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The attached was drafted by Jim Kennedy in February 2011 to describe the supplemental modeling conducted for the Cretaceous and Claiborne aquifers. The modeling evaluated sensitivity to baseline groundwater withdrawals and then developed sustainable yield models for the two aquifers calibrated using 2010 baseline groundwater withdrawals.

The attached was distributed to ABCs for use with Councils whose water sources include the Cretaceous and Claiborne aquifers.

2010 Sustainable Yield Modeling of the Claiborne and Cretaceous Aquifers

Modeling of ranges of sustainable yield for prioritized aquifers in Georgia was completed in 2009. The modeled sustainable yield ranges and baseline groundwater withdrawals available at the time of modeling were:

- Upper Floridan aquifer in south-central Georgia: 622 to 836 million gallons per day (mgd) from a baseline of 329 mgd
- Upper Floridan aquifer in south-central Georgia and the eastern Coastal Plain: 868 to 982 mgd from a baseline of 475 mgd
- Claiborne aquifer: 100 to 250 mgd from a baseline of 67 mgd
- Cretaceous aquifer between the cities of Macon and Augusta: 198 to 201 mgd from a baseline of 124 mgd

The 2009 sustainable yield models were calibrated using the baseline withdrawals available at the time of modeling. Updated information on baseline withdrawals became available during 2010. The updated 2010 baseline withdrawals were close to the 2009 baseline withdrawals for the Upper Floridan aquifer and were higher than the 2009 baseline withdrawals for the Claiborne and Cretaceous aquifers.

Sensitivity of the sustainable yield ranges of the Claiborne and Cretaceous aquifers to baseline groundwater withdrawals was tested by doing initial calibrations of the aquifer models to the 2010 baseline withdrawals and running the 2009 sustainable yield simulations. With the initial calibration to 2010 baseline withdrawals simulated groundwater level drawdowns were much smaller than the sustainable yield metric of 30 feet simulated in the 2009 models. Sustainable yield models of the Claiborne and Cretaceous aquifers were sensitive to the baseline groundwater withdrawals used for model calibration.

Sustainable yield models for the Claiborne and Cretaceous aquifers were calibrated to the 2010 baseline withdrawals by:

- Increasing baseline groundwater withdrawals from 67 to 93 mgd in the Claiborne aquifer model and from 124 to 219 mgd in the Cretaceous aquifer model
- Increasing aquifer transmissivities so that simulated groundwater levels reasonably matched measured groundwater levels at the 2010 baseline groundwater withdrawals
- Increasing the length of streams allowing recharge from groundwater contributions to stream baseflow, and increasing recharge from rainfall in aquifer outcrop areas, so that calibrated aquifer transmissivities could be kept within the range of aquifer transmissivities reported in literature

Calibration to 2010 baseline groundwater withdrawals resulted in the following sustainable yield ranges:

- Claiborne aquifer: 140 to 635 mgd

- Cretaceous aquifer: 347 to 445 mgd

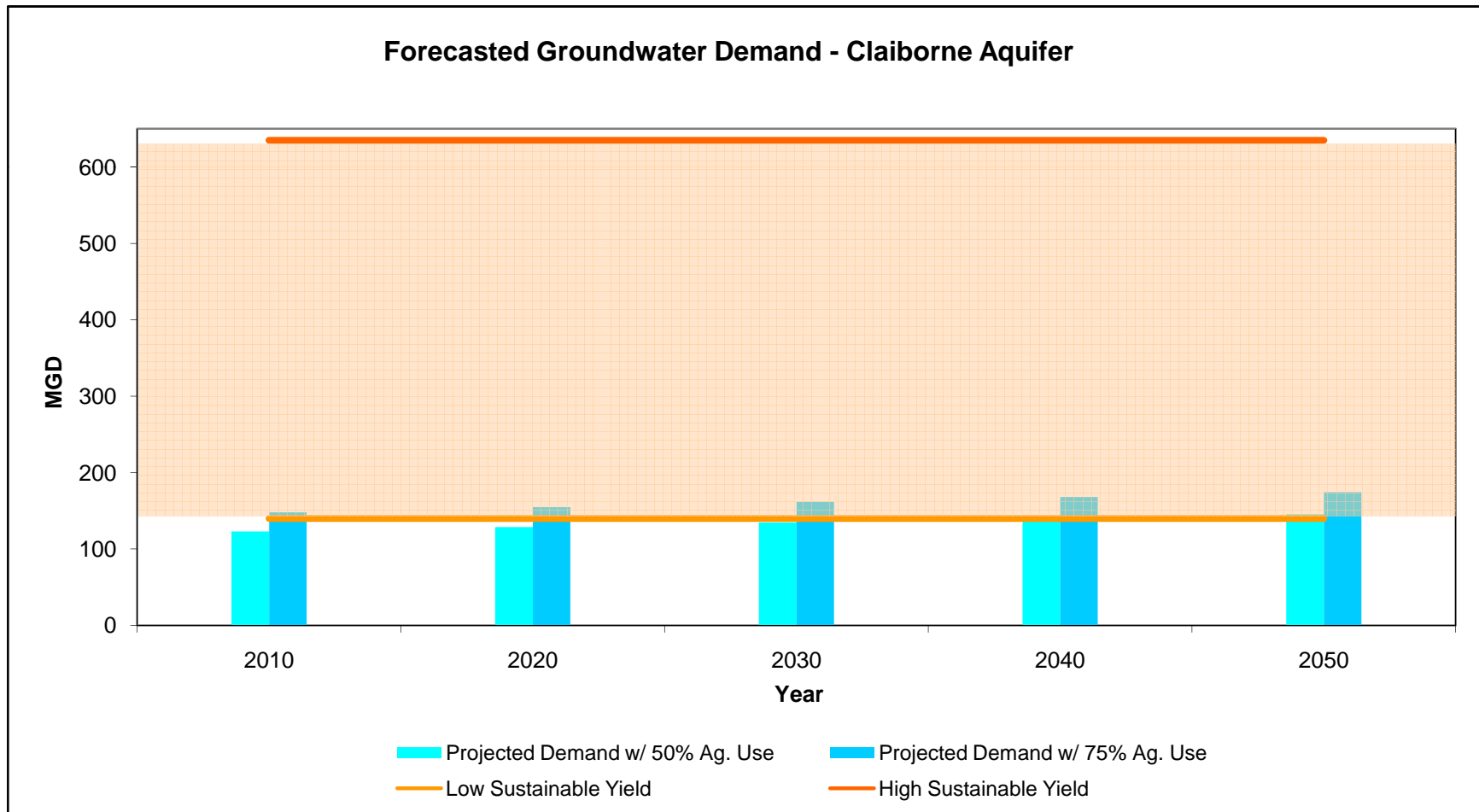
The lower ends of the 2009 sustainable yield ranges were 33 mgd higher than the 2009 baseline withdrawal for the Claiborne aquifer and 74 mgd higher than the 2009 baseline withdrawal for the Cretaceous aquifer. The lower ends of the 2010 sustainable yield ranges were 47 mgd higher than the 2010 baseline withdrawal for the Claiborne aquifer and 128 mgd higher than the 2010 baseline withdrawal for the Cretaceous aquifer. The differences between the lower ends of the sustainable yield ranges and baseline withdrawals increased from the 2009 models to the 2010 models:

- Claiborne aquifer: $47 \text{ mgd} - 33 \text{ mgd} = 14 \text{ mgd}$
- Cretaceous aquifer: $128 \text{ mgd} - 74 \text{ mgd} = 54 \text{ mgd}$

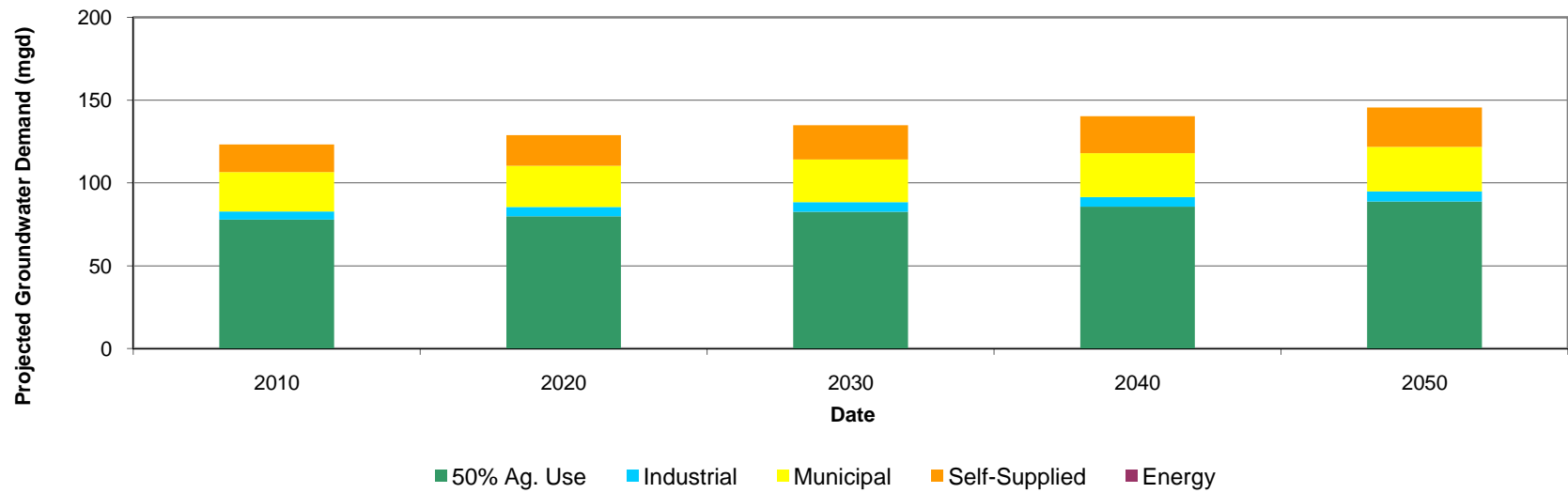
The percentage increases of the 2010 model differences above the 2009 model differences were about 42% ($14 \text{ mgd}/33 \text{ mgd} = 42.2\%$) for the Claiborne aquifer and 73% for the Cretaceous aquifer.

Claiborne Aquifer

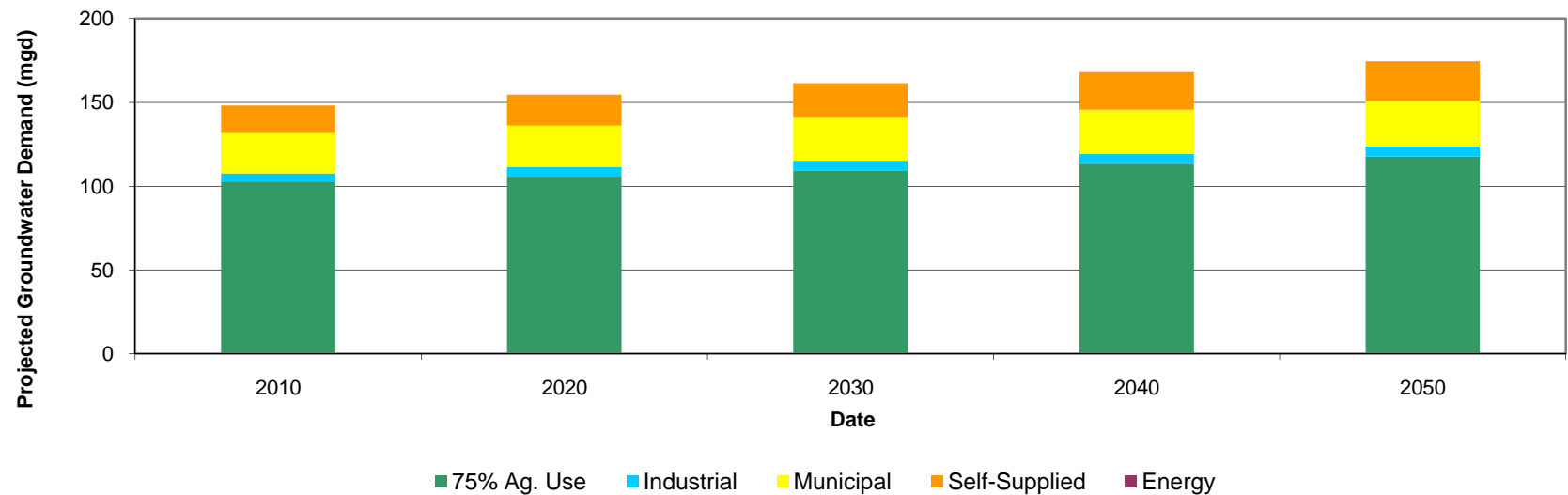
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			Agricultural Use		Municipal	Industrial	Self-Supplied	Energy	50% Ag.	75% Ag.
	Low	High	50%	75%						
2010	140	635	77.80	102.79	23.89	4.92	16.53	0.00	123.14	148.13
2020	140	635	79.94	105.70	24.78	5.61	18.56	0.00	128.89	154.65
2030	140	635	82.65	109.37	25.70	5.79	20.63	0.00	134.77	161.49
2040	140	635	85.61	113.37	26.41	5.93	22.30	0.00	140.25	168.01
2050	140	635	88.83	117.74	26.95	6.08	23.68	0.00	145.54	174.45



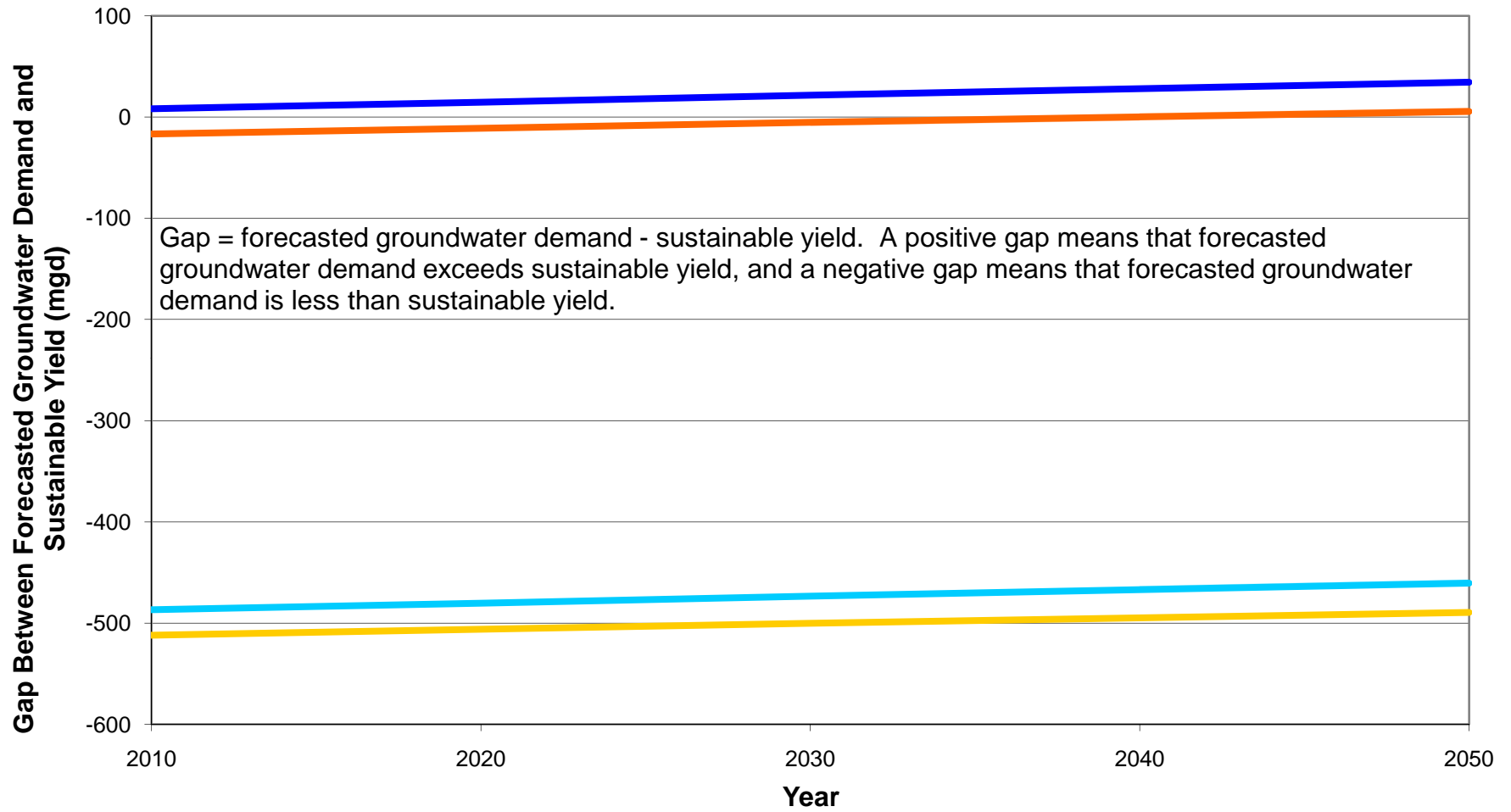
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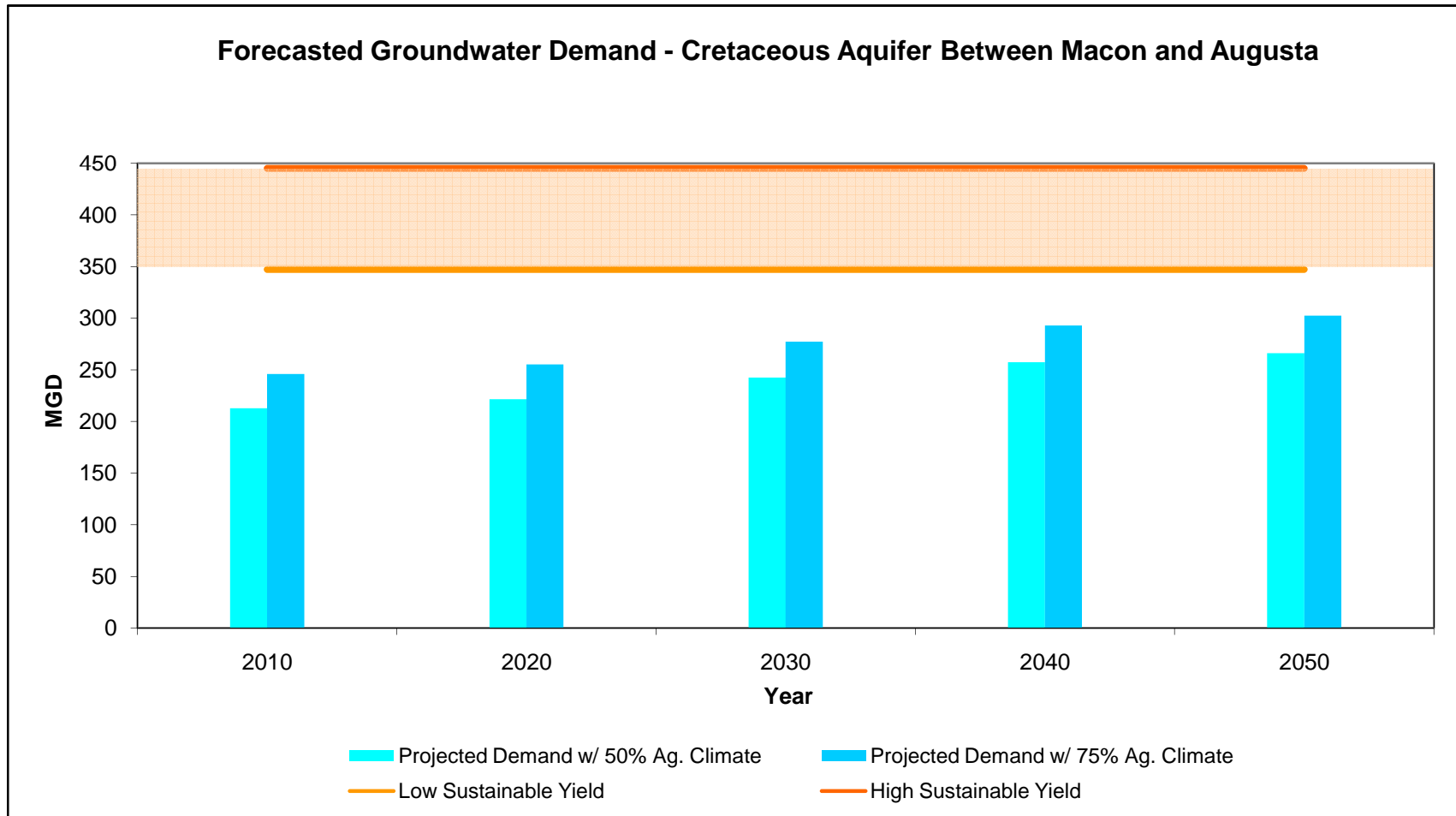
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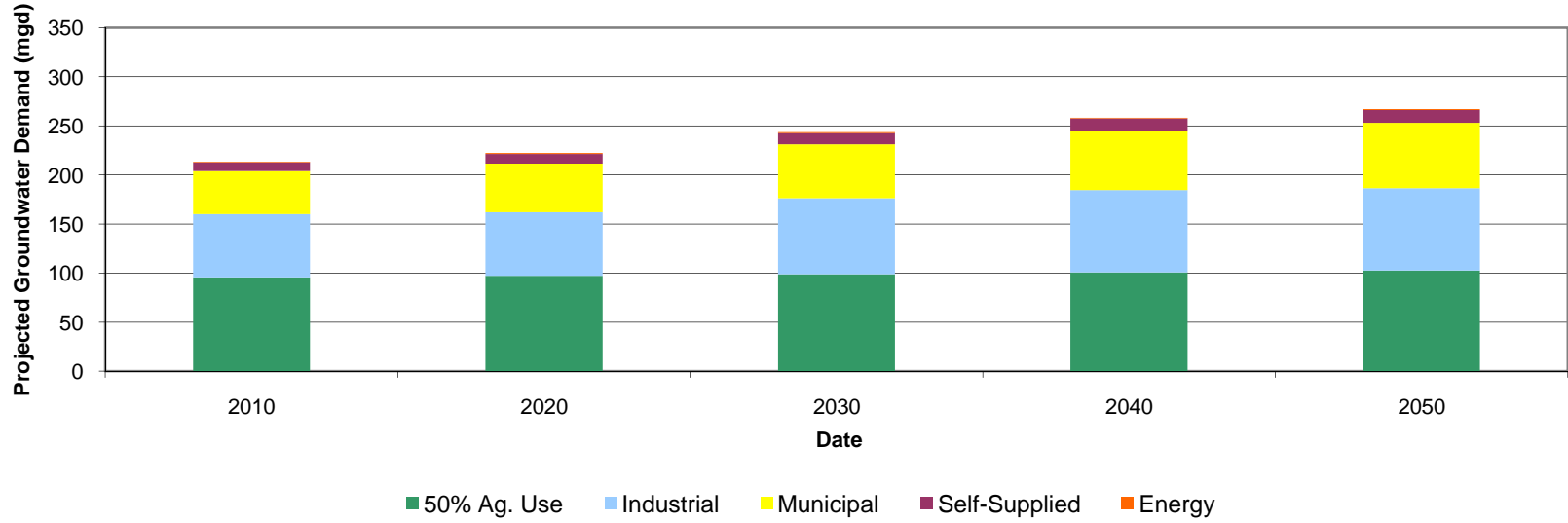
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Cretaceous Aquifer Between Macon and Augusta

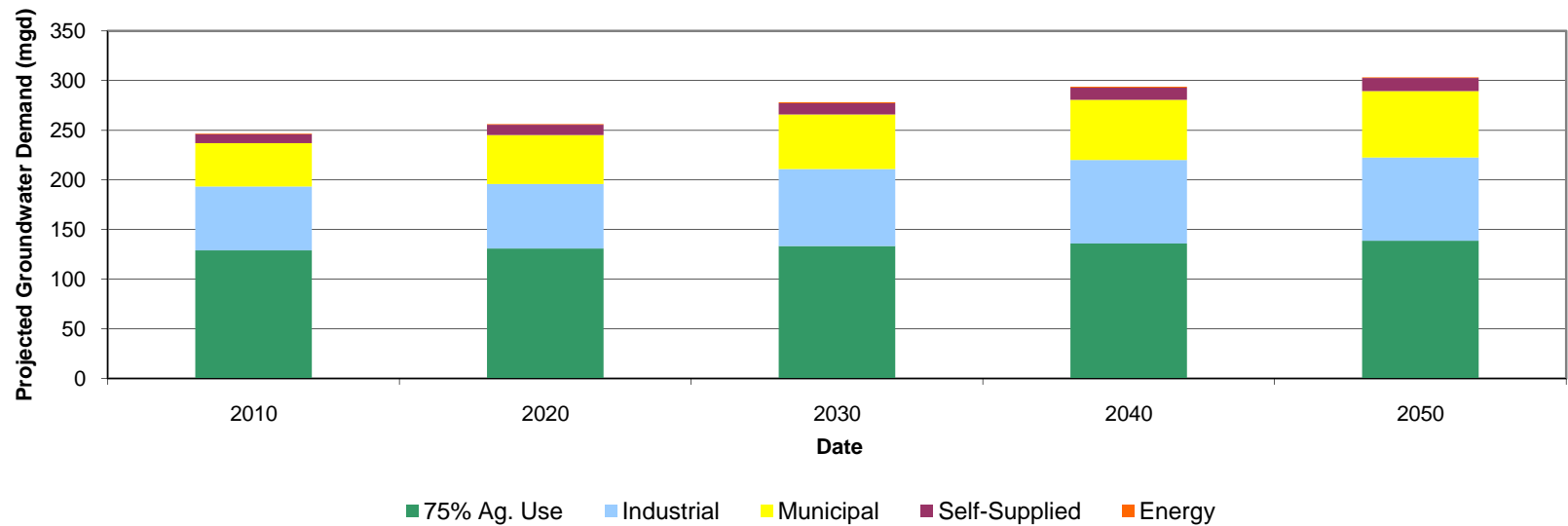
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2010	347	445	0.84	95.69	128.97	43.84	64.25	8.95	212.73	246.01
2020	347	445	0.84	97.09	130.96	49.37	64.94	10.11	221.51	255.38
2030	347	445	0.84	98.78	133.38	55.13	77.46	11.26	242.64	277.24
2040	347	445	0.84	100.62	136.02	60.64	83.95	12.25	257.45	292.85
2050	347	445	0.84	102.63	138.89	66.65	83.72	13.22	266.22	302.48



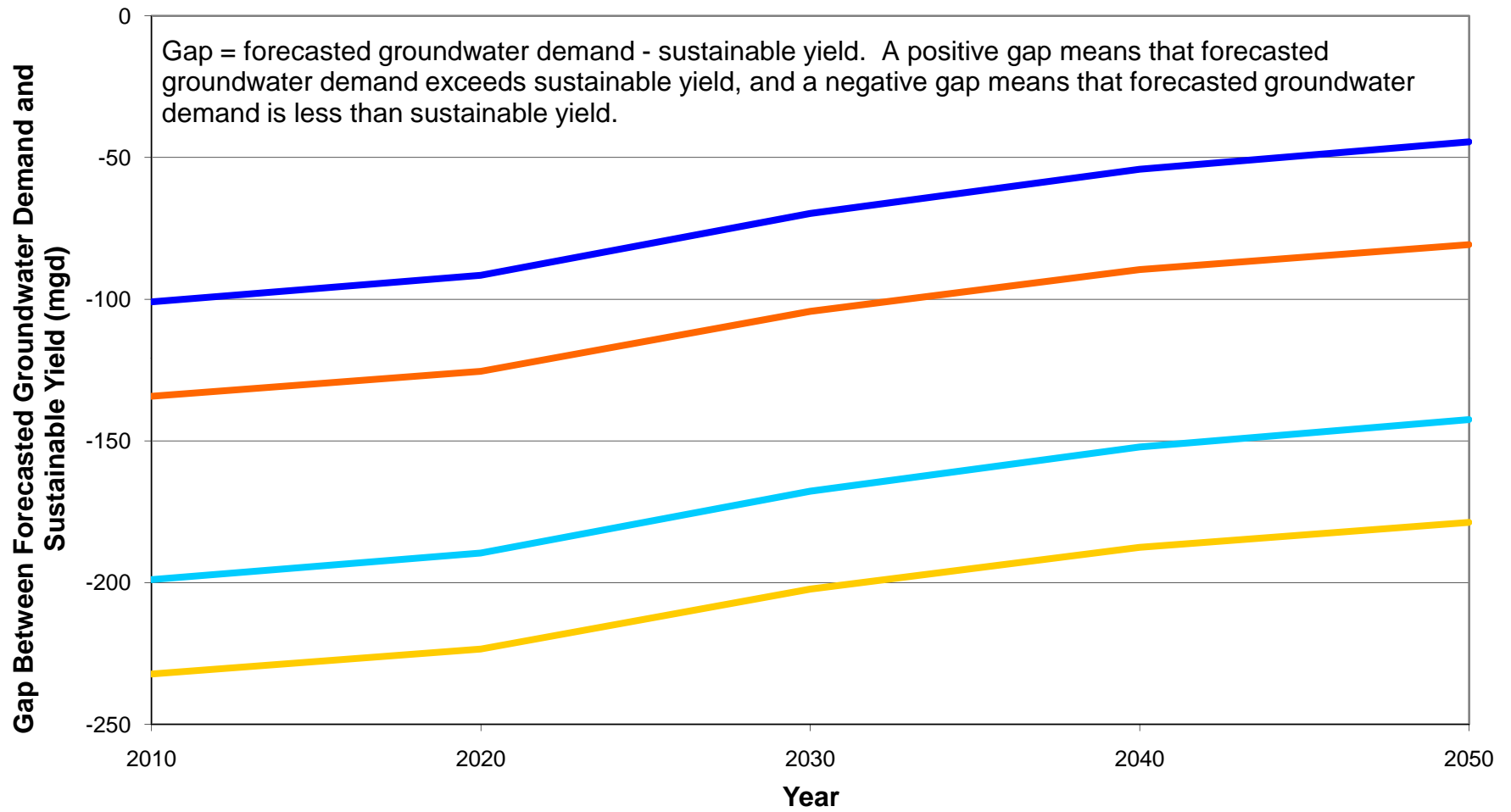
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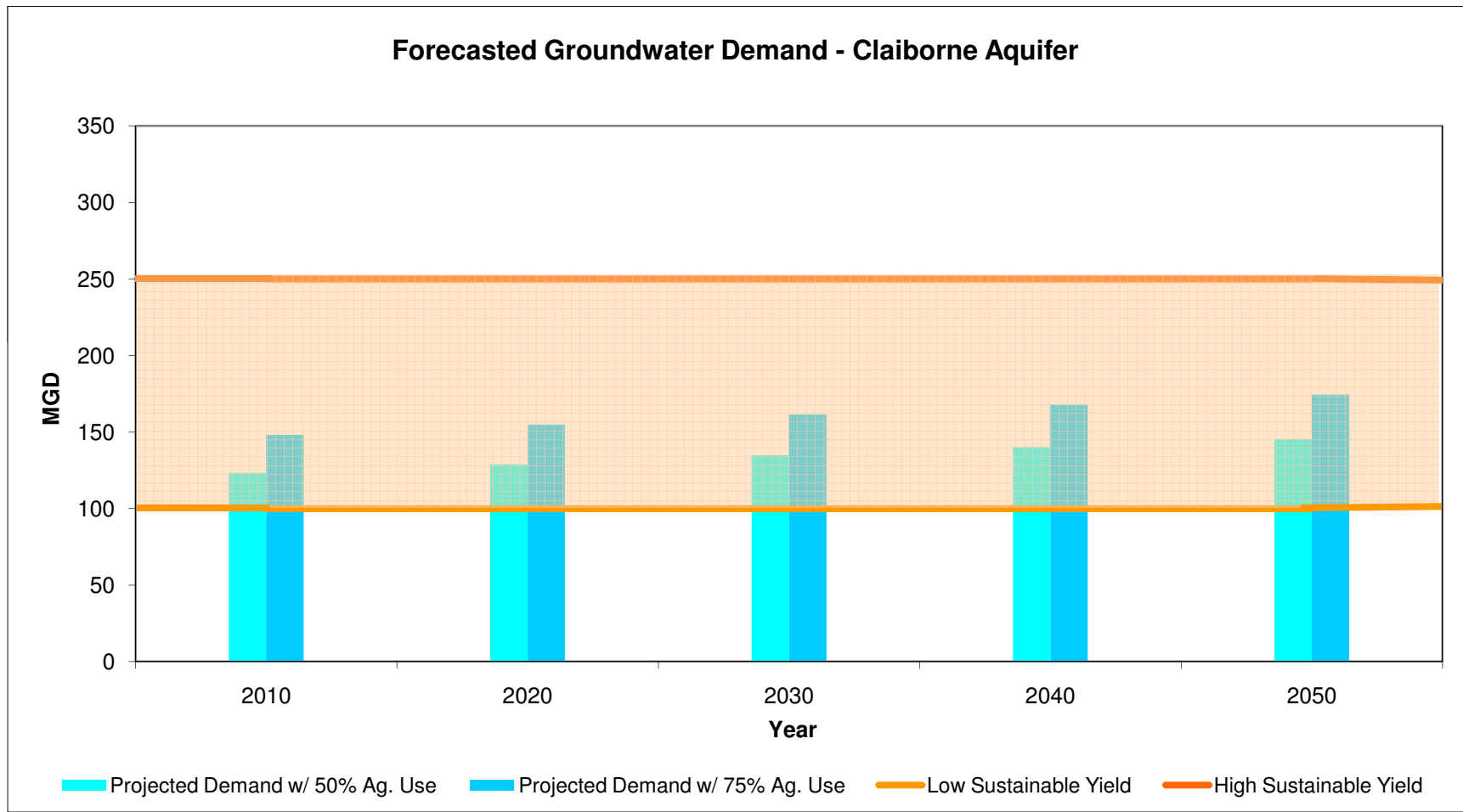
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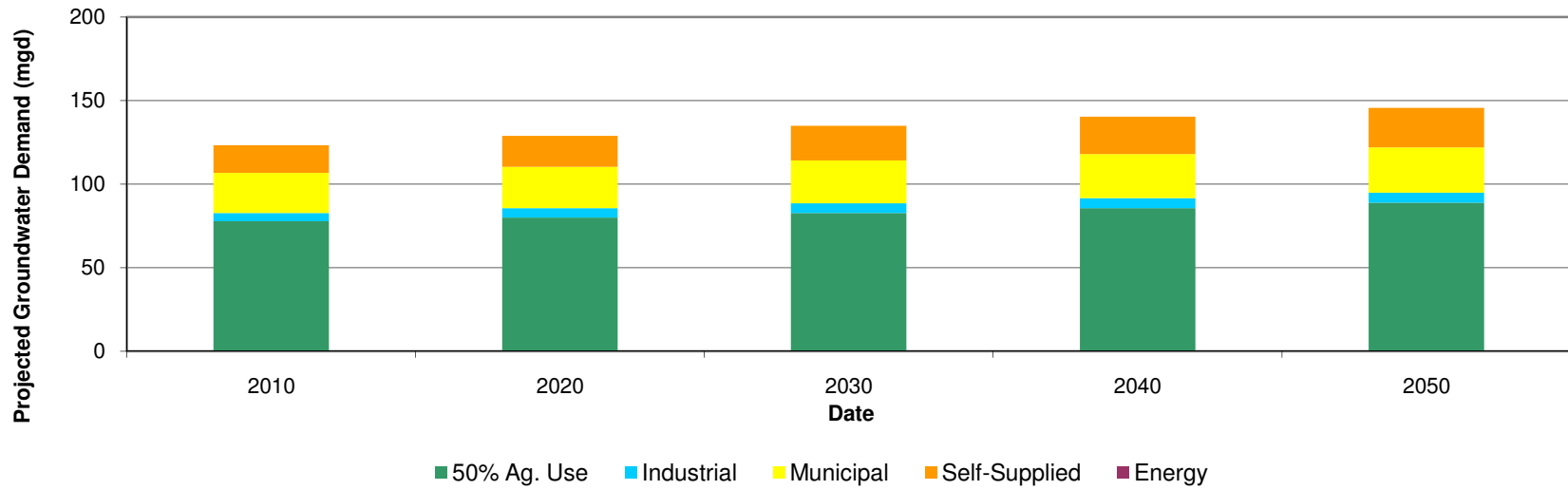
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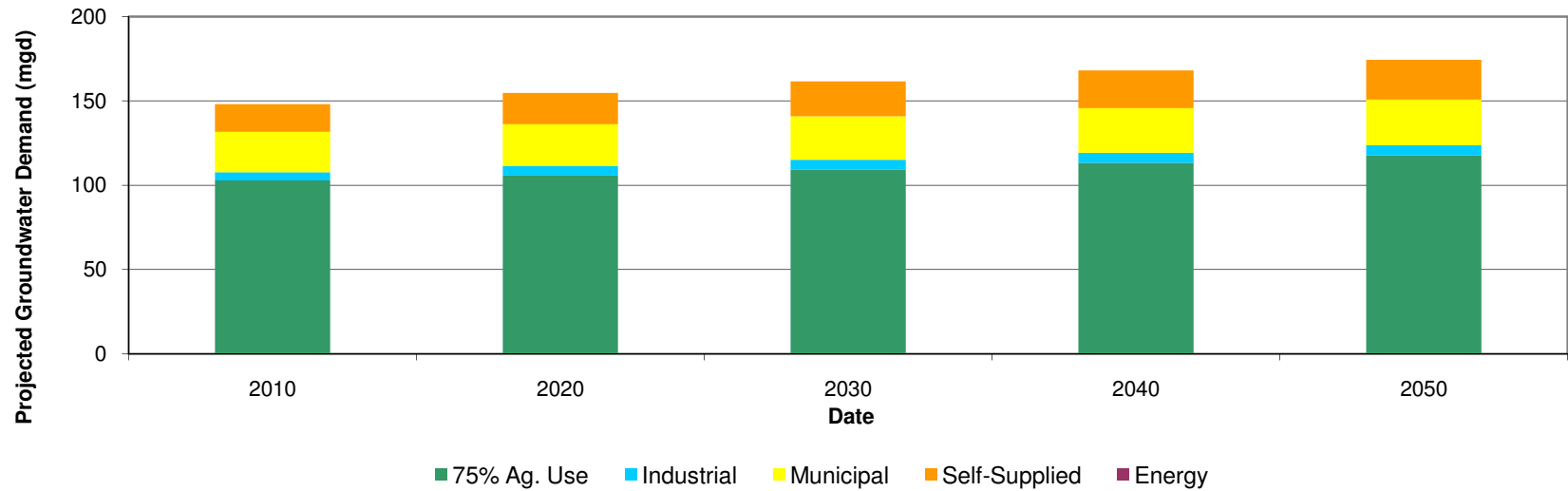
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	Low	High	50%	75%						
2010	100	250	77.80	102.79	23.89	4.92	16.53	0.00	123.14	148.13
2020	100	250	79.94	105.70	24.78	5.61	18.56	0.00	128.89	154.65
2030	100	250	82.65	109.37	25.70	5.79	20.63	0.00	134.77	161.49
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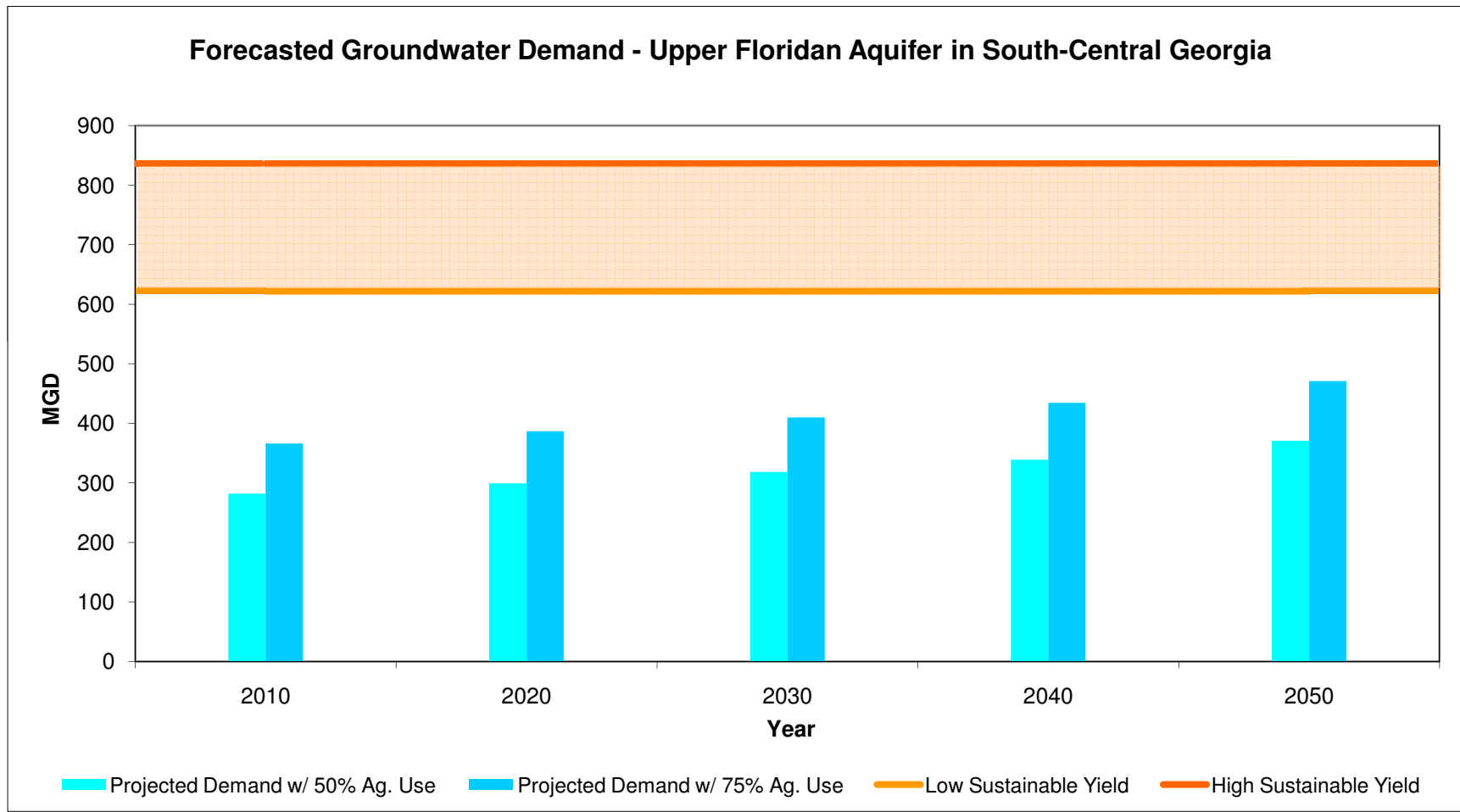


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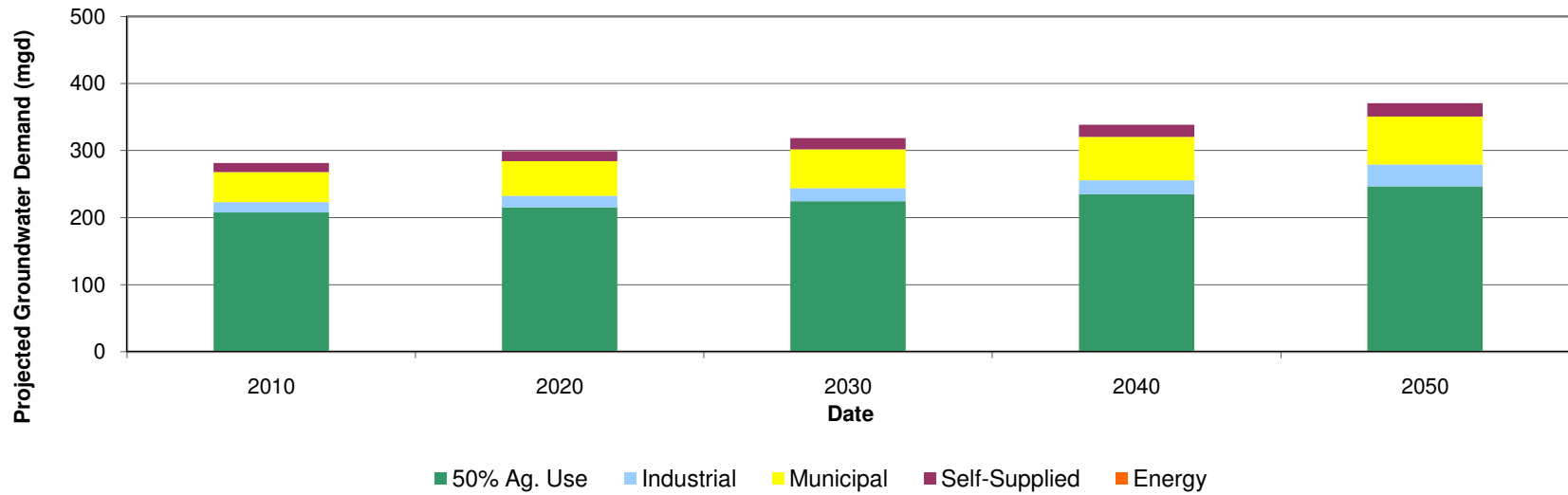


Upper Floridan Aquifer in South-Central Georgia

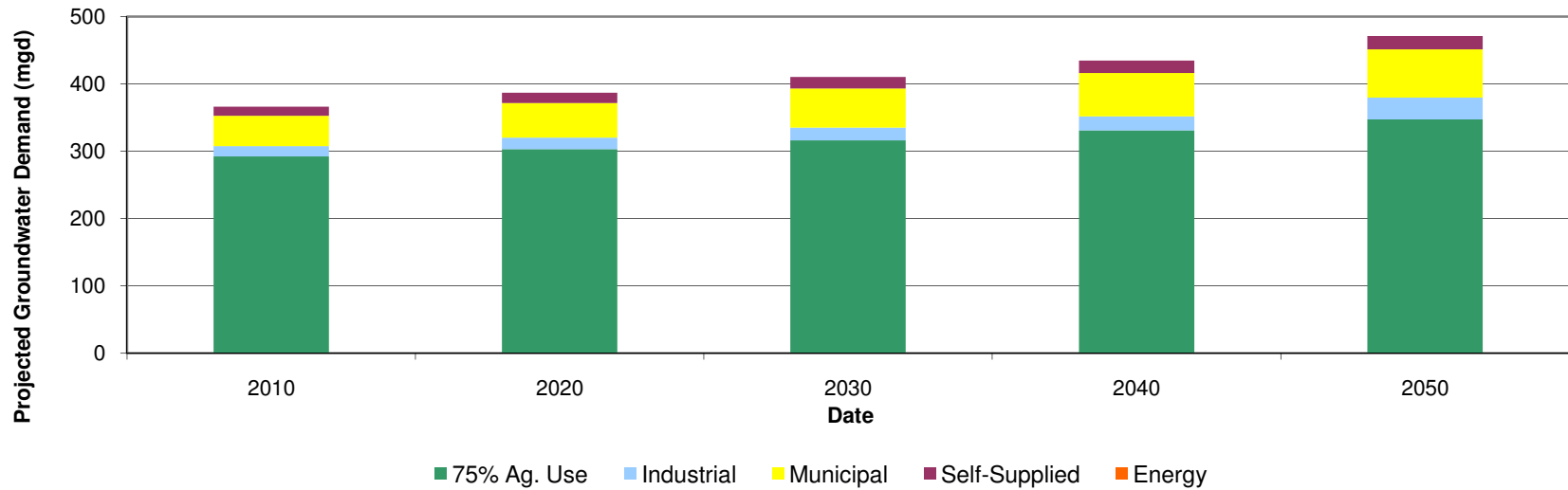
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	Low	High	50%	75%						
2010	622	836	207.67	292.36	45.23	15.14	13.56	0.00	281.60	366.29
2020	622	836	215.13	302.90	51.37	17.40	15.11	0.00	299.00	386.77
2030	622	836	224.56	316.19	58.04	19.05	16.76	0.00	318.41	410.04
2040	622	836	234.99	330.86	64.66	20.72	18.28	0.00	338.64	434.51
2050	622	836	246.51	347.05	71.63	32.57	19.79	0.00	370.50	471.04



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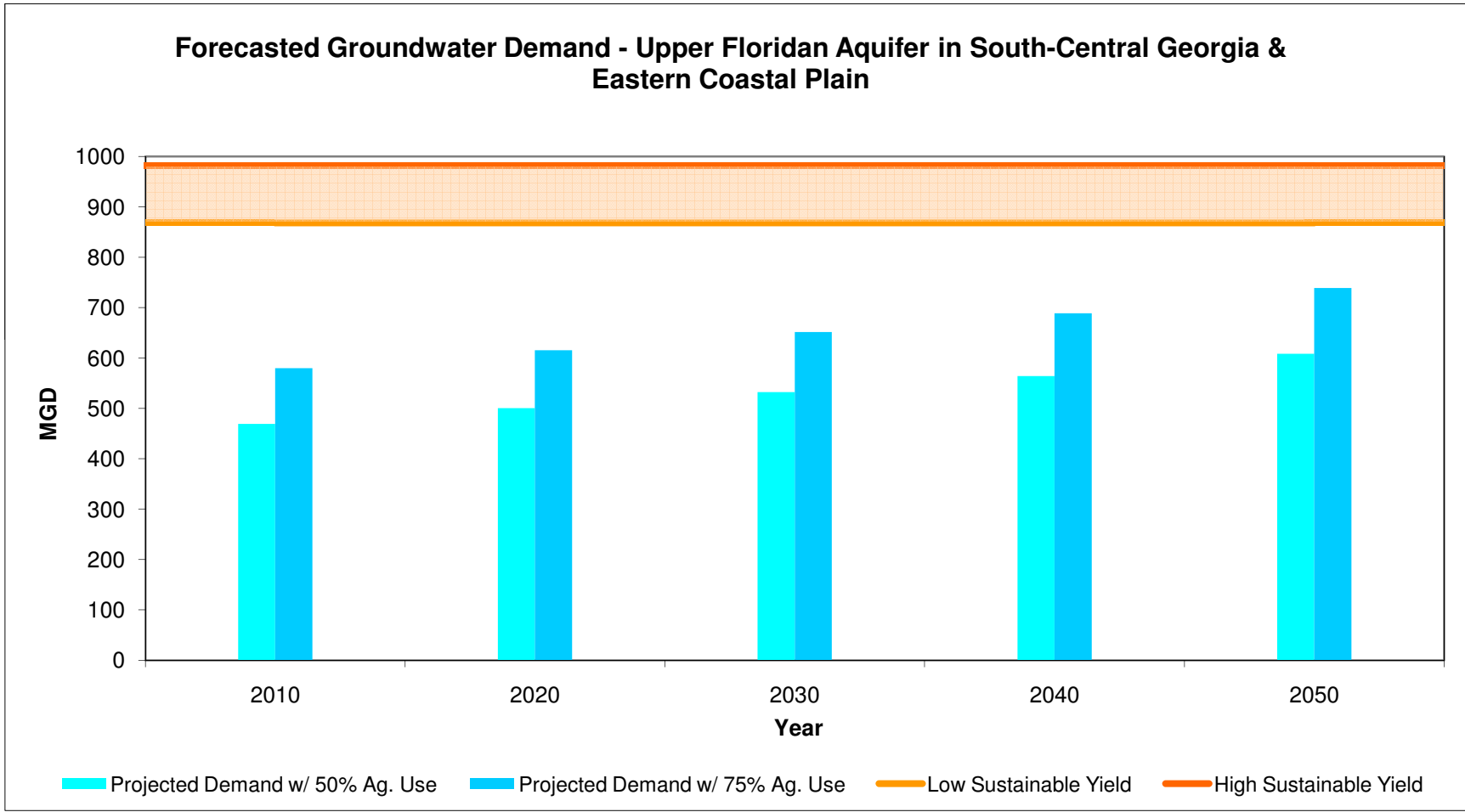


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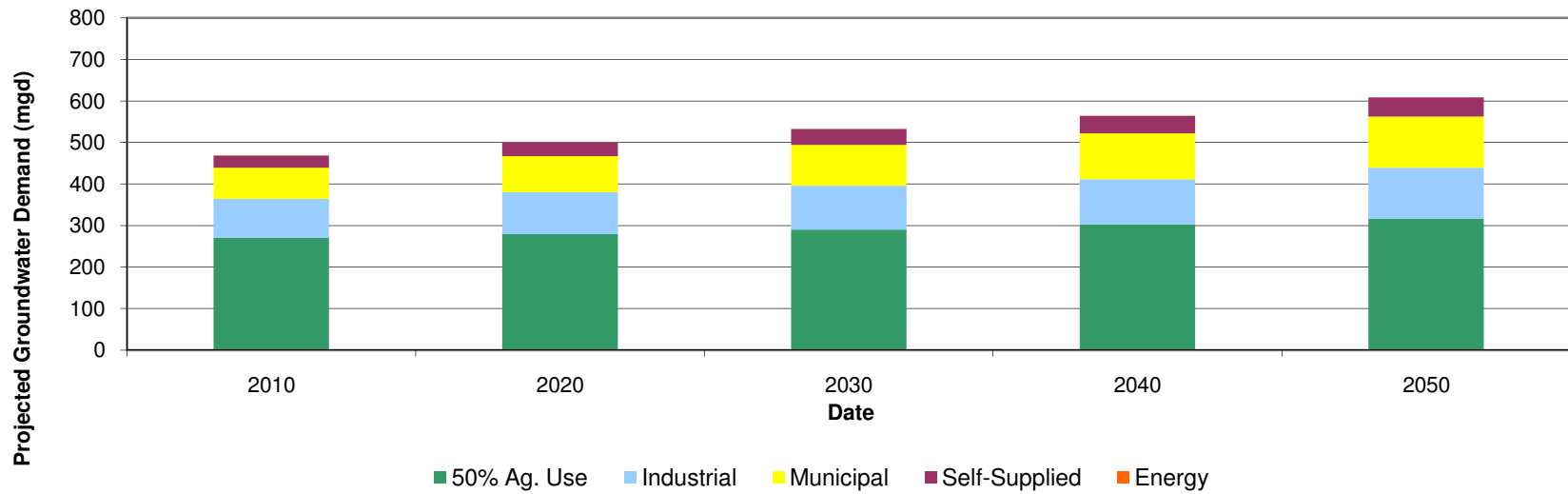


Upper Floridan Aquifer in South-Central Georgia & Eastern Coastal Plain

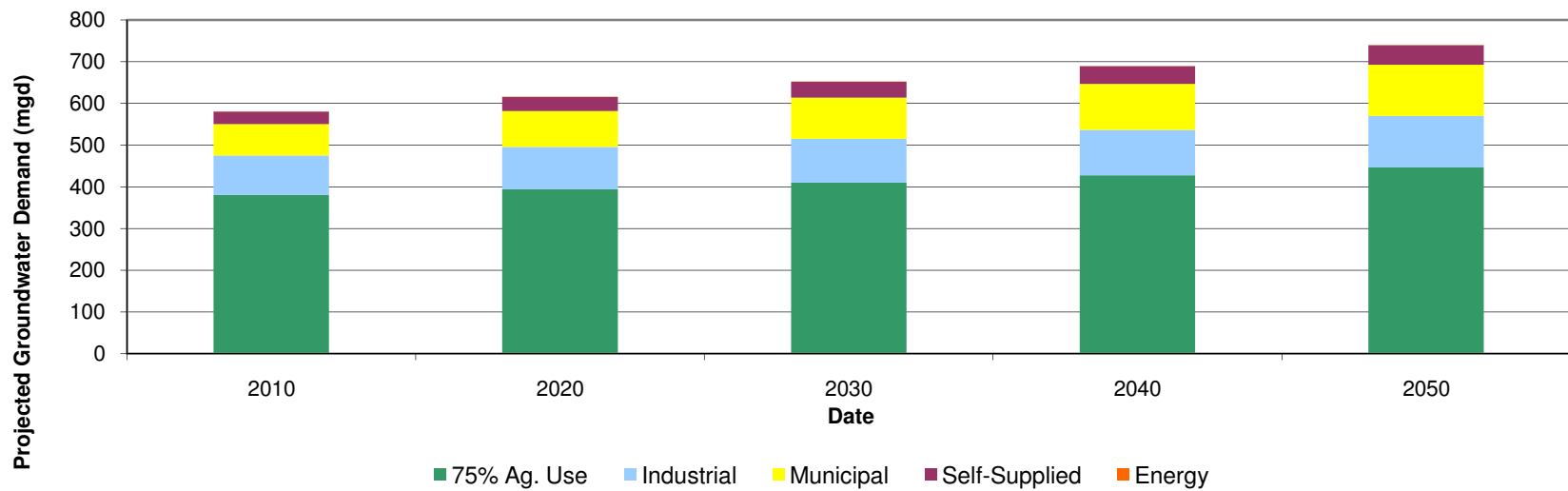
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	Low	High	50%	75%						
2010	868	982	270.20	381.12	75.38	93.85	29.43	0.18	468.85	579.77
2020	868	982	279.01	393.68	86.62	101.49	33.47	0.18	500.59	615.26
2030	868	982	290.27	409.71	98.72	105.42	37.81	0.18	532.23	651.67
2040	868	982	302.74	427.42	110.49	108.88	41.89	0.18	564.00	688.68
2050	868	982	316.53	446.99	123.03	122.73	46.20	0.18	608.49	738.95



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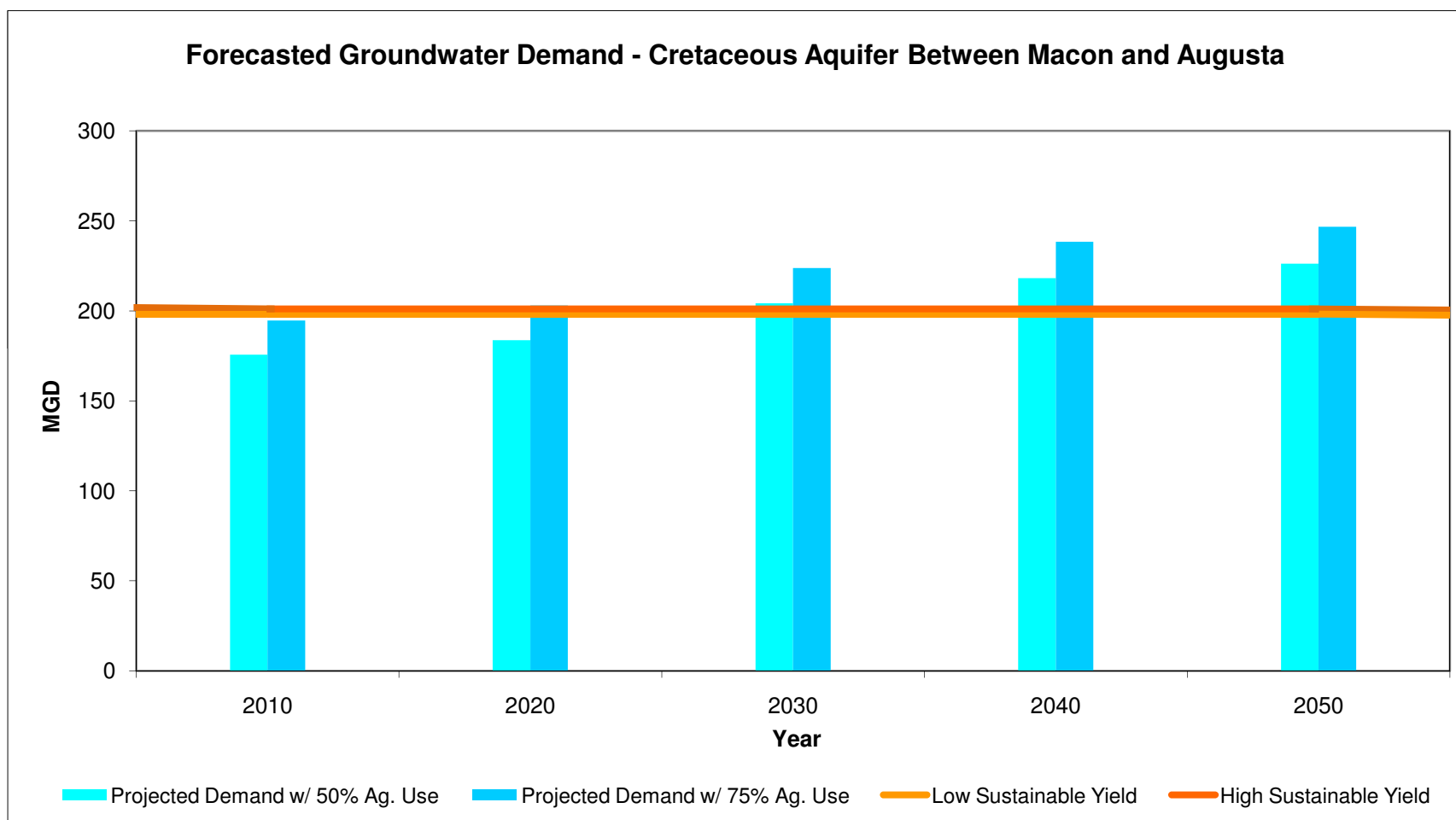


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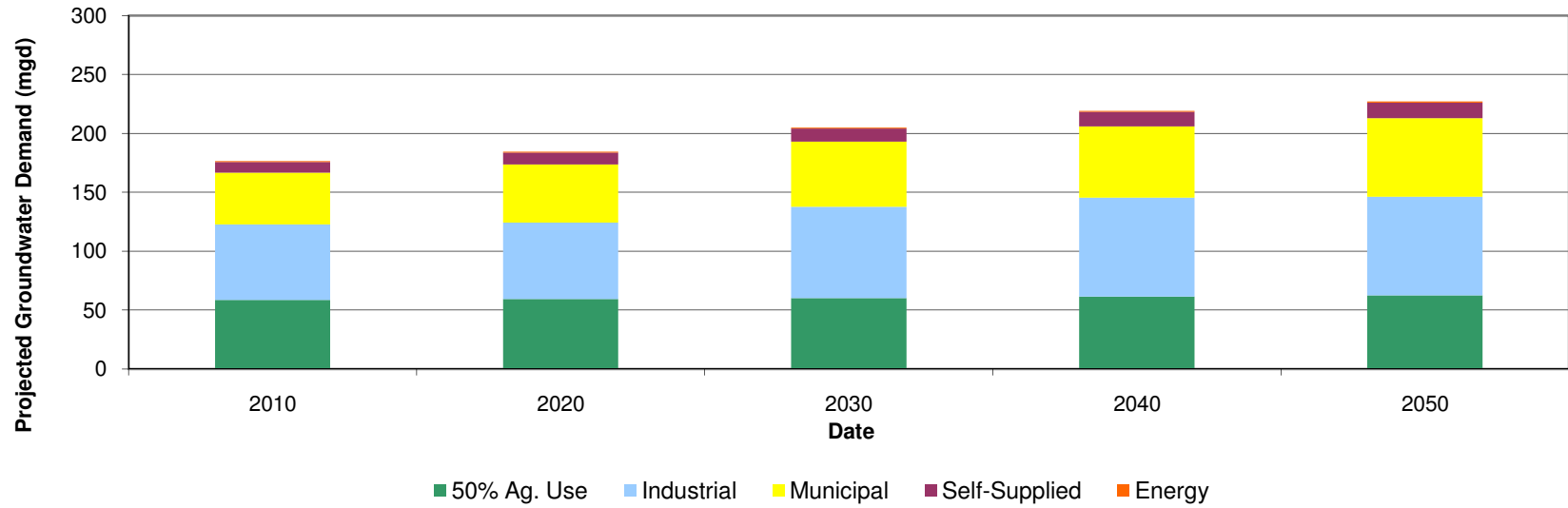


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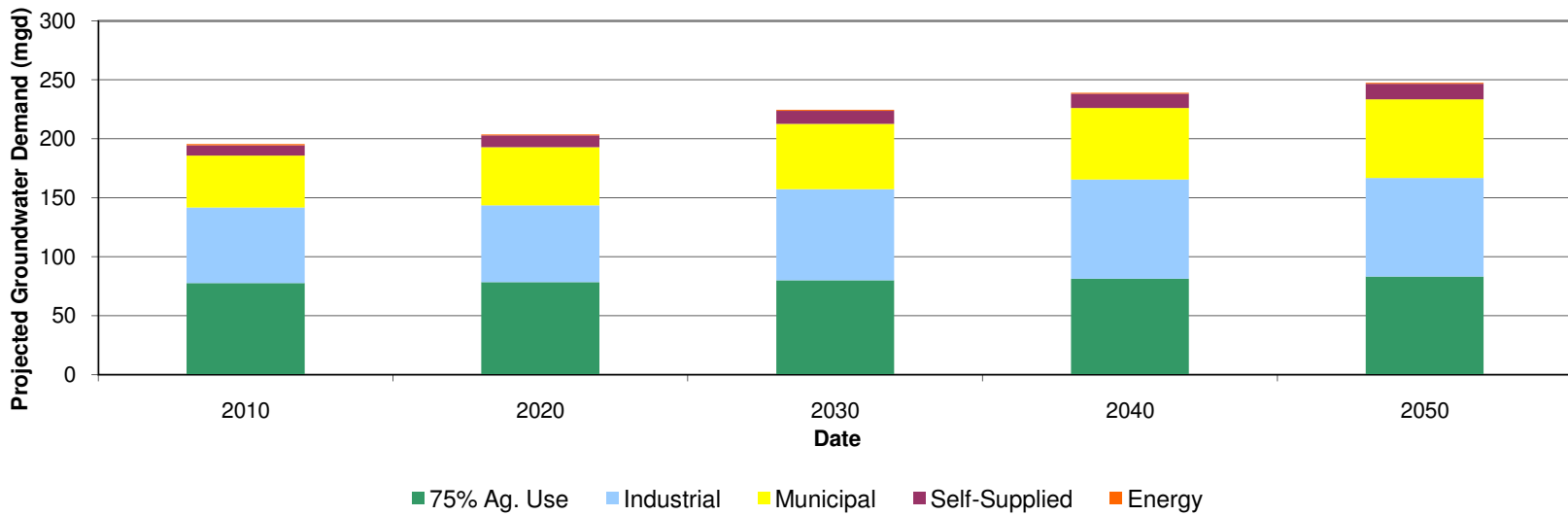
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	Low	High	50%	75%						
2010	198	201	58.54	77.55	43.84	64.25	8.95	0.84	175.58	194.59
2020	198	201	59.26	78.56	49.37	64.94	10.11	0.84	183.68	202.98
2030	198	201	60.26	79.95	55.13	77.46	11.26	0.84	204.12	223.81
2040	198	201	61.35	81.47	60.64	83.95	12.25	0.84	218.18	238.30
2050	198	201	62.54	83.11	66.65	83.72	13.22	0.84	226.13	246.70



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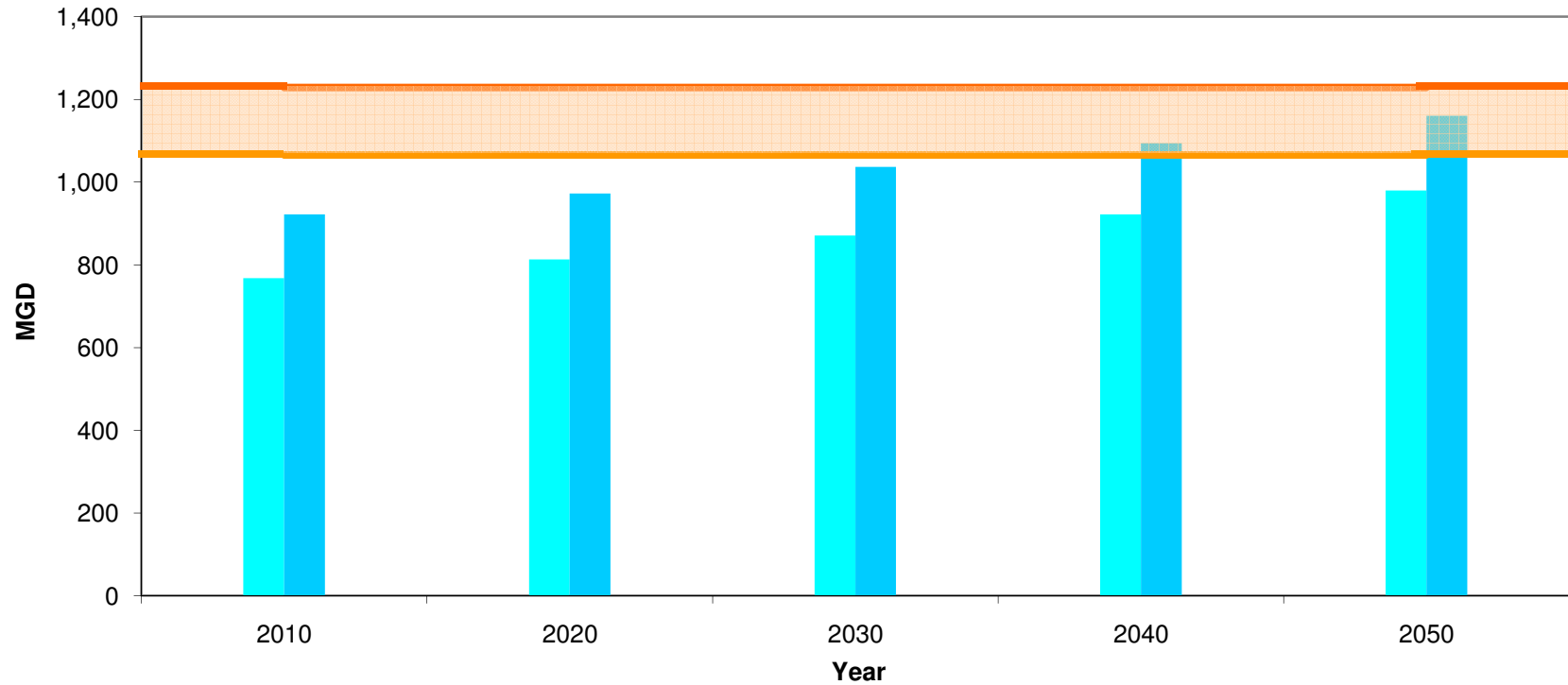
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Combined Coastal Plain Aquifers

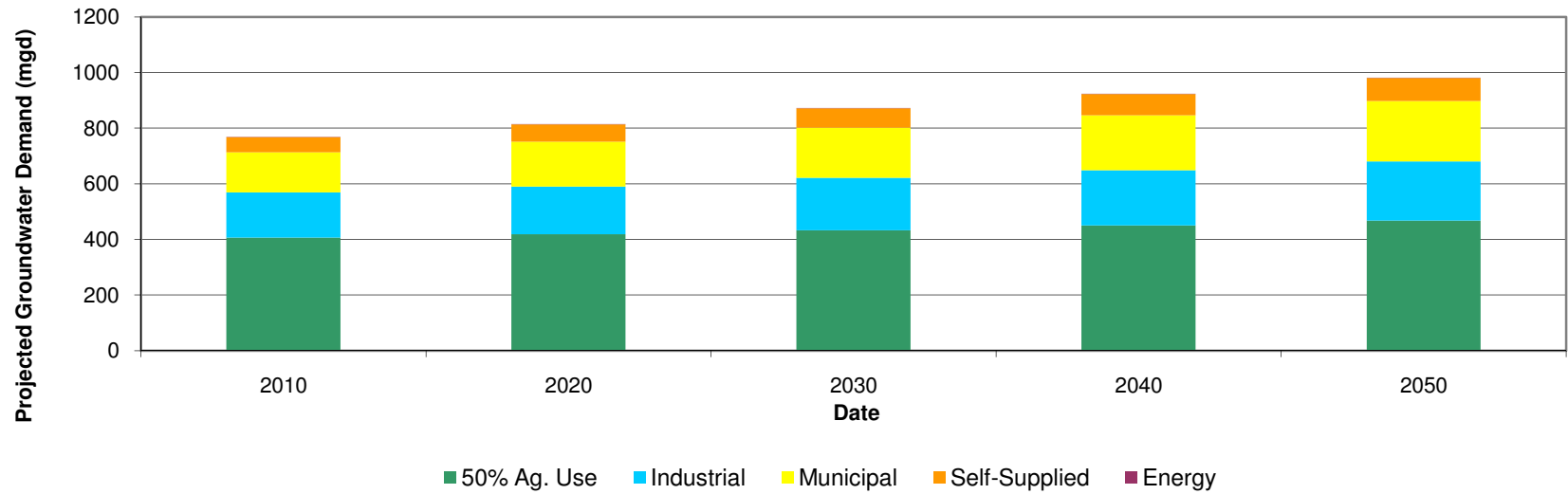
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			Agricultural Use		Municipal	Industrial	Self-Supplied	Energy	50% Ag.	75% Ag.
	Low	High	50%	75%						
2010	1,066	1,229	406.54	561.46	143.11	163.02	54.90	1.02	767.57	922.49
2020	1,066	1,229	418.21	577.94	160.77	172.04	62.14	1.02	813.16	972.89
2030	1,066	1,229	433.18	599.03	179.56	188.67	69.70	1.02	871.11	1036.96
2040	1,066	1,229	449.70	622.26	197.54	198.76	76.43	1.02	922.43	1094.99
2050	1,066	1,229	467.90	647.84	216.63	212.53	83.10	1.02	980.16	1160.10

Forecasted Groundwater Demand - Combined Coastal Plain Aquifers

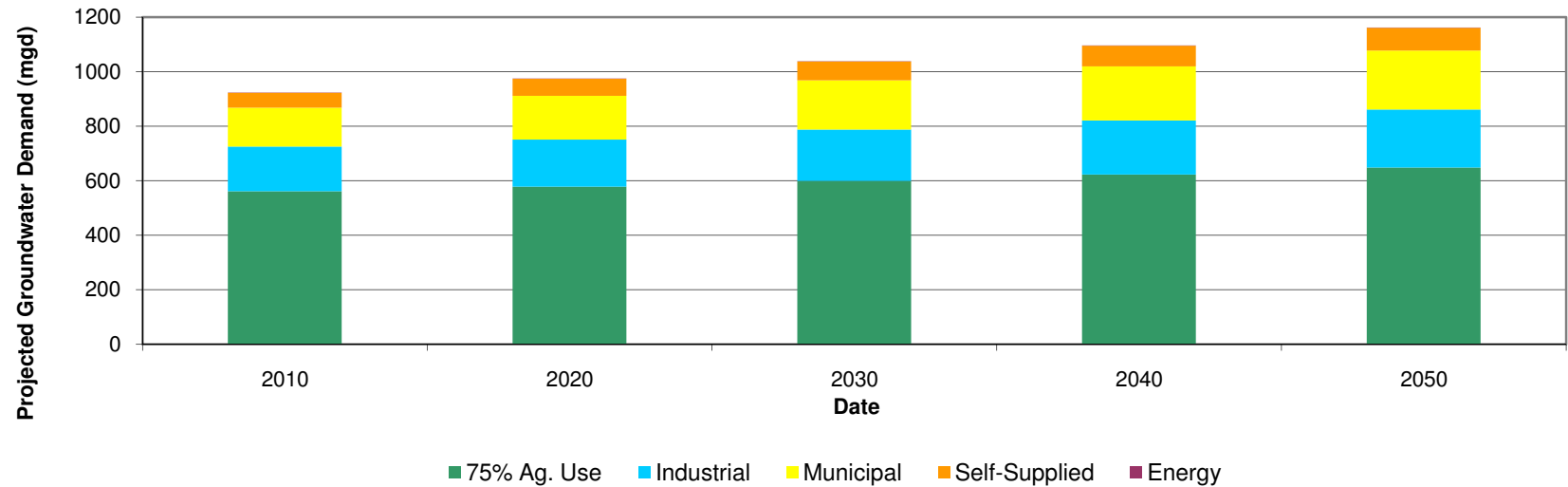


■ Projected Demand w/ 50% Ag. Use
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 — Low Sustainable Yield
 — High Sustainable Yield

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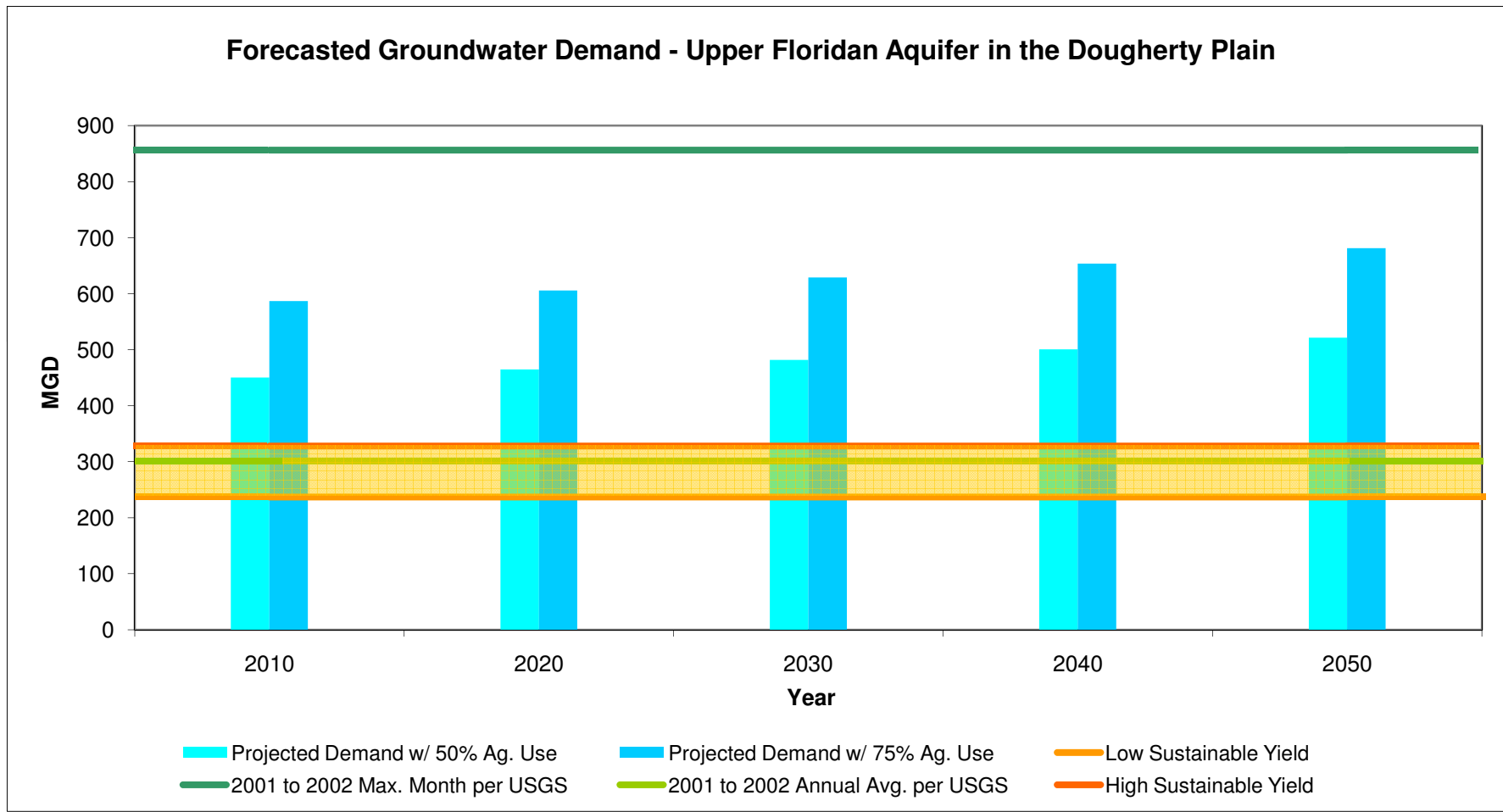


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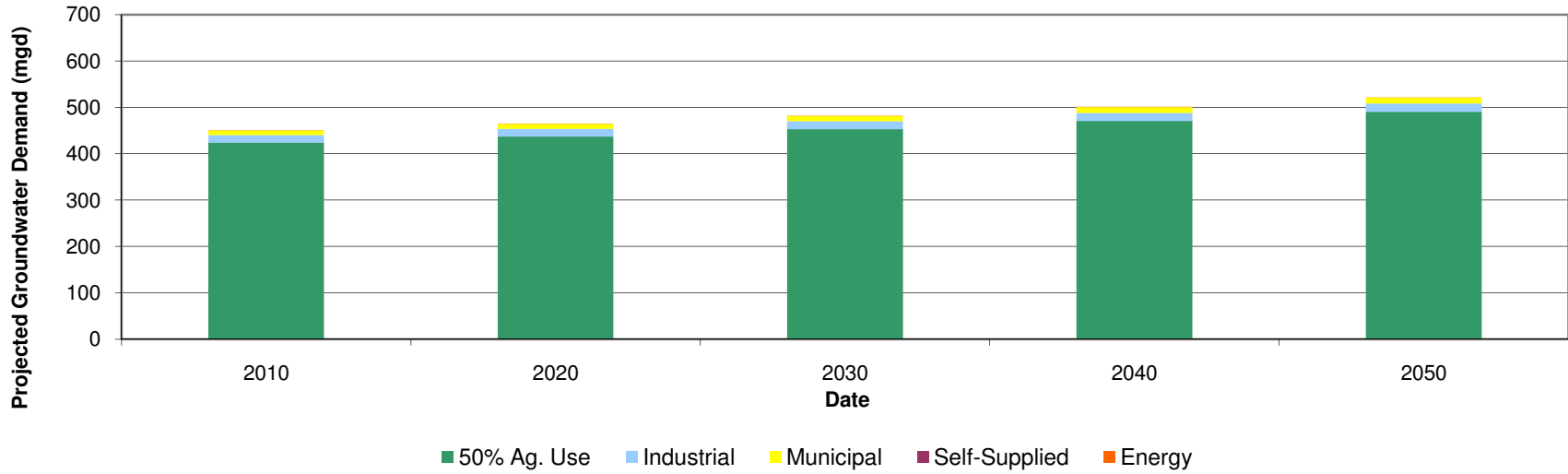


Upper Floridan Aquifer in the Dougherty Plain

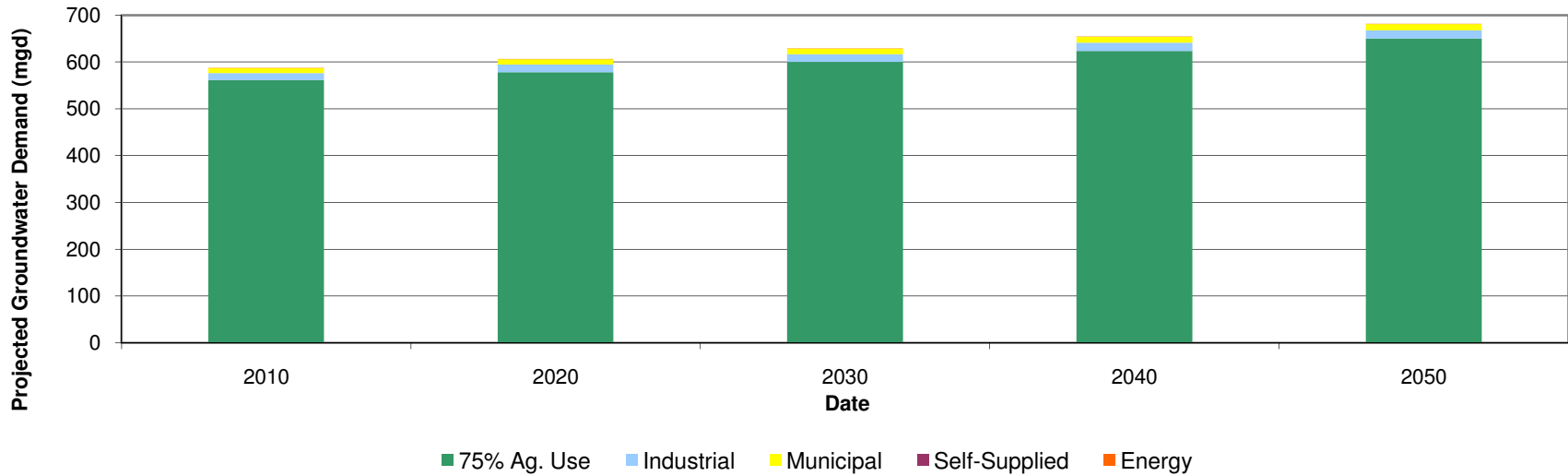
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	Annual Average	Maximum Month			Ag. Use		Municipal	Industrial	Self-Supplied	Energy	50% Ag.	75% Ag.
			50%	75%								
2010	301	856	237	328	424.44	561.06	10.13	15.49	0.00	0.08	450.06	586.68
2020	301	856	237	328	437.04	578.19	11.02	16.49	0.00	0.08	464.55	605.70
2030	301	856	237	328	453.11	599.94	11.79	16.92	0.00	0.08	481.82	628.65
2040	301	856	237	328	470.80	623.86	12.55	17.30	0.00	0.08	500.65	653.71
2050	301	856	237	328	490.27	650.17	13.29	17.68	0.00	0.08	521.24	681.14



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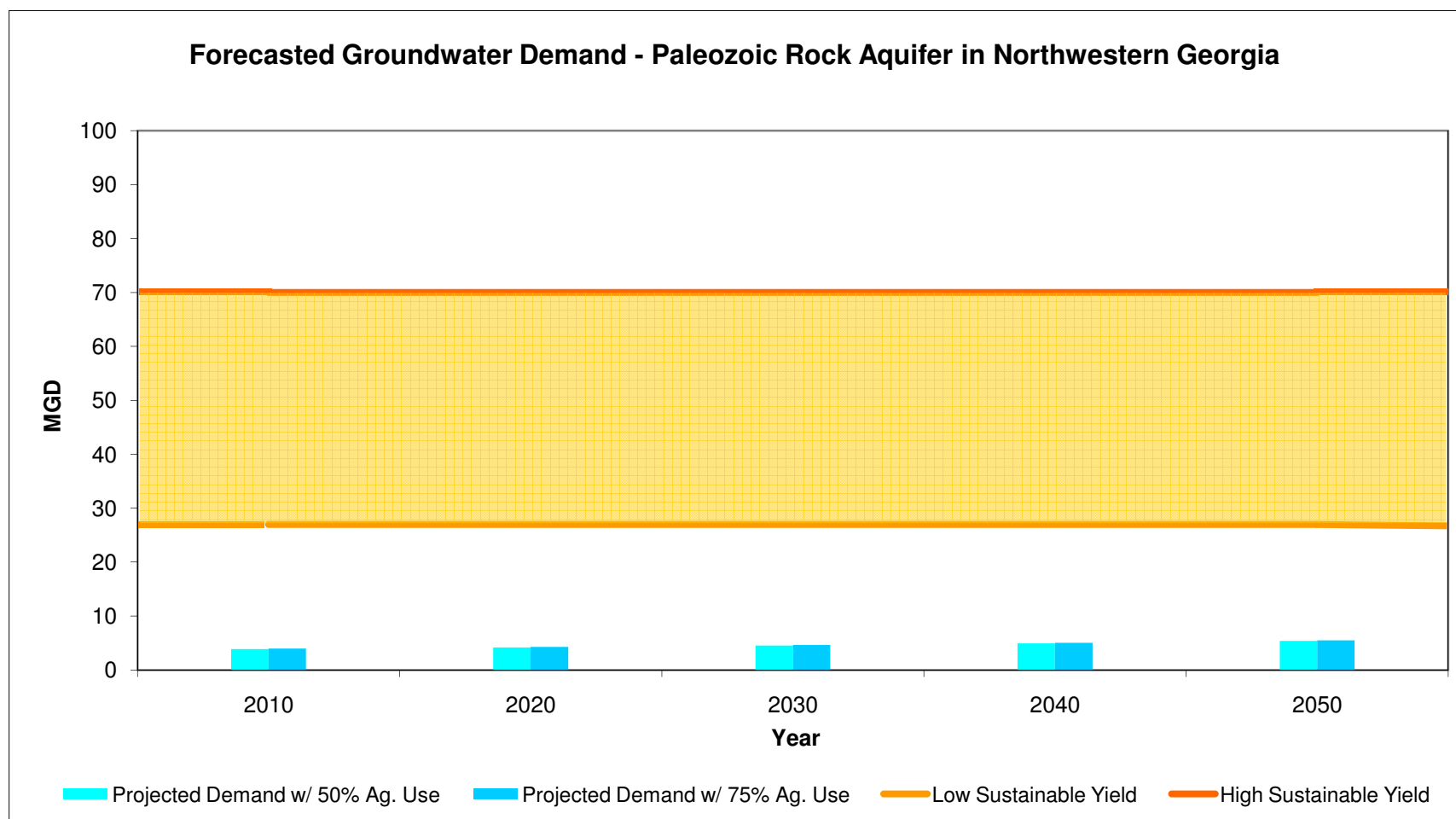


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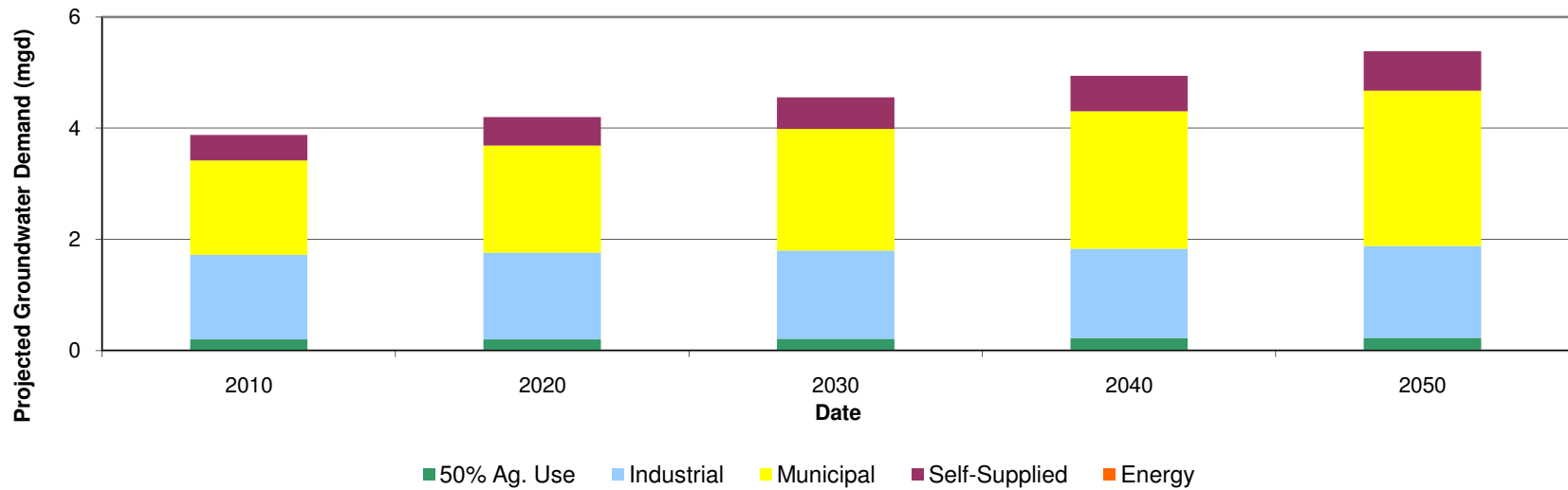


Paleozoic Rock Aquifer in Northwestern Georgia

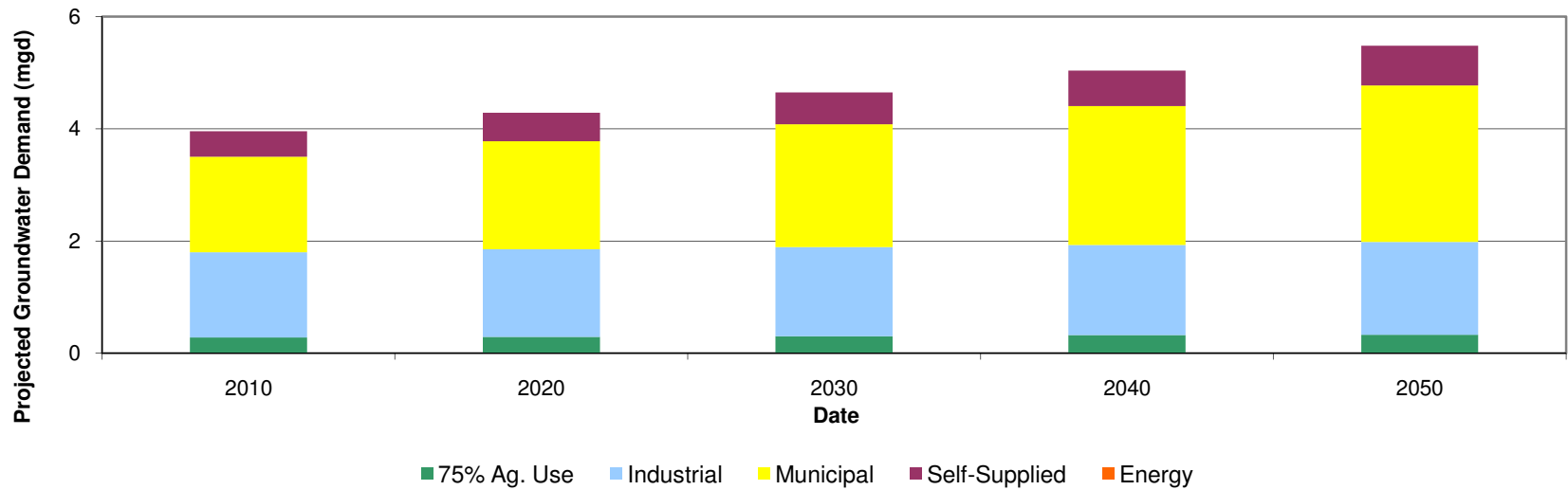
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			Agricultural Use		Municipal	Industrial	Self-Supplied	Energy	50% Ag.	75% Ag.
	Low	High	50%	75%						
2010	27	70	0.20	0.28	1.70	1.52	0.46	0.00	3.87	3.95
2020	27	70	0.20	0.29	1.93	1.56	0.51	0.00	4.20	4.29
2030	27	70	0.21	0.30	2.19	1.59	0.57	0.00	4.56	4.65
2040	27	70	0.22	0.32	2.47	1.61	0.64	0.00	4.94	5.04
2050	27	70	0.23	0.33	2.79	1.65	0.71	0.00	5.38	5.48



Forecasted Groundwater Demand - Paleozoic Rock Aquifer in Northwestern Georgia



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Sustainable Yields and Forecasted Groundwater Demands

Modeled Aquifer	Sustainable Yield (mgd)		Forecasted Groundwater Demand @ 50% Ag. Use (mgd)				
	Low	High	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Claiborne	100	250	123.14	128.89	134.77	140.25	145.54
Upper Floridan in Sotuh-Central Georgia	622	836	281.60	299.00	318.41	338.64	370.50
Upper Floridan in Sotuh-Central Georgia & Eastern Coastal Plain	868	982	468.85	500.59	532.23	564.00	608.49
Cretaceous	198	201	175.58	183.68	204.12	218.18	226.13
Combined Coastal Plain Aquifers	1,066	1,229	767.57	813.16	871.11	922.43	980.16
Upper Floridan in the Dougherty Plain	237	328	450.06	464.55	481.82	500.65	521.24
Paleozoic Rock in NW Georgia	27	70	3.87	4.20	4.56	4.94	5.38
Modeled Aquifer	Sustainable Yield (mgd)		Forecasted Groundwater Demand @ 75% Ag. Use (mgd)				
	Low	High	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Claiborne	100	250	148.13	154.65	161.49	168.01	174.45
Upper Floridan in Sotuh-Central Georgia	622	836	366.29	386.77	410.04	434.51	471.04
Upper Floridan in Sotuh-Central Georgia & Eastern Coastal Plain	868	982	579.77	615.26	651.67	688.68	738.95
Cretaceous	198	201	194.59	202.98	223.81	238.30	246.70
Combined Coastal Plain Aquifers	1,066	1,229	922.49	972.89	1036.96	1094.99	1160.10
Upper Floridan in the Dougherty Plain	237	328	586.68	605.70	628.65	653.71	681.14
Paleozoic Rock in NW Georgia	27	70	3.95	4.29	4.65	5.04	5.48

Gaps Between Forecasted Groundwater Demands and Ranges of Sustainable Yields

Gap = forecasted groundwater demand minus sustainable yield. A positive gap means that the forecasted groundwater demand exceeds the sustainable yield, and a negative gap means that the forecasted groundwater demand is less than the sustainable yield.

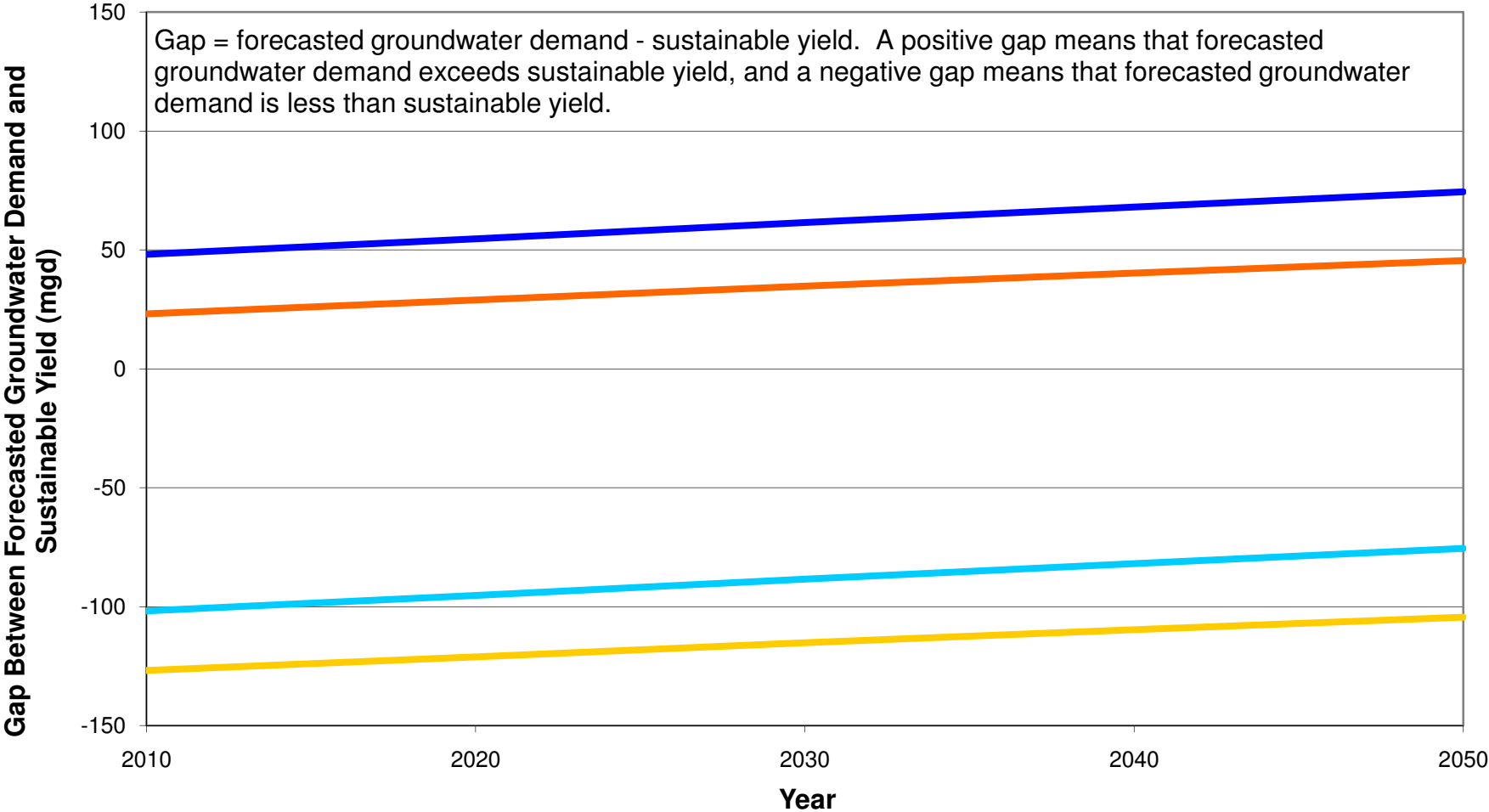
Claiborne Aquifer					
Gap Between Forecasted Groundwater Demand and Sustainable Yield @ 50% Ag. Use	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Low Sustainable Yield	23.14	28.89	34.77	40.25	45.54
High Sustainable Yield	-126.86	-121.11	-115.23	-109.75	-104.46
Gap Between Forecasted Groundwater Demand and Sustainable Yield @ 75% Ag. Use	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Low Sustainable Yield	48.13	54.65	61.49	68.01	74.45
High Sustainable Yield	-101.87	-95.35	-88.51	-81.99	-75.55
Upper Floridan Aquifer in South-Central GGeorgia					
Gap Between Forecasted Groundwater Demand and Sustainable Yield @ 50% Ag. Use	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Low Sustainable Yield	-340.40	-323.00	-303.59	-283.36	-251.50
High Sustainable Yield	-554.40	-537.00	-517.59	-497.36	-465.50
Gap Between Forecasted Groundwater Demand and Sustainable Yield @ 75% Ag. Use	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Low Sustainable Yield	-255.71	-235.23	-211.96	-187.49	-150.96
High Sustainable Yield	-469.71	-449.23	-425.96	-401.49	-364.96
Upper Floridan Aquifer in South-Central GGeorgia & Eastern Coastal Plain					
Gap Between Forecasted Groundwater Demand and Sustainable Yield @ 50% Ag. Use	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Low Sustainable Yield	-399.15	-367.41	-335.77	-304.00	-259.51
High Sustainable Yield	-513.15	-481.41	-449.77	-418.00	-373.51
Gap Between Forecasted Groundwater Demand and Sustainable Yield @ 75% Ag. Use	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Low Sustainable Yield	-288.23	-252.74	-216.33	-179.32	-129.05
High Sustainable Yield	-402.23	-366.74	-330.33	-293.32	-243.05
Cretaceous Aquifer					
Gap Between Forecasted Groundwater Demand and Sustainable Yield @ 50% Ag. Use	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Low Sustainable Yield	-22.42	-14.32	6.12	20.18	28.13
High Sustainable Yield	-25.42	-17.32	3.12	17.18	25.13
Gap Between Forecasted Groundwater Demand and Sustainable Yield @ 75% Ag. Use	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Low Sustainable Yield	-3.41	4.98	25.81	40.30	48.70
High Sustainable Yield	-6.41	1.98	22.81	37.30	45.70

Gaps Between Forecasted Groundwater Demands and Ranges of Sustainable Yields

Gap = forecasted groundwater demand minus sustainable yield. A positive gap means that the forecasted groundwater demand exceeds the sustainable yield, and a negative gap means that the forecasted groundwater demand is less than the sustainable yield.

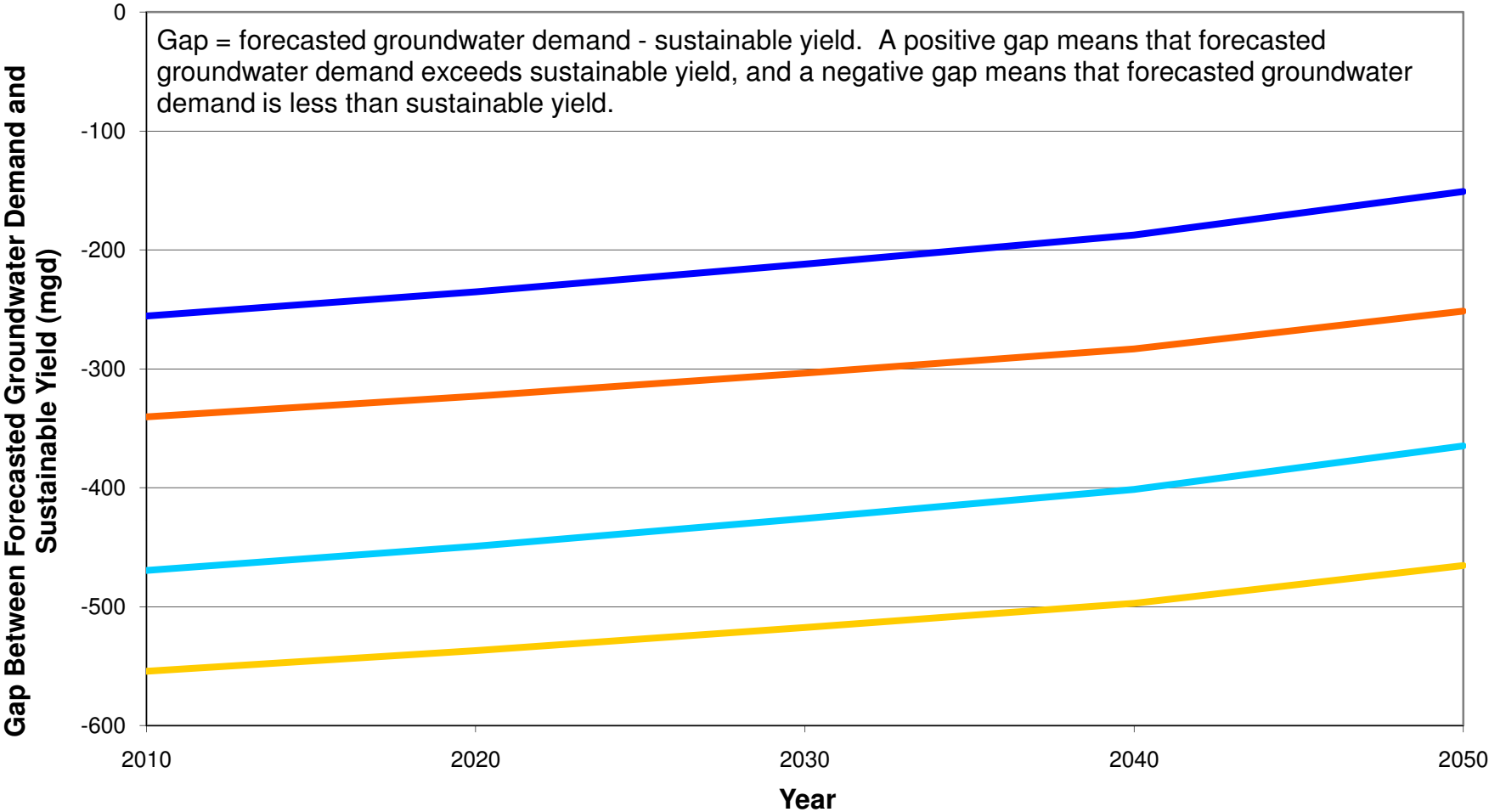
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Gap Between Forecasted Groundwater Demand and Sustainable Yield @ 50% Ag. Use	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Low Sustainable Yield	-298.43	-252.84	-194.89	-143.57	-85.84
High Sustainable Yield	-461.43	-415.84	-357.89	-306.57	-248.84
Gap Between Forecasted Groundwater Demand and Sustainable Yield @ 75% Ag. Use	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Low Sustainable Yield	-143.51	-93.11	-29.04	28.99	94.10
High Sustainable Yield	-306.51	-256.11	-192.04	-134.01	-68.90
Upper Floridan Aquifer in the Dougherty Plain					
Gap Between Forecasted Groundwater Demand and Sustainable Yield @ 50% Ag. Use	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Low Sustainable Yield	213.06	227.55	244.82	263.65	284.24
High Sustainable Yield	122.06	136.55	153.82	172.65	193.24
Gap Between Forecasted Groundwater Demand and Sustainable Yield @ 75% Ag. Use	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Low Sustainable Yield	349.68	368.70	391.65	416.71	444.14
High Sustainable Yield	258.68	277.70	300.65	325.71	353.14
Paleozoic Rock Aquifer in Northwestern Georgia					
Gap Between Forecasted Groundwater Demand and Sustainable Yield @ 50% Ag. Use	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Low Sustainable Yield	-23.13	-22.80	-22.44	-22.06	-21.62
High Sustainable Yield	-66.13	-65.80	-65.44	-65.06	-64.62
Gap Between Forecasted Groundwater Demand and Sustainable Yield @ 75% Ag. Use	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Low Sustainable Yield	-23.05	-22.71	-22.35	-21.96	-21.52
High Sustainable Yield	-66.05	-65.71	-65.35	-64.96	-64.52

Claiborne Aquifer



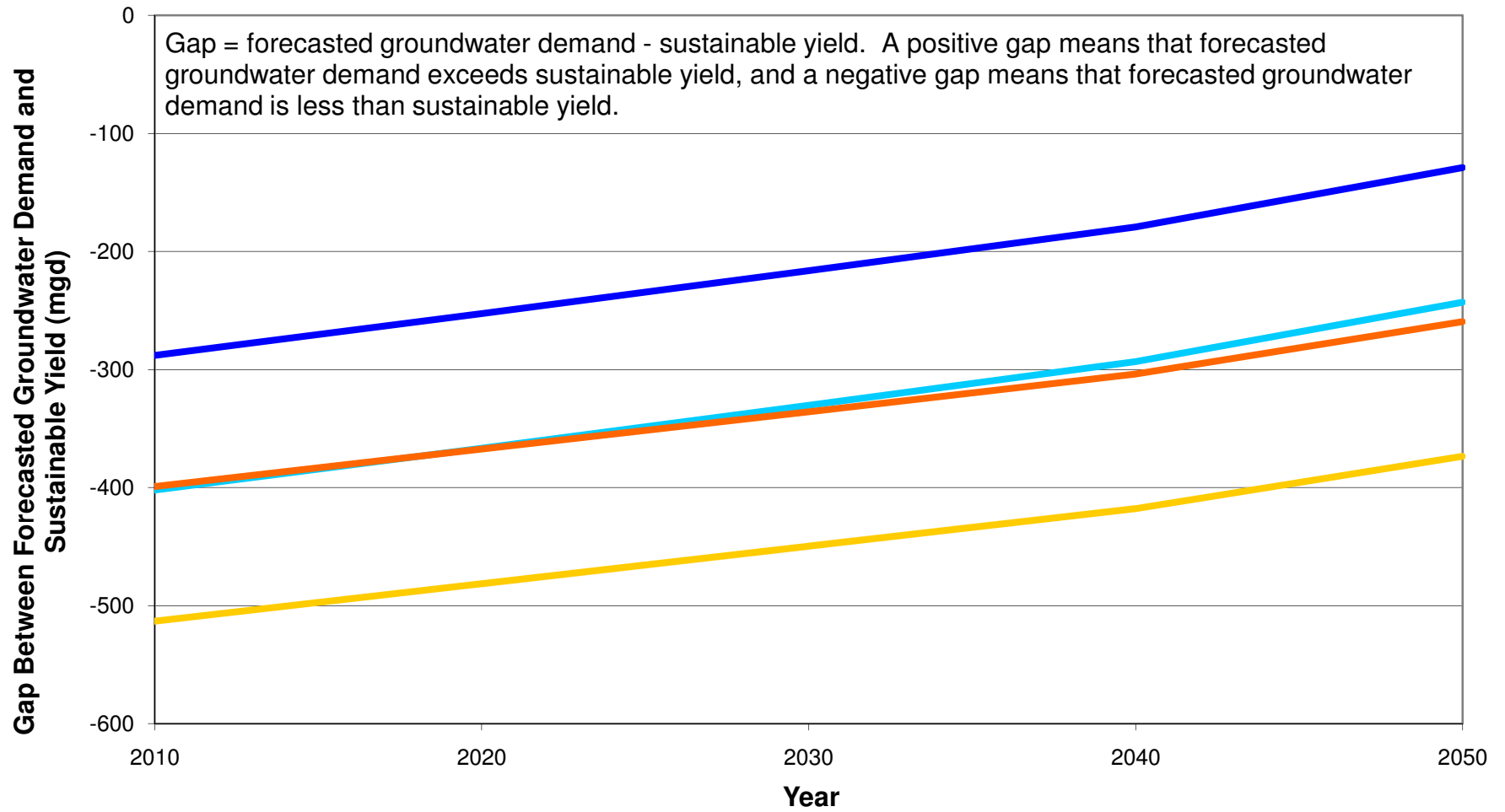
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Upper Floridan Aquifer in South-Central Georgia



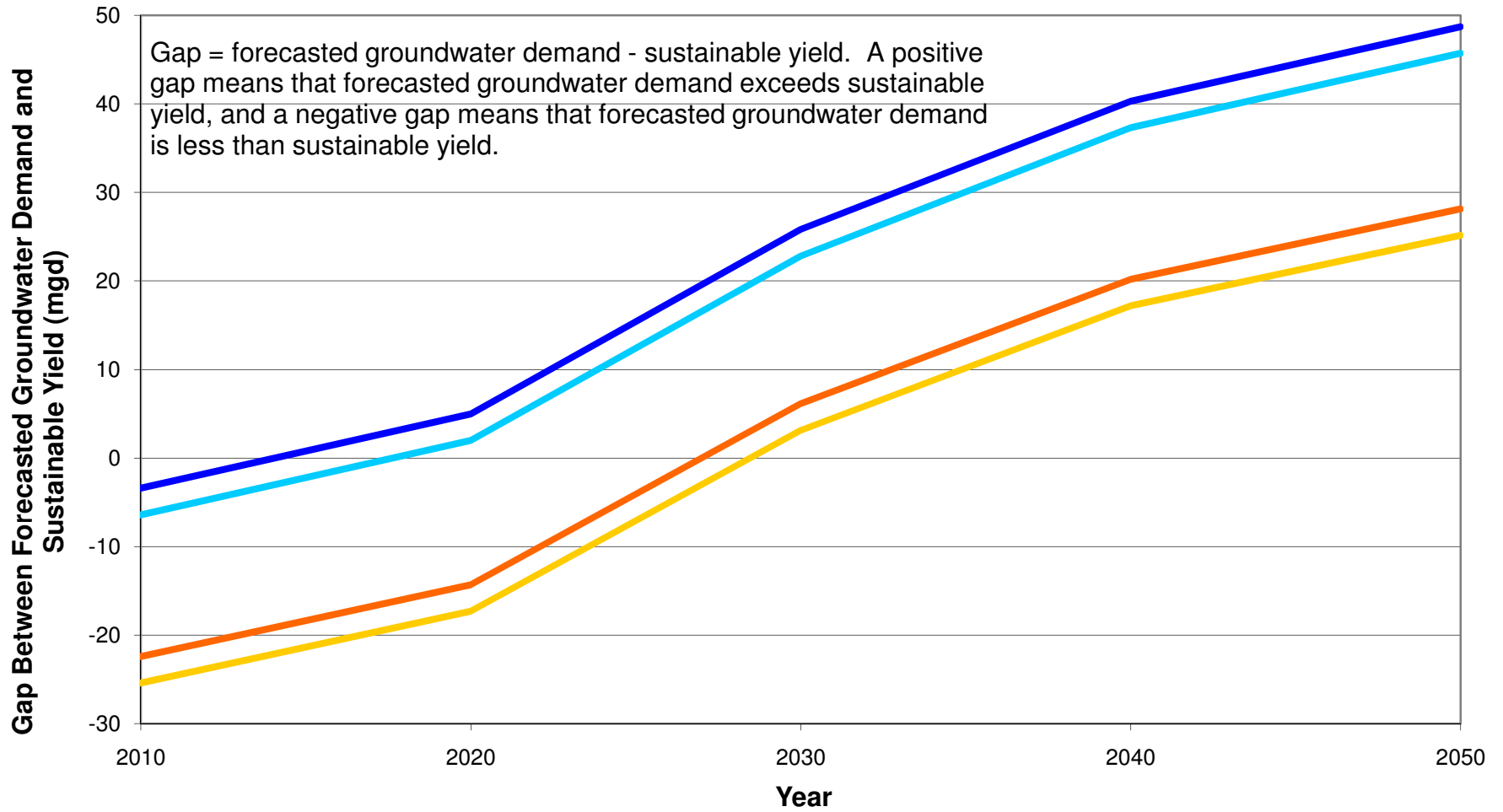
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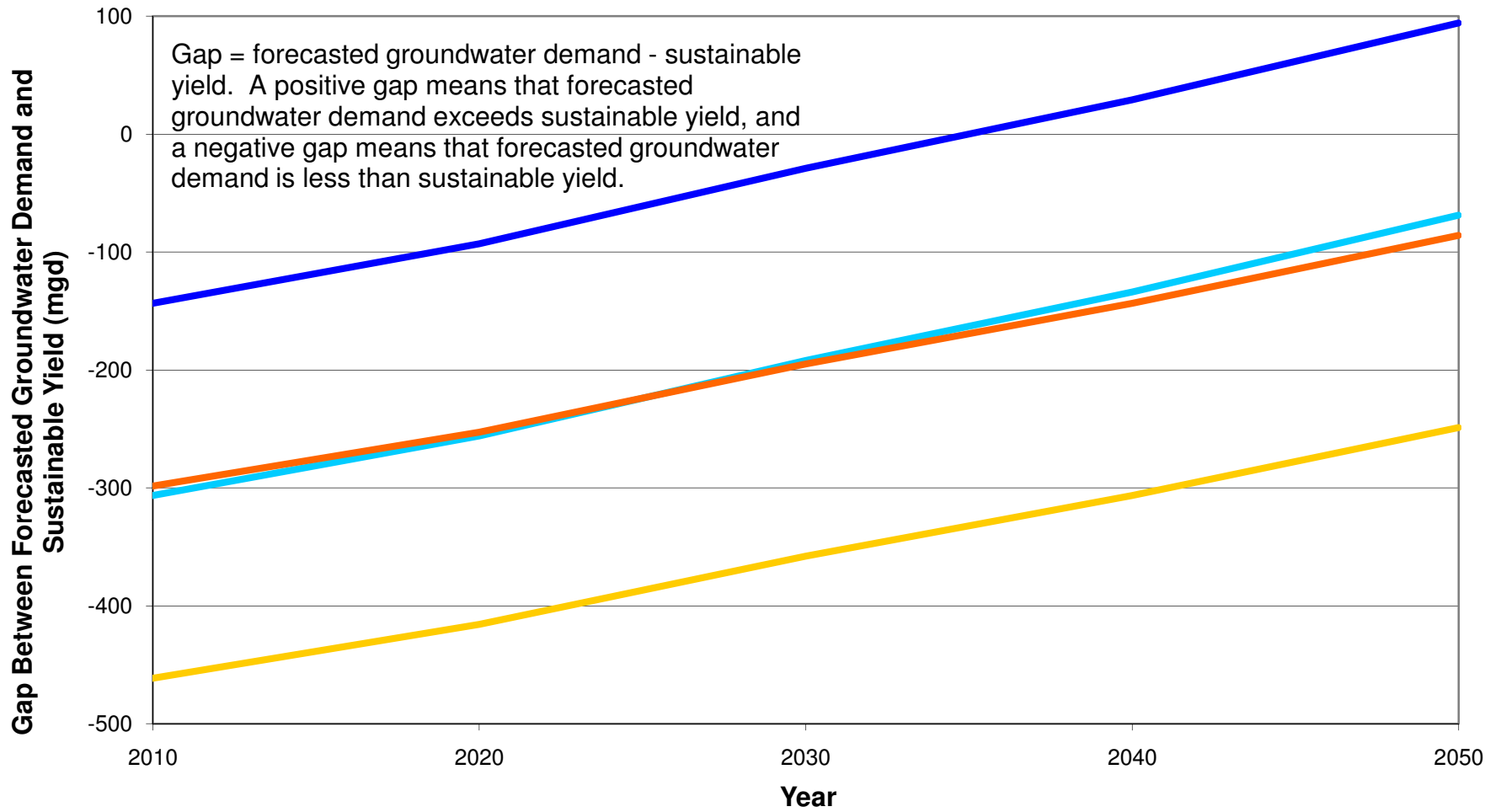
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Cretaceous Aquifer between Macon and Augusta



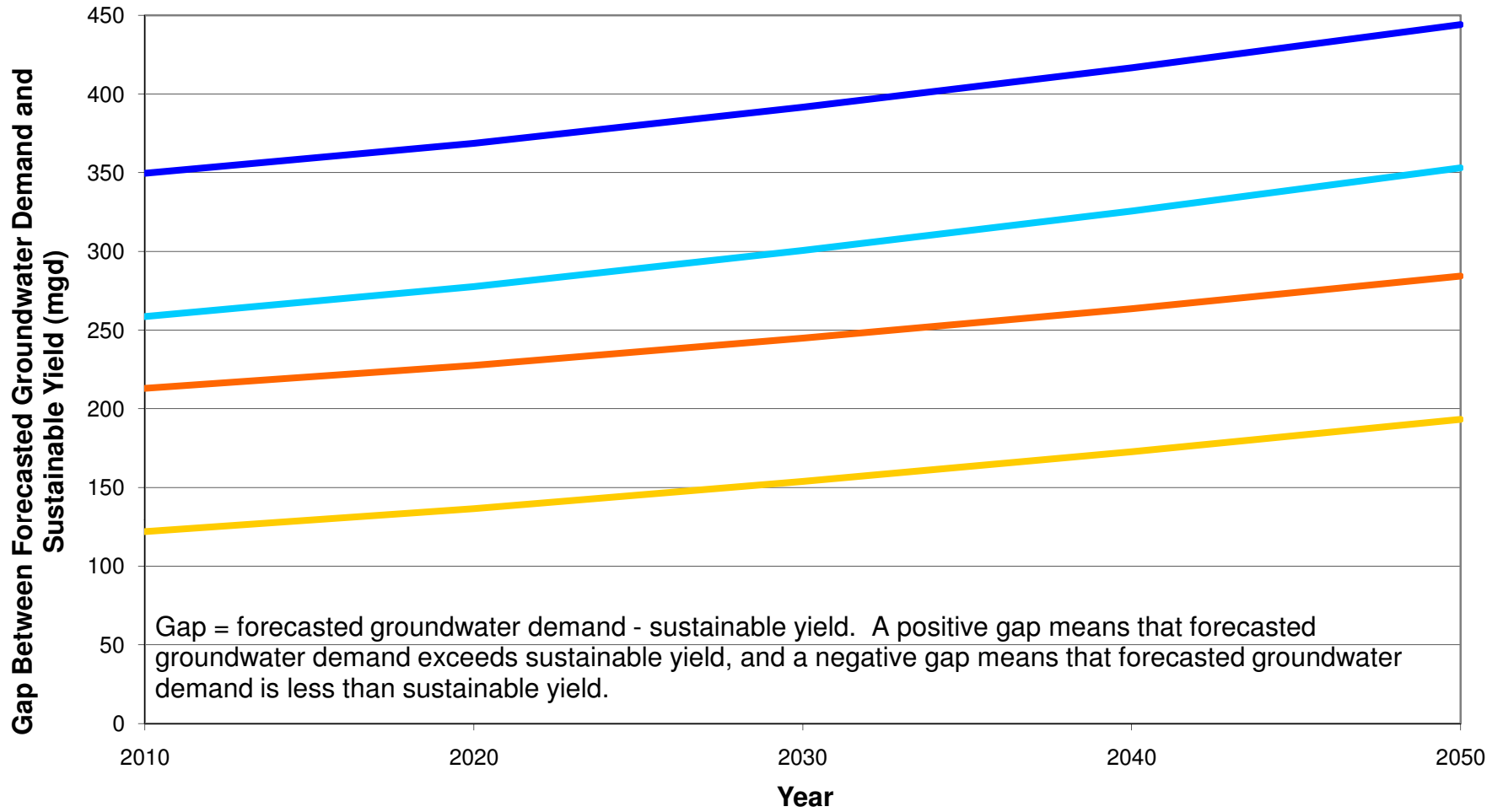
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Combined Coastal Plain Aquifers



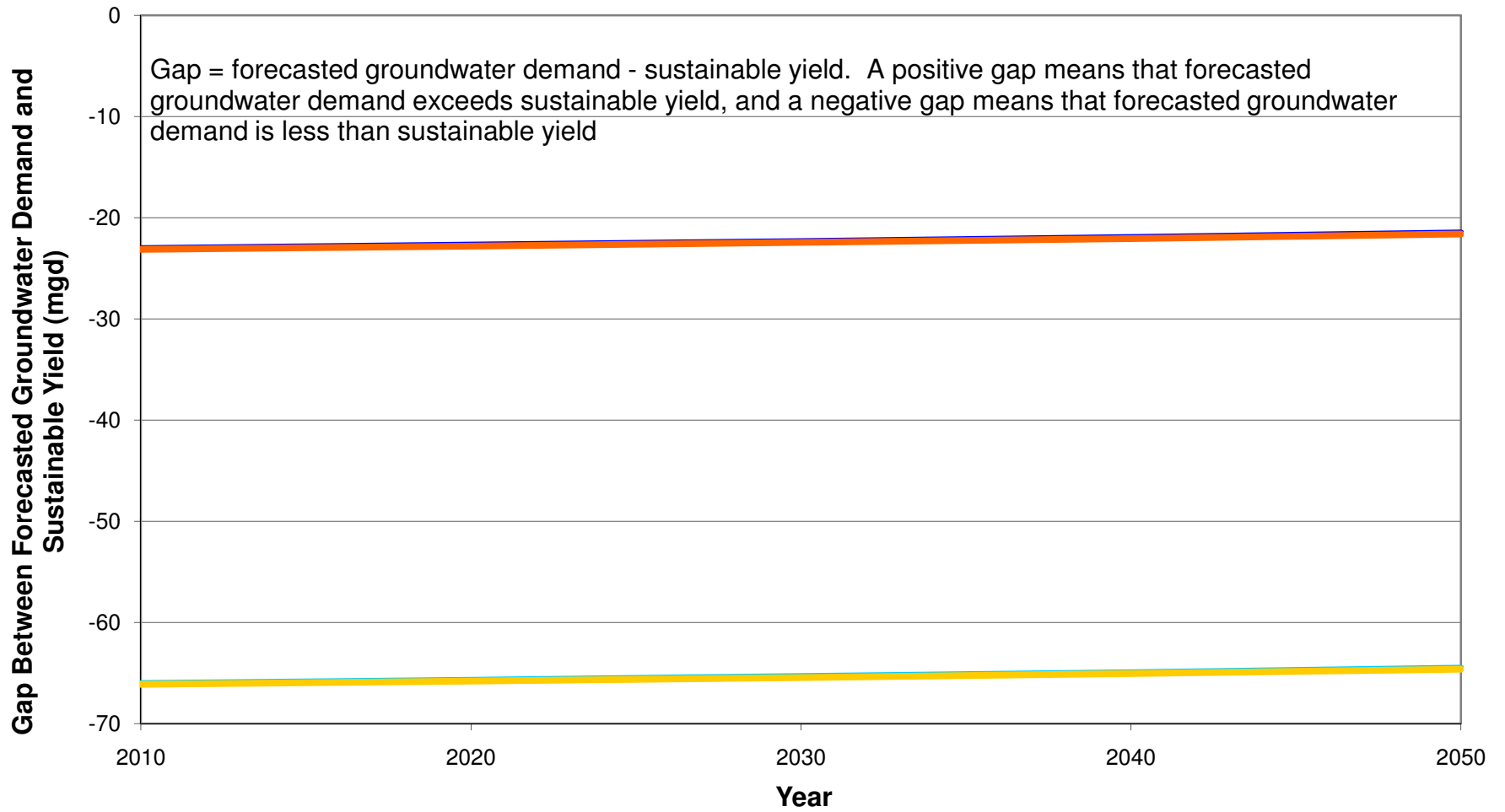
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Upper Floridan Aquifer in the Dougherty Plain



- Low Sustainable Yield @ 75% Ag. Use
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Paleozoic Rock Aquifer



- Low Sustainable Yield @ 75% Ag. Use
- High Sustainable Yield @ 75% Ag. Use
- Low Sustainable Yield @ 50% Ag. Use
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