

## Memorandum

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Subject:

Eastham Water System - Phase 2

District H Water Supply Well Field - Monitoring Program

The groundwater and surface water monitoring program at District H has the following objectives:

- 1. Salt water interface monitoring to confirm conditions predicted by the SEAWAT groundwater modeling developed as part of the aquifer testing program is consistent with what is observed under actual operating conditions of the well field.
- 2. Vernal pool monitoring (pool stage and groundwater elevation) at select vernal pools
- 3. Water quality monitoring of sentinel wells to District H.

This monitoring program was originally developed as part of the DEP New Source Approval permitting for the well field, and is included as a condition in DEP's approval of the Pumping Test Report (BWP WS 19, September 12, 2013), and the Cape Cod Commission staff participated in its scoping.

## Salt Water Interface Monitoring

Water level monitoring:

- Zone A (water table), Zone B (shallow aquifer), Zone C (intermediate aquifer), and Zone D (deep aquifer)
- Monitored hourly with data logging pressure transducers. Manual water-level measurement to be taken semi-annually immediately prior to downloading the data logger data.
- Baseline monitoring (pre-pumping operations) to be initiated minimum two quarters before well field start up.

### Water quality monitoring

- Zone C and Zone D wells of clusters OW-1 and OW-2
- Monitored semi-annually for:

Field parameters - temperature, specific conductance, and pH Laboratory analysis - sodium, chloride, sulfate, TDS, iron, and manganese

Trends of the collected water quality data will be evaluated bi-annually (every two years)

The water quality sampling results will be summarized in a data information report once every two years. Every five years after operations startup the monitoring data will be compared to water quality and head distributions predicted in the groundwater model.

### Monitoring Network:

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Water Table
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OW-1A, OW-2A, OW-4A

Shallow and Intermediate Aquifer Zones

TPW-1B (or OW-1B) OW-2C1\* OW-36

OW-1C\*

OW-4B

OW-2B

OW-4C

Deep Aquifer Zone

OW-1D\*, OW-2D\*

\*Wells for water quality sampling; all others are for water level monitoring

### Vernal Pool Surface Water/Groundwater Monitoring

Objective: document, under actual operating conditions of the wellfield, the effect of water withdrawals on water level drawdown at nearby vernal pools and vernal pool stage levels. The vernal pool model predicted that surface water levels at VP-01 and VP-09 would have no effect on vernal pool stage when the District H well was pumping at an average of 500,000 gpd; a drawdown of 0.96" was predicted at VP-11 when pumping at an annual average rate of 250,000 gpd (where 80% of the withdrawal was from the Zone C well and 20% from the Zone B well).

Surface water and groundwater monitoring locations:

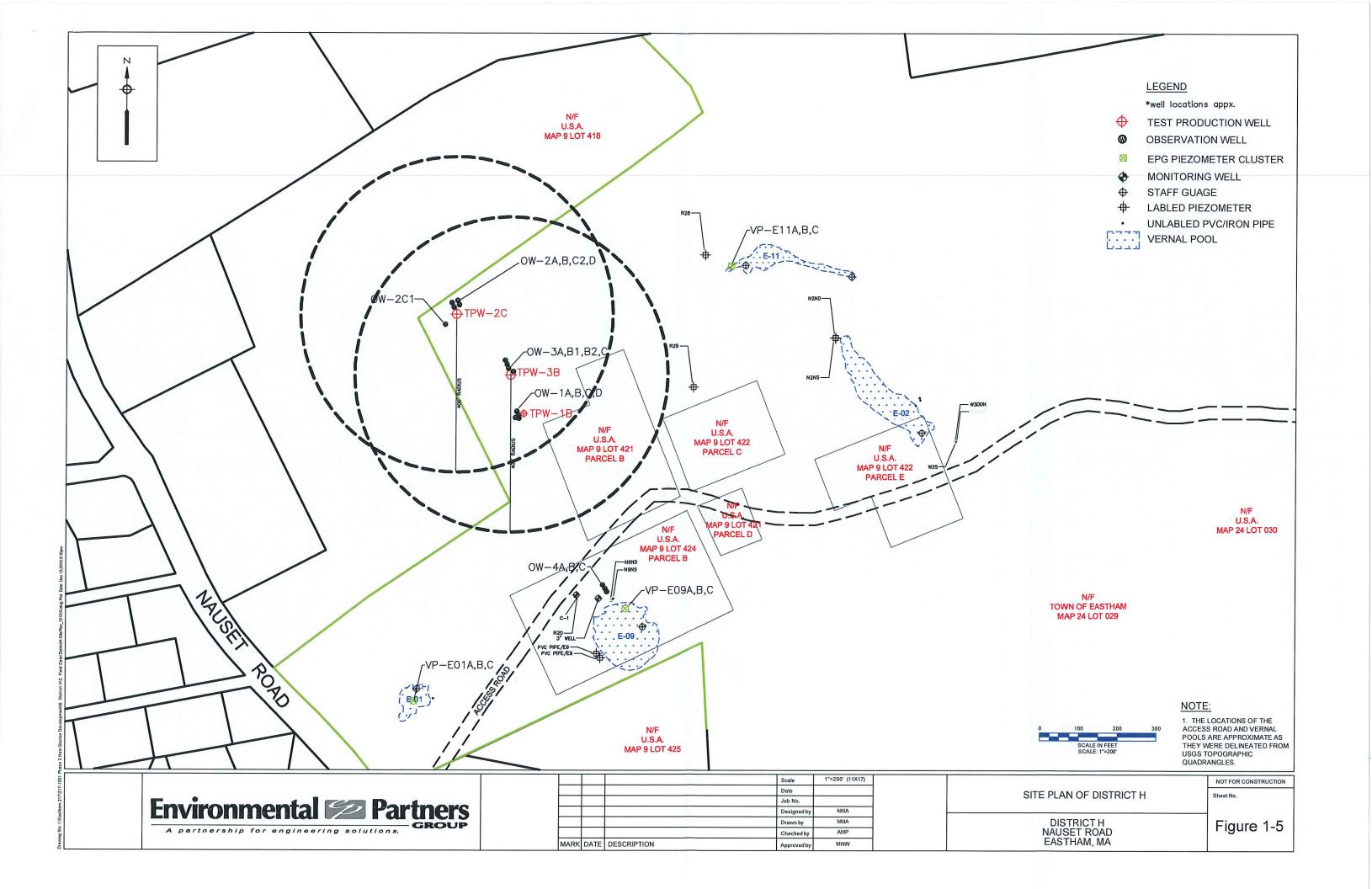
VP-06 (background), VP-01, VP-09, VP-11, VP-11E, VP5, VP-5A

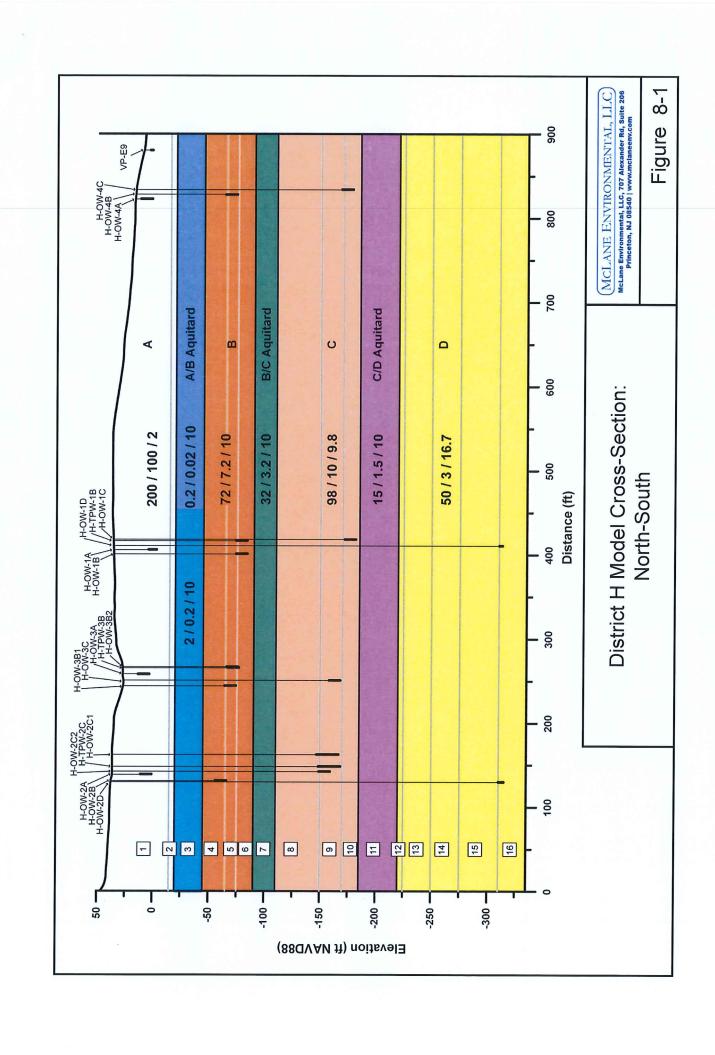
- Rainfall data collection at the Site (by weather station)
- Start monitoring during 2018 (approximately two years before start of wellfield operations) to develop baseline conditions
- Other elements of Conservation & Management Plan (see attached summary): phased water withdrawals, ecological restoration area, Conservation Restriction Area

#### Sentinel Well Monitoring

Objective: monitor groundwater quality upgradient of well field to provide early-on indication of water quality.

- Sentinel monitoring wells to be located at the western edge of the District H property adjacent to Nauset Road.
- Wells to be screened in Zone B and Zone C aquifers (one monitoring well couplet).
- Sample wells for nitrate, VOCs (Method 524.2) and 1,4-doxane (Method 522.1 Modified) together with standard field parameters (pH, specific conductivity and temperature) on a semi-annual basis.







### DEP Division of Fish & Wildlife, Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program

# Eastham Water System Phase 2 District H Conservation & Management Plan

### Plan Elements

### A. Water Withdrawals

Phased withdrawals (average daily over the period)

Years 1 & 2

During Eastern Spadefoot Toad breeding (April – Sept) Remainder of year

100,000 gpd 200,000gpd

Years 3 and beyond

250,000 gpd

• Greater reliance on C-zone vs. B-zone wells (ratio 20:80%)

### B. Groundwater & Vernal Pool Monitoring Program

Groundwater & vernal pool monitoring as per DEP New Source approval Groundwater – shallow, intermediate and deep aquifer zones OW-1A, OW-1B, OW-1C, OW-1D, OW-2A, OW-2B, OW-2C1, OW-2D, OW-4A, OW-4C

Vernal Pools -

Surface water and groundwater below the pools Locations: VP-01, VP-09, VP-11, VP5, VP-5A, VP-06 (background)

Data collected with transducers placed within piezometers/monitoring wells

Additional vernal pool locations to be added by NHESP

VP-11e, possibly VP-2540

- Rainfall data collection at the Site (by weather station)
- Start monitoring program now (approx. 2 years before start of wellfield operations) to develop baseline conditions

### C. Ecological Restoration Area

- Approx. 2.4 acres of tank laydown area
- Maintained as "early successional habitat"
- Ongoing inspections (similar to District G Commons Panic Grass)

### D. Conservation Restriction Area

- 19.9 acres to be designated for Conservation Restriction
- Need to identify entity to hold the Conservation Restriction
- Conservation Restriction application form to be prepared (we have template from NHESP);
   will likely need legal support/input
- Will require a recordable plan for Registry of Deeds

