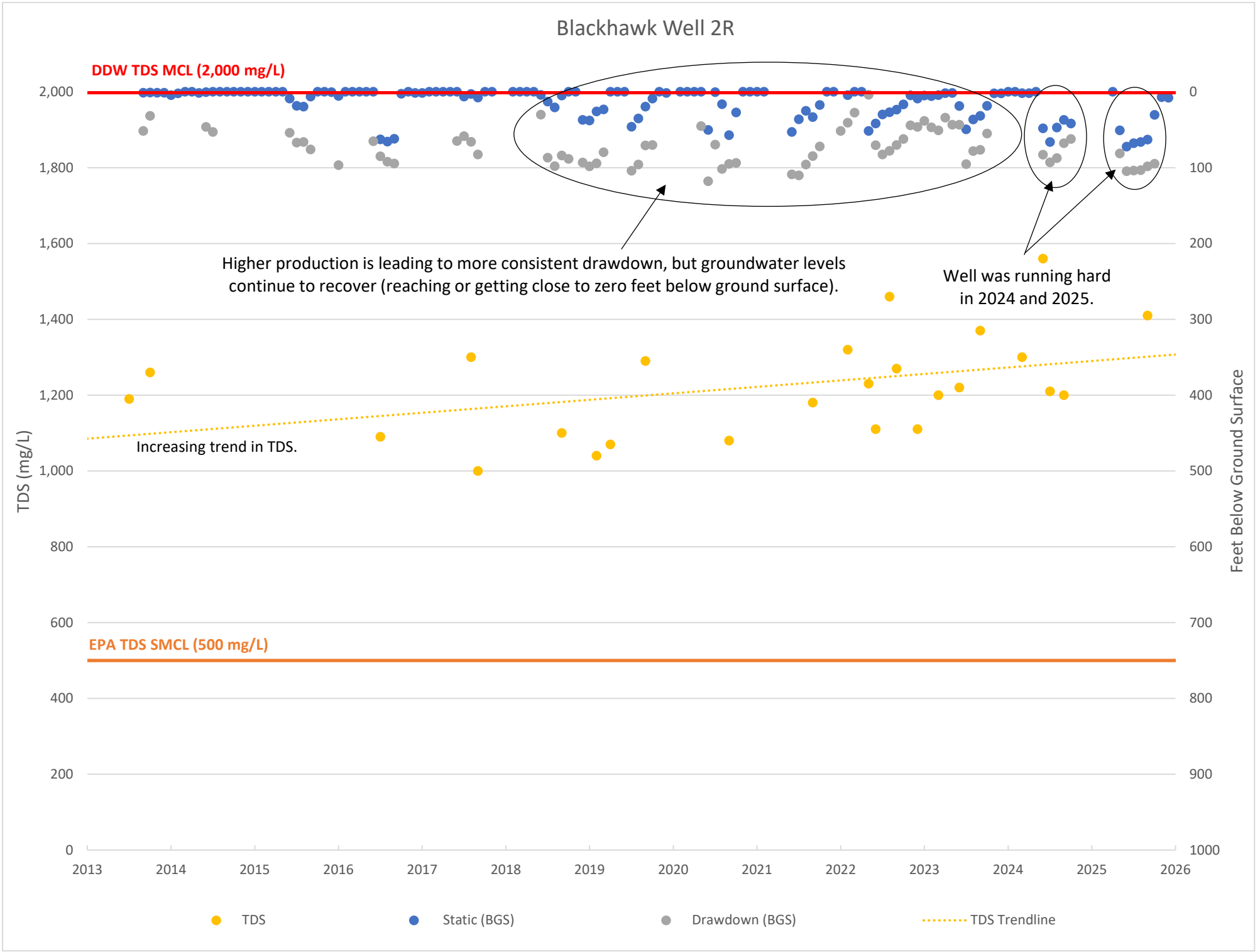
Blackhawk Well 2R
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Higher production is leading to more consistent drawdown, but groundwater levels continue to recover (reaching or getting close to zero feet below ground surface).
Well was running hard in 2024 and 2025.
Increasing trend in TDS.
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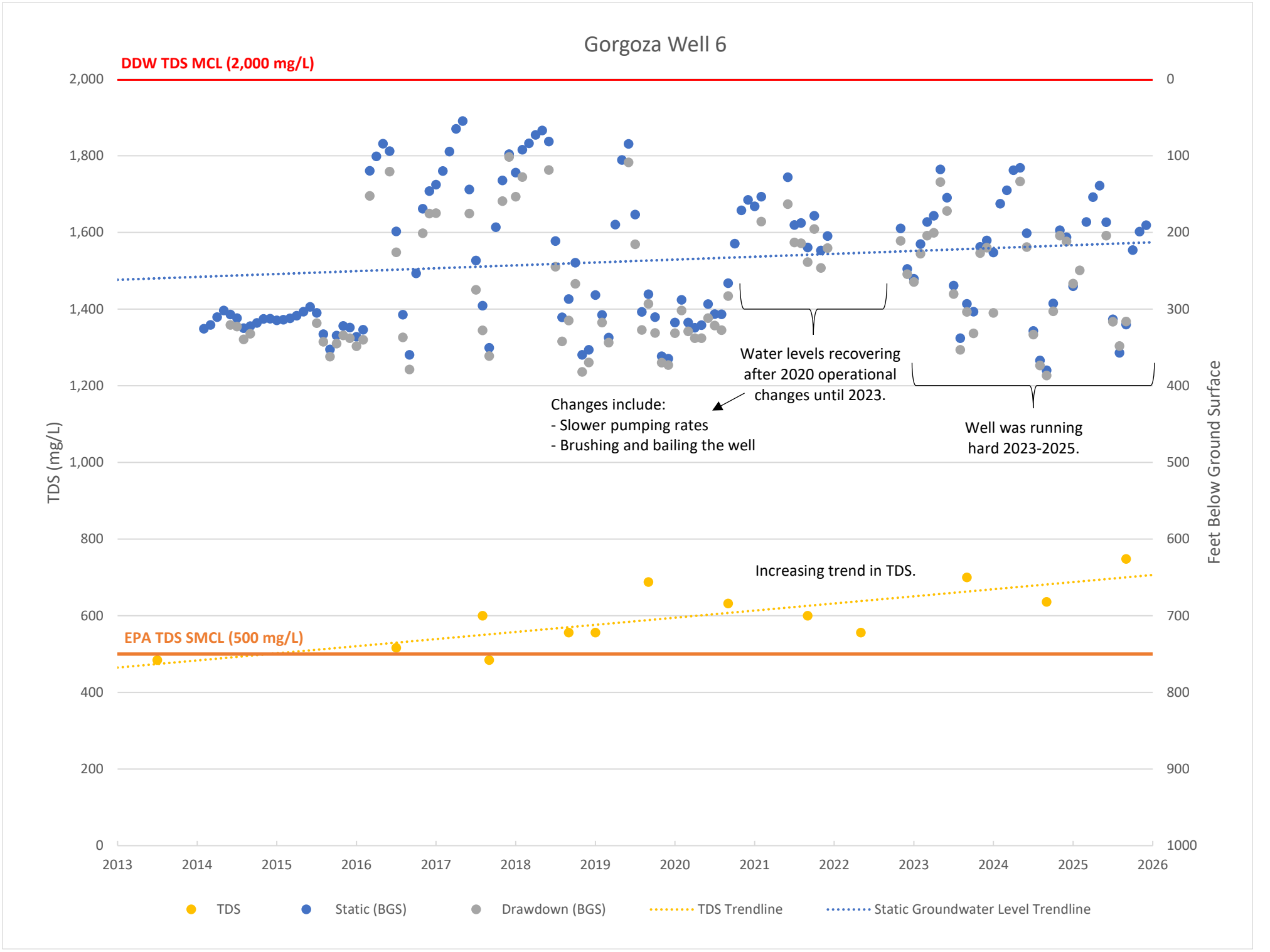
Gorgoza Well 6
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Water levels recovering after 2020 operational changes until 2023.
Changes include:
- Slower pumping rates
- Brushing and bailing the well
Well was running hard 2023-2025.
Increasing trend in TDS.
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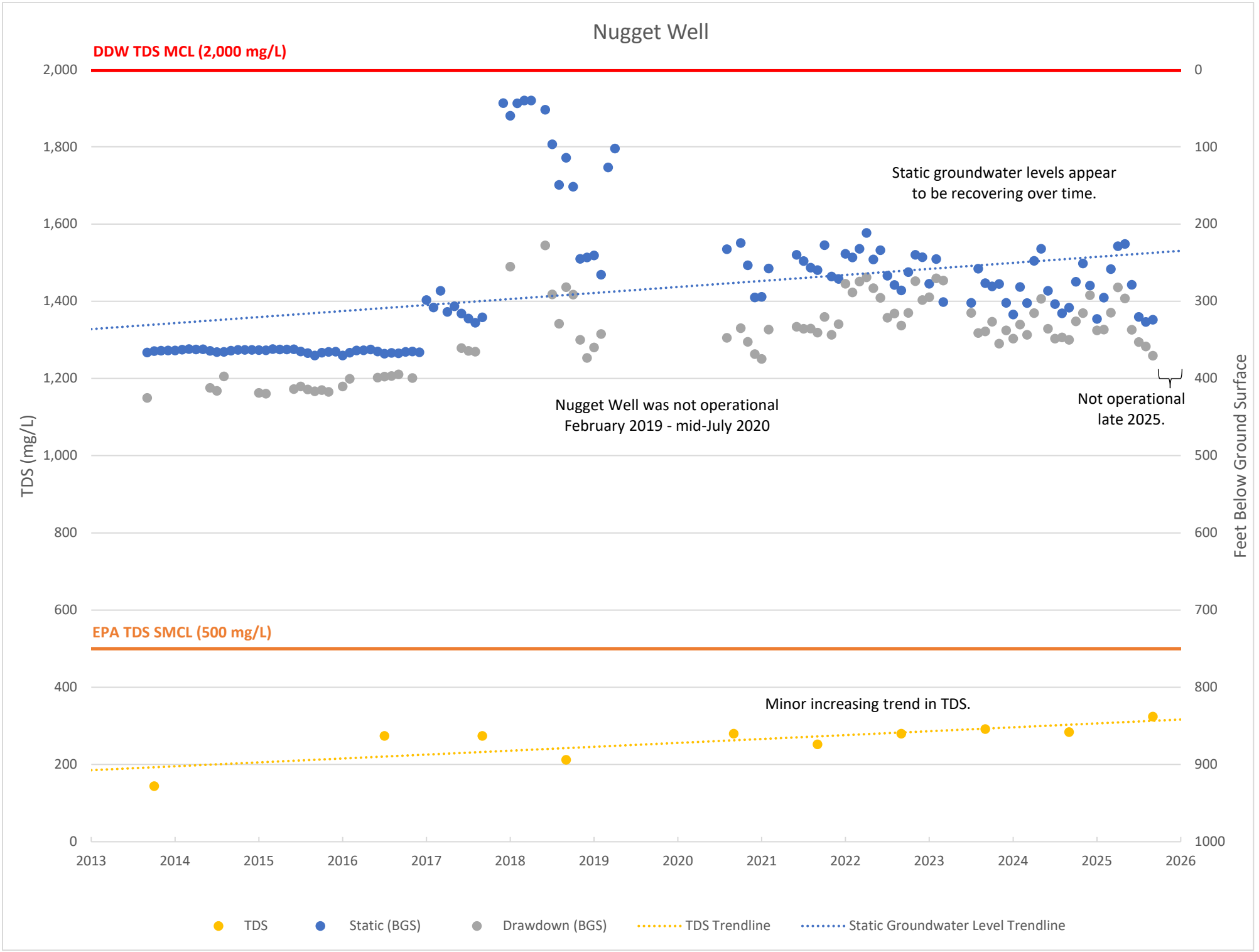
Nugget Well
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Static groundwater levels appear to be recovering over time.
Nugget Well was not operational February 2019 - mid-July 2020
Not operational late 2025.
Minor increasing trend in TDS.
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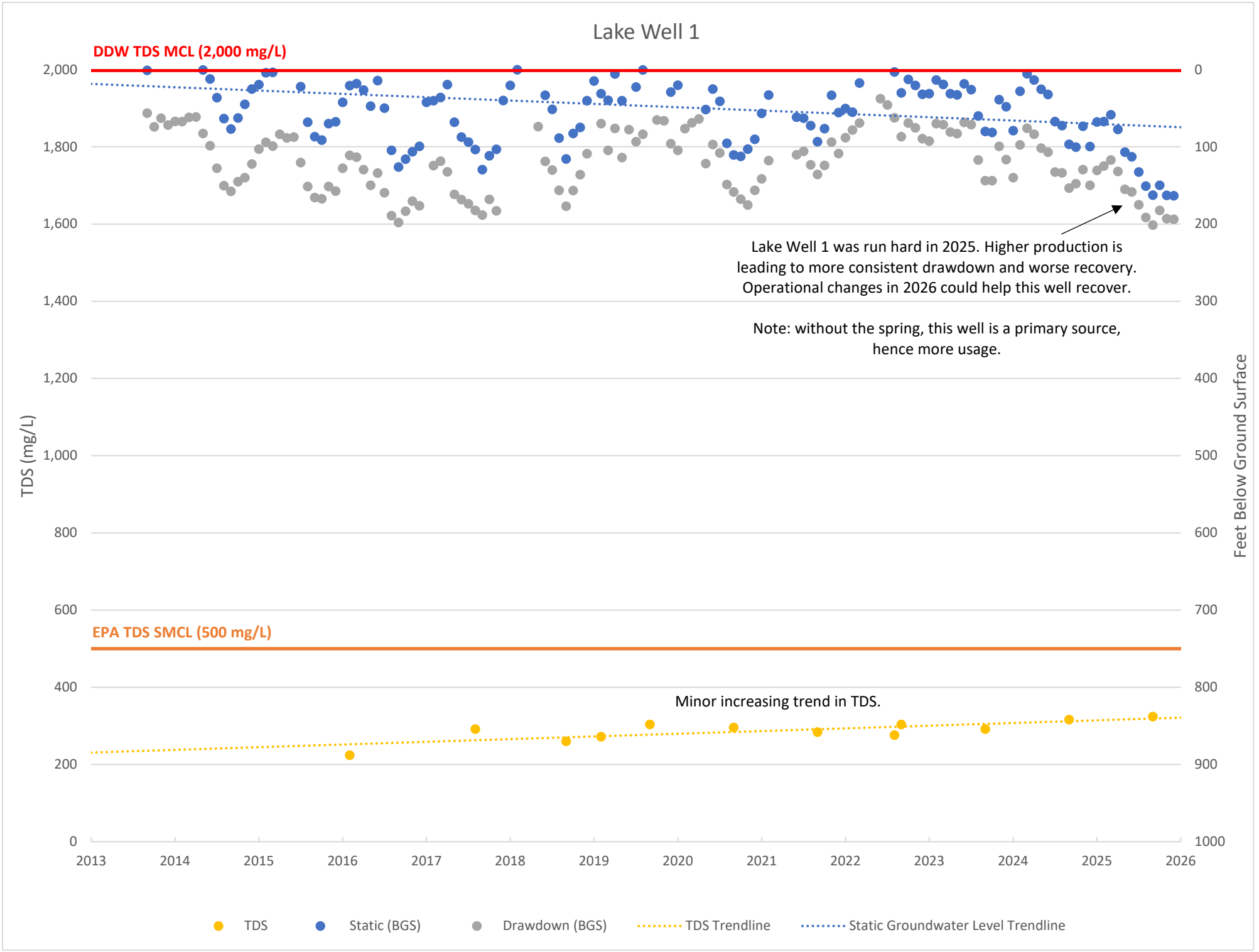
Lake Well 1
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Lake Well 1 was run hard in 2025. Higher production is leading to more consistent drawdown and worse recovery. Operational changes in 2026 could help this well recover.
Note: without the spring, this well is a primary source, hence more usage.
Minor increasing trend in TDS.
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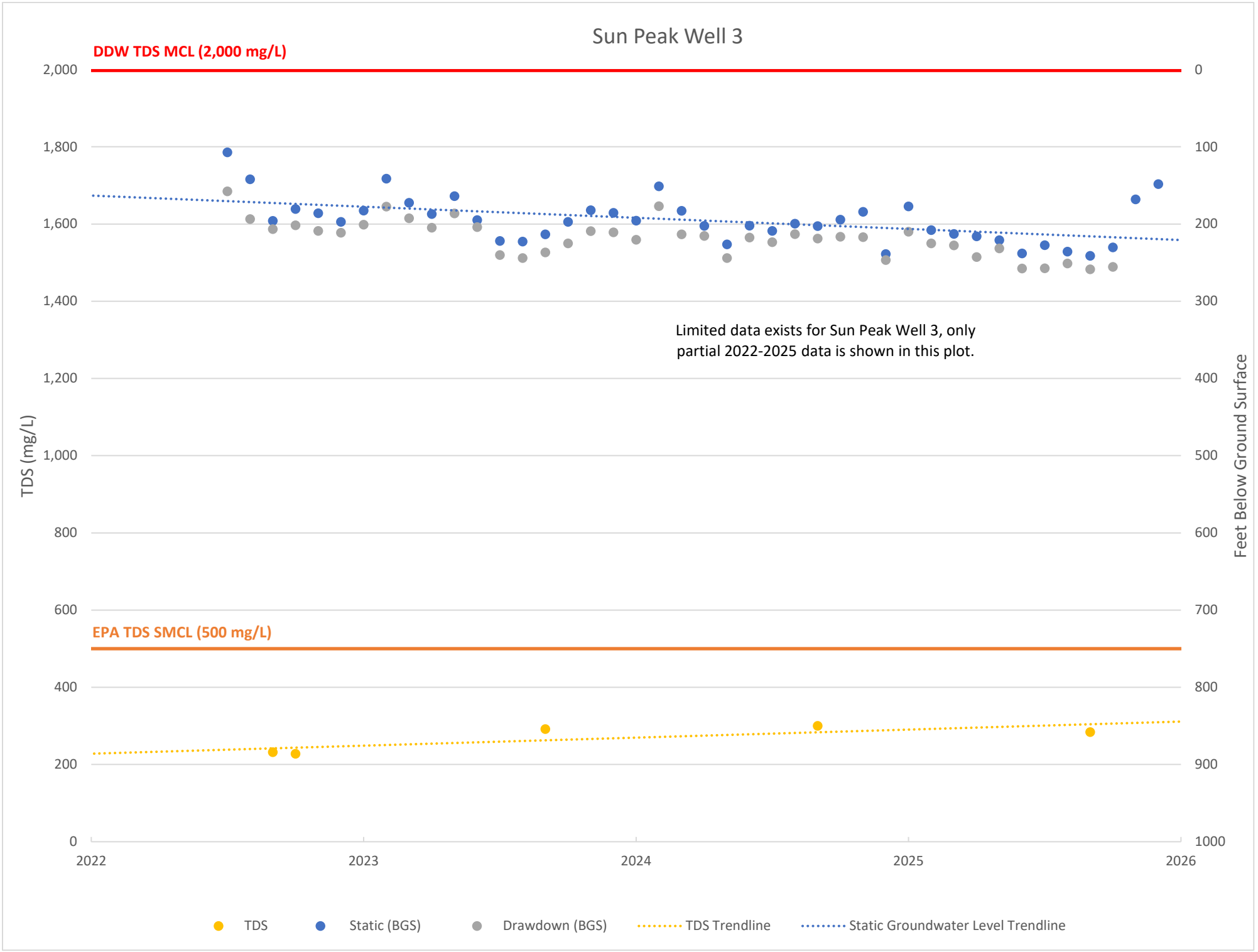
Sun Peak Well 3
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Limited data exists for Sun Peak Well 3, only partial 2022-2025 data is shown in this plot.
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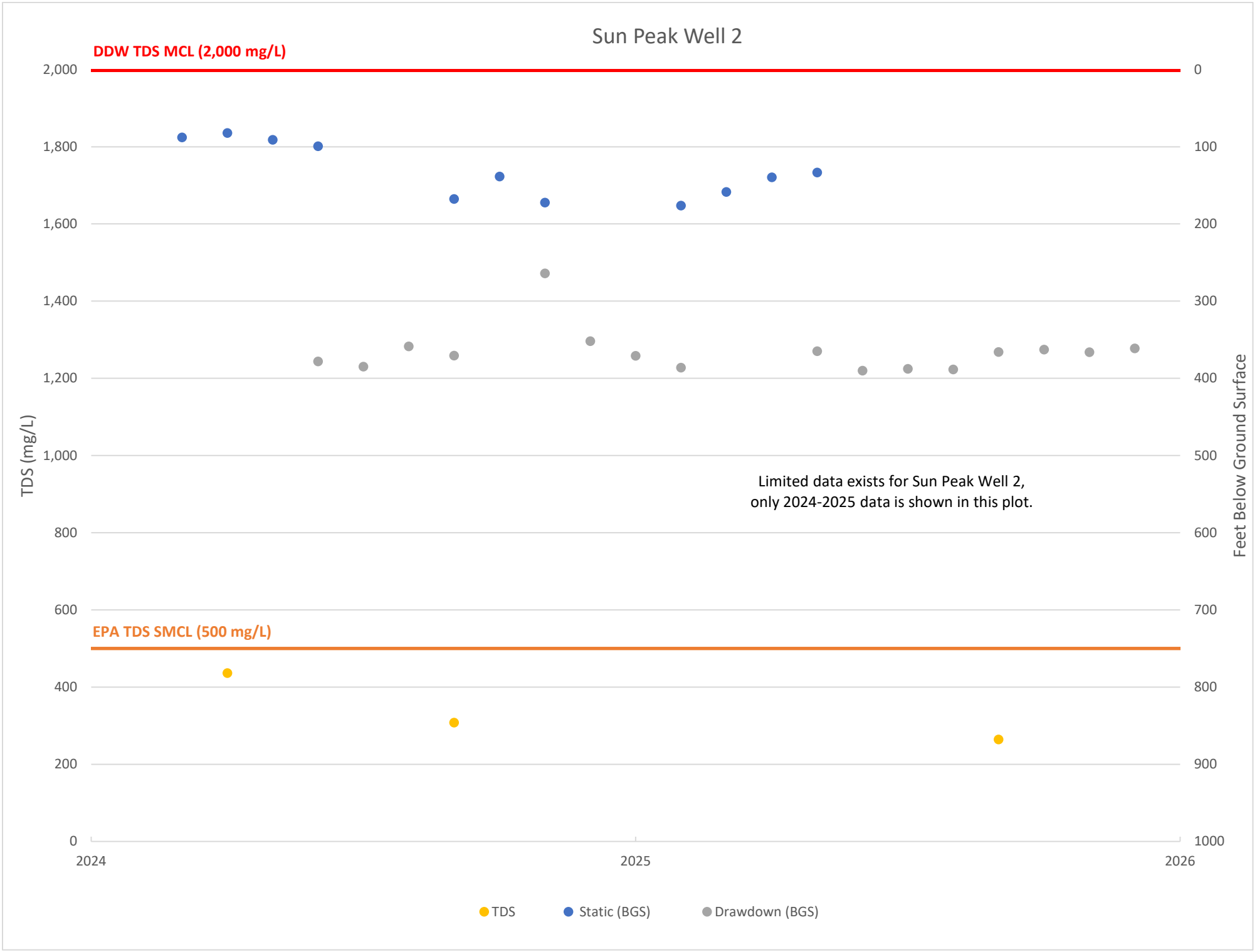
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DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Limited data exists for Sun Peak Well 2,
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Summit Park Well 2
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Summit Park Well 2 is used only as needed during peak season.
Very limited data for this well
More data required to draw conclusions on TDS trend.
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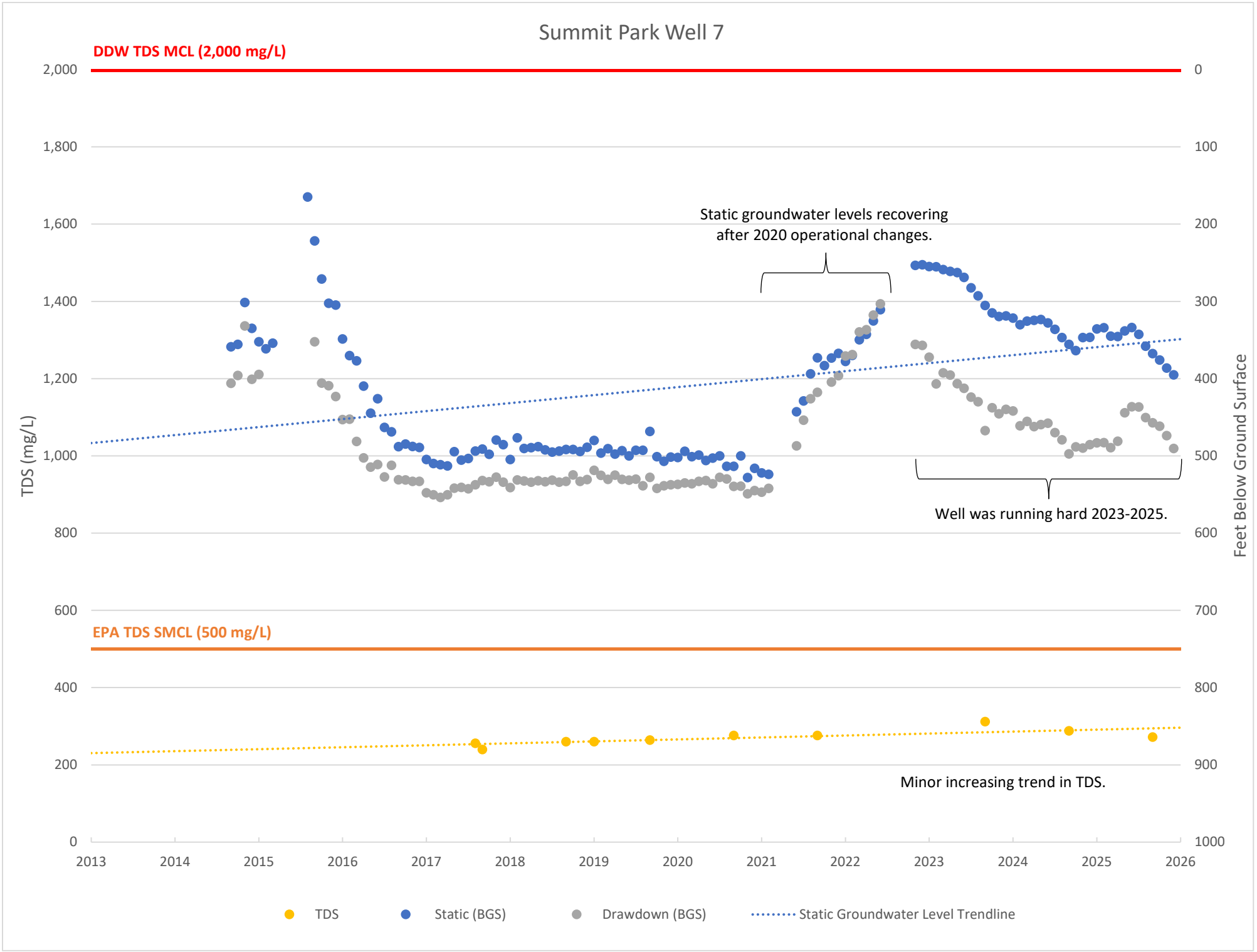
Summit Park Well 7
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Static groundwater levels recovering after 2020 operational changes.
Well was running hard 2023-2025.
Minor increasing trend in TDS.
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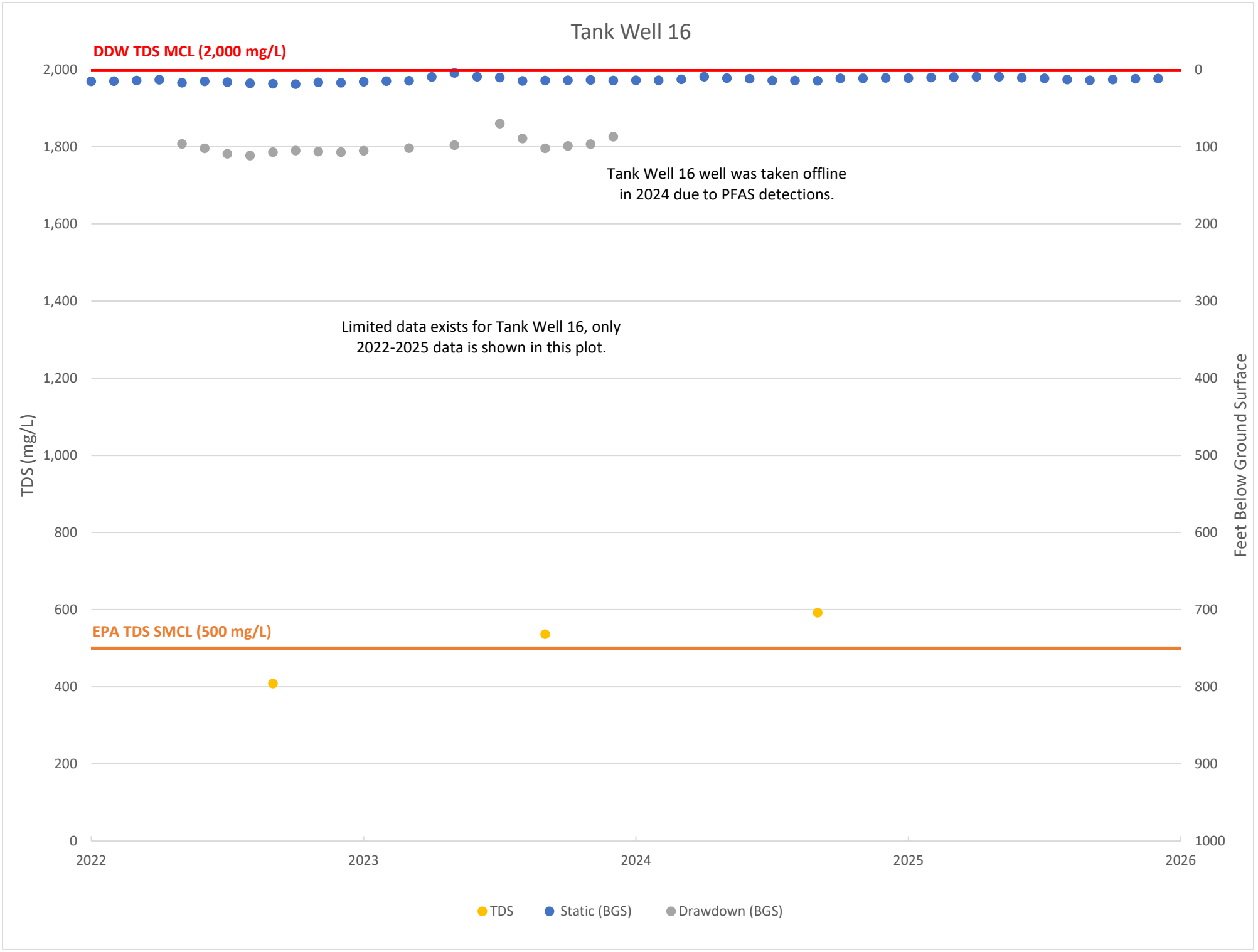
Tank Well 16
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
Tank Well 16 well was taken offline in 2024 due to PFAS detections.
Limited data exists for Tank Well 16, only 2022-2025 data is shown in this plot.
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
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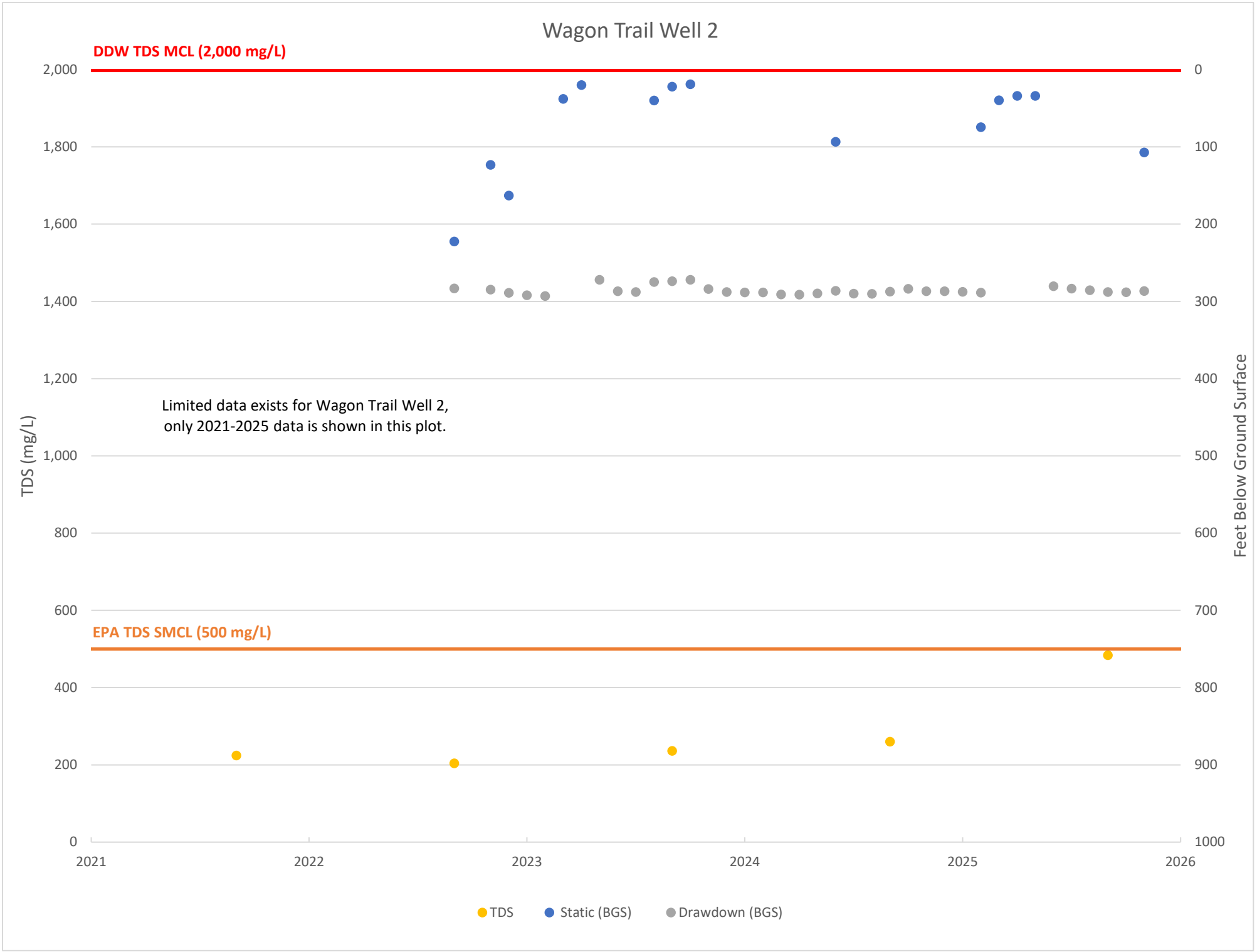
Wagon Trail Well 2
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Limited data exists for Wagon Trail Well 2,
only 2021-2025 data is shown in this plot.
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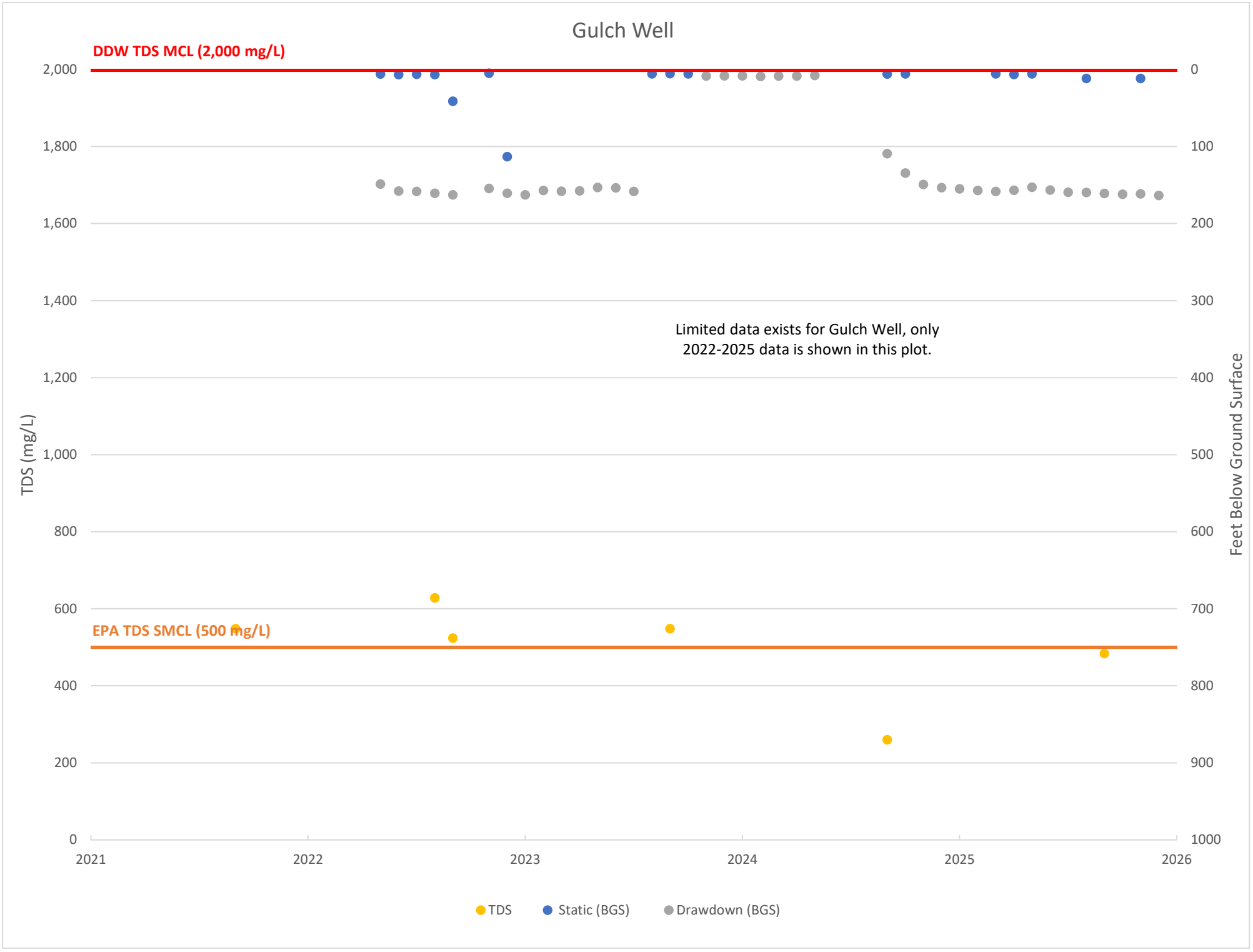
Gulch Well
DDW TDS MCL (2,000 mg/L)
EPA TDS SMCL (500 mg/L)
Limited data exists for Gulch Well, only 2022-2025 data is shown in this plot.
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