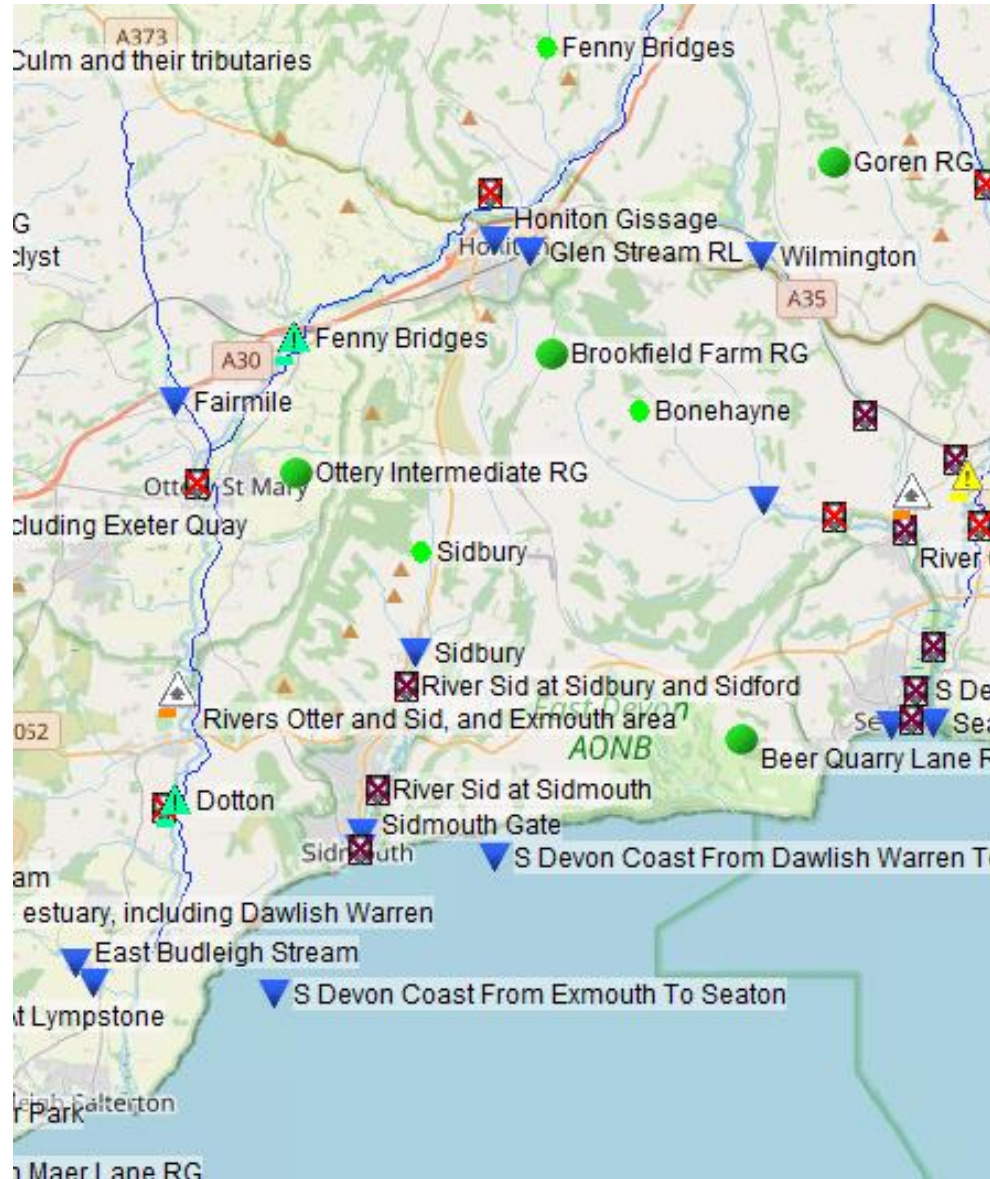


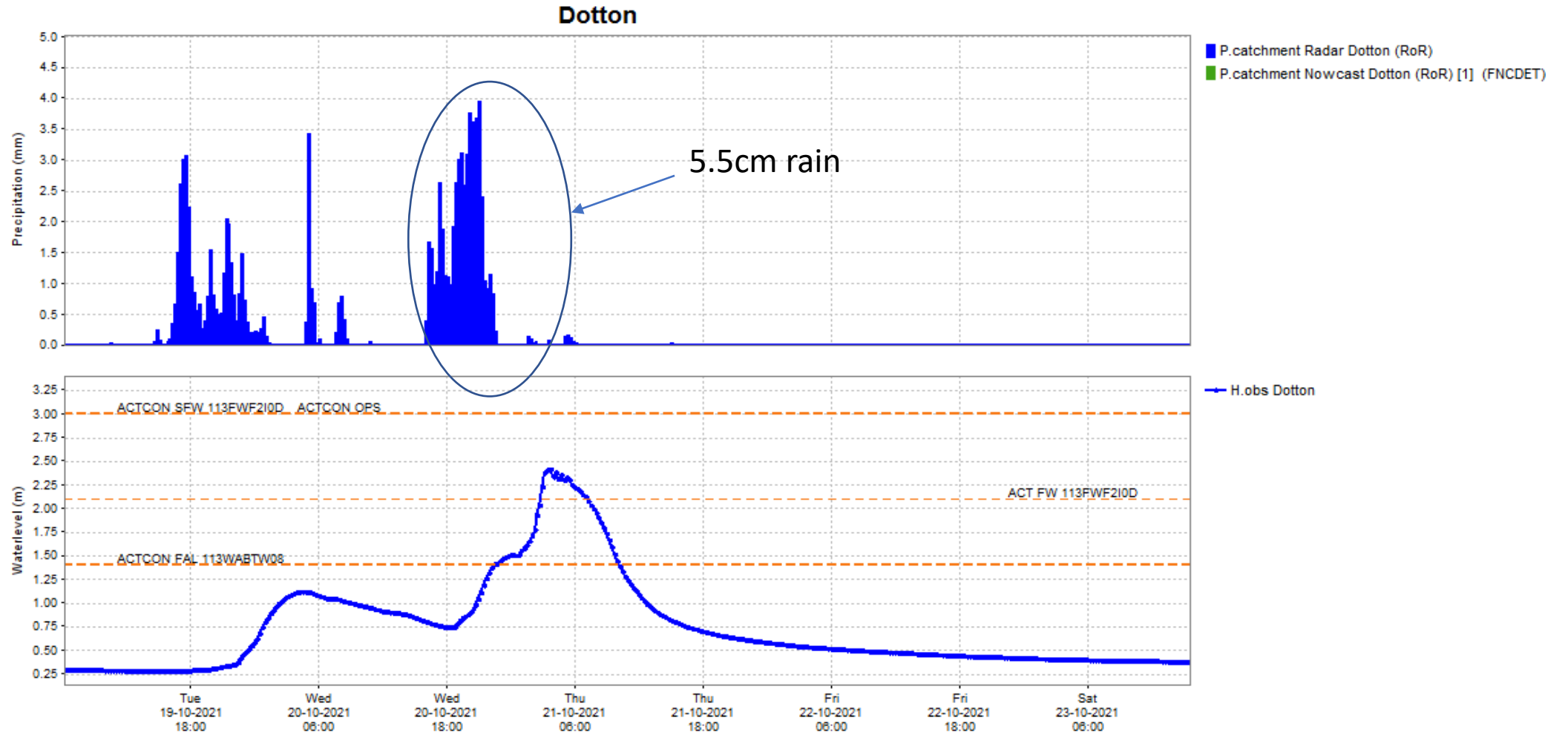


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Lower Otter Flooding

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Flood project construction vehicles end up in deep water

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One of the construction vehicles that ended up deep in floodwater. - Credit: John Hiles

Our response

- Site team reported the incident to the National Incident Recording System for investigation
- Pollution investigators attend site Thursday, Sunday and Tuesday.
- Site team monitored the water levels with weekend working to ensure SFR could be opened as early as possible
- Outfalls were kept clear of debris
- Majority of machines were recovered on Monday following flooding
- Machines not recovered were banded
- Road cleaning implemented
- Ensured notifications will be received by the site team (now fully-automated)
- Barriers changed to metal chains
- Triggers for moving plant, refuges for plant under review
- Investigation on-going

Misconceptions

- It's never flooded like this before...It flooded because of the LORP works
- The water took longer to go down... because of the LORP works
- LORP debris blocked the outfalls
- There were 1000s of litres of fuel leaking into the Otter
- The prospect of a fuel spill was not investigated or taken seriously



Some positives

On completion of the scheme:

- Access across South Farm Road will be improved
- Water from river flooding will be able to drain the area more quickly
- Foot paths will be better surfaced and raised meaning better access when banks breach

We used the recent flooding to confirm the mechanisms of flooding – undertaking extensive reconnaissance. Drone footage, levels and photographs

Works to date

Works to date have been:

- Site set up
- Tree and vegetation removal
- The construction of the northern creek network
- Construction of the relocated cricket pitch



Works for the remainder of the year

- Works have been impacted by weather
- Remainder of the year works will be focused on completion vegetation and tree clearance
- Initiation of the construction of the new South Farm Road Road Bridge – piling matt, coffer dam construction, piling of new bridge piers.

Questions?