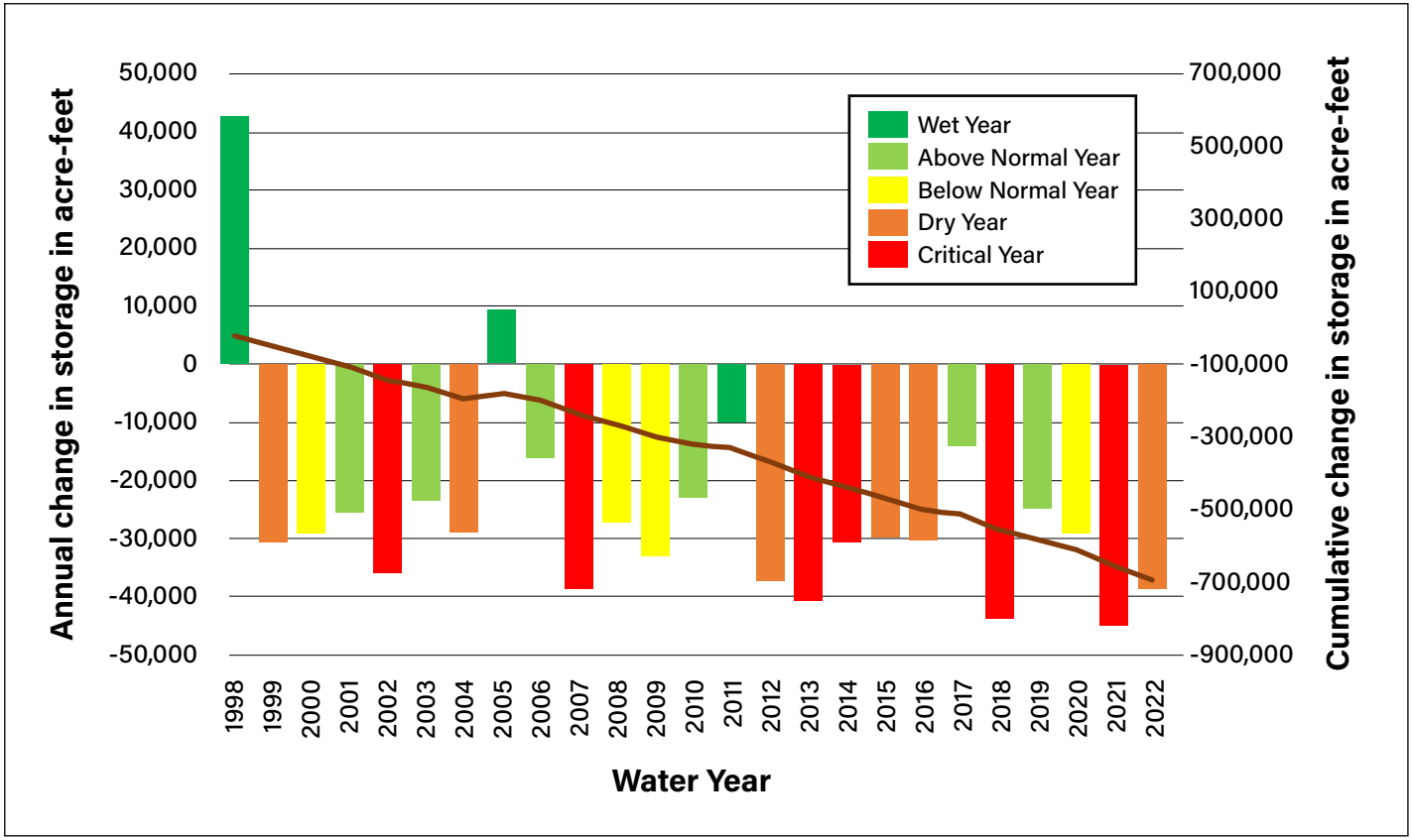
Mining the Cuyama Groundwater Basin



Over-pumping on farmland has left the Cuyama basin in a state of critical overdraft. The bars show the yearly deficit in groundwater storage since 1998, even in years of above-normal rain. The brown line tracks the steady decline in storage overall.

Credit: Cuyama Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.