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Provincial Building
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Attention: Mr. Max Shannon

**ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION GRMP (CON0022164)
PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT)
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING RESULTS – FALL 2022**

SECTION C

SITE PH080: HWY 688:02 MCKINNEY CREEK SLIDE (KM 15.4) - BF72477

Dear Mr. Shannon:

This report provides the results of the bi-annual geotechnical instrumentation monitoring for the above-mentioned site as part of Alberta Transportation's Geohazard Risk Management Program for Peace Region – Peace River District (CON0022164).

It is a condition of this letter report that Thurber's performance of its professional services will be subject to the attached Statement of Limitations and Conditions.

1. FIELD PROGRAM AND INSTRUMENTATION STATUS

From July 2018 to October 2019, a 3.99 m diameter bridge culvert was installed at the Hwy 688:02 McKinney Creek culvert site (km 15.4) to replace an existing bridge culvert at that location. During construction, three vibrating wire piezometers (VW18-1, VW18-2, and VW18-3) were installed beneath the culvert bed subgrade to monitor changes in pore pressure during placement of the new embankment fill. The piezometers were monitored during construction with dataloggers during periods of fill placement, and the dataloggers were subsequently removed at the end of construction.

The three vibrating wire piezometers were monitored on September 27, 2022, by Mr. Niraj Regmi, G.I.T. and Mr. Kyle Croymans, both of Thurber Engineering Ltd.

The vibrating wire piezometers were read using an RST VW2106 vibrating wire readout.



2. DATA PRESENTATION

2.1 General

Vibrating wire piezometer reading summary PH080-1 table is provided below. A site plan showing the approximate vibrating wire piezometer locations is included in Appendix A. Plots of the vibrating wire piezometer results are included in Appendix A.



**TABLE PH080-1
 FALL 2022 – HWY 688:02 MCKINNEY CREEK CULVERT (KM 15.4) - BF72477
 VIBRATING WIRE PIEZOMETER INSTRUMENTATION READING SUMMARY**

Date Monitored: September 27, 2022

INSTRUMENT	DATE INITIALIZED	TIP Elevation (m)	CURRENT STATUS	MAXIMUM GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (M)	CURRENT GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (m)	PREVIOUS GROUNDWATER ELEVATION (m)	CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)
VW18-1 (VW47342)	July 26, 2018	545.59	Operational	551.90 on October 30, 2018	547.85	548.00	-0.15
VW18-2 (VW47343)	July 26, 2018	545.82	Operational	560.50 on August 16, 2019	550.21	549.97	0.24
VW18-3 (VW45176)	August 8, 2018	559.84	Operational	554.93 on July 24, 2019	549.41	549.28	0.13

Drawing 32121-PH080 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site



3. INTERPRETATION OF MONITORING RESULTS

Vibrating wire piezometers VW18-1 showed a decrease in groundwater level of 0.15 m since the spring of 2022 readings. VW18-2 and VW18-3 showed increases in groundwater level of 0.24 m and 0.13 m, respectively, since the spring of 2022 readings. VW18-1 and VW18-3 showed a prior trend of diminishing groundwater levels since the completion of construction and the groundwater levels at these instrument locations appear to have levelled out. The piezometers had all previously shown their highest groundwater levels during construction as fill was placed at their respective locations. Figures PH080-1, PH080-2 and PH080-3 show the response of each of the piezometers relative to fill height during construction, as well as the subsequent decrease in pore water pressure. Figure PH080-4 shows a combined plot the groundwater elevations of all three vibrating wire piezometers.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Future Work

The instruments should be read again in the spring of 2023.

4.2 Instrumentation Repairs

No instrumentation repairs are required at this time.



5. CLOSURE

We trust this report meets your requirements at present. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours very truly,
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Attachments:

- Statement of Limitations and Conditions
- Appendix A
 - Field Inspector's report
 - Site Plan Showing Approximate Instrument Locations (Drawing No. 32121-PH080)
 - Figure PH080-1 (VW18-1 Readings)
 - Figure PH080-2 (VW18-2 Readings)
 - Figure PH080-3 (VW18-3 Readings)
 - Figure PH080-4 (Combined VW Piezometer Readings)



STATEMENT OF LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS

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- c) Design Services: The Report may form part of design and construction documents for information purposes even though it may have been issued prior to final design being completed. Thurber should be retained to review final design, project plans and related documents prior to construction to confirm that they are consistent with the intent of the Report. Any differences that may exist between the Report's recommendations and the final design detailed in the contract documents should be reported to Thurber immediately so that Thurber can address potential conflicts.
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FALL 2022

**APPENDIX A
DATA PRESENTATION**

SITE PH80: HWY 688:02 MCKINNEY CREEK SLIDE (KM 15.4) - BF72477

**ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION
PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT)
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING FIELD SUMMARY (PH080)
FALL 2022**

Location: McKinney Creek Slide (Hwy 688:02 C1 15.422) - BF72477 File Number: 32121	Readout: RST VW 2106 Unit 1 Temp: 20 Read by: NKR/KTC
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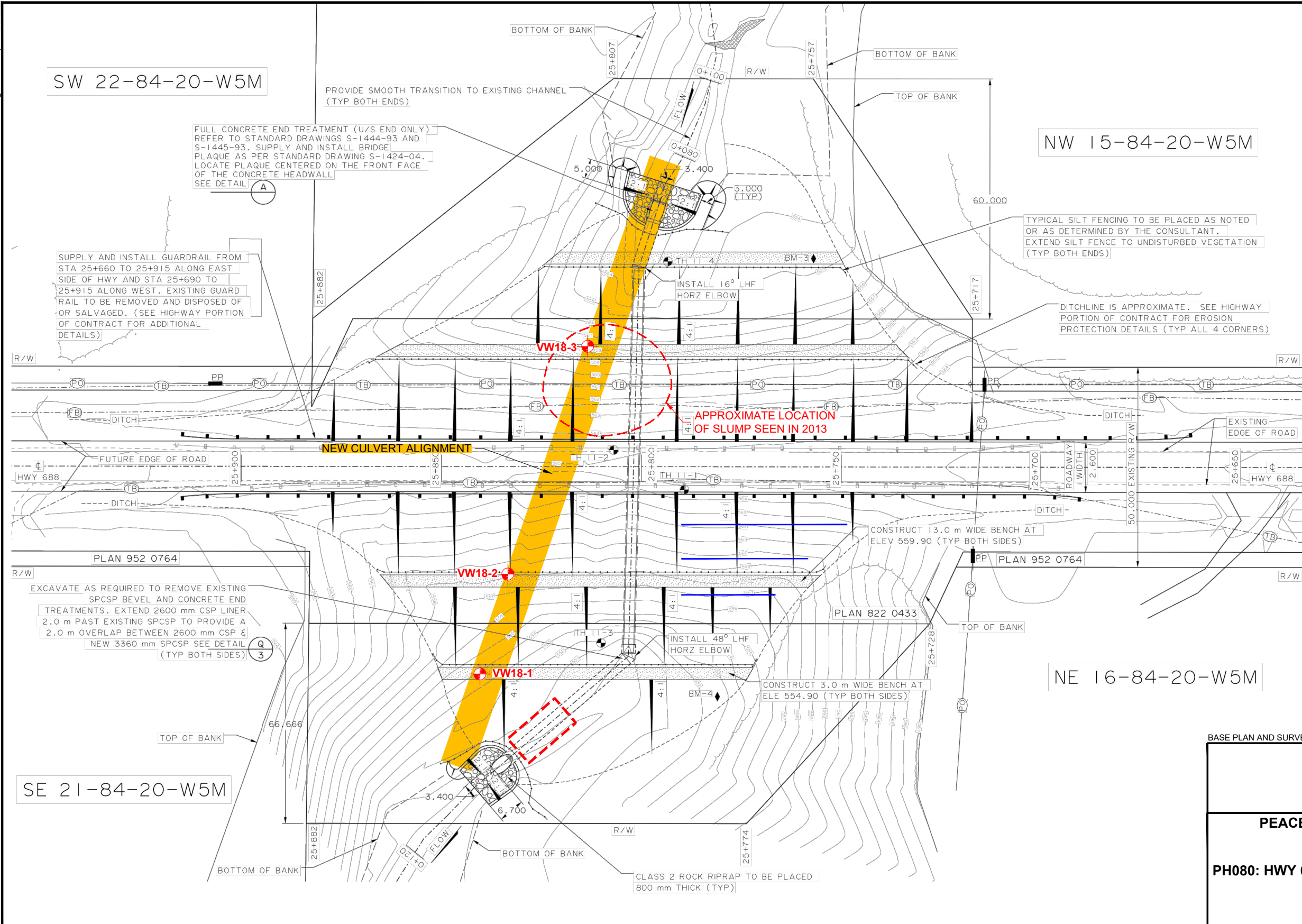
VIBRATING WIRE PIEZOMETER (VW) READINGS

VW #	Serial Number	GPS Location (UTM 11)		Date	Reading Dg	Temperature (deg C)
		Easting (m)	Northing (m)			
VW18-1	VW47342	494733	6238402	27-Sep-22	8659.2	6.9
VW18-2	VW47343	494733	6238402	27-Sep-22	8529.3	6.9
VW18-3	VW45176	494859	6238380	27-Sep-22	8505.5	6.1

INSPECTOR REPORT

VW18-1 and VW18-2 cables are west of the highway, north of the culvert outlet near the bush line. VW18-3 cable is east of the highway, north of the creek near the crest of the hill
VW 18-1,18-2 and 18-3 needs stickup protector or enclosure box. Currently the wires are lying on ground. See photographs

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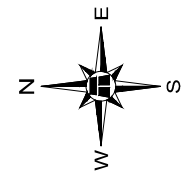


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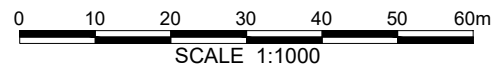
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NE 16-84-20-W5M



- LEGEND**
- APPROXIMATE INSTRUMENT LOCATION
 - VW** VIBRATING WIRE PIEZOMETER

NOTE:
1. BASE PLAN FROM DRAWING 36131-P, DATED OCTOBER 13, 2015



BASE PLAN AND SURVEY PROVIDED BY WSP



PEACE REGION (PEACE RIVER DISTRICT)

PH080: HWY 688:02 MCKINNEY CREEK CULVERT SLIDE INSTRUMENT LOCATIONS

DWG No. 32121-PH080

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DESIGNED BY	BWN
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FIGURE PH080-1
HWY 688:02 MCKINNEY CREEK CULVERT SLIDE - VW18-1
(WEST SIDE OF CULVERT)

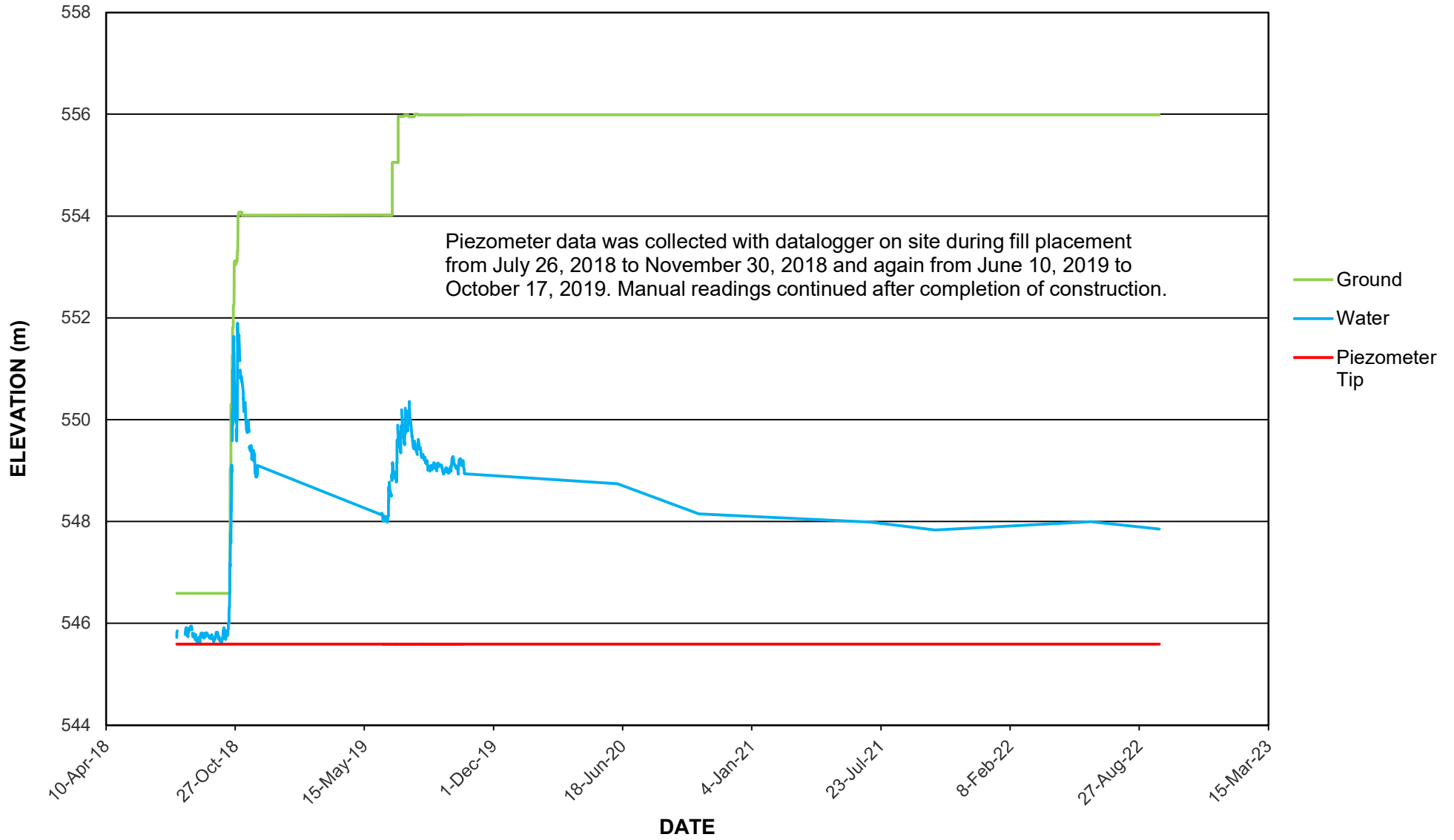
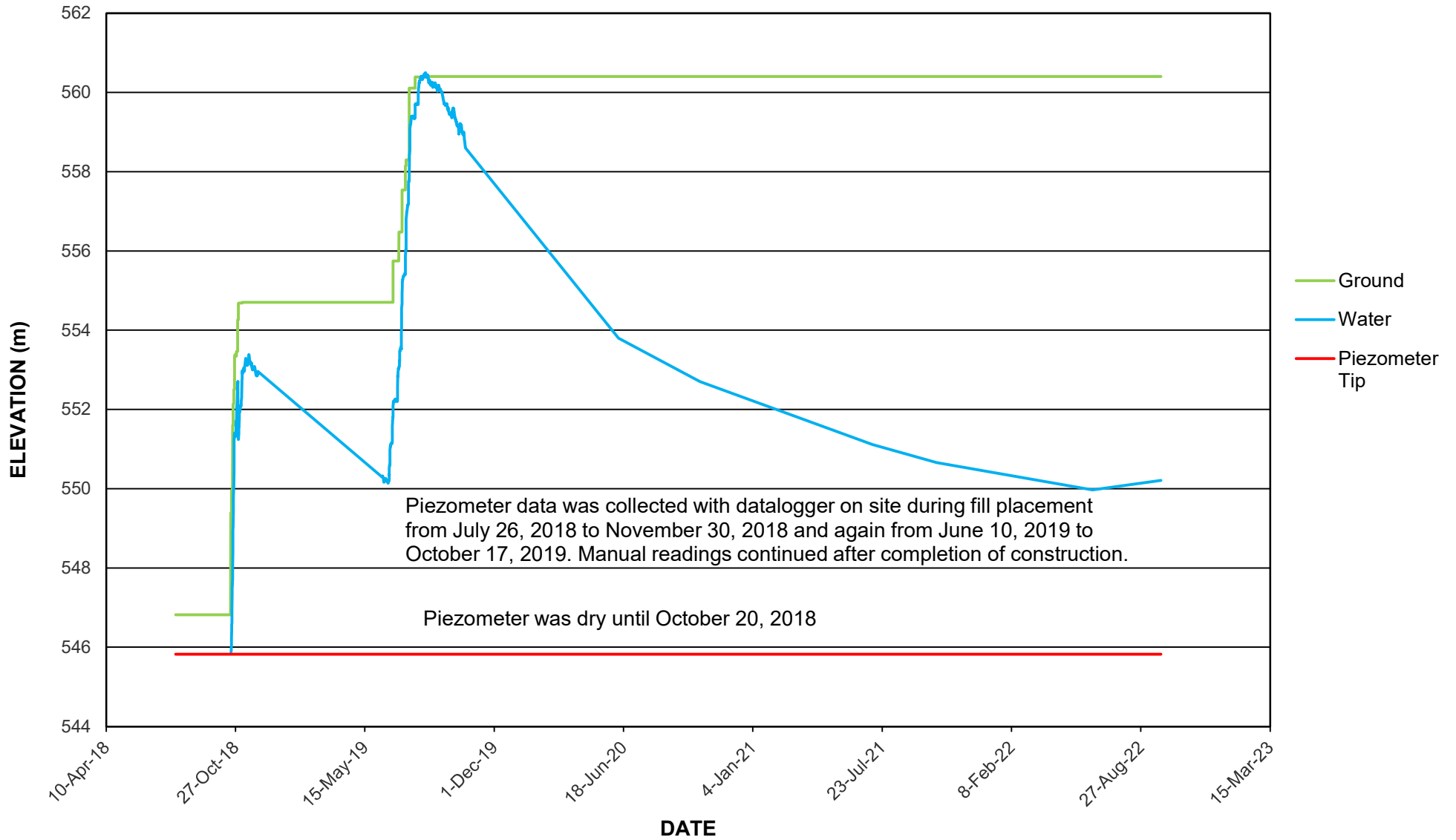


FIGURE PH080-2
HWY 688:02 MCKINNEY CREEK CULVERT SLIDE - VW18-2
(CENTER OF CULVERT)



**FIGURE PH080-3
HWY 688:02 MCKINNEY CREEK CULVERT SLIDE - VW18-3
(EAST SIDE OF CULVERT)**

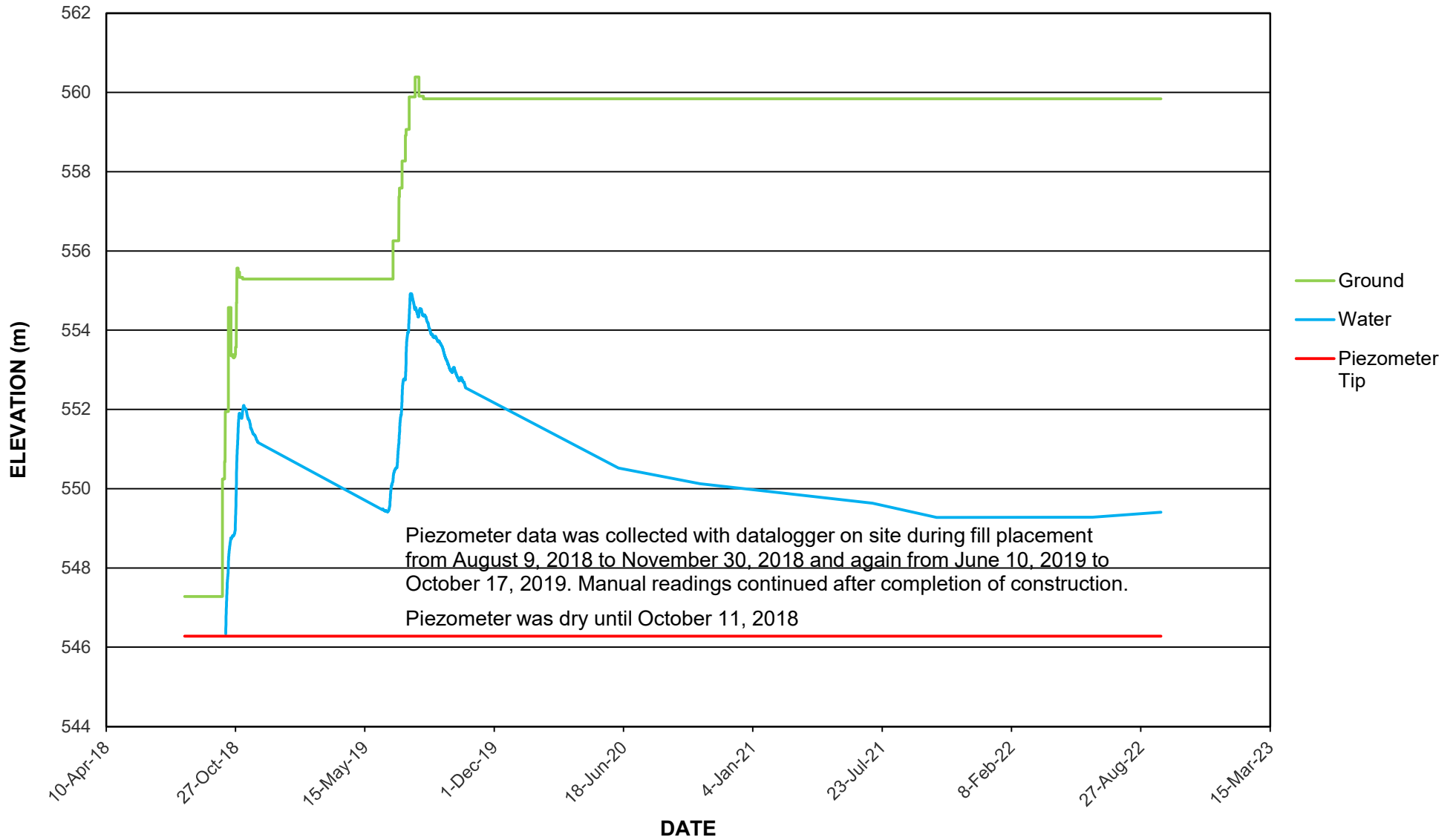


FIGURE PH080-4
HWY 688:02 MCKINNEY CREEK CULVERT SLIDE
(COMBINED PIEZOMETER READINGS)

