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How Cool Are Cooling Trenches? Trench Monitoring in KW

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Agenda

1. A Cold Topic
2. Cooling Down – W+H?
3. A Refreshing Program
4. Interpretation
5. Other Techniques
6. Moving Forward

Introduction

A Cold Topic

A Cool Introduction

- What is thermal mitigation?
- MOE (2003)
 - Pond Configuration
 - Riparian Planting Strategies
 - Bottom Draw Outlets
 - Subsurface Trench Outlet
 - Night-time Release
 - Outlet Channel Design

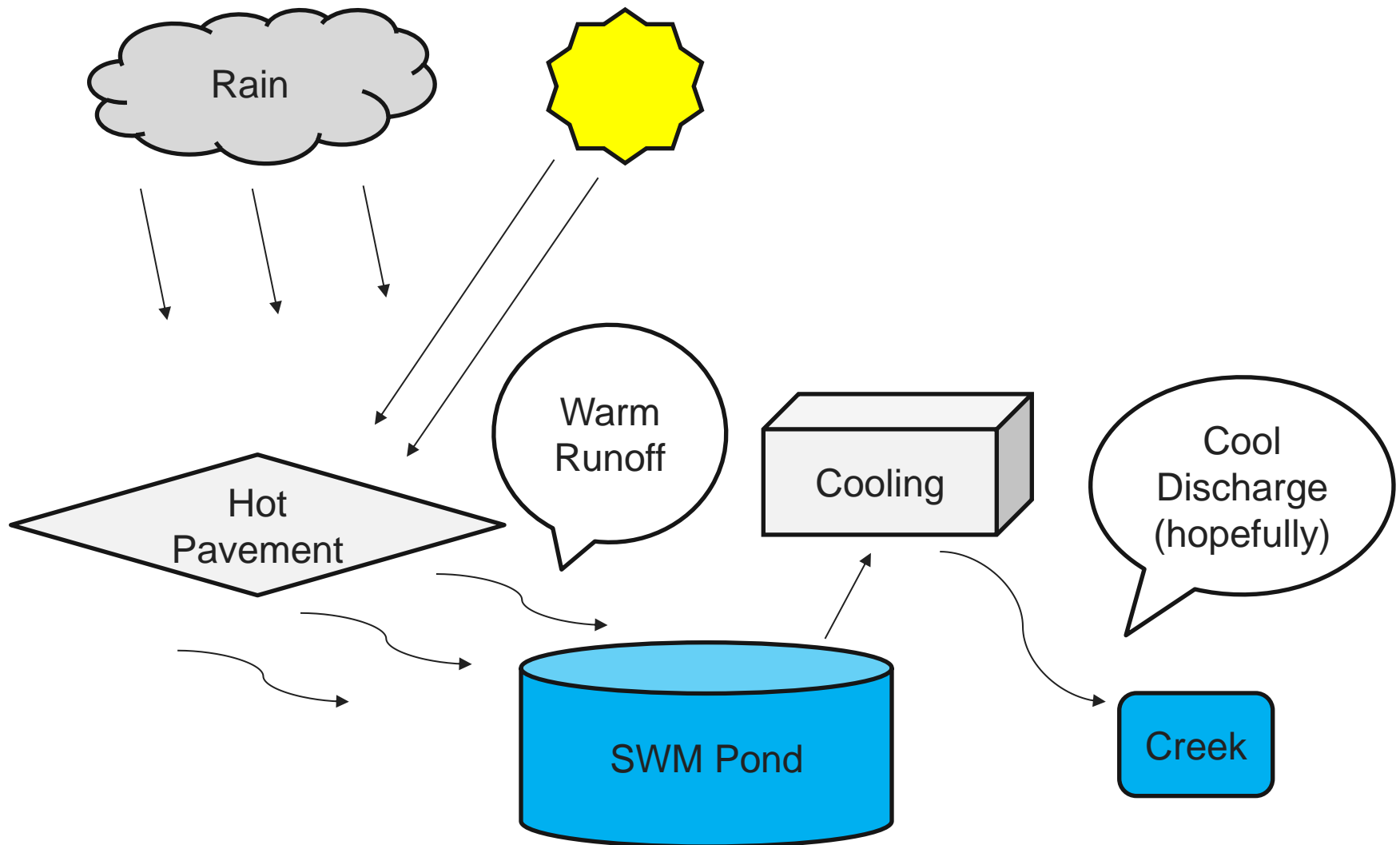
Stormwater Management Planning and
Design Manual

March 2003



Ministry of the
Environment

The Process – Simple Stuff



Cooling Down

The Why and the How

Why Be Cool in KW?

- Fish!
- Subwatershed Studies
- Regulations/Policies
- Development

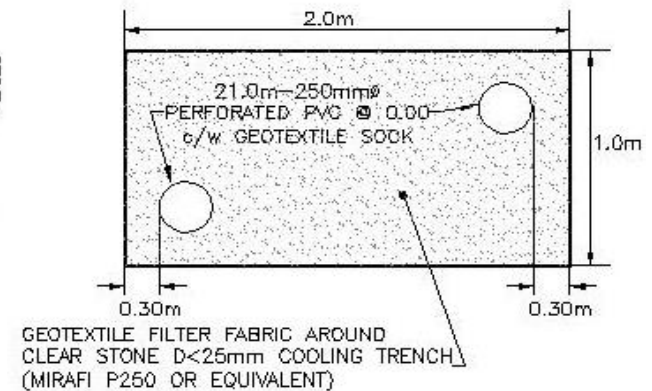
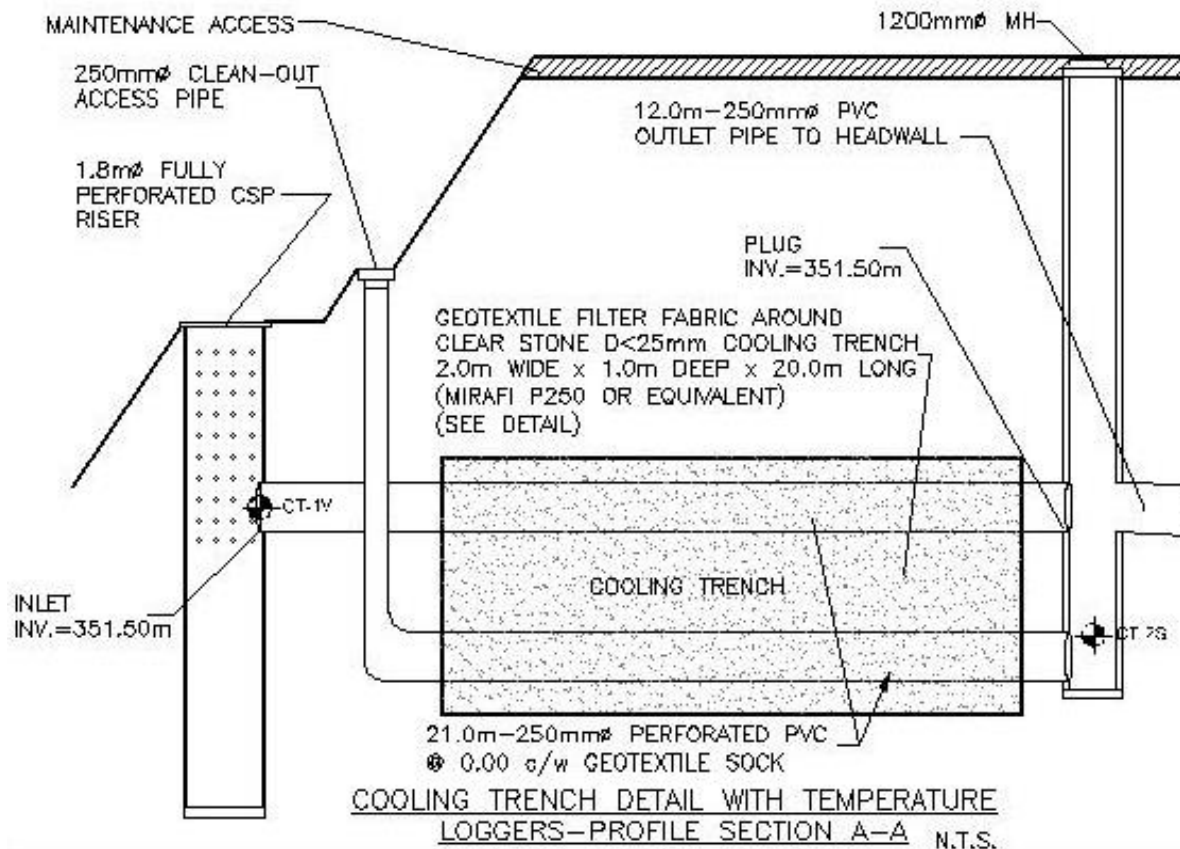


How To Be Cool in KW

- Different approaches over the years
 - Subsurface outlet
 - Residence time calculations
 - Heat transfer calculations
 - Groundwater
 - Design Storm Event
- Consistency



A Cross-Section



COOLING TRENCH DETAIL
CROSS-SECTION C-C
N.T.S.









A Refreshing Program

Monitoring Program

Specifics!

- 2 Trenches in the City of Waterloo
- 3 Trenches in the City of Kitchener
- 1 Trench in Elmira (north of Waterloo)
- 1 Trench in the Booming Metropolis of Baden (west of Kitchener)
- 2 years (minimum)

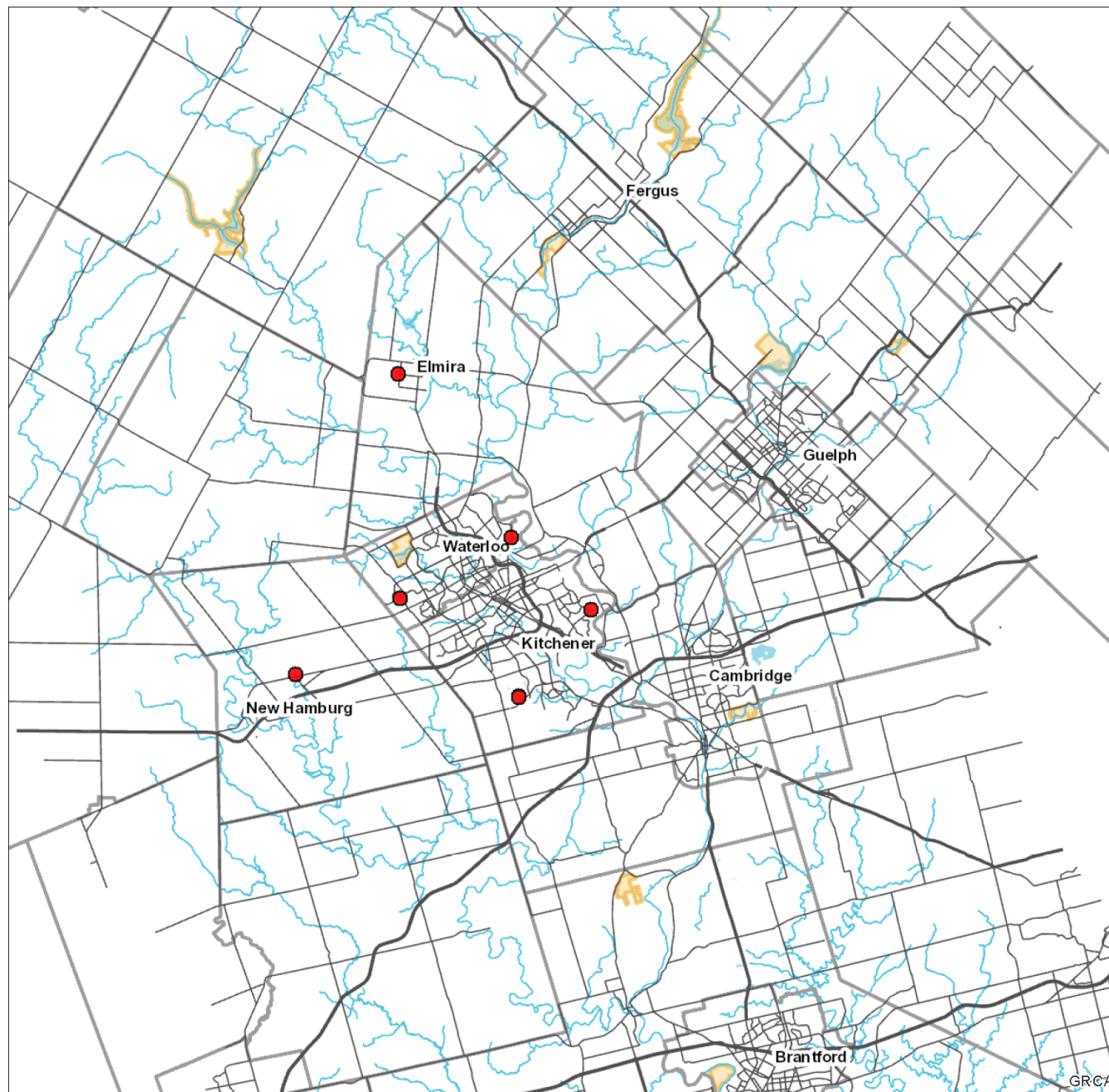


Cooling Trench Locations in RMOW

Mapping from Grand River Conservation Authority

Legend

- Municipal Boundary (GRCA)
- Watercourse - Regional (GRCA)
- Park - Regional (GRCA)
- Waterbody - Major (GRCA)
- Great Lakes - Regional (GRCA)









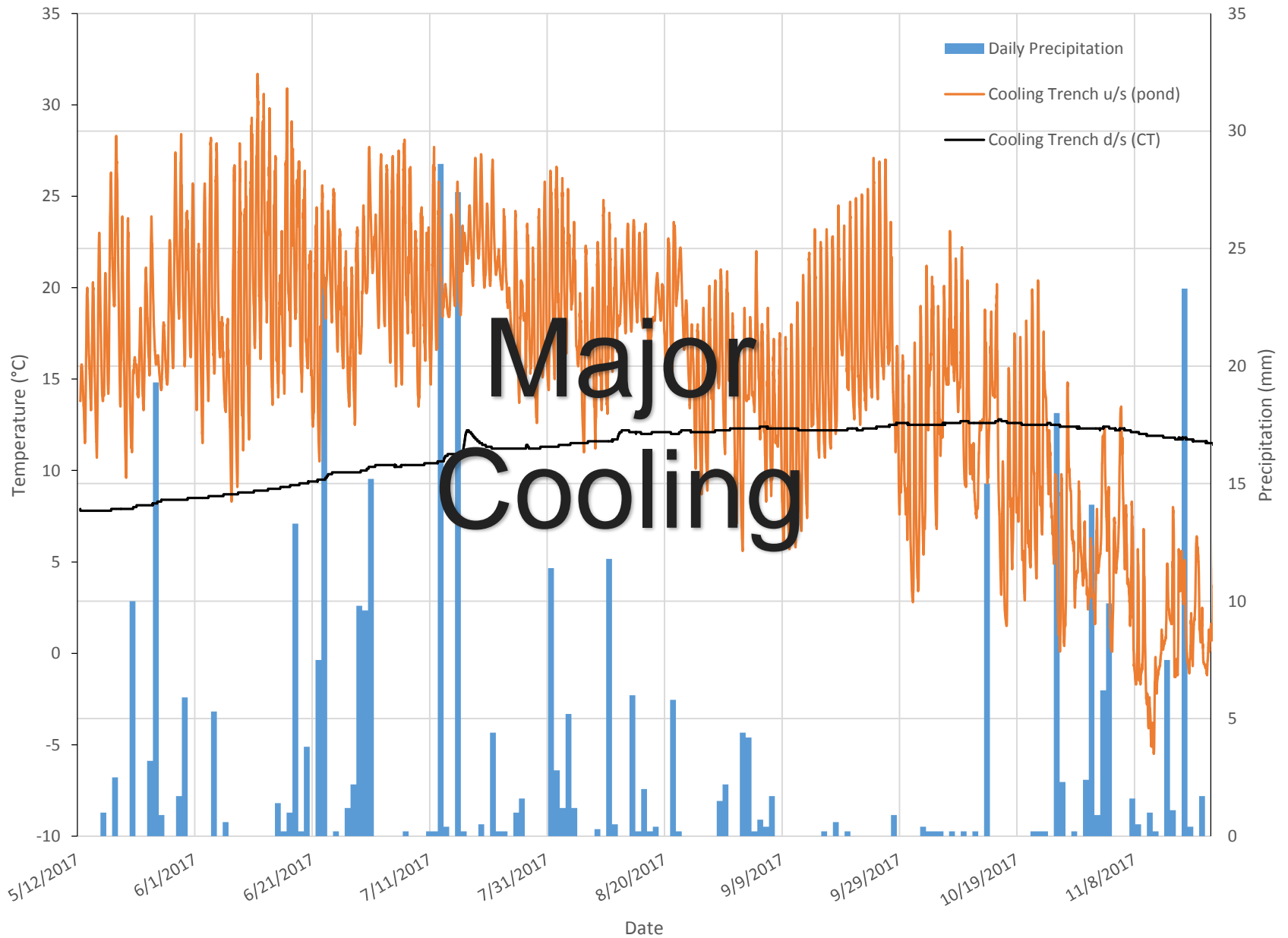
Design Parameters - Effectiveness

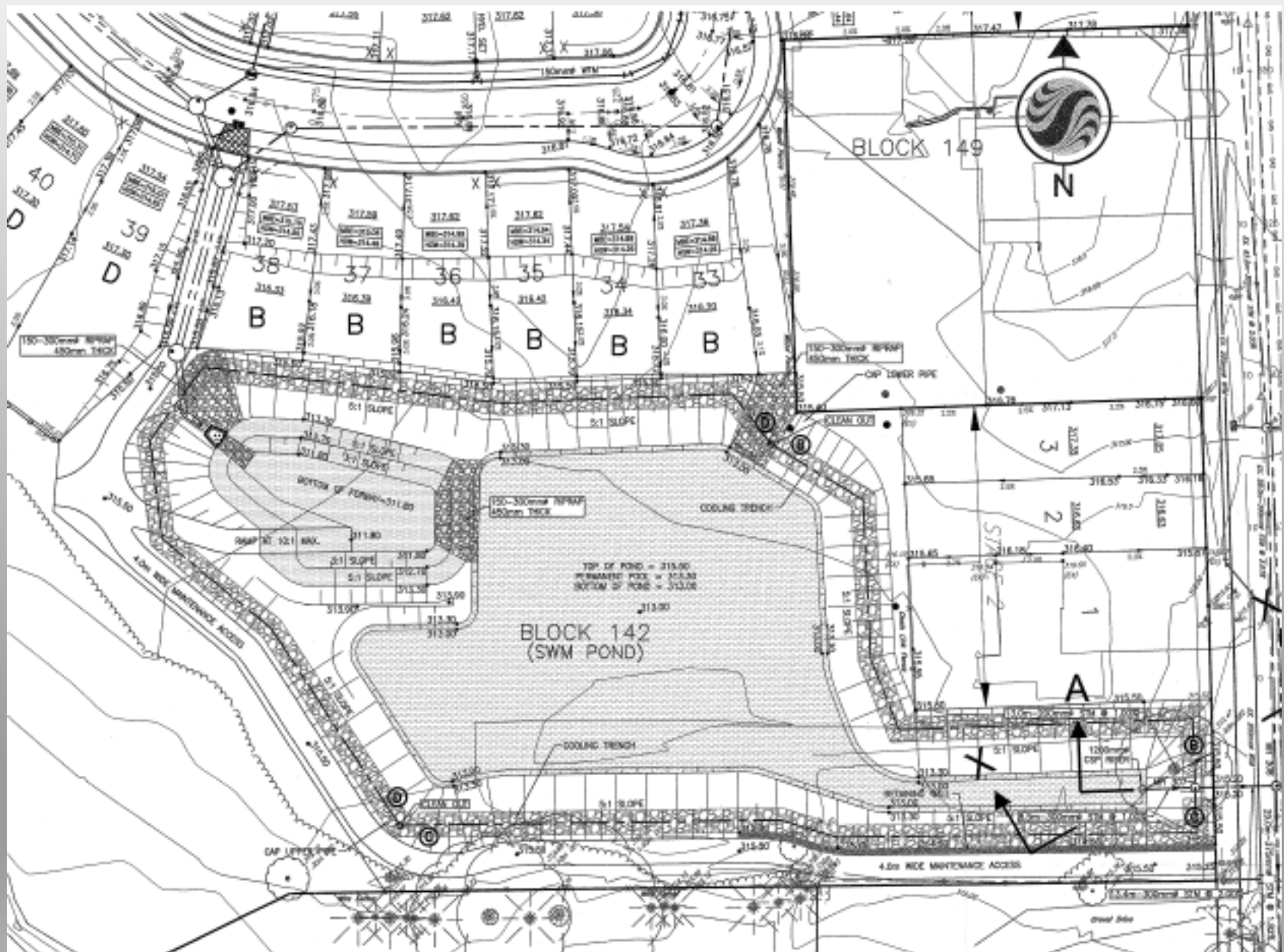
- Upstream catchment area characteristics
- Groundwater
- Residence time/flow path
- Length : Width
- Outlet design of pond
- Cost

Interpretation

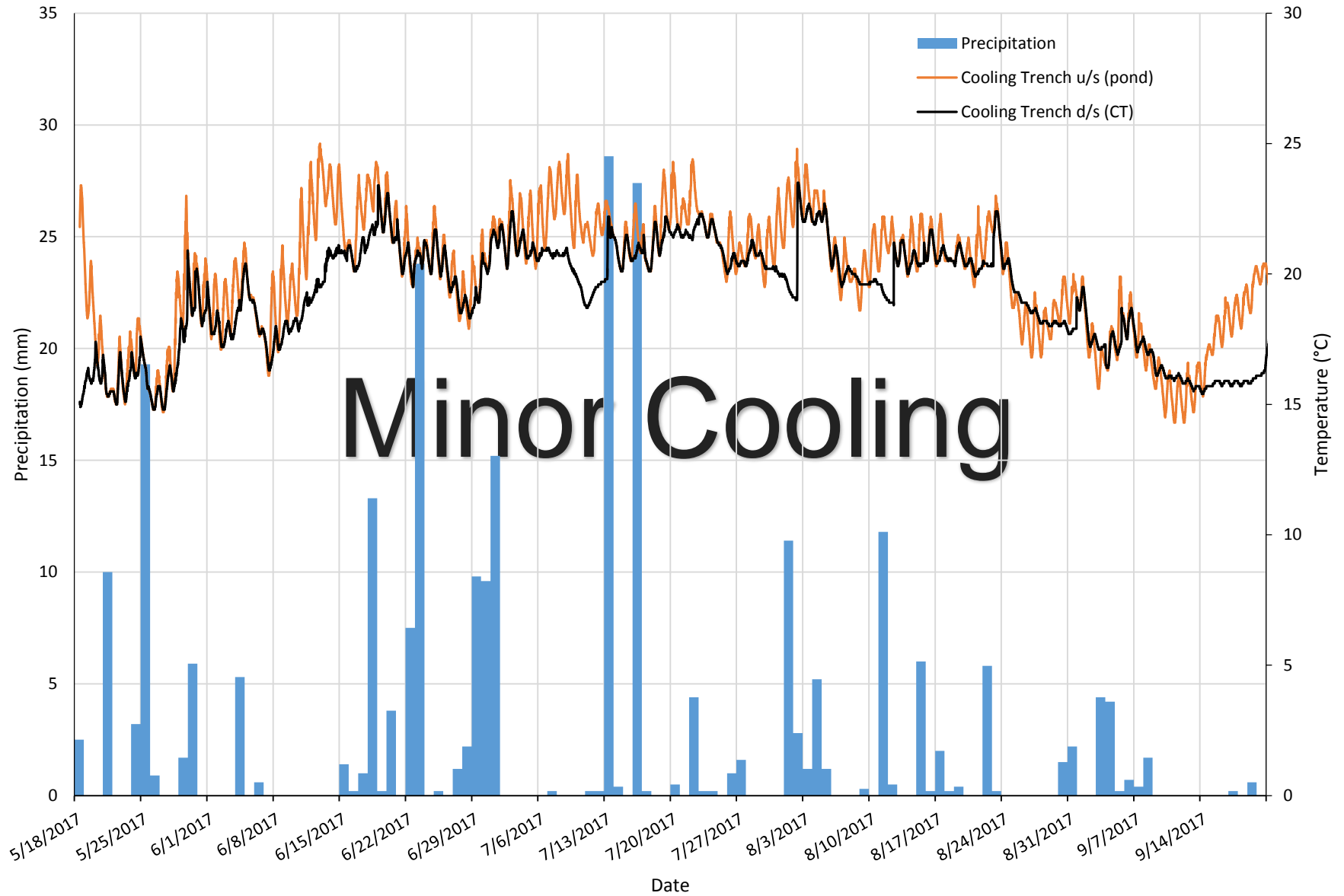
Results, Graphs, Numbers, Etc.

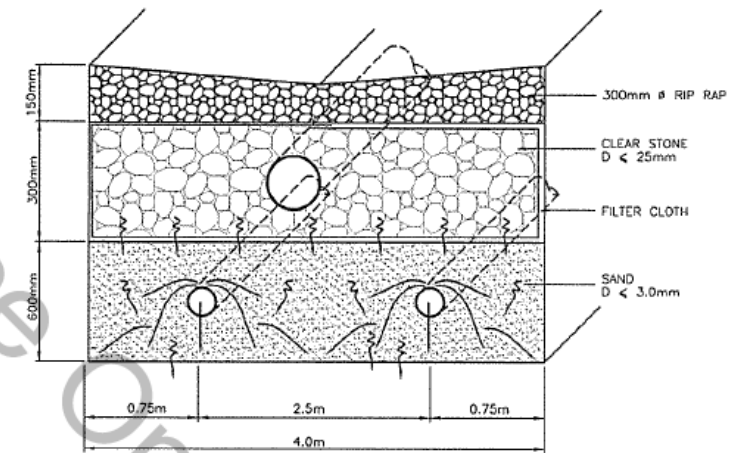
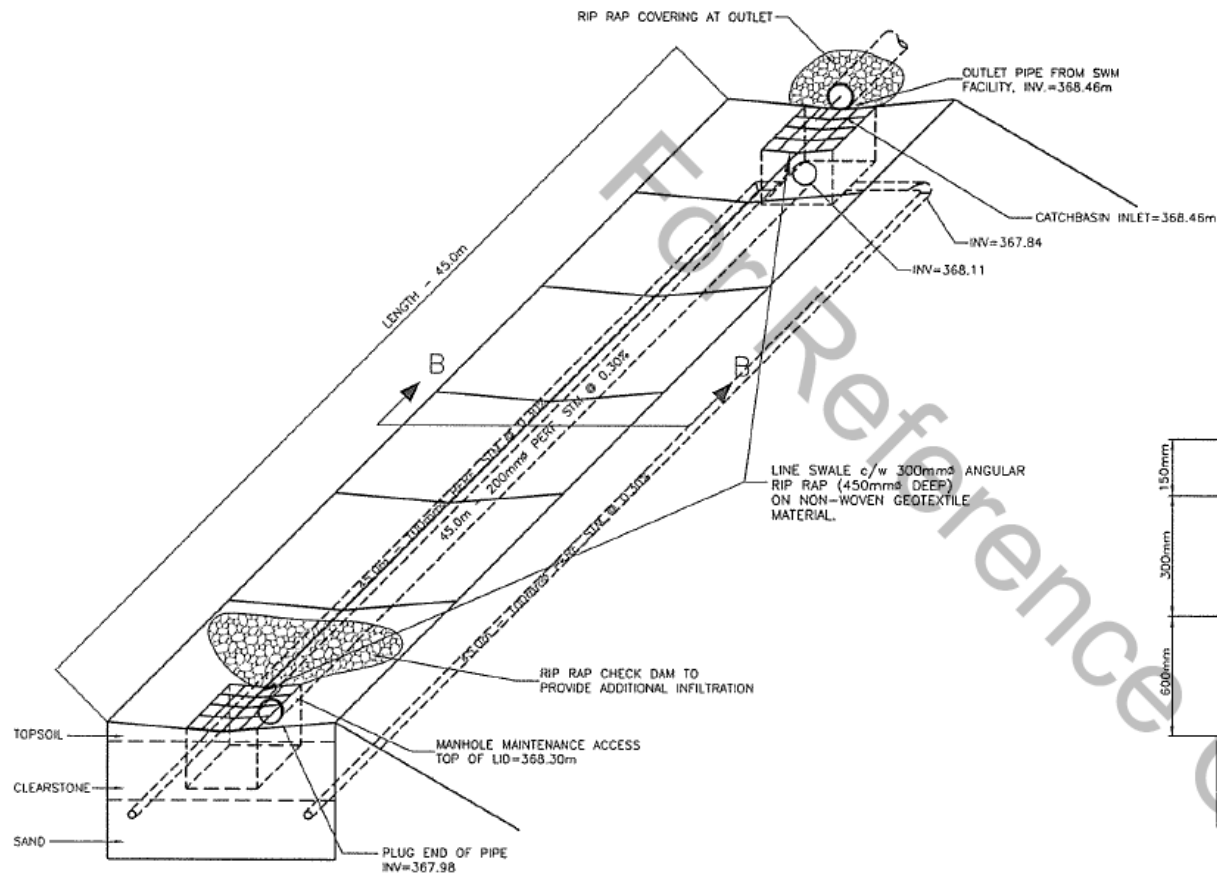
2017 Cooling Trench Monitoring Data





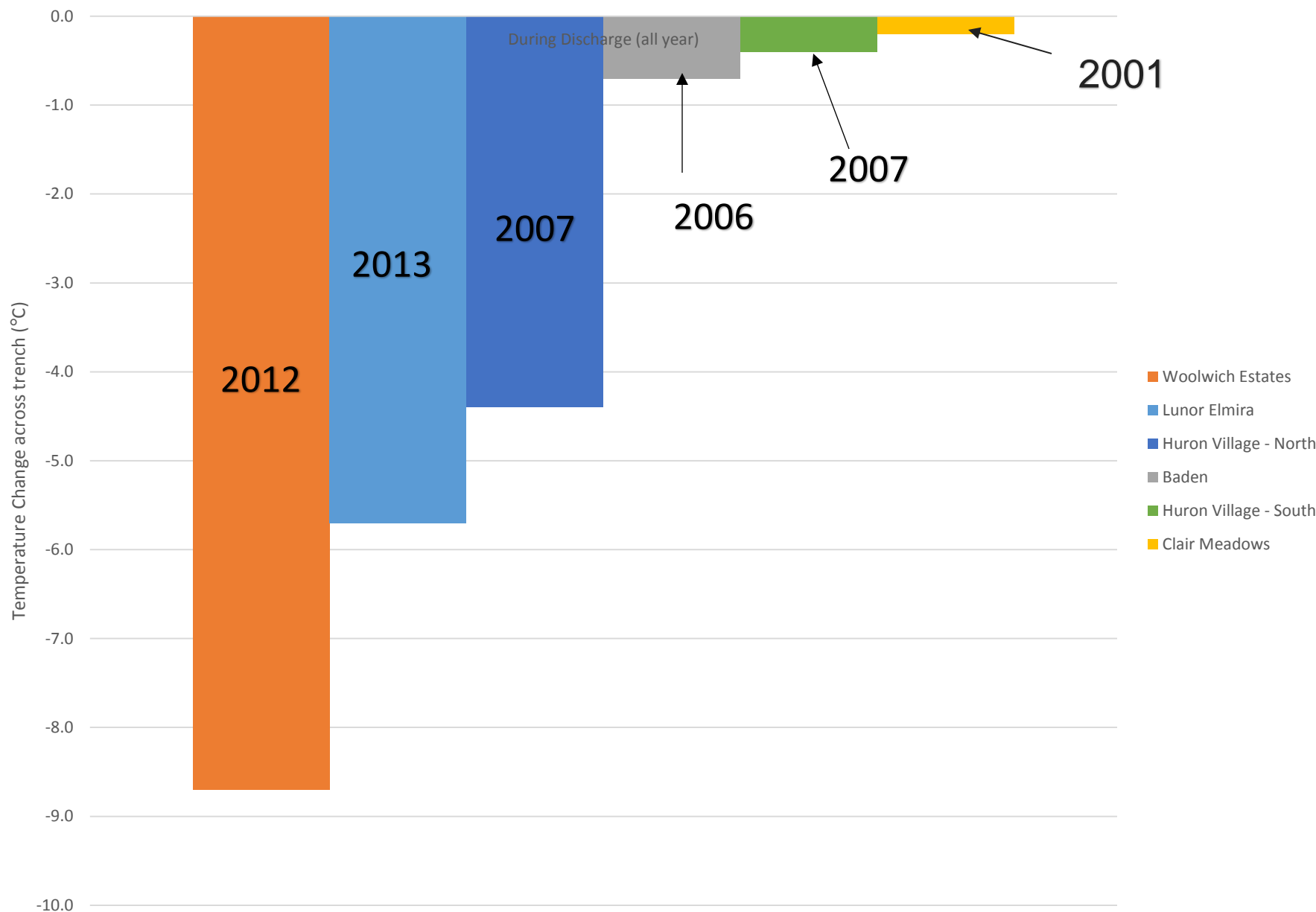
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SECTION 'B'-'B'
TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION

Cooling Trench Results - Average Temperature Change across Trench (2017)



What Have We Found?

- Groundwater
 - Effective
- Outlet design of pond
 - Bottom draw outlet may also contribute to cooling
- Residence time/flow path
 - Longer flow path = longer residence time = cooler temp
- Cost
 - More money = less problems = cooler temps (to a point)

Next Steps

Where Next?

Next Steps

- Low Impact Development (LID) – treat at-source is preferred
- MOECC Design Guidelines (20XX?)
- Multi-component approach is probably best
- Is there a place for cooling trenches?



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