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Seismic Monitoring Advisory Committee Meeting

01 October 2020 to 31 March 2021 Reporting Period

Virtual Meeting Due to COVID-19 Concerns

10 May 2021

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Presentation Agenda

- **Seismic Monitoring Networks**
 - USGS / Northern California Seismic Network
 - LBNL / Geysers Power Company Seismic Monitoring Network
 - LBNL / Geysers Power Company Strong Motion Network
- **Fieldwide Seismicity Analysis**
- **Water Injection and Induced Seismicity Animations ***
- **Calpine 3D Structural Model**
 - 3D Pre-Drilling Project Analysis (Well Planning)
 - Fracture / Fault Analysis
 - Local Seismicity Analysis
- **Strong Motion Data Analysis**
 - Peak Ground Acceleration
 - Energy / Distance / Modified Mercalli Intensity
- **Community Hotline**
- **Seismic Events Occurring Near Anderson Springs After Reporting Period**
- **Summary**

* All Presentation Seismicity Analysis Animations Disabled To Minimize Virtual Meeting Data Transfer Issues

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Geysers Geothermal Field, Nearby Communities and Seismic Monitoring Networks

● **Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory**
2003 installation; continuing upgrades
34 stations

Magnitude 0.8 Threshold *

Primary Contacts: Dr. Seiji Nakagawa
Dr. Ernie Majer

● **Strong Motion Accelerometers**

● 2017/18 Nanometrics installation (2)

● 2020 Nanometrics installation (2)

0.1% of Gravitational Acceleration Threshold

Primary Contacts: Ramsey Haught
Jarpe Data Solutions

● **US Geological Survey Regional Network**
1970's installation; several upgrades
7 contributing stations

Magnitude 1.5 Threshold *

Primary Contacts: Dr. Lind Gee / Lynn Dietz
Dr. David Oppenheimer

Productive Steam
Reservoir Outline

"Major" Roads



* The closely-spaced LBNL seismic monitoring stations allow accurate energy and hypocenter determination of Geysers' seismic events to a lower magnitude level of *approximately 0.8*.



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Improvements To LBNL / Geysers Power Company Seismic Monitoring Network

Geysers Power Company Has Recently Purchased Equipment Integrated Into Seismic Monitoring Network To Improve Reliability. This Equipment Is Installed by GPC-Contracted Seismic Expert Ramsey Haught, **Including:**

24 Geospace Three-Component 2 Hz Sensors

Replacement Of Sensors With Component Failure
\$2,900 per station installed

4 Nanometrics Titan Accelerometer Stations

Recording Peak Ground Acceleration Along
Eastern Perimeter Of Geysers Geothermal Field
\$7,300 per station installed

3 Intuicom Radio Pairs

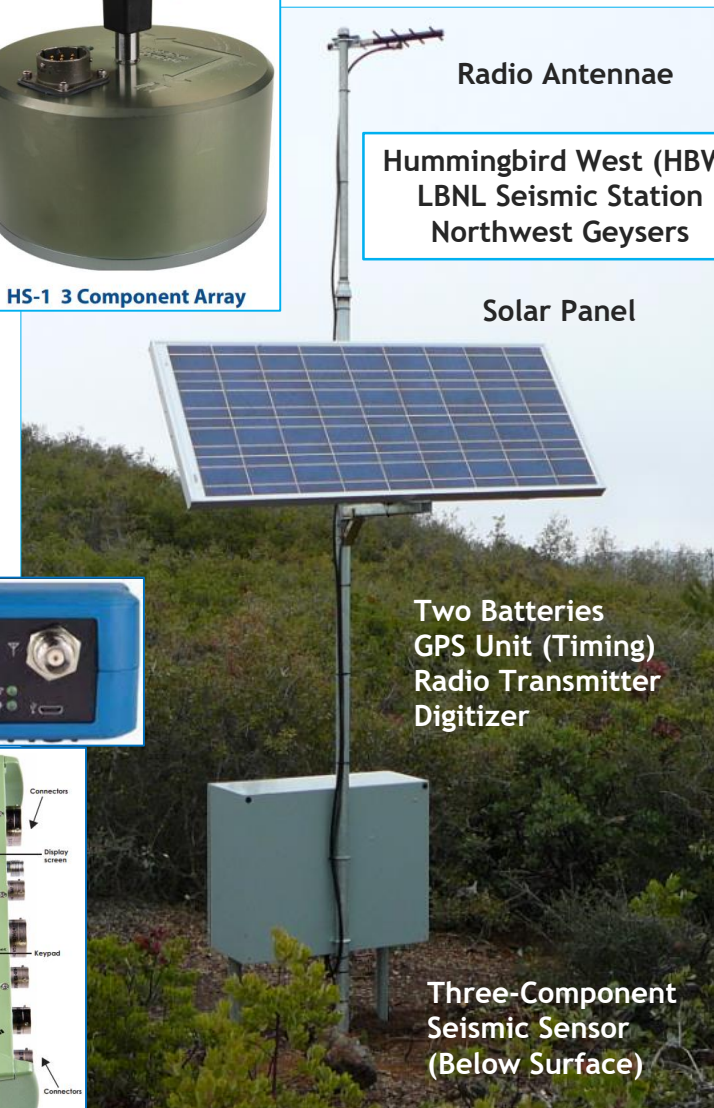
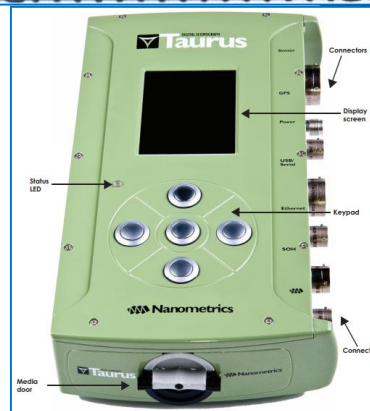
Improving Seismic Data Transmission Pathways
Previously Band-Limited With Some Data Loss

30 Sunlyte/MK Deep Cycle Batteries

36 Purchased - Two Per Station

10 Taurus Digitizers

Purchased LBNL / Installed Geysers Power Company
Outdated / Incompatible Equipment Replaced



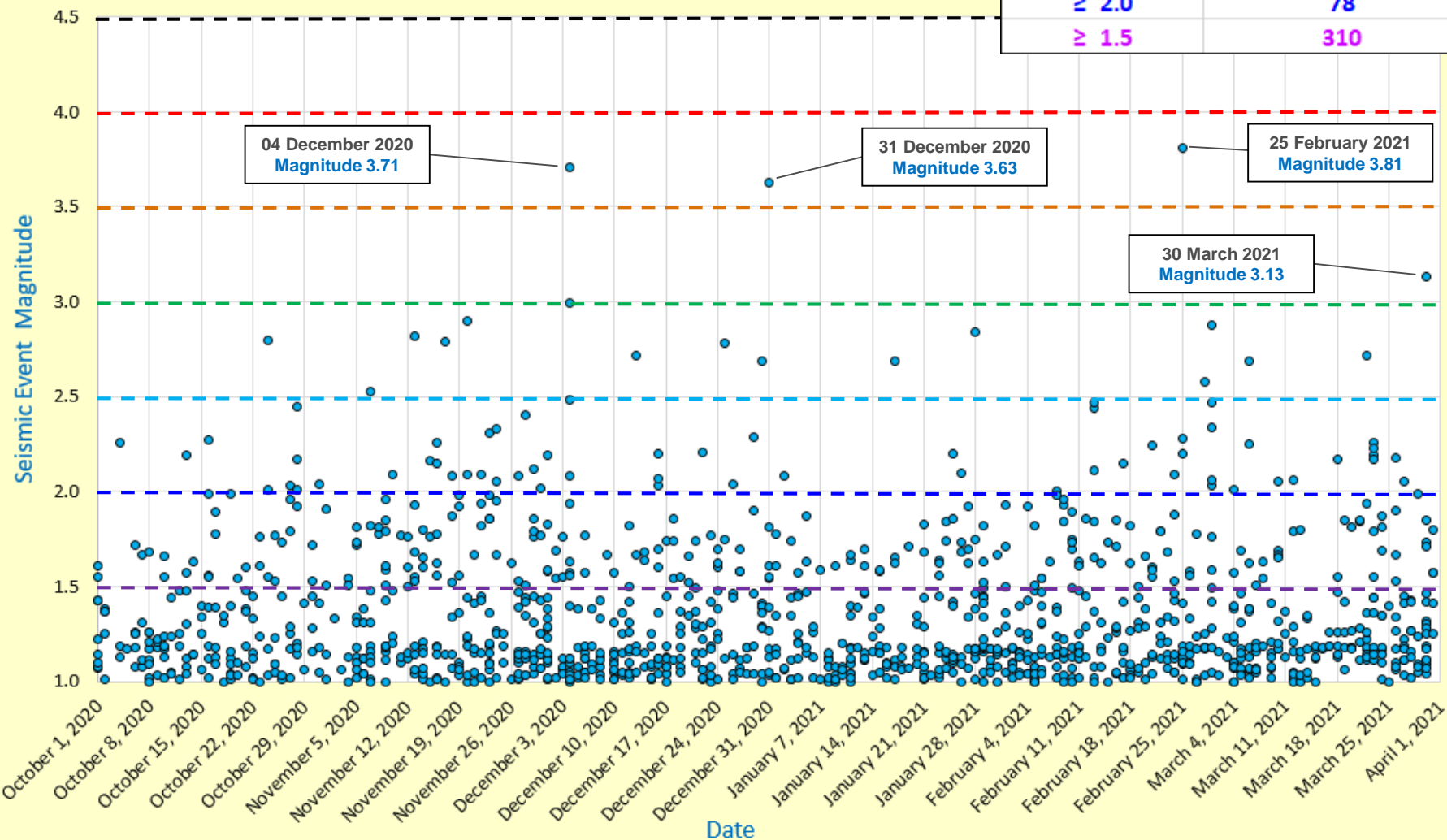
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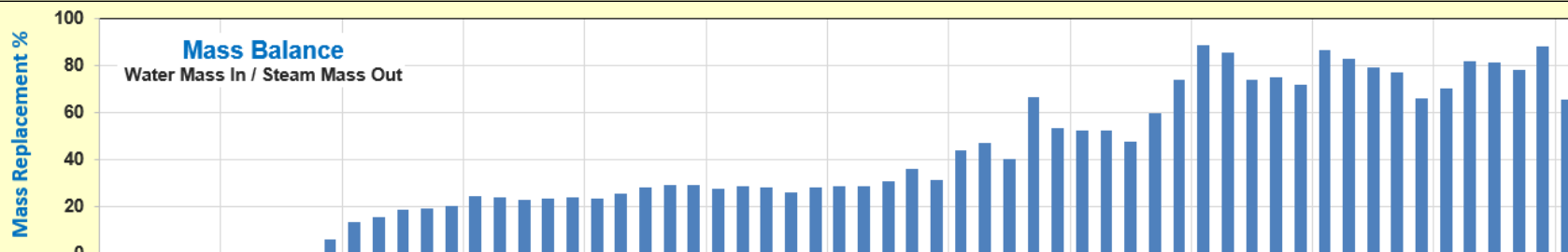
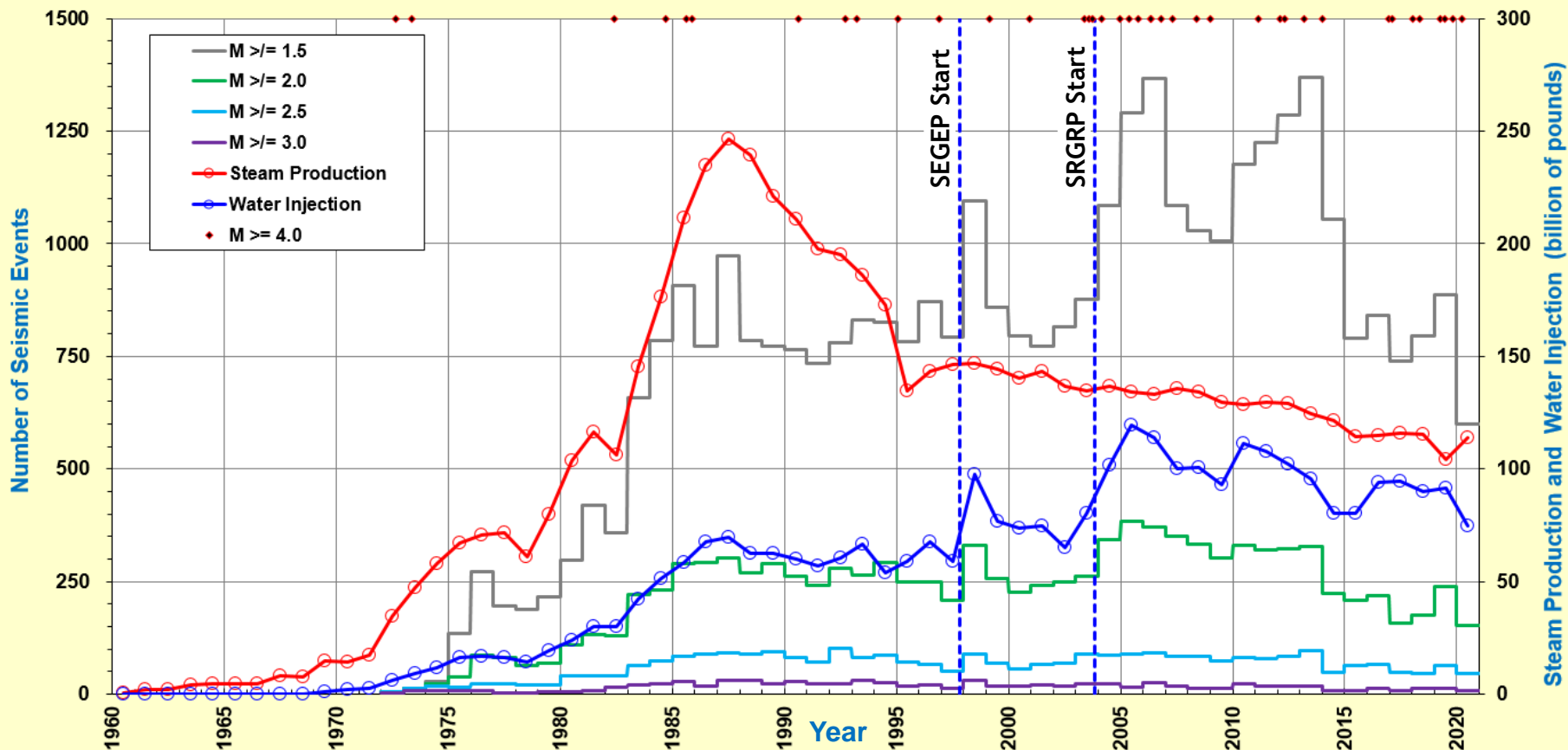
The Geysers Fieldwide Seismicity
01 October 2020 to 31 March 2021



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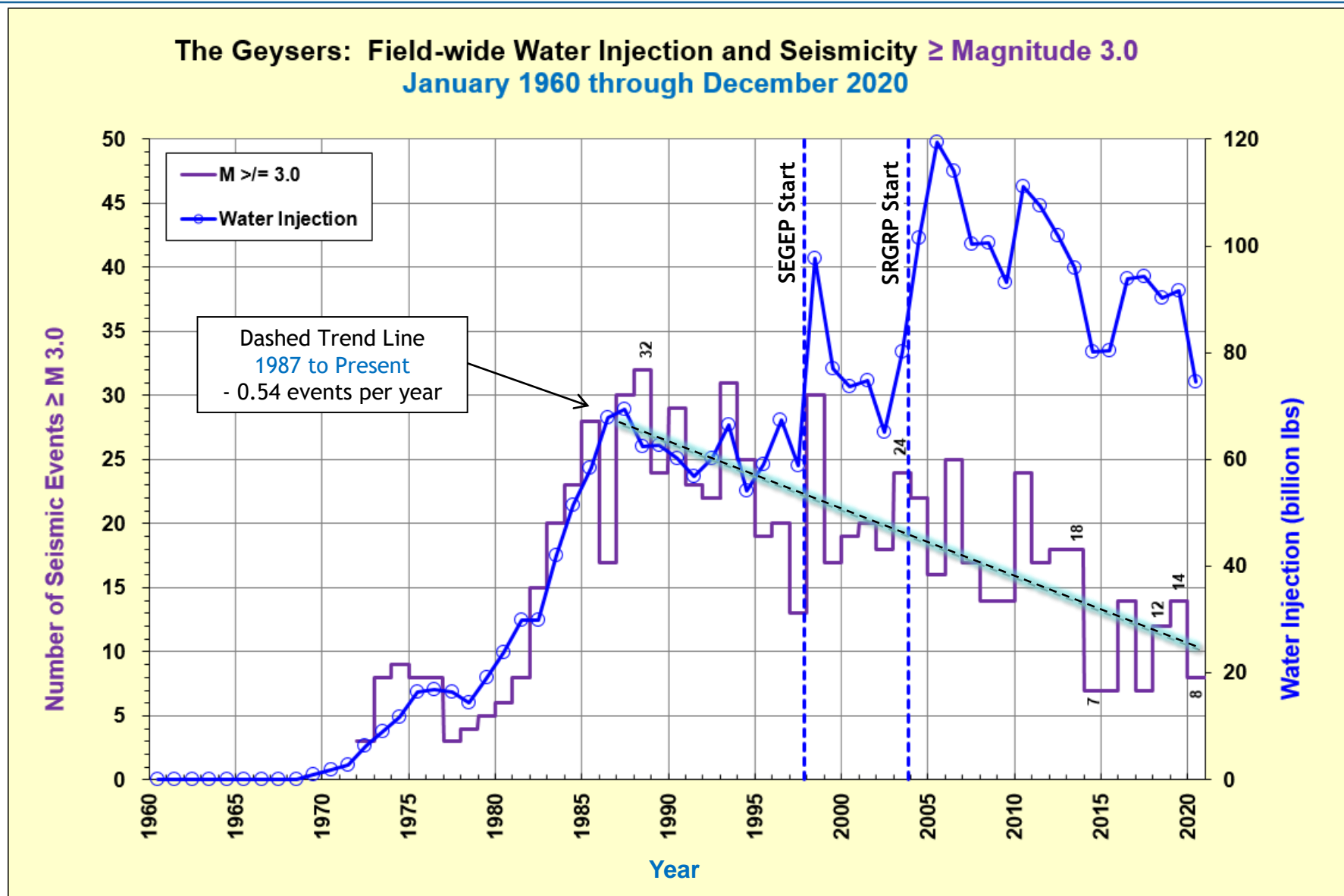
Yearly Field-wide Steam Production, Water Injection and Seismicity

The Geysers: Field-wide Steam Production, Water Injection and Seismicity
January 1960 through December 2020



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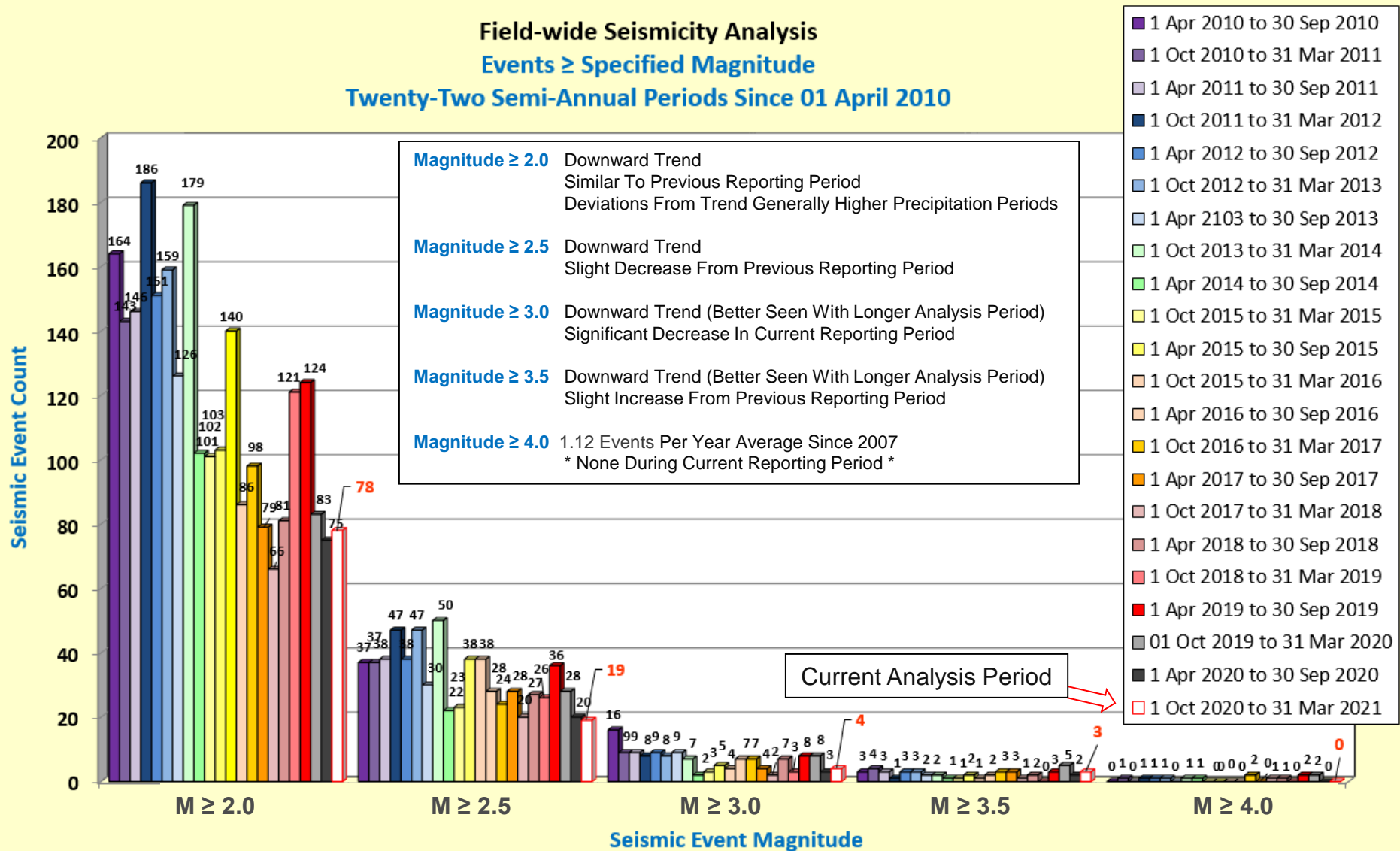
Yearly Field-wide Water Injection and Seismicity \geq Magnitude 3.0



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Fieldwide Seismicity Analysis

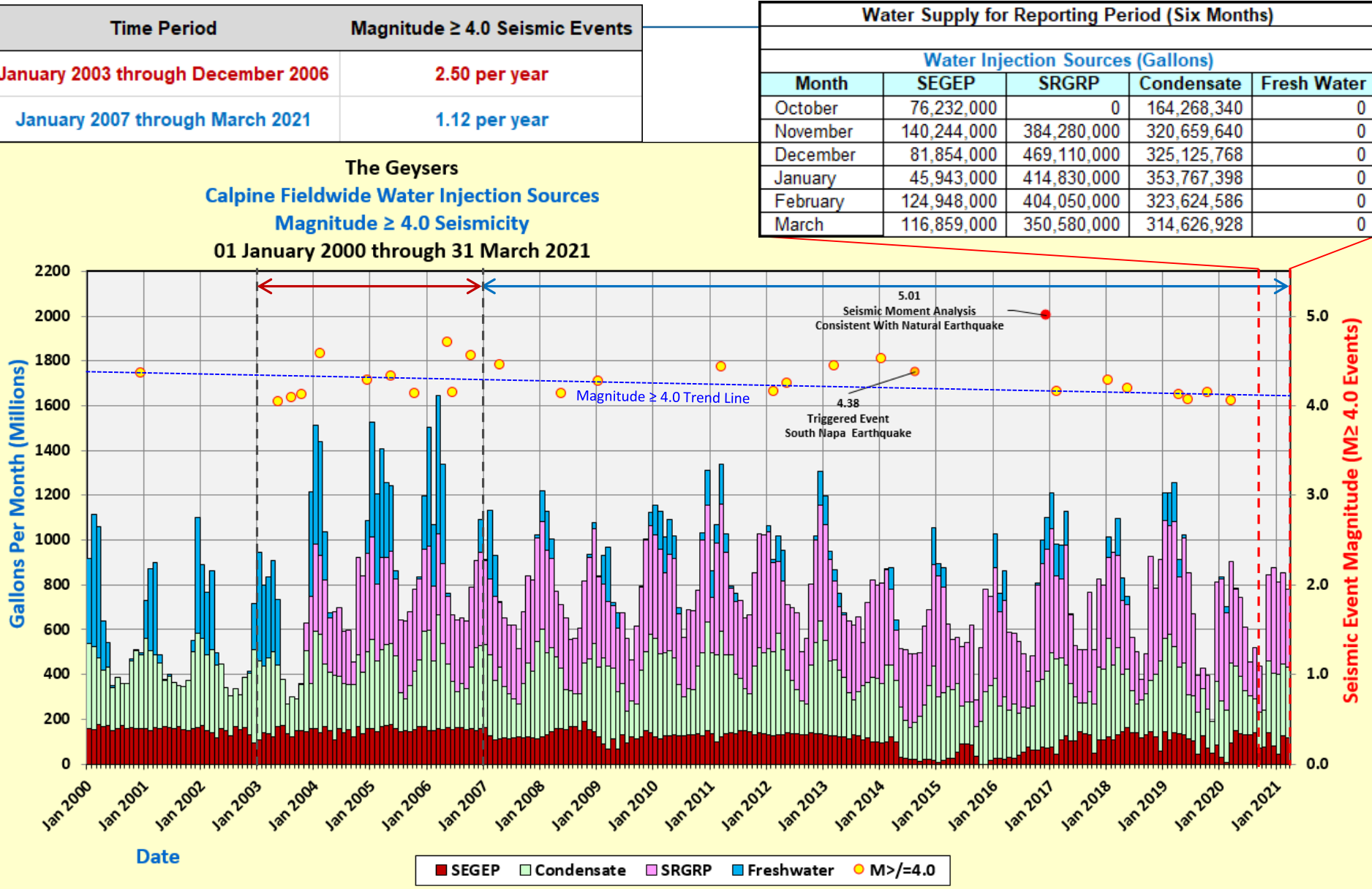
Comparison of Twenty-Two Semi-Annual Reporting Periods Since 01 April 2010



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Monthly Field-wide Water Injection By Water Source And Magnitude ≥ 4.0 Seismicity

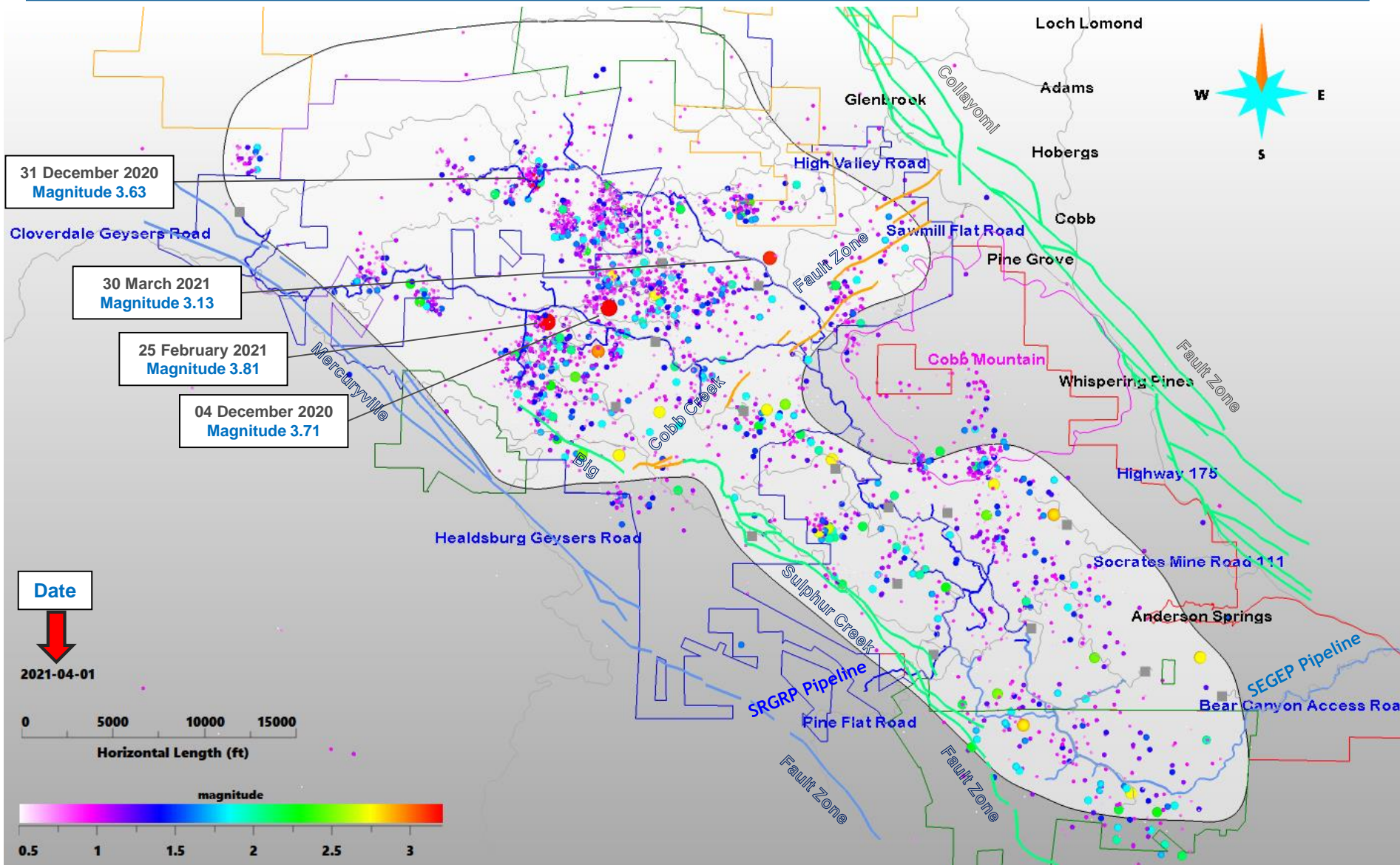
Average Number of Magnitude ≥ 4.0 Events Since January 2007 is 1.12 Per Year



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Field-wide Seismicity Animation At Two Week Interval

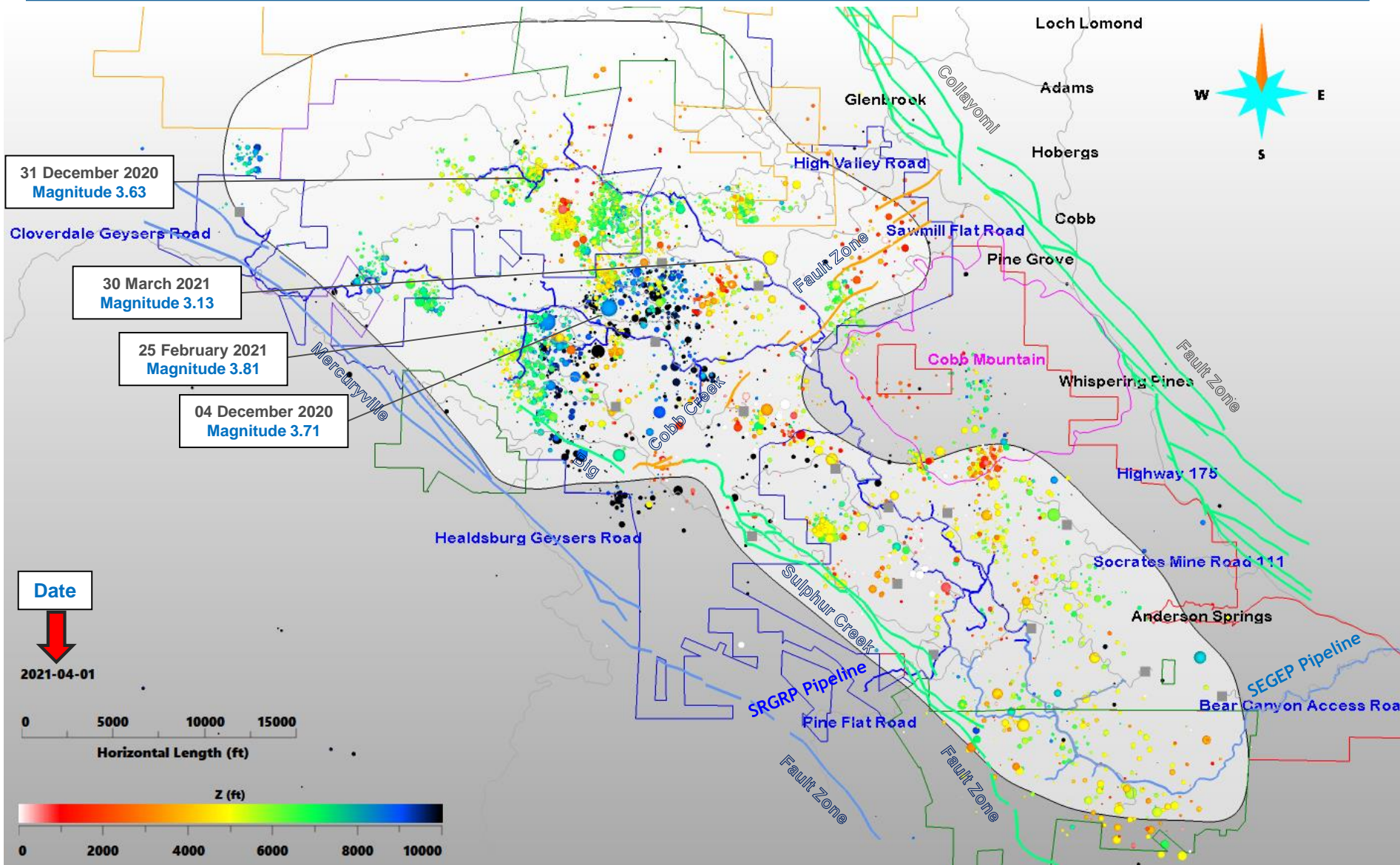
Seismic Events Color Scaled By Magnitude



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Field-wide Seismicity Animation At Two Week Interval

Seismic Events Color Scaled By Subsea Depth

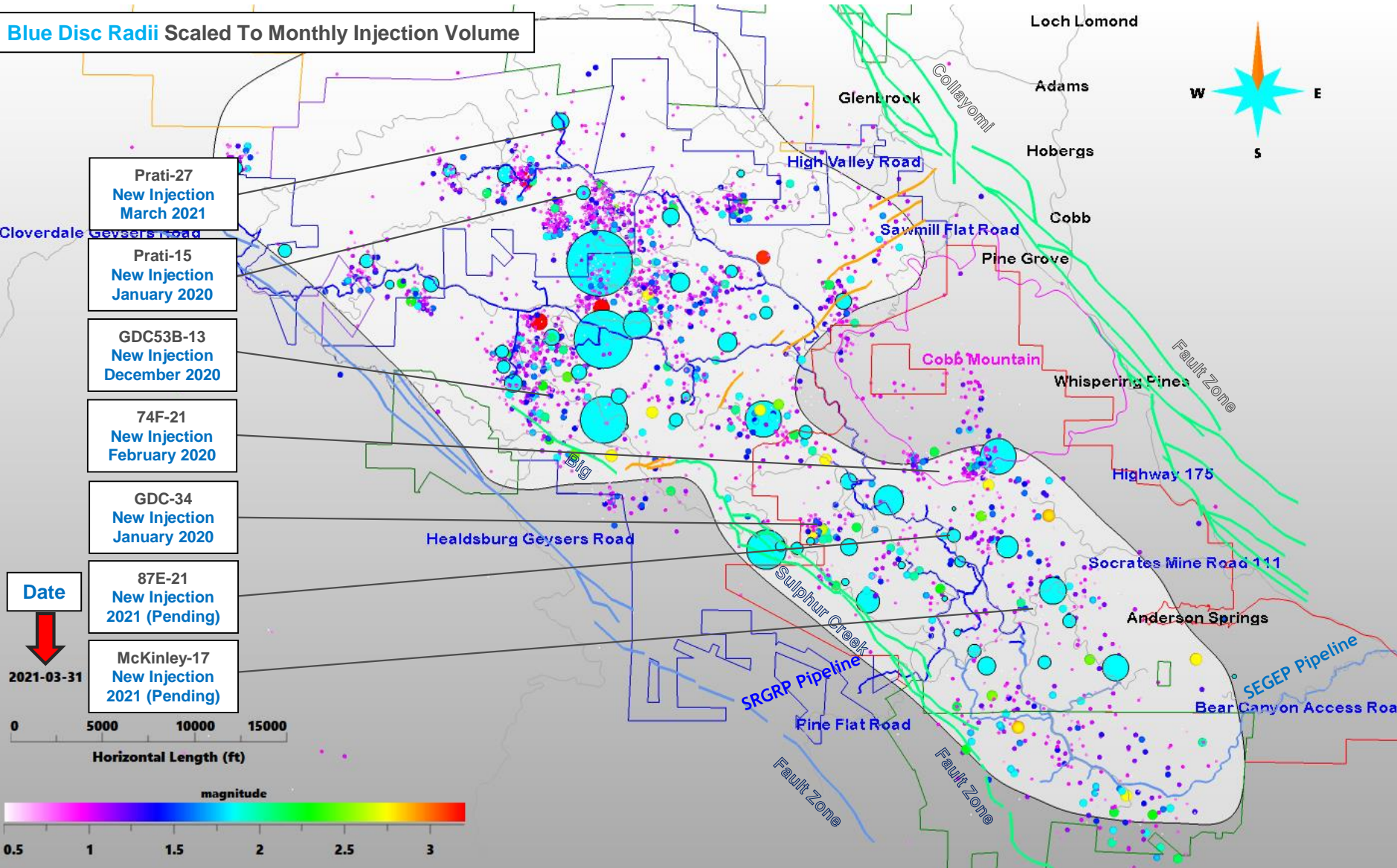


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Fieldwide Water Injection Monthly Volumes And Induced Seismicity

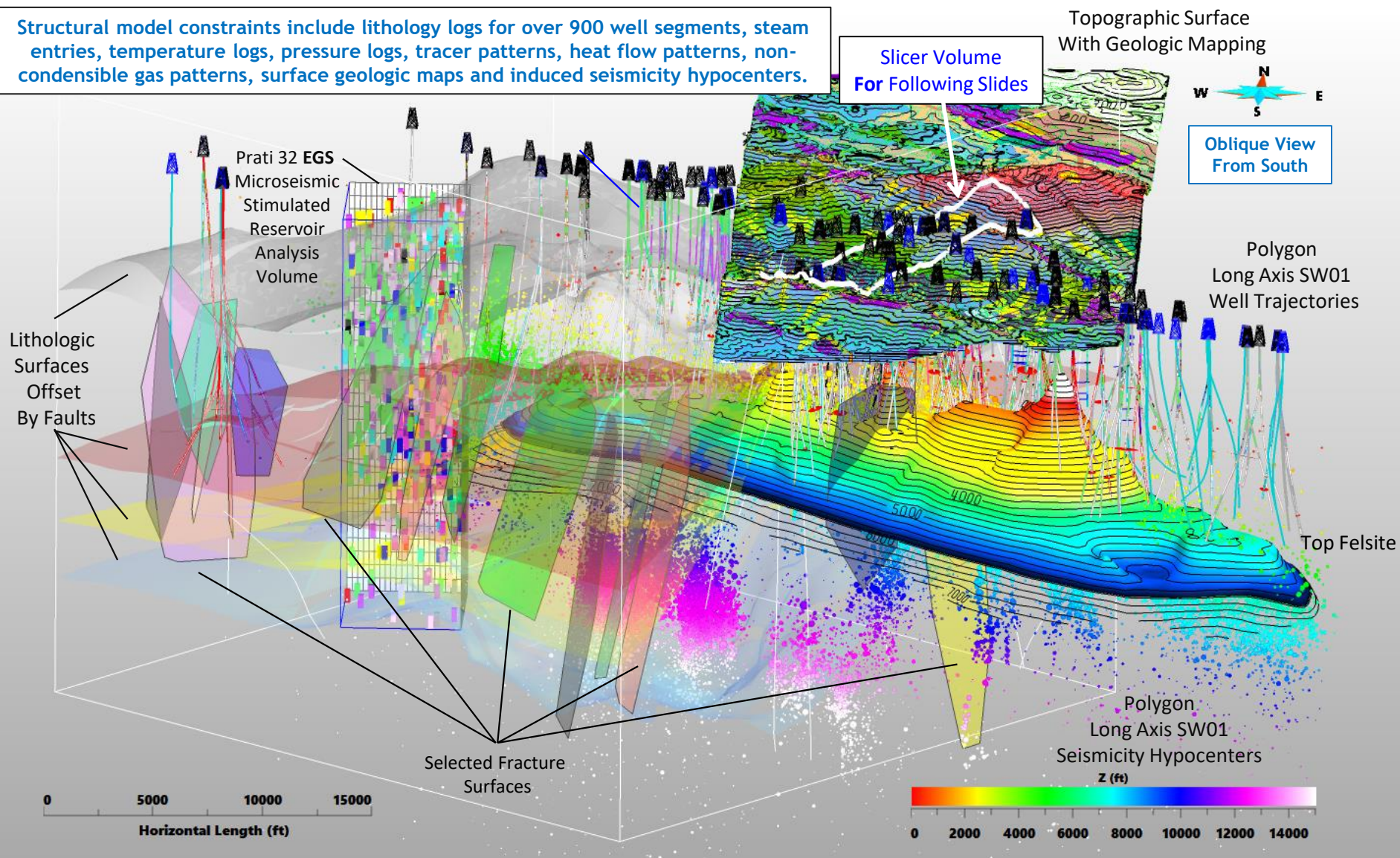
Water Injection Wells Added Since January 2020 For Better Water Distribution And Seismicity Mitigation

Blue Disc Radii Scaled To Monthly Injection Volume



A refined understanding of The Geysers' fluid flow paths, fluid boundaries, reservoir heterogeneity and reservoir compartmentalization *assists* with well planning / targeting, real-time drilling analysis, reservoir management and provides the potential for improved seismicity mitigation at The Geysers.

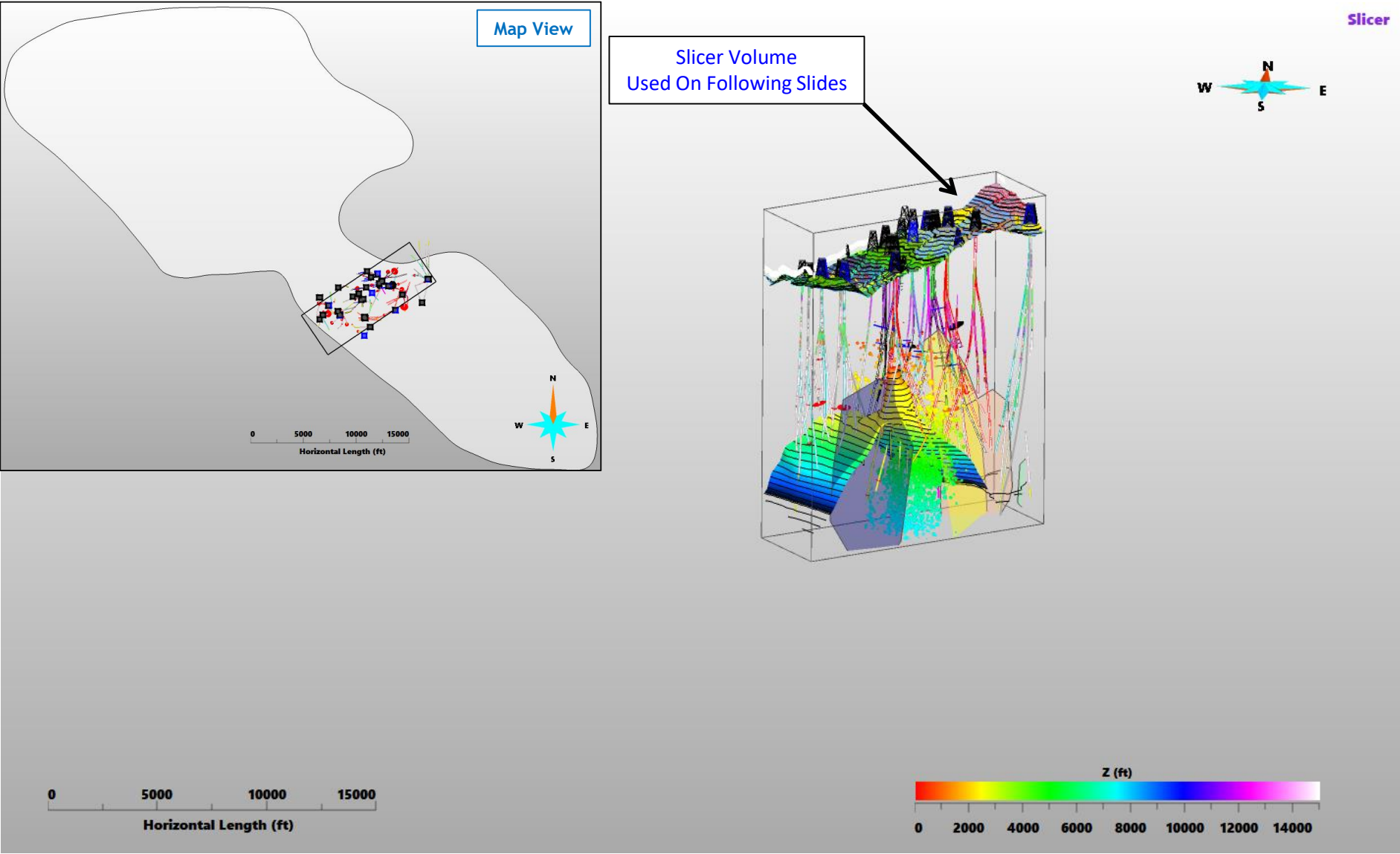
Structural model constraints include lithology logs for over 900 well segments, steam entries, temperature logs, pressure logs, tracer patterns, heat flow patterns, non-condensable gas patterns, surface geologic maps and induced seismicity hypocenters.



* Subsurface Knowledge Unified Approach Geologic Object Computer Assisted Design

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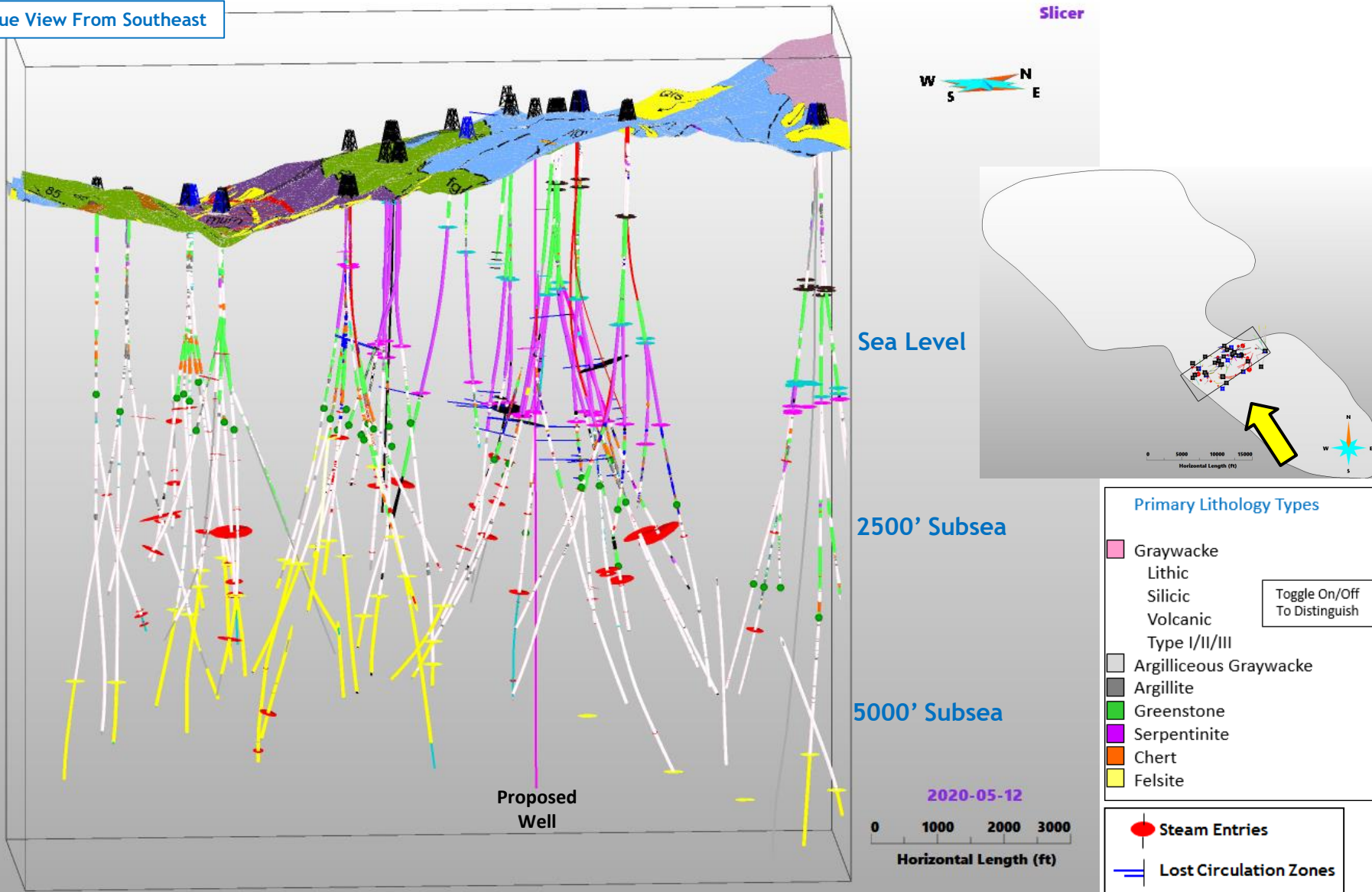
Fieldwide Structural Model and Proposed Water Injection Well Slicer Volume Location



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Proposed Water Injection Well Trajectory Within Geological Cross Section

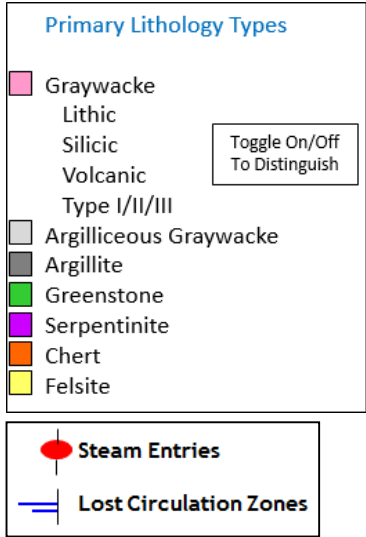
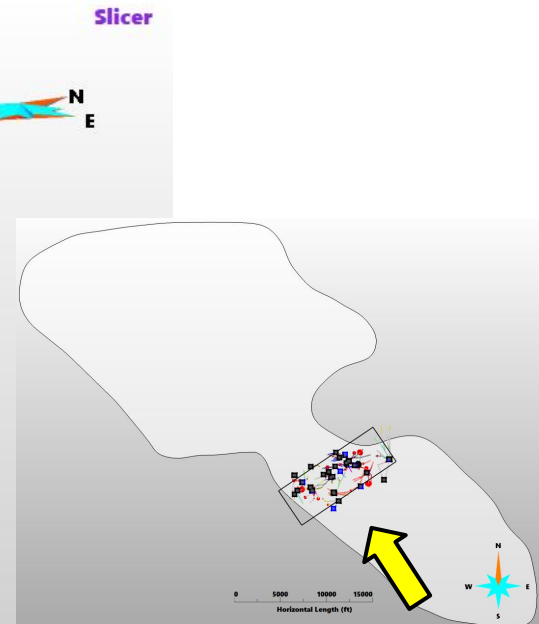
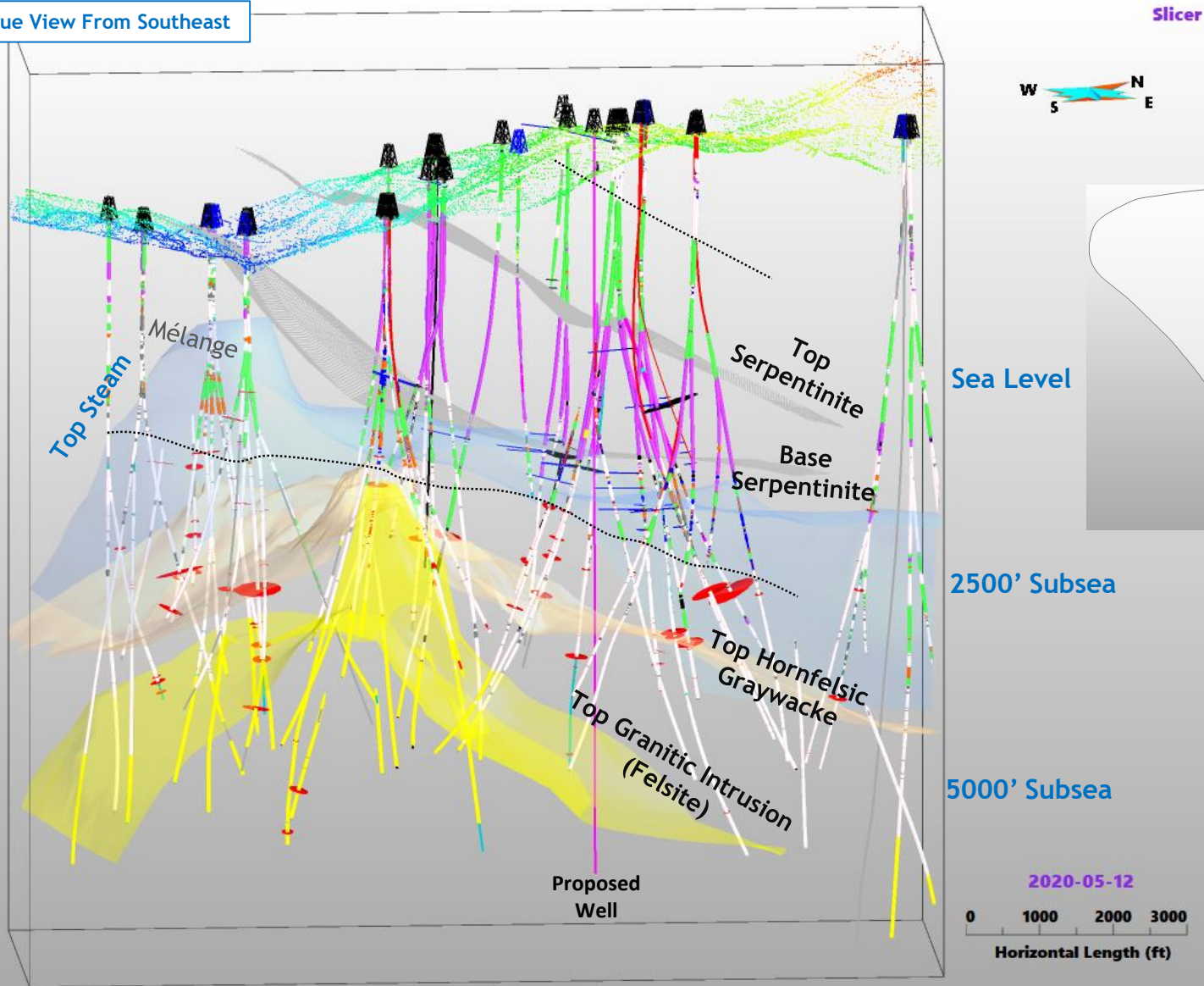
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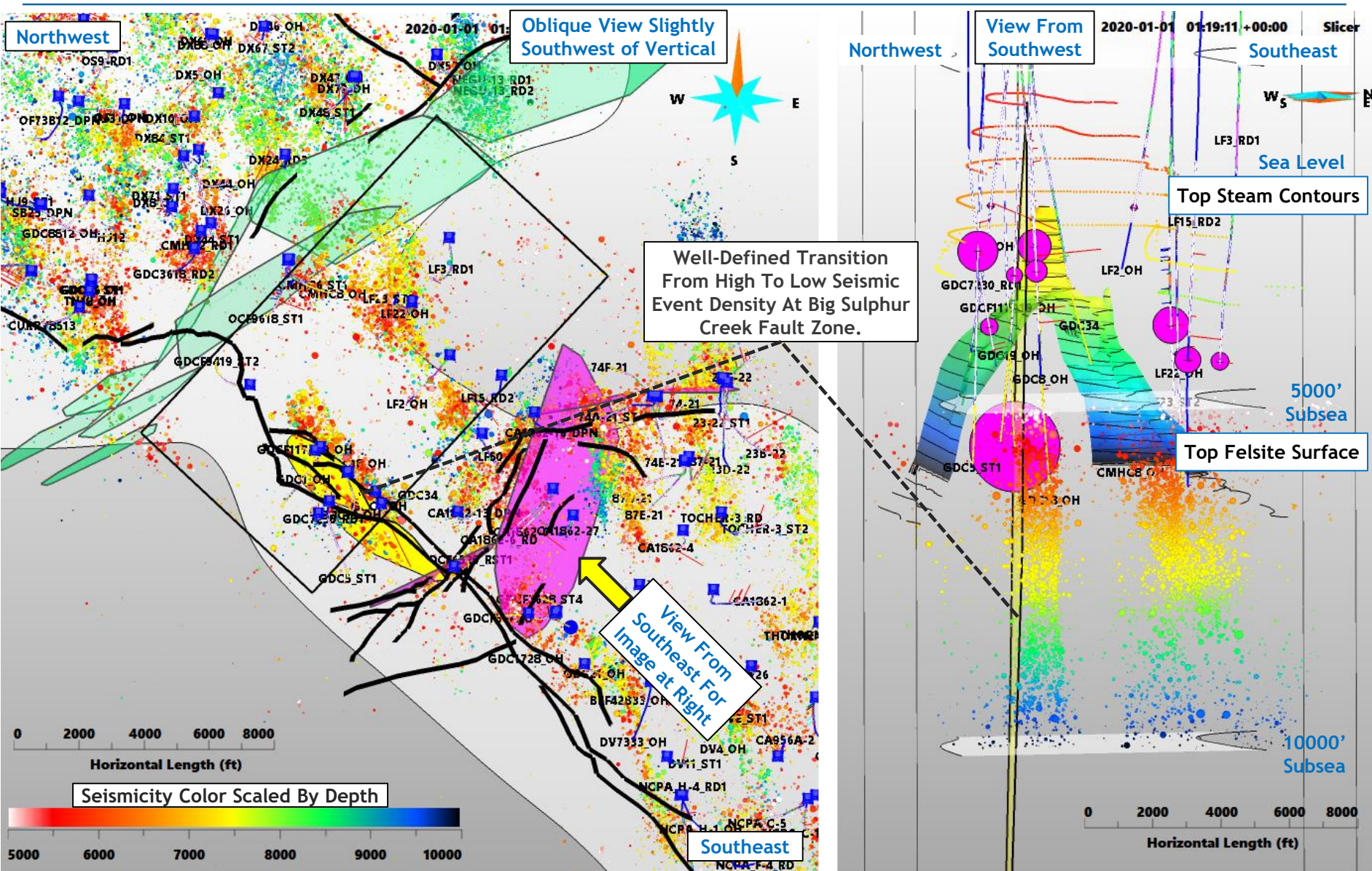
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Southwest Boundary of Structural Volume Define By Big Sulphur Creek Fault Zone

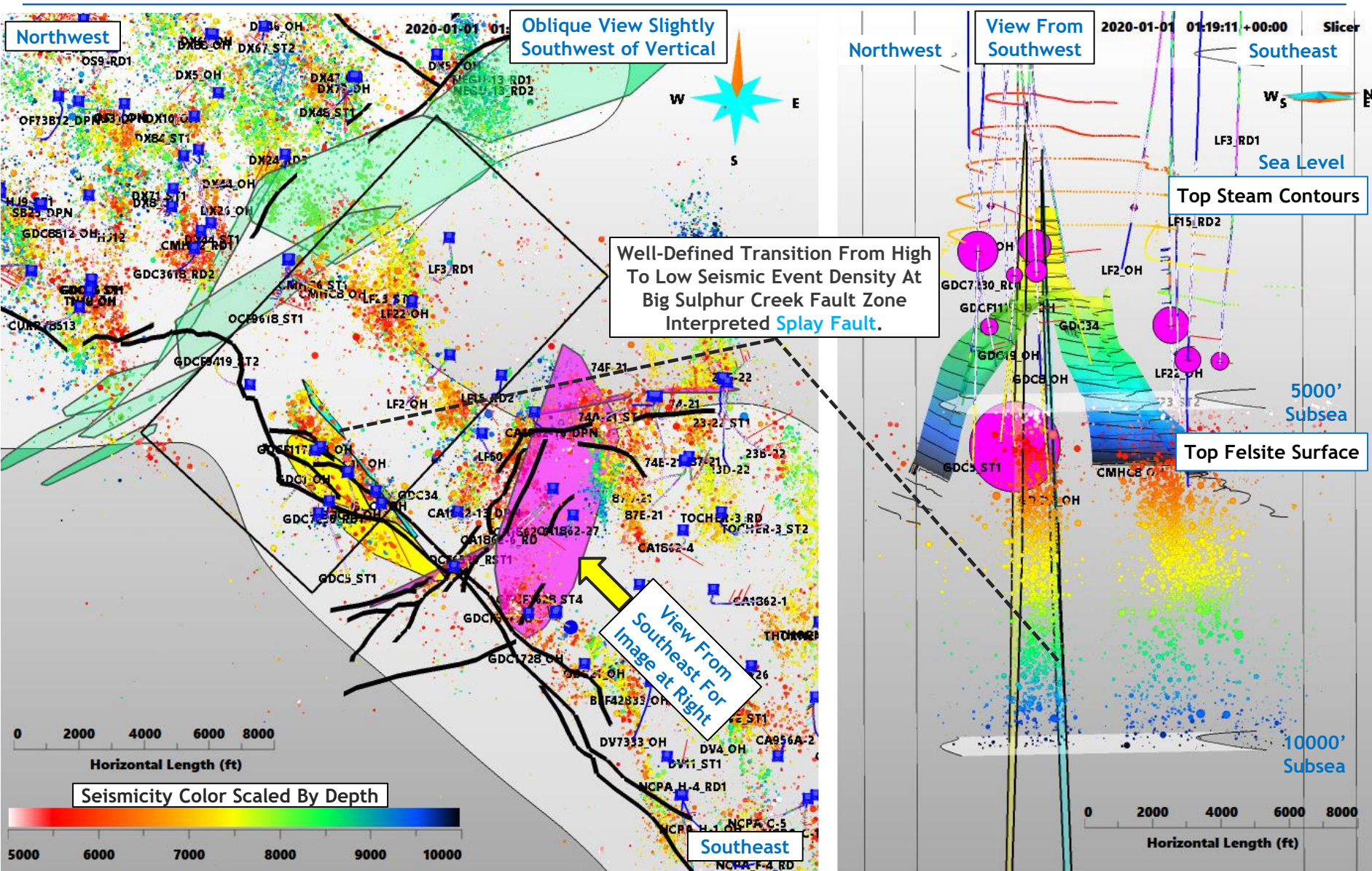
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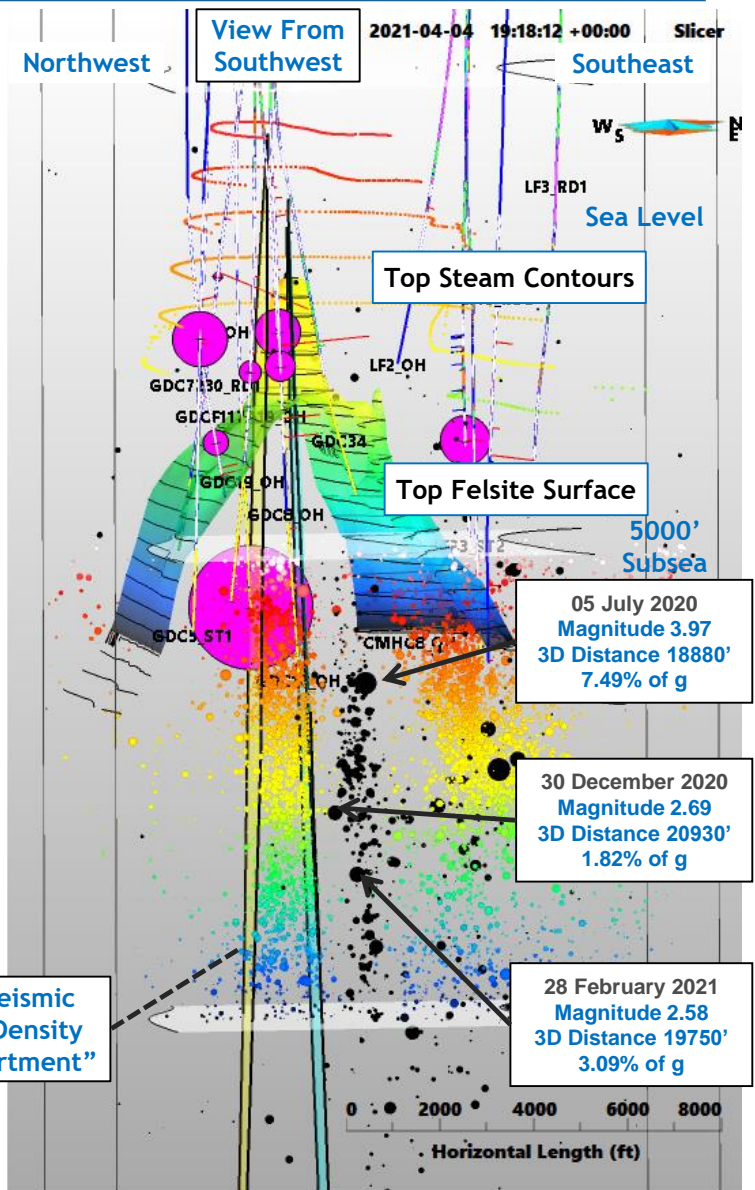
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Northeast Boundary of Structural Volume Define By Big Sulphur Creek Fault Zone Splay Fault

Fluid Flow Appears To Be Inhibited To The Northeast By A Fracture/Fault Splay System Associated With The Big Sulphur Creek Fault Zone

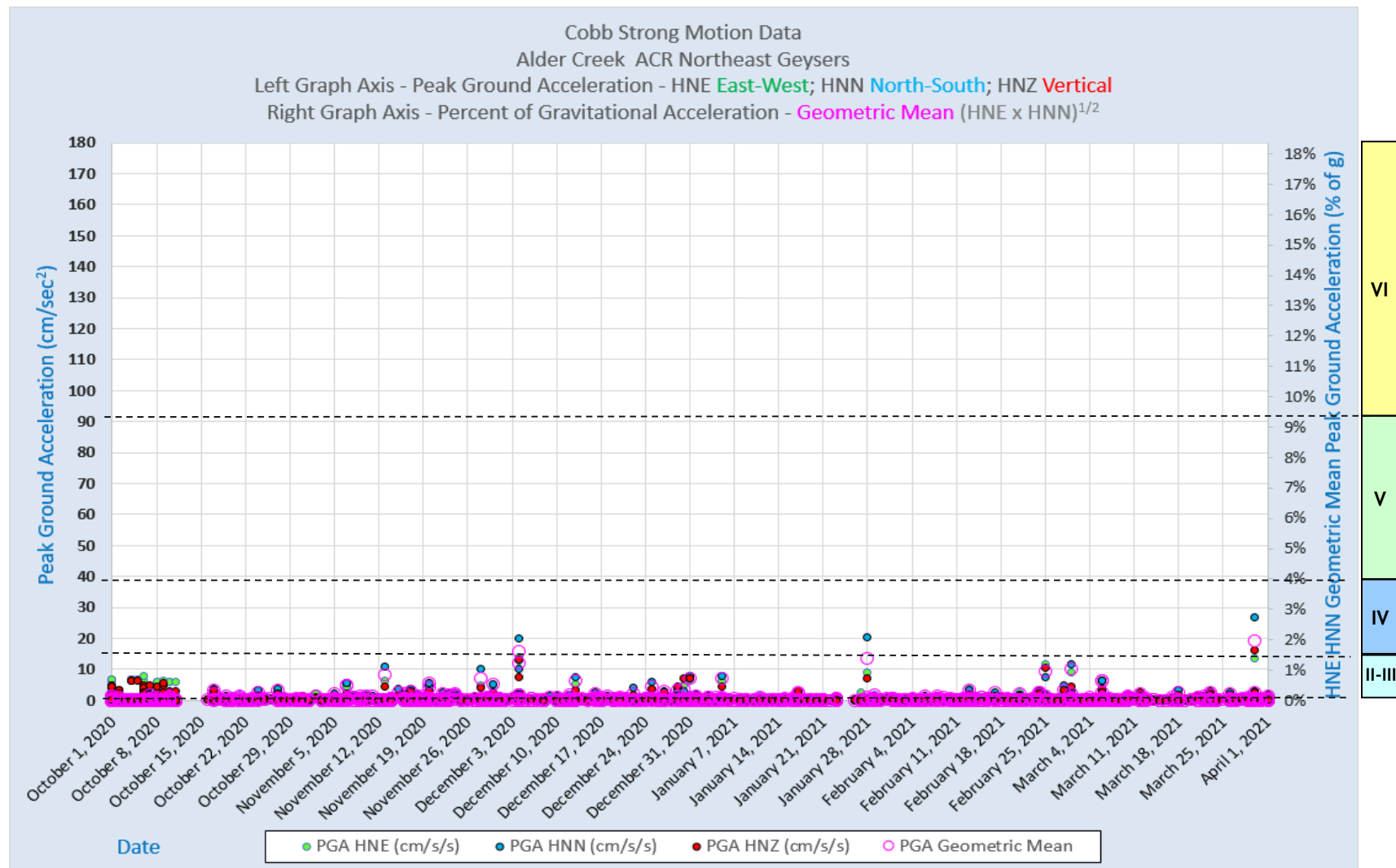


2020 and 2021 Seismicity Illumination Shown As **2X Black Symbols** To Highlight New Reservoir Recharge Volume From GDC34 Water Injection



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Cobb Area Alder Creek Strong Motion ACR



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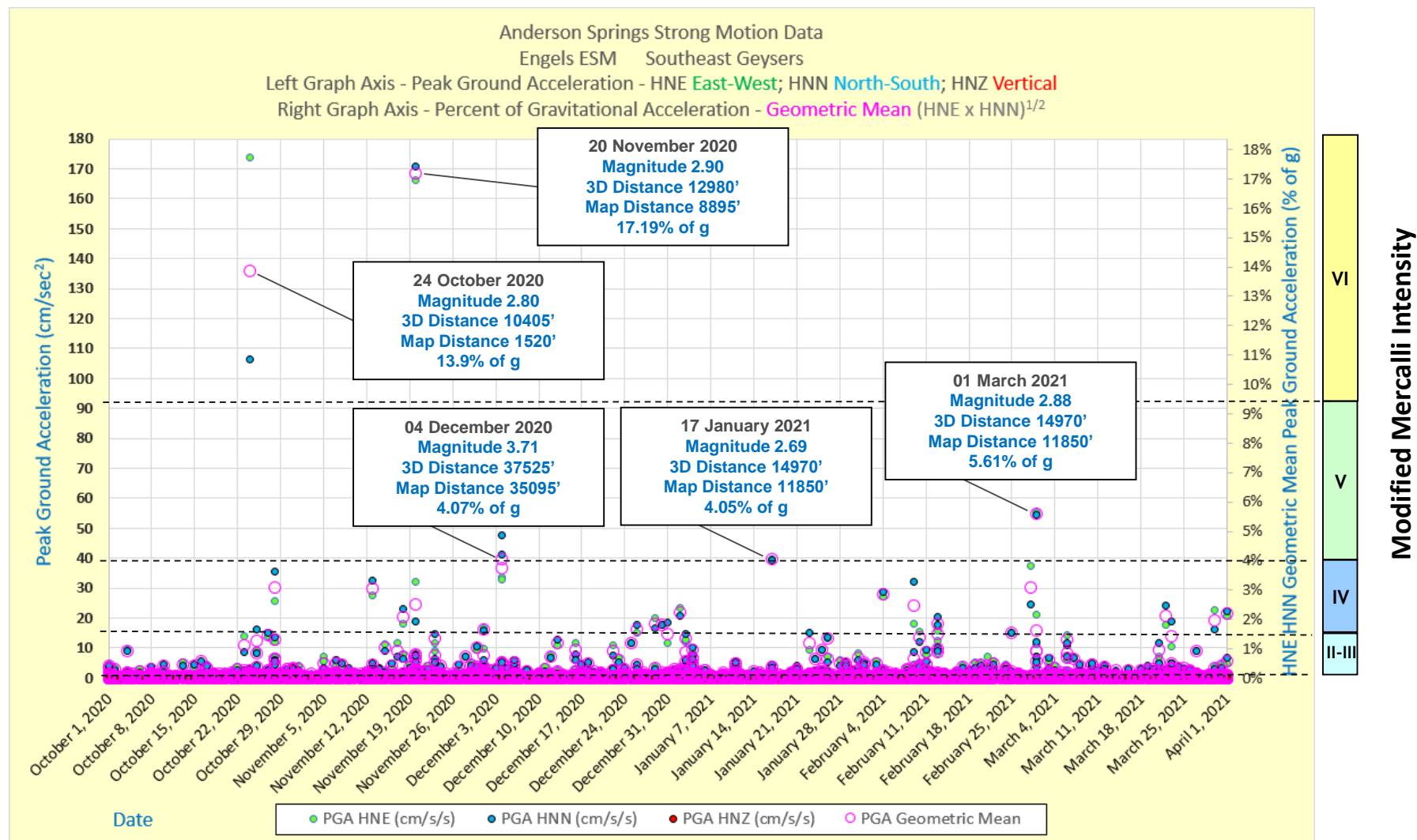
IV

II-III

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Anderson Springs Engels Strong Motion ESM

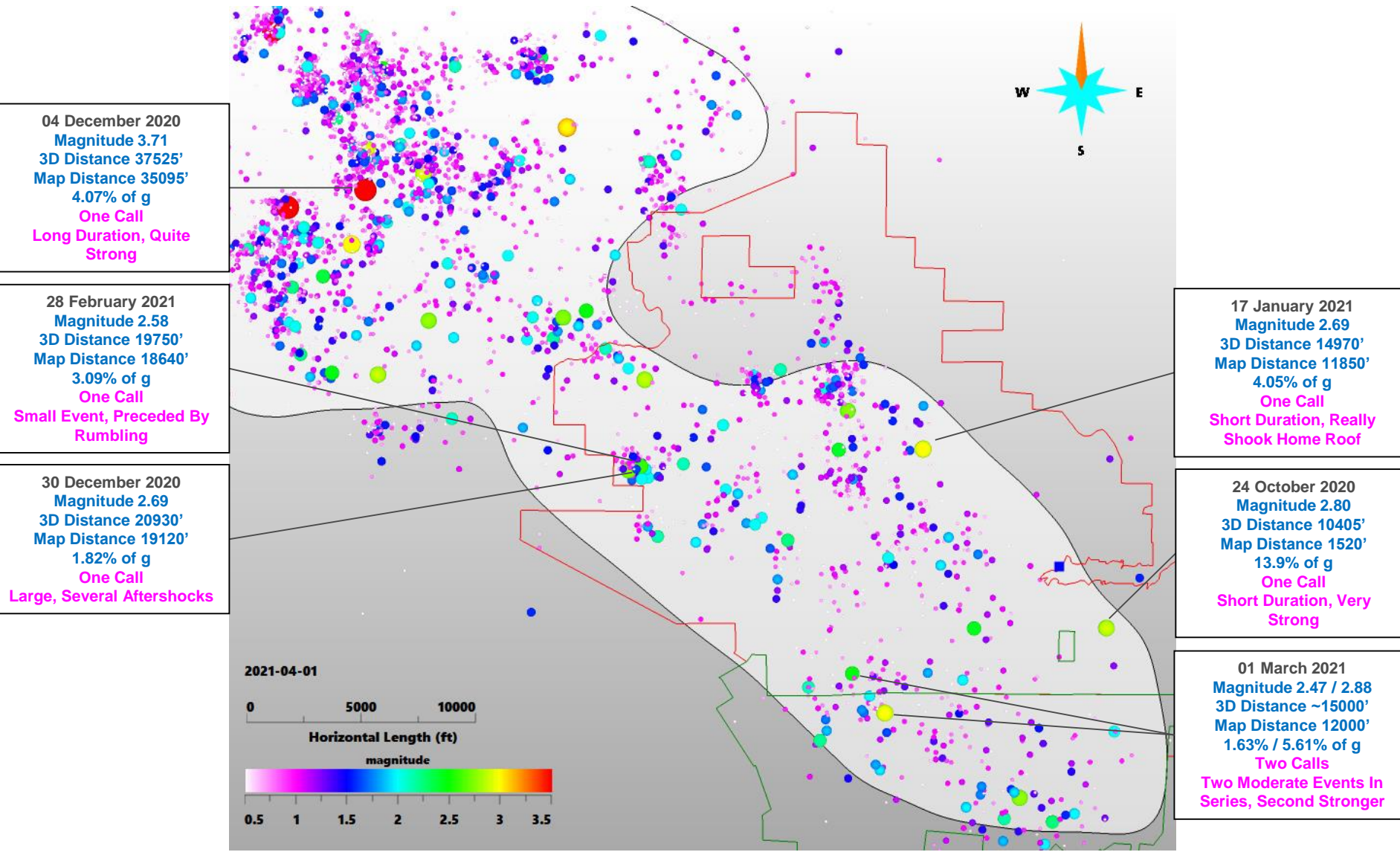


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Community Hotline

Seven Calls During The Reporting Period Of 01 October 2020 To 31 March 2021



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Seismicity AFTER 01 October 2021 Through 31 March 2021 Reporting Period

For the reporting period from 01 October 2021 through 31 March 2021 the results of the water injection and induced seismicity analysis were very encouraging.

However, a primary goal of the analysis completed for this presentation is to be responsive to the community's concerns.

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- 16 April 2021 Magnitude 2.74
- 23 April 2021 Magnitude 2.81
- 24 April 2021 Magnitude 2.69

Additional concern arose due to two relatively large events that occurred within the NCPA leases:

- 19 April 2021 Magnitude 3.98
- 26 April 2021 Magnitude 3.10

Events greater than magnitude 3.25 occur very infrequently in the southeast Geysers and resulted in 15 community hotline calls. Return calls to community leaders were completed in several cases - and attempted multiple times for the remainder - to discuss the scientific and public relations issues associated with these events.

The 16 April 2021 to 26 April 2021 Calpine lease seismicity is discussed in detail within the remaining slides.

16 April 2021
Magnitude 2.74
3D Distance 13375 '
Map Distance 5290'
12.42% of g

19 April 2021
Magnitude 3.98
3D Distance 15760 '
Map Distance 9075'
10.38% of g

23 April 2021
Magnitude 2.81
3D Distance 11475 '
Map Distance 2145'
12.95% of g

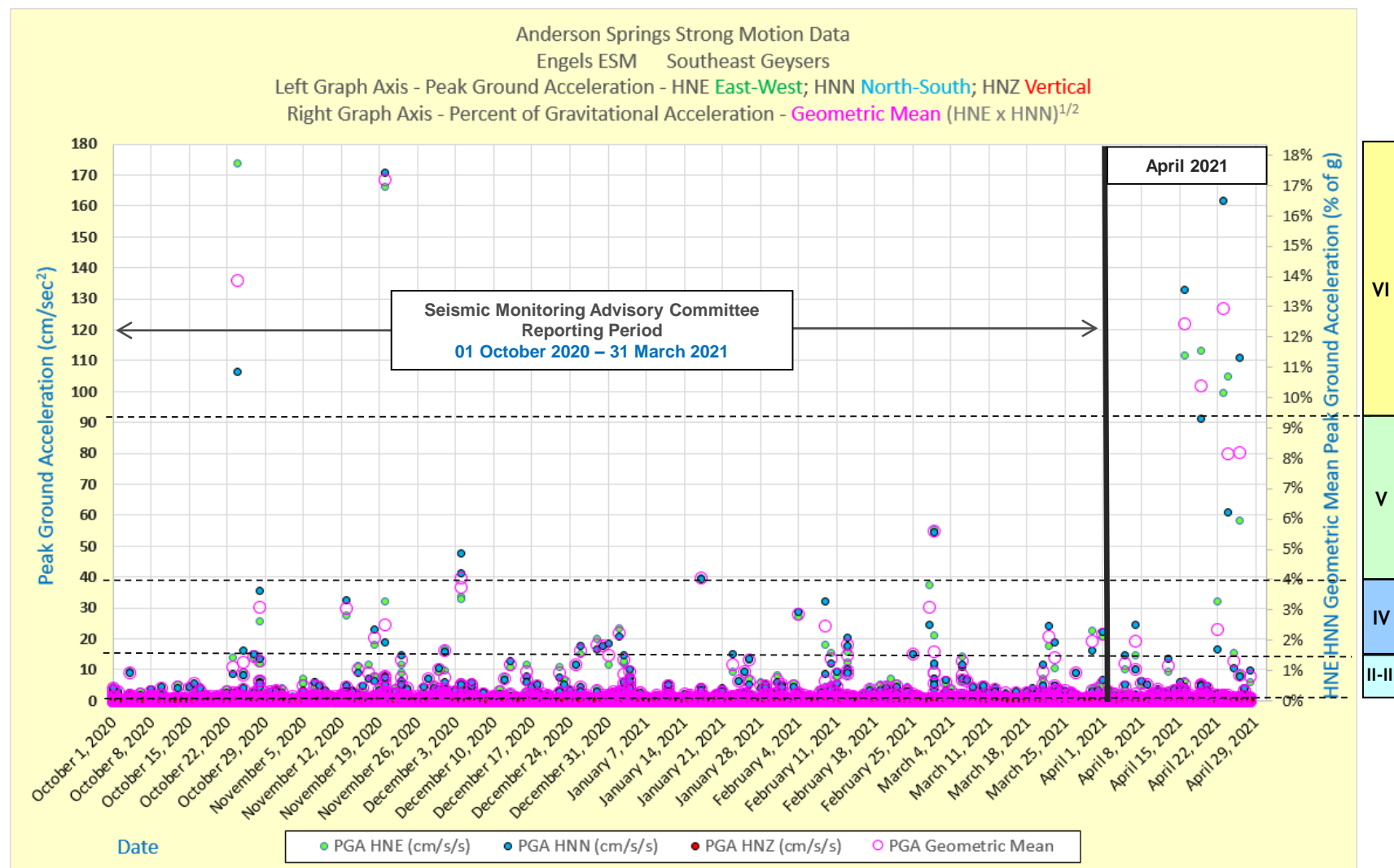
24 April 2021
Magnitude 2.69
3D Distance 10010 '
Map Distance 7750'
8.15% of g

26 April 2021
Magnitude 3.10
3D Distance 8810 '
Map Distance 6130'
8.20% of g

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Anderson Springs Engels Strong Motion ESM

WITH APRIL 2021 - AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

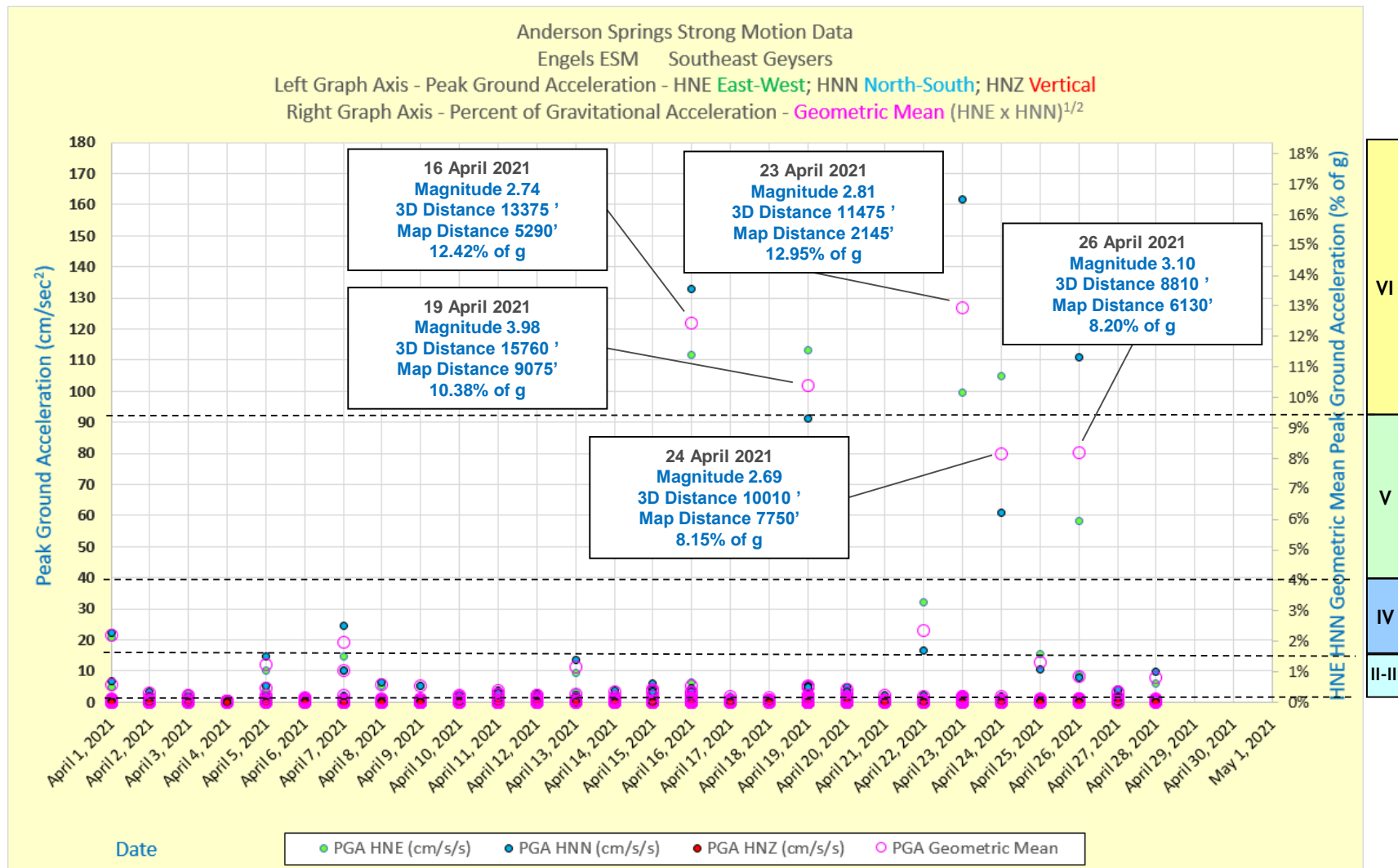


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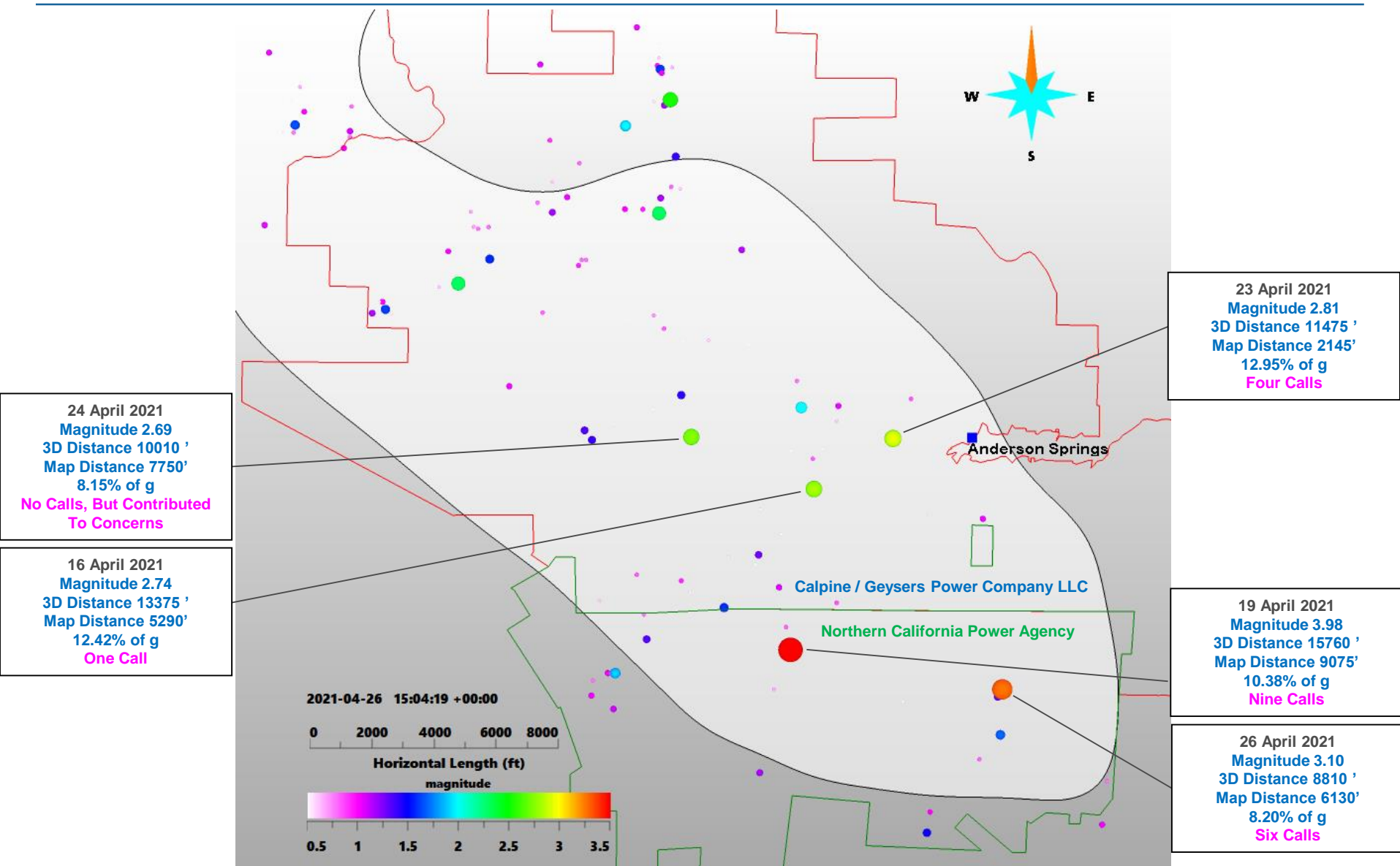


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01 April 2021 to 30 April 2021 Seismicity In Map View

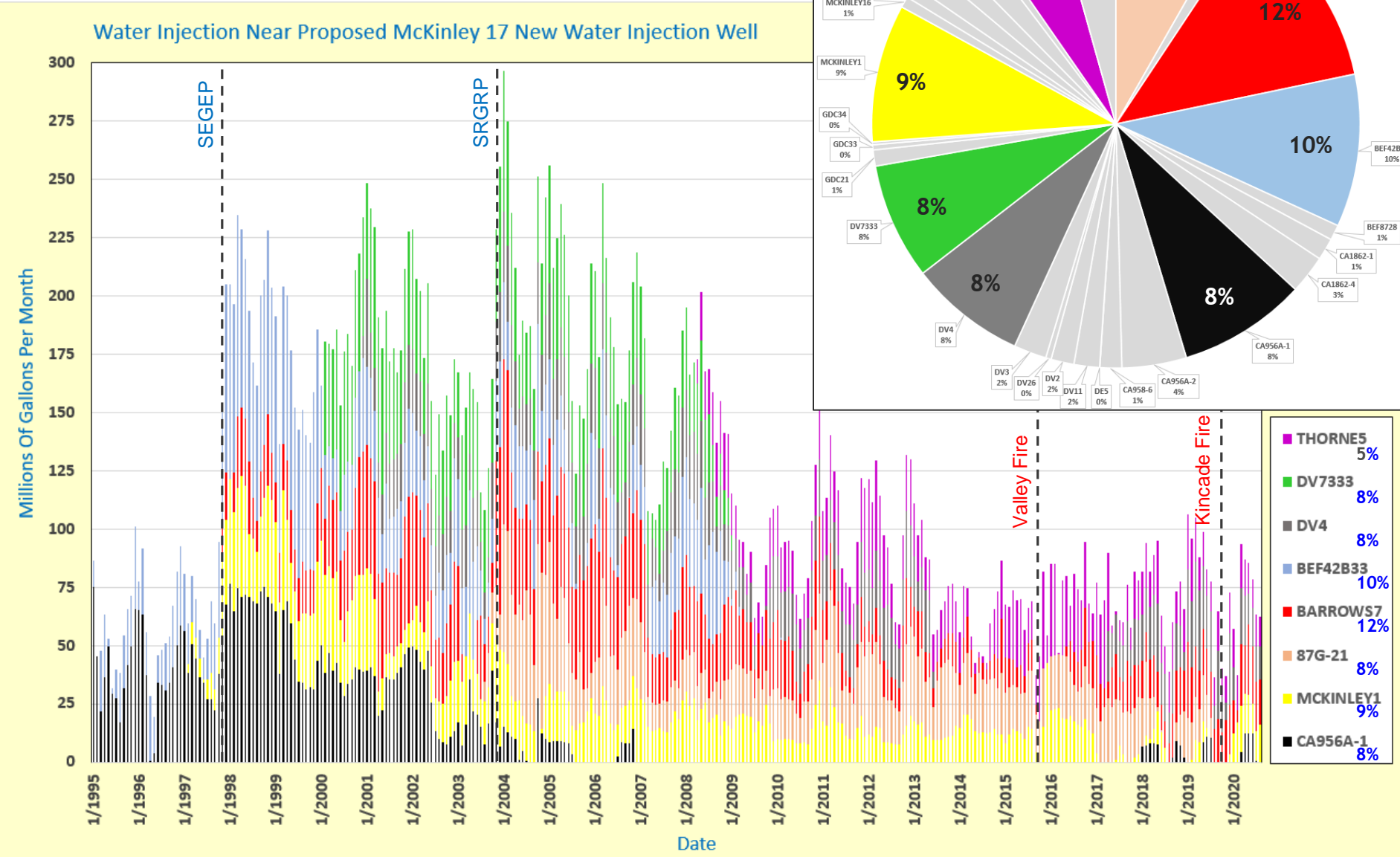
AFTER 01 October 2021 Through 31 March 2021 Reporting Period



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Southeast Geysers Water Injection Wells

Time Series Limited To Wells $\geq 5\%$ of Total Volume

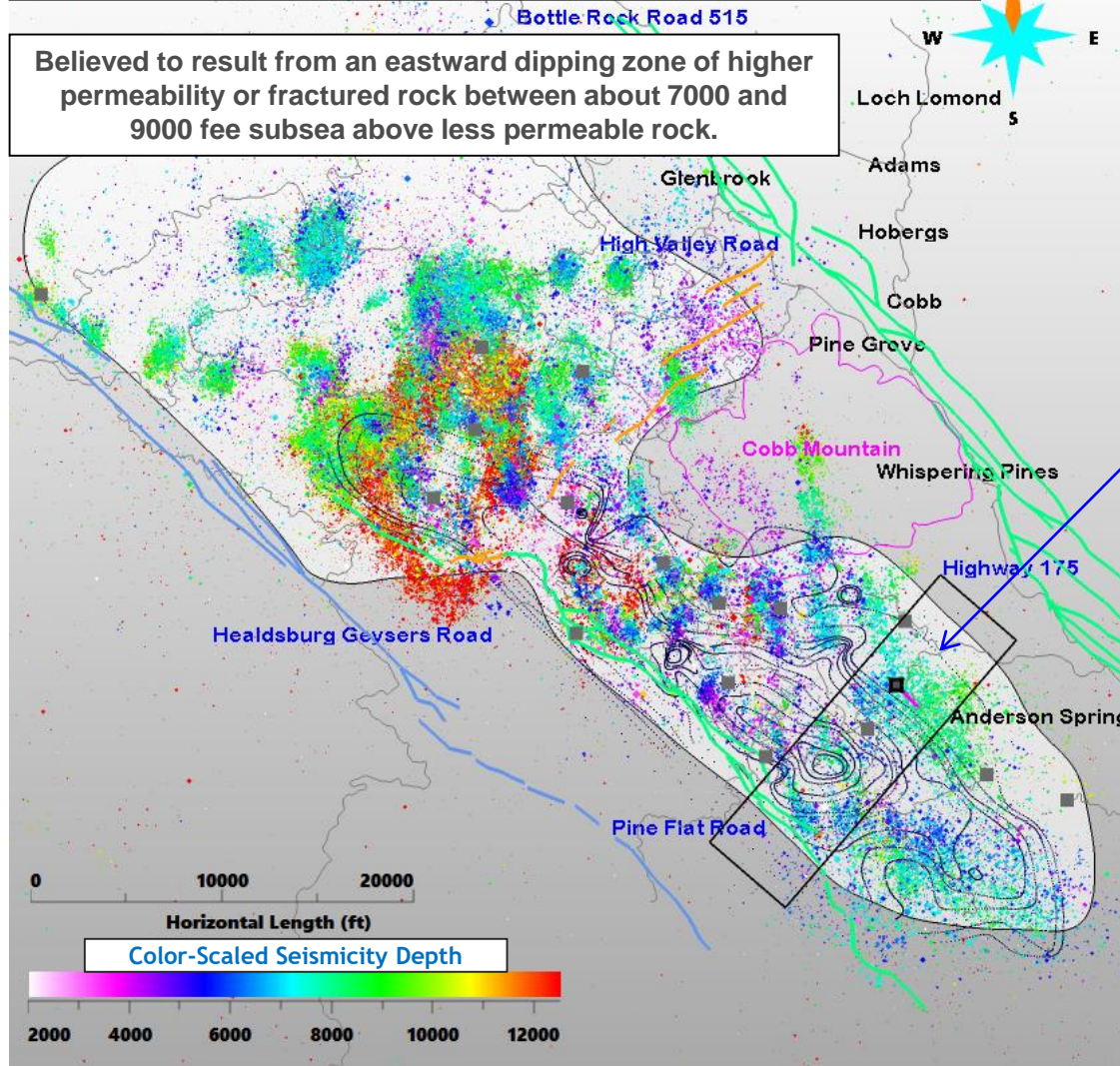


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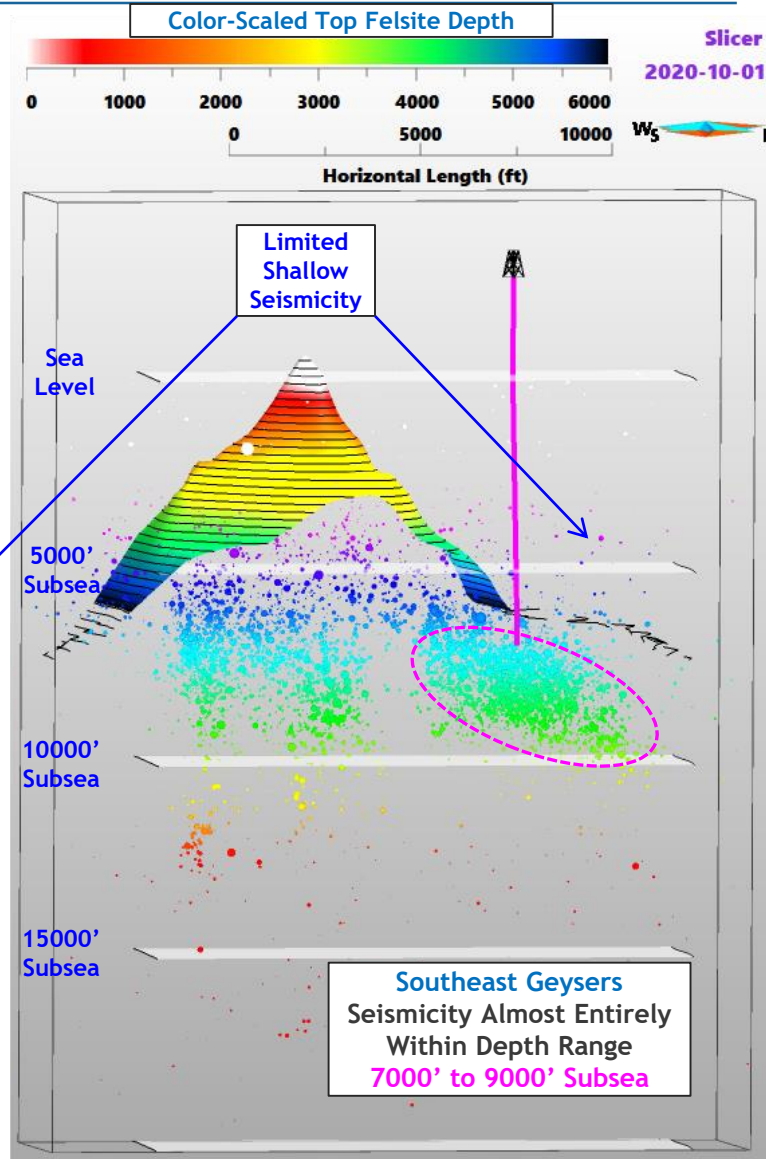
Seismicity From 01 January 2005 – 01 October 2020 Shown

In the **Southeast Geysers**, Calpine injection until late 2020 resulted in seismicity primarily descending vertically into the granitic intrusion (Felsite), with the depth of descent being greater toward the east.

Believed to result from an eastward dipping zone of higher permeability or fractured rock between about 7000 and 9000 feet subsea above less permeable rock.



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Detailed Seismicity Analysis for 01 April 2021 to 30 April 2021 AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

2019 and 2020 Seismicity As Light Gray Symbols

2021 Seismicity Color-Scaled By Magnitude (and 2x Symbol Size)

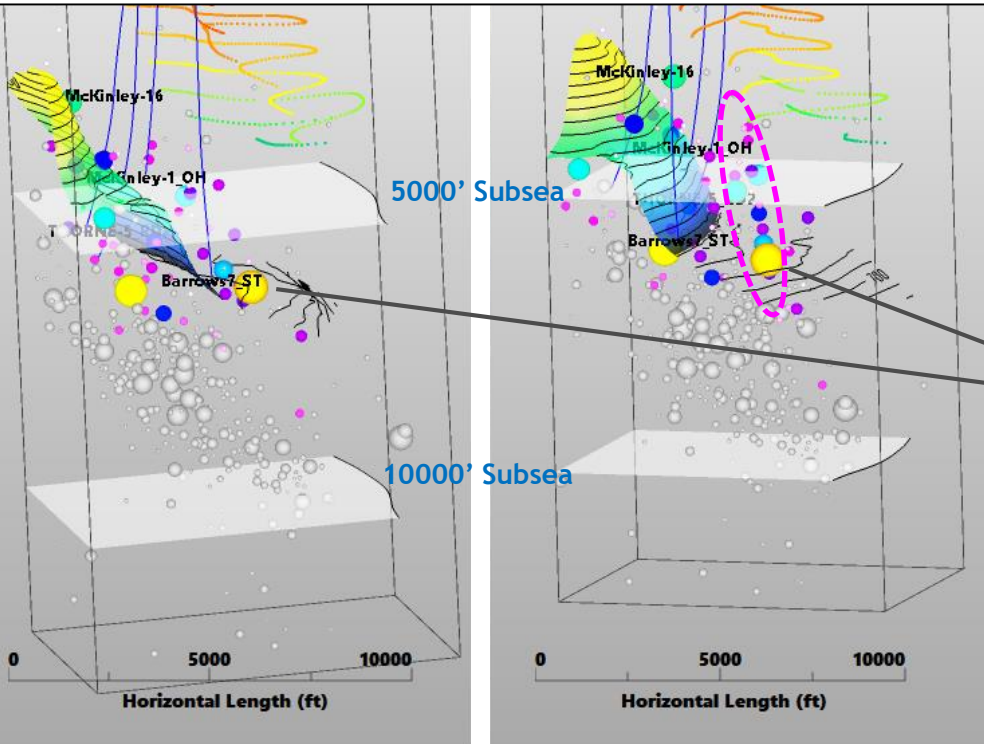
In early 2021 there were increased and variable injection rates at Thorne-5, McKinley-1, McKinley-16 and Barrows-7.

Seismicity began to progress southeast from Thorne-5 RD2 at a shallower depth within a near-vertical seismicity alignment.

A Magnitude 2.81 occurs at the furthest extent of this seismicity alignment.

Thorne-5 RD2 has a total depth of 9006'. A borehole obstruction detected at 5859' during an early 2021 wireline survey may be responsible for fluid exiting at a shallower level (this is consistent with the seismicity observations).

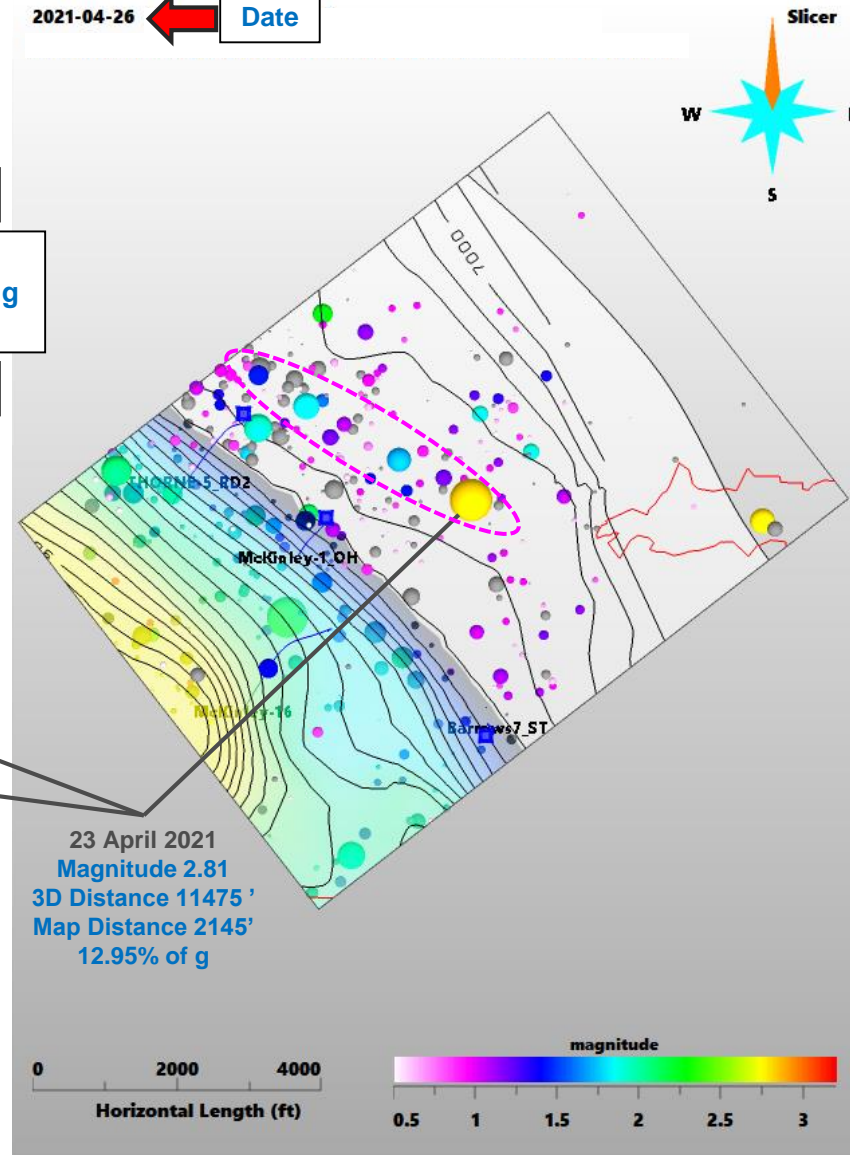
Injection rate modifications for Thorne-5 RD2 are now under consideration.



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The seismicity occurring on the Calpine leases was carefully reviewed and modifications to the injection profiles for wells Thorne-5 RD2 and GDC-34 OH have been proposed.

Due to previous concerns with seismicity patterns and progression, modifications to water injection rates were proposed and completed for water injection well [Negu-13](#) in the northeast Geysers (350 gallon per minute limit) and water injection well distribution for [CA23C-22](#) / [CA74E-21](#) / [CA74F-21](#) / [CA87E-21](#) / [CA87G-21](#) in the southeast Geysers.

This improved southeast Geysers water distribution for seismicity mitigation is seen on next slide.

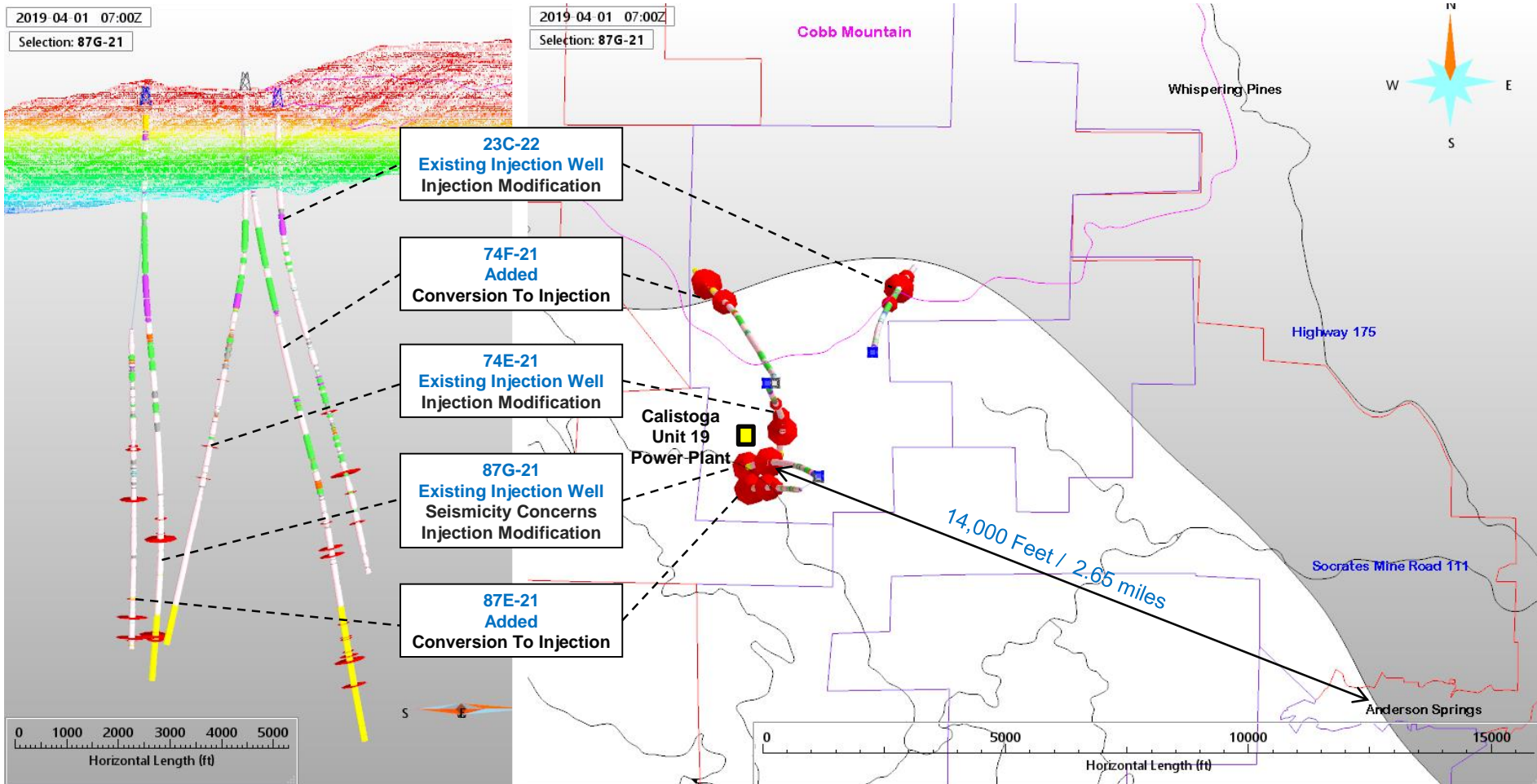
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Summary (2)

Improved Water Distribution for Seismicity Mitigation Conversion-To-Injection Drilling Program

Calistoga Power Plant Area

- 74F-21 October 2019 Conversion of Steam Production Well to Injection
- 87E-21 November 2019 Conversion of Steam Production Well to Injection
- 23C-22 Early 2020 Modification to Existing Water Injection
- 74E-21 Early 2020 Modification to Existing Water Injection
- 87G-21 Early 2020 Modification to Existing Water Injection



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Summer Geophysics Interns [Rob Klenner](#), [Ramsey Kweik](#) and [Patrick Pierce](#) assisted greatly with the painstaking conversion of hard copy lithology logs and steam entry data to digital form.

Numerous geologists working over many decades for many employers created surface geologic maps throughout The Geysers. Specifically, [Mark Walters](#) created detailed North Geysers surface geologic maps.

AutoCAD and Access databases maintain by [Chuck Young](#) and [Pete Miller](#), respectively.

Summer Geoscience Intern [Corina Forson](#) merged the existing hard copy surface geology maps and completed some additional field mapping, resulting in a field-wide ArcGIS (digital) surface map compilation. Summer Geoscience Interns [Andrew Sadowski](#) and [Rowan Kowalsky](#) completed refinements to the field-wide ArcGIS (digital) surface map compilation.

Several subsurface lithology and reservoir transitions, such as the Top Felsite and Top Steam, were also defined by numerous geologists over many decades. Some primary contributors to AutoCAD contour line maps used as guidance during 3D model creation are [Dr. Joe Beall](#), [Mark Walters](#) and [Melinda Wright](#).

Installation and maintenance of a reliable LBNL seismic monitoring network has been provided primarily by LBNL contractor [Ramsey Haught](#).

Seismic waveform data, metadata, or data products for this study were accessed through the [Northern California Earthquake Data Center](#) and the [Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory](#) seismicity database. requirements and hardware specifications.

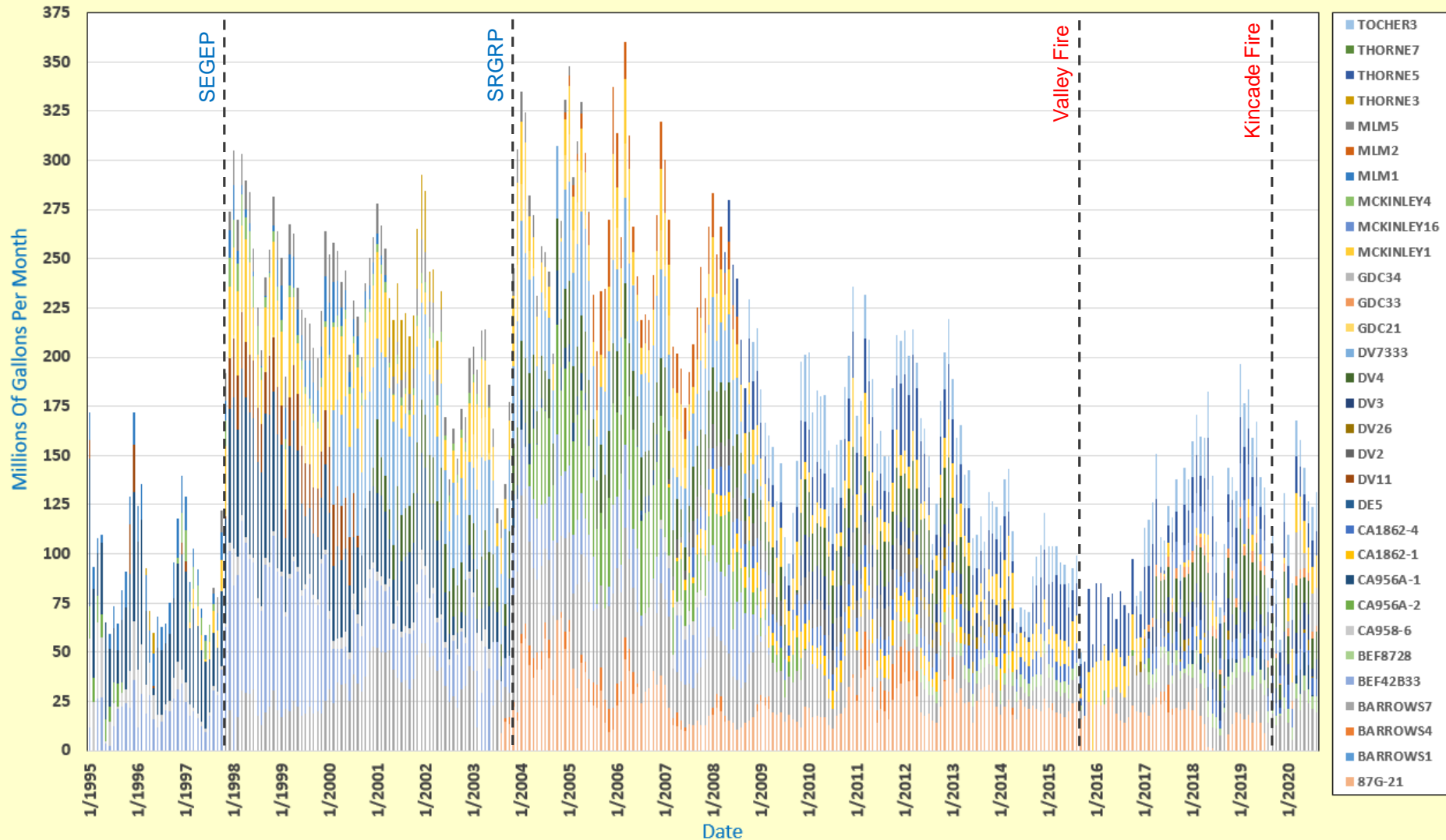


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Southeast Geysers Water Injection Wells

Time Series Since 1995

Water Injection Near Proposed McKinley 17 New Water Injection Well



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Southeast Geysers Water Injection Well Thorne-5

