TWDB Webinar on the Maverick Basin Aquifer Contracted Study by INTERA



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Webinar Highlights



- Historic fresh-slightly saline produced water exists in the Glen Rose Formation at 5,000 – 8,000 feet in Maverick County
- Producing wells show an initial oil burst that gives way to water
- Water commonly flows to surface without a pump
- Water production is focused along a shear zone with secondary porosity likely developed from alteration by hydrothermal fluids





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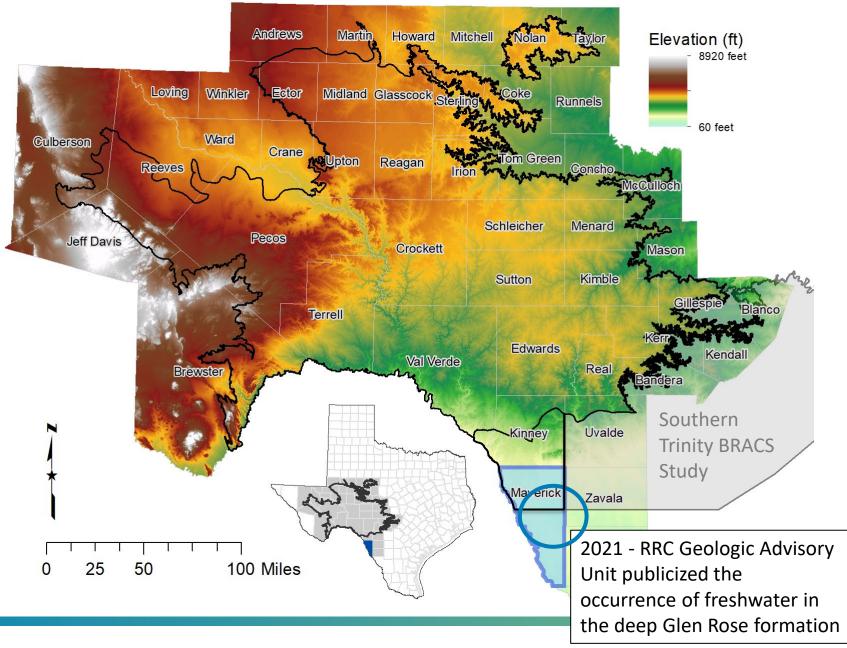
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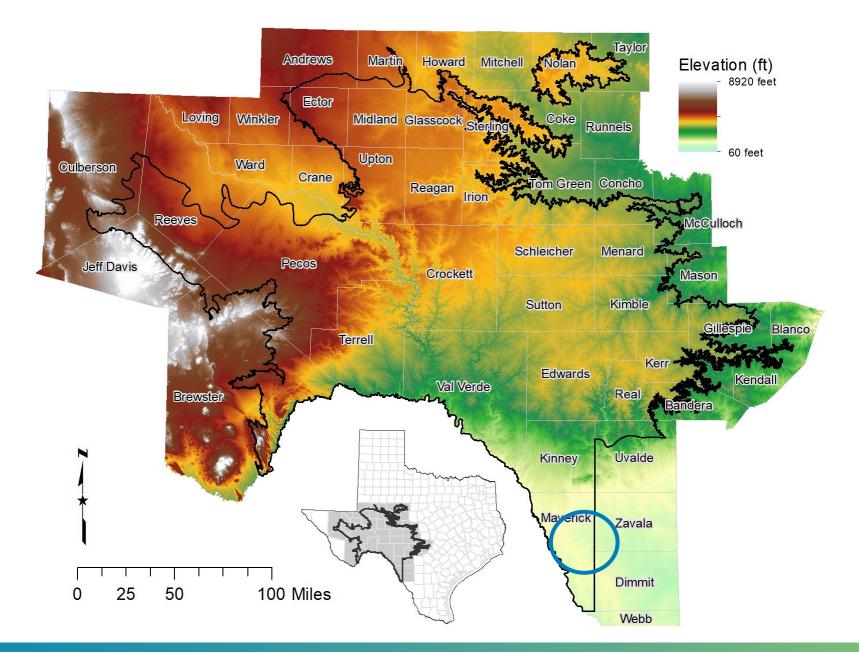
 Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) study area extended to match Southern Trinity BRACS study





Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Brackish Groundwater Study

- Modified Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) BRACS study to include all of Maverick County
- TWDB BRACS contracted with INTERA to summarize known information





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Water Deficit

	Deficits Region L and M (acre-ft/yr)					
County	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070
Maverick	18,686	17,630	17,041	15,750	14,477	13,514
Dimmit	9,473	9,561	8,901	7,393	5,888	5,330
Zavala	21,235	21,350	21,209	20,733	20,148	19,865

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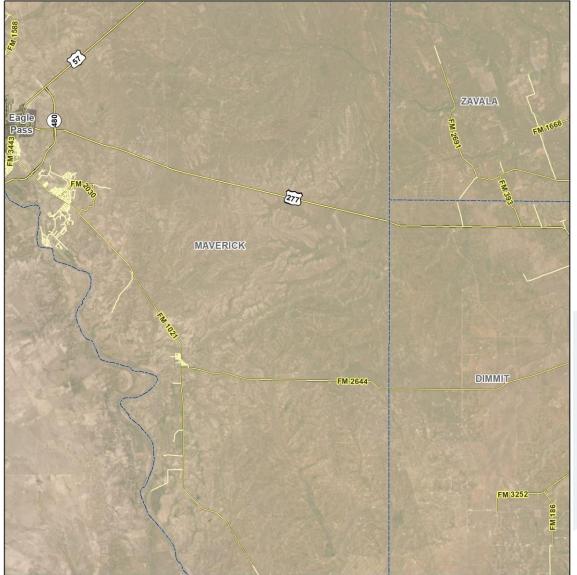
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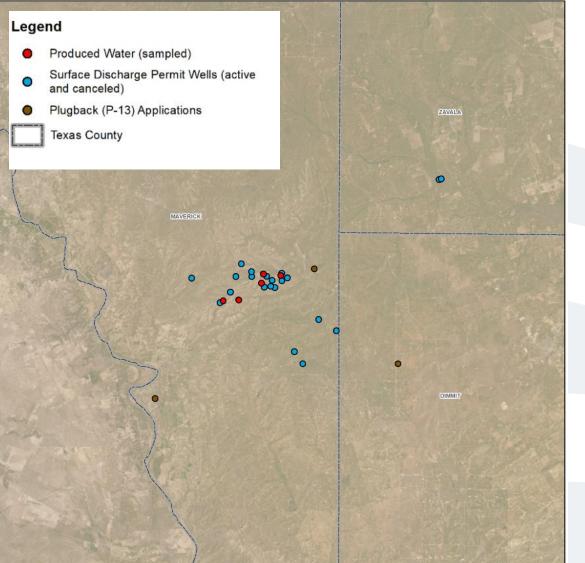
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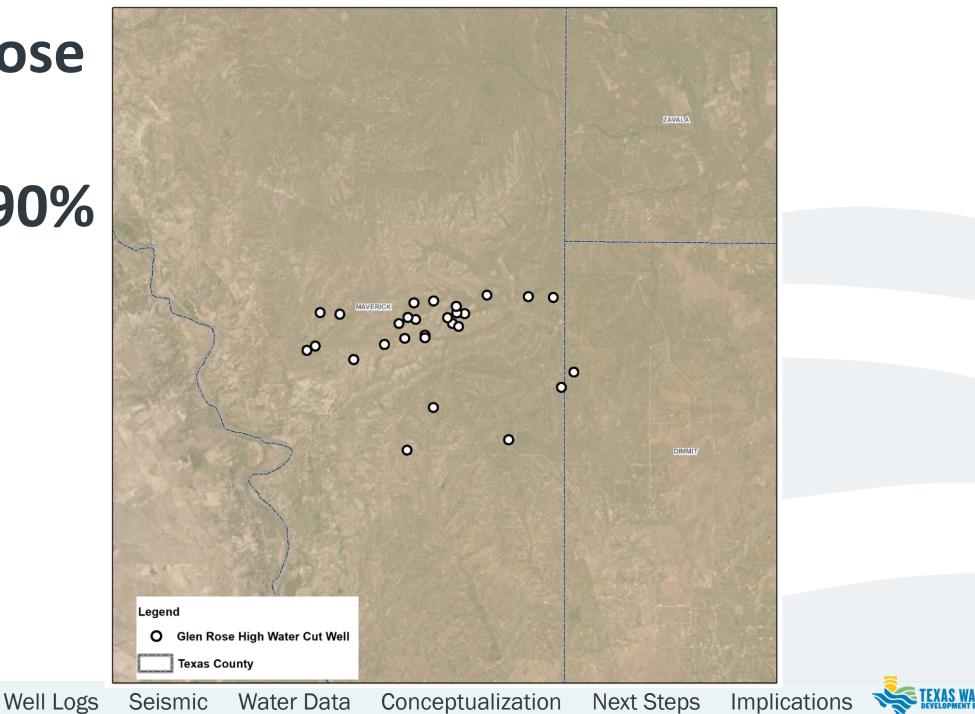
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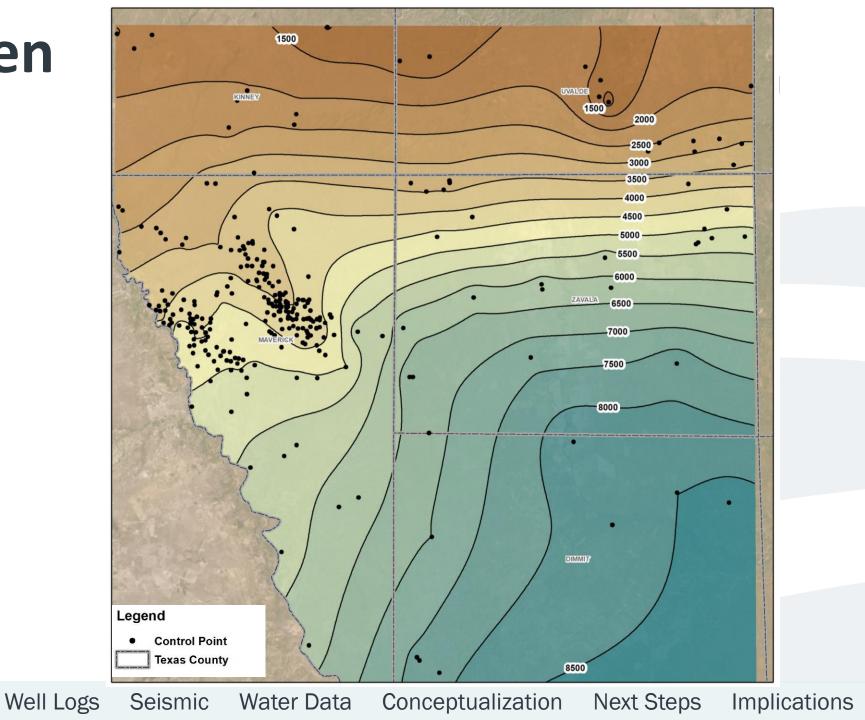
Glen Rose Water Cuts >90%



RRC, S&P

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Top Glen Rose

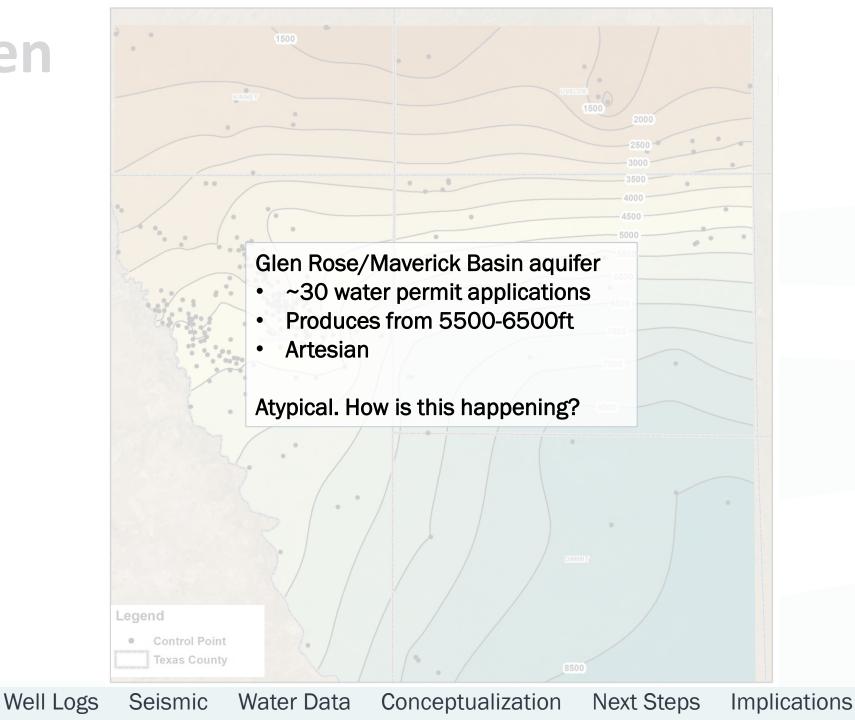




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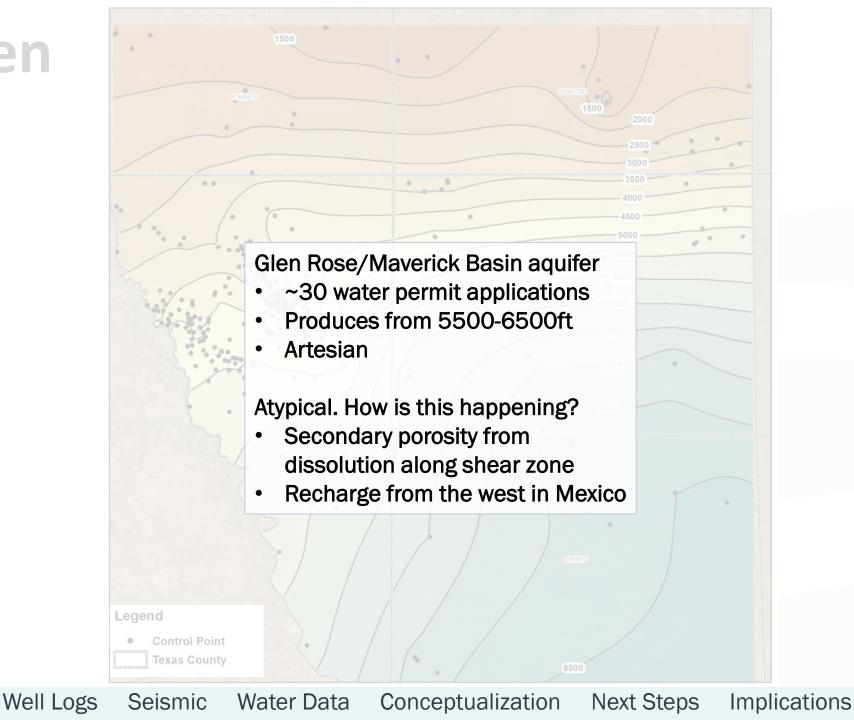


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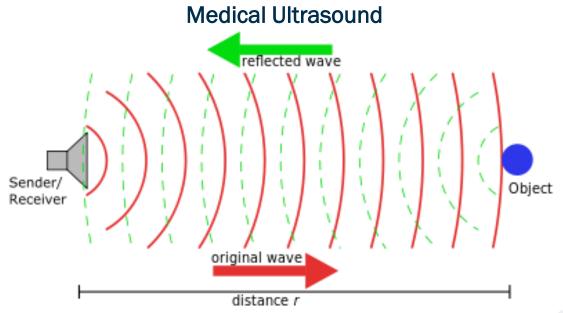
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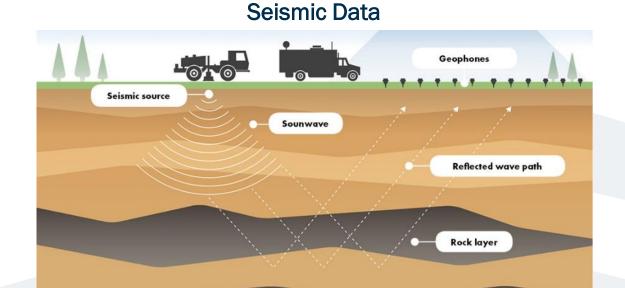
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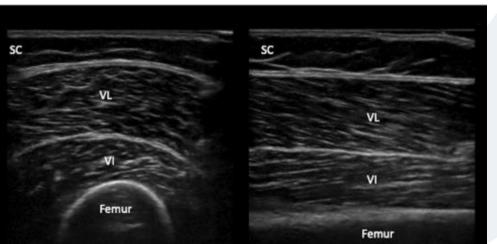




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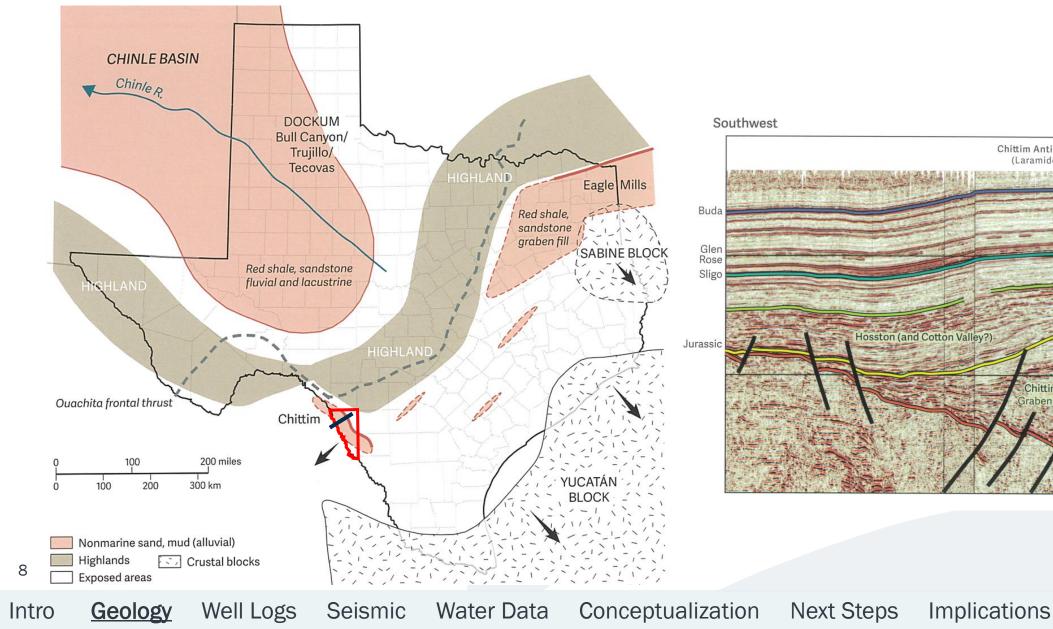
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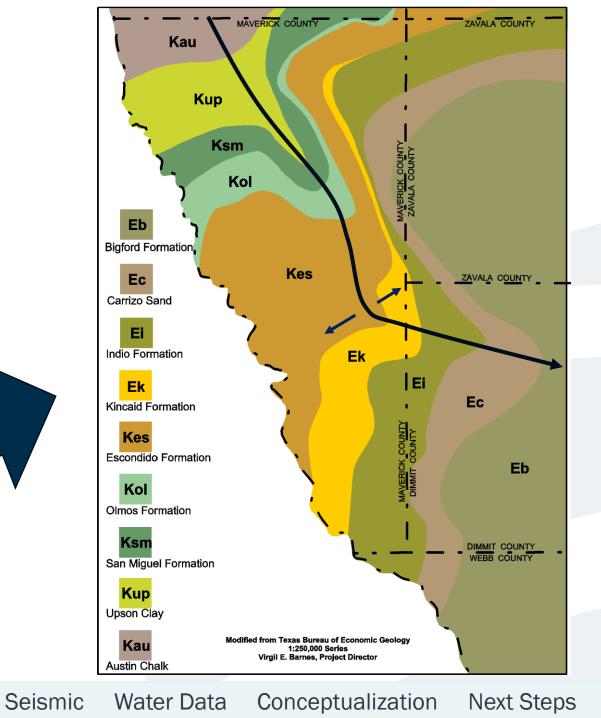




Laramide Orogeny



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RRC. S&P. Scott (2004)

Structure Control

"A total of five wells were cored and there were a number of similarities in all cases... The rock can be described as a micritic, mixed skeletal-peloidal wackestone to packstone with molluscs, echinoids and scattered planktic microfossils. This type of rock is not likely to be a high porosity and permeability reservoir. Petrographic studies found evidence of advanced diagenetic changes. The thin sections showed the presence of authigenic quartz, iron sulfides, saddle dolomite, and replacive dolomite. Porosities in the 30% range were not uncommon and the porosity was frequently filled with bitumen and pyrobitumen. All of the above substances and porosity are diagenetic events often associated with dissolution of the host limestone by mineral rich, high temperature acidic fluids."





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Glen Rose High Water Cut Well

VE-directed

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Laramide Compression

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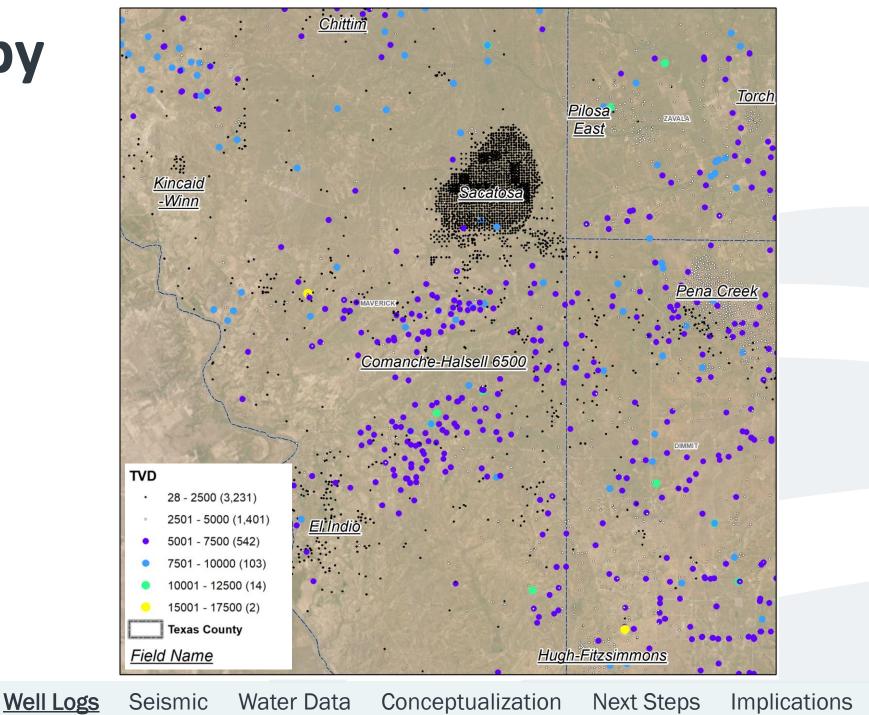
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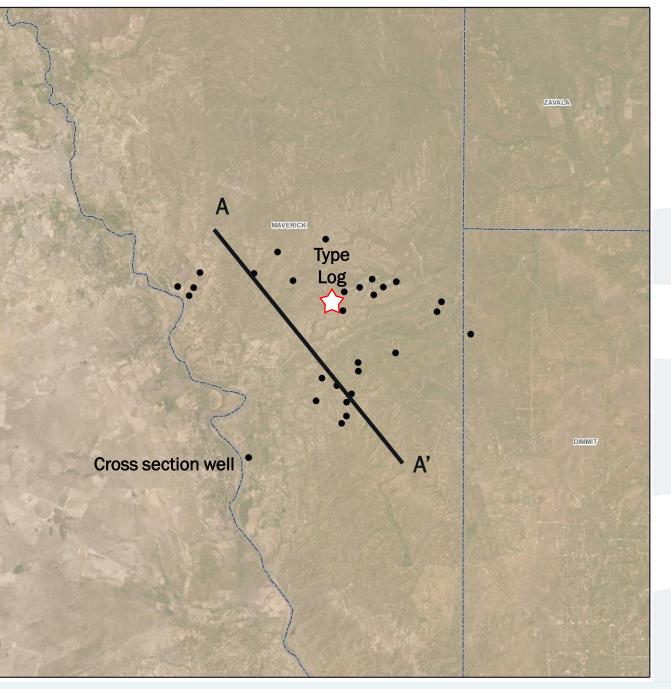
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Cross Section Map & Type Log



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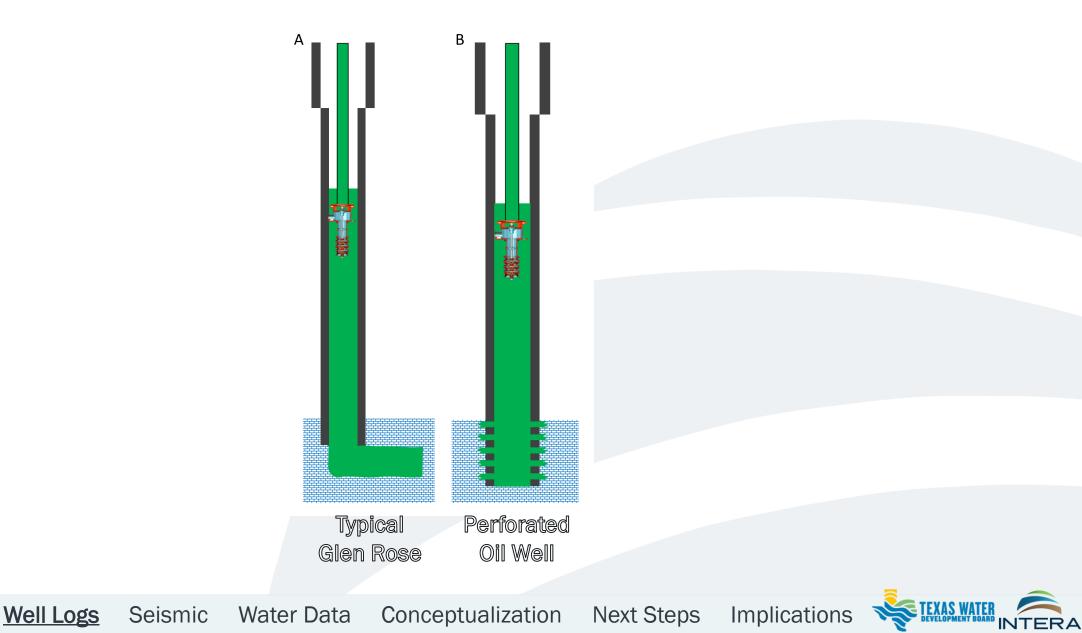
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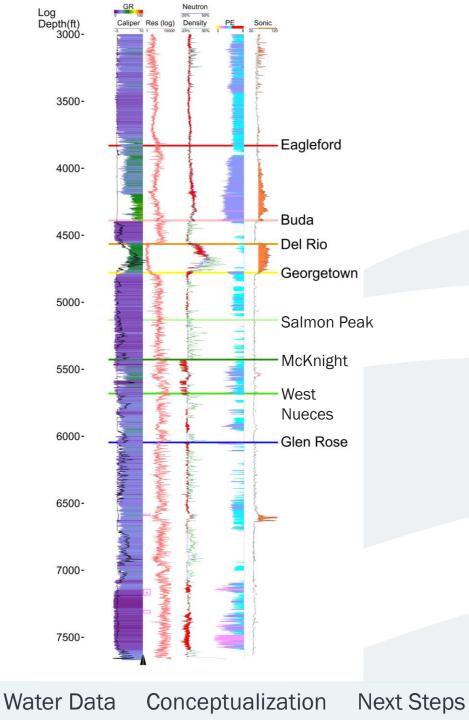
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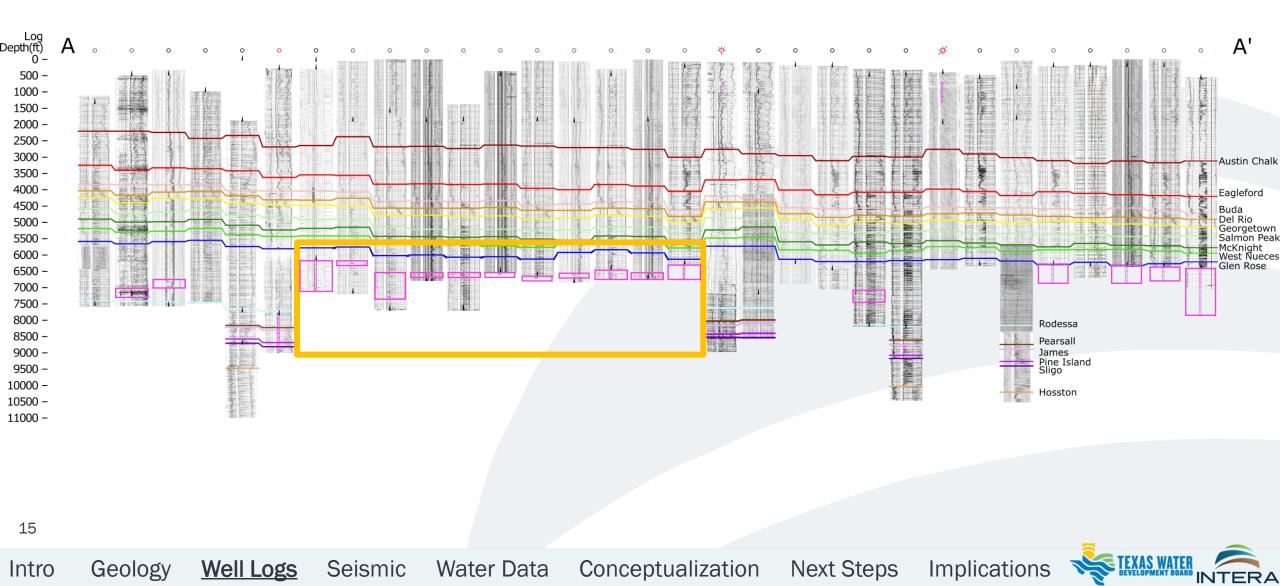
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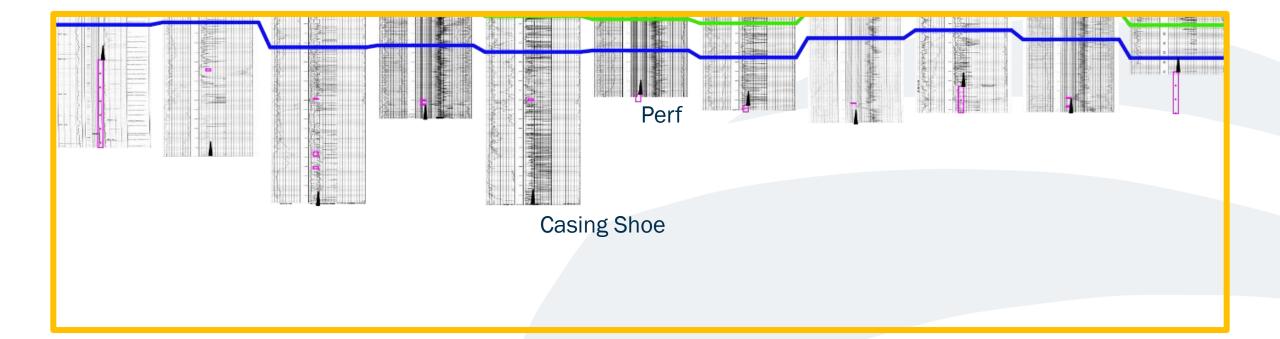
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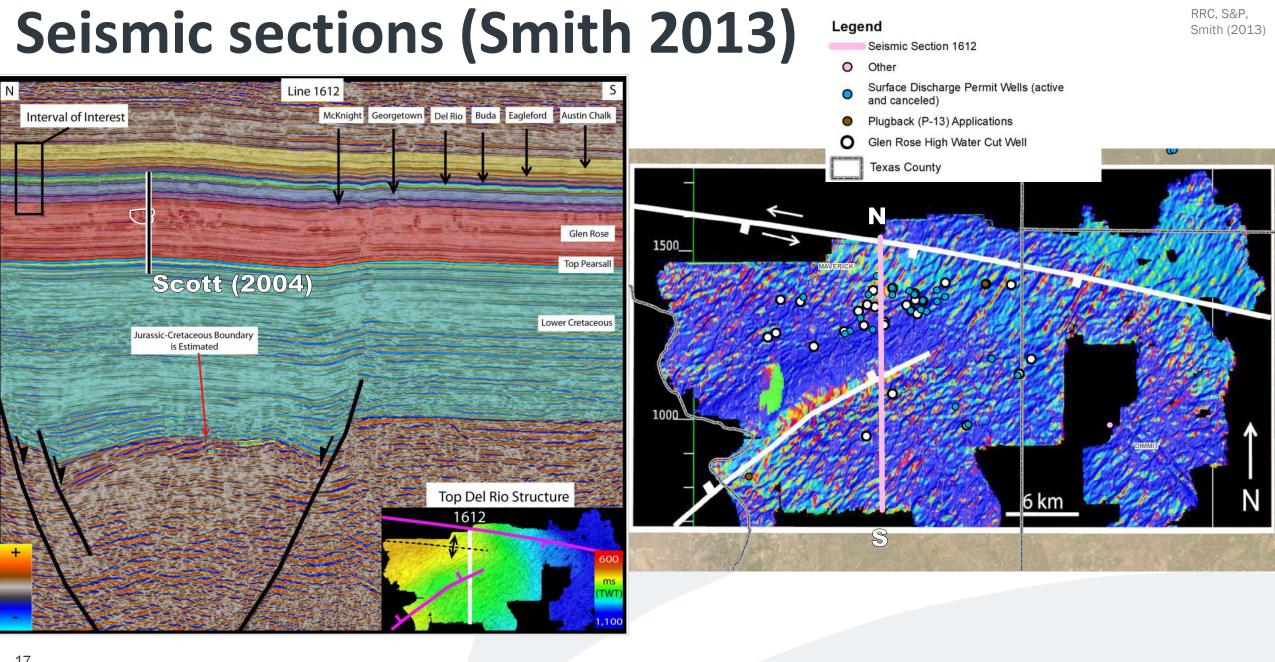
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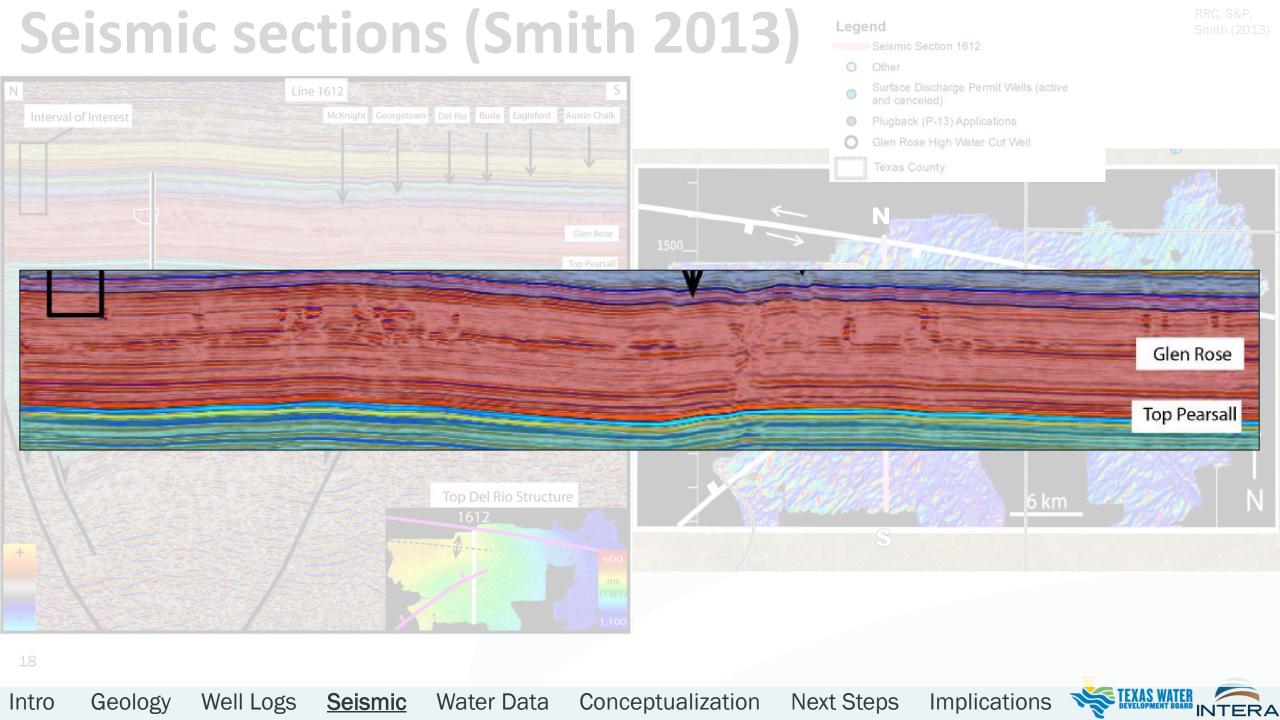
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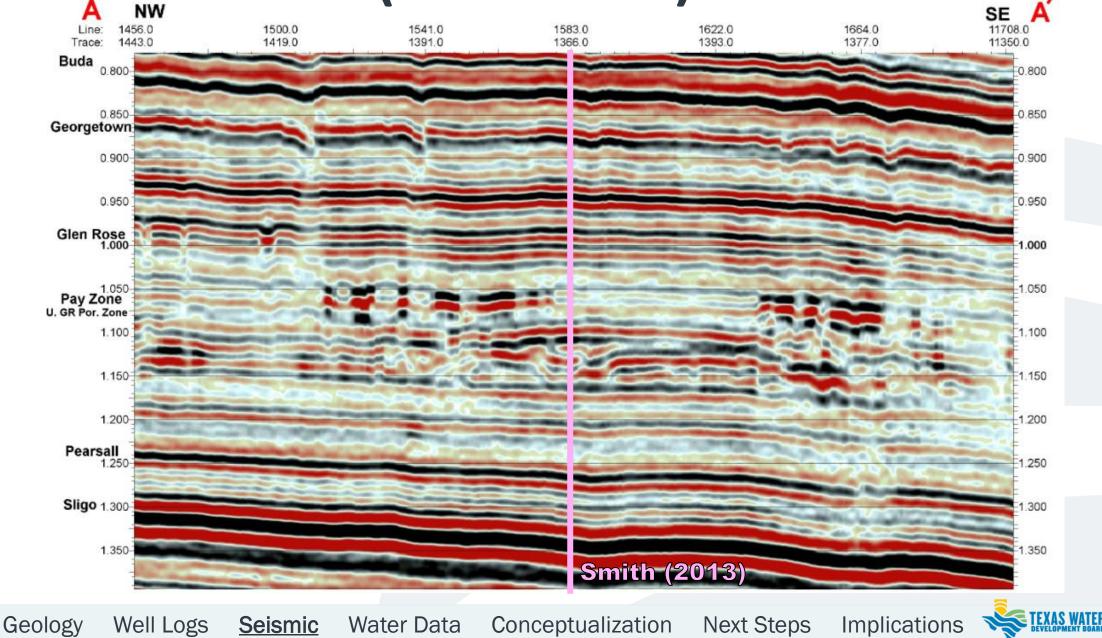


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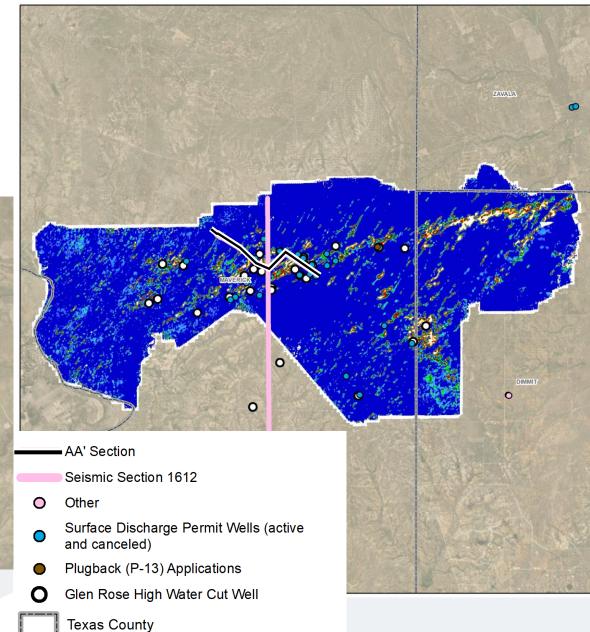
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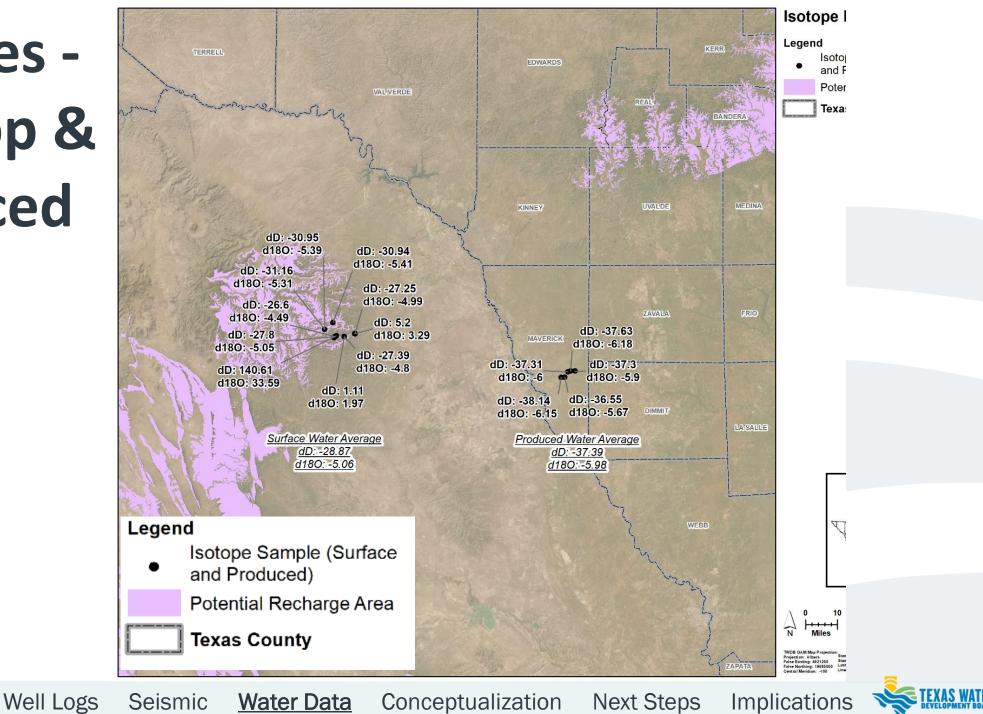
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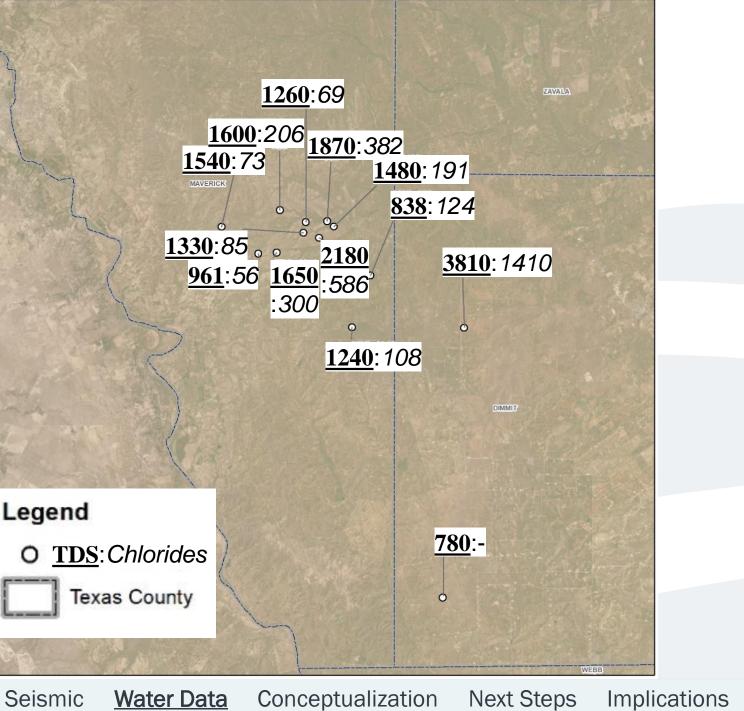
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Produced Water Quality





RRC, TWDB

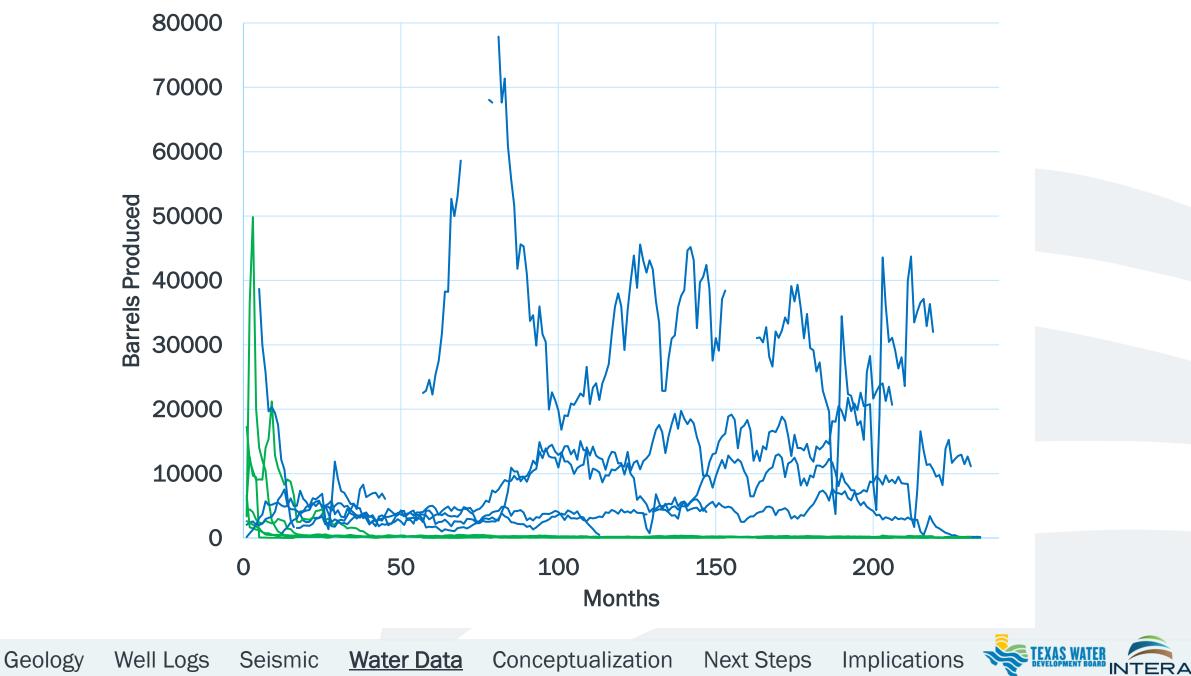
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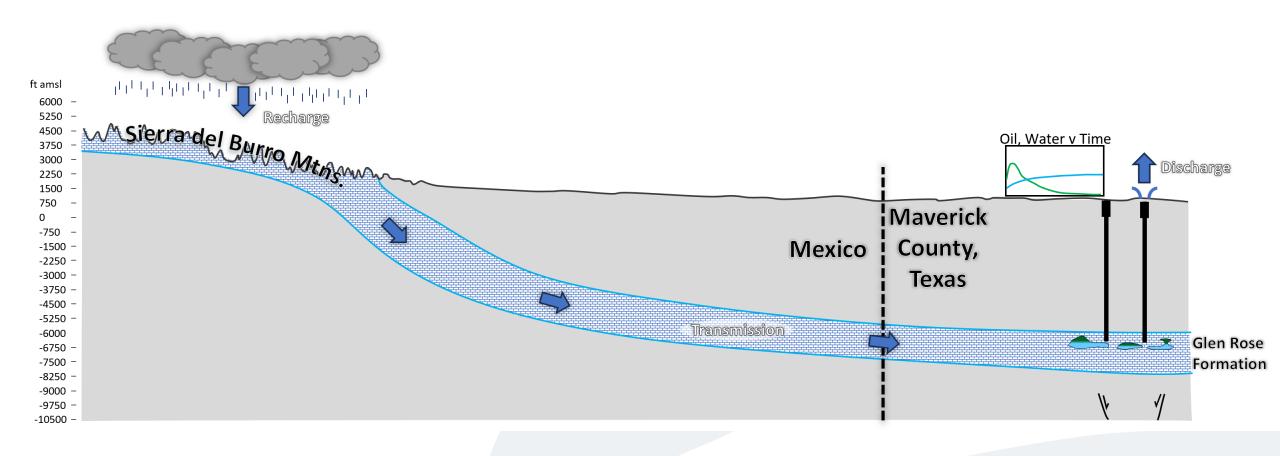
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Schematic conceptual model

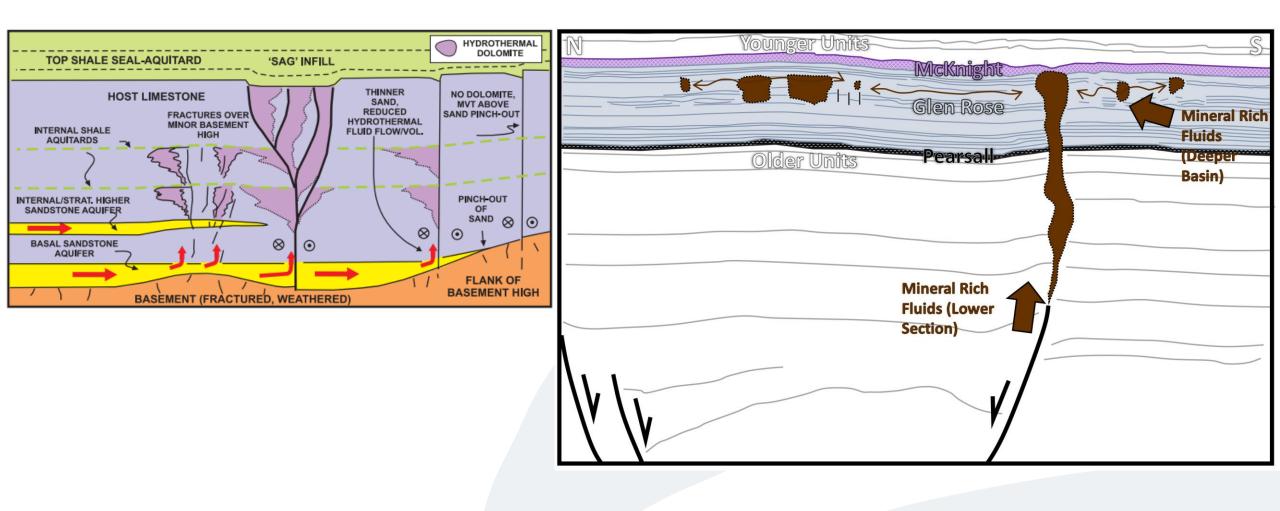


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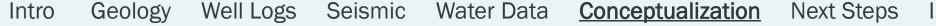
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Hydrothermal alteration

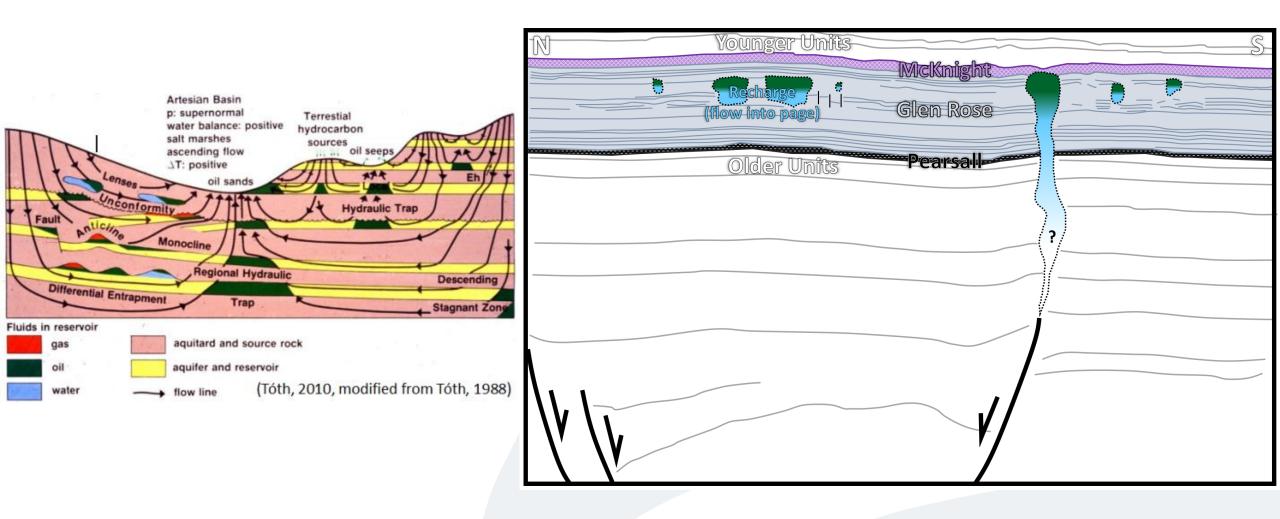


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It's all one system



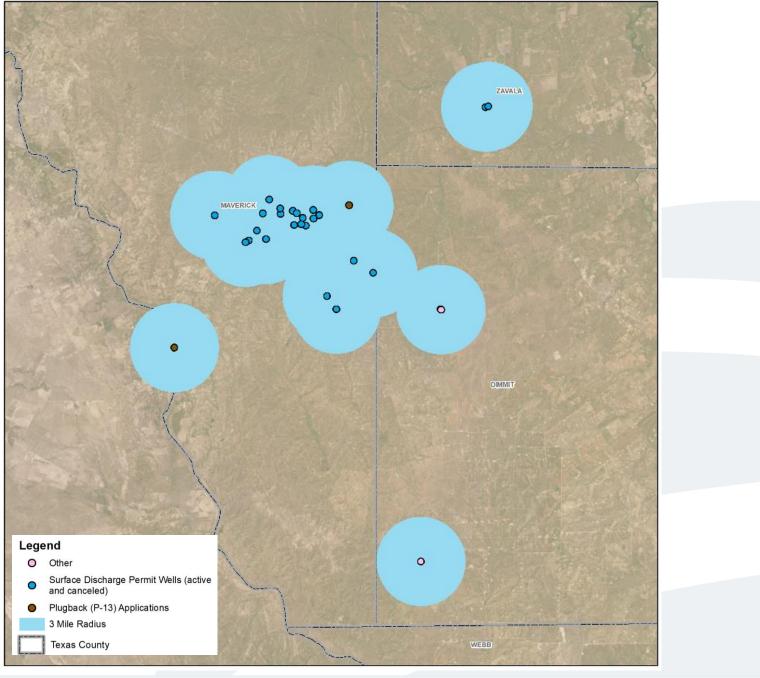
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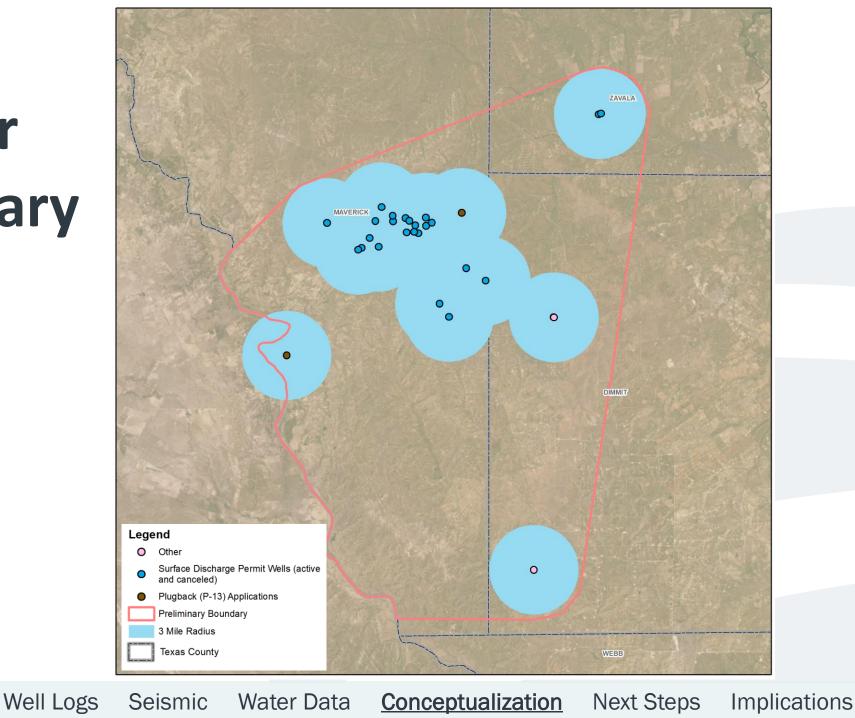
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Prelim Aquifer Boundary



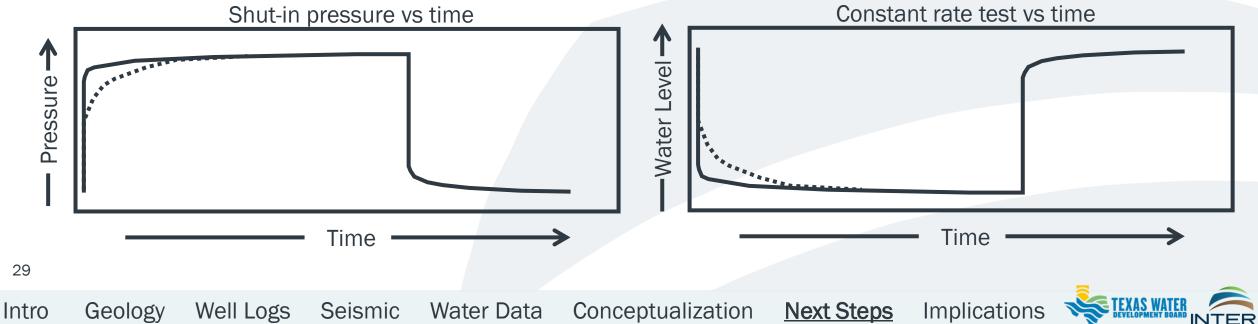
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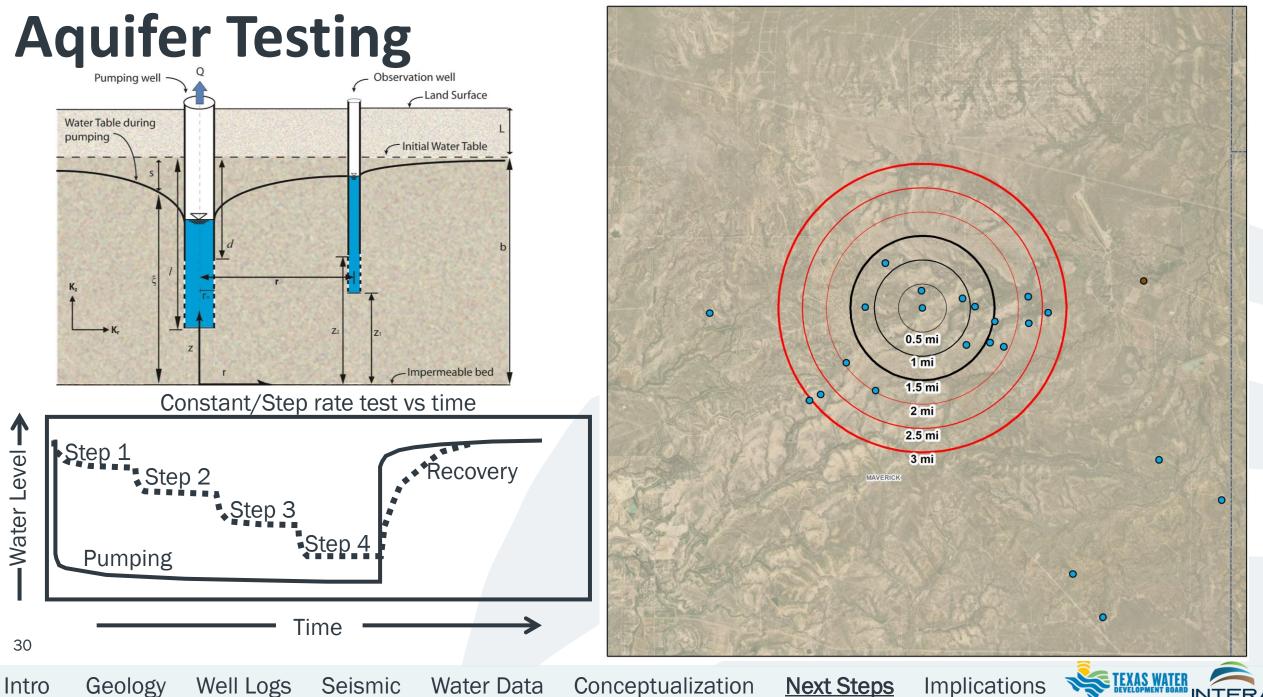
Data Collection

Easy to collect:

- Shut-in pressure at each well can be used to examine flow rate vs pressure
 - 2.3ft head per psi
 - 10gpm at 1psi (shut in) is 10gpm/2.3ft drawdown
- Is the well available for pump testing?







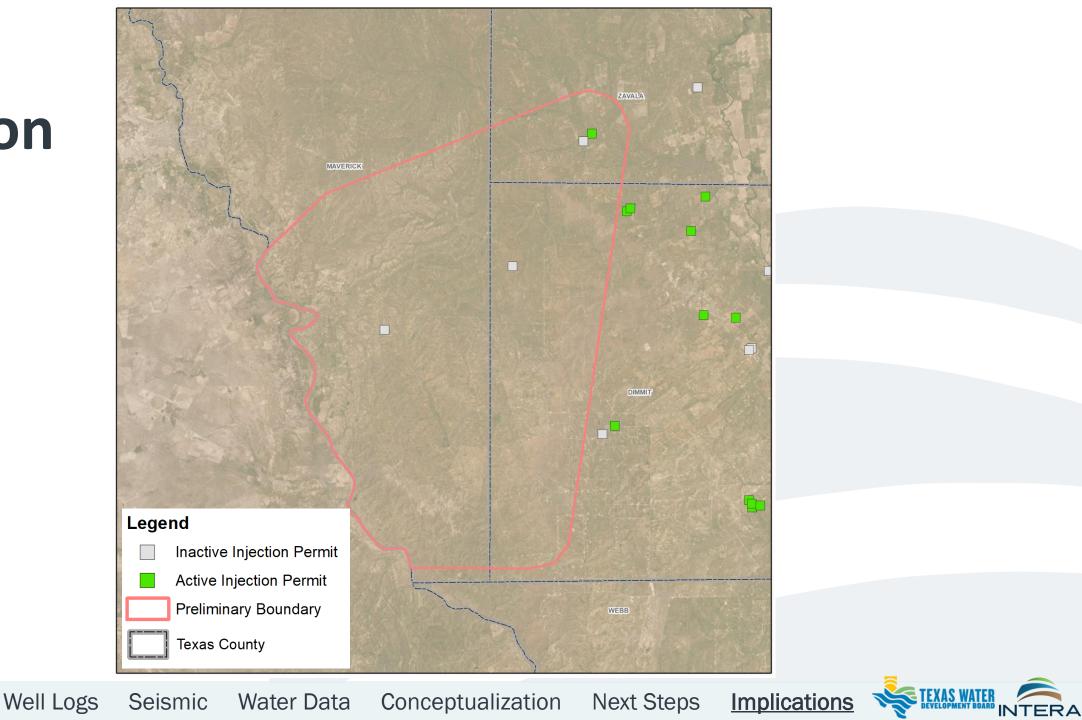
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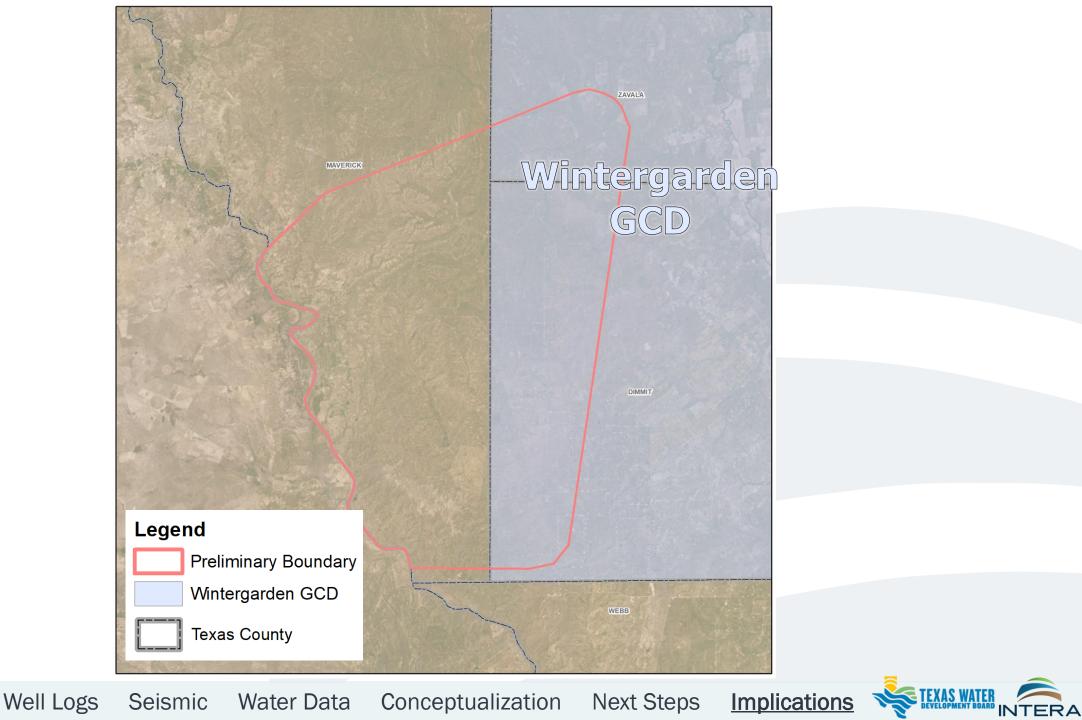
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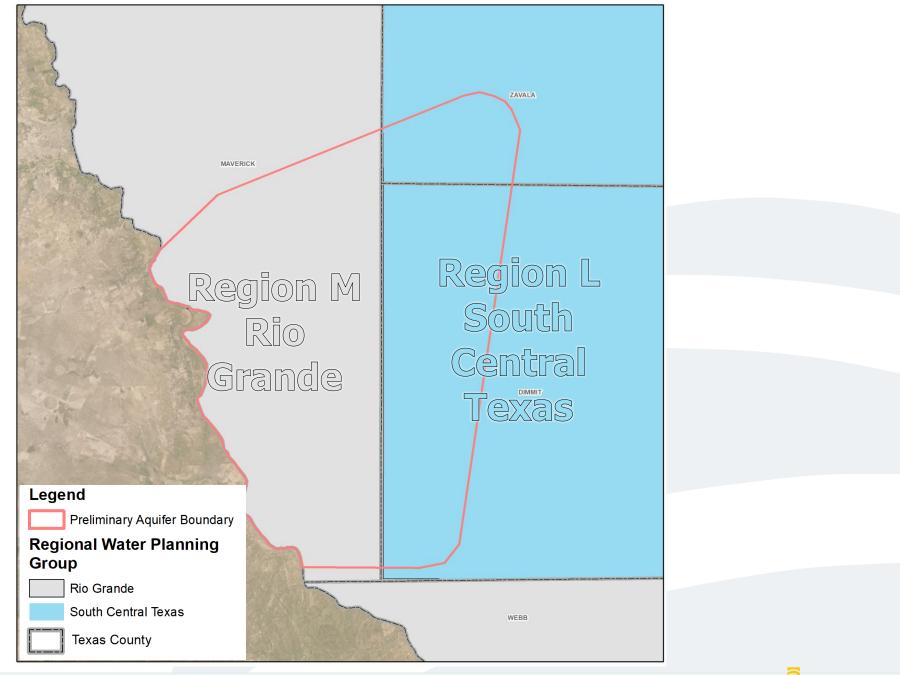
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Far Future Work

- Increased data between Comanche Halsell 6500 and recharge zone
- Further analysis of high-quality produced water

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