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**FACILITY SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE REPORT NARRATIVE**

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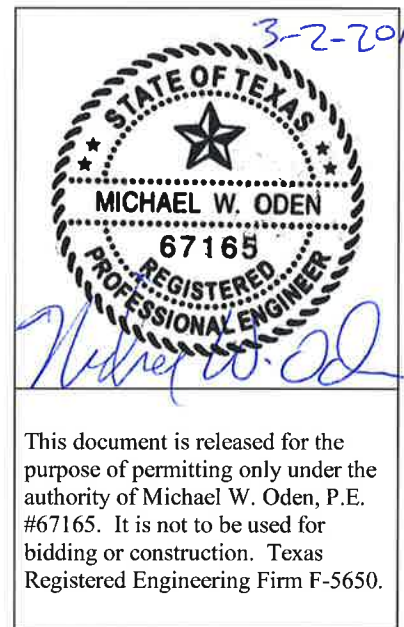
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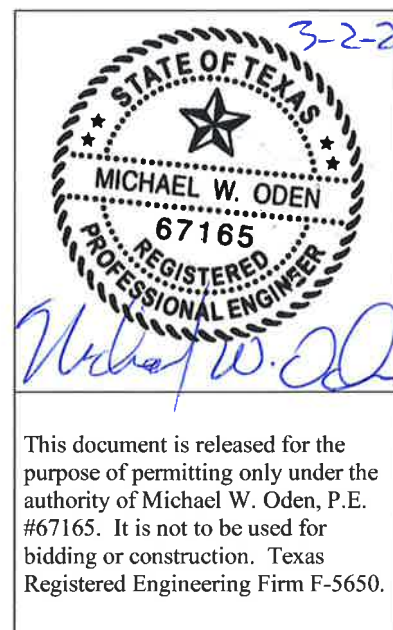
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Facility Surface Water Drainage Report (FSWDR) for the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center (PERC) has been designed to collect, route, and detain stormwater runoff from the facility in an environmentally sound manner. The Plan for the landfill contains design features that follow best management practices that meet or exceed the regulations applicable to stormwater management outlined in Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC), Section 330, Municipal Solid Waste. Specifically, Sections 330.63(c), 330.301, 330.303, 330.305, and 330.307 are addressed.

Specific regulations of note include:

❑ Section 330.63(c) – Facility Surface Water Drainage Report

- *“The owner or operator of a municipal solid waste (MSW) facility shall include a statement that the facility design complies with the requirements of 330.303 of this title (relating to Surface Water Drainage for Municipal Solid Waste Facilities). Additionally, applications for landfill and compost units shall include a surface water drainage report to satisfy the requirements of Subchapter G of this chapter (relating to Surface Water Drainage).”*

❑ Section 330.303 – Surface Water Drainage for Municipal Solid Waste Facilities

- *“(a) A facility must be constructed, maintained, and operated to manage run-on and runoff during the peak discharge of a 25-year rainfall event*
- *(b) Surface water drainage in and around a facility shall be controlled to minimize surface water running onto, into, and off the treatment area”*

❑ Section 330.305 – Additional Surface Water Drainage Requirements for Landfills

- *“(a) Existing or permitted drainage patterns must not be adversely altered.*
- *(b) The owner or operator shall design, construct, and maintain a run-on control system capable of preventing flow onto the active portion of the landfill during the peak discharge from at least a 25-year rainfall event.*
- *(c) The owner or operator shall design, construct, and maintain a runoff management system from the active portion of the landfill to collect and control at least the water volume resulting from a 24-hour, 25-year storm.*

- *(d) The landfill design must provide effective erosional stability to top dome surfaces and external embankment side slopes during all phases of landfill operation, closure, and post-closure care.*
- *(e) Dikes, embankments, drainage structures, or diversion channels must be sized and graded to handle the design runoff and be graded to minimize the potential for erosion.”*

□ Section 330.307 – Flood Protection

- *“(a) The facility shall be protected from flooding by suitable levees constructed to provide protection from a 100-year frequency flood.*
- *(b) Flood protection levees must be designed and constructed to prevent the washout of solid waste from the facility.”*

Stormwater modeling has been completed with the software program HydroCAD. HydroCAD is a computer aided design program used to model hydrology and hydraulics of stormwater using either TR-20 or TR-55 procedures developed by the Soil Conservation Service (now the Natural Resource Conservation Service). HydroCAD was selected for the modeling software due to the large number of stormwater control devices that will be utilized at the PERC. Unlike models such as HEC-HMS, HydroCAD can link multiple models together to allow the user to model a large number of nodes. Model linking has been utilized in this analysis.



## **2.0 DRAINAGE REVISIONS PRIOR TO LANDFILL FACILITY DEVELOPMENT**

The goal in developing a surface water drainage plan is to show that the development of a facility will not adversely alter, to any significant degree, the natural drainage patterns of the watershed that will be affected by the proposed development. This goal is typically achieved by comparing pre-development conditions to post-development conditions for both peak discharge rates (flows) and discharge volumes for various storm events. In the case of the PERC, several drainage modifications were designed in 2011 in order to remove the 100-year floodplain where landfilling was anticipated to occur. Stormwater analyses were developed that considered detailed grading plans for areas outside of the landfill facility boundary and split the landfill facility between two areas. These modifications have added an Intermediate Conditions step that must be used to compare pre-development and post-development conditions.

The 2011 drainage modifications were developed for the purpose of securing a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which would approve modifying the location of the 100-year floodplain based on the proposed CLOMR modifications. A CLOMR Application was developed that included stormwater analyses that considered the detailed grading plans for areas outside of the landfill facility and general assumptions of discharge rates and locations for the facility which was not yet designed. The impact of these developments and the anticipated design on natural drainage patterns were thoroughly evaluated by FEMA and approved on November 21, 2014.

The following text briefly describes the pre-development and intermediate development (post-CLOMR) conditions that are expanded upon within the CLOMR Application in Attachment A of this Appendix (III-C.1-A).

### **2.1 Pre-Development Conditions**

The proposed facility will be located on a 953 acre tract of land owned by Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC (RVWM). The facility is located approximately 20 miles east of Laredo in Webb County, Texas. The site is located entirely within the 12,194 acre Yugo Ranch that is owned by Rancho Viejo Cattle Company, Ltd., the same owner as the PERC, and has been used for cattle ranching and oil and gas production for many years.

The facility site slopes from north to south at approximate grades of 0.5 to 1 percent. Surficial soils generally have very low permeability, and the site is uniformly covered with native vegetation consisting of brush, forbs and grass. Storm water runoff historically has not eroded bed-and-bank features into the shallow swales that convey drainage from the site. In recent times, several impoundments have been created on site by shallow excavation and embankment construction across the swales to create livestock watering tanks. Historically, patterns of storm water runoff have thus been significantly altered by the capture of rainfall by these tanks.

Drawing 1 of Appendix III-C.2 shows the regional pre-development topography of all areas that were reviewed as part of the CLOMR. The “drainage areas” (also referred to as “subcatchment areas”) that were used for pre-development conditions modeling within the CLOMR are also shown on Drawing 1. Drawing 2 shows the pre-development topography of the facility and immediately surrounding area at a smaller scale to provide greater clarity.

## **2.2 Intermediate Conditions (Post-CLOMR Modifications)**

Hydrologic modifications will be completed in accordance with CLOMR modifications prior to development of the facility. These intermediate conditions will remove the floodplain from the majority of the PERC without increasing peak flood discharges to downstream receiving areas. The CLOMR modifications include the removal of numerous impoundments located within the project area, ranging in size from very small to large (Burrito Tank). Three new detention basins outside the perimeter of the facility will be constructed in order to prevent run-on to the facility. Two of these detention basins are to be located to the north of the site and have been designed to completely capture the 100-year flood inflows. A larger detention basin located west of the property will also intercept flows from the western drainage area and from other areas to the north that currently flow through the project site. The basin is designed for temporary detention and attenuation of flows from the revised drainage basin. A new channel capable of handling the basin outflows and redirecting them around the project site will link this basin to a series of existing surface water features south of the project site. These modifications are fully described within the CLOMR Application, which has been reviewed and approved by FEMA.

Drawing 3 of Appendix III-C.2 shows the regional intermediate topography described within the CLOMR. The “drainage areas” (also referred to as “subcatchment areas”) that were used for

intermediate conditions modeling within the CLOMR are also shown on Drawing 3. Drawing 4 shows the intermediate topography of the facility and immediately surrounding area at a smaller scale to provide greater clarity. It is noted that the text and Figures 4-6 of the CLOMR Application provide additional information regarding these modifications, as provided Attachment A of this Appendix (III-C.1-A).

As can be seen on Drawings 3 and 4 in III-C.2, the intermediate (post-CLOMR) conditions discharge from two points within the area that the landfill is intended to be constructed. In fact, a drainage divide runs approximately through the middle of the landfill. This drainage divide separates Drainage Areas DA2 and DA3. It is noted in the text of the CLOMR that this drainage divide was placed in this location based on the assumption that stormwater would be evenly divided after landfill development.

### **2.3 Key Conclusion of CLOMR**

A key conclusion of the CLOMR, which includes an assumed discharge rate from the landfill property, is included on page 10 of the report:

*“Comparing the two peak discharges from the site, the proposed peak flow rate of 14,096 cfs is lower than the existing peak flow of 14,568 cfs. This shows that the proposed West Detention Basin attenuates peak flows sufficiently to prevent increases in flooding downstream of the site. Examining the existing amount of runoff of 6,732.5 acre-feet and the proposed 6,751.2 acre-feet, the two values differ by less than 0.3%. This shows that the models generate roughly the same amount of runoff, confirming that the two models reflect the same characteristics despite heavy modifications to drainage basin delineation and recalculation of curve numbers.”*

### **2.4 Incorporation of CLOMR Assumptions into Proposed Design**

Based on the general post-development CLOMR stormwater analysis that has been reviewed and approved by FEMA, CB&I has intentionally designed the landfill to be consistent with the CLOMR’s assumptions regarding the landfill’s discharge rates, drainage areas, and discharge locations. It is the opinion of CB&I that this approach validates the findings of the CLOMR and

confirms that the proposed landfill design will not adversely alter to any significant degree the natural drainage patterns of the watershed.

Additional information regarding the CLOMR is provided within this document. The entire CLOMR application is provided as Attachment A to this Appendix (III-C.1-A), as it is a key component in the stormwater analysis.

### 3.0 OBJECTIVES OF MODELING

Based on the above discussion, this Facility Surface Water Drainage Report approaches stormwater modeling with the following objectives:

1. Demonstrate that the HydroCAD software produces similar discharge rates and volumes as the HEC-HMS models presented in the CLOMR. This step is completed to ensure an “apples-to-apples” comparison between softwares.
2. Develop a detailed stormwater model that reflects the post-development design of the landfill. Model every stormwater management component to ensure that they are adequately sized and can convey stormwater at rates that will not cause erosion (e.g. less than five feet per second) for the 100-year, 24-hour storm. The 100-year storm is selected based on the need to demonstrate that the CLOMR is maintained. It is noted that the CLOMR modeled 100-year storms to accurately delineate the 100-year floodplain. It is also noted that Texas regulations require sizing the components for the smaller 25-year 24-hour storm.
3. Update the intermediate conditions model (which was based on general landfill hydrology assumptions) with the detailed landfill design described in Objective 2. This model is a hybrid:
  - a. Areas inside of the landfill’s stormwater management footprint will use the detailed stormwater modeling based on CB&I’s design.
  - b. Areas outside of the landfill’s stormwater management footprint that will be modified from the existing conditions that are modeled as described within the CLOMR.
4. The purpose of this hybrid model is to verify that the results are substantially similar to the intermediate conditions described in the CLOMR for the 100-year storm to ensure that the CLOMR conclusions are maintained.
5. Run the pre-development HydroCAD model and the post-development HydroCAD model described in Goal #3 for the 25-year 24-hour storm to determine the discharge rates. Demonstrate that the post-development design maintains similar discharge rates and volumes to pre-development conditions, indicating that the landfill development will not produce adverse effects to area stormwater management.

By developing a detailed stormwater model for the proposed facility, CB&I is able to demonstrate that all stormwater features used to convey stormwater within the facility are adequately sized and will not cause erosion. Additionally, by demonstrating that discharge rates

and Drainage Area locations for the facility are consistent with those developed within the CLOMR, the results of the CLOMR and its approach can be maintained.

## 4.0 OBJECTIVE 1

**Demonstrate that the HydroCAD software produces similar discharge rates and volumes as the HEC-HMS models presented in the CLOMR.**

Due to the fact that the existing and intermediate development conditions described in the CLOMR were modeled in HEC-HMS, CB&I re-created the HEC-HMS models using HydroCAD to ensure that the two softwares produce similar discharge rate and volume determinations for the various stormwater control elements. All input areas and curve numbers identified for the drainage areas were input into HydroCAD exactly as they were input into the HEC-HMS models. It is noted that the drainage areas were converted from square miles (HEC-HMS input) to acres (HydroCAD input). The same elevation-area and elevation-discharge values were also used for the detention basins.

Due to the fact that HEC-HMS determines runoff based on lag time and HydroCAD determines runoff based on time of concentration, the lag times identified in the CLOMR were adjusted to represent time of concentration to be input into HydroCAD. Lag time can be converted to time of concentration using multiple approximations, but is typically found to be between 60 and 70% of time of concentration. The models were found to offer calculated discharge volumes and rates within one percent when using the following conversion:

$$\text{Time of Concentration} = (\text{Lag Time} / 66.6\%) \text{ or } (\text{Lag Time} \times 1.5)$$

The overall discharge from the facility (HEC-HMS model vs HydroCAD model; node Junction-1) are compared in Tables 1 and 2 below. As is evident, the models provide very similar results. The overall difference between the discharge rates of the existing models is less than 0.2% and 0.1% for the existing and proposed conditions, respectively. The overall difference between the discharge volumes of the existing models is 0.04% and 0.0% for the existing and proposed conditions, respectively.

The modeling results clearly demonstrate that HydroCAD software produces similar discharge rates and volumes as the HEC-HMS models presented in the CLOMR, satisfying Objective 1. Therefore, the intermediate conditions model that has been recreated in HydroCAD can be

updated with the detailed landfill design and for the purpose of comparison to existing conditions and for validation of the CLOMR results.

<b>Table 1</b> <b>Peak Discharge Rate – 100-Year, 24-Hour Model Comparison</b>			
<b>Model Run</b>	<b>HEC-HMS (CLOMR)</b>	<b>HydroCAD (Recreated)</b>	<b>Percent Difference</b>
<b>Pre-development Conditions</b>			
DA1	7860.9	7890.0	0.37%
DA2	1676.8	1687.6	0.64%
DA3	3823.2	3835.91	0.33%
DA4	3824.2	3819.7	-0.12%
Junction-2	6905.7	6926.7	0.30%
Burrito Tank	7714.2	7720.42	0.08%
Reach 1	3272.6	3272.8	0.01%
Junction-1 (Downstream Discharge Point)	14567.5	14540.47	-0.19%
<b>Intermediate Conditions</b>			
DA1	6852.4	6885.92	0.49%
DA2	2082.6	2084.3	0.08%
DA3	4690.7	4709.99	0.41%
DA4	3824.2	3819.9	-0.11%
DA5	468.5	471.92	0.73%
DA6	378.5	380.18	0.44%
DA7	1015.7	1024.75	0.89%
West Detention Basin	5980.8	5960.38	-0.34%
NW Detention Basin	0	0	0.00%
NE Detention Basin	0	0	0.00%
Reach 1	5980.8	5960.38	-0.34%
Junction-1 (Downstream Discharge Point)	14096.1	14083.77	-0.09%



<b>Table 2</b> <b>Peak Discharge Volume – 25-Year, 24-Hour Model Comparison</b>			
<b>Model Run</b>	<b>HEC-HMS (CLOMR)</b>	<b>HydroCAD (Recreated)</b>	<b>Percent Difference</b>
<b>Pre-development Conditions</b>			
DA1	3272.6	3272.9	0.01%
DA2	364.6	363.7	-0.25%
DA3	1263.3	1262.4	-0.07%
DA4	1832	1830.9	-0.06%
Junction-2	3095.3	3093.3	-0.06%
Burrito Tank	3272.6	3272.9	0.01%
Reach 1	3272.6	3272.9	0.01%
Junction-1 (Downstream Discharge Point)	6732.5	6729.8	-0.04%
<b>Intermediate Conditions</b>			
DA1	2520.7	2522.4	0.07%
DA2	557.5	557	-0.09%
DA3	1547.6	1547.6	0.00%
DA4	1832	1830.9	-0.06%
DA5	78.6	78.8	0.25%
DA6	51.8	51.7	-0.19%
DA7	163	162.9	-0.06%
West Detention Basin	2599.3	2601.2	0.07%
Reach 1	2599.3	2601.2	0.07%
NW Detention Basin	0	0	0.00%
NE Detention Basin	0	0	0.00%
Junction-1 (Downstream Discharge Point)	6536.4	6536.6	0.00%

## **5.0 OBJECTIVE 2**

**Develop a detailed stormwater model that reflects the post-development design of the landfill. Model every stormwater management component to ensure that they are adequately sized and can convey stormwater at rates that will not cause erosion (e.g. less than five feet per second) for storm events equal to or less than the 100-year storms.**

### **5.1 Model Analysis Setup**

To ensure that the proposed stormwater management features area adequately sized for actual stormwater needs, all elements were computer modeled with numerous conservative assumptions. The computer model HydroCAD was used to develop discharge rates and volumes for various storm events for each stormwater feature described in this Plan. Runoff was evaluated for the 24-hour duration for the 100-year and 25-year storm frequencies. The analyses meet or exceed state and federal requirements for landfills.

The stormwater modeling methodology used the following analysis methods:

Runoff Calculation Method: SCS TR-20

Reach Routing Method: Storage Indication Method (also known as Modified-Puls)

Pond Routing Method: Storage Indication Method (also known as Modified-Puls)

Storm Distribution: SCS Type III 24-hour storm

Unit Hydrograph: SCS

### **5.2 Rainfall**

The precipitation for the 100-year storm was obtained from Technical Paper No. 40, "Rainfall Frequency Atlas of the United States" (TP-40). A summary of all rainfall depths associated with the 25-year and 100-year modeled storms is provided in Appendix III-C.3-1. The Soil Conservation Service Storm Type III rainfall distribution was used to develop the peak rainfall for the 100-year and 25-year frequency rainfall events.

The CLOMR was developed using a correction factor of 97% of the rainfall depicted in TP-40, based on Figure 15 – Area-Depth Curves, included in TP-40, which provide correction factors for rainfall over a given drainage area and storm duration. Based on a 22.9 square mile drainage area for the area evaluated, the correction factor is 97%.

For purposes of comparing the CLOMR's existing conditions to intermediate conditions during the 100-year 24-hour storm, the correction factor is used to remain consistent with the CLOMR design approach. However, the model was run without the correction factor for the 25-year, 24-hour storm, which leads to slightly higher rainfall totals, to ensure that all stormwater management features are appropriately sized with respect to 30 TAC Section 330.301 through 307 requirements.

### **5.3 Model Inputs**

Detailed model inputs of all key landfill stormwater management features are provided in the calculations and summaries provided in Appendix C.3 and are briefly discussed in the following text sections. Detailed information provided in Appendix C.3 includes:

1. Rainfall Totals
2. Stormwater Management Feature Delineation
3. Runoff Curve Number Determination
4. Subcatchment Lag Time
5. Subcatchment Area Discharge Rates
6. Terrace Bench Sizing
7. Downchute Sizing
8. Perimeter Channel Sizing
9. Culvert Sizing
10. South Detention Basin Sizing and Discharge Rates

Modeling diagrams and output files are provided in Appendix C.4. Output files for pre-development (pre-CLOMR), intermediate (post-CLOMR), and post-development conditions are provided.

It is noted that the landfill catchment boundaries generally have two configuration types, as shown on Drawing 6 of Appendix III-C.2 and described in Appendix III-C.3-2 (Stormwater Management Features Delineation). Representative catchment areas are Landfill Catchment A (representative of Catchments C, E, G, I, K, M, and O) and Landfill Catchment B (representative of Catchments D, F, J, L, N, and P). Therefore, model output summary files are only provided for these representative catchments. However, all model output data is available upon request from TCEQ. All perimeter ditches, culverts, and the South Detention Basin are included.

## **5.4 Post-Development Hydrologic Overview**

As previously mentioned, the intermediate conditions described within the CLOMR include all modifications that will take place prior to the development of the facility. However, intermediate conditions (post-CLOMR) modeling (identified as Proposed Conditions within the CLOMR) included assumed discharge rates, drainage areas, and discharge locations from the proposed landfill facility. For this reason, CB&I has intentionally developed the detailed landfill design to be consistent with the CLOMR assumptions. Additionally, all stormwater management features have been designed to ensure that the stormwater management system complies with all applicable regulations in 30 TAC, Section 330, Subchapter G. An overview of the post-development conditions is provided as Drawing 5 in Appendix III-C.2.

The proposed expansion design has two waste units, both which have 4H:1V sideslopes and six percent plateau slopes. The northern landfill unit has a peak elevation of approximately 855 ft MSL, while the southern landfill unit has a peak elevation of approximately 840 ft MSL. The landfill units both drain to a common perimeter ditch drainage network that drains into the South Detention Basin, where stormwater ultimately discharges from the facility, as described in the following text.

### **5.4.1 Terrace benches**

Vegetated terrace benches will be used to intercept stormwater sheet flow, collect runoff, and control erosion along the sideslopes of the landfill final cover. Terrace benches are located approximately every 50 vertical feet. The terrace benches will be constructed in the locations shown on Drawing 6 in Appendix III-C.2.

The terrace benches will have check dams approximately every 250 to 450 feet to slow water and allow for a controlled release rate. Check dams will be installed at the downslope side of each subcatchment area, as detailed on Drawing 7. Check dams will be constructed of soil and will have 6 inch diameter in-line drainage pipes at the base to allow stormwater to pass in a controlled manner. The terrace benches are modeled as catch basins due to the fact that the check dams temporarily hold stormwater to allow its discharge into the next terrace berm/check dam segment in a controlled manner. However, due to the presence of in-line drainage pipes through the check dams, stormwater will only be temporarily held and will not pond on the landfill final cover. Erosion will not occur due to the fact that check dam construction will limit flow length and velocity of the stormwater on the face of the final landform and convey it to downchutes lined with rip-rap or other erosion control material (ECM). The terrace benches have been designed to function without overtopping during the modeled 100-year 24-hour and 25-year 24-hour storms, which exceeds the requirements specified in 30 TAC 330.305.

#### **5.4.2 Downchutes**

Downchutes (also known as downslope ditches) will be constructed to convey the stormwater collected by the terrace benches down the slope of the landfill and into the perimeter ditches. The downchutes will be lined with riprap or other erosion control material (ECM) to minimize scour and prevent erosion. The downchutes are designed to adequately handle runoff flow rates from the peak 100-year storm without overtopping, exceeding the requirements of 30 TAC 330.305. The planned locations of the downchutes are shown on Drawing 6 of Attachment III-C.2. Details of the downchutes are provided on Drawing 7. The design parameters for the downchutes and calculations demonstrating that the downchutes will provide adequate stormwater control and are sufficiently sized are presented in Attachment III-C.3-7.

#### **5.4.3 Perimeter Ditches**

As shown on Drawing 6 of Appendix III-C.2, ditches are positioned around the landfill perimeter. These ditches are used to convey non-contact stormwater runoff from the landfill units, landfill perimeter access road, and ancillary areas to the South Detention Basin. The perimeter ditches are designed with 4H:1V side slopes and a 15-ft bottom width, as detailed on Drawing 7. Ditch profiles are shown on Drawings 9 and 10.

Ditches will be vegetated. In the event that vegetation cannot be established within the ditches, they may be lined with an erosion control material (ECM), such as SmartDitch<sup>TM</sup>, riprap, or other ECM to minimize scour potential. All ditches have been designed with excess capacity to convey the peak flow rates and depths of the 100-year 24-hour storm event (and thus, passing the 25-year, 24-hour storm), which exceeds the requirements specified in 30 TAC 330.305. The design parameters for the perimeter ditches and calculations demonstrating that the ditches will provide adequate stormwater control and are sufficiently sized are presented in Appendix III-C.3-8.

#### **5.4.4 Ditch Discharge Culverts**

Culverts will be installed at the discharge locations of the perimeter ditch into the South Detention Basin, as shown on Drawing 6 and 11 of Appendix III-C.2. Culverts will be in-line with stormwater ditches and have been sized to handle the 100-year 24-hour storm event, which is equal to the 100-year discharge rate in the ditch at that location. Culverts will be box culverts constructed of concrete, unless an alternate culvert design is approved. The design parameters for the culverts and demonstration that the culverts will safely convey stormwater associated with the 100-year 24-hour storm are provided in Appendix III-C.3-9.

#### **5.4.5 South Detention Basin**

The South Detention Basin will be installed along the southern border of the facility to temporarily detain all stormwater that falls on the landfill, perimeter roads, and ancillary facilities. The detention basin receives stormwater through the perimeter ditches. The size of the proposed South Detention Basin has been designed based on a fully developed landfill footprint, although detention basin may be constructed in stages, provided that adequate storage capacity and discharge can be demonstrated. The location of the South Detention Basin is shown in Drawings 5, 6, 11 and 12 of Appendix III-C.2. Profiles and details of the basin are provided on Drawings 11 and 12.

The basin has been designed with excess capacity to safely detain and release the 100-year, 24-hour and 25-year, 24-hour storm events while maintaining one foot of freeboard above the maximum water level, in accordance with best management practices.

#### **5.4.6 South Detention Basin Discharge**

The South Detention Basin will have two discharge points, located approximately at the southwest and southeast corners of the basin. Each discharge point will contain multiple culvert outlets that will facilitate the controlled release of stormwater. Stormwater will discharge through the culverts to the outside of the basin. Riprap or other erosion control material will be placed at the discharge locations to minimize the potential for erosion and scour. Refer to Drawing 12 of Appendix III-C.2 for details of the proposed outlet structure design.

Approximately one half of the total discharge volume will be sent to both the east and west into Drainage Areas DA-3 and DA-2, respectively. Additional stormwater conveyance features may be installed at the discretion of the owner and engineer to direct water directly into the San Jaunito Creek tributary system. Please note that the outlet structure design may be changed at the owner/operator's discretion, provided that the revised design provides adequate reinforcement and protection of the outfall and equivalent release rates to the modeled design.

The outlet structures are designed so that the total release rates from the post-development conditions of the modeled storm events are similar to the corresponding discharge rates for the pre-development conditions, as demonstrated and described in the subsequent modeling text.

#### **5.4.7 Run-On Protection**

Run-on from off-site areas will be prevented from flowing onto the active portion of the landfill by virtue of the fact that outer alignment of the perimeter road, which will surround both waste units, has been designed to be at least one foot higher than the surrounding existing topography. This creates an island affect where surficial water will flow around the landfill facility. Additionally, the waste boundary is located one-foot in elevation higher than the crest of the perimeter channels, which are designed to convey the 100-year storm. Thus, the top of slope for the waste boundary is located at least two feet in elevation higher than the surrounding topography in all areas of the landfill.

#### **5.4.8 Flood Protection**

No portion of the landfill footprint, proposed landfill development, ancillary facilities, or associated appurtenances are located within the revised 100-year floodplain, as shown on Drawing 5 and 6 of Appendix III-C.3. Consistent with 30 TAC Section 330.63(c)(2) 330.307, 330.547(a) and (b), neither waste disposal unit or any operations area will be located within the 100-year floodplain. The landfill facility development will not restrict the flow of the 100-year flood, will not reduce the temporary water storage capacity of the floodplain, and will not result in the washout of solid waste.

#### **5.5 Key Modeling Results for Landfill Stormwater Management Components**

As previously mentioned, detailed descriptions of all elements and model inputs are thoroughly described in the calculations provided in Appendix III-C.3. All stormwater controls were found to be appropriately sized to convey the 100-year and 25-year, 24-hour storm events (surpassing local, state, and federal requirements). Key findings include the following:

1. All terrace benches are appropriately sized to pass the peak discharge of the 100-year, 24-hour storm event without overtopping. Additionally, they are not anticipated to experience erosion or scour due to the check dams.
2. Downchutes can safely convey the 100-year, 24-hour storm. Downchutes will be armoured with riprap or other equivalent erosion control material.
3. All stormwater ditches are appropriately sized to convey the 100-year, 24-hour storm event without overtopping or scouring under anticipated conditions. All stormwater ditches will be vegetated, lined with SmartDitch™, riprap, or lined with other erosion control material to minimize the potential for erosion or scour. All ditches were modeled assuming vegetative lining.
4. All culverts are appropriately sized to convey stormwater within the perimeter ditches for the 100-year, 24-hour storm event. The culverts will not back up or lead to overtopping conditions within the stormwater ditches.
5. The detention basin is sufficiently sized to detain the 100-year, 24-hour storm event. Sufficient sediment storage is provided below the normal water level without impeding basin performance.



Based on the results summarized above and described in detail within the calculations, all stormwater management features for the post-development design of the landfill have been modeled and have been shown to be adequately sized to manage the 100-year and 25-year storm events, satisfying 30 TAC 330.305. Furthermore, the stormwater flow velocities in each element will be at non-erodible velocities of less than five ft/sec (excluding downchutes reinforced with rip-rap or an alternative erosion control material). Therefore, Objective 2 has been satisfied.

## 6.0 OBJECTIVE 3

**Update the Intermediate Conditions (post-CLOMR) Model to include detailed landfill design. Verify that the updated results are substantially similar to the intermediate conditions described in the CLOMR for the 100-year storm to ensure that the CLOMR conclusions are maintained.**

In order to ensure that the determinations made in the CLOMR were maintained, the proposed stormwater model including the detailed stormwater management system was compared to the proposed stormwater model from the CLOMR for the 100-year, 24-hour event.

This model is a hybrid:

- A. Areas inside of the landfill's stormwater management footprint will use the detailed stormwater modeling based on CB&I's design.
- B. Areas outside of the landfill's stormwater management footprint that will be modified from existing conditions are modeled as described within the CLOMR.

Because some of the drainage areas in the CLOMR proposed model were modified by the detailed proposed model, the two models were compared at the "Junction 1-Downstream Discharge Point" for the 100-year, 24-hour storm event to demonstrate that the design of the stormwater management system does not significantly or negatively impact the downstream discharge values determined in the CLOMR. The stormwater model output files are provided in Appendix III-C.4. Table 5 below summarizes the comparison of the two models.

<b>Table 5</b> <b>100-Year, 24-Hour Storm Event Model Comparison</b>			
<b>Model Run</b>	<b>Intermediate (post-CLOMR)</b>	<b>Post Development</b>	<b>Percent Difference</b>
<b>Peak Discharge Rate (cfs)</b>			
Junction-1 (Downstream Discharge Point)	14,083.77	13,954.68	-0.9%
<b>Peak Discharge Volume (af)</b>			
Junction-1 (Downstream Discharge Point)	6,536.62	6,519.70	-0.3%

Based on the fact that both models produce peak discharge rates and volumes within 5 percent, Objective 3 is satisfied. This demonstrates that the CLOMR results are valid when incorporating the detailed landfill design.

## 7.0 OBJECTIVE 4

**Run the pre-development HydroCAD model and the post-development HydroCAD model described in Objective #3 for the 100-year storm to determine the discharge rates associated with the 100-year storms. Demonstrate that post-development design maintains similar discharge rates and volumes to pre-development conditions, indicating that the landfill development will not produce adverse effects to area stormwater management.**

In order to demonstrate compliance with 30 TAC, Section 330, Subchapter G, the proposed stormwater model including the detailed stormwater management system was compared to the existing conditions stormwater model. The two models were compared at the “Junction 1-Downstream Discharge Point” to demonstrate that the design of the stormwater management system does not significantly or negatively impact the existing downstream discharge values. Table 6 below summarizes the comparison of the two models.

<b>Table 6</b>			
<b>100-Year, 24-Hour Storm Event Model Comparison</b>			
<b>Model Run</b>	<b>Pre-Development (pre-CLOMR)</b>	<b>Post-Development</b>	<b>Percent Difference</b>
<b>Peak Discharge Rate</b>			
Junction-1 (Downstream Discharge Point)	14,540.47	13,954.68	-4.1%
<b>Peak Discharge Volume</b>			
Junction-1 (Downstream Discharge Point)	6,729.82	6,519.70	-3.0%

Based on the fact that the post-development conditions will discharge water downstream at flow rates and volumes that are within 5 percent of existing conditions demonstrates that the proposed landfill will not adversely affect drainage conditions. Therefore, Objective 4 is achieved.

**ATTACHMENT III-C**

**APPENDIX III-C.1**

**FACILITY SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE REPORT**

**III-C.1-A. APPROVED CONDITIONAL LETTER OF MAP REVISION APPLICATION  
(ATTACHMENT A TO APPENDIX III-C.1)**





# Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

**November 21, 2014**

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
Case No.: 14-06-1606R

The Honorable Danny Valdez  
Webb County Judge  
1000 Houston Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Laredo, TX 78040

Community Name: Webb County, TX  
Community No.: 481059

Dear Judge Valdez:

We are providing our comments with the enclosed Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) on a proposed project within your community that, if constructed as proposed, could revise the effective Flood Insurance Study report and Flood Insurance Rate Map for your community.

If you have any questions regarding the floodplain management regulations for your community, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in general, or technical questions regarding this CLOMR, please contact the Director, Mitigation Division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office in Denton, Texas, at (940) 898-5127, or the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP). Additional information about the NFIP is available on our Web site at <http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip>.

Sincerely,

Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Chief  
Engineering Management Branch  
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

List of Enclosures:

Conditional Letter of Map Revision Comment Document

cc: Ms. Rhonda Tiffin  
Director of Planning Department  
Webb County

Mr. Michael W. Oden, P.E.  
Senior Project Manager  
CB&I Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc.

Mr. Carlos Y. Benavides, III  
Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC

Ms. Cristy B. Alexander  
Rancho Viejo Cattle Company Ltd.



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## CONDITIONAL LETTER OF MAP REVISION COMMENT DOCUMENT

COMMUNITY INFORMATION		PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF CONDITIONAL REQUEST
COMMUNITY	Unincorporated areas of Webb County Texas	BRIDGE CHANNELIZATION CHANNEL RELOCATION DETENTION BASIN FILL	HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS HYDROLOGIC ANALYSIS UPDATED TOPOGRAPHIC DATA
	COMMUNITY NO.: 481059		
IDENTIFIER	Pescadito Environmental Resource Center	APPROXIMATE LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE: 27.555, -99.165 SOURCE: Precision Mapping Streets DATUM: NAD 83	
AFFECTED MAP PANELS			
TYPE: FIRM* NO.: 48479C1275C DATE: April 2, 2008		* FIRM - Flood Insurance Rate Map	

### FLOODING SOURCES AND REACH DESCRIPTION

See Page 2 for Additional Flooding Sources

East Channel – from the confluence with West Channel to approximately 8,730 feet upstream of the confluence with West Channel

### PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Flooding Source	Proposed Project	Location of Proposed Project
East Channel	Fill Placement	from approximately 3,200 feet upstream of the confluence with West Channel to approximately 8,730 feet upstream of the confluence with West Channel

### SUMMARY OF IMPACTS TO FLOOD HAZARD DATA

Flooding Source	Effective Flooding	Proposed Flooding	Increases	Decreases
East Channel	Zone A	Zone AE	Yes	Yes
	No BFEs*	BFEs	Yes	None

\* BFEs - Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations

### COMMENT

This document provides the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) comment regarding a request for a CLOMR for the project described above. This document is not a final determination; it only provides our comment on the proposed project in relation to the flood hazard information shown on the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map. We reviewed the submitted data and the data used to prepare the effective flood hazard information for your community and determined that the proposed project meets the minimum floodplain management criteria of the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development and for ensuring that all permits required by Federal or State/Commonwealth law have been received. State/Commonwealth, county, and community officials, based on their knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area subject to inundation by the base flood. If the State/Commonwealth, county, or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP criteria.

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### COMMUNITY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

### ADDITIONAL FLOODING SOURCES AFFECTED BY THIS CONDITIONAL REQUEST

#### FLOODING SOURCES AND REACH DESCRIPTION

See Page 3 for Additional Flooding Sources

West Channel – from approximately 270 feet downstream of Ranch Road 7150 to approximately 8,920 feet upstream of the Ranch Road 7150

#### PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Flooding Source	Proposed Project	Location of Proposed Project
West Channel	Fill Placement	from approximately 3,050 feet upstream of the Ranch Road 7150 to approximately 7,300 feet upstream of the Ranch Road 7150
	New West Detention Basin	at approximately 7,300 feet upstream of the Ranch Road 7150
	Channel Relocation	from approximately 3,730 feet upstream of Ranch Road 7150 to approximately 7,300 feet upstream of the Ranch Road 7150
	New Bridge	at approximately 6,710 feet upstream of the Ranch Road 7150

#### SUMMARY OF IMPACTS TO FLOOD HAZARD DATA

Flooding Source	Effective Flooding	Proposed Flooding	Increases	Decreases
West Channel	Zone A	Zone AE	Yes	Yes
	No BFEs*	BFEs	Yes	None

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### COMMUNITY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

### ADDITIONAL FLOODING SOURCES AFFECTED BY THIS CONDITIONAL REQUEST

#### FLOODING SOURCES AND REACH DESCRIPTION

Northwest Channel – from the confluence with West Channel to approximately 6,860 feet upstream of the confluence with West Channel

Northeast Detention Basin – Entire shoreline within the Unincorporated Areas of Webb County

Northwest Detention Basin – Entire shoreline within the Unincorporated Areas of Webb County

#### PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION


Flooding Source	Proposed Project	Location of Proposed Project
Northwest Channel	Channelization	from approximately 3,790 feet upstream of the confluence with West Channel to approximately 6,860 feet upstream of the confluence with West Channel
Northeast Detention Basin	New Detention Basin	Entire shoreline within the Unincorporated Areas of Webb County
Northwest Detention Basin	New Detention Basin	Entire shoreline within the Unincorporated Areas of Webb County

#### SUMMARY OF IMPACTS TO FLOOD HAZARD DATA

Flooding Source	Effective Flooding	Proposed Flooding	Increases	Decreases
Northwest Channel	Zone A	Zone AE	Yes	None
	Zone X (unshaded)	Zone AE	Yes	None
	No BFEs*	BFEs	Yes	None
Northeast Detention Basin	Zone X (unshaded)	Zone AE	Yes	None
	No BFEs	BFEs	Yes	None
Northwest Detention Basin	Zone X (unshaded)	Zone AE	Yes	None
	No BFEs	BFEs	Yes	None

\* BFEs - Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations

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### COMMUNITY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

To determine the changes in flood hazards that will be caused by the proposed project, we compared the hydraulic modeling reflecting the proposed project (referred to as the proposed conditions model) to the hydraulic modeling reflecting the existing conditions.

The table below shows the changes in the base flood water-surface elevations (WSELs).

Base Flood WSEL Comparison Table

Flooding Source: East Channel		Base Flood WSEL Change (feet)	Location of maximum change
Proposed vs.	Maximum increase	0.2	At approximately 4,360 feet upstream of the confluence with West channel
Existing	Maximum decrease	0.2	At approximately 6,040 feet upstream of the confluence with West channel
Flooding Source: West Channel		Base Flood WSEL Change (feet)	Location of maximum change
Proposed vs.	Maximum increase	2.7	At approximately 7,190 feet upstream of the Ranch Road 7150
Existing	Maximum decrease	1.4	At approximately 3,050 feet upstream of the Ranch Road 7150
Flooding Source: Northwest Channel		Base Flood WSEL Change (feet)	Location of maximum change
Proposed vs.	Maximum increase	None	
Existing	Maximum decrease	None	
Flooding Source: Northeast Detention Basin		Base Flood WSEL Change (feet)	Location of maximum change
Proposed vs.	Maximum increase	None	
Existing	Maximum decrease	None	
Flooding Source: Northwest Detention Basin		Base Flood WSEL Change (feet)	Location of maximum change
Proposed vs.	Maximum increase	None	
Existing	Maximum decrease	None	

NFIP regulations Subparagraph 60.3(b)(7) requires communities to ensure that the flood-carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained. This provision is incorporated into your community's existing floodplain management ordinances; therefore, responsibility for maintenance of the altered or relocated watercourse, including any related appurtenances such as bridges, culverts, and other drainage structures, rests with your community. We may request that your community submit a description and schedule of maintenance activities necessary to ensure this requirement.

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**CONDITIONAL LETTER OF MAP REVISION  
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**COMMUNITY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

**DATA REQUIRED FOR FOLLOW-UP LOMR**

Upon completion of the project, your community must submit the data listed below and request that we make a final determination on revising the effective FIRM and FIS report. If the project is built as proposed and the data below are received, a revision to the FIRM and FIS report would be warranted.

- Detailed application and certification forms must be used for requesting final revisions to the maps. Therefore, when the map revision request for the area covered by this letter is submitted, Form 1, entitled "Overview and Concurrence Form," must be included. A copy of this form may be accessed at [http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/dl\\_mt-2.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/dl_mt-2.shtm).
- The detailed application and certification forms listed below may be required if as-built conditions differ from the proposed plans. If required, please submit new forms, which may be accessed at [http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/dl\\_mt-2.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/dl_mt-2.shtm), or annotated copies of the previously submitted forms showing the revised information.

Form 2, entitled "Riverine Hydrology and Hydraulics Form." Hydraulic analyses for as-built conditions of the base flood must be submitted with Form 2.

Form 3, entitled "Riverine Structures Form."

- A certified topographic work map showing the revised and effective base floodplain boundaries. Please ensure that the revised information ties-in with the current effective information at the downstream and upstream ends of the revised reach.
- An annotated copy of the FIRM, at the scale of the effective FIRM, that shows the revised base floodplain boundary delineation shown on the submitted work map and how it tie-into the base floodplain boundary delineation shown on the current effective FIRM at the downstream and upstream ends of the revised reach.
- As-built plans, certified by a registered Professional Engineer, of all proposed project elements.
- Documentation of the individual legal notices sent to property owners who will be affected by any widening or shifting of the base floodplain and/or any BFE establishment along East Channel, West Channel, Northwest Channel, Northeast Detention Basin and Northwest Detention Basin.
- Documentation of the evaluation of conservation measures performed onsite in the Endangered Species Act biological assessment report and put forth in the USFWS letter.

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### COMMUNITY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

#### DATA REQUIRED FOR FOLLOW-UP LOMR (continued)

- An officially adopted maintenance and operation plan for the West Detention Basin (part of West Channel), Northeast Detention Basin and Northwest Detention Basin. This plan, which may be in the form of a written statement from the community Chief Executive Officer, an ordinance, or other legislation, must describe the nature of the maintenance activities, the frequency with which they will be performed, and the title of the local community official who will be responsible for ensuring that the maintenance activities are accomplished.
- FEMA's fee schedule for reviewing and processing requests for conditional and final modifications to published flood information and maps may be accessed at [http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/frm\\_fees.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/frm_fees.shtm). The fee at the time of the map revision submittal must be received before we can begin processing the request. Payment of this fee can be made through a check or money order, made payable in U.S. funds to the National Flood Insurance Program, or by credit card (Visa or MasterCard only). Please either forward the payment, along with the revision application, to the following address:

LOMC Clearinghouse  
Attention: LOMR Manager  
847 South Pickett Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22304-4605

or submit the LOMR using the Online LOMC portal at: <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/onlinelomc/signin>

After receiving appropriate documentation to show that the project has been completed, FEMA will initiate a revision to the FIRM and FIS report. Because the flood hazard information (i.e., base flood elevations, base flood depths, SFHAs, zone designations, and/or regulatory floodways) will change as a result of the project, a 90-day appeal period will be initiated for the revision, during which community officials and interested persons may appeal the revised flood hazard information based on scientific or technical data.

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COMMENT DOCUMENT (CONTINUED)**

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

**COMMUNITY REMINDERS**

We have designated a Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

Mr. Frank Pagano  
Director, Mitigation Division  
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VI  
Federal Regional Center, Room 206  
800 North Loop 288  
Denton, TX 76209  
(940) 898-5127

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Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Chief  
Engineering Management Branch  
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration





**CB&I Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc.**

12005 Ford Road, Suite 600  
Dallas, TX 75234  
972-773-8400  
Fax: 972-773-8401

LOMC Clearinghouse  
847 South Pickett Street  
Alexandria, VA 22304-4605  
Attn: LOMC Manager

February 13, 2014

Re: Conditional Letter of Map Revision  
Pescadito Environmental Resource Center  
Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC  
Webb County, Texas  
Communities: Webb County  
Community No.: 481059

Dear LOMC Manager,

CB&I Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc. (CB&I), formerly known as Shaw Environmental, Inc., is submitting the attached application for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) for the relocation of existing impoundments and improvements to two unnamed tributaries to San Juanito Creek in Webb County, Texas.

The application was prepared by TRC Solutions, Inc.; however, CB&I is now managing the project and has been working to obtain compliance documentation with the Endangered Species Act. This has been recently completed and documentation is included in Appendix I of the attached application. Appendix J includes a compact disc containing electronic files of the modeling efforts supporting the application.

A check in the amount of \$6,050 has been submitted along with the Payment Information Form to the address indicated on the Form. A copy is attached to this letter for your information.

We believe the application is complete for issuance of the CLOMR; however, if you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address or phone number listed above.

Sincerely,

**CB&I Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc.**

Texas Registered Engineering Firm F-5650 (Shaw Environmental, Inc.)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Oden", is written over the printed name and title.

Michael W. Oden, P.E.  
Project Manager  
Texas Solid Waste Program

Attachments

CC with attachments:

Mr. Carlos Y. Benavides, III  
Mr. Bill Thompson

CC without attachments:

Mr. Richard Frithiof, P.E. – TRC Solutions, Inc.



**CB&I Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc.**

12005 Ford Road, Suite 600  
Dallas, TX 75234  
972-773-8400  
Fax: 972-773-8401

FEMA  
Fee Charge System Administrator  
7390 Coca Cola Drive; Suite 204  
Hanover, MD 21076

February 13, 2014

Re: Conditional Letter of Map Revision  
Pescadito Environmental Resource Center  
Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC  
Webb County, Texas  
Communities: Webb County  
Community No.: 481059

Dear Fee Charge System Administrator,

CB&I Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc. (CB&I), formerly known as Shaw Environmental, Inc., is submitting the attached check (#7597 from Rancho Viejo Cattle Company, Ltd.) in the amount of \$6,050.00. The check is for payment of fees related to an application for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) for the relocation of existing impoundments and improvements to two unnamed tributaries to San Juanito Creek in Webb County, Texas. The improvements are related to the potential development of the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center by Ranch Viejo Waste Management, LLC.

Also included is a Payment Information Form (FEMA Form 81-107) as required. The actual application is being sent to the LOMC Clearinghouse in Alexandria, Virginia. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address or phone number listed above.

Sincerely,

**CB&I Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc.**  
Texas Registered Engineering Firm F-5650 (Shaw Environmental, Inc.)

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Michael W. Oden, P.E.  
Project Manager  
Texas Solid Waste Program

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CC:

Mr. Carlos Y. Benavides, III  
Mr. Bill Thompson

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
PAYMENT INFORMATION FORM

Community Name: Webb County

Project Identifier: Conditional Letter of Map Revision Request - Pescadito Environmental Resource Center

THIS FORM MUST BE MAILED, ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEE, TO THE ADDRESS BELOW OR FAXED TO THE FAX NUMBER BELOW.

Type of Request:

☐ MT-1 application }  
☒ MT-2 application }

FEMA  
Fee Charge System Administrator  
7390 Coca Cola Drive  
Suite 204  
Hanover, MD 21076

☐ EDR application }

FEMA Project Library  
847 South Pickett St.  
Alexandria, VA 22304  
FAX (703) 212-4090

Request No.: \_\_\_\_\_ (if known)

Amount: \$6,050

☐ INITIAL FEE\* ☐ FINAL FEE ☐ FEE BALANCE\*\* ☐ MASTER CARD ☐ VISA ☒ CHECK ☐ MONEY ORDER

\*Note: Check only for EDR and/or Alluvial Fan requests (as appropriate).

\*\*Note: Check only if submitting a corrected fee for an ongoing request.

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD

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Date

Signature

NAME (AS IT APPEARS ON CARD): \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print or type)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(for your credit card receipt please print or type)

DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_







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Laredo, TX

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1116 CALLE DEL NORTE  
LAREDO, TX 78041

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L. Cristina B. Alexander MP  
Deputy

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# **Conditional Letter of Map Revision Request Pescadito Environmental Resource Center**

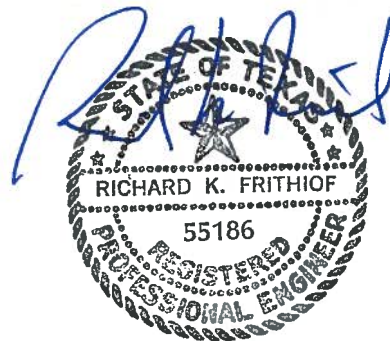
**Prepared for:**

**Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC  
1116 Calle del Norte  
Laredo, TX 78041**

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**Conditional Letter of Map Revision Request for Pescadito Environmental Resource Center  
Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC  
Webb County, Texas**

## **Introduction**

Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC is proposing to construct the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center, a municipal landfill in Webb County, Texas. The design requirements for landfills dictate that a landfill cannot be located within the 100-year floodplain. Approximately 60% of the proposed landfill location is currently located within a Zone A mapped area. The existing stream channels and surface impoundments within the proposed landfill boundaries must be relocated in order to remove the 100-year floodplain from the area.

Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC has authorized TRC to complete this Conditional Letter of Revision (CLOMR) Request for two unnamed tributaries of San Juanito Creek to reflect proposed changes to local hydrology and hydraulics due to the relocation of existing stream channels and surface impoundments in the area. Specifically, numerous impoundments located within the project area, ranging in size from very small to large (Burrito Tank), will be removed. Three new detention basins outside the perimeter of the proposed landfill will be created. Two of these detention basins will be located to the north of the site and will be designed to completely capture the 100-year flood inflows. A larger detention basin located west of the property will intercept flows from the western drainage basin and from other areas to the north that currently flow through the project site. The basin is designed for temporary detention and attenuation of flows from the revised drainage basin. A new channel capable of handling the basin outflows and redirecting them around the project site was designed to link this basin to a series of existing surface water features south of the project site. These actions will effectively remove the project site from the floodplain associated with the existing stream system while providing adequate protection to assure peak flood discharges are not increased downstream.

FEMA MT-2 Forms associated with this project are included as Appendix A. The computer models and shapefiles used in the creation of this CLOMR are included on a CD in Appendix J.

Figure 1 in Appendix B is provided to establish the naming convention for streams studied in this CLOMR Request. This study covers approximately 7,500 feet of San Juanito Creek Tributary and approximately 7,250 feet of Tributary 1 of San Juanito Creek Tributary that are both currently Zone A, or unstudied, streams. This report will describe the overall characteristics of the modifications to the existing stream channel and surface impoundments. It will also include supporting technical documentation for a CLOMR submittal. Acting on behalf of Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC, the contact for the study is as follows:

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## Hydrologic Analysis

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) program HEC-HMS 3.5 was utilized to perform hydrologic calculations for this CLOMR. The sections below describe the methods used to determine model inputs. 2-foot contour data from a LIDAR study of the area were available for the study area surrounding the proposed landfill. This data was supplemented by USGS 10-foot contour data in the remainder of the study area.

### Pre-Project Hydrology

The project area was divided into four sub-basins determined by the hydrologic features of the watershed. The sub-basins were designated as Drainage Area 1 (DA1), DA2, DA3 and DA4. Existing conditions subbasin locations can be found in Appendix B as Figure 2. The total drainage area for the studied basin is approximately 22.9 square miles. Table 1 below provides the area for each sub-basin.

**Table 1: Existing Conditions Subbasin Areas**

Drainage Basin	Area (sq. mi)
DA1	10.86
DA2	1.21
DA3	4.61
DA4	6.22

### *Hydrologic Soil Groups, Land Use and NRCS Runoff Curve Number*

A review of the United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) Soil Survey indicates that the soils within the Project survey area include clays, sandy clay loam, and sandy loam and lie on slopes that range from 0 to 3 percent. These deep soils are well- to moderately well-drained with moderate or very slow permeability. Descriptions the soils, as provided by the USDA–NRCS, are provided below.

Aguilares sandy clay loam, 0-3 percent slopes (AgB): The Aguilares sandy clay loam series consists of deep, well drained, moderately permeable, calcareous and moderately alkaline soils on uplands. This Aguilares soil map unit is found on broad, convex plains. The parent material consists of calcareous loamy residuum weathered from sandstone predominantly from the Jackson Formation. Most areas of these soils are mainly used for rangeland and habitat for wildlife. Slopes range from 0 to 3 percent. Hydrologic soil group B.

Brundage fine sandy loam, occasionally flooded (Bd): The Brundage fine sandy clay loam series consists of deep, moderately well drained, very slowly permeable, saline soils in upland valleys. This Brundage soil map unit is found on valleys along small drainageways and on smooth plains parallel to drainageways. The parent material consists of saline, loamy alluvium. Most areas of these soils are mainly used for rangeland and habitat for wildlife. Slopes range from 0 to 1 percent. Hydrologic soil group D.

Catarina Clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes (CaB): The Catarina Clay series consists of deep, moderately well drained, very slowly permeable, saline soils on upland plains and valleys. This

Catarina soil map unit is found on broad and narrow valleys along drainageways and on smooth plains. The parent material consists of calcareous, saline, clayey alluvium. Most areas of these soils are mainly used for rangeland and habitat for wildlife. Slopes range from 0 to 2 percent. Hydrologic soil group D.

Catarina Clay, occasionally flooded (CfA): The Catarina Clay series consists of deep, moderately well drained, very slowly permeable, saline soils on upland plains and valleys. This Catarina soil map unit is found on narrow valleys along drainageways. The parent material consists of calcareous, saline, clayey alluvium. Most areas of these soils are mainly used for rangeland and habitat for wildlife. Slopes range from 0 to 1 percent. Hydrologic soil group D.

Montell clay, 0 to 2 percent, saline (MnB): The Montell clay series consists of deep, moderately well drained, very slowly permeable, saline, clayey soil on upland plains and valleys. This Montell soil map unit is found on broad and narrow valleys along drainageways and on smooth plains. The parent material consists of clayey valley side alluvium. Most areas of these soils are mainly used for rangeland and habitat for wildlife. Slope ranges from 0 to 2 percent. Hydrologic soil group D.

Moglia clay, 1 to 5 percent slopes (MgC): The Moglia clay series consists of very deep, well drained, moderately slowly permeable soils that formed in calcareous, saline, loamy residuum weathered from mudstone. This Moglia soil map unit is found on interfluvies on coastal plains. The parent material consists of calcareous, saline, loamy residuum weathered from shale. This soil is used primarily for livestock grazing and wildlife habitat. Slope ranges from 1 to 5 percent. Hydrologic soil group C.

The study area is undeveloped. The land use for the previous conditions within the basin was predominantly rangeland for cattle grazing. Oil and gas wells dot the landscape, but were not found to contribute significantly to runoff characteristics.

NRCS Technical Release 55 (TR-55) was consulted for curve numbers for the site. Table 2-2d in TR-55 contains runoff curve numbers for arid and semiarid rangelands. Based on the natural cover for the area, values were taken for the cover type "Desert shrub – major plants include saltbrush, greasewood, creosotebrush, blackbrush, bursage, palo verde, mesquite, and cactus." Table 2 shows the runoff curve number values for this cover type.

**Table 2: Runoff Curve Numbers for Desert Shrub Cover**

Hydrologic Condition	A	B	C	D
Poor	63	77	85	88
Fair	55	72	81	86
Good	49	68	79	84
Water	100			

Table 3 below provides the percentage of hydrologic soil groups within each drainage area.

**Table 3: Existing Conditions Hydrologic Soil Group Percentages**

Drainage Area	A	B	C	D	Water
DA1	0.0%	10.7%	14.1%	73.5%	1.7%
DA2	0.0%	0.0%	43.8%	55.8%	0.4%
DA3	0.0%	41.7%	0.0%	58.3%	0.0%
DA4	0.0%	17.6%	7.9%	74.2%	0.3%

Table 4 summarizes the calculated runoff curve numbers for the four drainage areas within the study area. This table provides the runoff curve numbers for normal moisture conditions which is referred to as antecedent moisture condition II (AMC-II). Fair hydrologic conditions were assumed for the area since grazing in the area has lessened the quality of ground level vegetation.

**Table 4: Existing Conditions Runoff Curve Numbers**

Drainage Area	Curve Number
DA1	84
DA2	84
DA3	80
DA4	83

Recent scientific investigation has been conducted to determine the affect of climatological conditions on the actual experienced runoff from watersheds in Texas. The NRCS investigated the use of overly conservative curve numbers in 1983 when Hailey and McGill investigated and recommended adjusting curve numbers for small drainage areas in Texas<sup>1</sup>. More recent research has been conducted by the Center for Multidisciplinary Research in Transportation under the direction of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The research has culminated in Report No. 0-2104-2, "Climatic Adjustments of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Runoff Curve Numbers: Final Report", 2003<sup>2</sup>. The report concludes that based upon the review of measured rainfall-runoff data from about 100 watersheds and approximately 1600 events, an adjustment of the AMC-II CN is required to avoid inflating the runoff volume associated with a particular design rainfall depth at a particular recurrence interval. Differences between the predicted CN and the observed CN were computed and used as the basis for a simple adjustment procedure. Basically, the adjustment amounts to a subtractive amount between 0 and 20 points. The predicted CN using standard NRCS methods is greater than the actual or observed CN for many parts of Texas. In the Webb County area the study indicates that the AMC-II CN may be adjusted downwards by as much as 20 points. TRC used a climatic adjustment of 15 points for the un-adjusted curve numbers shown in Table 4 to gain a more conservative estimate of runoff amounts for the area.

The adjusted curve numbers are shown in Table 5 below for all basins in the existing conditions model.

**Table 5: Adjusted Existing Conditions Runoff Curve Numbers**

Drainage Area	Curve Number
DA1	69
DA2	69
DA3	65
DA4	68

### *Time of Concentration and NRCS Lag Time*

Time of concentration ( $T_C$ ) values for all subbasins were calculated by TRC using the NRCS “Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds” TR-55. Parameters for each subbasin were measured using the ArcMap computer program.

It is generally accepted that the NRCS Lag Time ( $t_p$ ) can be estimated as 0.6 times the  $T_C$  for a given subbasin. Research conducted for the Center for Multidisciplinary Research in Transportation under the direction of TxDOT has shown that while this is a reasonable estimate for many watersheds, there may be a more accurate way to calculate  $t_p$ . Report No. 0-4696-2, “Time-Parameter Estimation for Applicable Texas Watersheds”, 2005<sup>3</sup> demonstrates that 0.4 times  $T_C$  yields more accurate estimates of  $t_p$  for developed watersheds and 0.7 times  $T_C$  fits undeveloped watersheds more closely. Since the area is undeveloped,  $t_p$  values for this study were calculated using a multiplier of 0.7. Table 6 below summarizes the  $T_C$  and  $t_p$  values for all sub-basins. Calculations are included in Appendix C.

**Table 6: Existing Conditions Time of Concentration and Lag Time**

Drainage Basin	Time of Concentration, $T_C$ (hours)	NRCS Lag Time, $t_p$ (hours)
DA1	3.26	2.28
DA2	1.28	0.89
DA3	2.34	1.64
DA4	3.95	2.77

### *Precipitation and Rainfall Distribution*

The precipitation for the 100-year storm investigated was obtained from Technical Paper No. 40, “Rainfall Frequency Atlas of the United States” (TP-40). A rainfall amount of 9.8 inches was obtained from the 100-Year 24-Hour Rainfall map within TP-40. Figure 15 – Area-Depth Curves, included in TP-40, depicts correction factors for rainfall over a given drainage area and storm duration. Based on a 22.9 square mile drainage area, the correction factor is 97% of the rainfall depicted in TP-40. With this correction, a rainfall amount of 9.5 inches was calculated for the study area.

The Soil Conservation Service Storm Type III rainfall distribution was used to develop the peak rainfall for the 100-year frequency rainfall event.

### *Existing Pond Model Inputs*

Numerous impoundments (ponds or stock tanks) are located within the drainage area. While the vast majority of the impoundments are small in capacity, Burrito Tank is a relatively large pond and may have some attenuating effect on flows from DA1. Burrito Tank appears to be very old and currently has a very poorly defined spillway and berm. At the time the LIDAR data was gathered there was water within the pond, preventing any analysis of normal water capacity. The pond was assumed full and at an elevation of 538 ft (the spillway elevation) at the time of the design storm. Surface areas and discharges were estimated for the surcharge storage of Burrito Tank using the 2-foot contour data. Table 7 shows the elevation-area-discharge relationship entered into the HEC-HMS model to simulate the effects of Burrito Tank. The remainder of the tanks were not considered in the model due to their small size and lack of surcharge storage capacity.

**Table 7: Burrito Tank Model Inputs**

Elevation (ft)	Area (ac)	Discharge (cfs)
535	17.46	0
536	22.43	0
538	39.21	0
540	68.11	1167
542	124.32	7118
544	222.92	30969

### *Routing Methods*

Simple lag routing was used to rout flows along streams. It was determined that there would not be significant attenuation in the reaches within the study area. Lag times were estimated using a channel velocity of 5 feet per second and the length of the reaches in question.

### *Pre-Project Hydrologic Results*

Hydrologic calculations and the HEC-HMS model inputs used for the existing conditions can be found in Appendix C. The peak flows from the pre-project hydrology are shown in Table 8 below:

**Table 8: Existing Conditions Hydrology Results**

Hydrologic Element	Peak Discharge (cfs)
DA1	7860.9
Burrito Tank	7714.2
Reach-1	7714.2
DA4	3824.2
DA3	3823.2
Junction-2	6905.7
DA2	1676.8
Junction-1 (Outlet)	14567.6

### **Proposed Modifications to Watershed**

The main goal of the proposed modifications is to reroute all runoff from west of the proposed landfill to the south and around the site. In order to better understand the current site layout, a topographic map reflecting the existing conditions of the area surrounding the proposed landfill is included in Appendix B as Figure 3. A map depicting the general changes described below is included in Appendix B as Figure 4.

In order to remove the project site from the floodplain, a large detention structure, referred to as the West Detention Basin, will be constructed. The structure will capture flows from multiple streams originating from the west and north of the project site. The outlet of this structure, located at the southwest end of the dam, will discharge flow into a newly excavated channel which runs south and west of the project boundary. The new system will effectively route the runoff around the project site. Preliminary grading for the proposed West Detention Basin and excavated channel are included in Appendix B as Figure 5. Typical channel cross sections and the profile for the West Detention Basin berm can be found in Appendix D.

A small drainage basin to the northwest must be diverted into the West Detention Basin in order to prevent it from draining onto the proposed landfill. To do this, the terrain will be re-graded in order to capture the runoff and divert it through a proposed excavated channel into the West Detention Basin. Preliminary grading for the northwest diversion channel is included in Appendix B as Figure 6. Typical channel cross sections and designs can be found in Appendix D.

The drainage area to the north of the proposed landfill must also be controlled. Two remaining small drainage basins to the north will be captured by two impoundments designed to fully capture the 100-year flows within each drainage area. These impoundments are referred to the Northwest and Northeast Detention Basins in the hydrologic model. The two impoundments will incorporate small low-flow outlets designed to release water at a very low rate.

An Operation and Maintenance Plan for the three proposed impoundments is included as Appendix E.

Finally, a perimeter drainage system will circle the proposed landfill, routing runoff to the perimeter of the facility. This will effectively create a watershed boundary down the center of the proposed landfill.

A 26-foot wide access bridge crossing the discharge channel will be installed approximately 525 feet downstream of the proposed West Detention Basin. While final plans and specifications for this bridge have not been completed, the bridge will be designed using TxDOT standard specifications and details located in Appendix F. Preliminary designs include a slab-span bridge with fourteen 25-foot spans. Piers are assumed to be 2 feet in width and the slabs are assumed to be 16 inches thick. The bridge itself is designed to pass the 25-year storm without overtopping, as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for access to landfill facilities.

### **Post-Project Hydrology**

Due to the extensive modifications to the area surrounding the proposed landfill and the removal of existing water features within the facility boundary, major revisions to the existing hydrologic model were necessary. The hydrologic subbasins were redrawn to conform to the proposed modifications and all necessary parameters were recalculated as shown in the following sections.

The resulting proposed model contains seven drainage areas. Drainage areas 1-4 remain in the same general location, but with modified boundaries. DA5 encompasses the area to the northwest of the site that is being diverted into the new West Detention Basin. DA6 and DA7 are the remaining two small watersheds to the north captured by the Northwest and Northeast Detention Basins, respectively. Proposed conditions subbasin locations can be found in Appendix B as Figure 7. Table 9 summarizes the drainage areas for the proposed conditions model.

**Table 9: Proposed Conditions Subbasin Areas**

<b>Drainage Basin</b>	<b>Area (sq. mi)</b>
DA1	8.18
DA2	1.85
DA3	5.51
DA4	6.22
DA5	0.31
DA6	0.21
DA7	0.61

### ***Hydrologic Soil Groups, Land Use and NRCS Runoff Curve Number***

While the soils in the area will remain unchanged, the new drainage basins associated with the proposed conditions dictate the need for recalculated runoff curve numbers. Hydrologic soil groups, calculated runoff curve numbers and adjusted runoff curve numbers for the proposed conditions model are shown in Table 10.



**Table 10: Proposed Conditions Curve Number Calculations**

Drainage Area	A	B	C	D	Water	Curve Number	Adjusted CN
DA1	0.0%	4.8%	18.7%	75.3%	1.2%	85	70
DA2	0.0%	3.5%	28.8%	67.7%	0.0%	84	69
DA3	0.0%	36.0%	0.0%	64.0%	0.0%	81	66
DA4	0.0%	17.6%	7.9%	74.2%	0.3%	83	68
DA5	0.0%	64.6%	0.0%	35.4%	0.0%	77	62
DA6	0.0%	72.3%	0.0%	27.6%	0.0%	76	61
DA7	0.0%	47.3%	0.0%	52.7%	0.0%	79	64

### *Time of Concentration and NRCS Lag Time*

Likewise, updated values for  $T_C$  and  $t_p$  were calculated to reflect the proposed conditions. The calculated values are summarized in Table 10. Calculations are included in Appendix G.

**Table 10: Proposed Conditions Time of Concentration and Lag Time**

Drainage Basin	Time of Concentration, $T_C$ (hours)	NRCS Lag Time, $t_p$ (hours)
DA1	2.74	1.92
DA2	1.74	1.22
DA3	2.34	1.64
DA4	3.95	2.77
DA5	0.82	0.58
DA6	0.56	0.39
DA7	0.76	0.53

### *Precipitation and Rainfall Distribution*

The precipitation model was unchanged between existing and proposed conditions.

### *Proposed Detention Basin Model Inputs*

Three detention basins are proposed around the perimeter of the landfill. The two northernmost detention basins will be sized to fully capture the 100-year storm, removing the need to account for the runoff generated in those subbasins. The West Detention Basin must be hydrologically modeled in order to determine the attenuation effects as water is diverted and detained by the structure. The West Detention Basin is designed with a spillway elevation of 542 feet. This was assumed to be the starting condition for the detention basin. Table 11 shows the elevation-area-discharge curve used to model the West Detention Basin.



**Table 11: West Detention Basin Model Inputs**

Elevation (ft)	Area (ac)	Discharge (cfs)
542	14.4	0
544	37.0	1273
546	94.2	3600
548	124.8	6614

### *Routing Methods*

The routing method was unchanged between existing and proposed conditions.

### *Post-Project Hydrologic Results*

Hydrologic calculations and the HEC-HMS model inputs used for the proposed conditions can be found in Appendix G. According to the model, the West Detention Basin performs as designed. Peak flow rates are sufficiently attenuated to lessen the impacts of the modifications to the watershed. The peak water surface elevation for the detention basin was calculated as 547.6 ft, leaving 0.4 feet of freeboard. With such flat site topography, this is a relatively large amount of storage. The peak flows from the post-project hydrology are shown in Table 12 below:

**Table 12: Proposed Conditions Hydrology Results**

Hydrologic Element	Peak Discharge (cfs)
DA1	6852.4
DA5	468.5
West Detention Basin	5980.8
Reach-1	5980.8
DA2	2082.6
DA3	4690.7
DA4	3824.2
Junction-2	7707.0
Junction-1 (Outlet)	14096.1
DA7	1015.7
NE Detention Basin	0
DA6	378.5
NW Detention Basin	0

### *Conclusions*

Comparing the two peak discharges from the site, the proposed peak flow rate of 14,096 cfs is lower than the existing peak flow rate of 14,568 cfs. This shows that the proposed West Detention Basin attenuates peak flows sufficiently to prevent increases in flooding downstream

of the site. Examining the existing amount of runoff of 6,732.5 acre-feet and the proposed amount of 6751.2 acre-feet, the two values differ by less than 0.3%. This shows that the models generate roughly the same amount of runoff, confirming the two models reflect the same characteristics despite heavy modifications to drainage basin delineation and recalculation of curve numbers.

## **Hydraulic Analysis**

The USACE program HEC-RAS 4.1.0 was used in order to hydraulically model the streams in the vicinity of the proposed landfill. 2-foot contours from LIDAR data for the site were used in order to delineate cross sections for the model. USGS 10-foot contour data, with limited 5-foot contours, were used to supplement the LIDAR data. Contour data was modified to reflect the proposed modifications to the watershed.

The hydraulic model consists of three reaches: West, Lower West and East. West and Lower West consist of approximately 7,500 feet of the proposed San Juanito Creek Tributary channel from the proposed West Detention Basin to a point approximately 350 feet downstream of the existing water features to the south of the site. The water features to the south of the proposed landfill fall within Lower West and are modeled as permanent ineffective flow areas. East consists of approximately 7,250 feet of Tributary 1 of San Juanito Creek Tributary that follows the eastern boundary of the landfill, measured from the confluence with San Juanito Creek Tributary. The perimeter drainage system will divert more runoff to this stream, creating the need to model the stream with the increased discharge. The water features to the south of the proposed landfill fall within this reach and are modeled as permanent ineffective flow areas.

The downstream boundary condition for Lower West and the upstream boundary condition for East were assumed to be normal depth, based on the channel slope for each point. Since the upstream cross section of the West reach is located within the West Detention Basin, the upstream boundary condition for West was assumed to be a known water surface elevation of 547.6 feet, the maximum water surface elevation of the West Detention Basin.

The proposed bridge crossing the West Detention Basin discharge channel (West reach) was included in the HEC-RAS model for the site. The bridge is a 26-foot wide slab-span design with fourteen 25-foot spans supported by 2-foot wide columns. The slabs are 16 inches thick. The bridge model also includes proposed 2.5-foot high guard rails.

Flow rates in the hydraulic model were selected based on peak flow rates for the corresponding feature within the hydrologic model.

Sediment transport was not considered for any structures associated with this CLOMR. The velocities associated with the 100-year event and slopes within the watershed are sufficiently low that sediment transport is not a major concern for this site.

Table 13 includes results from the HEC-RAS model used for the proposed conditions. The HEC-RAS cross sections are included as Appendix H.

**Table 13: Proposed Conditions HEC-RAS Results**

Reach	River Sta	Profile	Q Total (cfs)	Min Ch El (ft)	WS Elev (ft)	Crit WS (ft)	EG Elev (ft)	EG Slope (ft/ft)	Vel Chnl (ft/s)	Flow Area (sq ft)	Top Width (ft)	Froude # Chl
West	7535	100yr	5980	542	547.35	542.52	547.35	0.000005	0.32	20254.1	4773.93	0.03
West	7485	Inl Struct (West Detention Basin Dam)										
West	7435	100yr	5980	542	545.83		546.26	0.002247	5.41	1257.99	528.68	0.51
West	7135	100yr	5980	541	545.34		545.68	0.001522	4.81	1384.62	484.17	0.43
West	7020	100yr	5980	540.67	545.18	543.35	545.52	0.00132	4.79	1450.57	490.00	0.41
West	6973	Bridge (Landfill Access Road)										
West	6900	100yr	5980	540.33	544.12		544.62	0.00251	5.77	1117.92	399.56	0.54
West	6785	100yr	5980	540	543.82		544.31	0.002894	5.79	1129.20	391.05	0.57
West	6435	100yr	5980	539	542.87		543.36	0.002546	5.89	1233.95	509.03	0.55
West	6085	100yr	5980	538	541.92		542.42	0.002858	5.81	1158.87	491.71	0.57
West	5735	100yr	5980	537	540.92		541.42	0.002857	5.81	1158.90	491.71	0.57
West	5385	100yr	5980	536	539.92		540.41	0.002863	5.81	1158.00	491.53	0.57
West	5035	100yr	5980	535	538.71		539.29	0.003618	6.26	1072.07	506.58	0.63
West	4685	100yr	5980	534	537.39		537.95	0.004089	6.11	1094.02	576.03	0.66
West	4335	100yr	5980	533	536.72		536.96	0.001781	4.09	1724.71	891.93	0.44
West	3985	100yr	5980	532	536.10		536.36	0.00168	4.62	1894.15	1101.88	0.44
West	3710	100yr	5980	531	535.21		535.73	0.005462	8.76	1501.14	997.75	0.80
West	3220	100yr	5980	529.3	534.36		534.48	0.002136	6.42	2593.24	1481.85	0.52
West	2700	100yr	5980	528	534.16	531.02	534.18	0.000171	1.77	6673.36	2544.43	0.15
Lower West	700	100yr	14095	528	532.95		533.08	0.001217	2.91	4965.1	2063.74	0.31
Lower West	0	100yr	14095	526	531.64	530.12	531.97	0.002003	5.57	4065.76	1783.13	0.44
East	7266	100yr	4690	540.2	544.65		544.96	0.002718	5.15	1352.86	798.75	0.48
East	6131	100yr	4690	537.3	542.45		542.54	0.002008	5.38	2121.63	1215.29	0.43
East	5753	100yr	4690	536.8	541.81		541.93	0.002492	5.65	1941.12	1271.91	0.47
East	5451	100yr	4690	536.3	541.05		541.12	0.001761	4.37	2346.74	1423.31	0.39
East	4936	100yr	4690	534.8	540.08		540.20	0.002288	5.47	1871.08	1056.86	0.45
East	4579	100yr	4690	533.4	539.44		539.54	0.002032	6.02	1968.19	996.80	0.44
East	3826	100yr	4690	532	538.30		538.51	0.002703	6.66	1726.12	1026.49	0.51
East	3212	100yr	4690	531	537.23		537.35	0.002044	6.06	1941.68	1067.99	0.45
East	2902	100yr	4690	530.5	536.92		537.01	0.001467	5.10	2321.41	1265.30	0.38
East	2357	100yr	7705	528.7	535.94		536.11	0.001333	5.05	3347.06	1666.77	0.37
East	1700	100yr	7705	528	535.45		535.56	0.000713	3.57	4311.86	2232.33	0.27

## Floodplain Mapping

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## Endangered Species Act Compliance

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## **Appendix A**

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3. Project Name/Identifier: **Pescadito Environmental Resource Center**

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5. Basis for Request and Type of Revision: **Proposed modifications to basin**



a. The basis for this revision request is (check all that apply)

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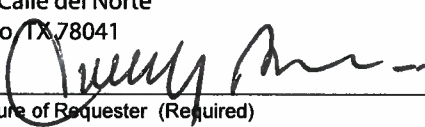
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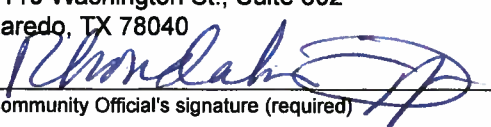
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Mailing Address 1116 Calle del Norte Laredo, TX 78041		Daytime Telephone No. (956) 523-1400	FAX No. (956) 523-1401
		EMAIL ADDRESS ccitollroad@aim.com	
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Certifier's Name Richard K. Frithiof, P.E., C.F.M.		License No. 55186	Expiration Date 12/31/2011
Company Name TRC Environmental Corp.		Telephone No. (512) 684-3346	Fax No. (512) 343-1083
Signature 	E-mail Address rfrithiof@trcsolutions.com		Date 11/1/2011

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**Form name and (Number)****Required If.....**

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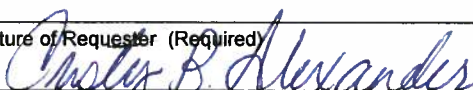
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Telephone No.: 972-773-8381

Fax No.: 972-773-8401

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Date: *6/26/14*

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Flooding Source: Tributary 1 of San Juanito Creek Tributary (HEC-RAS reach: East)

Note: Fill out one form for each flooding source studied.

**A. HYDROLOGY**

1. Reason for New Hydrologic Analysis (check all that apply)

- ☐ Not revised (skip to section B)    ☒ No existing analysis    ☐ Improved data
- ☐ Alternative methodology    ☒ Proposed Conditions (CLOMR)    ☒ Changed physical condition of watershed

2. Comparison of Representative 1%-Annual-Chance Discharges

Location	Drainage Area (Sq. Mi.)	Effective FIS (cfs)	Revised (cfs)
Upstrm Confluence w/ Trib 1	5.51	NA	4,690
Dwnstrm Confluence w/ Trib 1	11.72	NA	7,705

3. Methodology for New Hydrologic Analysis (check all that apply)

- ☐ Statistical Analysis of Gage Records    ☒ Precipitation/runoff Model    Specify Model HEC-HMS
- ☐ Regional Regression Equations    ☐ Other (please attach description)

Please enclose all relevant models in digital format, maps, computations (including computation of parameters), and documentation to support the new analysis.

4. Review/Approval of Analysis.

If your community requires a regional, state, or federal agency to review the hydrologic analysis, please attach evidence of approval/review.

5. Impacts of Sediment Transport on Hydrology

Is the hydrology for the revised flooding source(s) affected by sediment transport?    ☐ Yes    ☒ No

If Yes, then fill out Section F (Sediment Transport) of Form 3. If No, then attach your explanation for why sediment transport was not considered.

## B. HYDRAULICS

### 1. Reach to be Revised

Water-Surface Elevations (ft.)

	Description	Cross Section	Effective	Proposed/Revised
Downstream Limit	<u>1,700 ft US of Confl. w/West</u>	<u>East, 1700</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>NA - Zone A Only</u>
Upstream Limit	<u>7,300 ft US of Confl. w/West</u>	<u>East, 7266</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>NA - Zone A Only</u>

\* Proposed/Revised elevations must tie-into the Effective elevations within 0.5 foot at the downstream and upstream limits of revision.

### 2. Hydraulic Method/Model Used HEC-RAS

### 3. Pre-Submittal Review of Hydraulic Models

DHS/FEMA has developed two review programs, CHECK-2 and CHECK-RAS to aid in the review of HEC-2 and HEC-RAS hydraulic models, respectively. We recommend that you review your HEC-2 and HEC-RAS models with CHECK-2 and CHECK-RAS.

### 4. Models Submitted

	<u>Natural Run</u>		<u>Floodway Run</u>		<u>Datum</u>
Duplicate Effective Model*	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>
Corrective Effective Model*	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>
Existing or Pre-Project Conditions Model	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>
Revised or Post-Project Conditions Model	File Name <u>RanchoViejo.prj</u>	Plan Name <u>Rancho Viejo</u>	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	<u>NAVD88</u>
Other - (attach description)	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>

\* For details, refer to the corresponding section of the instructions.

☒ Digital Models Submitted? (Required)

## C. MAPPING REQUIREMENTS

**A certified topographic map** must be submitted showing the following information (where applicable): the boundaries of the effective, existing, and proposed conditions 1%-annual-chance floodplain (for approximate Zone A revisions) or the boundaries of the 1% - and 0.2%-annual-chance floodplains and regulatory floodway (for detailed Zone AE, AO, and AH revisions); location and alignment of all cross sections with stationing control indicated; stream, road, and other alignments (e.g. dams, levees, etc.); current community easements and boundaries; boundaries of the requester's property; certification of a registered professional engineer registered in the subject State; location and description of reference marks; and the referenced vertical datum (NGVD, NAVD, etc.).

☒ Digital Mapping (GIS/CADD) Data Submitted

Topographic Information 2-foot contour data from LIDAR

Source Dallas Aerial Surveys, Inc.

Date 2/15/2011

Accuracy 90% of all elevations within half contour interval (1 foot), remaining 10% within one contour interval (2 feet)

Note that the boundaries of the existing or proposed conditions floodplains and regulatory floodway to be shown on the revised FIRM and/or FBFM must tie-in with the effective floodplain and regulatory floodway boundaries. Please attach **a copy of the effective FIRM and/or FBFM**, at the same scale as the original, annotated to show the boundaries of the revised 1%-and 0.2%-annual-chance floodplains and regulatory floodway that tie-in with the boundaries of the effective 1%-and 0.2%-annual-chance floodplain and regulatory floodway at the upstream and downstream limits of the area on revision.

☒ Annotated FIRM and/or FBFM (Required)

1. For LOMR/CLOMR Requests, do Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) Increase?

☐ Yes ☒ No

a. For CLOMR requests, if either of the following is true, please submit **evidence of compliance with Section 65.12 of the NFIP regulations**:

- The proposed project encroaches upon a regulatory floodway and would result in increases above 0.00 foot compared to pre-project conditions.
- The proposed project encroaches upon a SFHA with or without BFEs established and would result in increases above 1.00 foot compared to pre-project conditions.

b. Does this LOMR cause increase in the BFE and/or SFHA compared with the effective BFEs and/or SFHA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, **please attach proof of property owner notification and acceptance (if available)**. Elements of and examples of property owner notifications can be found in the MT-2 Form Instructions.

2. Does the request involve the placement or proposed placement of fill?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, the community must be able to certify that the area to be removed from the special hazard area, to include any structures or proposed structures, meets all of the standards of the local floodplain ordinances, and is reasonably safe from flooding in accordance with the NFIP regulations set forth at 44 CFR 60.3(A)(3), 65.5(a)(4), and 65.6(a)(14). Please see the MT-2 instructions for more information.

3. For LOMR requests, is the regulatory floodway being revised?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Flooding Source: San Juanito Creek Tributary (HEC-RAS reach: West/Lower West)

Note: Fill out one form for each flooding source studied.

**A. HYDROLOGY**

1. Reason for New Hydrologic Analysis (check all that apply)

- ☐ Not revised (skip to section B)    ☒ No existing analysis    ☐ Improved data
- ☐ Alternative methodology    ☒ Proposed Conditions (CLOMR)    ☒ Changed physical condition of watershed

2. Comparison of Representative 1%-Annual-Chance Discharges

Location	Drainage Area (Sq. Mi.)	Effective FIS (cfs)	Revised (cfs)
Upstrm Confluence w/ Trib 1	8.49	NA	5,980
Dwnstrm Confluence w/ Trib 1	22.89	NA	14,095

3. Methodology for New Hydrologic Analysis (check all that apply)

- ☐ Statistical Analysis of Gage Records    ☒ Precipitation/runoff Model    Specify Model HEC-HMS
- ☐ Regional Regression Equations    ☐ Other (please attach description)

Please enclose all relevant models in digital format, maps, computations (including computation of parameters), and documentation to support the new analysis.

4. Review/Approval of Analysis.

If your community requires a regional, state, or federal agency to review the hydrologic analysis, please attach evidence of approval/review.

5. Impacts of Sediment Transport on Hydrology

Is the hydrology for the revised flooding source(s) affected by sediment transport?    ☐ Yes    ☒ No

If Yes, then fill out Section F (Sediment Transport) of Form 3. If No, then attach your explanation for why sediment transport was not considered.

## B. HYDRAULICS

### 1. Reach to be Revised

Water-Surface Elevations (ft.)

	Description	Cross Section	Effective	Proposed/Revised
Downstream Limit	<u>350ft DS of south ponds</u>	<u>Lower West, 0</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>NA - Zone A Only</u>
Upstream Limit	<u>West Detention Basin</u>	<u>West, 7585</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>NA - Zone A Only</u>

\* Proposed/Revised elevations must tie-into the Effective elevations within 0.5 foot at the downstream and upstream limits of revision.

### 2. Hydraulic Method/Model Used HEC-RAS

### 3. Pre-Submittal Review of Hydraulic Models

DHS/FEMA has developed two review programs, CHECK-2 and CHECK-RAS to aid in the review of HEC-2 and HEC-RAS hydraulic models, respectively. We recommend that you review your HEC-2 and HEC-RAS models with CHECK-2 and CHECK-RAS.

### 4. Models Submitted

	<u>Natural Run</u>		<u>Floodway Run</u>		<u>Datum</u>
Duplicate Effective Model*	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>
Corrective Effective Model*	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>
Existing or Pre-Project Conditions Model	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>
Revised or Post-Project Conditions Model	File Name <u>RanchoViejo.prj</u>	Plan Name <u>Rancho Viejo</u>	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	<u>NAVD88</u>
Other - (attach description)	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	File Name <u>NA</u>	Plan Name <u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>

\* For details, refer to the corresponding section of the instructions.

☒ Digital Models Submitted? (Required)

## C. MAPPING REQUIREMENTS

**A certified topographic map** must be submitted showing the following information (where applicable): the boundaries of the effective, existing, and proposed conditions 1%-annual-chance floodplain (for approximate Zone A revisions) or the boundaries of the 1% - and 0.2%-annual-chance floodplains and regulatory floodway (for detailed Zone AE, AO, and AH revisions); location and alignment of all cross sections with stationing control indicated; stream, road, and other alignments (e.g. dams, levees, etc.); current community easements and boundaries; boundaries of the requester's property; certification of a registered professional engineer registered in the subject State; location and description of reference marks; and the referenced vertical datum (NGVD, NAVD, etc.).

☒ Digital Mapping (GIS/CADD) Data Submitted

Topographic Information 2-foot contour data from LIDAR

Source Dallas Aerial Surveys, Inc.

Date 2/15/2011

Accuracy 90% of all elevations within half contour interval (1 foot), remaining 10% within one contour interval (2 feet)

Note that the boundaries of the existing or proposed conditions floodplains and regulatory floodway to be shown on the revised FIRM and/or FBFM must tie-in with the effective floodplain and regulatory floodway boundaries. Please attach **a copy of the effective FIRM and/or FBFM**, at the same scale as the original, annotated to show the boundaries of the revised 1%-and 0.2%-annual-chance floodplains and regulatory floodway that tie-in with the boundaries of the effective 1%-and 0.2%-annual-chance floodplain and regulatory floodway at the upstream and downstream limits of the area on revision.

☒ Annotated FIRM and/or FBFM (Required)

1. For LOMR/CLOMR Requests, do Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) Increase?

☐ Yes ☒ No

a. For CLOMR requests, if either of the following is true, please submit **evidence of compliance with Section 65.12 of the NFIP regulations**:

- The proposed project encroaches upon a regulatory floodway and would result in increases above 0.00 foot compared to pre-project conditions.
- The proposed project encroaches upon a SFHA with or without BFEs established and would result in increases above 1.00 foot compared to pre-project conditions.

b. Does this LOMR cause increase in the BFE and/or SFHA compared with the effective BFEs and/or SFHA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, **please attach proof of property owner notification and acceptance (if available)**. Elements of and examples of property owner notifications can be found in the MT-2 Form Instructions.

2. Does the request involve the placement or proposed placement of fill?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Flooding Source: San Juanito Creek Tributary

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**A. GENERAL**

Complete the appropriate section(s) for each Structure listed below:

Channelization.....complete Section B  
Bridge/Culvert.....complete Section C  
Dam.....complete Section D  
Levee/Floodwall.....complete Section E  
Sediment Transport.....complete Section F (if required)

Description of Modeled Structure

1. Name of Structure: West Detention Basin

Type (check one): ☐ Channelization ☐ Bridge/Culvert ☐ Levee/Floodwall ☒ Dam

Location of Structure: Western edge of proposed landfill

Downstream Limit/Cross Section: West, 7485

Upstream Limit/Cross Section: West, 7485

2. Name of Structure: West Detention Basin Discharge Channel

Type (check one): ☒ Channelization ☐ Bridge/Culvert ☐ Levee/Floodwall ☐ Dam

Location of Structure: Immediately downstream of West Detention Basin

Downstream Limit/Cross Section: West, 3985

Upstream Limit/Cross Section: West, 7485

3. Name of Structure: Landfill Access Road

Type (check one): ☐ Channelization ☒ Bridge/Culvert ☐ Levee/Floodwall ☐ Dam

Location of Structure: 525 feet downstream of West Detention Basin, crossing channel

Downstream Limit/Cross Section: West, 4240

Upstream Limit/Cross Section: West, 4280

**NOTE: FOR MORE STRUCTURES, ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED.**

**B. CHANNELIZATION**Flooding Source: San Juanito Creek TributaryName of Structure: West Detention Basin Discharge Channel**1. Hydraulic Considerations**The channel was designed to carry \_\_\_\_\_ (cfs) and/or the 100 -year flood.

The design elevation in the channel is based on (check one):

☒ Subcritical flow      ☐ Critical flow      ☐ Super critical flow      ☐ Energy grade line

If there is the potential for a hydraulic jump at the following locations, check all that apply and attach an explanation of how the hydraulic jump is controlled without affecting the stability of the channel.

☐ Inlet to channel      ☐ Outlet of channel      ☐ At Drop Structures      ☐ At Transitions☐ Other locations (specify): \_\_\_\_\_**2. Channel Design Plans**

Attach the plans of the channelization certified by a registered professional engineer, as described in the instructions.

**3. Accessory Structures**The Channelization includes (check one):☐ Levees [Attach Section (E Levee/Floodwall)]      ☐ Drop structures      ☒ Super elevated sections  
☒ Transitions in cross sectional geometry      ☐ Debris basin/design basin [Attach Section D (Dam/Basin)]      ☐ Energy dissipater  
☐ Weir      ☐ Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_**4. Sediment Transport Considerations**Are the hydraulics of the channel affected by sediment transport? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, then fill out Section F (Sediment Transport). If No, then attach your explanation for why sediment transport was not considered.

**C. BRIDGE/CULVERT**Flooding Source: San Juanito Creek TributaryName of Structure: Landfill Access Road**1. This revision reflects (check one):**☒ Bridge/culvert not modeled in the FIS  
☐ Modified bridge/culvert previously modeled in the FIS  
☐ New analysis of bridge/culvert previously modeled in the FIS**2. Hydraulic model used to analyze the structure (e.g., HEC-2 with special bridge routine, WSPRO, HY8):** HEC-RAS

If different hydraulic analysis for the flooding source, justify why the hydraulic analysis used for the flooding source could not analyze the structures. Attach justification.

**3. Attach plans of the structures certified by a registered professional engineer. The plan detail and information should include the following (check the information that has been provided):**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dimensions (height, width, span, radius, length)	<input type="checkbox"/> Distance Between Cross Sections
<input type="checkbox"/> Shape (culverts only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Erosion Protection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low Chord Elevations - Upstream and Downstream
<input type="checkbox"/> Beveling or Rounding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Top of Road Elevations - Upstream and Downstream
<input type="checkbox"/> Wing Wall Angle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure Invert Elevations - Upstream and Downstream
<input type="checkbox"/> Skew Angle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stream Invert Elevation - Upstream and Downstream
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Section Locations

**4. Sediment Transport Considerations**Are the hydraulics of the structure affected by sediment transport? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, then fill out Section F (Sediment Transport) of Form 3. If no, then attach an explanation.

# D. DAM/BASIN

Flooding Source: San Juanito Creek Tributary

Name of Structure: West Detention Basin

1. This request is for (check one): ☐ Existing dam/basin ☒ New dam ☐ Modification of existing dam/basin
2. The dam/basin was designed by (check one): ☐ Federal agency ☐ State agency ☒ Private organization ☐ Local government agency

Name of the agency or organization: TRC Environmental Corp.

3. The dam was permitted as ( check one): ☐ Federal Dam ☐ State Dam **\*Exempt per regulatory standards**

Provide the permit or identification number (ID) for the dam and the appropriate permitting agency or organization

Permit or ID number \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Agency or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Local Government Dam ☒ Private Dam

Provide related drawings, specifications and supporting design information.

4. Does the project involve revised hydrology? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, complete the Riverine Hydrology & Hydraulics Form (Form 2)

Was the dam/basin designed using critical duration storm? (Must account for the maximum volume of runoff)

- ☒ Yes, provide supporting documents with your completed Form 2.
- ☐ No, provide written explanation and justification for not using the critical duration storm.

5. Does the submittal include debris/sediment yield analysis? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, then fill out Section F (Sediment Transport). If No, then attach your explanation for why debris/sediment analysis was not considered?

6. Does the Base Flood Elevation behind the dam/basin or downstream of the dam/basin change? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, complete the Riverine Hydrology & Hydraulics Form (Form 2) and complete the table below.

FREQUENCY (% annual chance)	Stillwater Elevation Behind the Dam/Basin	
	FIS	REVISED
10-year (10%)	NA	NA
50-year (2%)	NA	NA
100-year (1%)	NA	547.6 ft
500-year (0.2%)	NA	NA
Normal Pool Elevation	NA	542.0 ft (Empty)

7. Please attach a copy of the formal Operation and Maintenance Plan.

## E. LEVEE/FLOODWALL

### 1. System Elements

- a. This Levee/Floodwall analysis is based on (check one): ☐ upgrading of an existing levee/floodwall system ☐ a newly constructed levee/floodwall system ☐ reanalysis of an existing levee/floodwall system
- b. Levee elements and locations are (check one):
- ☐ earthen embankment, dike, berm, etc. Station \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ structural floodwall Station \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_ Station \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Structural Type (check one): ☐ monolithic cast-in place reinforced concrete ☐ reinforced concrete masonry block ☐ sheet piling
- ☐ other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Has the levee/floodwall system been certified by a Federal agency to provide protection from the base flood? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, by which agency? \_\_\_\_\_

- e. Attach certified drawings containing the following information (indicate drawing sheet numbers):

1. Plan of the levee embankment and floodwall structures Sheet Numbers \_\_\_\_\_
2. A profile of the levee/floodwall system showing the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), levee and/or wall crest and foundation, and closure locations for the total levee system. Sheet Numbers \_\_\_\_\_
3. A profile of the BFE, closure opening outlet and inlet invert elevations, type and size of opening, and kind of closure. Sheet Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

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Bridge/Culvert.....complete Section C  
Dam.....complete Section D  
Levee/Floodwall.....complete Section E  
Sediment Transport.....complete Section F (if required)

Description of Modeled Structure

1. Name of Structure: Northwest Diversion Channel

Type (check one): ☒ Channelization ☐ Bridge/Culvert ☐ Levee/Floodwall ☐ Dam

Location of Structure: Northwest of proposed landfill, north of West Detention Basin

Downstream Limit/Cross Section: NA

Upstream Limit/Cross Section: NA

2. Name of Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

Type (check one): ☐ Channelization ☐ Bridge/Culvert ☐ Levee/Floodwall ☐ Dam

Location of Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

Downstream Limit/Cross Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Upstream Limit/Cross Section: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name of Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

Type (check one): ☐ Channelization ☐ Bridge/Culvert ☐ Levee/Floodwall ☐ Dam

Location of Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

Downstream Limit/Cross Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Upstream Limit/Cross Section: \_\_\_\_\_

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**B. CHANNELIZATION**Flooding Source: Tributary 2 of San Juanito Creek TributaryName of Structure: Northwest Diversion Channel**1. Hydraulic Considerations**The channel was designed to carry \_\_\_\_\_ (cfs) and/or the 100 -year flood.

The design elevation in the channel is based on (check one):

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Flooding Source: Drainage Area 6 (Unnamed Tributary of San Juanito Creek Tributary)

Note: Fill out one form for each flooding source studied.

**A. GENERAL**

Complete the appropriate section(s) for each Structure listed below:

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Bridge/Culvert.....complete Section C  
Dam.....complete Section D  
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Description of Modeled Structure

1. Name of Structure: Northwest Detention Basin

Type (check one): ☐ Channelization ☐ Bridge/Culvert ☐ Levee/Floodwall ☒ Dam

Location of Structure: North of proposed landfill

Downstream Limit/Cross Section: NA

Upstream Limit/Cross Section: NA

2. Name of Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

Type (check one): ☐ Channelization ☐ Bridge/Culvert ☐ Levee/Floodwall ☐ Dam

Location of Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

Downstream Limit/Cross Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Upstream Limit/Cross Section: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name of Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

Type (check one): ☐ Channelization ☐ Bridge/Culvert ☐ Levee/Floodwall ☐ Dam

Location of Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

Downstream Limit/Cross Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Upstream Limit/Cross Section: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: FOR MORE STRUCTURES, ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED.**

# D. DAM/BASIN

Flooding Source: Drainage Area 6 (Unnamed Tributary of San Juanito Creek Tributary)

Name of Structure: Northwest Detention Basin

1. This request is for (check one): ☐ Existing dam/basin ☒ New dam ☐ Modification of existing dam/basin
2. The dam/basin was designed by (check one): ☐ Federal agency ☐ State agency ☐ Private organization ☐ Local government agency

Name of the agency or organization: TRC Environmental Corp.

3. The dam was permitted as ( check one): ☐ Federal Dam ☐ State Dam \* **Exempt per regulatory standards**

Provide the permit or identification number (ID) for the dam and the appropriate permitting agency or organization

Permit or ID number \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Agency or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Local Government Dam ☒ Private Dam

Provide related drawings, specifications and supporting design information.

4. Does the project involve revised hydrology? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, complete the Riverine Hydrology & Hydraulics Form (Form 2)

Was the dam/basin designed using critical duration storm? (Must account for the maximum volume of runoff)

- ☒ Yes, provide supporting documents with your completed Form 2.
- ☐ No, provide written explanation and justification for not using the critical duration storm.

5. Does the submittal include debris/sediment yield analysis? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, then fill out Section F (Sediment Transport). If No, then attach your explanation for why debris/sediment analysis was not considered?

6. Does the Base Flood Elevation behind the dam/basin or downstream of the dam/basin change? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, complete the Riverine Hydrology & Hydraulics Form (Form 2) and complete the table below.

FREQUENCY (% annual chance)	Stillwater Elevation Behind the Dam/Basin	
	FIS	REVISED
10-year (10%)	NA	NA
50-year (2%)	NA	NA
100-year (1%)	NA	567.4 ft
500-year (0.2%)	NA	NA
Normal Pool Elevation	NA	562.0 ft (Empty)

7. Please attach a copy of the formal Operation and Maintenance Plan.

# E. LEVEE/FLOODWALL

## 1. System Elements

- a. This Levee/Floodwall analysis is based on (check one): ☐ upgrading of an existing levee/floodwall system ☐ a newly constructed levee/floodwall system ☐ reanalysis of an existing levee/floodwall system
- b. Levee elements and locations are (check one):
- ☐ earthen embankment, dike, berm, etc. Station \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ structural floodwall Station \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_ Station \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Structural Type (check one): ☐ monolithic cast-in place reinforced concrete ☐ reinforced concrete masonry block ☐ sheet piling
- ☐ other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Has the levee/floodwall system been certified by a Federal agency to provide protection from the base flood? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If Yes, by which agency? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Attach certified drawings containing the following information (indicate drawing sheet numbers):

1. Plan of the levee embankment and floodwall structures Sheet Numbers \_\_\_\_\_
2. A profile of the levee/floodwall system showing the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), levee and/or wall crest and foundation, and closure locations for the total levee system. Sheet Numbers \_\_\_\_\_
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Flooding Source: Drainage Area 7 (Unnamed Tributary of San Juanito Creek Tributary)

Note: Fill out one form for each flooding source studied.

**A. GENERAL**

Complete the appropriate section(s) for each Structure listed below:

Channelization.....complete Section B  
Bridge/Culvert.....complete Section C  
Dam.....complete Section D  
Levee/Floodwall.....complete Section E  
Sediment Transport.....complete Section F (if required)

Description of Modeled Structure

1. Name of Structure: Northeast Detention Basin

Type (check one): ☐ Channelization ☐ Bridge/Culvert ☐ Levee/Floodwall ☒ Dam

Location of Structure: Northeast of proposed landfill

Downstream Limit/Cross Section: NA

Upstream Limit/Cross Section: NA

2. Name of Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

Type (check one): ☐ Channelization ☐ Bridge/Culvert ☐ Levee/Floodwall ☐ Dam

Location of Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Appendix B**

### **Figures**



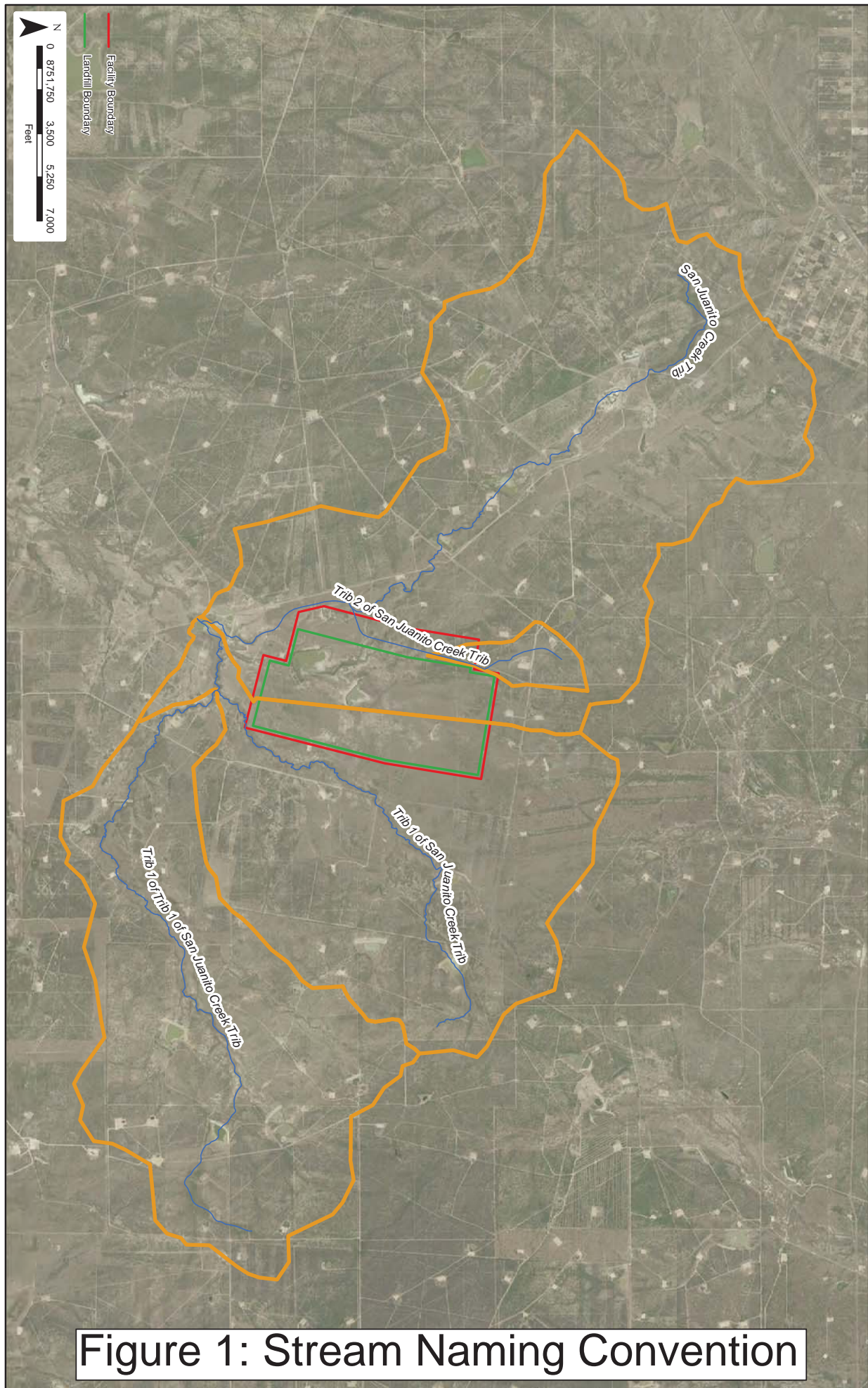


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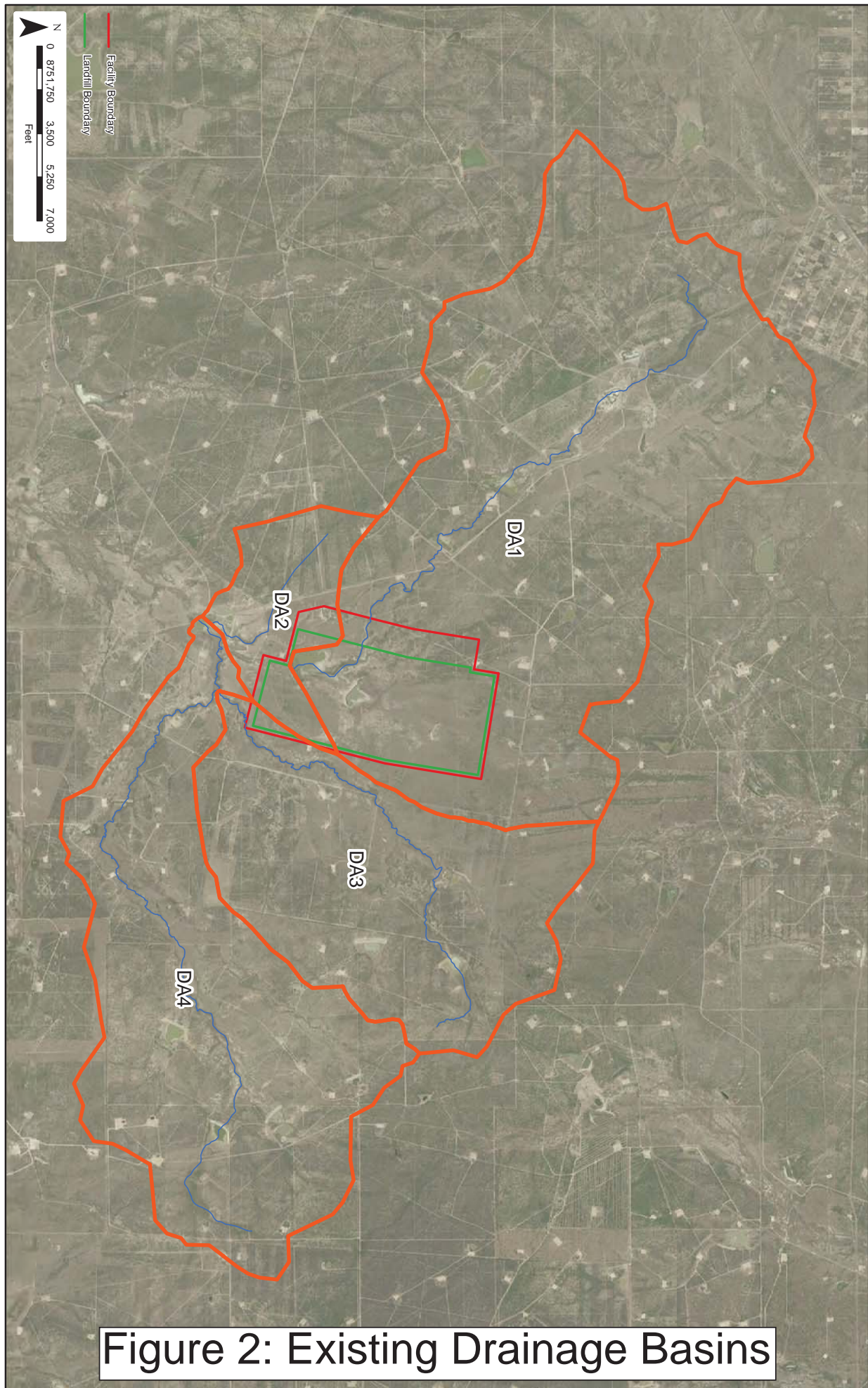
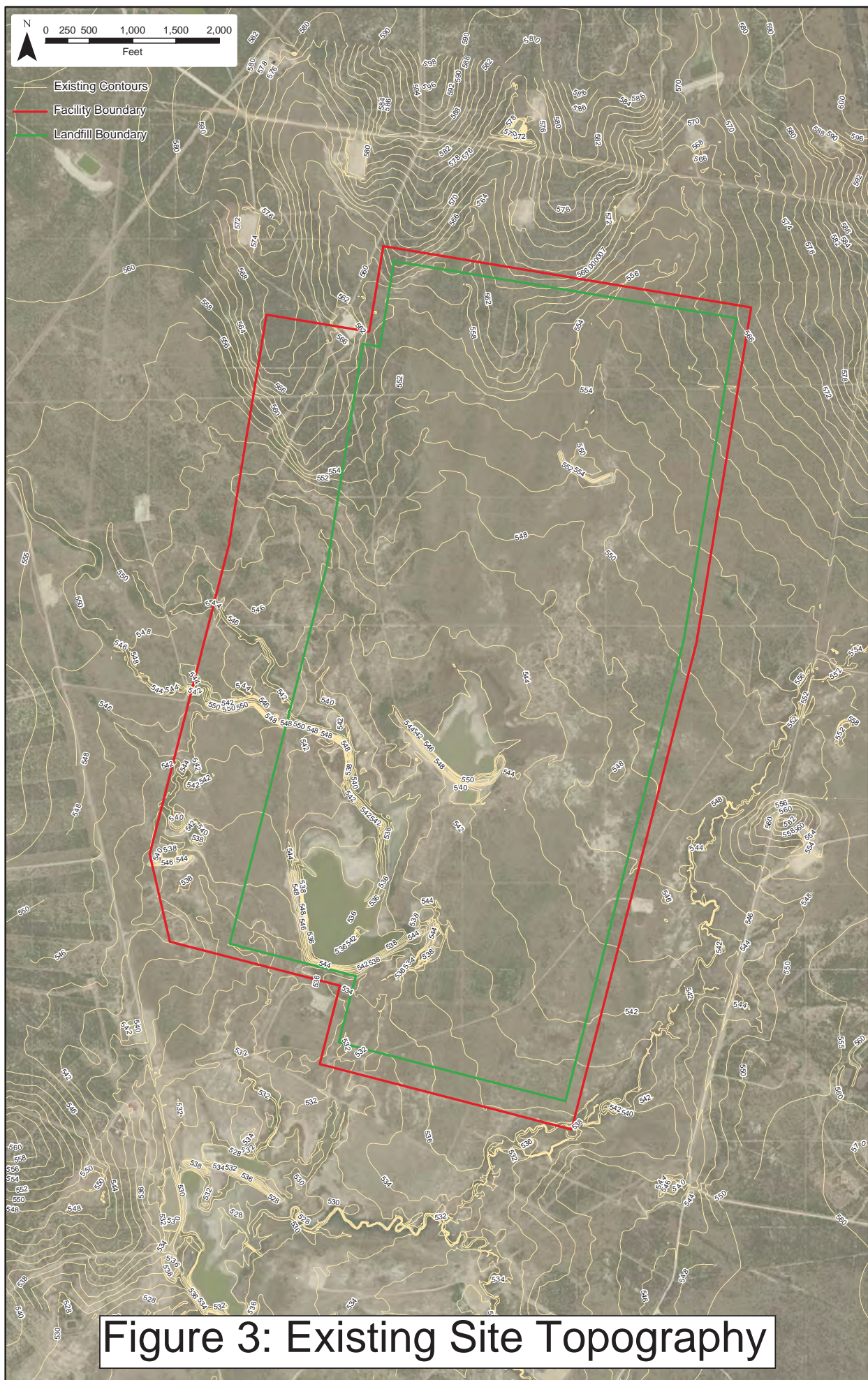
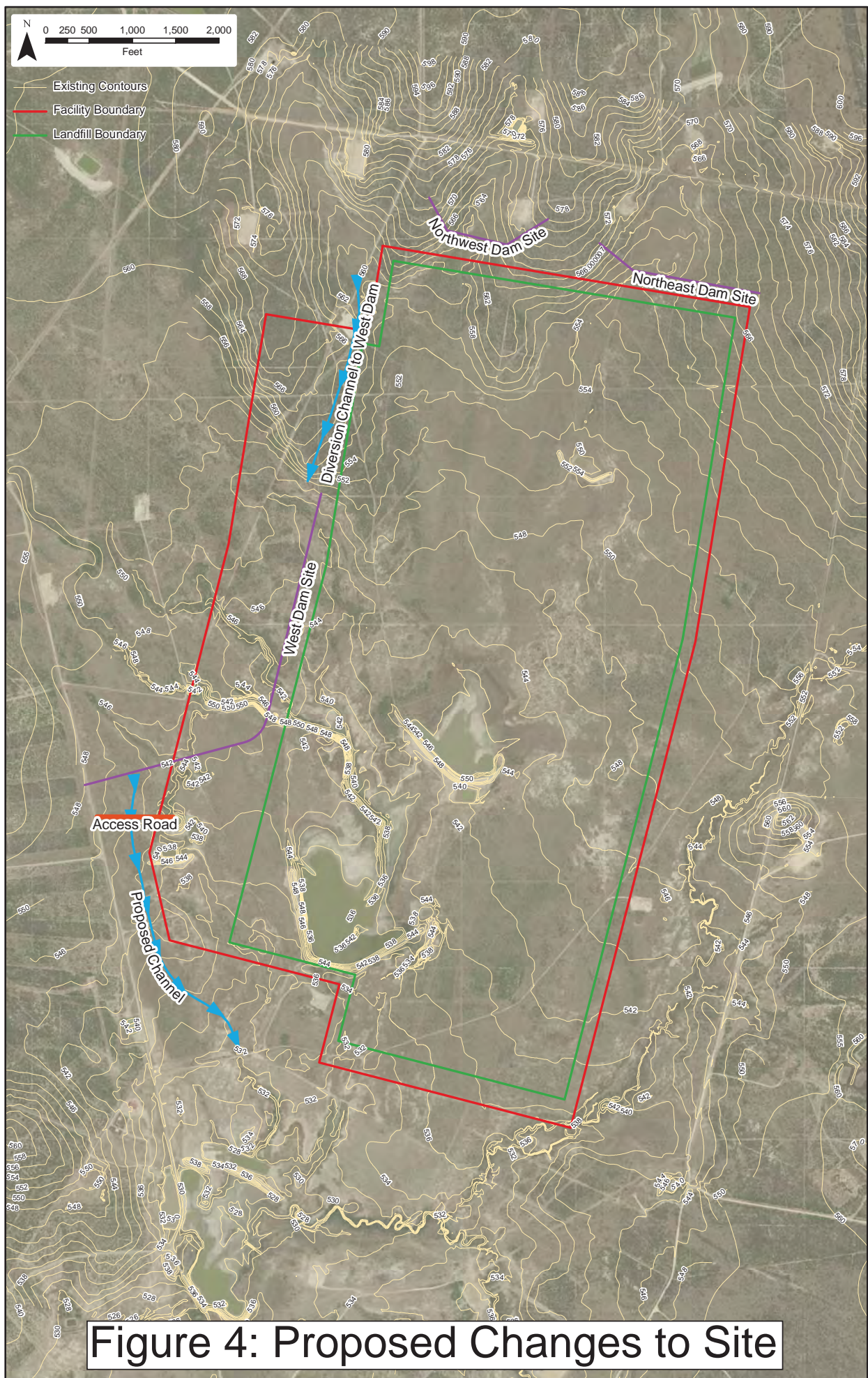


Figure 2: Existing Drainage Basins

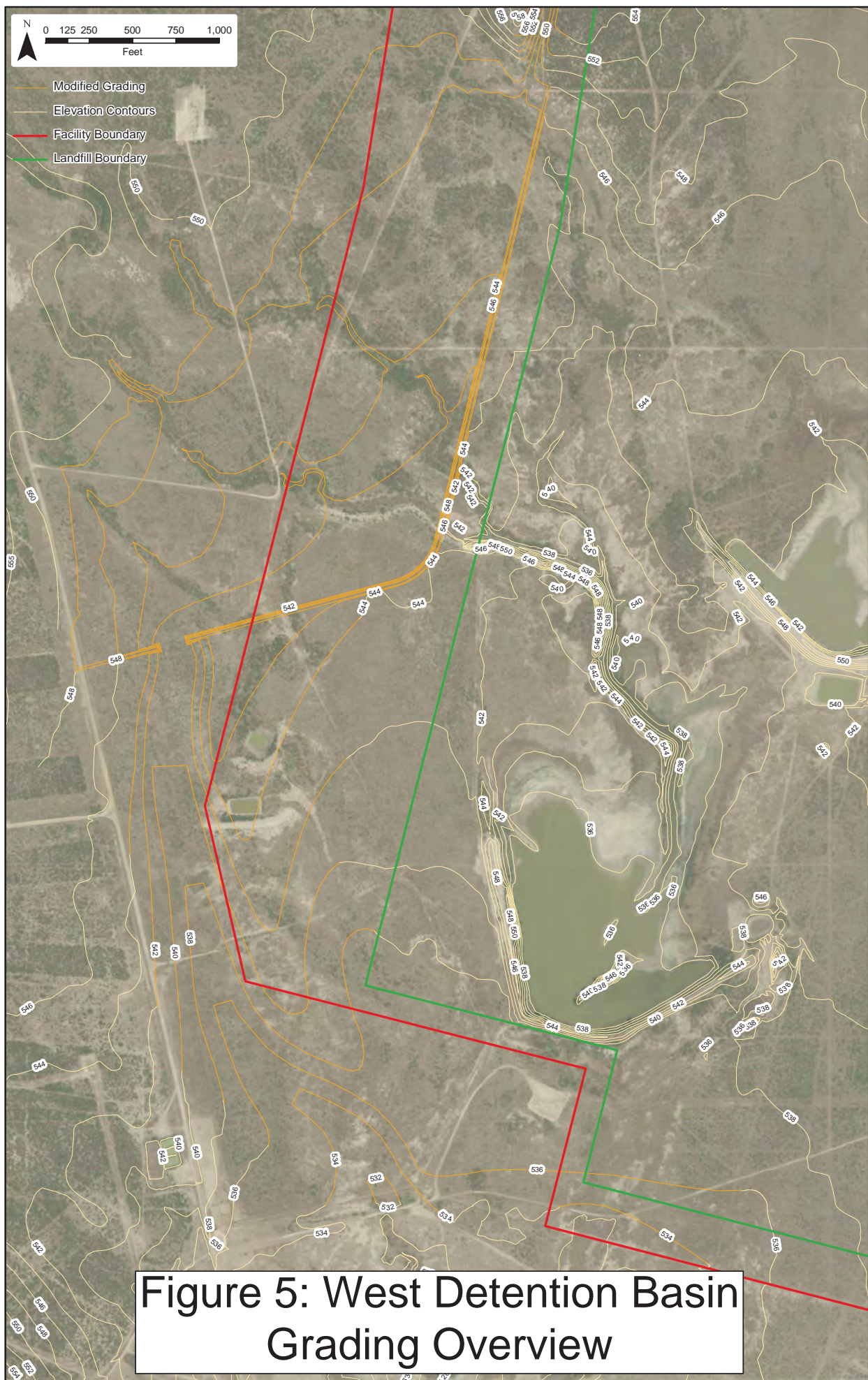




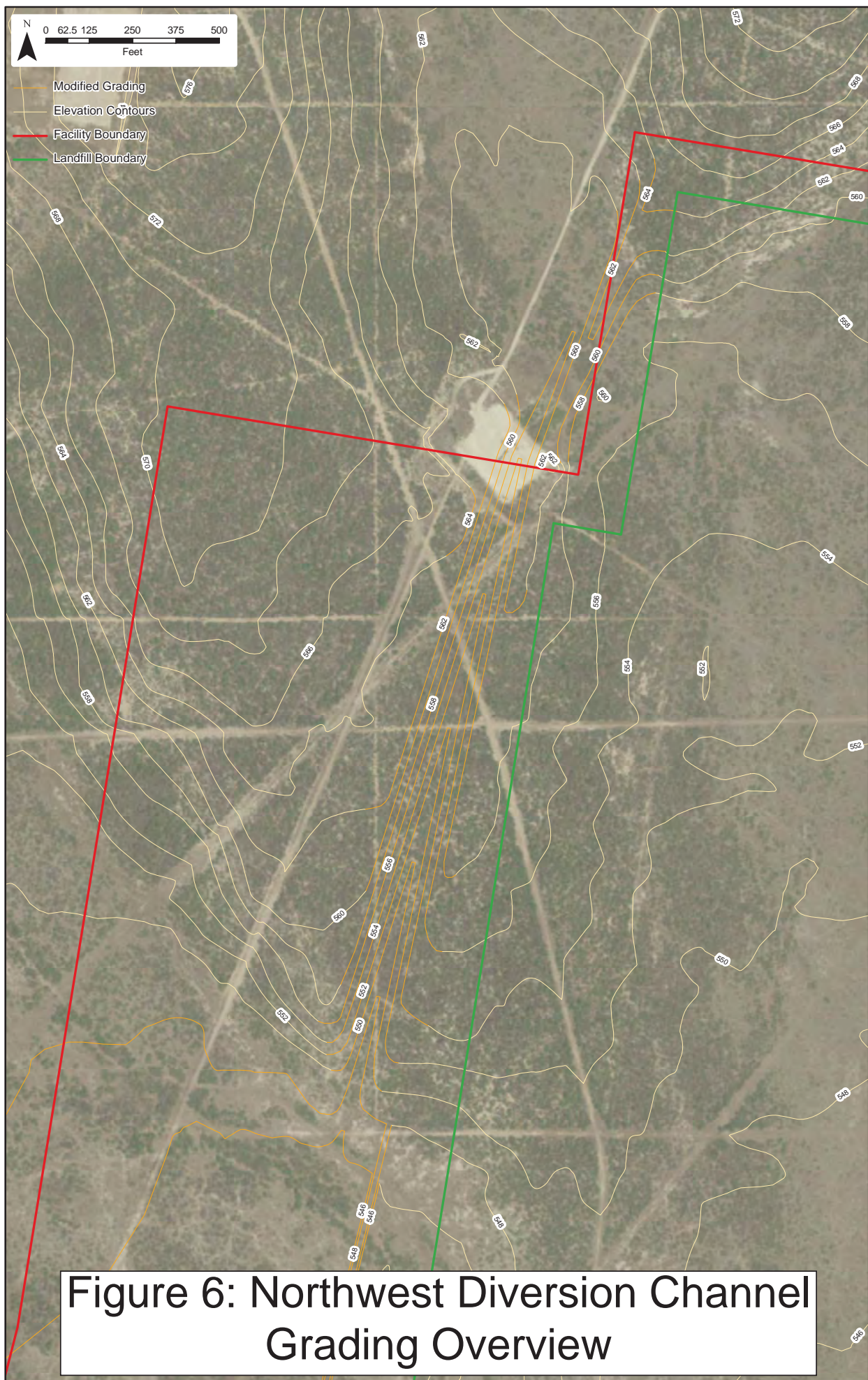














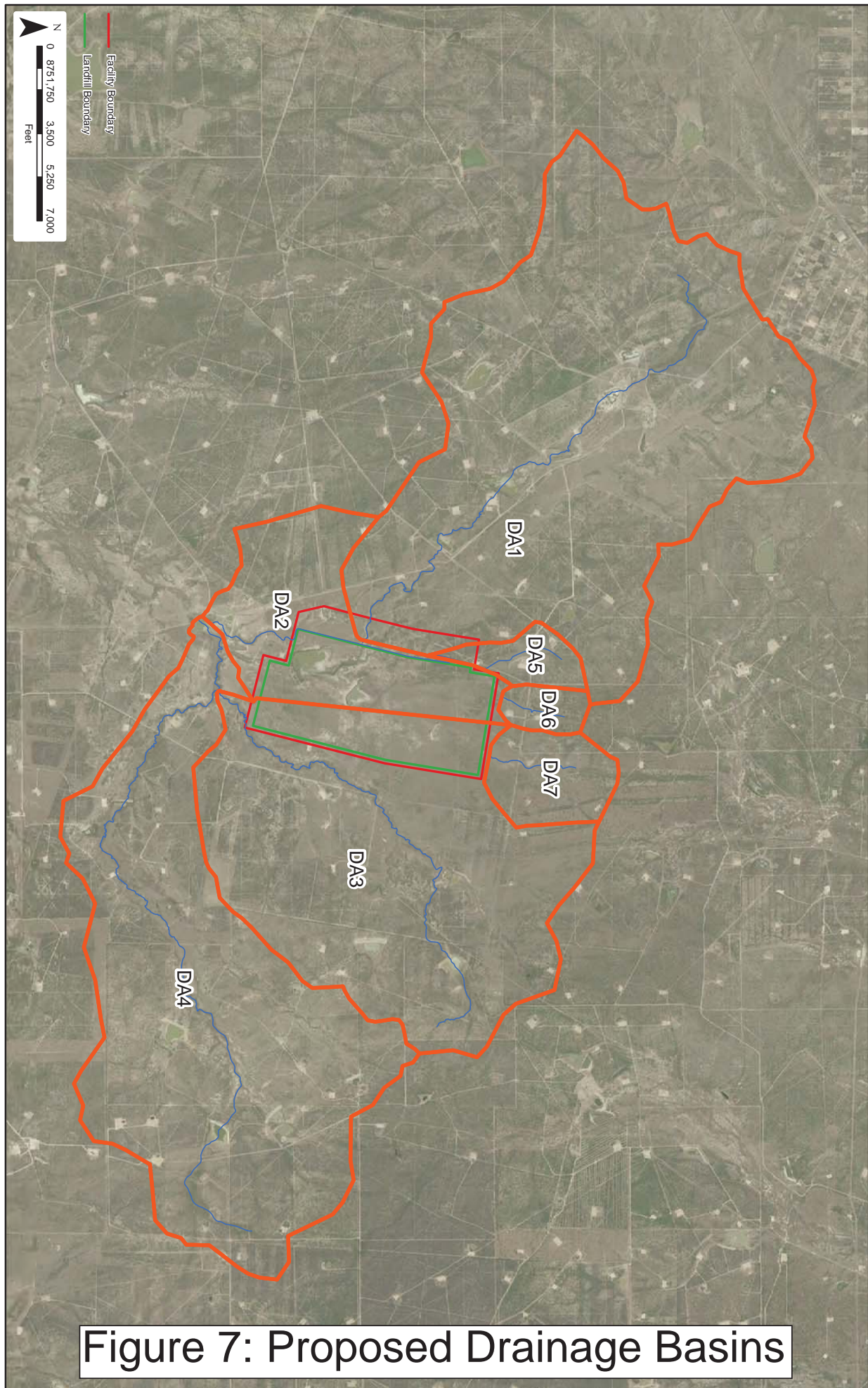
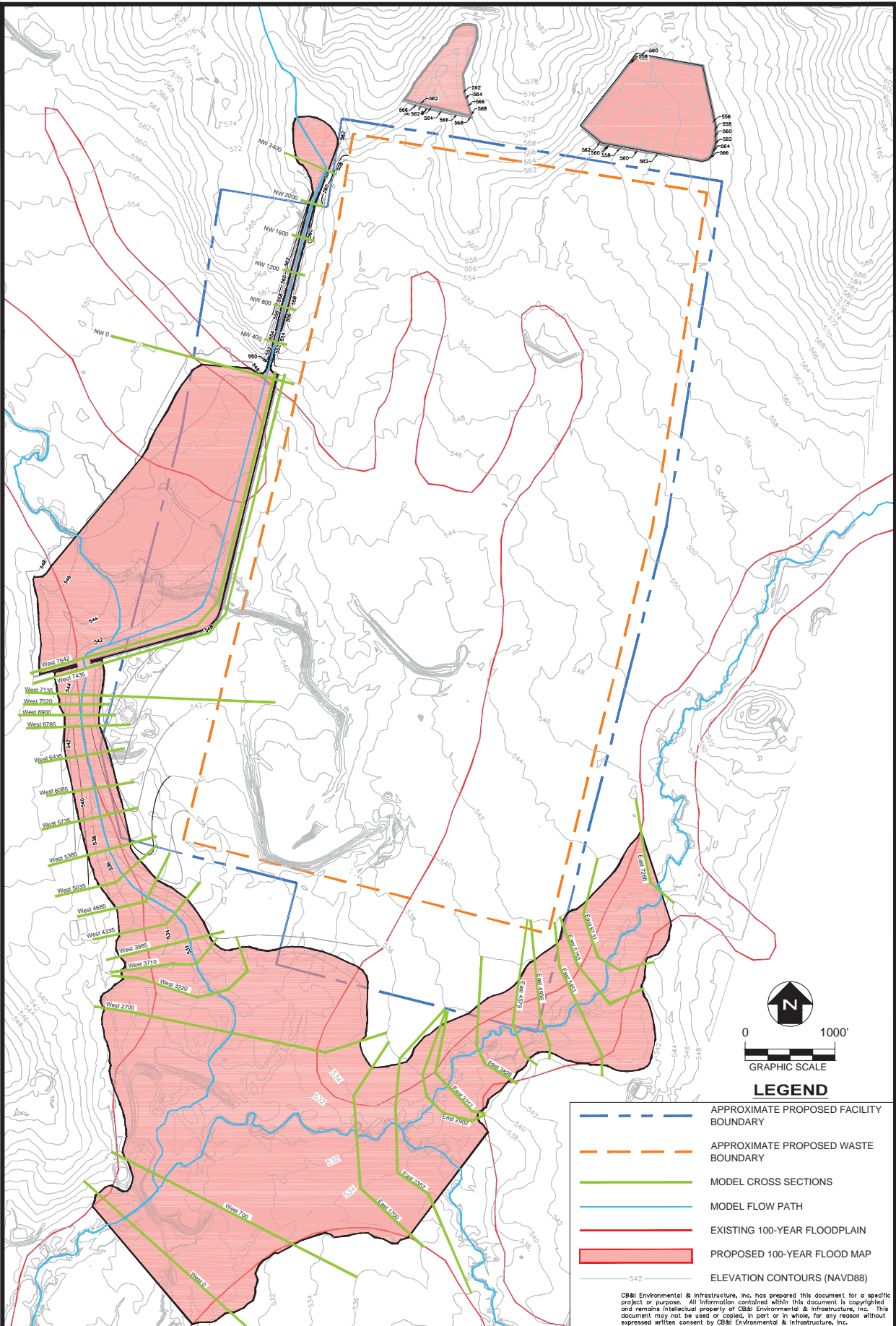


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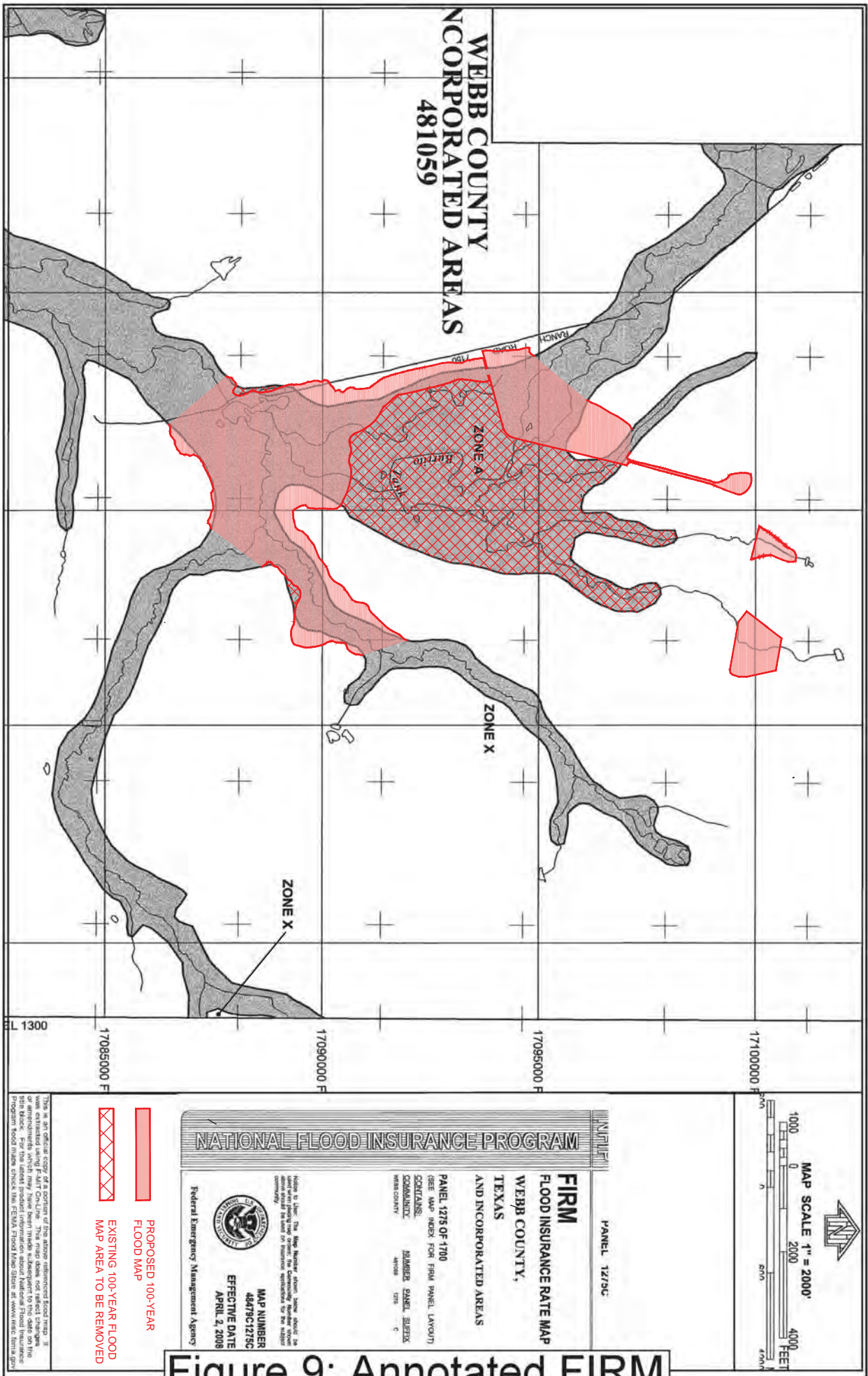


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**FIGURE 8  
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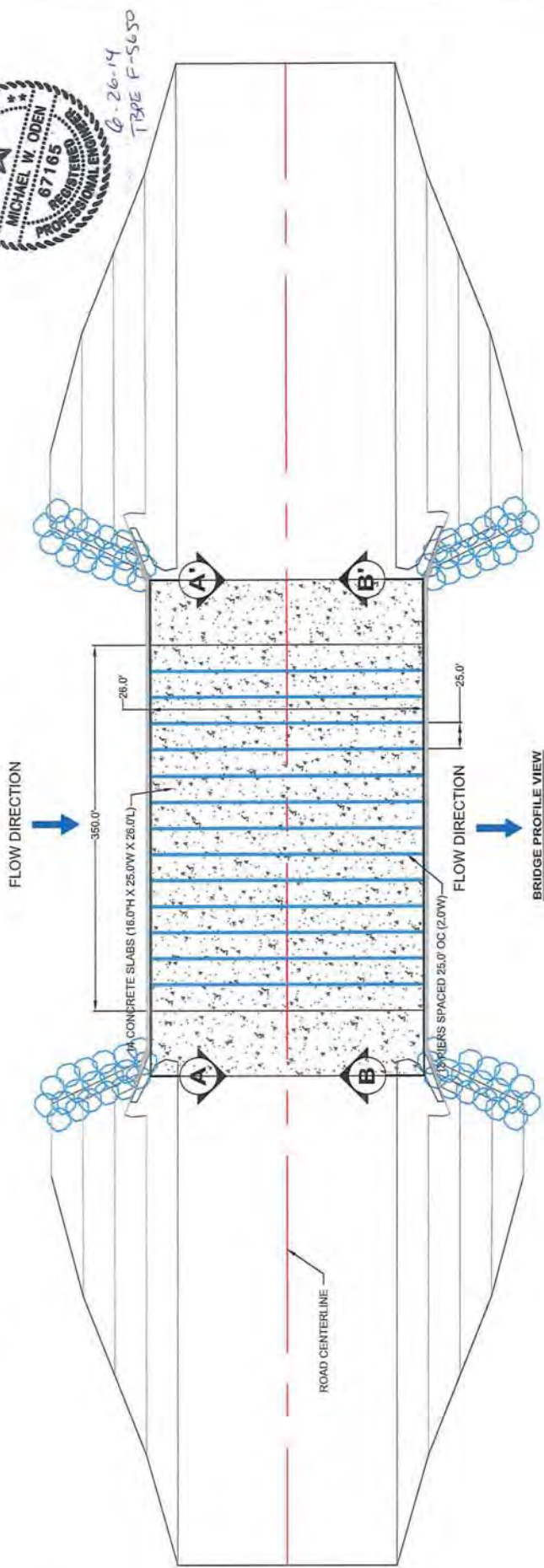
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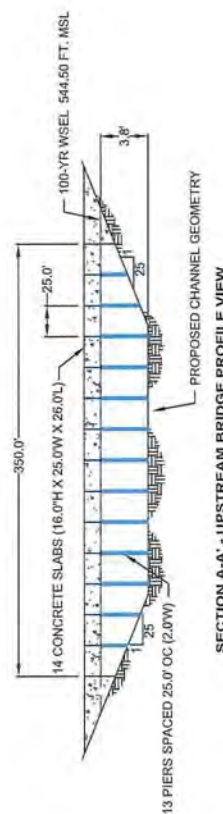


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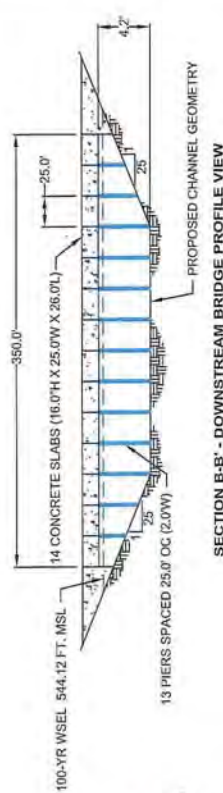
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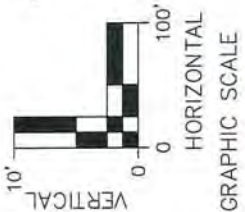
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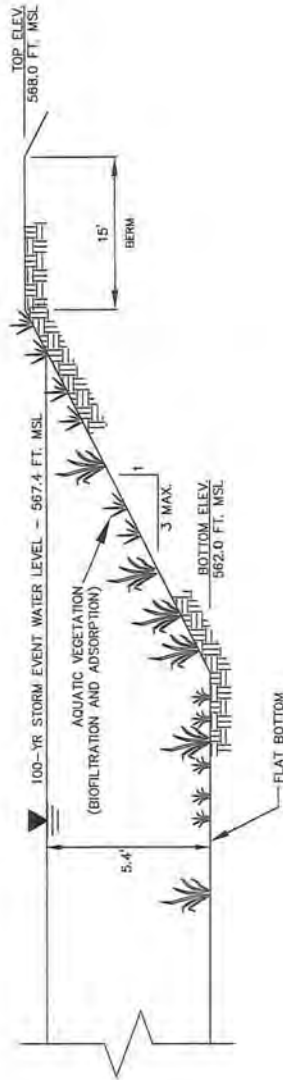
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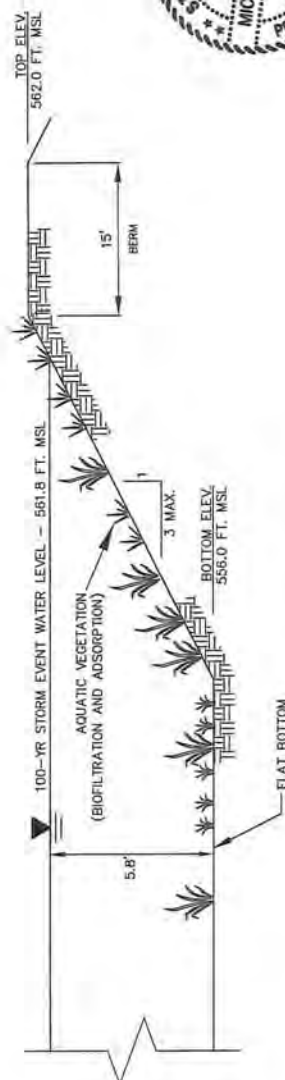
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**PARTIAL SECTION**  
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**FIGURE 11**  
**NORTHWEST AND NORTHEAST DETENTION BASIN DETAIL**

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REV. NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
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## **Appendix C**

### **Existing Conditions Hydrologic Calculations and HEC-HMS Model Inputs**



## Existing Conditions Curve Number Calculations

### Arid/Semiarid Rangelands -- Desert Shrub

	A	B	C	D
Poor	63	77	85	88
Fair	55	72	81	86
Good	49	68	79	84
Water	100			

### Existing Conditions

Assuming Fair conditions

Drainage Area	A	B	C	D	Water	Curve Number	Adjusted CN
DA1	0.0%	10.7%	14.1%	73.5%	1.7%	84	69
DA2	0.0%	0.0%	43.8%	55.8%	0.4%	84	69
DA3	0.0%	41.7%	0.0%	58.3%	0.0%	80	65
DA4	0.0%	17.6%	7.9%	74.2%	0.3%	83	68

## Time of Concentration Calculations Using TR-55 Existing Conditions

### Sheet Flow

$$T = 0.007 * (nL)^{0.8} / (P2^{0.5}) * s^{0.4}$$

	DA1	DA2	DA3	DA4	
n =	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	*
L =	300	300	300	300	ft
P2 =	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	in***
s =	0.047619	0.01	0.02	0.016667	ft/ft
T =	0.14	0.26	0.20	0.21	hours
T =	8.4	15.6	11.8	12.7	minutes

### Shallow Concentrated Flow

$$T = L / V$$

	DA1	DA2	DA3	DA4	
L =	1000	1500	1000	1400	ft
s =	0.026	0.006	0.025	0.018333	ft/ft
V =	2.60	1.30	2.60	2.10	ft/sec**
T =	384.62	1153.85	384.62	666.67	seconds
T =	6.4	19.2	6.4	11.1	minutes

### Open Channel Flow

$$V = (1.49 * r^{0.67} * s^{0.5}) / n$$

	DA1	DA2	DA3	DA4	
n =	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	*
L =	30070	7673	23409	35759	ft
s =	0.003193	0.00391	0.004229	0.003244	ft/ft
a =	16	16	16	16	ft^2
pw =	12.94	12.94	12.94	12.94	ft
r = a/pw	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	ft
V =	2.8	3.1	3.2	2.8	ft/sec
T = L / V	10846	2501	7336	12796	seconds
	180.8	41.7	122.3	213.3	minutes

### Totaled Times

	DA1	DA2	DA3	DA4	
<b>Total Tc</b>	<b>195.6</b>	<b>76.5</b>	<b>140.5</b>	<b>237.1</b>	<b>minutes</b>
<b>Total Tc</b>	<b>3.26</b>	<b>1.28</b>	<b>2.34</b>	<b>3.95</b>	<b>hours</b>
<b>Tlag = 0.7*Tc</b>	<b>136.89</b>	<b>53.58</b>	<b>98.37</b>	<b>165.98</b>	<b>minutes</b>
<b>Tlag = 0.7*Tc</b>	<b>2.28</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>1.64</b>	<b>2.77</b>	<b>hours</b>

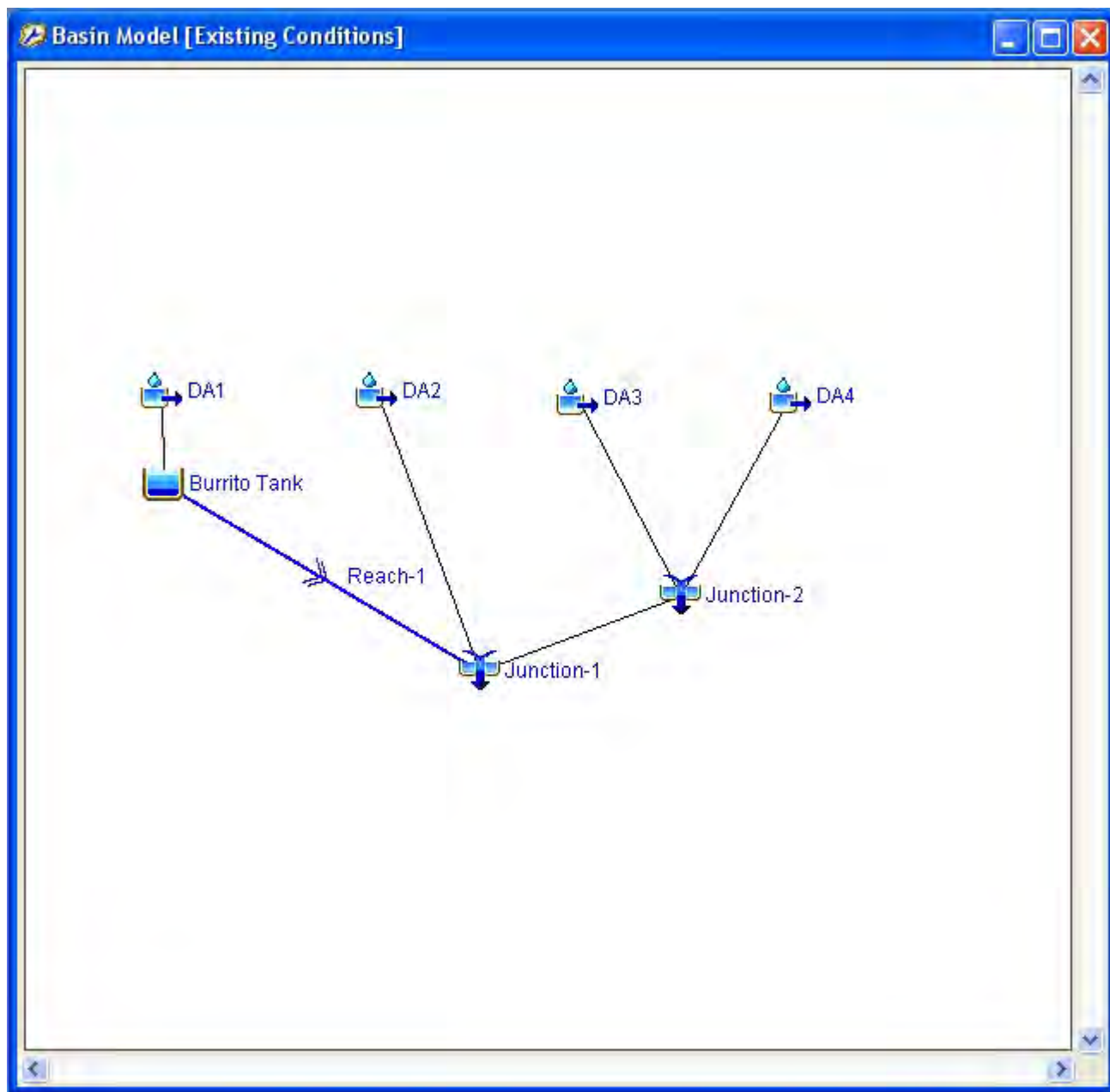
\* from Chow's Open Hydraulics, Table 5-6, 1959

\*\* from Figure 3-1 in TR-55 Report

\*\*\* from Appendix B in TR-55 Report

## Existing HEC-HMS Model Inputs and Output

### Drainage Basin Layout





## Subbasin Areas

**Subbasin Area [Existing Conditions]**

Show Elements:       Sorting:

Subbasin	Area (MI <sup>2</sup> )
DA1	10.86
DA2	1.21
DA3	4.61
DA4	6.22

## SCS Curve Number Inputs

**Curve Number Loss [Existing Conditions]**

Show Elements:       Sorting:

Subbasin	Initial Abstraction (IN)	Curve Number	Impervious (%)
DA1		69	0.0
DA2		69	0.0
DA3		65	0.0
DA4		68	0.0

## SCS Unit Hydrograph Inputs

SCS Transform[Existing Conditions]

Show Elements: All Elements      Sorting: Alphabetic

Subbasin	Lag Time (MIN)
DA1	136.9
DA2	53.6
DA3	98.4
DA4	166.0

Apply      Close

## Lag Routing Inputs

Lag Routing [Existing Conditions]

Show Elements: All Elements      Sorting: Alphabetic

Reach	Lag Time (MIN)
Reach-1	10

Apply      Close

## Burrito Tank Inputs

Reservoir Options

**Basin Name: Existing Conditions**  
**Element Name: Burrito Tank**

Description: Burrito Tank

Downstream: Reach-1

Method: Outflow Curve

Storage Method: Elevation-Area-Discharge

\*Elev-Area Function: Burrito Tank Elev-Area

\*Elev-Dis Function: Burrito Tank Elev-Dis

Primary: Elevation-Discharge

Initial Condition: Elevation

\*Initial Elevation (FT) 538

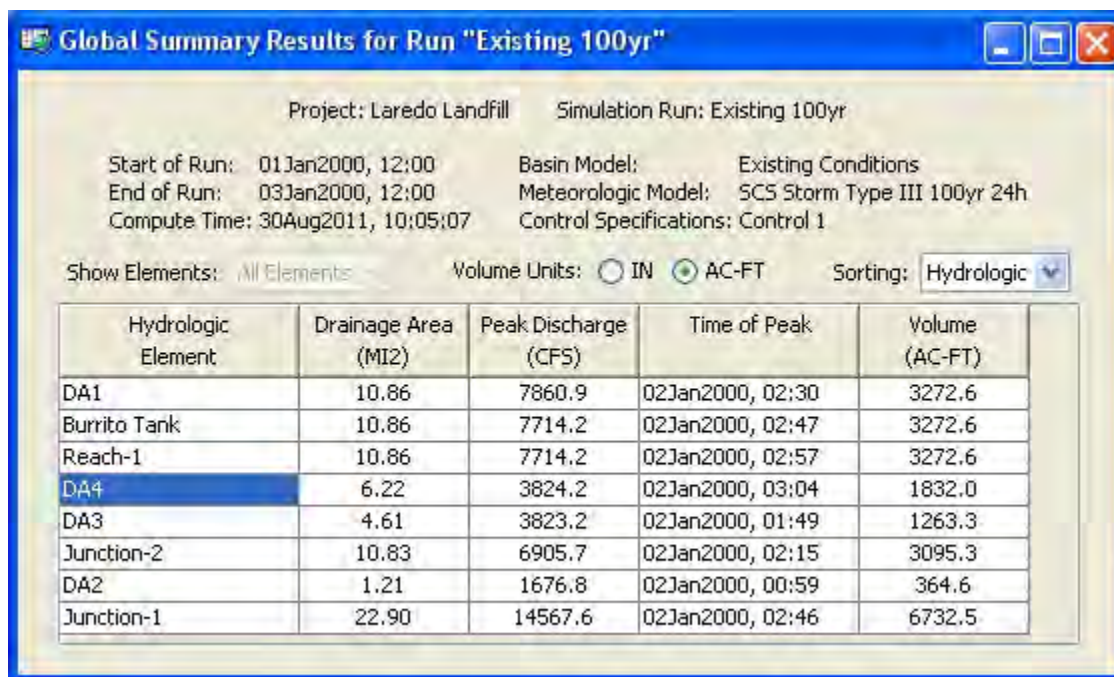
Paired Data Table Graph

Elevation (FT)	Area (AC)
535.0	17.46
536.0	22.43
538.0	39.21
540.0	68.11
542.0	124.32
544.0	222.92

Paired Data Table Graph

Elevation (FT)	Discharge (CFS)
535.0	0.0
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544.0	30969.0

## HEC-HMS Existing Conditions Model Output

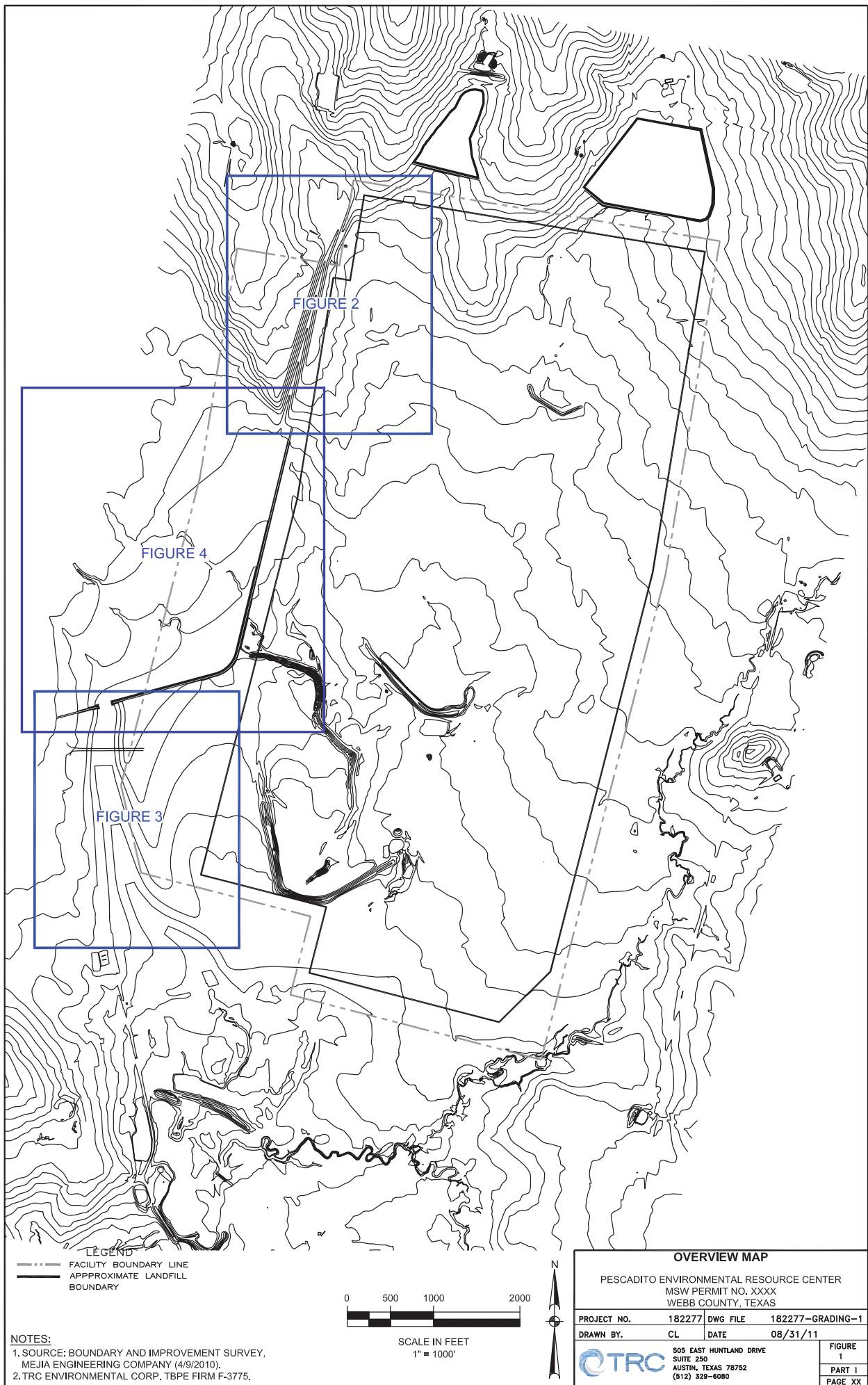




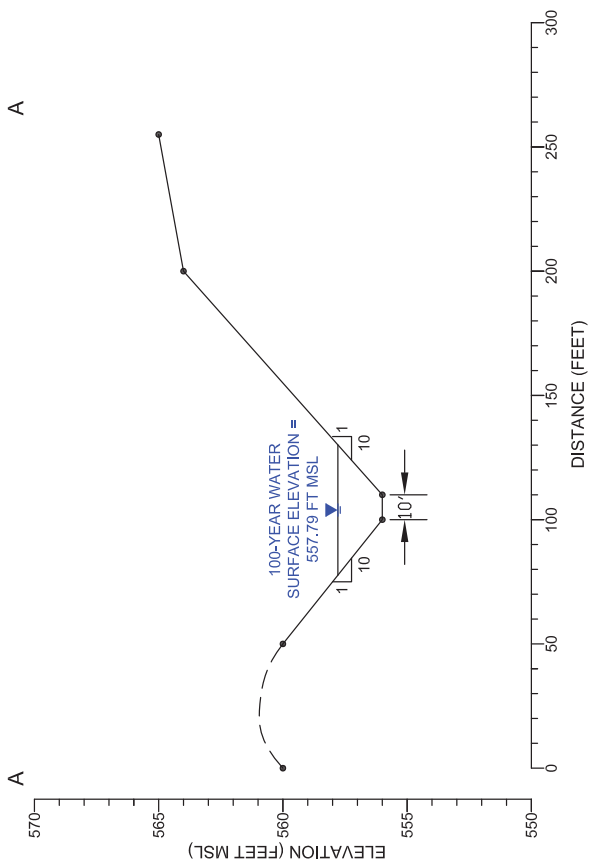
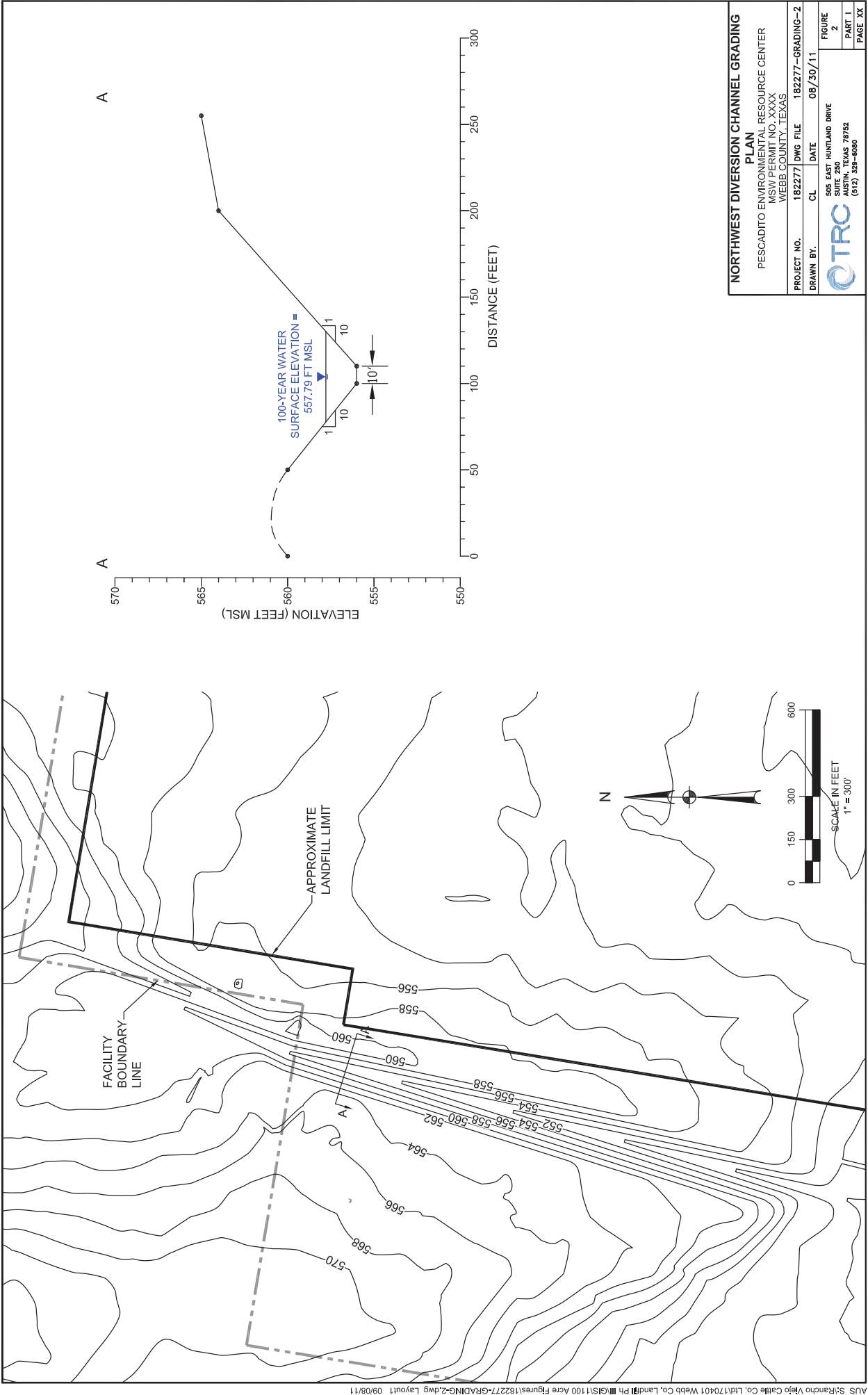
## **Appendix D**

### **Typical Channel Cross Sections and West Detention Basin Profile**

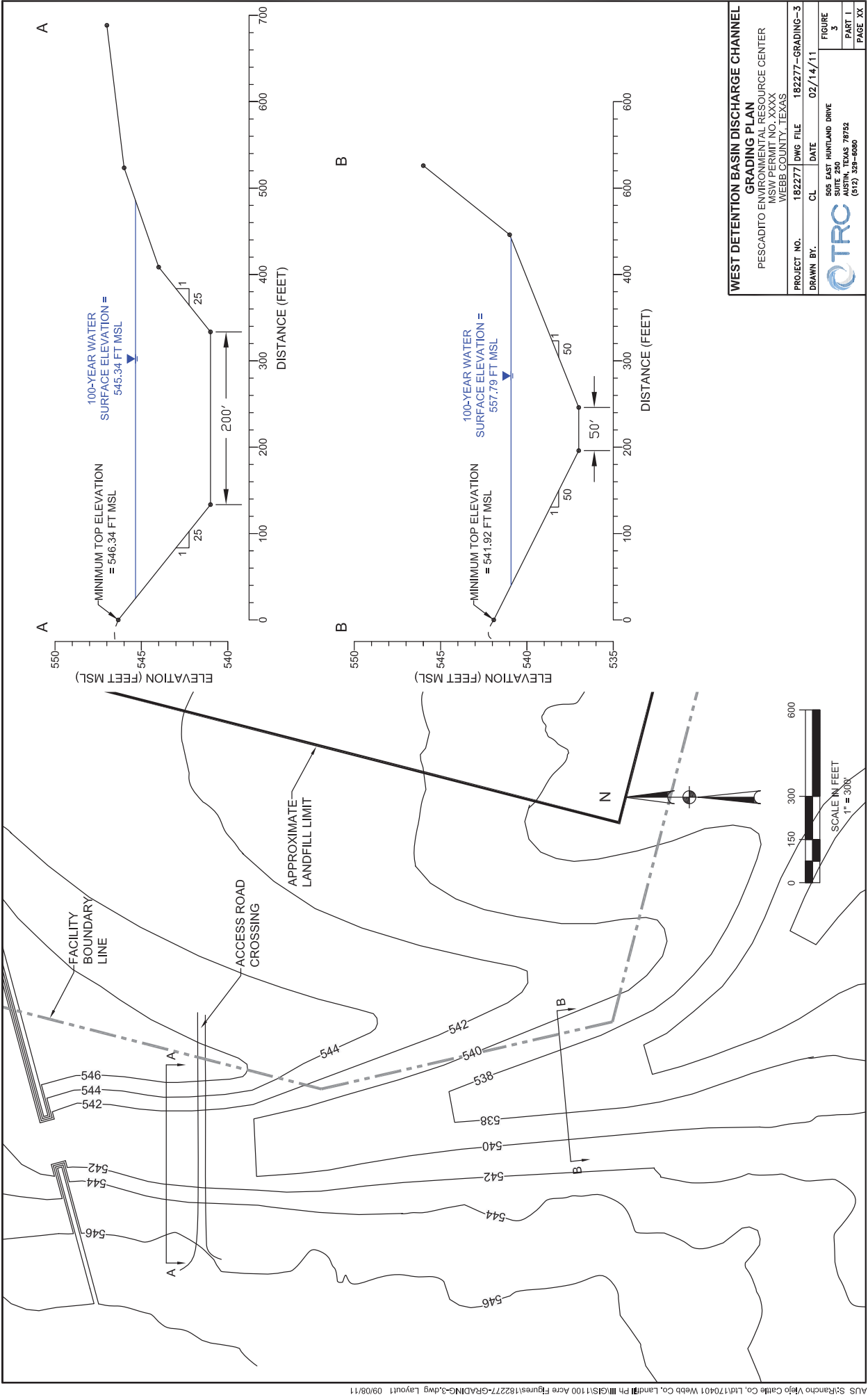


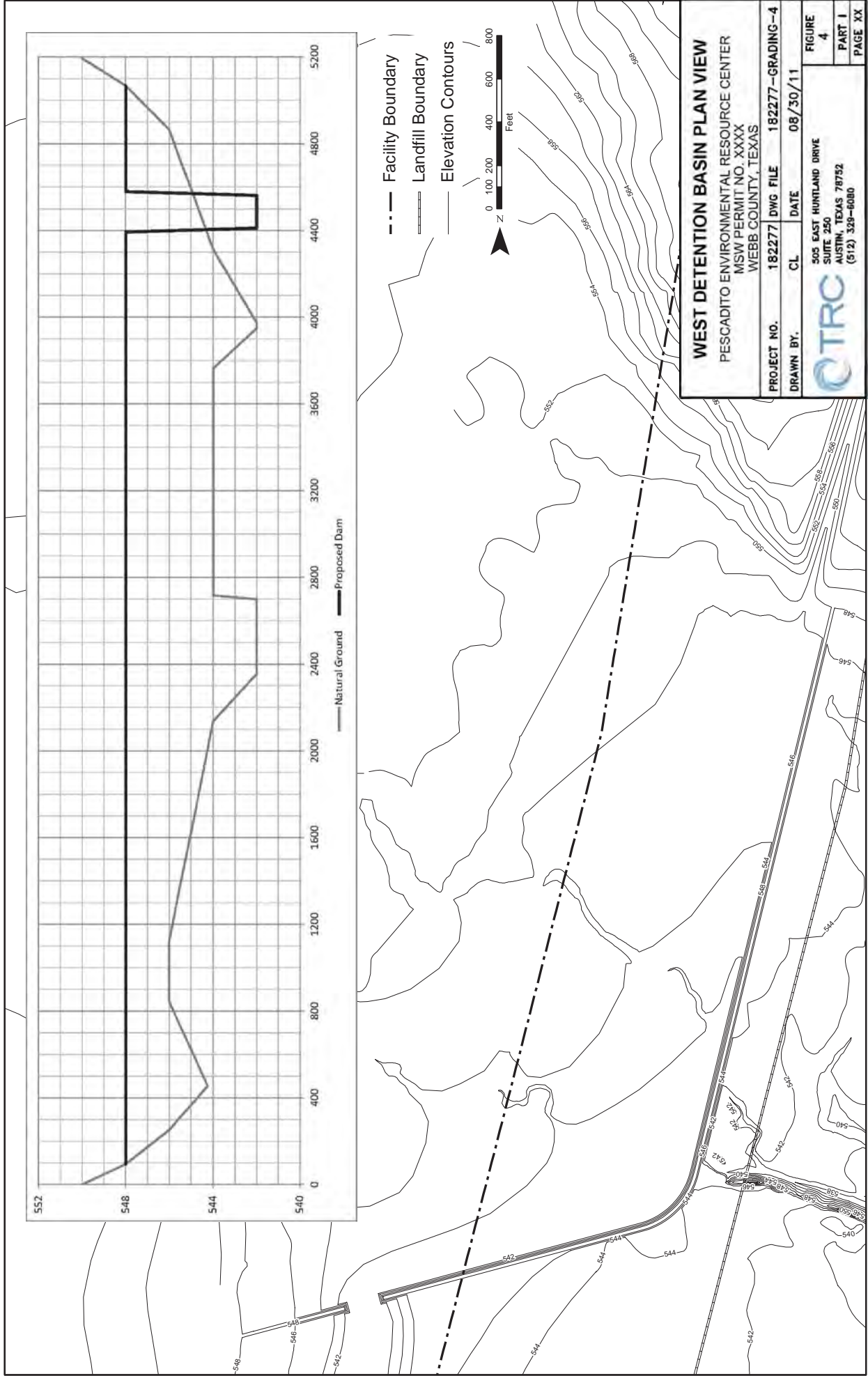






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PLAN			
PESCADITO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER			
MSW PERMIT NO. XXXX			
WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS			
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## **Appendix E**

### **Operation and Maintenance Plan**



**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN  
PESCADITO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER DETENTION PONDS**

Operators: Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC  
Rancho Viejo Cattle Co., Ltd.  
Location: 20 miles East of Laredo, Texas  
County: Webb County  
Prepared By: TRC Solutions

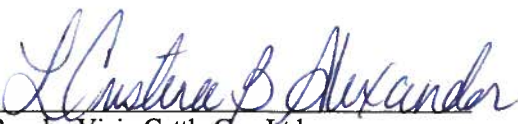
Inspections and maintenance are required to achieve the intended function, benefits, and life of the detention ponds. The landowner/operator is responsible to establish and implement an inspection and maintenance program. Items to inspect and maintain during the design life of the detention ponds include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Inspect ponds after significant storm events and at least bi-annually to identify repair and maintenance needs. The activities noted below should be performed after each significant engagement of the spillways.
2. Inspect the downstream toe of the embankment bi-annually. If there are wet areas or seeps at the downstream toe of the embankment during the temporary impoundment of flood waters, it could be a serious problem. Ask for assistance from an engineer to evaluate the seepage.
3. Inspect the spillway(s) of the ponds at least quarterly. Clear debris away from rock riprap, chutes and pipe inlets when found.
4. Repair erosion at outlet of principal spillway as needed. Replace or repair damaged turf reinforcement mat (TRM). Re-establish grass cover.
5. Fill rills and gullies that occur on the embankments and in the vegetated spillway. Reseed the filled areas.
6. Check frequently for burrowing animals. When found, remove the burrowing animals, replace embankment materials and reseed.
7. Maintain a vigorous sod on the embankments by regular mowing and fertilization. Remove excess growth.
8. Prevent trees and brush from growing on embankments, abutments, or in the spillway inlet or outlet areas. Control tree and bush growth by hand cutting, mowing, or chemicals. Avoid damaging grass with herbicide sprays.

Signatures:

  
Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC

11/4/2011  
Date

  
Rancho Viejo Cattle Co., Ltd.

11/4/2011  
Date



## **Appendix F**

### **TxDOT Standard Drawings**





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Standards	Discription	File Name
CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE SLAB SPAN MISCELLANEOUS DETAILS		
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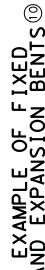
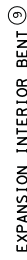
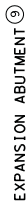
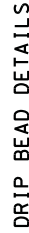
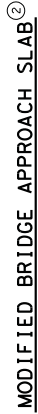


## ENGLISH C-I-P CONCRETE SLAB SPAN STANDARDS

A list of bridge standards with drawings and grading data can be printed, downloaded from the Bridge Standards (English) web page on the TxDOT web site.


Issue date of standards - March 2009

Note: The above quantities are for the Fixed or Expansion Condition over one Bent, and are for information only.



Showing C-I-P Slab Span with a 16" slab thickness.

Designed according to MAKSHITO LTD Specifications. Slab Construction Joints at bent locations shall be sealed with Class 4, 5 or 7 Joint Sealant (Low Modulus Silicone). See "Sealed Construction Joint Detail". Expansion Joints shall be Type A Joints. See "Type A Joint Detail". Sealed Construction Joint or Type A Joint shall be as shown on layout. This standard does not support the use of Transition Bents.

 **Texas Department of Transportation**  
Bridge Division

MISC DETAILS FOR  
C-I-P CONC SLAB SPANS

[illegible]

14" SLAB ~ TABLE OF ESTIMATED QUANTITIES ①

DRILLED SHAFT ABUT				PILING ABUTMENT			
Bar No.	Size	Length	Weight	Bar No.	Size	Length	Weight
A	#11	25'-0"	797	A	#11	25'-0"	797
Q	#6	1'-6"	11	Q	#6	1'-6"	11
S	#4	8'-2"	131	S	#4	8'-2"	136
T	#5	25'-0"	26	T	#5	25'-0"	26
U	#4	6'-9"	41	U	#4	6'-9"	41
V	#5	5'-0"	130	V	#5	5'-0"	130
WH1	#8	6'-8"	68	WH1	#8	6'-8"	68
WH2	#12	6'-10"	123	WH2	#12	6'-10"	123
WU	#14	4'-7"	15	WU	#14	4'-7"	15
WV	#14	4'-7"	15	WV	#14	4'-7"	15
Reinforcing Steel Lb 1,432				Reinforcing Steel Lb 1,437			
Class "C" Concrete CY 6.2				Class "C" Concrete CY 6.2			

16" SLAB ~ TABLE OF ESTIMATED QUANTITIES ①


DRILLED SHAFT ABUT				PILING ABUTMENT			
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T	#5	25'-0"	26	T	#5	25'-0"	26
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V	#5	5'-0"	130	V	#5	5'-0"	130
WH1	#8	6'-8"	68	WH1	#8	6'-8"	68
WH2	#12	6'-10"	123	WH2	#12	6'-10"	123
WU	#14	4'-7"	15	WU	#14	4'-7"	15
WV	#14	4'-7"	15	WV	#14	4'-7"	15
Reinforcing Steel Lb 1,446				Reinforcing Steel Lb 1,451			
Class "C" Concrete CY 6.3				Class "C" Concrete CY 6.3			

① Quantities shown are for one abutment only (with approach slab).  
② To approach slab and pile cap and the following amounts of concrete:  
14" slab thickness add 1.2 CY Class "C" Concrete.  
16" slab thickness add 1.3 CY Class "C" Concrete.

- ③ Increase as required to maintain 3 3/4" from Finished Grade.  
④ See Layout to determine if Approach Slab is present.  
⑤ Use with 14" slab thickness.  
⑥ Use with 16" slab thickness.  
⑦ Omit Bars H if Approach Slab is present.  
⑧ See standard CS-MD for Prefabricated Bituminous Fiber Material.

**GENERAL NOTES:**  
All piling to be installed according to AASHTO LRFD Specifications.  
All pile caps and wall reinforcing shall be Grade 60.  
Concrete strength  $f'c = 3,600$  psi.  
Designed for normal embankment header slope of 3:1.  
See layout for Foundation type, size and length.  
See layout for CD and details.  
See standard CS-MD for joint details and details.  
not shown.  
Calculated Foundation Loads: 35 Tons/Drilled Shaft  
These abutment details may be used with standards  
CS-25-24, CS-50-24, CS-75-24 and CS-80-24 only.

HL93 LOADING



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ABUTMENTS FOR

C-I-P CONC SLAB SPANS

24 FT ROADWAY

ACS-24

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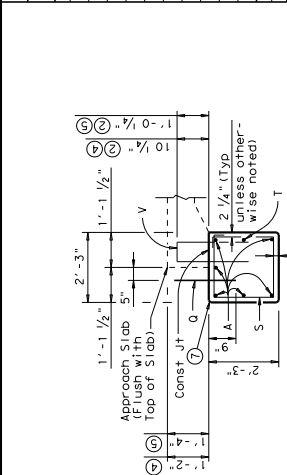
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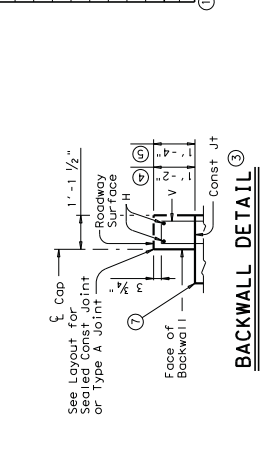
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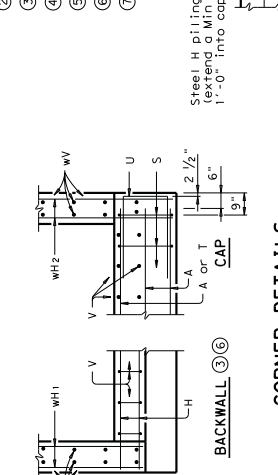
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SECTION A-A ③  
(With Approach Slab)

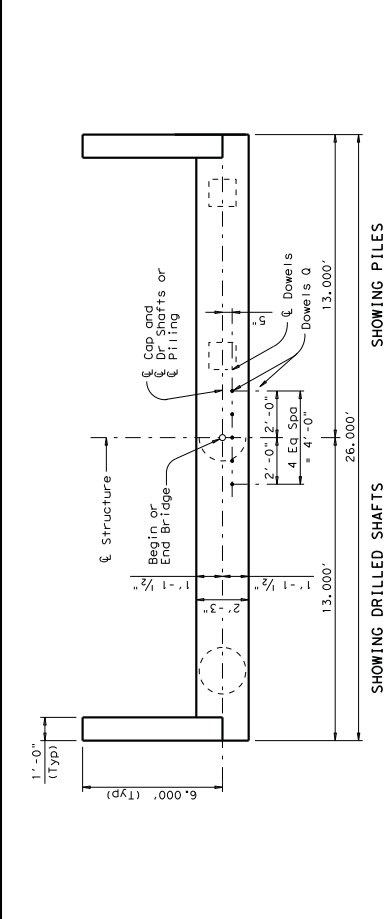
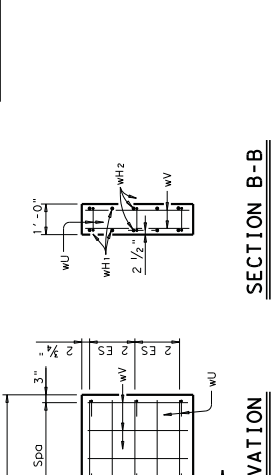


BACKWALL DETAIL ③  
(Without Approach Slab)



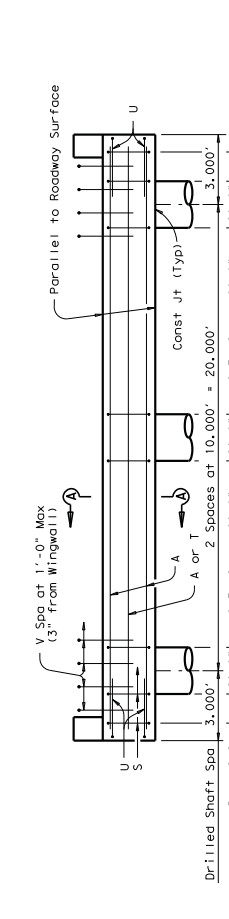
CORNER DETAILS

ORIENTATION OF  
STEEL H PILING

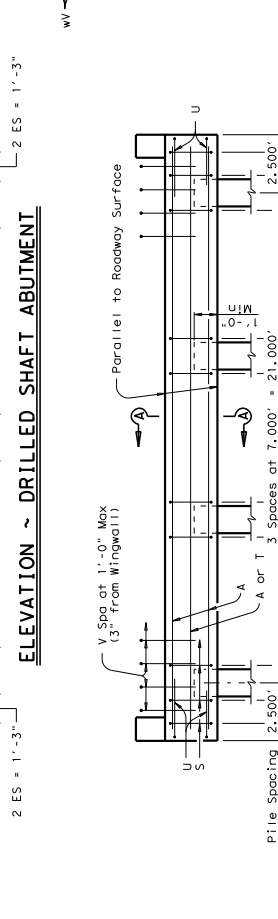


SHOWING DRILLED SHAFTS

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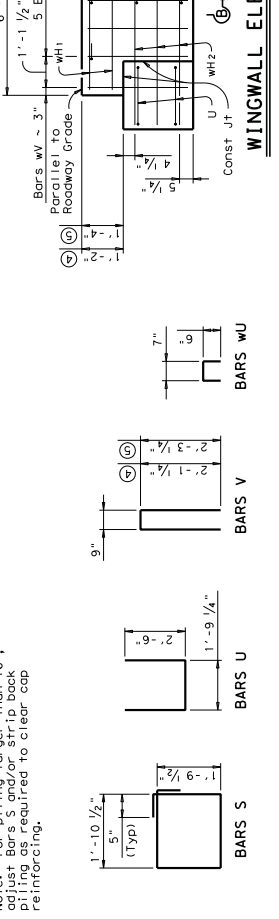


ELEVATION ~ DRILLED SHAFT ABUTMENT



ELEVATION ~ PILING ABUTMENT

Note: For piling larger than 16",  
adjust Bars S and/or strip back  
piling as required to clear cap  
reinforcing.



WINGWALL ELEVATION




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④ See standard CS-MD for Fixed or Expansion Joint Details.

⑤ Provide Class S (HPC) if shown elsewhere in the plans.

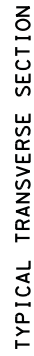
**GENERAL NOTES:**  
Designed according to AASHTO LRFD Specifications.  
See standard CS-MD for additional slab span details.  
All reinforcing shall be Grade 60.  
Bar laps not permitted for Bars A and B.  
Concrete strength  $f'_c = 4,000$  psi.  
This standard does not support the use of Transition Bents.

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Bridge Division

50' C-I-P CONTINUOUS  
SLAB UNIT  
(25' - 25')  
24 FT ROADWAY

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① Bars T (Top) at 12" Max Spacing  
② Bars D (Bottom) at 6" Max Spacing



③ Place Bars A2 between Bars A1 over Bent (See PLAN for Placement)

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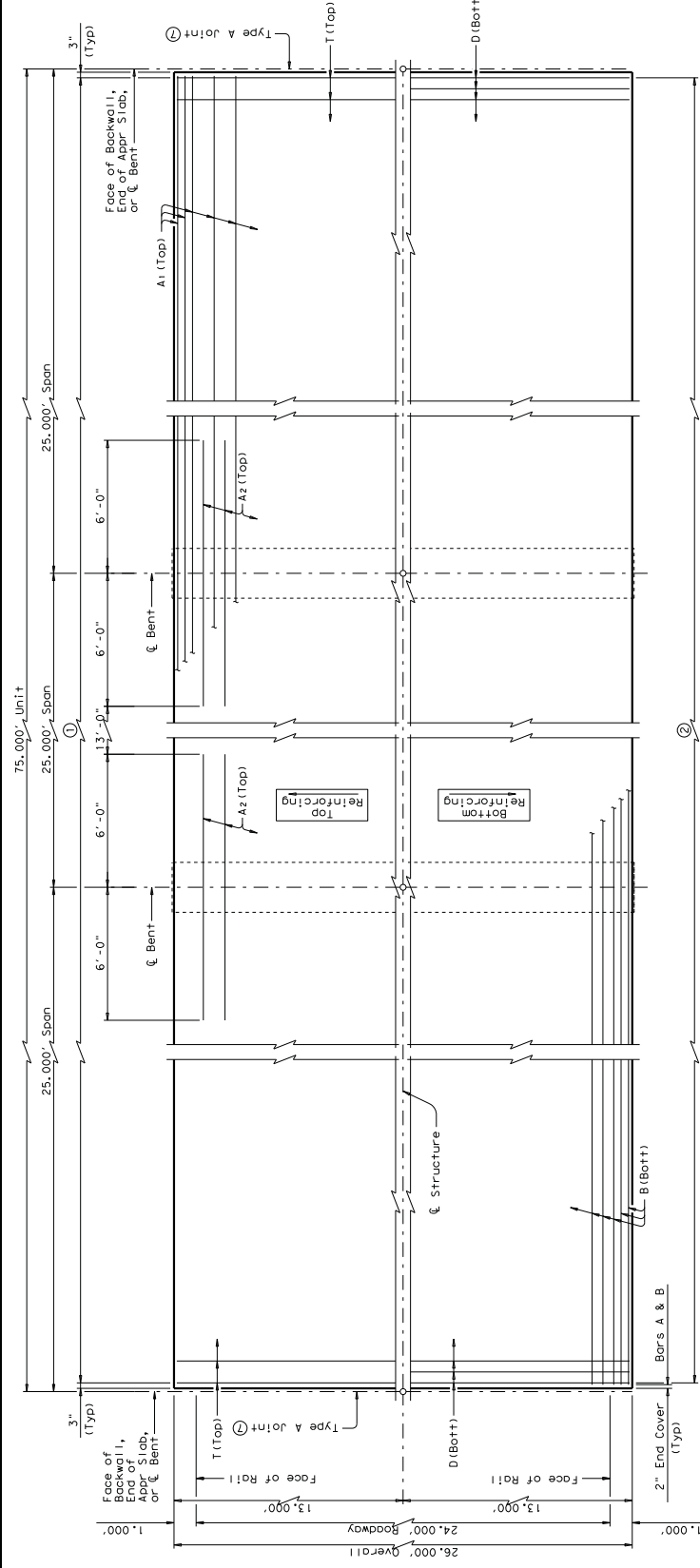
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TABLE OF ESTIMATED QUANTITIES  
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Bar No.	Size	Length	Weight
A1(5)	30 # 8	78'-0"	6,248
A2	50 # 8	12'-0"	1,602
B(6)	54 # 8	77'-3"	11,138
D	150 # 4	25'-9"	2,580
T	76 # 4	25'-9"	1,307

Reinforcing Steel	Lb	22,875
Class "S" Concrete	CY	84.3

- ⑤ Length shown includes one 3'-4" lap splice.  
⑥ Length shown includes one 2'-7" lap splice.  
⑦ See standard CS-MD for Expansion Joint Details.  
⑧ Provide Class S (HPC) if shown elsewhere in the plans.



**GENERAL NOTES:**  
Design according to AASHTO LRFD  
Specifications  
See standard CS-MD for additional slab span details.  
All reinforcing shall be Grade 60.  
Concrete shall be Class S (HPC) if shown elsewhere in the plans.  
When epoxy coated reinforcing is used, the lap splice lengths shown shall be increased by a factor of 1.5.  
The contractor shall not support the use of Transition Bents.

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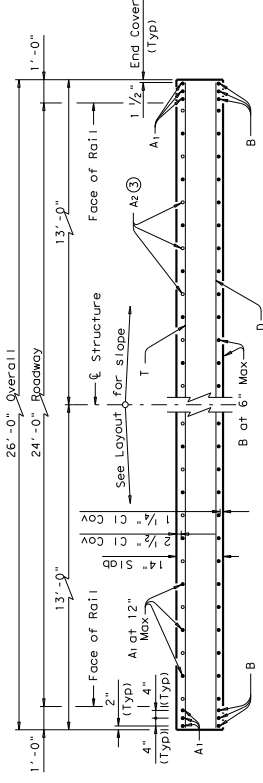
**75' C-I-P CONTINUOUS SLAB UNIT**  
(25'-25'-25')  
24 FT ROADWAY

CS-75-24

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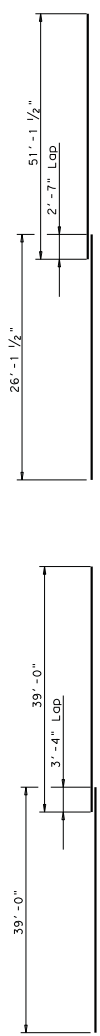
PLAN

- ① Bars T (Top) at 12" Max Spacing  
② Bars D (Bottom) at 6" Max Spacing



TYPICAL TRANSVERSE SECTION

- ③ Place Bars A2 between Bars A1 over Bent (See PLAN for Placement)



Bars A1

Bars B

- ④ Alternate Splices over Supports

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## **Appendix G**

### **Proposed Conditions Hydrologic Calculations and HEC-HMS Model Inputs**



## Proposed Conditions Curve Number Calculations

### Arid/Semiarid Rangelands -- Desert Shrub

	A	B	C	D
Poor	63	77	85	88
Fair	55	72	81	86
Good	49	68	79	84
Water	100			

### Proposed Conditions

Assuming Fair conditions

Drainage Area	A	B	C	D	Water	Curve Number	Adjusted CN
DA1	0.0%	4.8%	18.7%	75.3%	1.2%	85	70
DA2	0.0%	3.5%	28.8%	67.7%	0.0%	84	69
DA3	0.0%	36.0%	0.0%	64.0%	0.0%	81	66
DA4	0.0%	17.6%	7.9%	74.2%	0.3%	83	68
DA5	0.0%	64.6%	0.0%	35.4%	0.0%	77	62
DA6	0.0%	72.3%	0.0%	27.6%	0.0%	76	61
DA7	0.0%	47.3%	0.0%	52.7%	0.0%	79	64

**Time of Concentration Calculations Using TR-55  
Proposed Conditions**

**Sheet Flow**

$$T = 0.007 * (nL)^{0.8} / (P2^{0.5}) * s^{0.4}$$

	DA1	DA2	DA3	DA4	DA5	DA6	DA7	
n =	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	*
L =	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	ft
P2 =	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	in***
s =	0.047619	0.02	0.02	0.016667	0.01	0.013333	0.013333	ft/ft
T =	0.14	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.26	0.23	0.23	hours
T =	8.4	11.8	11.8	12.7	15.6	13.9	13.9	minutes

**Shallow Concentrated Flow**

$$T = L / V$$

	DA1	DA2	DA3	DA4	DA5	DA6	DA7	
L =	1000	1400	1000	1400	1200	1000	1400	ft
s =	0.026	0.011429	0.025	0.018333	0.018333	0.013	0.02	ft/ft
V =	2.60	1.70	2.60	2.10	2.20	1.80	2.30	ft/sec**
T =	384.62	823.53	384.62	666.67	545.45	555.56	608.70	seconds
T =	6.4	13.7	6.4	11.1	9.1	9.3	10.1	minutes

**Open Channel Flow**

$$V = (1.49 * r^{0.67} * s^{0.5}) / n$$

	DA1	DA2	DA3	DA4	DA5	DA6	DA7	
n =	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	*
L =	26167	11204	23409	35759	5523	2773	4119	ft
s =	0.003516	0.002321	0.004229	0.003244	0.005794	0.008656	0.004127	ft/ft
a =	16	16	16	16	8	8	8	ft^2
pw =	12.94	12.94	12.94	12.94	6.47	6.47	6.47	ft
r = a/pw	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	ft
V =	2.9	2.4	3.2	2.8	3.7	4.6	3.2	ft/sec
T = L / V	8994	4740	7336	12796	1479	607	1307	seconds
	149.9	79.0	122.3	213.3	24.6	10.1	21.8	minutes

**Totaled Times**

	DA1	DA2	DA3	DA4	DA5	DA6	DA7	
<b>Total Tc</b>	<b>164.7</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>140.5</b>	<b>237.1</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>minutes</b>
<b>Total Tc</b>	<b>2.74</b>	<b>1.74</b>	<b>2.34</b>	<b>3.95</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>hours</b>
<b>Tlag = 0.7*Tc</b>	<b>115.28</b>	<b>73.20</b>	<b>98.37</b>	<b>165.98</b>	<b>34.56</b>	<b>23.32</b>	<b>32.10</b>	<b>minutes</b>
<b>Tlag = 0.7*Tc</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>1.64</b>	<b>2.77</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>hours</b>

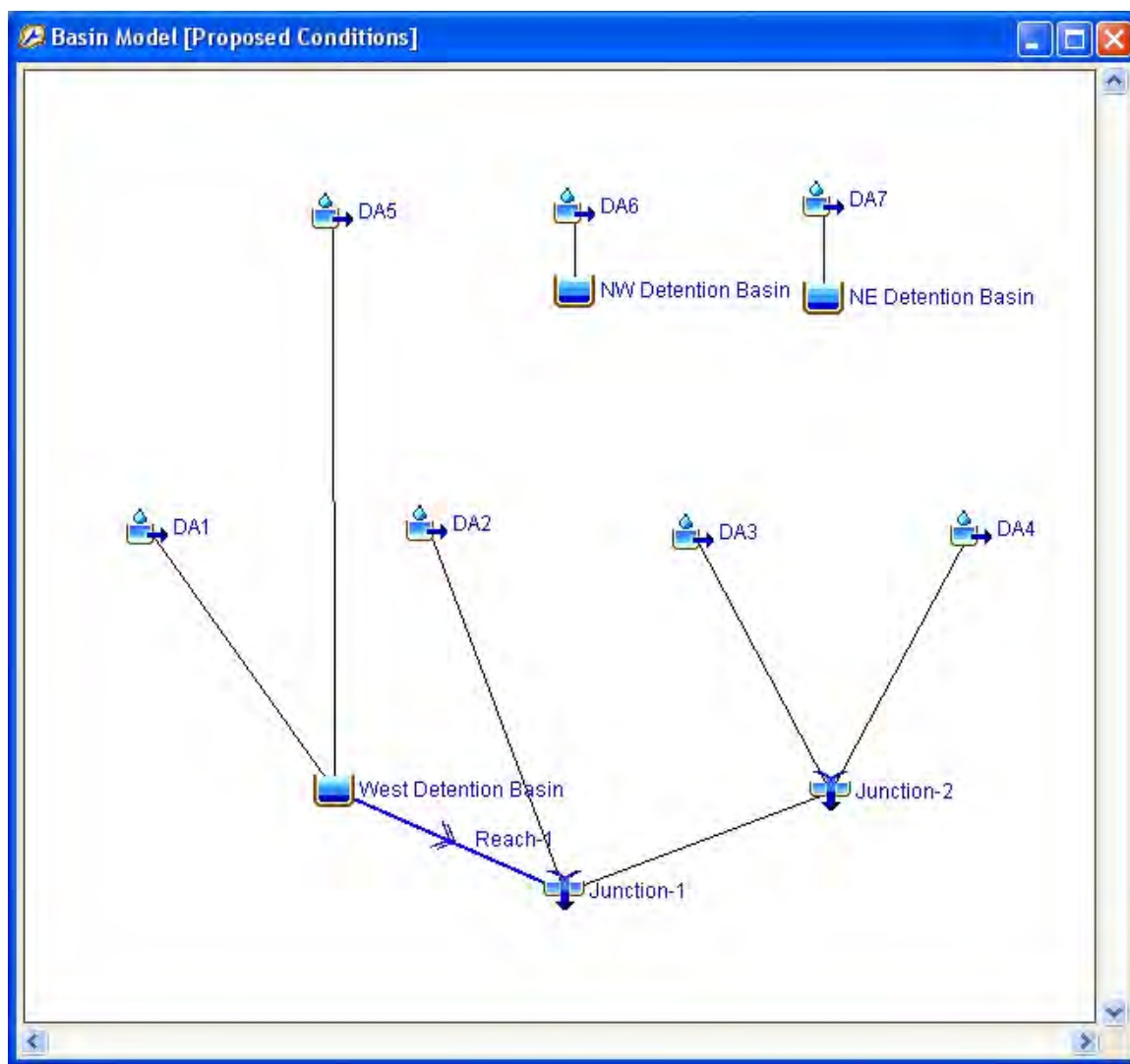
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\*\* from Figure 3-1 in TR-55 Report

\*\*\* from Appendix B in TR-55 Report

## Proposed HEC-HMS Model Inputs and Output

### Drainage Basin Layout



## Subbasin Areas

**Subbasin Area [Proposed Conditions]**

Show Elements:       Sorting:

Subbasin	Area (MI <sup>2</sup> )
DA1	8.18
DA2	1.85
DA3	5.51
DA4	6.22
DA5	0.31
DA6	0.21
DA7	0.61

## SCS Curve Number Inputs

**Curve Number Loss [Proposed Conditions]**

Show Elements:       Sorting:

Subbasin	Initial Abstraction (IN)	Curve Number	Impervious (%)
DA1		70	0.0
DA2		69	0.0
DA3		66	0.0
DA4		68	0.0
DA5		62	0.0
DA6		61	0.0
DA7		64	0.0

## SCS Unit Hydrograph Inputs

**SCS Transform[Proposed Conditions]**

Show Elements:       Sorting:

Subbasin	Lag Time (MIN)
DA1	115.3
DA2	73.2
DA3	98.4
DA4	166.0
DA5	34.6
DA6	23.3
DA7	32.1

## Lag Routing Inputs

**Lag Routing [Proposed Conditions]**

Show Elements:       Sorting:

Reach	Lag Time (MIN)
Reach-1	17



## West Detention Basin Inputs

Reservoir Options

**Basin Name: Proposed Conditions**  
**Element Name: West Detention Basin**

Description: Proposed tank W of property

Downstream: Reach-1

Method: Outflow Curve

Storage Method: Elevation-Area-Discharge

\*Elev-Area Function: West Detention Elev-Area

\*Elev-Dis Function: West Detention Elev-Dis

Primary: Elevation-Area

Initial Condition: Elevation

\*Initial Elevation (FT) 542

Paired Data Table Graph		Paired Data Table Graph	
Elevation (FT)	Area (AC)	Elevation (FT)	Discharge (CFS)
542.0	14.4	542.0	0.0
544.0	37.0	544.0	1273.0
546.0	94.2	546.0	3600.0
548.0	124.8	548.0	6614.0

## Northwest Detention Basin Inputs

Reservoir Options

**Basin Name: Proposed Conditions**  
**Element Name: NW Detention Basin**

Description: Proposed tank NW of property

Downstream: --None--

Method: Outflow Curve

Storage Method: Elevation-Area-Discharge

\*Elev-Area Function: NW Detention Elev-Area

\*Elev-Dis Function: NW Detention Elev-Dis

Primary: Elevation-Area

Initial Condition: Elevation

\*Initial Elevation (FT) 562

Paired Data Table Graph

Elevation (FT)	Area (AC)
562.0	9.02
564.0	9.44
566.0	9.85
568.0	10.28

Paired Data Table Graph

Elevation (FT)	Discharge (CFS)
562.0	0.0
568.0	0.0

## Northeast Detention Basin Inputs

Reservoir Options

**Basin Name: Proposed Conditions**  
**Element Name: NE Detention Basin**

Description: Tank NE of property

Downstream: --None--

Method: Outflow Curve

Storage Method: Elevation-Area-Discharge

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\*Elev-Dis Function: NE Detention Elev-Dis

Primary: Elevation-Area

Initial Condition: Elevation

\*Initial Elevation (FT) 556

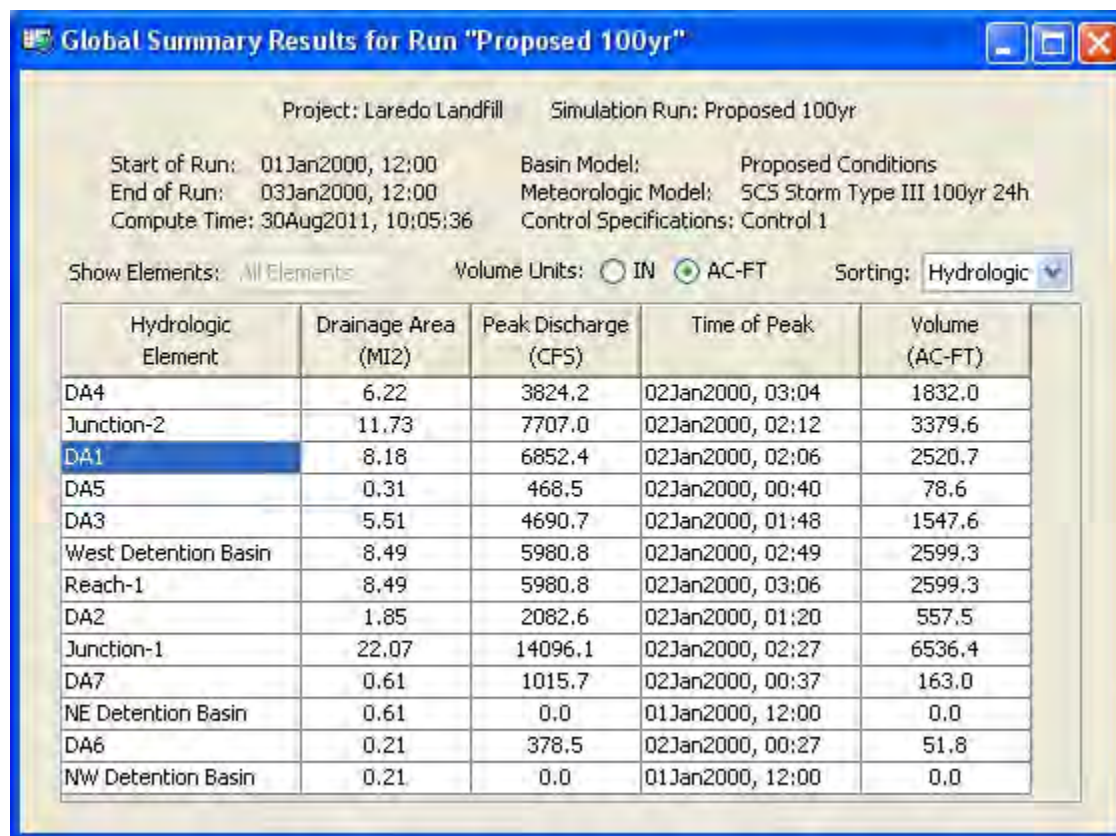
Paired Data Table Graph

Elevation (FT)	Area (AC)
556.0	26.99
558.0	27.58
560.0	28.18
562.0	28.77

Paired Data Table Graph

Elevation (FT)	Discharge (CFS)
556.0	0.0
562.0	0.0

## HEC-HMS Proposed Conditions Model Output





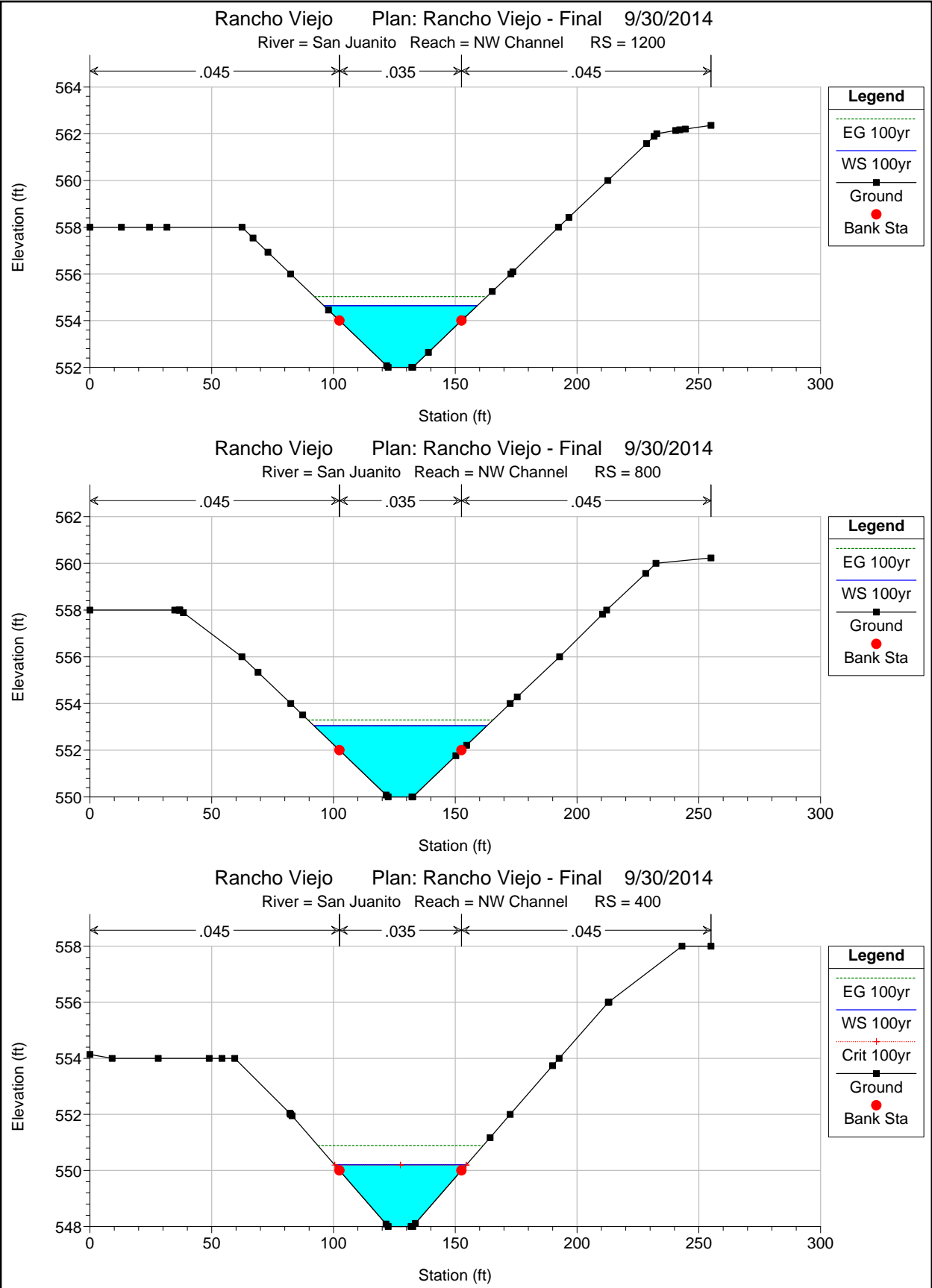
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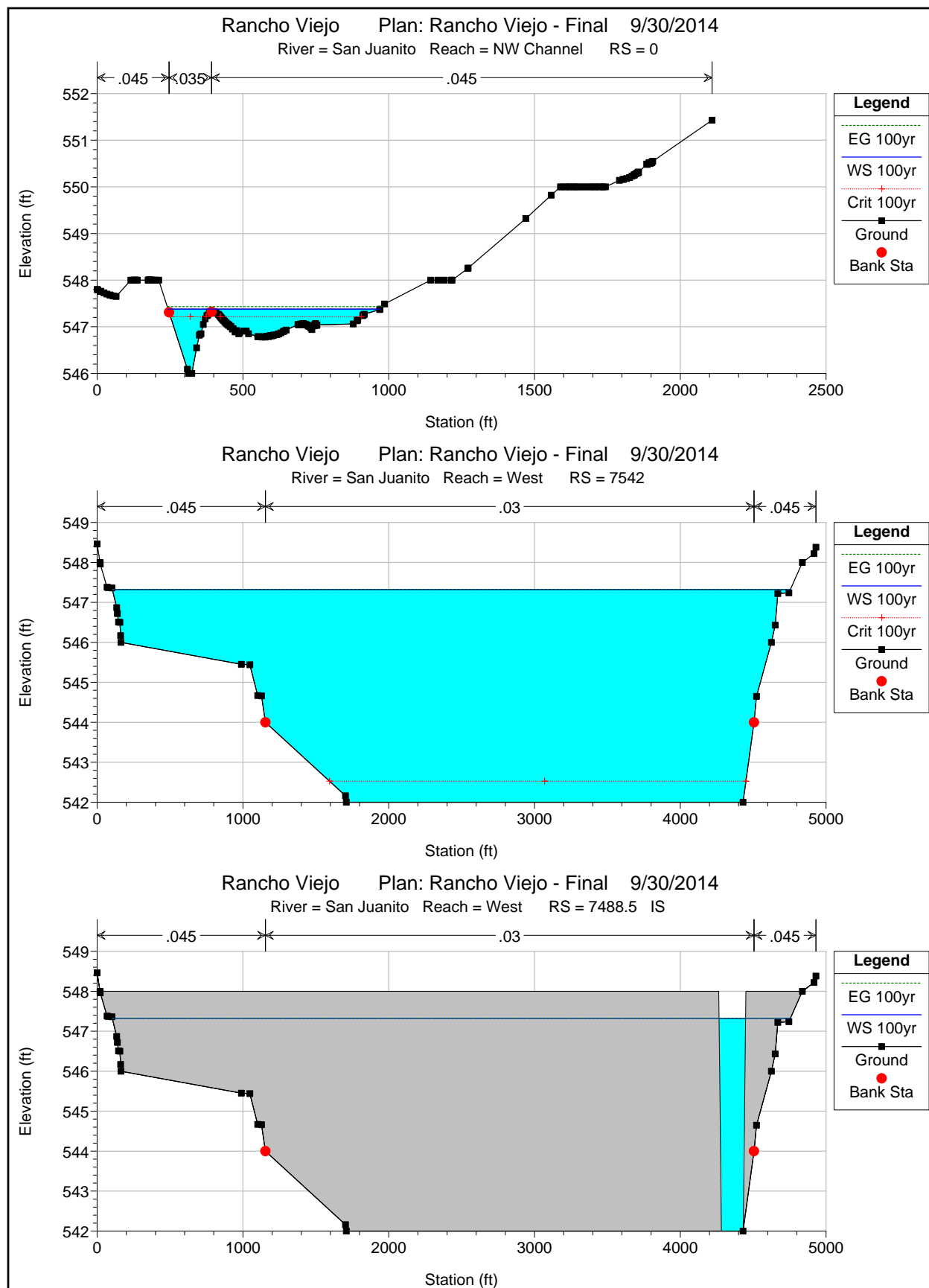
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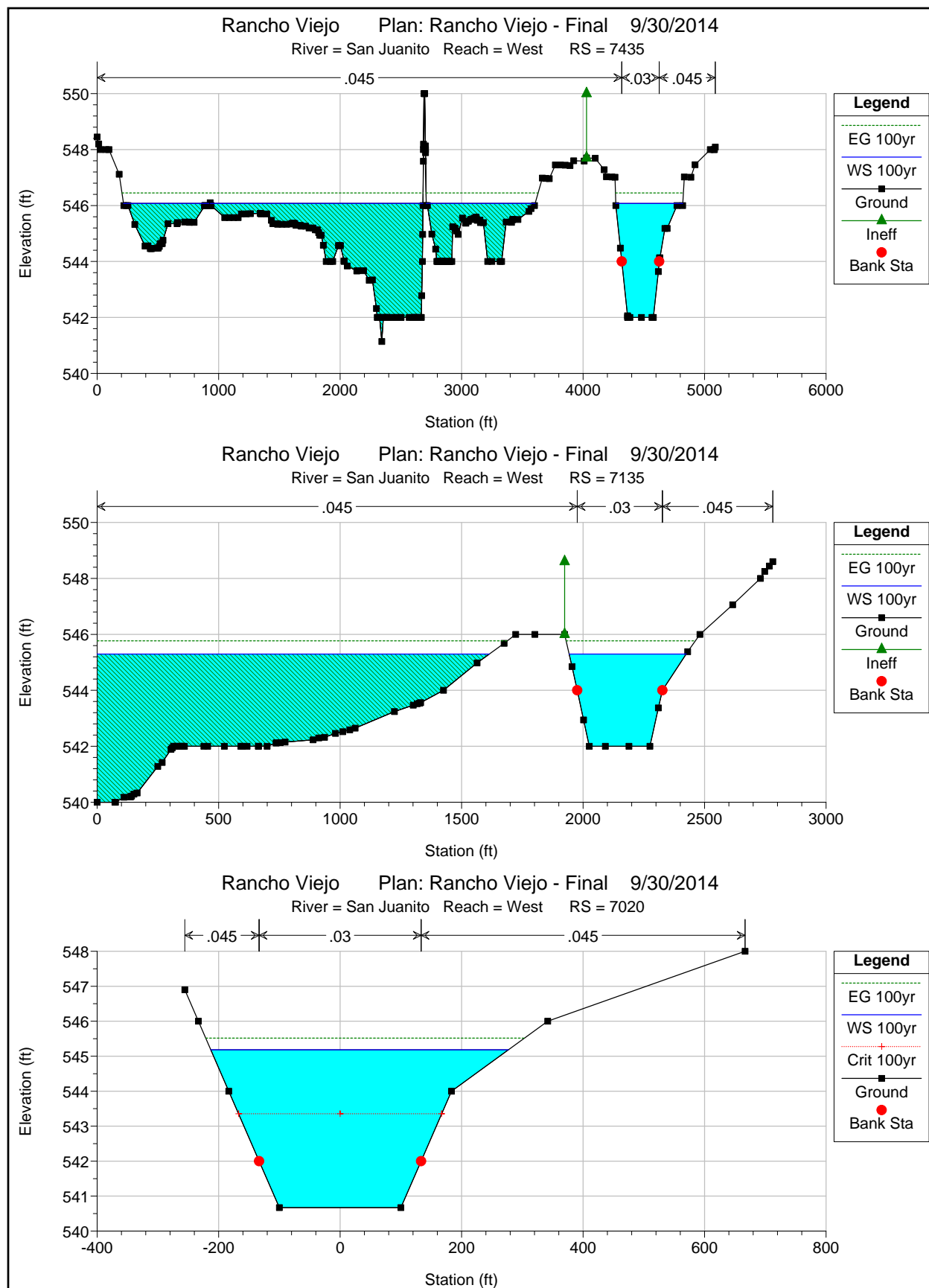




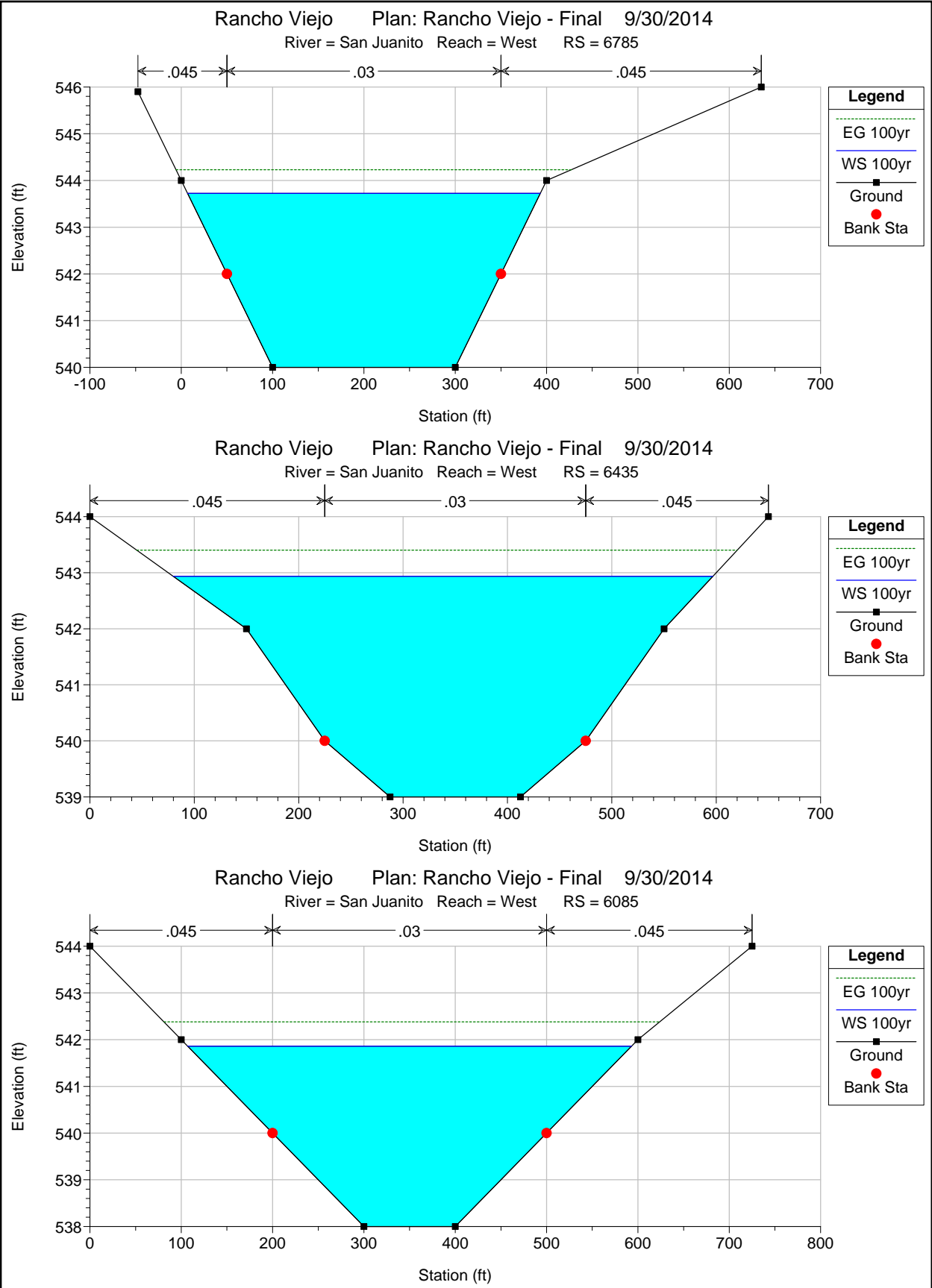


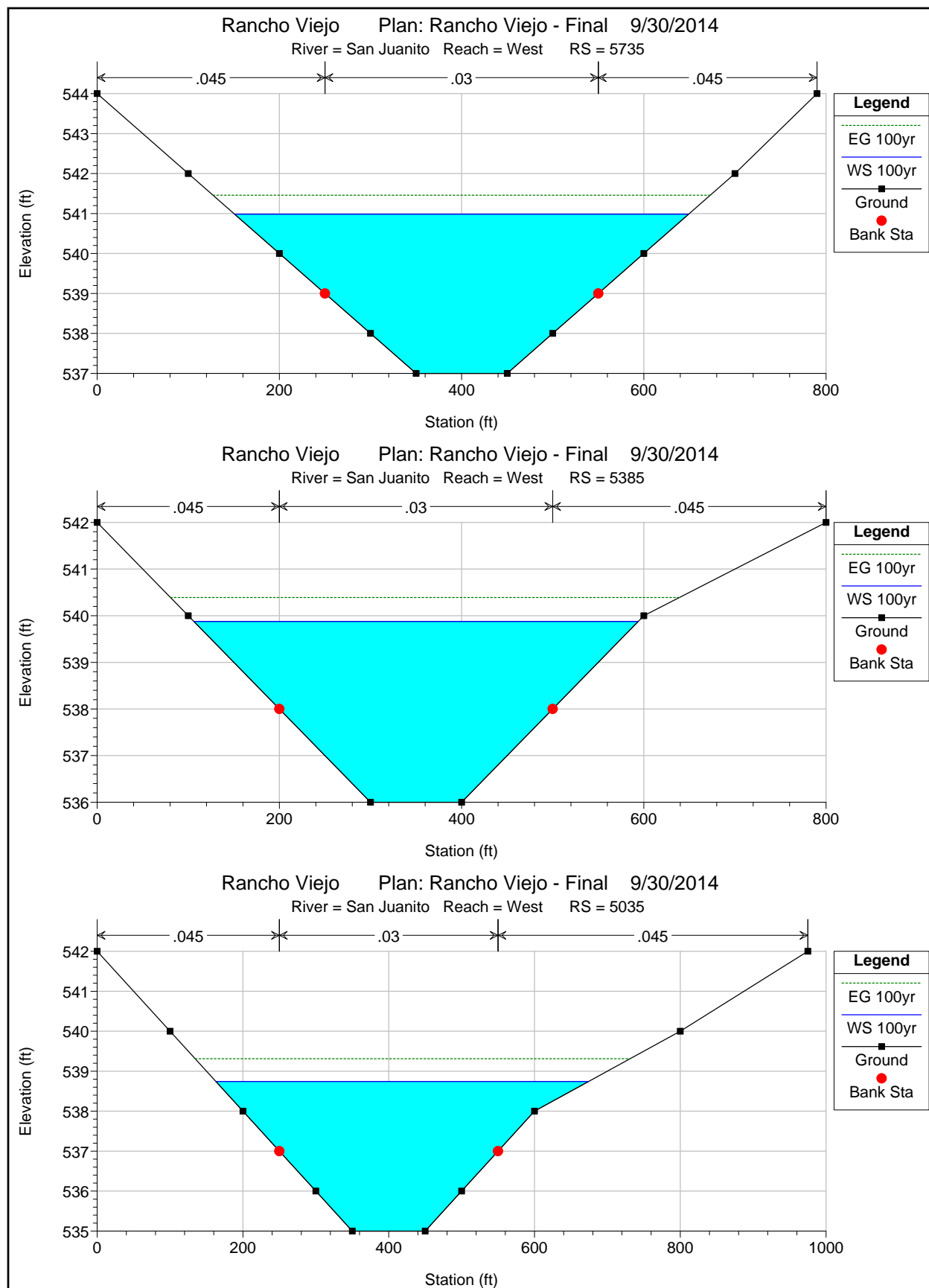


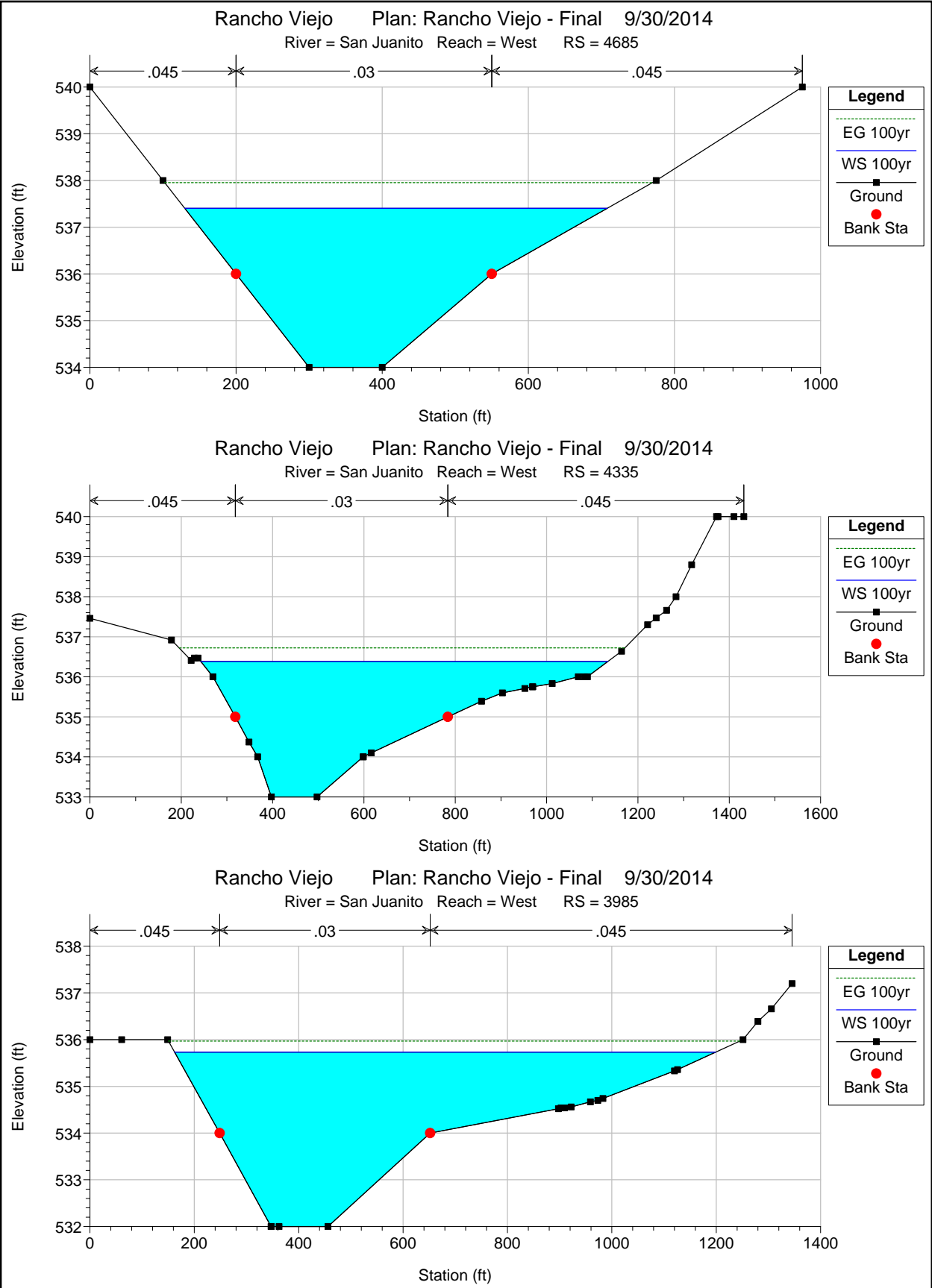


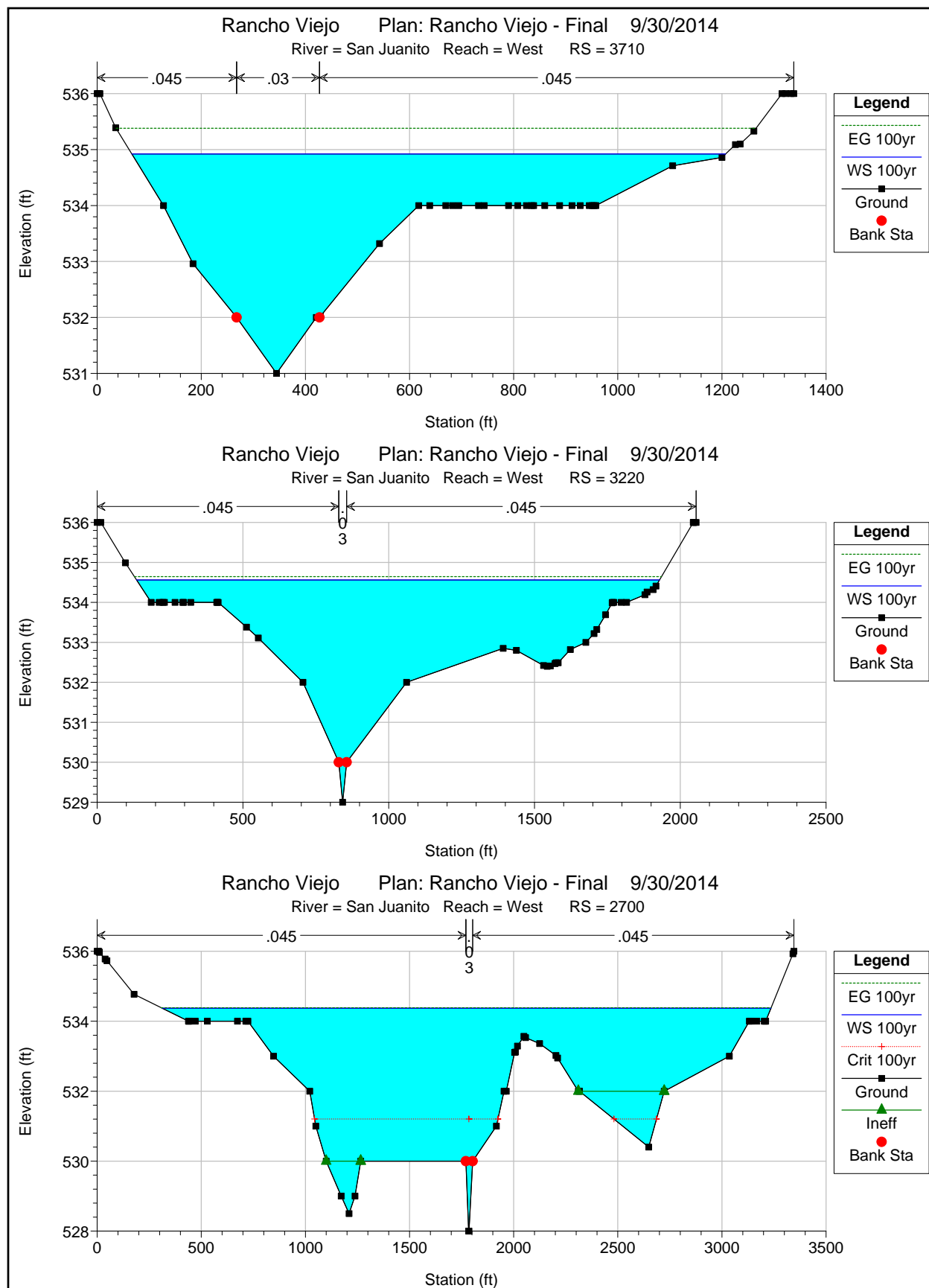




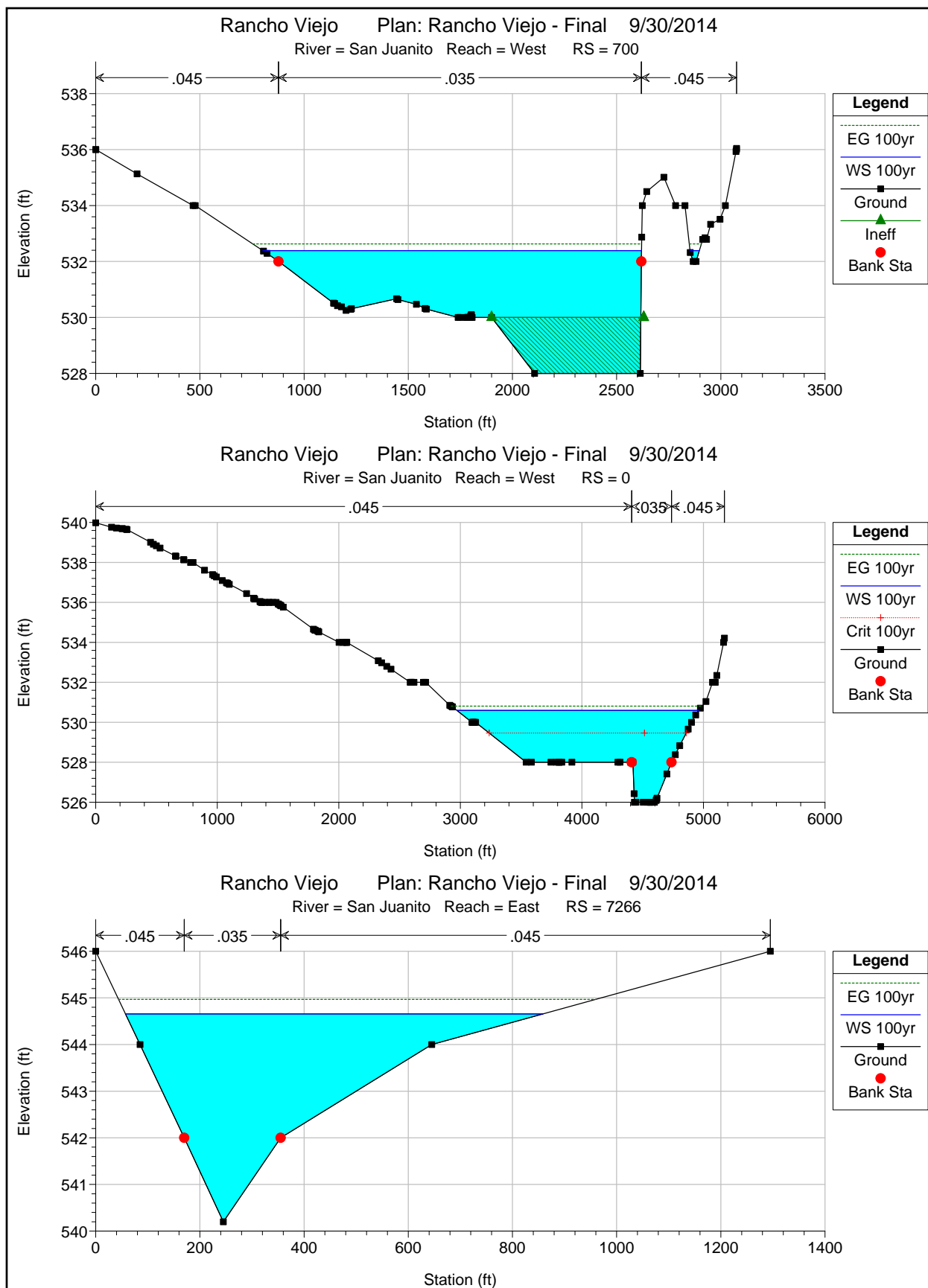


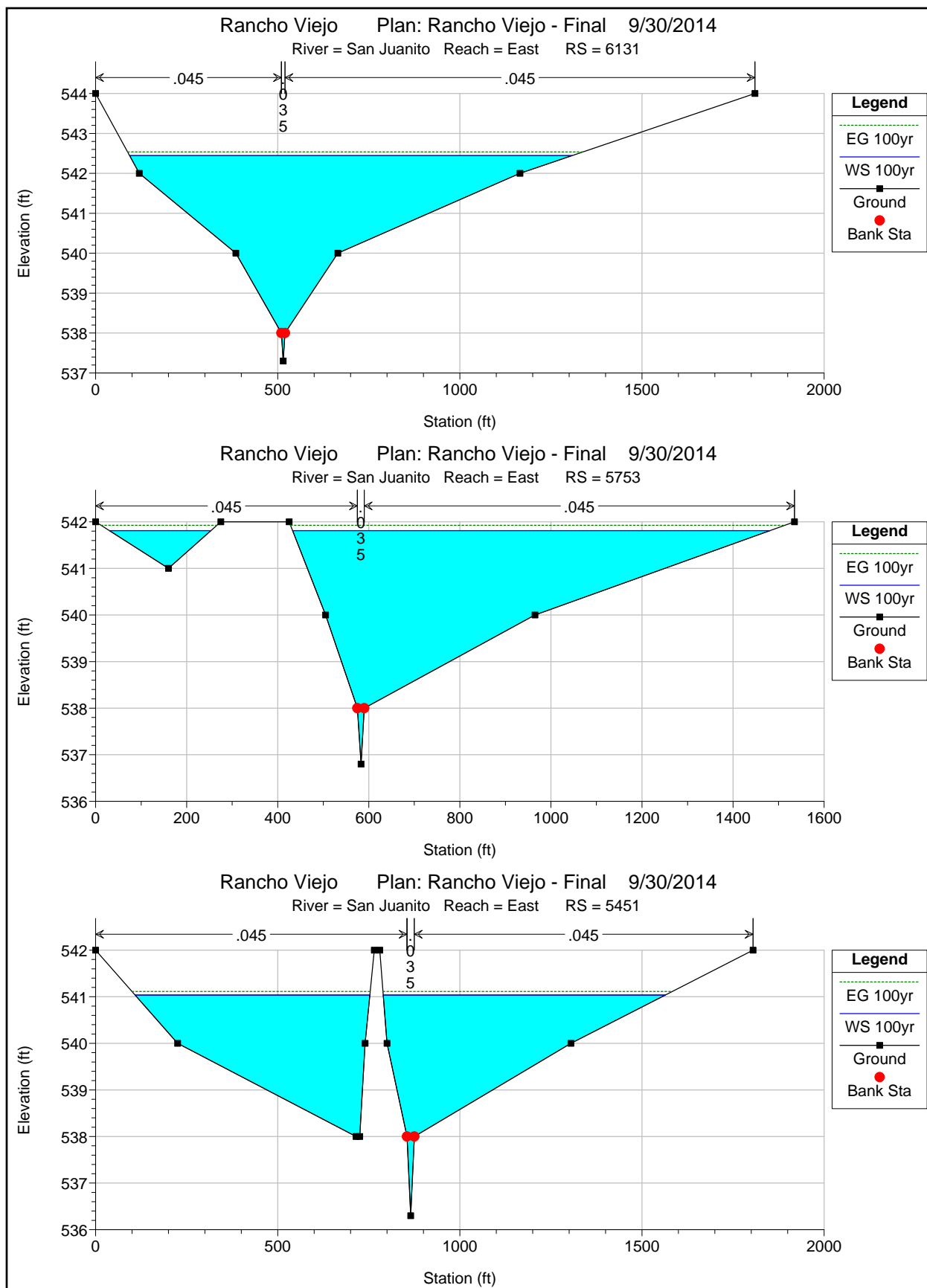




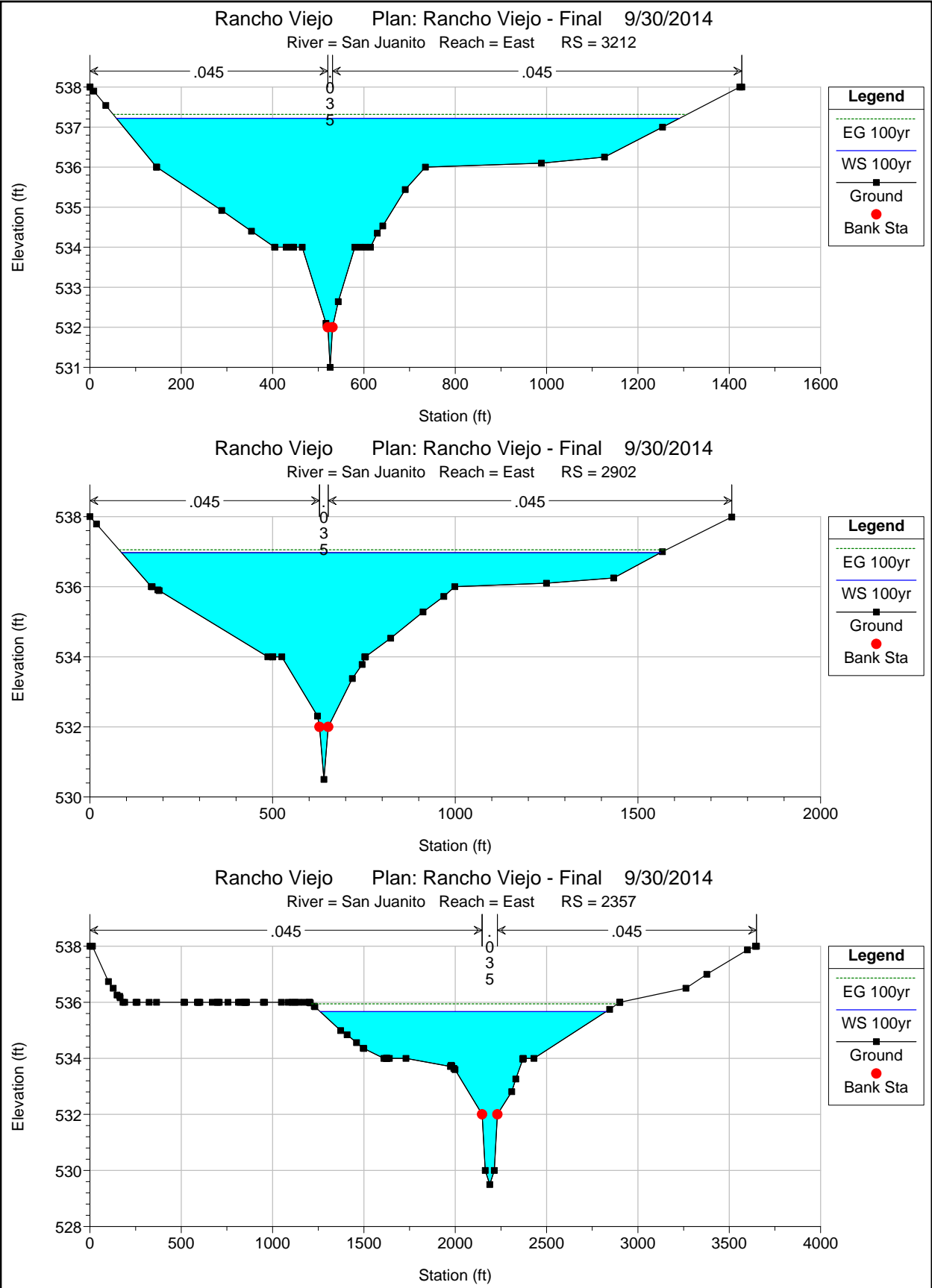






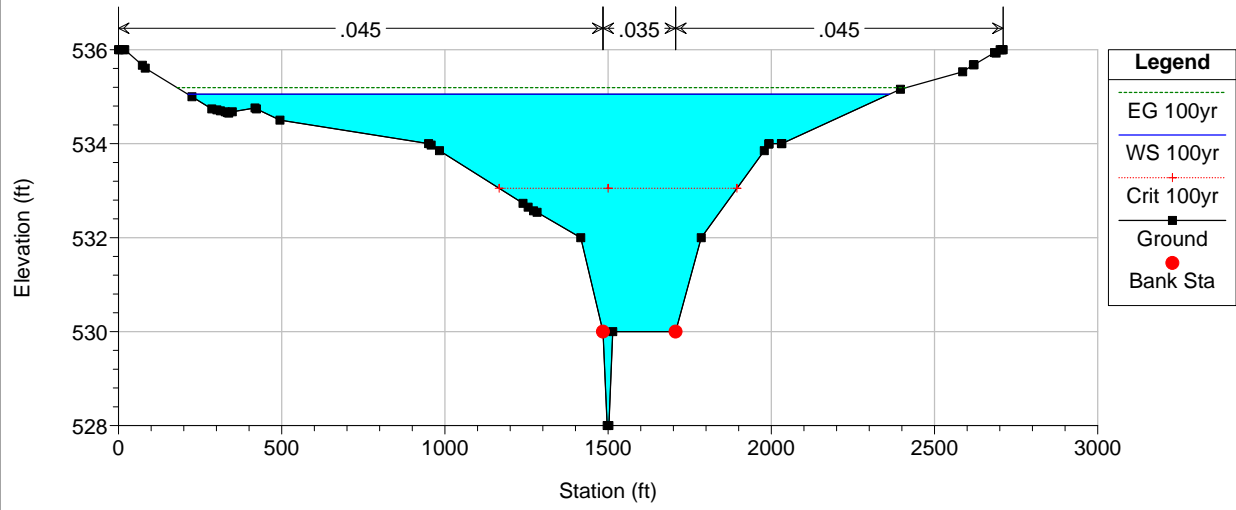






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River = San Juanito Reach = East RS = 1700



**Table 1**  
**HEC-RAS Model Vs. Topographic Map Top Width Comparison**

San Juanito - West Reach				
River Sta	Top Width Model (ft.)	Top Width Map (ft.)	Difference (ft.)	Notes
7542	4650.69	4801.45	-150.76	Width based on the elevation for the west basin HEC-HMS model results.
7488.5				Inline structure
7435	3903.1	551.52	3351.58	HEC-RAS model top width includes the ineffective flow area.
7135	2095.9	481.6	1614.3	HEC-RAS model top width includes the ineffective flow area.
7020	489.97	464.95	25.02	
6973				Bridge Structure
6900	389.8	386.89	2.91	
6785	386.19	387.05	-0.86	
6435	516.91	483.52	33.39	
6085	485.9	493.19	-7.29	
5735	498.45	508.44	-9.99	
5385	487.76	494.29	-6.53	
5035	511.43	545.24	-33.81	
4685	578.44	605.23	-26.79	
4335	891.16	899.3	-8.14	
3985	1036.34	1033.87	2.47	
3710	1140.22	1144.38	-4.16	
3220	1793.3	1798.9	-5.6	
2700	2923.62	2926.8	-3.18	
700	1862.31	2097.26	-234.95	HEC-RAS model top width does not include approximate 233-foot mound area located on the west side of cross-section.
0	1989.43	1984.55	4.88	

San Juanito - East Reach				
River Sta	Top Width Model (ft.)	Top Width Map (ft.)	Difference (ft.)	Notes
7266	801.67	780	21.67	
6131	1214.7	1253.98	-39.28	
5753	1271.44	1455.57	-184.13	HEC-RAS does not include an approximate 180-foot mound area located on the east side of cross-section.
5451	1419.33	1465.18	-45.85	HEC-RAS does not include approximate 37-foot mound area located east side of cross-section.
4936	1030.36	1049.72	-19.36	
4579	934.87	936.17	-1.3	
3826	1021.17	1021.75	-0.58	
3212	1233.09	1242.97	-9.88	
2902	1475.31	1491.04	-15.73	
2357	1565.67	1567.29	-1.62	
1700	2149.38	2152.43	-3.05	

**Table 2**  
**HEC-RAS Model Vs. Topographic Map Channel Length Comparison**

San Juanito - West Reach			
River Station	Channel Length - Model (ft.)	Channel Length - Map (ft.)	Difference (ft.)
7542	113	113	0
7488.5	Inl Struct		
7435	304.38	304.00	0
7135	110.29	110.21	0
7020	119.4	119.40	0
6973	Bridge		
6900	125.5	125.00	0
6785	321.64	322.00	0
6435	381	381.3	0
6085	317.64	317.64	0
5735	379.81	379.81	0
5385	336.26	336.62	0
5035	364.41	364.41	0
4685	354.7	354.7	0
4335	343.32	343.32	0
3985	272.21	272.21	0
3710	414.86	414.79	0
3220	554.12	553.49	0
2700	2077.04	2077.04	0
700	683.45	683.46	0
0			
San Juanito - East Reach			
River Station	Channel Length - Model (ft.)	Channel Length - Map (ft.)	Difference (ft.)
7266	1154.45	1154.46	0
6131	366.34	366.34	0
5753	310	310.04	0
5451	517.31	517.31	0
4936	349.56	349.56	0
4579	760.75	760.75	0
3826	626.89	626.89	0
3212	291.78	291.55	0
2902	584.49	584.49	0
2357	562.23	562.23	0
1700	3211.13	3211.1	0
San Juanito - NW Channel Reach			
River Station	Channel Length - Model (ft.)	Channel Length - Map (ft.)	Difference (ft.)
2400	400	400.12	0
2000	400.41	400.41	0
1600	400	400	0
1200	400	400	0
800	400	400	0
400	400	400	0
0			

## **Appendix I**

### **ESA Compliance Documentation**







In Reply Refer To:  
FWS/R2/CLES/

## United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Coastal Ecological Services Field Office  
3325 Green Jay Road  
Alamo, TX 78516  
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January 27, 2014

Kevin Ramberg  
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1001 Mopac Circle  
Austin, TX 78746

Consultation No. 02ETCC00-2012-I-0032

Dear Mr. Ramberg;

Thank you for your letter and Revised Biological Assessment regarding the effects of the proposed issuance of a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) for the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center (PERC) in Webb County, Texas. The proposed PERC site includes 1,110 acres in rural Webb County approximately 20 miles east of Laredo, Texas. In order for the construction and operation of a municipal solid waste landfill to commence, modifications to the 100-year floodplan will be needed. Your client, Rancho Viejo Waste Management, proposes to construct and maintain various infrastructure flood control features north and west of the PERC site.

There are five species federally listed as threatened or endangered in Webb County: jaguarundi, ocelot, interior least tern, ashy dogweed and Johnston's frankenia. While the Biological Assessment concluded "no effect" determinations for ocelot, interior least tern, ashy dogweed and Johnston's frankenia, a "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" determination was made for the jaguarundi. Proposed Conservation Measures to benefit the jaguarundi include a conservation easement on a 75-foot buffer on either side of a drainage corridor (total length approximately 7,500 linear feet) as well as revegetation, light limitations, vehicular traffic control, and a lowered speed limit.

Based on project discussions, information in your letter, and the proposed conservation measures for the jaguarundi, we concur with the not likely to adversely affect call. The Service does not provide concurrence for "no effect" determinations but by making determinations we believe that section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act has been complied with. Should project plans change or new species information become available, this determination can be reconsidered.


The Migratory Bird Treaty Act implements various treaties and conventions for the protection of migratory birds, and under the Act, taking, killing or possessing migratory birds is unlawful. We recommend activities requiring vegetation removal or disturbance avoid the peak nesting period of March through August to avoid destruction of individuals, nests or eggs. If project activities

must be conducted during this time, we recommend surveying for nests prior to commencing work and if a nest is found, and if possible, we recommend a buffer of vegetation ( $\geq 50$  ft) remain around the nest until young have fledged or the nest is abandoned.

Thank you for your concern for endangered and threatened species, migratory birds, and other wildlife resources and we appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Brunilda Fuentes-Capozello (956)784-7631.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edith Erfling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E".

 Edith Erfling  
Field Supervisor

January 9, 2014

***VIA GROUND DELIVERY***

Mr. Ernesto Reyes  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Ecological Services Alamo Field Office  
Santa Ana Refuge  
3325 Green Jay  
Alamo, Texas 78516

**Re: Revised Biological Assessment: An Endangered Species Review for the  
FEMA Action Area of the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center, Webb  
County, Texas**

Dear Mr. Reyes,

Enclosed please find documentation and analysis regarding the federal endangered species related to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issuance of a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) for the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center (PERC) in Webb County, Texas. This biological assessment has been updated from our October 21, 2013 submittal to your office based on discussions with USFWS and incorporation of conservation measures onsite.

The proposed PERC site includes 1,110 acres in rural Webb County, south of U.S. Highway 59 approximately 20 miles east of Laredo, Texas (Attachment A, Figure 1). Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC proposes to construct and operate a municipal solid waste landfill onsite. As part of the PERC project, Rancho Viejo Waste Management proposes modifications to the 100-year floodplain. These proposed floodplain modifications require documentation and authorization from FEMA under the CLOMR process. In 2010, FEMA issued guidance for Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance from the FEMA CLOMR process.

As stated in the FEMA guidance for ESA compliance (see Attachment B), documentation of compliance can be either an Incidental Take Permit, Incidental Take Statement, “not likely to adversely affect” determination from the National Marine Fisheries Service or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (collectively known as “the Services”), or an official letter from the Services concurring that the project has “No Effect” on listed species or critical habitat. Rancho Viejo Waste Management and aci consulting courteously request U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to review the proposed project, related

endangered species investigations, and effects determination described in this letter. For each species, site specific assessments were conducted.

This report presents a summary of the project, the associated FEMA action, the environmental setting, and an assessment of the action's potential to affect species protected under the federal ESA.

## **FEMA REGULATORY NEXUS**

Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC proposes to construct and maintain various infrastructure flood control features north and west of the PERC site. The FEMA action area includes approximately 225 acres; 141 acres are located outside of the proposed PERC site (Attachment A, Figure 1).

The proposed flood control structures include:

- three floodwater detention basins north and west of the PERC site,
- one diversion channel connecting the north and northwest detention basins to the west detention basin, and
- one channel connecting the west detention basin to areas south and downstream of the PERC site.

The project engineering consultant, CB&I, is preparing and processing the FEMA CLOMR request through FEMA.

## **PROJECT LOCATION**

Currently the site is entirely within the 12,000-acre Yugo Ranch owned by Rancho Viejo Cattle Company, Ltd. The ranch has been utilized as a cattle operation with scattered oil and gas production. The PERC site is favorable for development for several reasons: ideal soil and geological conditions, isolation from usable groundwater, the secluded location (and lack of potential land use conflicts), and transportation access.

## **EXISTING ENVIRONMENT**

### ***Physiography***

The subject area encompasses approximately 1,110 acres and is located roughly 20 miles east of Laredo (Webb County) within the Texas-Tamaulipan Thornscrub ecoregion of the Southern Texas Plains. This ecoregion is distinguishable by its lightly rolling plains, low-growing thorn shrubland, and noticeable cuts throughout the landscape created by arroyos and streams. Although the subject area is within the Texas-Tamaulipan Thornscrub ecoregion, it is bound to the west by the Rio Grande Floodplain and Terraces ecoregion, which is unmistakably characterized by its dramatic change in elevation. The

subject area lies at the upper headwaters of the Rio Grande Basin, approximately 20 miles north of the Rio Grande, and is bordered to the immediate northeast by the Nueces River Basin (Griffith et al. 2007). The elevation ranges from 530 feet to 570 feet above mean sea level according to the *Burrito Tank* USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangle (Attachment A, Figure 2).

### ***Climate***

Webb County's climate is subtropical, with hot, dry summers and relatively mild winters (Griffith et al. 2007). The summer temperatures average about 85°F and have a maximum daily average of 97°F. The winter temperatures average 58°F and have a minimum daily average of 46°F (USDA 1985). Precipitation throughout this county and ecoregion is the heaviest in the late spring and the early fall; however, transpiration and evaporation greatly exceed rainfall input (Griffith et al. 2007; USDA 1985). The total yearly precipitation is typically suitable for range vegetation, but often not for crops such as cotton, small grains, and sorghum because of the high evaporation rates. Thunderstorms occur on about 40 days each year, mostly in the summer time (USDA 1985).

### ***Flora and Fauna***

The subject area is within the Texas-Tamaulipan Thornscrub ecosystem is occupied primarily by “drought-tolerant, mostly small-leaved, and often thorn-laden small trees and shrubs, especially legumes” (Griffith et al. 2007). The most significant woody species is the honey mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*). Other suitable vegetation for this ecoregion includes: brasil (*Condalia hookeri*), lime pricklyash (*Zanthoxylum fagara*), Texas persimmon (*Diospyros texana*), lotebush (*Ziziphus obtusifolia*), granjeno (*Celtis pallida*), kidneywood (*Eysenhardtia texana*), coyotillo (*Karwinskia humboldtiana*), Texas paloverde (*Parkinsonia texana*), anacahuita (*Cordia boissieri*), and various species of cacti (*Opuntia* spp.). Typically xerophytic brush dominates the rocky ridges and uplands and can include species such as blackbrush (*Acacia rigidula*), guajillo (*Acacia berlandieri*), and ceniza (*Leucophyllum frutescens*). The most notable grasses are cane bluestem (*Bothriochloa barbinodis*), silver bluestem (*Bothriochloa laguroides*), multiflowered false rhodesgrass (*Trichloris pluriflora*), sideoats grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*), pink pappusgrass (*Pappophorum bicolor*), bristlegrasses (*Setaria* spp.), lovegrasses (*Eragrostis* spp.), and tobosa (*Hilaria mutica*). However, red grama (*Bouteloua trifida*), Texas grama (*Bouteloua rigidiseta*), buffalograss (*Buchloe dactyloides*), and curleymesquite (*Hilaria belangeri*) can be found on overgrazed or drier sites in the west portion of this ecoregion (Griffith et al. 2007).

Faunal species in the Tamaulipan region at one time included numerous species despite the arid climate. Blair (1950) notes that over 60 species of mammals, 36 species of snakes, 19 lizards, two land turtles, three salamander species, and 19 amphibians are known from this ecoregion.

### ***Geology and Soils***

The subject area overlies rock of the Eocene Jackson group. This rock formation consists primarily of fine to coarse grained sandstone with some clay inclusions (USGS 2009).

Eight soil units occur within the subject area:

- *Aguilares sandy clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes (AgB),*
- *Brundage fine sandy loam, occasionally flooded (Bd),*
- *Catarina clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes (CaB),*
- *Catarina clay, occasionally flooded (CfA),*
- *Copita fine sandy loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes (CpB),*
- *Hebbronville loamy fine sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes (HeB),*
- *Moglia clay loam, 1 to 5 percent slopes (MgC), and*
- *Montell clay, saline, 0 to 2 percent slopes (MnB).*

These soils are classified within the Aguilares, Brundage, Catarina, Copita, Hebbronville, Moglia, and Montell soil series. These soils range from deep, well drained clayey or loamy soils to deep, moderately well drained saline, clayey soils (USDA 1985). Within the ecoregion, the soil series extends even further to include the Zapata series, a shallow, well drained, loamy soil on uplands (Griffith et al. 2007; USDA 1985).

### **ENDANGERED SPECIES BACKGROUND**

According to USFWS (2013), five species are federally listed as threatened or endangered in Webb County, Texas. Provided below is information on the biology and habitat of the federally-listed endangered species in Webb County: 1) jaguarundi (*Herpailurus yagouaruondi*), 2) ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*), 3) least tern (*Sterna antillarum athalassos*), 4) ashy dogweed (*Thymophylla tephroleuca*), and 5) Johnston's frankenia (*Frankenia johnstonii*).

### ***Jaguarundi and Ocelot***

The jaguarundi (*Herpailurus yagouaruondi*) was federally listed as endangered on June 14, 1976 (41 FR 24062-24067). The jaguarundi is a small, slender-bodied cat with a small, flattened head and long tail. According to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, large patches (100 acres) of canopy cover and dense shrubs, or smaller patches connected by dense vegetation corridors, are vital to jaguarundi habitat (Campbell 2003). Jaguarundi are considered very rare in Texas, and the probability of encountering a jaguarundi is highly unlikely. Review of the Texas Natural Diversity Database (TNDD) managed by TPWD showed no known occurrences in Webb County (TPWD 2013) (Attachment A, Figure 3). TNDD data also indicated that the closest known occurrence of the jaguarundi was observed in 1988 and is approximately 44 miles north of the subject area in La Salle County, Texas (EO# 8138) (Attachment A, Figure 3). Review of

the element occurrence information provided by TPWD, noted the sighting was generally described as crossing FM 625 (or FM 624) 20 miles east of Cotulla and continued southeast. The radius of this polygon is 8000 meters. It is interpreted through the TPWD TNDD “Shapefile Data Interpretation and Use” document that an element polygon with a radius of 8000m was a general location which had the least precision and was used when the location description was vague (TPWD 2013c). The closest known occurrence of the jaguarundi observed to the south of the subject area was in 1992 and is approximately 69 miles away in Starr County, Texas (EO# 2074) (Attachment A, Figure 3). Based on review of the element occurrence information, this element occurrence was cited from 1987 to 1993 by various TPWD performance reports. The sighting was very generally described as being along El Negro Ranch Road. The radius of this polygon is also 8000 meters; therefore, it is also believed to be less precise element polygon with a vague location description (TPWD 2013c).

The last Class A documented jaguarundi report in the United States occurred in 1986 east of Brownsville, Texas (Tewes 2012).

The ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*) was federally listed as endangered on June 21, 1982 (47 FR 31670-31672). The ocelot is a medium-sized gray or buff spotted cat with variable dark spots, rings, blotches, and bars. Ocelots occur in the dense thorny shrub lands of the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Rio Grande Plains in areas of deep, fertile clay or loamy soils (Campbell 2003). Large patches (100 acres) of canopy cover and dense shrubs, or smaller patches connected by dense vegetation corridors, are vital to ocelot habitat (Campbell 2003). This species is predominately active at night, and spends days hiding in thick brush (Campbell 2003). As this species is predominately active at night, the probability of encountering an ocelot is highly unlikely.

Review of the TNDD data (TPWD 2013c) indicates the closest occurrence of the ocelot was observed in 1991, approximately 67 miles northwest of the subject area in Dimmit County, Texas (EO# 4510) (Attachment A, Figure 3).

### ***Least Tern***

The least tern (*Sterna antillarum athalassos*) was federally listed as endangered on May 28, 1985 [50 FR 21784-21792]. The least tern is a migrant species whose breeding range in Texas includes three reservoirs along the Rio Grande River, on the Canadian River in the northern Panhandle, on the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River in the eastern Panhandle, and along the Red River (Texas/Oklahoma boundary) into Arkansas. The species winters along the Central American coast and the northern coast of South America from Venezuela to northeastern Brazil. USFWS has listed the least tern as a possible migrant through most of Texas. From late April to August, the tern uses barren to sparsely vegetated sand, shell, and gravel beaches; sandbars; islands; and salt flats associated with rivers and reservoirs. The terns prefer open habitat and avoid thick



vegetation and narrow beaches. As natural nesting sites have become scarce, the terns have used sand and gravel pits, ash disposal areas of power plants, reservoir shorelines, and other manmade sites. The terns nest in a shallow hole scraped in an open sandy area, gravelly patch, or exposed flat (Campbell 2003).

Review of the TNDD data indicates that the closest known occurrence of the interior least tern is 16 miles west of the subject area (Attachment A, Figure 4). The occurrence site was documented in 1994 at Casa Blanca Lake.

### ***Ashy Dogweed***

Ashy dogweed (*Thymophylla tephroleuca*) was federally-listed as endangered on July 19, 1984 [49 FR 29232-29234]. This plant forms dense, circular clumps in open areas on sandy pockets in the Maverick-Catarina, Copita-Zapata, and Nueces-Comita soils of southern Webb and northern Zapata Counties, Texas (TPWD 2007) in level areas or in gentle, rolling topography (USFWS 2012). Ashy dogweed has been observed in areas of ground disturbance, but it is unknown if the plant prefers disturbed areas or would also flourish in undisturbed areas (TPWD 2007). Ashy dogweed grows among shrubs including mesquite, calderona (*Krameria ramosissima*), Texas lantana, goatbush (*Castela erecta*), anacahuita, and cenizo (*Leucophyllum frutescens*). At least six populations have been identified in southern Webb County and northern Zapata County (TPWD 2013).

TNDD data indicated the closest known occurrence of ashy dogweed was observed in the 1980's, approximately 18 miles south of the subject area in Webb and Zapata Counties, Texas (EO# 1456) (Attachment A, Figure 5). Ashy dogweed was identified at the head of the Dos Arroyos drainage during the 1980's, then again around Mangana-Hein Road and Dolores Creek in 1994, 1999, and 2000. A review of USWFS species occurrence (2013b) found that the closest observation for ashy dogweed is approximately 16 miles southwest of the subject area (Attachment A, Figure 5).

### ***Johnston's Frankenia***

Johnston's frankenia (*Frankenia johnstonii*) was federally-listed as endangered on August 7, 1984 (49 FR 31418-31421). On May 22, 2003, the species was proposed for delisting (68 FR 27961). This low, sprawling shrub generally grows on open or sparsely vegetated rocky hillsides or saline flats in saline sandy or clayey soils with high gypsum content (USFWS 1988). Johnston's frankenia is historically known from Nuevo Leon, Mexico and Starr and Zapata Counties in south Texas (USFWS 1988), but large populations were identified in western Webb County in 1999 (USFWS 2013b).

Review of the TNDD data (2013c) indicates that the closest known occurrence of Johnston's frankenia was observed in 1999, approximately 23 miles south of the subject area in Zapata County, Texas (EO# 4180). In addition to TNDD, USFWS provided aci consulting with endangered plant site occurrence data at an August, 2013 project meeting. A review of USWFS species occurrence (2013b) found that the closest

observation for Johnston's frankenia is approximately 11 miles west of the subject area (Attachment A, Figure 5).

#### **SITE-SPECIFIC ENDANGERED SPECIES INVESTIGATIONS**

Numerous site specific endangered species investigations have been completed onsite since 2011. The findings and conclusions of the various studies are summarized below and the most pertinent site specific investigations are included as attachments to this document.

##### ***Jaguarundi and Ocelot***

In 2011, TRC Environmental conducted site investigations on the 1,110-acre PERC site for federally threatened and endangered species (TRC 2011a). These investigations included habitat assessments for jaguarundi and ocelot. TRC's findings determined the density and canopy cover of vegetation within the PERC site were not sufficient to be considered preferred habitat for jaguarundi or ocelot (TRC 2011a).

Following TRC's assessment of the site, Dr. Michael Tewes conducted a site assessment of the PERC site in 2012. Tewes concluded that the potential for occurrence of resident jaguarundi on the PERC site was extremely unlikely (Tewes 2012). Attachment C contains the entirety of Tewes' investigations for reference.

Upon the determination of the FEMA action area extending outside of the 1,110-acre PERC site, aci consulting conducted additional endangered species site investigations in the 141-acre portion of the FEMA action area outside of the 1,110-acre PERC site. These investigations were completed in 2013 and included habitat evaluation for jaguarundi and ocelot. aci consulting concluded the 141-acre area north and west of the PERC site did not contain the structural and compositional elements of jaguarundi and ocelot habitat, and therefore the regular utilization of the area by the two species is very low (aci consulting 2013). Attachment D contains the entirety of the aci consulting FEMA action area endangered species assessment for reference.

##### ***Least Tern***

In 2011, TRC Environmental conducted site investigations on the 1,110-acre PERC site for federally threatened and endangered species (TRC 2011a). These investigations included habitat assessments for least tern. TRC's findings determined the PERC site lacked preferred riverine habitat for least tern (TRC 2011a).

Field investigations of the 141-acre FEMA action area by aci consulting found no potential shoreline or sandbar habitat conducive for least tern habitation. The FEMA action area did not contain the structural or compositional elements to be regularly utilized by least tern (aci consulting 2013, and Attachment D).

### ***Ashy Dogweed and Johnston's Frankenia***

Previous investigations on the 1,110-acre PERC site included a presence/absence survey for ashy dogweed and Johnston's frankenia (TRC 2011b, and Attachment E). This survey was conducted within specific soil series with the potential to contain the two species. The results of the survey found no ashy dogweed or Johnston's frankenia within the subject area. As shown in Attachment A, Figure 6, two soil series exist on the PERC site with some potential for the endangered plant occurrence. These soil series extend offsite into the 141-acre FEMA action area as well. Accordingly, in 2013, aci consulting conducted a presence/absence survey for ashy dogweed and Johnston's frankenia within the 141-acre FEMA action area. The results of the survey found no ashy dogweed or Johnston's frankenia (aci consulting 2013, and Attachment D).

### **EFFECTS DETERMINATION AND CONCLUSION**

Rancho Viejo Ventures is evaluating a 1,110 acre site in Webb County, Texas for the development of a municipal solid waste/industrial landfill. This Biological Assessment evaluated the potential for federally listed threatened and endangered species to be affected by the proposed action. This assessment builds upon the previous studies conducted on the subject.

Five species are listed as federally threatened or endangered in Webb County, Texas. Summaries for the findings of each species are included below:

### ***Jaguarundi and Ocelot***

- In 2011, TRC Environmental determined the PERC site lacked preferred habitat for jaguarundi or ocelot (TRC 2011a).
- In 2012, Michael Tewes determined that the occurrence of a resident jaguarundi on the 1,110-acre PERC site was extremely unlikely (Tewes 2012, and Attachment C). Tewes' conclusion was based on the absence of record of cats in the area and the lack of extensive thornscrub.
- In 2013, aci consulting concluded the 141-acre FEMA action area north and west of the PERC site lacked the structural and compositional elements of habitat for jaguarundi or ocelot (aci consulting 2013, and Attachment D).
- Based on the field efforts above, no effect to ocelot area anticipated for the FEMA action proposed.
- On October 21, 2013, aci consulting submitted a Biological Evaluation to USFWS documenting a no effect determination on the Jaguarundi and Ocelot. Following the submittal USFWS and aci consulting developed numerous conservation measures for the benefit of the species (Attachment E).
- Based on the field efforts, discussions with USFWS, and commitment to numerous conservations measures (See Attachment E), a "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" determination has been made for the jaguarundi.

***Least Tern***

- In 2011, TRC Environmental determined the PERC site lacked preferred riverine habitat for least tern (TRC 2011a).
- In 2013, aci consulting concluded the 141-acre FEMA action area north and west of the PERC site also lacked the structural and compositional elements of habitat for least tern (aci consulting 2013, and Attachment D).
- Therefore, no effect to least tern is anticipated for the FEMA action proposed.

***Ashy Dogweed and Johnston's Frankenia***

- In 2011, TRC Environmental completed a presence/absence survey for ashy dogweed and Johnston's frankenia within the PERC site. No ashy dogweed or Johnston's frankenia were observed. (TRC 2011b, and Attachment F).
- In 2013, aci consulting conducted a similar presence/absence survey for ashy dogweed and Johnston's frankenia within the 141-acre FEMA action area north and west of the PERC site. The survey also found no ashy dogweed or Johnston's frankenia (aci consulting 2013, and Attachment D)
- Therefore, no effect to ashy dogweed or Johnston's frankenia is anticipated for the FEMA action proposed.

Rancho Viejo Waste Management and aci consulting appreciate the ongoing USFWS assistance with the project. This biological assessment serves as transmittal of Rancho Viejo Waste Management's "no effect" determination under Section 7 of the Act for the following species: ocelot, least tern, ashy dogweed and Johnston's frankenia. This biological assessment also serves as Rancho Viejo Waste Management's "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" determination for jaguarundi. Rancho Viejo Waste Management's courteously requests USFWS concurrence with these determinations. This documentation is necessary to satisfy FEMA's request for confirmation in the form of an official letter from USFWS concurring that the project has "no effect" and to various on listed species or critical habitat and that the project is "not likely to adversely affect" jaguarundi.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me via phone at (512) 852-3888 or via email at [kramberg@aci-group.net](mailto:kramberg@aci-group.net).

Sincerely,



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### **Attachment A:** Site Figures

- Figure 1: Proposed Project Area
- Figure 2: USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangle: *Burrito Tank*
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- Figure 5: Historical Occurrences of Ashy Dogweed and Johnston's Frankenia
- Figure 6: Endangered Plant Soil Series
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### **Attachment B:** FEMA ESA Guidance

**Attachment C:** Potential Presence of Jaguarundi and Their Habitat on the Proposed Site of the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center in Webb County, Texas (Tewes, 2012)

**Attachment D:** Endangered Species Habitat Evaluation and Presence/Absence Survey for the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center FEMA Action Areas, Webb County, Texas (aci consulting 2013)

**Attachment E:** Proposed Conservation Measures for the Benefit of the Jaguarundi

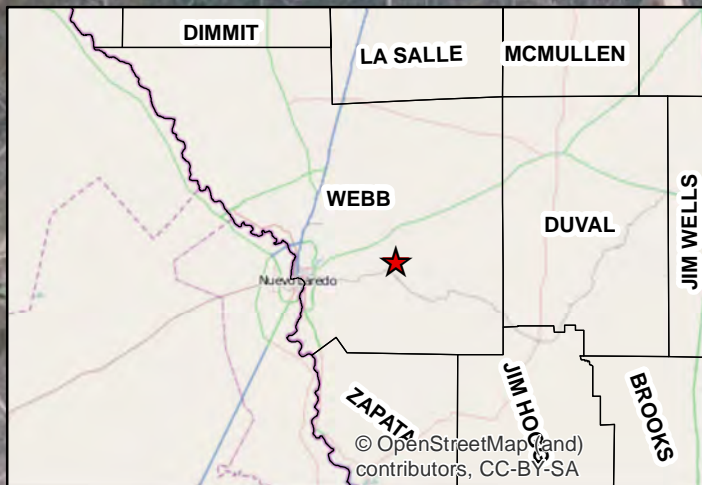
**Attachment F:** Presence/Absence Survey for Johnston's Frankenia and Ashy Dogweed, Pescadito Environmental Resource Center, Webb County, Texas (TRC, 2011b)



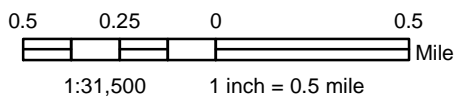
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## **Attachment A: Site Figures**

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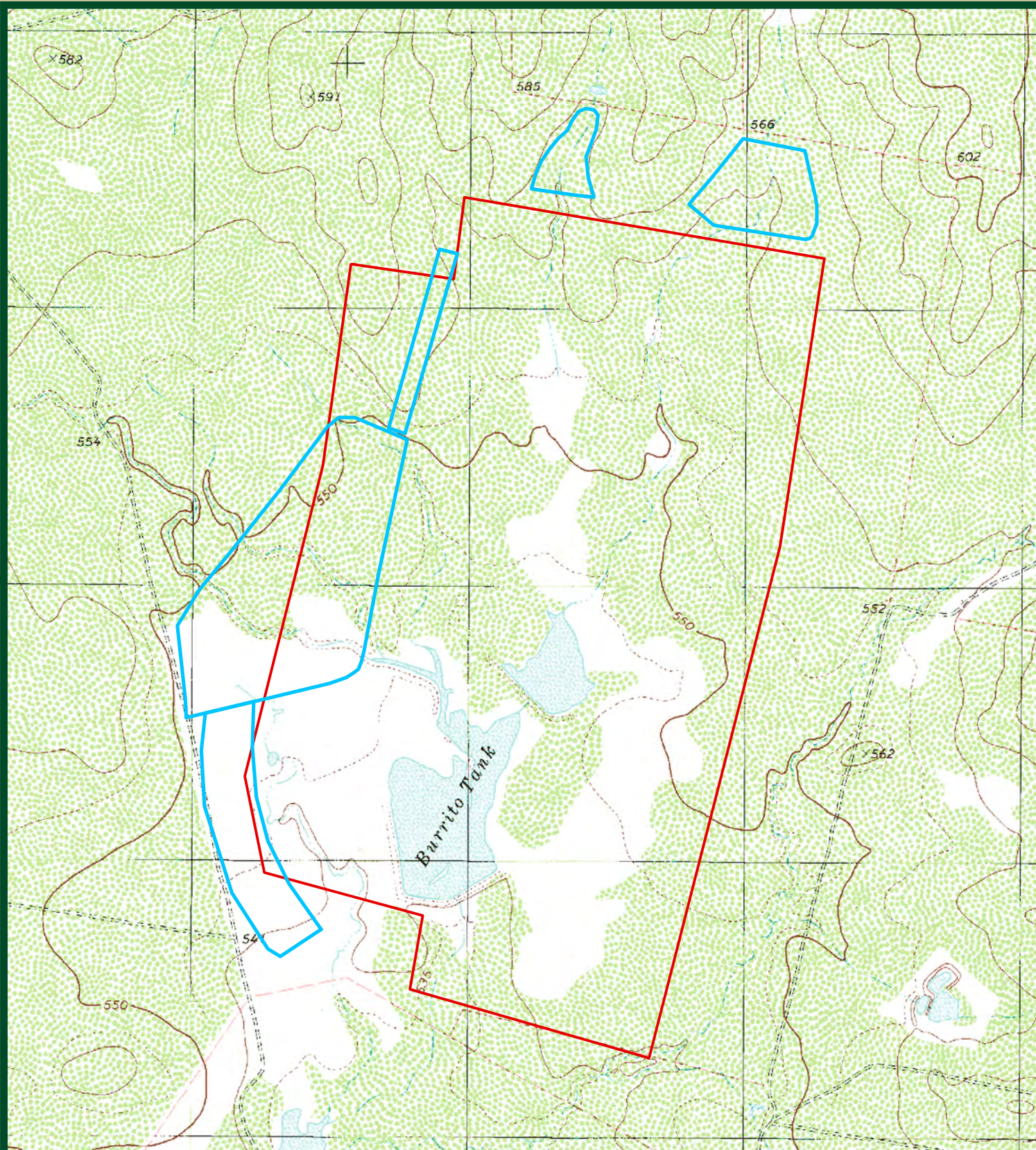
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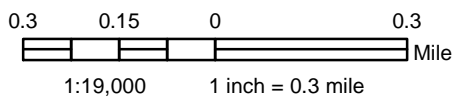
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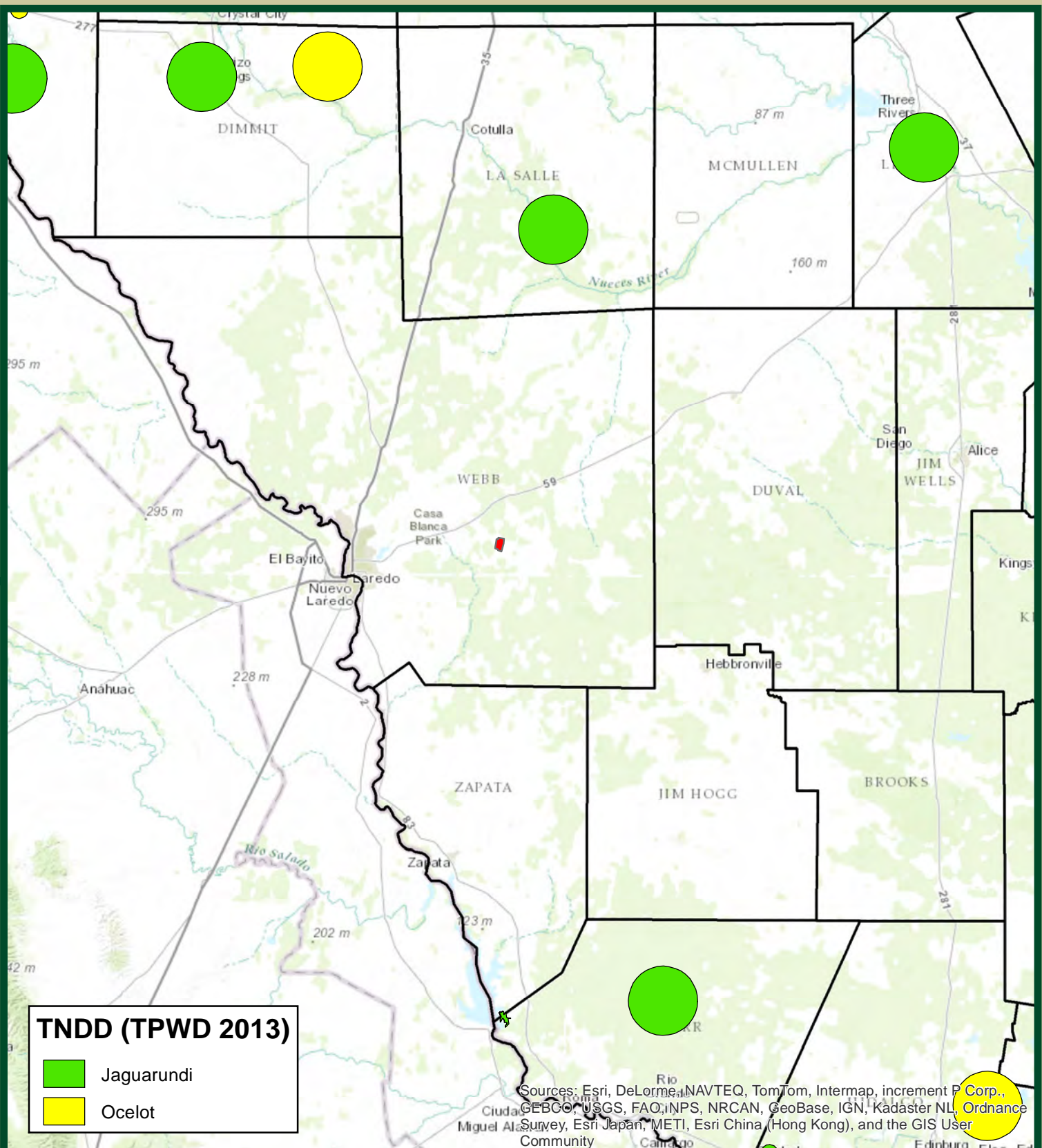
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- FEMA Action Area
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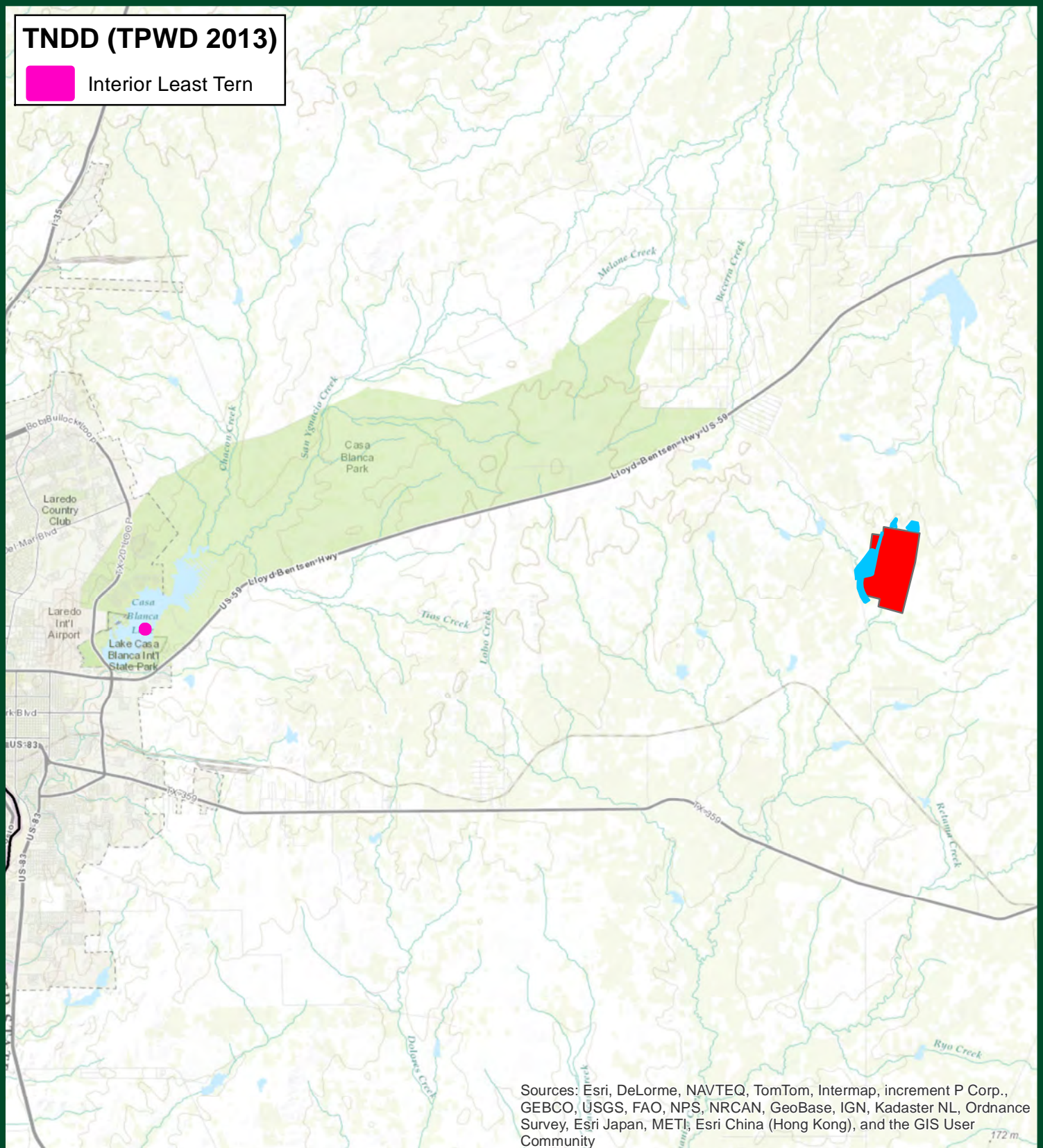




# TNDD (TPWD 2013)



Interior Least Tern



Sources: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, TomTom, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), and the GIS User Community

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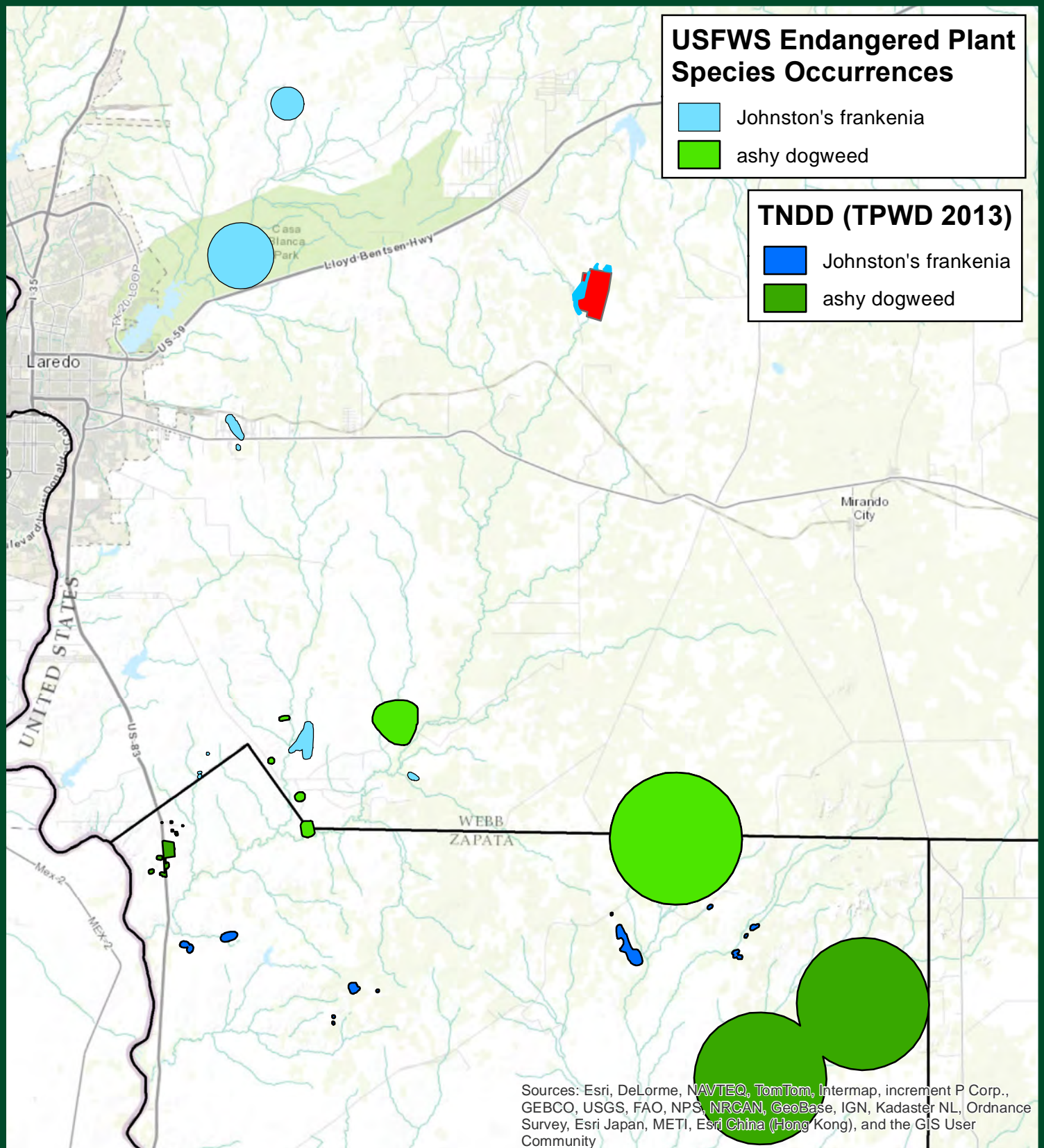
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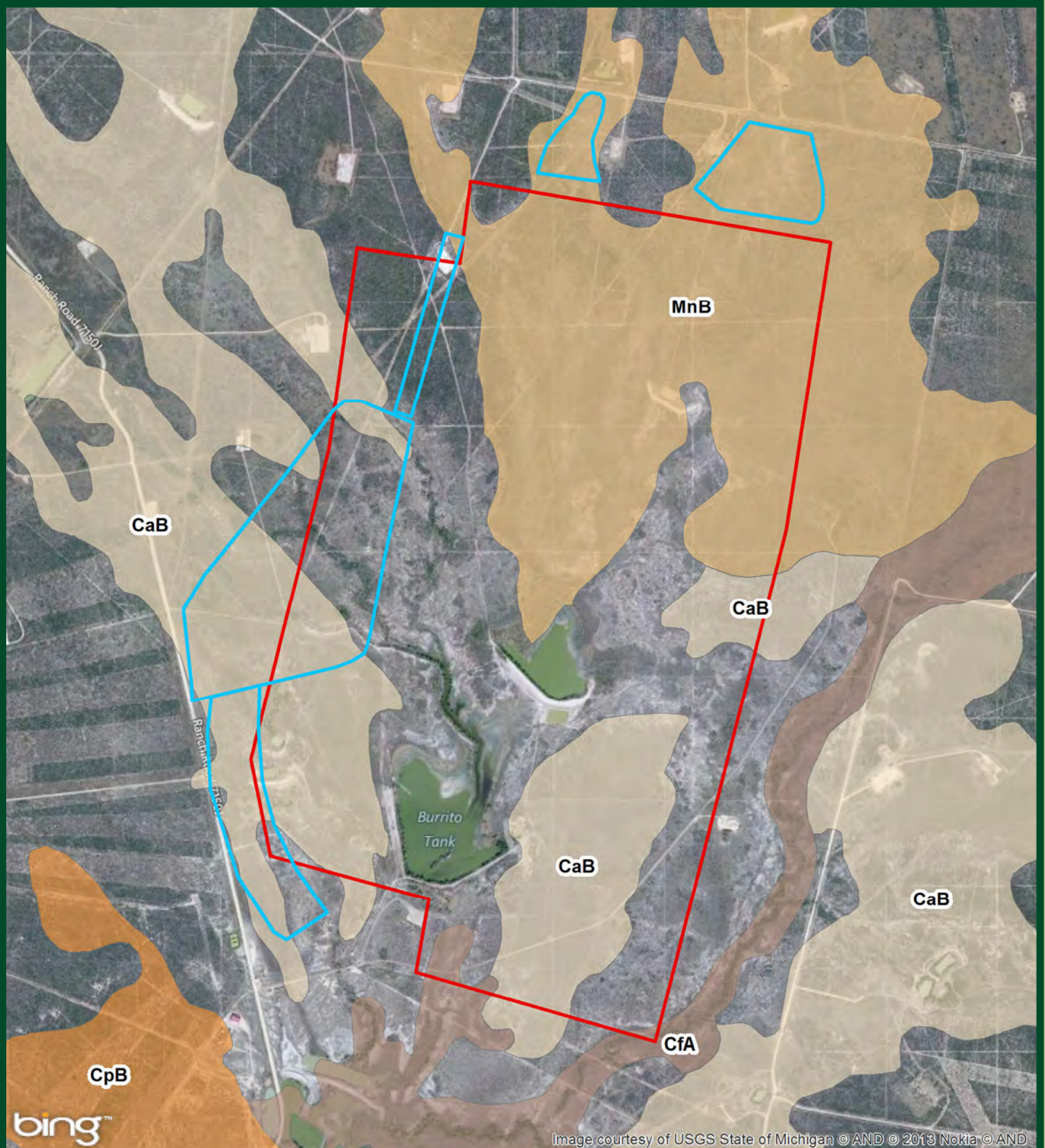
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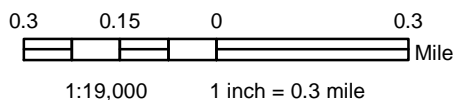
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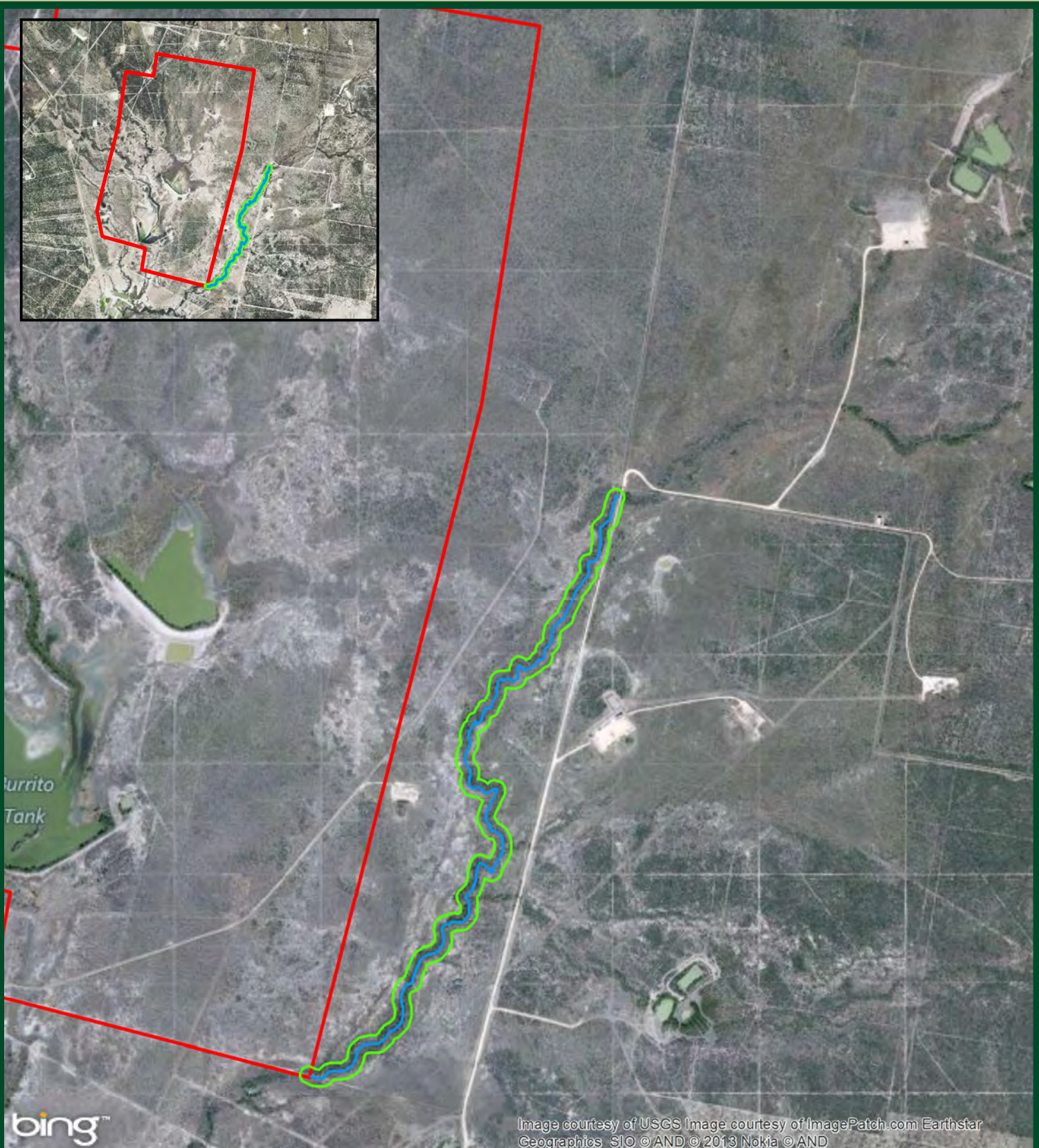


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- PERC Site
- 75ft Buffer
- Riparian



## **Attachment B: FEMA ESA Guidance**

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**FEMA**

August 18, 2010

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Regional Division Directors  
Regions I - X

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**FROM:** Doug Bellomo, P.E.  
Director, Risk Analysis Division

**SUBJECT:** Procedure Memorandum 64 – Compliance with the Endangered Species  
Act (ESA) for Letters of Map Change

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** All Conditional Letter of Map Change submittals received as of October  
1, 2010

**Background:** The purpose of the ESA is to conserve threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend. Congress passed the ESA in 1973 with recognition that the natural heritage of the United States was of “esthetic, ecological, educational, recreational, and scientific value to our Nation and its people.” Congress understood that, without protection, many of our nation’s living resources would become extinct. Species at risk of extinction are considered endangered, whereas species that are likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future are considered threatened. At present approximately 1,900 species are listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA. The U.S. Department of Interior’s Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Marine Fisheries Service (collectively known as “the Services”) share responsibility for implementing the ESA.

Section 7 of the ESA requires each federal agency to insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any listed species or result in the destruction of adverse modification of designated critical habitat<sup>1</sup>.

Section 9 of the ESA prohibits anyone from “taking” or “harming” endangered wildlife and similar prohibitions are generally extended through regulations for threatened wildlife. If an action might harm<sup>2</sup> a threatened or endangered species, an incidental take authorization is required from the Services under Sections 7 or 10 of the ESA.

**Issue:** Conditional Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) are issued before a physical action occurs in the floodplain and are FEMA’s comments as to whether the proposed project would meet minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements and how the proposed changes would impact the NFIP maps. Because Conditional Letters of Map Revision based-on Fill (CLOMR-Fs) and Conditional Letters

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with Section 4 of the ESA, critical habitat includes specific areas essential to conservation of a species and those areas which may require special management considerations or protection.

<sup>2</sup> Harm can arise from “significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding or sheltering” [50 CFR Part 17.3].



of Map Revision (CLOMRs) are submitted to FEMA prior to construction, there is an opportunity to identify if threatened and endangered species may be affected by the potential project. If potential adverse impacts could occur, then the Services may require changes to the proposed activity and/or mitigation.

For LOMC requests involving floodplain activities that have already occurred, private individuals and local and state jurisdictions are required to comply with the ESA independently of FEMA's process. These requests do not provide the same opportunity as Conditional LOMCs for FEMA to comment on the project because map changes are issued only after the physical action has been undertaken.

The following table provides a general summary of FEMA's ESA requirements.

Request	ESA-related Action	ESA Requirement Related to FEMA Process
<i>Conditional LOMC Requests</i>		
CLOMA	No physical modification to floodplain is proposed.	ESA compliance is required independently of FEMA's process. The community needs to ensure that permits are obtained per requirement under Section 60.3(a)(2) of FEMA's regulations.
CLOMR-F	Proposed placement of fill in the floodplain.	ESA compliance must be documented to FEMA prior to issuance of CLOMR-F. FEMA must receive confirmation of ESA compliance from the Services.
CLOMR	Proposed modifications of floodplains, floodways, or flood elevations based on physical and/or structural changes.	ESA compliance must be documented to FEMA prior to issuance of CLOMR. FEMA must receive confirmation of ESA compliance from the Services.
<i>LOMC Requests</i>		
LOMA	No physical modification to floodplain has occurred.	ESA compliance is required independently of FEMA's process. The community needs to ensure that permits are obtained per requirement under Section 60.3(a)(2) of FEMA's regulations.
LOMR-F	Placement of fill in floodplain has occurred.	ESA compliance is required independently of FEMA's process. The community needs to ensure that permits are obtained per requirement under Section 60.3(a)(2) of FEMA's regulations.
LOMR	Modifications of floodplains, floodways, or flood elevations have occurred based on physical and/or structural changes.	ESA compliance is required independently of FEMA's process. The community needs to ensure that permits are obtained per requirement under Section 60.3(a)(2) of FEMA's regulations.

**Action Taken:** For CLOMR-F and CLOMR applications, the submittal will be reviewed based on:

- Required data elements cited in the NFIP regulations
- Required data elements cited in the MT-1 and MT-2 Application/Certification Form instructions
- Demonstrated compliance with the ESA

The CLOMR-F or CLOMR request will be processed by FEMA only after FEMA receives documentation from the requestor that demonstrates compliance with the ESA. The requestor must demonstrate ESA compliance by submitting to FEMA either an Incidental Take Permit, Incidental Take Statement, “not likely to adversely affect” determination from the Services or an official letter from the Services concurring that the project has “No Effect” on listed species or critical habitat. If the project is likely to cause jeopardy to listed species or adverse modification of critical habitat, then FEMA shall deny the Conditional LOMC request. This Procedure Memorandum will not change the review process for Conditional Letters of Map Amendment (CLOMA), Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA), Letter of Map Revision based-on Fill (LOMR-F), or Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) applications. In addition, FEMA’s Cooperating Technical Partners will be required to comply with this Procedure Memorandum.

**Attachment:**

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## **Guidance for Compliance with the Endangered Species Act for Conditional Letters of Map Change**

This document supplements the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Procedure Memorandum No. 64. It highlights additional resources and frequently asked questions to help guide Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) and Conditional Letter of Map Revision based on Fill (CLOMR-F) applicants in the Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance process. The following sections identify helpful web resources, while the final section includes responses to frequently asked questions.

### **NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM AND LETTERS OF MAP CHANGE**

Additional information about the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and Letters of Map Change (LOMC) is available from FEMA.

NFIP: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/info.shtm>

LOMCs: <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/map/lomc.shtm>

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Additional information about the ESA and Endangered Species Programs is available from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). These two agencies, collectively known as "the Services," share responsibility for implementing the ESA and assisting all individuals (public and private) in the ESA compliance process.

NMFS: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/laws/esa/>

USFWS: <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/whatwedo.html>

### **GETTING STARTED WITH ESA COMPLIANCE AND WHO TO CONTACT**

CLOMR and CLOMR-F applicants are responsible for demonstrating to FEMA that ESA compliance has been achieved prior to FEMA's review of a CLOMR or CLOMR-F application. The applicant may begin by contacting a local Service office, State wildlife agency office, or independent biologist to identify whether threatened or endangered species exist on the subject property and whether the project associated with the CLOMR or CLOMR-F request would adversely affect the species. These entities are also available to discuss questions pertaining to listed species and ESA compliance.

NMFS Regional Offices: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/regional.htm>

USFWS Office Directory: <http://www.fws.gov/offices/>

### **DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE WITH THE ESA**

If species may be affected adversely by the project, the applicant (as a non-Federal entity) would be required to obtain compliance through the Section 10 process. This process includes applying for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) and preparing a habitat conservation plan (HCP). Additional information about Section 10 requirements and the permit application process is available from NMFS and USFWS.

ITPs and NMFS: [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/faq\\_esapermits.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/faq_esapermits.htm)

ITPs and USFWS: <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/hcp/hcpplan.html>

HCPs and NMFS: <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Salmon-Habitat/Habitat-Conservation-Plans/Index.cfm>

HCPs and USFWS: <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/hcp/index.html>

NMFS Permit applications: [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/esa\\_permits.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/esa_permits.htm)

USFWS Permit application: <http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-200-56.pdf>

To demonstrate to FEMA that ESA compliance has been achieved, the requestor must provide an ITP, an Incidental Take Statement, a “not likely to adversely affect” determination from the Services, or an official letter from the Services concurring that the project has “No Effect” on proposed or listed species or designated critical habitat. If the project is likely to cause jeopardy of a species’ continued existence or adverse modification to designated critical habitat, then FEMA shall refuse to review the CLOMR or CLOMR-F request without prior project approval from the Services. If a Federal entity is involved in a proposal or project for which a CLOMR or CLOMR-F has been requested, then the applicant may coordinate with that agency to demonstrate to FEMA that Section 7 ESA compliance has been achieved through that other Federal agency.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### ***For which map change applications does FEMA require demonstrated ESA compliance?***

FEMA requires applicants to demonstrate compliance for CLOMRs and CLOMR-Fs only.

### ***Why is ESA compliance required before FEMA can review my CLOMR or CLOMR-F application?***

All individuals in this country (private and public) have a legal responsibility to comply with the ESA. FEMA recognizes that potential projects for which a CLOMR or CLOMR-F has been requested may affect threatened and endangered species. As a result, FEMA requires documentation to show that potential projects comply with the ESA before a CLOMR or CLOMR-F application can be reviewed.

### ***Why does FEMA not require demonstration of ESA compliance for other LOMC applications?***

Many LOMC requests involve floodplain activities that have occurred already. As a result, FEMA does not have the opportunity to comment on these projects in terms of ESA compliance prior to the physical changes taking place. Private individuals and local and state jurisdictions are required to comply with the ESA independently of FEMA’s process.

### ***What will FEMA require from CLOMR and CLOMR-F applicants to demonstrate ESA compliance?***

As part of the CLOMR or CLOMR-F application, the requestor must provide an ITP, an Incidental Take Statement, a “not likely to adversely affect” determination from the Services, or an official letter from the Services concurring that the project has “No Effect” on proposed or listed species or designated critical habitat.

### ***How much time will be required to achieve ESA Compliance?***

The timeframe needed to achieve ESA compliance will depend entirely on the complexity of the project, the extent to which species may be affected by the project, the quality of biological analyses conducted by the applicant, and the review process as determined by the Services. Therefore, we recommend that LOMC applicants coordinate with the Services as soon as possible within the project development process.

### ***Who is available to answer my questions about ESA compliance?***

NMFS and the USFWS both have staff available around the country to answer questions about threatened and endangered species and ESA compliance. Refer to the *NMFS Regional Offices* and *USFWS Office Directory* links on Page 1 of this guidance document to identify the nearest available Service office. FEMA does not have staff available to assist with this process.

### ***How do I determine if there are threatened or endangered species or critical habitat in my project area?***

The applicant may begin by contacting a local Service office, state wildlife agency office, or independent biologist to identify whether threatened or endangered species exist on the subject property and whether the project associated with the CLOMR or CLOMR-F would adversely affect the species.

***Do I need to hire a biologist for this process?***

While hiring a biologist may be unnecessary, doing so may help facilitate the process. Biologists familiar with subject species and the regulatory process can help adequately complete many of the studies required as part of the Section 10 process and fulfill other Section 10 requirements.

***How are the following ESA-related terms defined?***

“Take” means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct and may include habitat modification or degradation.

“Harm” can arise from significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding or sheltering.

“Section 7” requires all Federal agencies, in consultation with USFWS or NMFS, to use their authorities to further the purpose of the ESA and to ensure that their actions are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or result in destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat.

“Section 10” lays out the guidelines under which a permit may be issued to non-Federal parties to authorize prohibited activities, such as take of endangered or threatened species.

“ITP” or incidental take permit is a permit issued under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA to a non-Federal party undertaking an otherwise lawful project that might result in the “take” of an endangered or threatened species. Application for an incidental take permit is subject to certain requirements, including preparation by the permit applicant of a HCP.

“HCP” or habitat conservation plan is a legally binding plan that outlines ways of maintaining, enhancing, and protecting a given habitat type needed to protect species. It usually includes measures to minimize impacts and may include provisions for permanently protecting land, restoring habitat, and relocating plants or animals to another area. An HCP is required before an incidental take permit may be issued to non-Federal parties.

Other ESA-related terms not described here may be defined on the following website:

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/pdfs/glossary.pdf>

**Attachment C: Potential Presence of Jaguarundi and Their Habitat on the  
Proposed Site of the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center in Webb  
County, Texas (Tewes, 2012)**

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**Potential Presence of Jaguarundi and Their Habitat on  
the Proposed Site of the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center  
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**Summary**

The objective of this brief assessment was to visit the Yugo Ranch in Webb County and evaluate a proposed disposal site for the possible occurrence of endangered jaguarundi (*Herpailurus yagouaroundi*) and their habitat. The occurrence of a resident jaguarundi is extremely unlikely. This conclusion is based, in large part, to the absence of recent or historical records of these cats in this area, and the lack of extensive dense thornshrub communities currently occurring on the project site. Extremely dense thornshrub communities were believed to be important to historical occurrence of jaguarundi in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of South Texas. Most of the proposed project site and surrounding area is open rangeland dominated by a forb-grass-cactus community lacking a dominant shrub or tree layer. One site that was less than 10 acres supported some woody cover of approximately 75-85% horizontal cover, and this canopy cover was too sparse to be considered jaguarundi habitat. A dispersing or transient jaguarundi is extremely unlikely.



## **Introduction**

The possible presence of jaguarundi and their habitat were evaluated on the proposed site of the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center in Webb County, Texas, during 4 March 2012. This report describes the relevant biology of this endangered cat and discusses the findings of the site visit.

The jaguarundi is represented in the United States only by their occurrence in southern Texas (Tewes 1986, Tewes and Everett 1986, Tewes and Schmidly 1987). It is listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) (Tewes and Schmidly 1987).

Considerable concern over the persistence of this cat in Texas has been expressed by resource managers and research scientists in recent years (Tewes 1983, Tewes and Miller 1987, Tewes 1988, Tewes 1990, Tewes 2001). Also, project developers and various governmental agencies often request impact evaluations of projects upon endangered cats. Finally, the development of the federal Jaguarundi Recovery Plan is currently in progress, and will discuss the status of the jaguarundi.

Tewes and Everett (1986) reported on the status and distribution of jaguarundi in Texas. The survey was initially performed in 1982 and surveys have continued to the present in Texas and northeast Mexico. In addition, Arturo Caso and Michael Tewes initiated field research on the jaguarundi in Mexico during 1990.

## **Background**

Information about jaguarundi habitat is scarce and mostly anecdotal. We have radio-collared several jaguarundis in Mexico. Data from these studies

indicated that jaguarundis co-occurred with radio-collared ocelots on the same ranches. The jaguarundis occupied sites covered with dense forest canopies, riparian strips, and areas void of woody cover but heavily dominated with tall, dense bunchgrasses. Continuous bunchgrass communities can also provide the dense vertical cover in the lower layer that seems important to these cats. However, the location of these bunchgrass communities near extremely dense woody communities that can be used for escape cover may be a requisite for jaguarundi use. Because previous studies in Mexico demonstrated the co-occurrence of jaguarundi and ocelot in the same thornshrub communities, many biologists use information about ocelot habitat as a surrogate for jaguarundi habitat.

Considerable field research has occurred in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and, to a lesser extent, over other portions of southern Texas. This research has indicated that ocelots are primarily nocturnal, secretive, and occupy extremely dense cover (Tewes and Schmidly 1987).

The ocelot requires dense thornshrub canopies for optimal cover. Shindle and Tewes (1998) examined the species composition of several thornshrub tracts used intensively by ocelots on the Laguna Atascosa Refuge in Cameron County. These are the same woody species also believed to have been previously used by jaguarundis in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The primary thornshrub species constituting ocelot cover (>5% canopy cover) included Berlandier fiddlewood (*Citharexylum berlandieri*), colima (*Zanthoxylum fagara*), crucita (*Eupatorium adorum*), desert olive (*Forestiera angustifolia*), granjeno (*Celtis pallida*), and snake-eyes (*Phaulothamnus spinescens*).

Optimal cover (i.e., Class A) consists of dense, mostly continuous stands of

thornshrub with greater than 95% horizontal cover within the shrub layer. This community type of dense shrubs is uncommon, covering less than 1% of southern Texas (Tewes and Everitt 1986). "Sub-optimal" or "marginal" cover has a horizontal canopy ranging 75-95% closure of the shrub layer. Discussion of the value of suboptimal or marginal cover for ocelots is relevant primarily when these marginal tracts occur near optimal tracts. These categories provide an objective basis of evaluating the presence and potential utility of ocelot cover, and in turn as an ecological surrogate for jaguarundi.

The lower stratum (i.e., shrub layer) is most important to the jaguarundi because they spend most of their time at that level. Our previous research on the jaguarundi indicated the critical reliance of this feline on dense woody cover for foraging and social interactions. Also, dense vertical cover may provide some niche segregation from ocelots, bobcats, and probably coyotes, three carnivores that are suspected as potential competitors or antagonists of the jaguarundi.

### **Potential Presence of Jaguarundi**

The presence of jaguarundis are difficult to detect. The size and shape of tracks and scats (i.e., feces) overlap with feral cats, young bobcats, and young ocelots. There are few inferential or diagnostic techniques that can identify the presence of jaguarundis, although use of remote cameras to identify jaguarundi presence has been successful in Mexico (Tewes, personal observation). The use of these techniques on this project site is not recommended because of the extremely low probability of jaguarundi presence.

The last documented jaguarundi (Class A) report in the United States occurred a short distance east of Brownsville, Texas, during April 1986. A

photograph of a possible jaguarundi occurred on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife tract adjacent to the Audubon Sabal Palm Wildlife Sanctuary during the early 1990s. The observer declared it was a jaguarundi and the poor quality photograph suggested it may have been a jaguarundi.

Another verbal account described a trapper who caught two jaguarundis in Willacy County and released them on the Voshell Unit of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department located near Brownsville, Texas, during the early 1970s. I observed photographs of these two jaguarundis in a captive environment. Other reports of jaguarundis have been documented in the Lower Rio Grande Valley during the 1900s. However, a Class A or documented report of a jaguarundi throughout the remaining area of Texas has never been documented or successfully verified, either during the 1800s or 1900s. And with the prevalence of remote wildlife cameras (Heilbrun et al. 2003) or “deer cams”, a jaguarundi population would have likely been identified over the past 10 years.

We have documented road mortality of jaguarundis in Mexico, and it should be expected in areas supporting a jaguarundi population. The last documented jaguarundi road mortality in Texas occurred in 1986 about 2 miles east of Brownsville. This paucity of records is another reason we believe jaguarundis are rare or nonexistent in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

## **Site Evaluation**

The site visit of the Yugo Ranch occurred on 4 March 2012 in order to qualitatively observe the thornshrub cover.

During the site visit, the following criteria were used to evaluate the value (good, marginal, poor) of the thornshrub communities on and around the proposed

project site (Tewes 1986). Thornshrub communities with >85% horizontal cover (HC) and >6 ft height (HT) were identified as good quality. Sites with 75-85% HC and >6 ft HT were assessed as marginal quality. If the thornshrub layer was generally <75% HC or <6 ft HT, then the sites were evaluated as poor quality.

No areas were identified as good quality, and only one small area (about 10 acres) was considered as marginal quality. Most of the area lacked a significant tree or shrub layer, and was dominated with a grass-forb-cactus community. The reported salinity in some of the soil is likely responsible for the poor habitat conditions for endangered cats.

An important consideration in assessing thornshrub for endangered cat cover is the presence of proper soil types (Harveson et al. 2004). Many of the soils on the proposed site of the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center are shallow, rocky, and offer poor support for the dense thornshrub that jaguarundis prefer. In addition, some areas reportedly have saline soils, further reducing the likelihood of thornshrub development for endangered cats (Harveson et al. 2004). The small 10 acres of thornshrub of marginal quality has no value for jaguarundis because the surrounding landscape matrix is poor habitat and isolates this small tract. It is insufficient to support even an individual jaguarundi.

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**Attachment D: Presence/Absence Survey for Johnston's Frankenia and Ashy  
Dogweed, Pescadito Environmental Resource Center, Webb County, Texas  
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# **Presence/Absence Survey for Johnston's Frankenia and Ashy Dogweed**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

TRC Environmental Corporation (TRC) was contracted by Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC to obtain environmental clearances and consultations for a proposed 1,110-acre landfill facility near Laredo, Webb County, Texas (Project). A site location map is included as Figure 1. The Project area is located within open ranchland currently stocked with cattle.

There are two federally and state-listed endangered plants that may occur in Webb County (USFWS 2011; TPWD 2011): Johnston's frankenia (*Frankenia johnstonii*) and ashy dogweed (*Thymophylla tephroleuca*). A TRC field reconnaissance survey of the Project area in November 2009 identified potentially suitable habitat for Johnston's frankenia and ashy dogweed. Subsequently, TRC conducted a presence/absence survey for the two protected plant species within the Project survey area. This report describes the results of the presence/absence survey conducted in March 29 to 31, 2011.

## 2.0 METHODS

In Texas, Johnston's frankenia is typically found on saline or clayey soils having high gypsum content, including Maverick, Catarina, Copita, Montell, and Zapata soils (USFWS 1988). Known populations of ashy dogweed are located on sandy pockets of Maverick-Catarina, Copita-Zapata, and Nueces-Comita soils near the border of Webb and Zapata counties, with the nearest recorded occurrence of this species located approximately 20 miles southwest of the Project area (TXNDD 2011).

A review of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey (USDA – NRCS 2011) identified four soil map units within the Project area: Aguilares sandy clay loam (AgB), Montell clay (MnB), Catarina clay (CaB), and Brundage fine sandy loam (Bd; Figure 2). Areas consisting of Montell and Catarina clays would be surveyed for Johnston's frankenia and ashy dogweed. Since one known occurrence of ashy dogweed occurs along the border of Hebbronville soils and Aguilares soils (TxNDD 2011), it was determined that areas consisting of Aguilares sandy clay loam would also be surveyed for ashy dogweed. No known occurrences of either ashy dogweed or Johnston's frankenia exist for Brundage fine sandy loam; therefore, this soil map unit was not included in the survey.

Surveys were performed by two qualified biologists, Gena Janssen and Barrett Clark, along multiple transects within individual soil map units. Transect widths varied based on field conditions (e.g., narrow widths in areas of dense vegetation and wider widths in areas of open to sparse vegetation). Representative plant lists were recorded by soil map unit (with the exception of the Brundage fine sandy loam), and illustrative digital photographs were taken as the landscape or habitats changed.

## 3.0 RESULTS

Overall range conditions of the Project area were extremely dry from drought and severely overgrazed, with some areas mechanically altered by root-plowing or similar clearing methods in the past. Large areas of bare ground were present, including notably absent herbaceous cover across much of the Project area. The survey results, including observed species of vegetation, are presented by the three high priority soil map unit classifications: Aguilares fine sandy loam, Montell clay, and Catarina clay.

### 3.1 Aguilares Fine Sandy Loam

Vegetation within the Aguilares fine sandy loam was relatively dense compared to the other soil map units within the Project area. Vegetation within this soil map unit was particularly dense along the northern portion of the Project area. Species diversity was relatively higher within this soil map unit than those of the other soil map units. Ashy dogweed was not observed during the survey. Johnston's frankenia was not expected to be present in this soil type and none were observed. Representative vegetation communities of the Aguilares fine sandy loam soil map units are presented in Photos 1 – 3.

Observed woody species included honey mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*), dwarf screw-bean mesquite (*Prosopis reptans*), common goldenweed (*Isocoma coronopifolia*), knife-leaf condalia (*Condalia spathulata*), desert yaupon (*Schaefferia cuneifolia*), guayacan (*Guaiacum angustifolium*), allthorn (*Koeberlinia spinosa*), lotebush (*Ziziphus obtusifolia*), oreja de perro (*Tiquilia canescens*), blackbrush (*Acacia rigidula*), whitebrush (*Aloysia gratissima*), saladillo (*Varilla texana*), coma (*Sideroxylon celastrina*), creosote (*Larrea tridentata*), Tulipan del monte (*Hibiscus martianus*), goat-bush (*Castela texana*), orange zexmenia (*Wedelia texana*), paloverde (*Parkinsonia texana*), guajillo (*Acacia berlandieri*), coppery false fanpetals (*Billieturnera helleri*), leather stem (*Jatropha dioica*), and popote (*Ephedra antisyphilitica*).

Observed herbaceous species included sueada (*Sueada* sp.), Dahlberg daisy (*Thymophylla tenuiloba*), and buffelgrass (*Pennisetum ciliare*). Observed cacti species included Texas prickly pear (*Opuntia engelmannii*), tasajillo (*Opuntia leptocaulis*), dog cholla (*Opuntia schottii*), pitaya (*Echinocereus enneacanthus*), rat-tail cactus (*Wilcoxia poselgeri*), horse crippler (*Echinocactus texensis*), nipple cactus (*Mammillaria heyderi*), Berlandier's alicocha (*Echinocereus berlandieri*), and Fitch's hedgehog cactus (*Echinocereus reichenbachii* var. *fitchii*).



**Photo 1. Typical Aguilares fine sandy loam vegetation. Dominant species included honey mesquite and Texas prickly pear.**





**Photo 2. Typical Aguilares fine sandy loam vegetation. A mosaic of bare ground was present throughout this soil map unit.**



**Photo 3. Typical Aguilares fine sandy loam vegetation. Dense vegetation was present in many areas.**



### 3.2 Montell Clay

Areas of Montell clay within the Project area were dominated by clusters of saladillo and Texas prickly pear, forming a mosaic with large expanses of bare ground and other woody species. Vegetation density was variable across the Montell clay soil map units. The dominant landscape feature in many areas consisted of bare ground while some areas exhibited higher vegetation density, such as along drainages and swales. Johnston's frankenia was not observed during the survey. Ashy dogweed was not expected to be present in this soil type and none were observed. Representative vegetation communities of the Montell clay soil map units are presented in Photos 4 – 6.

Observed woody species included honey mesquite, dwarf screw-bean mesquite, saladillo, blackbrush, lotebush, common goldenweed, goat-bush, coppery false fanpetals, desert yaupon, guayacan, allthorn, white brush, knife-leaf condalia, leather stem, sueada, rough agave (*Agave scabra*), snake-eyes (*Phaulothamnus spinescens*), twisted acacia (*Acacia schaffneri*), Texas broomweed (*Gutierrezia texana*), palma pita (*Yucca treculeana*), and sea ox-eye daisy (*Borrchia frutescens*).

Observed herbaceous species included jicamilla (*Jatropha cathartica*), bitterweed (*Hymenoxys odorata*), whorled dropseed (*Sporobolus pyramidatus*), and buffelgrass. Observed cacti species included Texas prickly pear, tasajillo, pitaya, Fitch's hedgehog cactus, horse creeper, nipple cactus, longmamma nipple cactus (*Mammillaria sphaerica*), and miniature barrel cactus (*Thelocactus setispinus*). Species recorded near the stock ponds included smallhead sneezeweed (*Helenium microcephalum*), Plains coreopsis (*Coreopsis tinctoria*), bearded dalea (*Dalea pogonantha*), Carolina wolfberry (*Lycium carolinianum*), retama (*Parkinsonia aculeata*), and Gregg keelpod (*Synthlipsis greggii*).



**Photo 4. Typical Montell clay vegetation. Many areas consisted of a mosaic of saladillo and Texas prickly pear clusters, bare ground, and clusters of other woody species.**





**Photo 5. Typical Montell clay vegetation. Some areas exhibited increased vegetation density(background).**



**Photo 6. Typical Montell clay vegetation. In many areas, bare ground was the dominant landscape feature.**

### 3.3 Catarina Clay

Areas of Catarina clay soil map units within the Project area contained relatively low species diversity and were dominated by honey mesquite, Texas prickly pear, saladillo, and (in the western portion of the Project area) Texas broomweed. Vegetation density was variable across the Catarina clay soil map units and ranged from large areas of bare ground to areas of higher density shrubland. Johnston's frankenia and ashy dogweed were not observed during the survey. Representative vegetation communities of the Catarina clay soil map units are presented in Photos 7 – 10.

Observed woody species included saladillo, honey mesquite, dwarf screw-bean mesquite, goat-bush, guayacan, knife-leaf condalia, common goldenweed, lotebush, snake-eyes, leather stem, jicamilla, palma pita, broomweed, sueada, coppery false fanpetals, Dahlberg daisy, Texas prickly pear, tasajillo, horse crippler, pitaya, Fitch's hedgehog cactus, miniature barrel cactus, nipple cactus, and root cactus (*Ancistrocactus scheeri*). The two identifiable grasses in these areas were whorled dropseed and red grama (*Bouteloua trifida*).



**Photo 7. Typical Catarina clay vegetation. In some areas, bare ground was the dominant landscape feature.**





**Photo 8. Typical Catarina clay vegetation. Severe overgrazing was evident throughout the Project area.**



**Photo 9. Typical Catarina clay vegetation. Increased vegetation density was located in the southeastern Catarina clay soil map unit.**





**Photo 10. Typical Catarina clay vegetation. Within the western Catarina clay soil map unit, broomweed was an additional dominant species.**

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

TRC was contracted by Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC to conduct a biological survey in order to identify the presence of two federally and state-listed endangered plant species, ashy dogweed and Johnston's frankenia, for the proposed Project. Ashy dogweed and Johnston's frankenia were not observed within any of the high priority soil map units of the Project area during the March 2011 survey. Based on review of background data and the results of the field investigation, qualified biologists from TRC determined that ashy dogweed and Johnston's frankenia are not present within the Project survey area.

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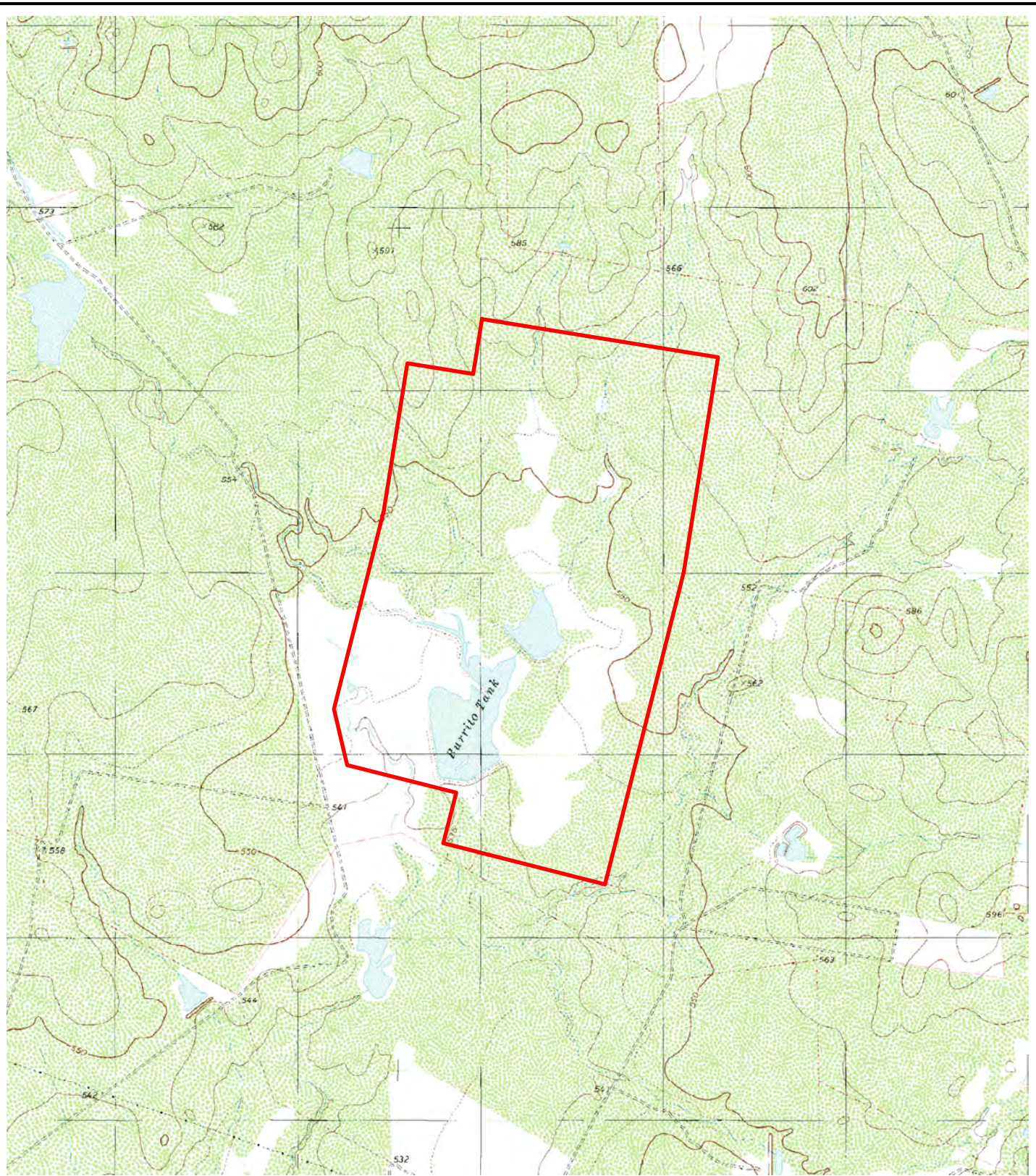
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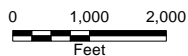


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Source: U.S.G.S 7.5-Minute Series Topographic Map, Burrito Tank (1980), Texas.



## **SITE LOCATION MAP**

WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

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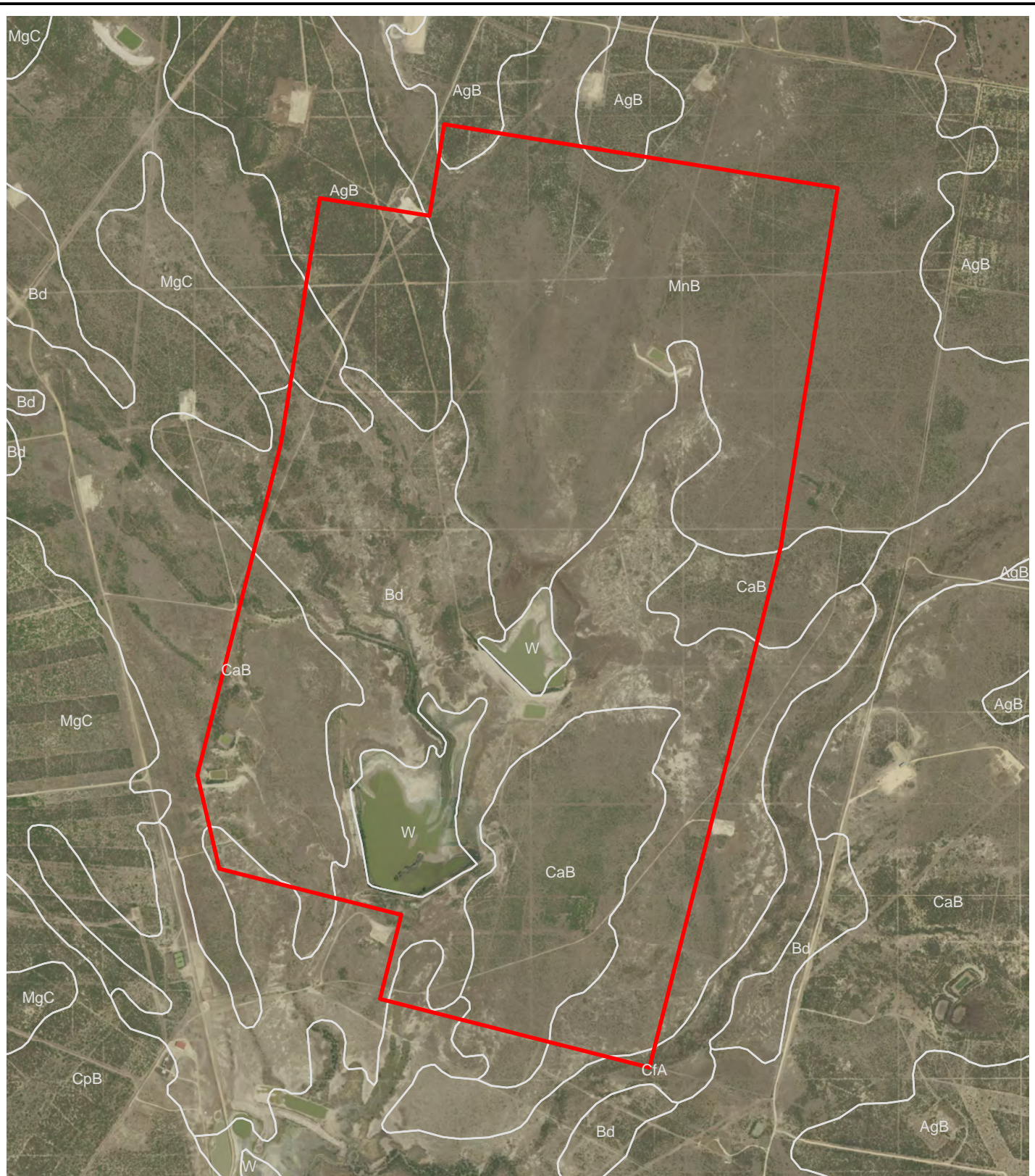
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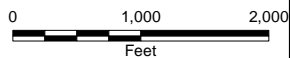
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## SOILS MAP

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**Attachment E: Proposed Conservation Measures for the Benefit of the Jaguarundi**



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## **Pescadito Environmental Resource Center, Webb County**

### **Proposed Conservation Measures for the Benefit of the Jaguarundi**

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- **Riparian Conservation Corridor:** Ranch Viejo Waste Management will set aside Riparian Conservation Corridor (RCC) east of the PERC site. The RCC will include a 75-foot buffer on either side of a drainage corridor. The RCC is approximately 7,700 linear feet long as proposed. The area would be set aside in conservation easement or deed restriction. The RCC is shown as Figure 7 in Attachment A of this biological assessment.
- **FEMA Flood Control Structures Revegetation:** The detention basins will be constructed in upland areas from onsite soil, top dressed with topsoil, and vegetated with native grasses and forbs. The three dams will also be vegetated with native grasses and forbs. Both diversion channels will be open, grass lined drainage swales. Woody vegetation will be controlled within the drainage swales for flow control purposes; however, native tree and shrub growth will be encouraged outside of the swales. Where necessary the dams and swales will be reinforced with erosion control blankets (ECB) or turf reinforcement mats (TRM). The Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute's South Texas Natives seed project has tested different native species; the program works with commercial growers to provide commercially available seed sources for those that are specifically adapted to South Texas. Not all the species are always commercially available and economical; therefore, the native species to be planted may be limited. Other ground cover species or stabilization may be required for high erosion areas, however native species will be the preferred method of restoration.
- **Light Limitations:** To avoid impacts to nocturnal wildlife, where outdoor lighting is required to provide supplemental light on facilities or parking areas, downshield lighting will be utilized. This lighting will be kept to the minimum necessary to safely illuminate areas accessed by personnel. Lighting will be installed to not shine on adjacent undeveloped areas.
- **Speed Reduction:** Vehicle travel speeds on access and infrastructure roads within the subject area will be determined by the site development engineer. The maximum allowed travel speed may vary between daylight and nighttime hours based on line-of-sight in order to limit encounters with and impacts to nocturnal wildlife. Speed limits may be decreased if the frequency of wildlife encounters increases beyond what was originally anticipated but may not be increased above the engineered design speed.
- **Vehicle Traffic Control:** Vehicle movements will be restricted to only what is necessary for PERC Site operations within designated road/infrastructure corridors. Any off-road vehicle movement will require prior coordination with site management.

- **Training:** All Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC personnel and contractors whose duties require them to regularly operate beyond the primary entrance of the subject area will complete environmental training regarding wildlife.

**Attachment F: Endangered Species Habitat Evaluation and Presence/Absence  
Survey for the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center FEMA Action  
Areas, Webb County, Texas (aci 2013)**

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**ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT EVALUATION AND PRESENCE/ABSENCE  
SURVEY FOR THE PESCADITO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER FEMA  
ACTION AREAS**

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October 2013

## **Endangered Species Habitat Evaluation and Presence/Absence Survey for the Pescadito Environmental Resource Center FEMA Action Area**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this report is to assess the potential for federally-listed endangered species within the additional Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) action area associated with the proposed Pescadito Environmental Resource Center (PERC) site in Webb County, Texas. This report presents the findings of a habitat evaluation for the least tern, ocelot, and jaguarundi and the findings of a presence/absence survey for ashly dogweed and Johnston's frankenia.

This report is to supplement previous endangered species investigations by others for areas within the 1,110 acre PERC site.

Species listed as endangered or threatened by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) are protected by the Endangered Species Act, which prohibits "take." "Take" is defined in the Act as "harass, harm, pursue, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or attempt to engage in any such conduct." "Harm" has been defined to include activities that modify or degrade habitat in a way that significantly impairs essential behavior patterns and results in death or injury. Alteration of the quality and/or quantity of endangered species habitat may "harm" the listed species that inhabit those areas. A number of potential impacts, directly or indirectly related to human activities, are of concern to USFWS and may be regulated by that agency to prevent "take" or "harm" of these listed species.

### **2.0 PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND**

The existing PERC site is approximately 1,110 acres in rural Webb County, south of U.S. Highway 59, approximately 20 miles east of Laredo, Texas. Rancho Viejo Waste Management proposes to construct and operate a municipal solid waste landfill on site.

The FEMA action area includes approximately 225 acres inside and outside of the PERC site. The FEMA action area includes approximately 141 acres outside of the PERC site, located to the north and west of the existing PERC site. For the purposes of this report, the study area will focus on these additional 141 acres, hereafter referred to as the subject area, located outside of the existing PERC site (Figure 1).

The proposed FEMA flood control project includes floodwater detention basin and diversion channels. Specifically, the proposed FEMA flood control structures include:

- Northwest Basin, North Basin and West Basin: three floodwater detention basins north and west of the PERC site,
- Northwest Channel: one diversion channel connecting the north and northwest detention basins to the west detention basin, and
- West Channel: one channel connecting the west detention basin to areas south and downstream of the PERC site.

### 3.0 EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

#### 3.1 Vegetation

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife “Vegetation Types of Texas” map, the subject area is located within two vegetation types: Mesquite-Blackbrush Brush and Other Native or Introduced Grasses (McMahan et al. 1984). The majority of the FEMA action area is located within the Mesquite-Blackbrush Brush vegetation type and the remaining acreage is classified within the Other Native or Introduced Grasses vegetation type.

Common plants associated with the Mesquite-Blackbrush Brush vegetation type include, but are not limited to: lotebush (*Ziziphus obtusifolia*), cenizo (*Leucophyllum frutescens*), guajillo (*Acacia berlandieri*), desert olive (*Forestiera pubescens* var. *pubescens*), althorn (*Koeberlinia spinosa*), whitebrush (*Aloysia gratissima*), bluewood (*Condalia hookeri*), granjeno (*Celtis pallida*), guayacan (*Guaiaacum angustifolium*), leatherstem (*Jatropha dioca*), Texas prickly pear (*Opuntia engelmannii*), tasajillo (*Opuntia leptocaulis*), kidneywood (*Eysenhardtia texana*), yucca (*Yucca* spp.), desert yaupon (*Schaefferia cuneifolia*), goatbush (*Castela erecta* subsp. *texana*), purple three-awn (*Aristida purpurea*), pink pappusgrass (*Pappophorum bicolor*), hairy tridens (*Erioneuron pilosum*), slim tridens (*Tridens muticus*), hairy grama (*Bouteloua hirsute*), mat euphorbia (*Euphorbia* spp.), coldenia (*Coldenia* spp.), dogweed (*Thymophylla* spp.), knotweed leafflower (*Polygonum* spp.), and two-leaved senna (*Senna roemeriana*).

Common plants associated with the Other Native or Introduced Grasses vegetation type include, but are not limited to: mixed native or introduced grasses and forbs within grassland sites or mixed herbaceous areas that form from the clearing of woody vegetation. This vegetation type is found in areas where brush has been cleared and is subject to change due to the regrowth of brush.

#### 3.2 Topography

According to the *Burrito Tank* USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangle Map the elevation of the subject area ranges from 540 feet above mean sea level (MSL) to 570 feet above MSL (Figure 2).

### 3.3 Soils

Five soil units are present within the FEMA action area (SCS 1985). The five soil units are as follows:

- *Aguilares sandy clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes (AgB)*
- *Brundage fine sandy loam, occasionally flooded (Bd)*
- *Catarina clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes (CaB)*
- *Moglia clay loam, 1 to 5 percent slopes (MgC)*
- *Montell clay, saline, 0 to 2 percent slopes (MnB)*

## 4.0 ENDANGERED SPECIES BACKGROUND

According to USFWS (2013a), five species are federally-listed as endangered in Webb County, Texas: 1) Gulf Coast jaguarundi, 2) ocelot, 3) least tern, 4) ashy dogweed, and 5) Johnston's frankenia.

### 4.1 Jaguarundi and Ocelot

The jaguarundi (*Herpailurus yagouaruondi*) was federally-listed as endangered on June 14, 1976 (41 FR 24062-24067). The jaguarundi is a small, slender-bodied cat with a small, flattened head and long tail. According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD), large patches (100 acres) of canopy cover and dense shrubs, or smaller patches connected by dense vegetation corridors, are vital to jaguarundi habitat (Campbell 2003). This species is considered very rare in Texas, and the probability of encountering a jaguarundi is highly unlikely.

Texas Parks and Wildlife maintains a database of rare species occurrence in Texas, the Texas Natural Diversity Database (TNDD). Review of the Texas Natural Diversity Database (TNDD) managed by TPWD showed no known occurrences in Webb County (TPWD 2013c). It also indicated that the closest known occurrence of the jaguarundi observed to the north of the subject area was in 1988, and is approximately 44 miles away in La Salle County, Texas (EO# 8138). Review of the element occurrence information provided by TPWD, noted the sighting was generally described as crossing FM 625 (or FM 624) 20 miles east of Cotulla and continued southeast. The radius of this polygon is 8000 meters. It is interpreted through the TPWD TNDD "Shapefile Data Interpretation and Use" document that an element polygon with a radius of 8000m was a general location which had the least precision and was used when the location description was vague (TPWD 2013c).

The closest known occurrence of the jaguarundi observed to the south of the subject area was in 1992 and is approximately 69 miles away in Starr County, Texas (EO# 2074) (Figure 3). Based on review of the element occurrence information, this element

occurrence was cited from 1987 to 1993 by various TPWD performance reports. The sighting was very generally described as being along El Negro Ranch Road. The radius of this polygon is also 8000 meters; therefore, it is also believed to be less precise element polygon with a vague location description (TPWD 2013c). The last Class A documented jaguarundi report in the United States occurred in 1986 east of Brownsville, Texas (Tewes 2012).

The ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*) was federally-listed as endangered on June 21, 1982 (47 FR 31670-31672). The ocelot is a medium-sized gray or buff spotted cat with variable dark spots, rings, blotches, and bars. Ocelots occur in the dense thorny shrub lands of the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Rio Grande Plains in areas of deep, fertile clay or loamy soils (Campbell 2003). According to TPWD, large patches (100 acres) of canopy cover and dense shrubs, or smaller patches connected by dense vegetation corridors, are also vital to ocelot habitat (Campbell 2003). This species is predominately active at night, and spends the daytime hiding in thick brush (Campbell 2003). As this species is predominately active at night, the probability of encountering an ocelot is highly unlikely.

Review of the TNDD data (TPWD 2013c) indicates the closest occurrence of the ocelot was observed in 1991, approximately 67 miles northwest of the subject area in Dimmit County, Texas (EO# 4510) (Figure 3).

#### Previous Studies

Previous studies conducted by Michael Tewes on Rancho Viejo, including the 1,110-acre PERC landfill site (Tewes 2012), found the ranch to not be jaguarundi habitat. Tewes (2012) noted a 10-acre patch of thornscrub in the northwest section of the PERC site as containing 75-85% horizontal cover, but that the area was too sparse to be considered jaguarundi habitat.

Studies by aci consulting (2012) of the 3,980 acres south of the PERC site found open rangeland mixed with open thornshrub. Areas containing thornshrub and woody vegetation did not include the requisite density, canopy cover, and acreage to be considered jaguarundi habitat. Similar to the jaguarundi, the site does not provide the requisite thornshrub/riparian density, canopy cover, and acreage to be considered ocelot habitat (aci consulting 2012).

#### **4.2 Least tern**

The least tern (*Sterna antillarum athalassos*) was federally-listed as endangered on May 28, 1985 (USFWS 1985). The least tern is a migrant species whose breeding range in Texas includes three reservoirs along the Rio Grande River, the Canadian River in the northern Panhandle, the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River in the eastern

Panhandle, and along the Red River (Texas/Oklahoma boundary) into Arkansas. The species winters along the Central American coast and the northern coast of South America from Venezuela to northeastern Brazil. USFWS has listed the least tern as a possible migrant through most of Texas. From late April to August, this tern uses barren to sparsely vegetated sand, shell, and gravel beaches; sandbars; islands; and salt flats associated with rivers and reservoirs. These terns prefer open habitat and avoid thick vegetation and narrow beaches. As natural nesting sites have become scarce, the terns have used sand and gravel pits, ash disposal areas of power plants, reservoir shorelines, and other manmade sites. The terns nest in a shallow hole scraped in an open sandy area, gravelly patch, or exposed flat (Campbell 2003).

Review of TWPD TNDD data (2013c) indicates that the closest known occurrence of the least tern is approximately 16 miles west of the subject area (Figure 4). The occurrence site was documented in 1994 at Casa Blanca Lake (EO# 4157).

#### Previous Studies

Review of the PERC site by TRC Consultants (2011a) found no potential for shore habitat for the least tern.

Studies of the 3,980 acres south of the PERC site by aci consulting (2012) found no additional areas of potential shore habitat for the least tern within the area.

### **4.3 Ashy Dogweed and Johnston's Frankenia**

Ashy dogweed (*Thymophylla tephroleuca*) was federally-listed as endangered on July 19, 1984 (49 FR 29232-29234). This plant forms dense, circular clumps in open areas on sandy pockets in the Maverick-Catarina, Copita-Zapata, and Nueces-Comita soils of southern Webb and northern Zapata Counties, Texas (TPWD 2007), occurring in level areas or in gentle, rolling topography (USFWS 2013). Ashy dogweed has been observed in areas of ground disturbance; it is unknown if the plant prefers disturbed areas or would also flourish in undisturbed areas (TPWD 2007). Ashy dogweed grows among shrubs including mesquite (*Prosopis* spp.), calderona (*Krameria ramosissima*), Texas lantana (*Lantana urticoides*), goatbush, anacahuita (*Cordia boissieri*), and cenizo.

Johnston's frankenia (*Frankenia johnstonii*) was federally-listed as endangered on August 7, 1984 (49 FR 31418-31421). On May 22, 2003, the species was proposed for delisting (68 FR 27961). This low, sprawling shrub generally grows on open or sparsely vegetated rocky hillsides or saline flats in saline sandy or clayey soils with high gypsum content (USFWS 1988). Johnston's frankenia is historically known from Nuevo Leon, Mexico, and Starr and Zapata Counties, in south Texas (USFWS 1988).



According to the TPWD species pages (2013a), Johnston's frankenia and ashy dogweed require specific soil types. Johnston's frankenia prefers high saline soils that are often rocky or eroding and reddish in color such as the Maverick soil series. TPWD references ashy dogweed associated with sandy pocket areas from the Maverick-Catarina, Copita-Zapata, and Nueces-Comita soil series (TPWD 2013b).

A review of the Natural Resource Conservation Service Soil Survey for Webb County, Texas (SCS 1985), found that two out of the five soils found in the subject area correspond with the soil series conducive to the two endangered plants (Figure 5). These soils include the Catarina clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes (CaB) and the Montell clay, saline, 0 to 2 percent slopes (MnB) soils series.

Review of the TNDD data (2013c) indicates that the closest known occurrence of Johnston's frankenia was observed in 1999, approximately 23 miles south of the subject area in Zapata County, Texas (EO# 4180). TNDD data indicated the closest known occurrence of ashy dogweed was observed in the 1980's, approximately 18 miles south of the subject area in Webb and Zapata Counties, Texas (EO# 1456). In addition to TNDD, USFWS provided aci consulting with endangered plant site occurrence data at an August, 2013 project meeting. A review of USFWS species occurrence (2013b) found that the closest observation for Johnston's frankenia is approximately 11 miles west of the subject area and ashy dogweed is approximately 16 miles southwest of the subject area (Figure 6).

#### Previous Studies

Previous investigations on the PERC landfill site included a presence/absence survey for ashy dogweed and Johnston's frankenia (TRC 2011b). This survey was conducted within the specific soil series' with the potential to contain the two species: the Catarina clay, 0 to 2 percent slopes (CaB) and the Montell clay, saline, 0 to 2 percent slopes (MnB) soils series. The results of the survey found no ashy dogweed or Johnston's frankenia within the PERC site.

## **5.0 METHODOLOGY**

In August 2013, aci consulting ecologists surveyed the 141-acre subject area for endangered species. Field investigations included habitat evaluations for ocelot, jaguarundi, and least tern and a presence/absence survey for ashy dogweed and Johnston's frankenia within the conducive soil series'.

aci consulting surveyors walked transects across the subject area particularly focusing on areas with the soil series' determined to have potential for the endangered plant

species' growth (Figure 5). While conducting the presence/absence survey for the endangered plants, aci consulting documented and assessed the vegetative communities within the subject area, where forty-six vegetation assessment points were recorded. At each vegetation assessment point, aci consulting recorded vegetation height, percent canopy cover of thornshrub, where, if present, and the dominant woody vegetation observed. aci consulting additionally documented the existing site conditions by recording photographs in the four cardinal directions at each vegetation assessment point. Locations of waypoints were recorded using a Garmin Global Positioning System (GPS) Receiver. Digital photographs were taken using the Theodolite application on an iPhone 5 running the iOS operating system Version 6.1.4.

The locations of the 46 investigation locations are delineated in Figure 7 and the corresponding photographic log of the points is contained in Appendix B.

## **6.0 FINDINGS**

The findings of the field investigations from the assessments performed in August, 2013, by **aci consulting** ecologists for each of the five federally-listed species is listed below.

### **6.1 Jaguarundi and Ocelot**

The FEMA action area includes five different flood control structures (three basins and two diversion channels). The vegetative elements of each feature are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Vegetative Assessment of FEMA Action Area

Feature	Vegetation Max Height (Average of area)	Percent Canopy Cover (Average of area)	Dominant Vegetation	Potential Jaguarundi / Ocelot Habitat
<b>Northeast Dam Site</b>	4.2 - 4.8 feet	4% - 6%	Mesquite, Cactus	Very low
<b>Northwest Dam Site</b>	3.3 - 9.4 feet	13.8% - 18.1%	Mesquite	Very low
<b>Diversion Channel to West Dam</b>	4.5 - 9 feet	5% - 10%	Mesquite	Very low
<b>West Dam Site</b>	3.1 - 7.3 feet	7.9% - 9.5%	Mesquite	Very low
<b>Proposed Channel</b>	3.2 - 6.5 feet	7% - 8.2%	Mesquite	Very low
<b>141-acre Composite</b>	3.6 - 7.4 feet	7.5% - 10.4%	Mesquite	Very low

The vegetation within the 141-acre FEMA action area is very similar to the 1,110-acre PERC site, consisting of open ranchland dominated by forb-grass-cactus vegetation. Appendix B contains representative photographs from the study area. As a whole the study subject area contains low height of woody vegetation (3.6 to 7.4 feet), low canopy cover of thornscrub (7.5% to 10.4%), and is dominated by open rangeland or mesquite growth, when present. Select areas contained up to 50% close canopy thornscrub up to 15 feet in height; however, these select areas were not common or contiguous throughout the landscape.

The investigations found that, similar to other regional studies, the FEMA action area did not contain the structural or compositional elements to be regularly utilized by jaguarundi or ocelot.

## 6.2 Least tern

Field investigations of the 141-acre FEMA action area by aci consulting found no potential shoreline or sandbar habitat conducive for least tern habitation. The FEMA action area did not contain the structural or compositional elements to be regularly utilized by least tern.

## 6.3 Ashy Dogweed and Johnston's Frankenia

aci consulting surveyed the FEMA study area, with particular focus on the two soil series' with the potential for occurrence of ashy dogweed and Johnston's frankenia in August 2013; however, transects were walked across the entire 141-acre FEMA action area. The results of the survey found no ashy dogweed or Johnston's frankenia within the FEMA action area.

## 7.0 CONCLUSION

Rancho Viejo Waste Management is evaluating a site in Webb County, Texas, for the development of a municipal solid waste/industrial landfill, the PERC site. This evaluation began within the review of a 1,110-acre original landfill site. Five FEMA floodplain control structures are associated with the project extent outside of the PERC site. Accordingly, the endangered species evaluation has been expanded to include approximately 141 acres to the north and west of the proposed PERC landfill site. This report evaluated the potential for federally-listed threatened and endangered species habitat within the 141-acre subject area, and builds upon previous studies conducted on the original landfill site.

Five species are federally-listed as threatened or endangered in Webb County, Texas. Summaries of the findings for each species are as follows:

- **Jaguarundi and Ocelot:** The proposed landfill site was previously reviewed by Dr. Michael Tewes (2012), the preeminent expert on the species. Dr. Tewes dismissed the original landfill site as habitat for the species based primarily on the lack of developed canopy cover and riparian corridor, and the long distance from the Rio Grande River. In 2012, aci consulting investigated 3,980 acres south and west of the PERC site and found that these areas did not provide the requisite thornshrub/riparian density, canopy cover, and minimum acreage to be considered jaguarundi or ocelot habitat (aci consulting 2012). In August 2013, aci consulting evaluated the FEMA action area for the constituent elements of jaguarundi and ocelot habitat. The investigations found that, similar to other regional studies, the FEMA action area did not contain the structural or compositional elements to be regularly utilized by jaguarundi or ocelot.

- **Interior Least Tern:** Field investigations of the 141-acre FEMA action area by aci consulting found no potential shoreline or sandbar habitat conducive for least tern habitation. The FEMA action area did not contain the structural or compositional elements to be regularly utilized by least tern.
- **Ashy Dogweed and Johnston's Frankenia:** aci consulting surveyed the FEMA study area, with particular focus on the two soil series' with the potential for occurrence of ashy dogweed and Johnston's frankenia in August 2013. The results of the survey found no ashy dogweed or Johnston's frankenia within the FEMA action area.

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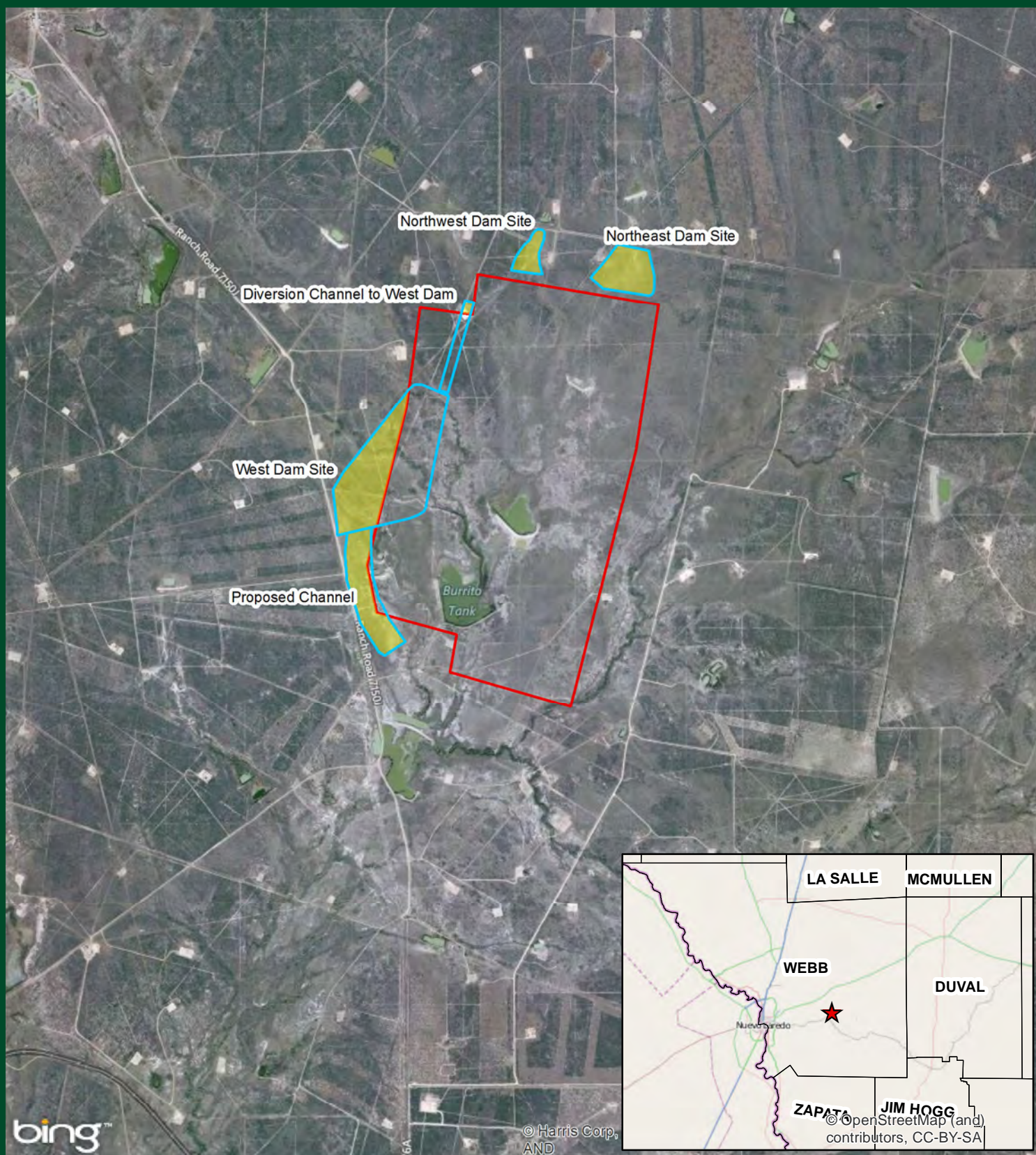
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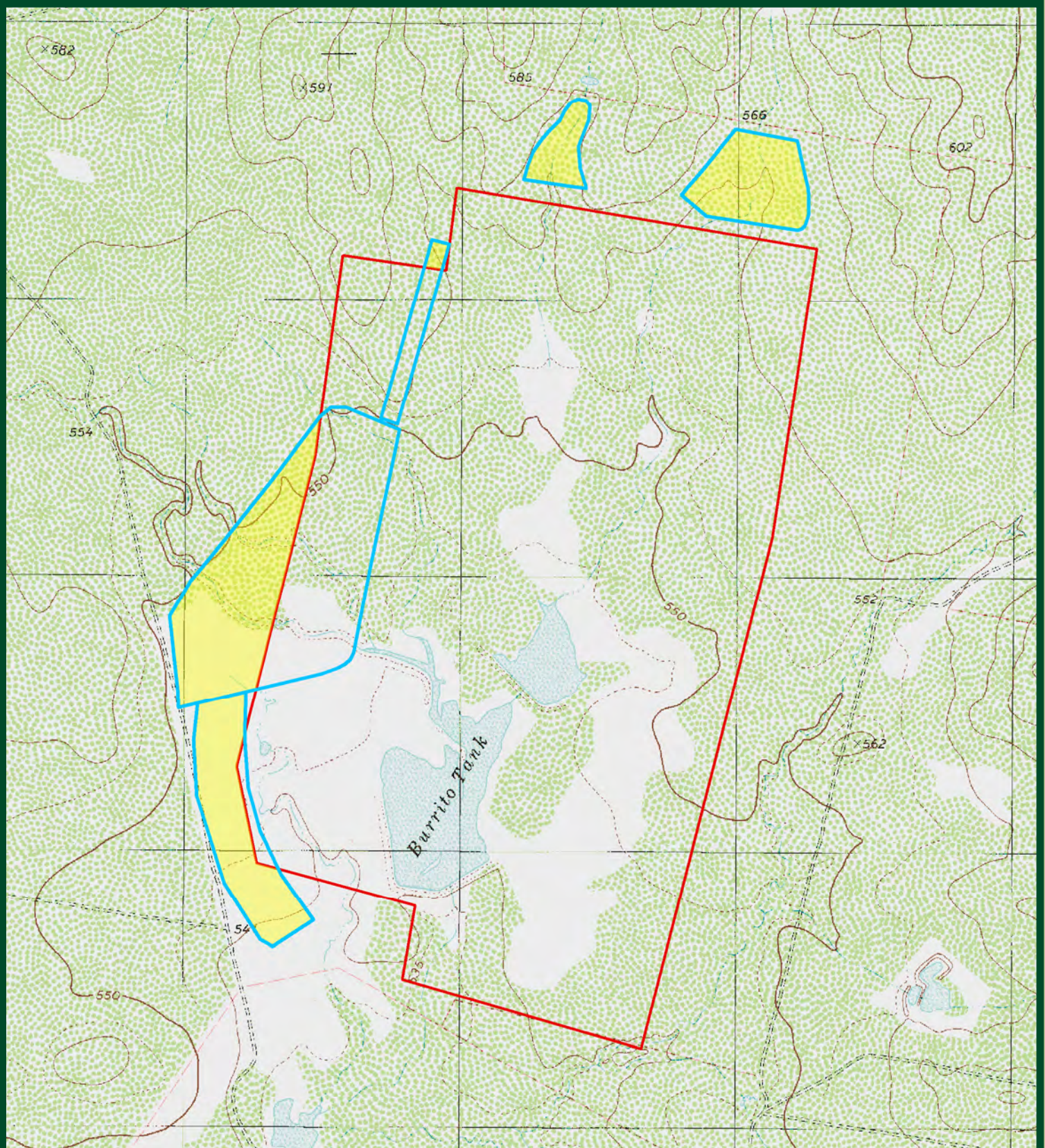


## Appendix A: Figures

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- Subject Area (141 ac)
- FEMA Action Area (225 ac)
- PERC Site (1,110 ac)





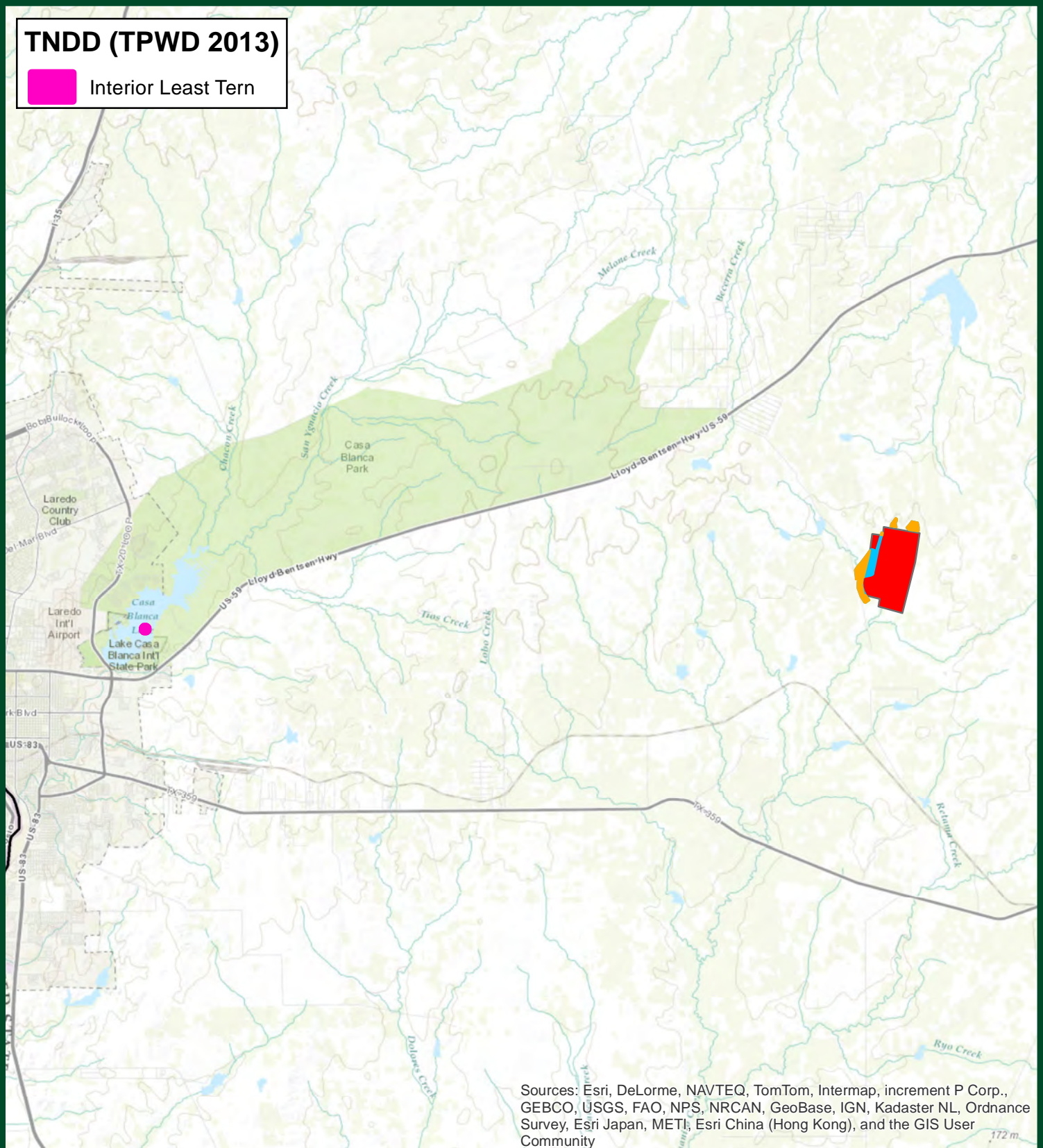




# TNDD (TPWD 2013)



Interior Least Tern



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Subject Area



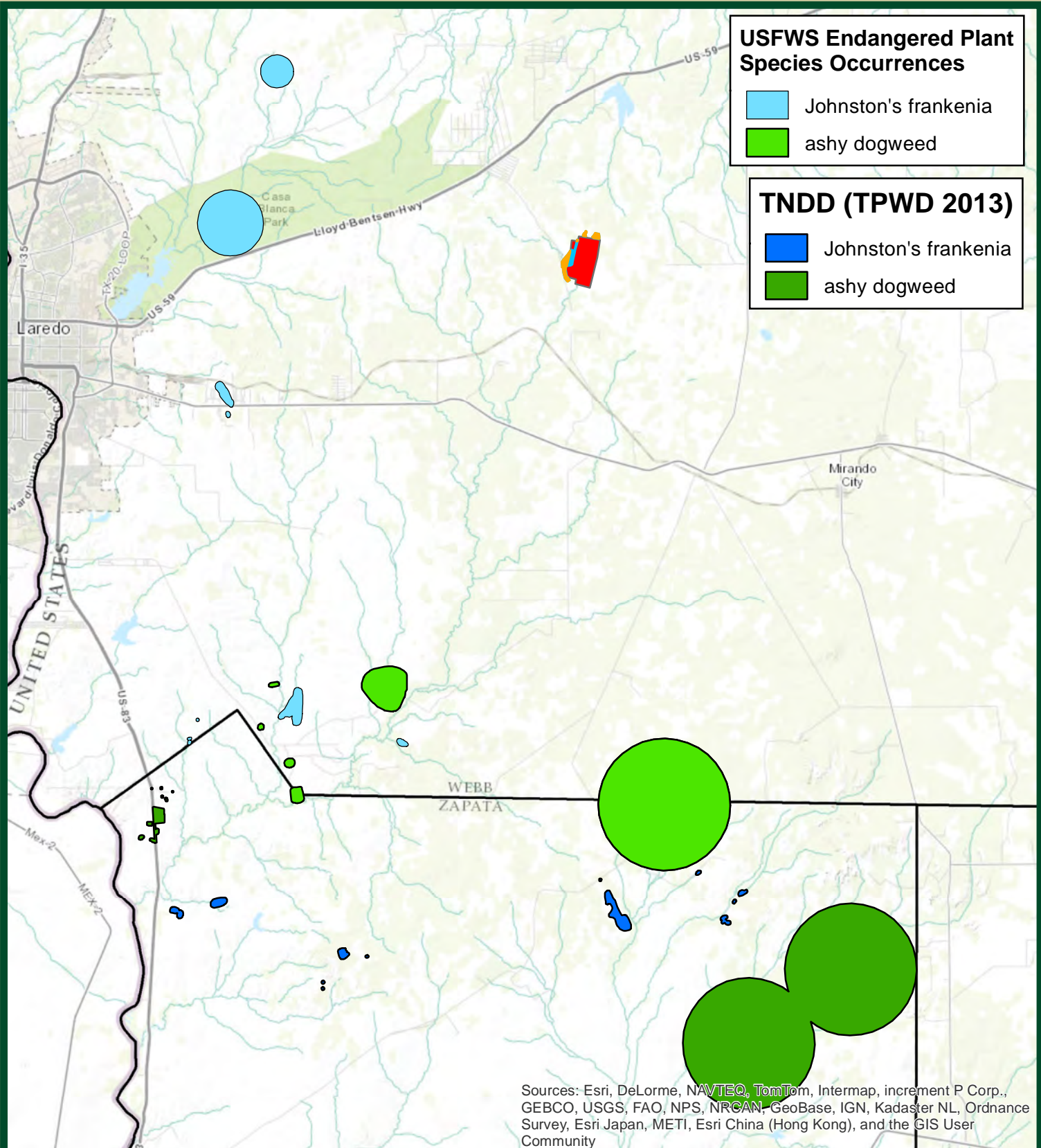
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PERC Site







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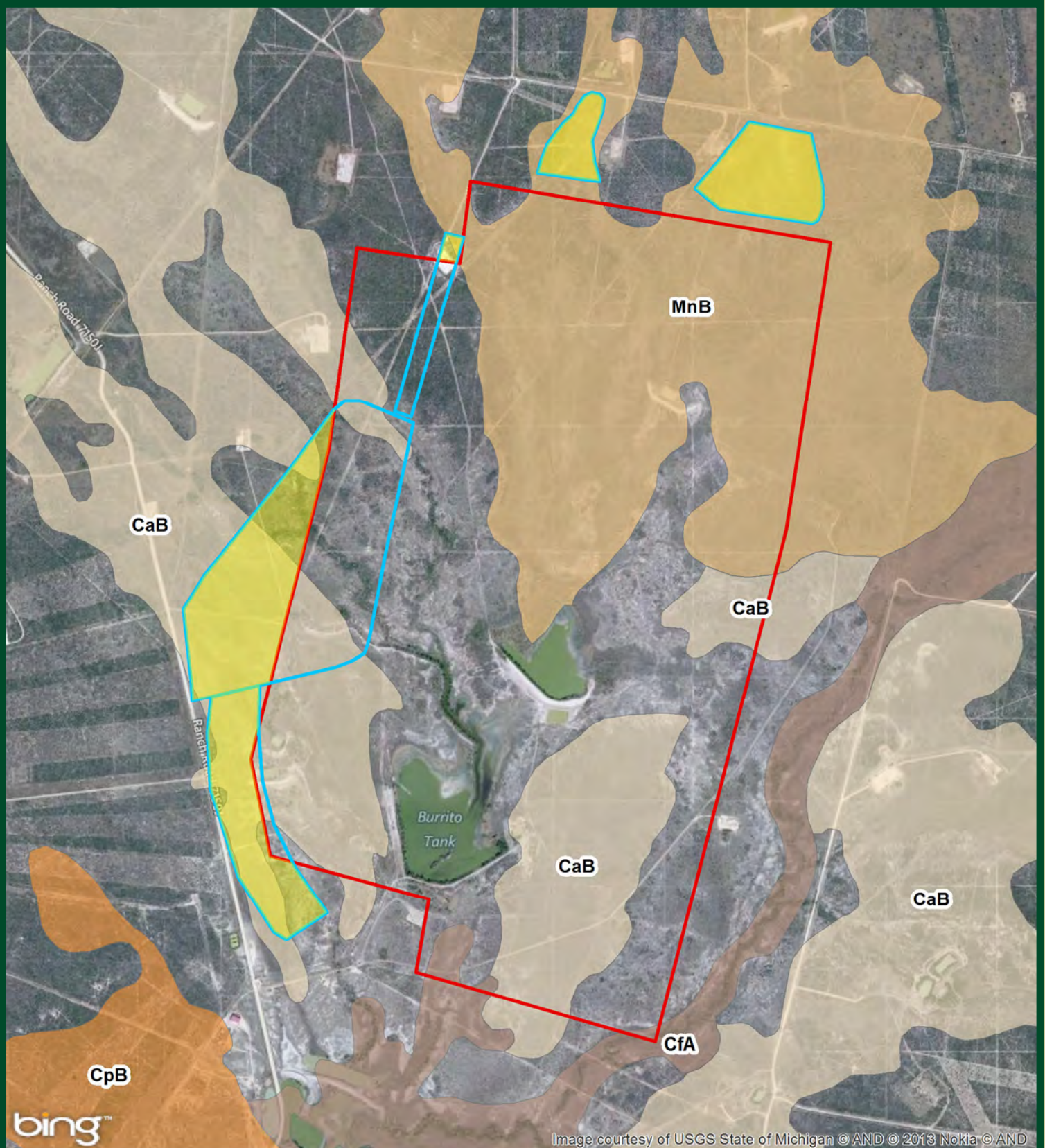
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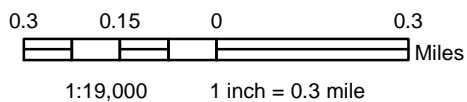
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PERC Site







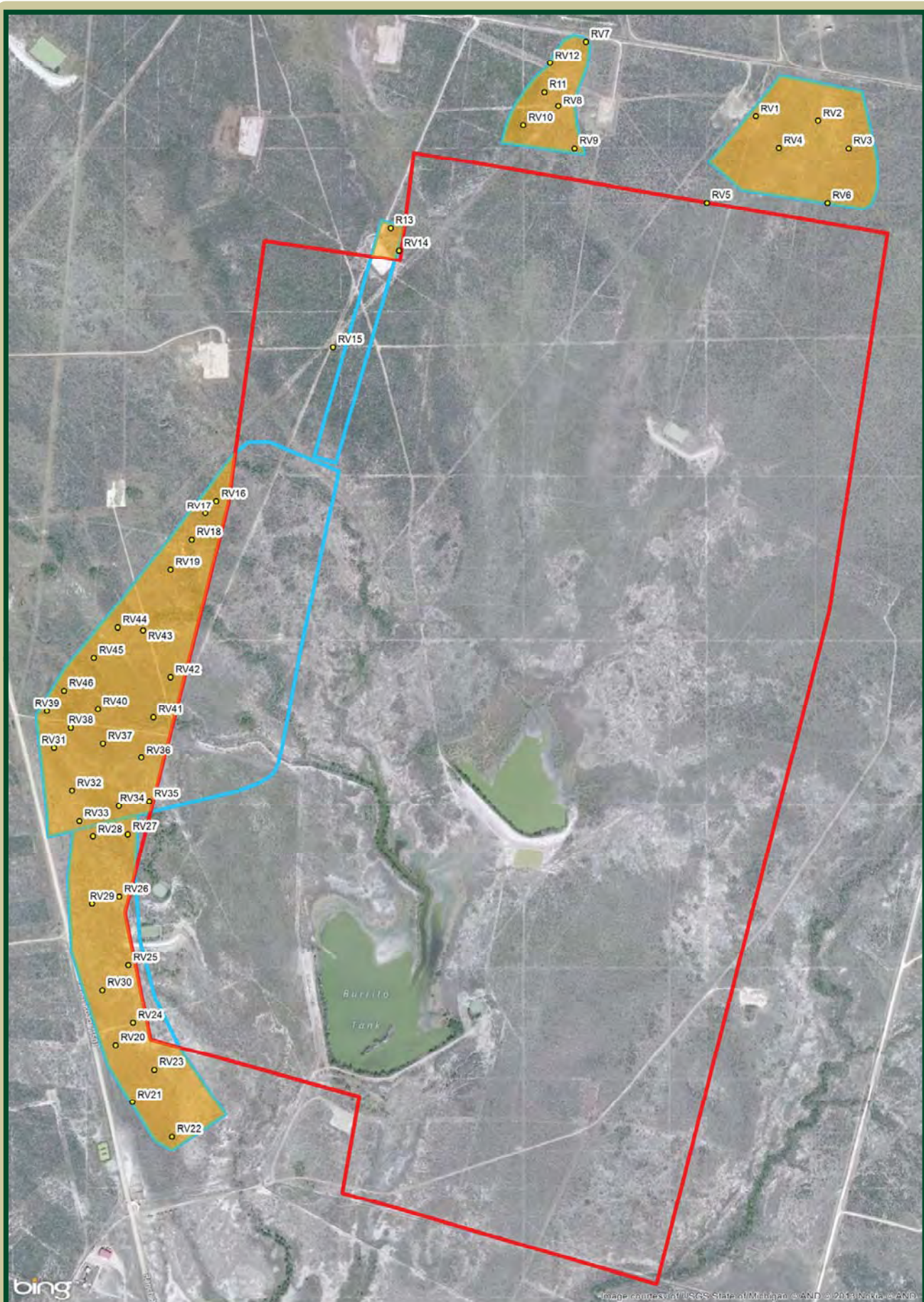
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- Subject Area
- FEMA Action Area
- PERC Site







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800 400 0 800 Feet

- Subject Area
- FEMA Action Area
- PERC Site





## Appendix B: Photo Log

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## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
Northeast

Location  
RV1

Description  
No vegetative cover

Date & Time: Sat Aug 21 08:42:40 CDT 2013  
Position: 30.2715802° N 98.0317500° W  
Altitude: 172m  
Azimuth/Heading: 45.0° N (45.0° Magnetic)  
Elevation Angle: 40.5°  
Horizon Angle: -00.2°  
Zoom: 1X  
RV 1



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
Northeast

Location  
RV1

Description  
No vegetative cover

Date & Time: Sat Aug 21 08:42:40 CDT 2013  
Position: 30.2715802° N 98.0317500° W  
Altitude: 172m  
Azimuth/Heading: 45.0° N (45.0° Magnetic)  
Elevation Angle: 40.5°  
Horizon Angle: -00.2°  
Zoom: 1X  
rv.1



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
Southwest

Location  
RV1

Description  
No vegetative cover

Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:36:48 CDT 2013  
Position: 30.2715802° N 98.0317500° W  
Altitude: 172m  
Azimuth/Heading: 135.0° N (135.0° Magnetic)  
Elevation Angle: 40.5°  
Horizon Angle: -00.2°  
Zoom: 1X  
RV 1



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
West

Location  
RV1

Description  
No vegetative cover

Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:36:48 CDT 2013  
Position: 30.2715802° N 98.0317500° W  
Altitude: 172m  
Azimuth/Heading: 270.0° N (W) (270.0° Magnetic)  
Elevation Angle: 40.5°  
Horizon Angle: -00.2°  
Zoom: 1X  
RV 1







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
5

Direction  
East

Location  
RV2

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-5%  
Vegetation HT = maximum height  
was 6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = low veg cover



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

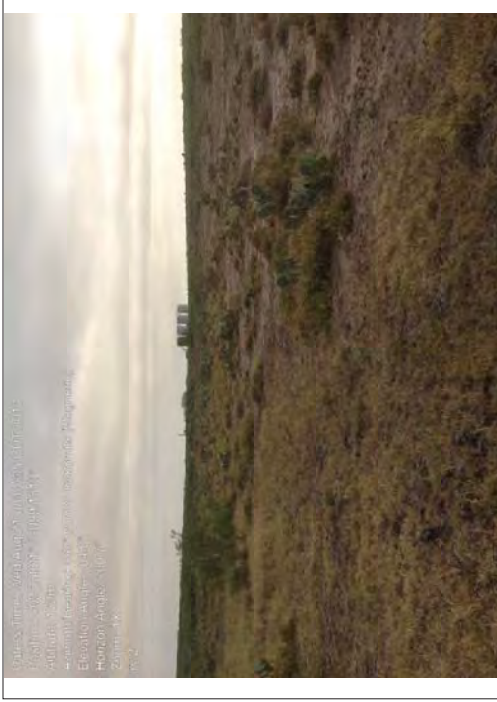
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Direction  
North

Location  
RV2

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-5%  
Vegetation HT = maximum height  
was 6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = low veg cover



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
7

Direction  
South

Location  
RV2

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-5%  
Vegetation HT = maximum height  
was 6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = low veg cover



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
8

Direction  
West

Location  
RV2

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-5%  
Vegetation HT = maximum height  
was 6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = low veg cover





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
9

Direction  
East

Location  
RV3

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-5%

Vegetation HT = 6 feet

Species Observed = mesquite  
(isolated)

Notes = no veg cover



Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:14:48 CDT 2013  
Position: -027.5784° / -098.1504°  
Altitude: 172m  
Azimuth/Heading: 092° S88E 1636mils (Magmiles)  
Elevation Angle: 05.7°  
Horizon Angle: +01.9°  
Zoom: 1X

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
10

Direction  
North

Location  
RV3

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-5%

Vegetation HT = 6 feet

Species Observed = mesquite  
(isolated)

Notes = no veg cover



Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:15:11 CDT 2013  
Position: -027.5784° / -098.1504°  
Altitude: 172m  
Azimuth/Heading: 092° S88E 1636mils (Magmiles)  
Elevation Angle: 05.7°  
Horizon Angle: +01.9°  
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## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
11

Direction  
South

Location  
RV3

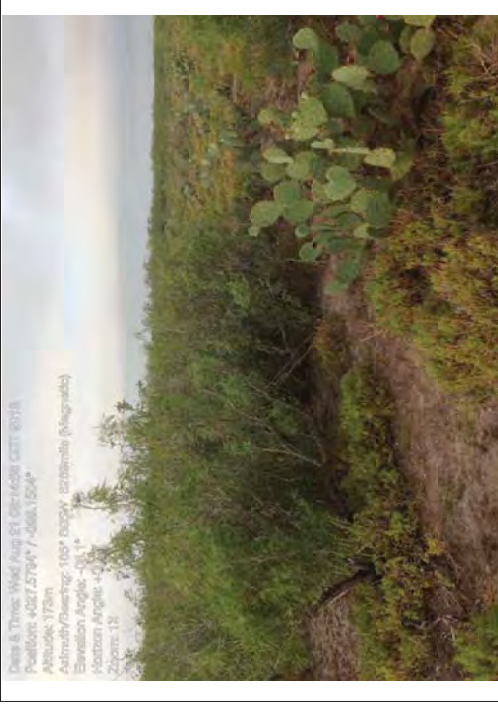
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Vegetation HT = 6 feet

Species Observed = mesquite  
(isolated)

Notes = no veg cover



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Position: -027.5784° / -098.1504°  
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Elevation Angle: 05.7°  
Horizon Angle: +01.9°  
Zoom: 1X

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
12

Direction  
West

Location  
RV3

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-5%

Vegetation HT = 6 feet

Species Observed = mesquite  
(isolated)

Notes = no veg cover



Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:16:11 CDT 2013  
Position: -027.5784° / -098.1504°  
Altitude: 172m  
Azimuth/Heading: 092° S88E 1636mils (Magmiles)  
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Horizon Angle: +01.9°  
Zoom: 1X





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
13

Direction  
East

Location  
RV4

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = None  
Vegetation HT = 3 feet  
Species Observed = cactus  
Notes = no veg cover



Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:18:37 CDT 2013  
Position: -102°57'54" / -498°152'4"  
Altitude: 172m  
Azimuth/Heading: 092° 58'E 1636mils (Magnetic)  
Elevation Angle: 05.5°  
Horizon Angle: 40.1°  
Zoom: 1X

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
14

Direction  
North

Location  
RV4

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = None  
Vegetation HT = 3 feet  
Species Observed = cactus  
Notes = no veg cover



Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:19:52 CDT 2013  
Position: -102°57'54" / -498°152'4"  
Altitude: 172m  
Azimuth/Heading: 092° 58'E 1636mils (Magnetic)  
Elevation Angle: 05.5°  
Horizon Angle: 40.1°  
Zoom: 1X



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
15

Direction  
South

Location  
RV4

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = None  
Vegetation HT = 3 feet  
Species Observed = cactus  
Notes = no veg cover



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Elevation Angle: 48.3°  
Horizon Angle: 40.6°  
Zoom: 1X

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
16

Direction  
West

Location  
RV4

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = None  
Vegetation HT = 3 feet  
Species Observed = cactus  
Notes = no veg cover



Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:18:59 CDT 2013  
Position: -102°57'54" / -498°152'4"  
Altitude: 172m  
Azimuth/Heading: 289° 00'W 1636mils (Magnetic)  
Elevation Angle: 48.3°  
Horizon Angle: 40.6°  
Zoom: 1X



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
East

Location  
RV5

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = None  
Vegetation HT = 2-3 feet  
Species Observed = cactus,  
mesquite  
Notes = no veg cover



Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:28:56 CDT 2013  
Position: +027.5781° / -089.1544°  
Altitude: 171m  
Azimuth/Heading: 088° 188E 1564mils (Magnetoid)  
Elevation Angle: 04.2°  
Horizon Angle: +00.2°  
Zoom: 1X  
RV 5

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
South

Location  
RV5

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = None  
Vegetation HT = 2-3 feet  
Species Observed = cactus,  
mesquite  
Notes = no veg cover



Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:29:04 CDT 2013  
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Altitude: 171m  
Azimuth/Heading: 179° 001E 8162mils (Magnetoid)  
Elevation Angle: 04.4°  
Horizon Angle: +00.0°  
Zoom: 1X  
RV 6



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
North

Location  
RV5

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = None  
Vegetation HT = 2-3 feet  
Species Observed = cactus,  
mesquite  
Notes = no veg cover



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Elevation Angle: 04.4°  
Horizon Angle: +00.2°  
Zoom: 1X  
RV 5

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
West

Location  
RV5

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = None  
Vegetation HT = 2-3 feet  
Species Observed = cactus,  
mesquite  
Notes = no veg cover



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Horizon Angle: +00.0°  
Zoom: 1X  
RV 6





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
21

Direction  
East

Location  
RV6

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 20%  
Vegetation HT = 4-6 feet  
Species Observed = cactus, quail  
Notes = no veg cover

Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:35:34 CDT 2013  
Position: +027.5781° / -098.1610°  
Altitude: 172m  
Azimuth/Bearing: 080° N08E 1800mils (Magnetic)  
Elevation Angle: -03.5°  
Horizon Angle: -03.5°  
Zoom: 1X  
TV 8



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
22

Direction  
North

Location  
RV6

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 20%  
Vegetation HT = 4-6 feet  
Species Observed = cactus, quail  
Notes = no veg cover

Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:35:34 CDT 2013  
Position: +027.5781° / -098.1610°  
Altitude: 172m  
Azimuth/Bearing: 080° N08E 1800mils (Magnetic)  
Elevation Angle: -03.5°  
Horizon Angle: -03.5°  
Zoom: 1X  
TV 8



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
23

Direction  
South

Location  
RV6

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 20%  
Vegetation HT = 4-6 feet  
Species Observed = cactus, quail  
Notes = no veg cover

Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:35:40 CDT 2013  
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August 21, 2013

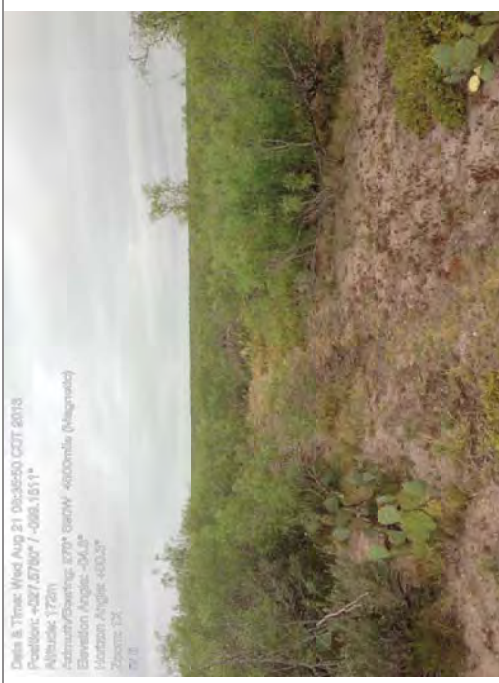
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Direction  
West

Location  
RV6

Description  
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Vegetation HT = 4-6 feet  
Species Observed = cactus, quail  
Notes = no veg cover

Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:35:50 CDT 2013  
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Zoom: 1X  
TV 8





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
25

Direction  
Northeast

Location  
RV7

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-15 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = no dense cover



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

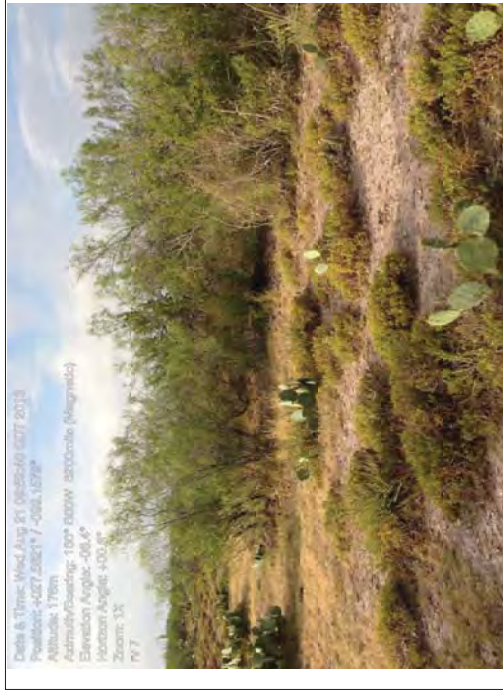
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Direction  
South

Location  
RV7

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-15 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = no dense cover



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
26

Direction  
Northeast

Location  
RV7

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-15 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = no dense cover



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

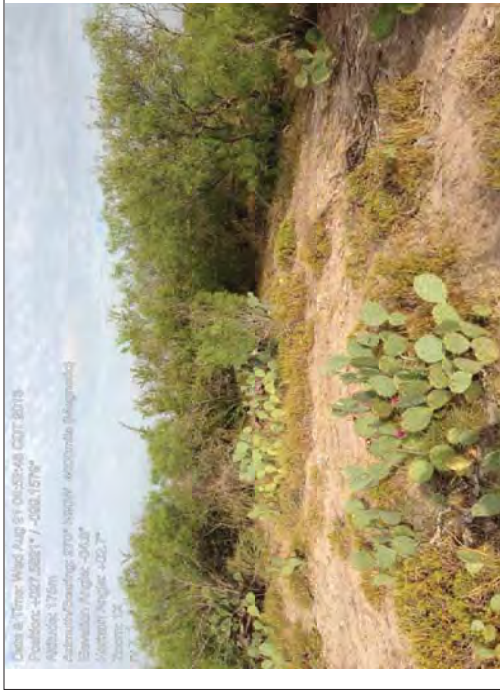
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Direction  
West

Location  
RV7

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-15 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = no dense cover







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
29

Direction  
East

Location  
RV8

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = None

Vegetation HT = 2-6 feet

Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
31

Direction  
South

Location  
RV8

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = None

Vegetation HT = 2-6 feet

Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
30

Direction  
North

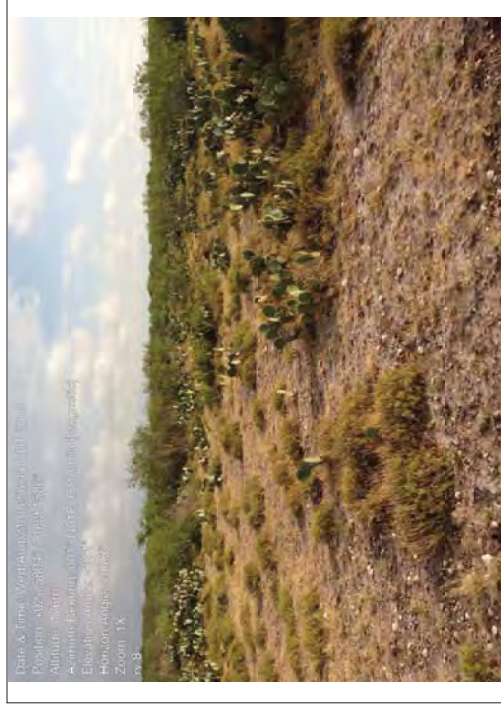
Location  
RV8

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = None

Vegetation HT = 2-6 feet

Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
32

Direction  
West

Location  
RV8

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = None

Vegetation HT = 2-6 feet

Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
33

Direction  
East

Location  
RV9

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
(isolated)



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
35

Direction  
South

Location  
RV9

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
(isolated)



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
34

Direction  
North

Location  
RV9

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
(isolated)



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
36

Direction  
West

Location  
RV9

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
(isolated)







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Direction**  
Southwest

**Location**  
RV9

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
(isolated)



Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 07:00:50 CDT 2013  
Position: 30275784 -10891582  
Altitude: 72m  
Accuracy/Beam: 5.44 5.00m 5000m 0.0deg 0.0deg  
Elevation Angle: 16°  
Zenith Angle: 73°  
Photo Angle: 0°

**Photo #**  
39

**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Direction**  
East

**Location**  
RV10

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 50-60%  
Vegetation HT = 4-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite,  
lelebrush, cactus



Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:00:13 CDT 2013  
Position: 30275784 -10891582  
Altitude: 72m  
Accuracy/Beam: 5.44 5.00m 5000m 0.0deg 0.0deg  
Elevation Angle: 16°  
Zenith Angle: 73°  
Photo Angle: 0°

**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Direction**  
Southwest

**Location**  
RV9

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
(isolated)



Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 07:01:50 CDT 2013  
Position: 30275784 -10891582  
Altitude: 72m  
Accuracy/Beam: 5.44 5.00m 5000m 0.0deg 0.0deg  
Elevation Angle: 16°  
Zenith Angle: 73°  
Photo Angle: 0°

**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Direction**  
North

**Location**  
RV10

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 50-60%  
Vegetation HT = 4-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite,  
lelebrush, cactus



Date & Time: Wed Aug 21 08:00:13 CDT 2013  
Position: 30275784 -10891582  
Altitude: 72m  
Accuracy/Beam: 5.44 5.00m 5000m 0.0deg 0.0deg  
Elevation Angle: 16°  
Zenith Angle: 73°  
Photo Angle: 0°



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
41

Direction  
South

Location  
RV10

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 50-60%  
Vegetation HT = 4-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite,  
leleibush, cactus



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
42

Direction  
West

Location  
RV10

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 50-60%  
Vegetation HT = 4-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite,  
leleibush, cactus



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
43

Direction  
East

Location  
RV11

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = low area



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
44

Direction  
North

Location  
RV11

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = low area





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
45

Direction  
South

Location  
RV11

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = low area



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
46

Direction  
West

Location  
RV11

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = low area



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
47

Direction  
East

Location  
RV12

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-5%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = good surface visibility



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
48

Direction  
Northeast

Location  
RV12

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-5%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = good surface visibility







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
49

Direction  
South

Location  
RV12

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-5%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = good surface visibility



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
50

Direction  
West

Location  
RV12

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-5%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = good surface visibility



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
51

Direction  
East

Location  
RV13

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 5-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
52

Direction  
North

Location  
RV13

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 5-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

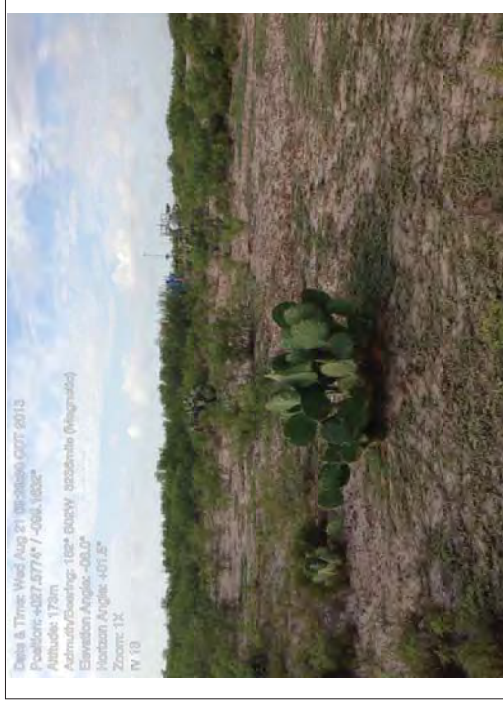
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53

Direction  
South

Location  
RV13

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 5-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
55

Direction  
East

Location  
RV14 - Just North of Pad Site

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
54

Direction  
West

Location  
RV13

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 5-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

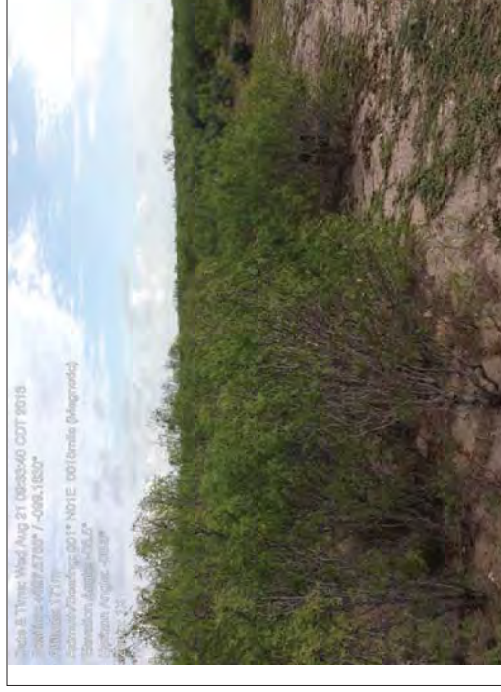
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Direction  
North

Location  
RV14 - Just North of Pad Site

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
57

Direction  
South

Location  
RV14 - Just North of Pad Site

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

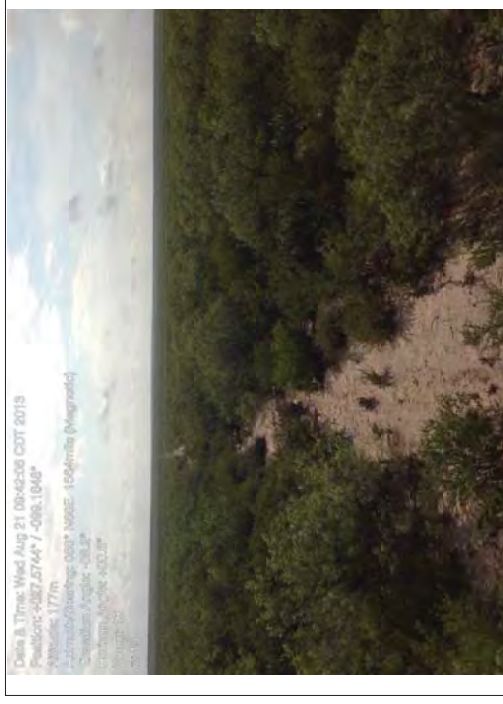
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August 21, 2013

Photo #  
59

Direction  
East

Location  
RV15 - Inside Project Area at Deer  
Sland

Description



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
58

Direction  
West

Location  
RV14 - Just North of Pad Site

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
60

Direction  
Northeast

Location  
RV15 - Inside Project Area at Deer  
Sland

Description







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
61

Direction  
South

Location  
RV15 - Inside Project Area at Deer  
Stand

Description



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
63

Direction  
East

Location  
RV16 - West Dam

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



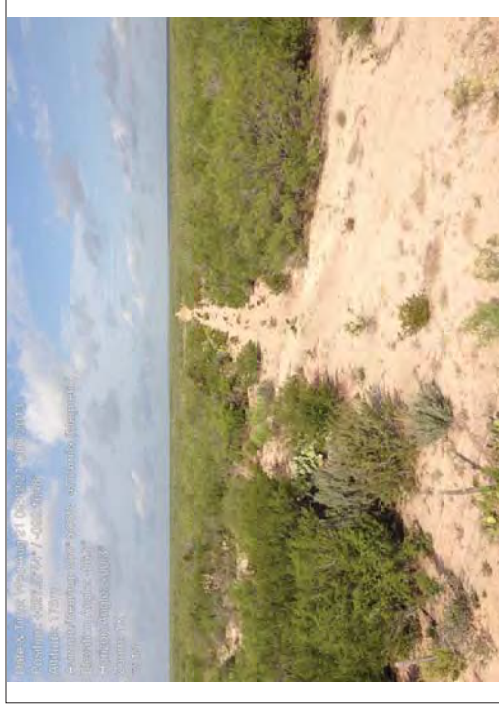
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August 21, 2013

Photo #  
62

Direction  
West

Location  
RV15 - Inside Project Area at Deer  
Stand

Description



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
64

Direction  
North

Location  
RV16 - West Dam

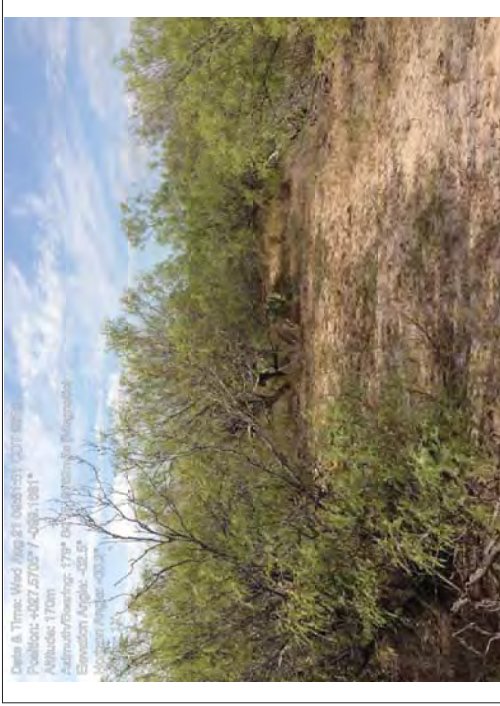
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Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
65

**Direction**  
South

**Location**  
RV16 - West Dam

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
66

**Direction**  
West

**Location**  
RV16 - West Dam

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
67

**Direction**  
East

**Location**  
RV17 - Inside Endangered Plant  
Soils

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 5-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
68

**Direction**  
North

**Location**  
RV17 - Inside Endangered Plant  
Soils

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 5-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Direction**  
South

**Location**  
RV17 - Inside Endangered Plant  
Soils

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 5-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

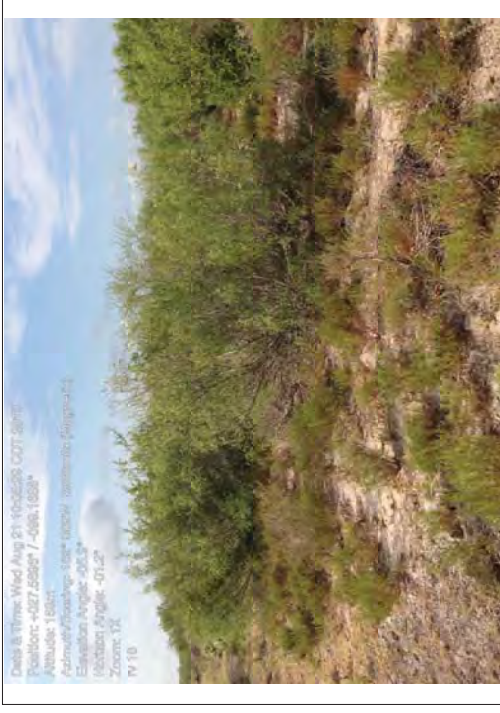
**Direction**  
West

**Location**  
RV17 - Inside Endangered Plant  
Soils

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 5-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Direction**  
South

**Location**  
RV18 - Inside Endangered Plant  
Soils

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 5 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Direction**  
East

**Location**  
RV18 - Inside Endangered Plant  
Soils

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 5 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
73

**Direction**  
North

**Location**  
RV18 - Inside Endangered Plant  
Soils

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 5 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
74

**Direction**  
West

**Location**  
RV18 - Inside Endangered Plant  
Soils

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 5 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
75

**Direction**  
East

**Location**  
RV19 - Outside of Endangered  
Plant Soils

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 3-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite,  
cactus



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
76

**Direction**  
North

**Location**  
RV19 - Outside of Endangered  
Plant Soils

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 3-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite,  
cactus





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
77

Direction  
South

Location  
RV19 - Outside of Endangered  
Plant Soils

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 3-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite,  
cactus



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
78

Direction  
West

Location  
RV19 - Outside of Endangered  
Plant Soils

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 3-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite,  
cactus



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
79

Direction  
East

Location  
RV20 - Proposed Channel

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 3-6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = overgrazed



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
80

Direction  
North

Location  
RV20 - Proposed Channel

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 3-6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = overgrazed





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
81

Direction  
South

Location  
RV20 - Proposed Channel

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 3-6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = overgrazed



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
82

Direction  
West

Location  
RV20 - Proposed Channel

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 3-6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = overgrazed



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
83

Direction  
East

Location  
RV21

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 3-5 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
84

Direction  
North

Location  
RV21

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 3-5 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
85

Direction  
South

Location  
RV21

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 3-5 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



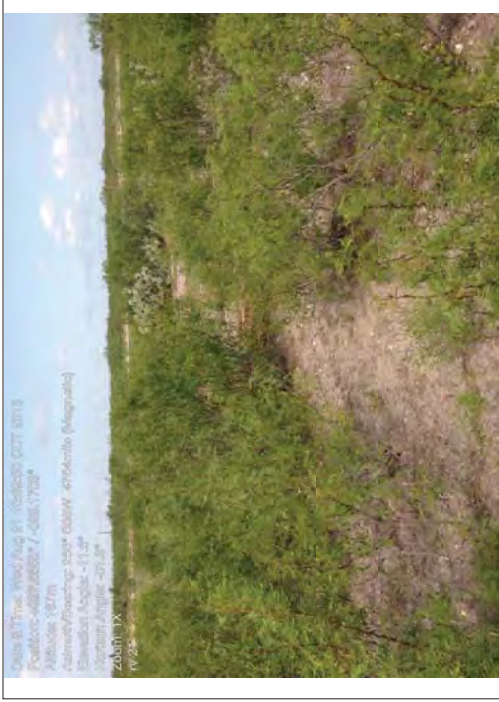
Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
86

Direction  
West

Location  
RV21

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 3-5 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
87

Direction  
East

Location  
RV22

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 15-20%  
Vegetation HT = 5-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
88

Direction  
North

Location  
RV22

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 15-20%  
Vegetation HT = 5-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
89

Direction  
South

Location  
RV22

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 15-20%  
Vegetation HT = 5-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
91

Direction  
North

Location  
RV23

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = None  
Vegetation HT = 2-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = good ground visibility



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
90

Direction  
West

Location  
RV22

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 15-20%  
Vegetation HT = 5-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
92

Direction  
East

Location  
RV23

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = None  
Vegetation HT = 2-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = good ground visibility







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
93

Direction  
South

Location  
RV23

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = None  
Vegetation HT = 2-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = good ground visibility



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
95

Direction  
North

Location  
RV24

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-7 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
94

Direction  
West

Location  
RV23

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = None  
Vegetation HT = 2-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = good ground visibility



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
96

Direction  
East

Location  
RV24

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-7 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
97

Direction  
South

Location  
RV24

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-7 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
98

Direction  
West

Location  
RV24

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-7 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

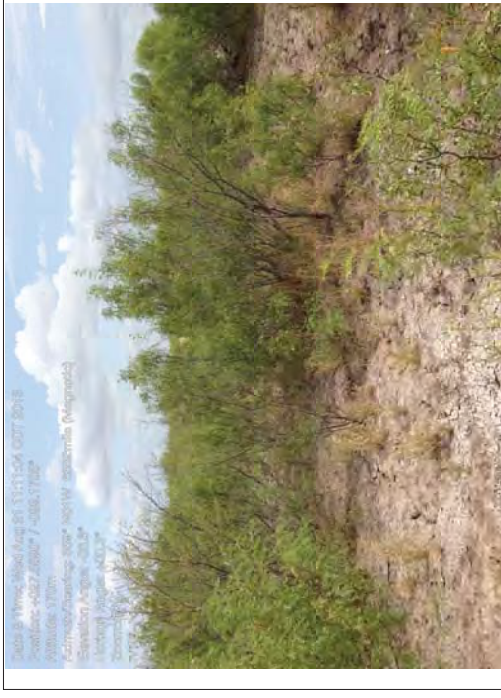
Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
99

Direction  
North

Location  
RV25

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 6-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
100

Direction  
East

Location  
RV25

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 6-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
101

Direction  
South

Location  
RV25

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%

Vegetation HT = 6-8 feet

Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
103

Direction  
North

Location  
RV26

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-2%

Vegetation HT = 1-3 feet

Species Observed = mesquite  
(isolated)

Notes = overgrazed



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
102

Direction  
West

Location  
RV25

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%

Vegetation HT = 6-8 feet

Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
104

Direction  
East

Location  
RV26

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-2%

Vegetation HT = 1-3 feet

Species Observed = mesquite  
(isolated)

Notes = overgrazed







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

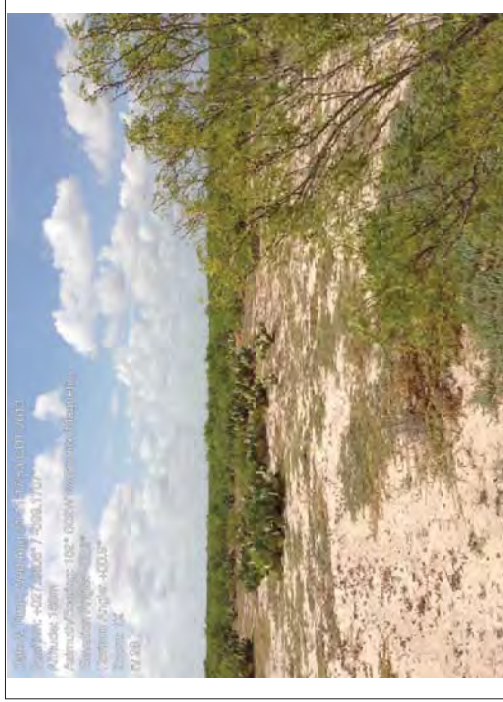
Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
105

Direction  
South

Location  
RV26

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0.2%  
Vegetation HT = 1-3 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
(isolated)  
Notes = overgrazed



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
106

Direction  
West

Location  
RV26

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0.2%  
Vegetation HT = 1-3 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
(isolated)  
Notes = overgrazed



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
107

Direction  
North

Location  
RV27

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
108

Direction  
East

Location  
RV27

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Direction**  
South

**Location**  
RV27

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Direction**  
North

**Location**  
RV28

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-10%  
Vegetation HT = 2-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Direction**  
West

**Location**  
RV27

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Direction**  
Northeast

**Location**  
RV28

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-10%  
Vegetation HT = 2-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
113

Direction  
South

Location  
RV28

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-10%

Vegetation HT = 2-8 feet

Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
115

Direction  
North

Location  
RV29

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%

Vegetation HT = 2-6 feet

Species Observed = mesquite

Notes = overgrazed



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
114

Direction  
West

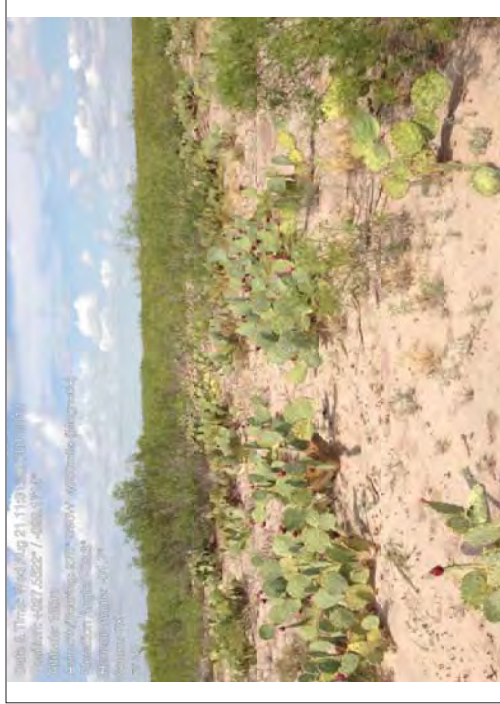
Location  
RV28

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-10%

Vegetation HT = 2-8 feet

Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
116

Direction  
East

Location  
RV29

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%

Vegetation HT = 2-6 feet

Species Observed = mesquite

Notes = overgrazed







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
117

Direction  
Northeast

Location  
RV29

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 2-6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = overgrazed



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
119

Direction  
North

Location  
RV31 - West Pond

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 2-15 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
118

Direction  
West

Location  
RV29

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 2-6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite  
Notes = overgrazed



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
120

Direction  
East

Location  
RV31 - West Pond

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 2-15 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
121

Direction  
South

Location  
RV31 - West Pond

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 2-15 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
122

Direction  
West

Location  
RV31 - West Pond

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 2-15 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
123

Direction  
North

Location  
RV32

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 3-6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
124

Direction  
East

Location  
RV32

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 3-6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
125

Direction  
South

Location  
RV32

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 3-6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
127

Direction  
North

Location  
RV33

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 4-6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
126

Direction  
West

Location  
RV32

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 3-6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
128

Direction  
East

Location  
RV33

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 4-6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
129

Direction  
South

Location  
RV33

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 4-6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

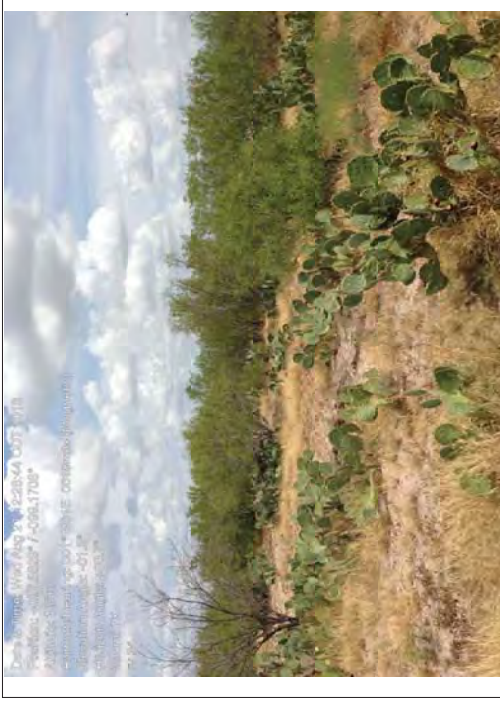
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Direction  
North

Location  
RV34

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 5-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
130

Direction  
West

Location  
RV33

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 4-6 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
132

Direction  
East

Location  
RV34

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 5-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
133

Direction  
South

Location  
RV34

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 5-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
135

Direction  
North

Location  
RV35

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-2%  
Vegetation HT = 1-3 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
134

Direction  
West

Location  
RV34

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 5-10 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
136

Direction  
East

Location  
RV35

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-2%  
Vegetation HT = 1-3 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
137

Direction  
South

Location  
RV35

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0.2%  
Vegetation HT = 1-3 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
138

Direction  
West

Location  
RV35

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0.2%  
Vegetation HT = 1-3 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
139

Direction  
North

Location  
RV36

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0.2%  
Vegetation HT = 0-1 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
140

Direction  
East

Location  
RV36

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0.2%  
Vegetation HT = 0-1 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
141

Direction  
South

Location  
RV36

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0.2%  
Vegetation HT = 0-1 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
143

Direction  
East

Location  
RV37

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 1-3 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



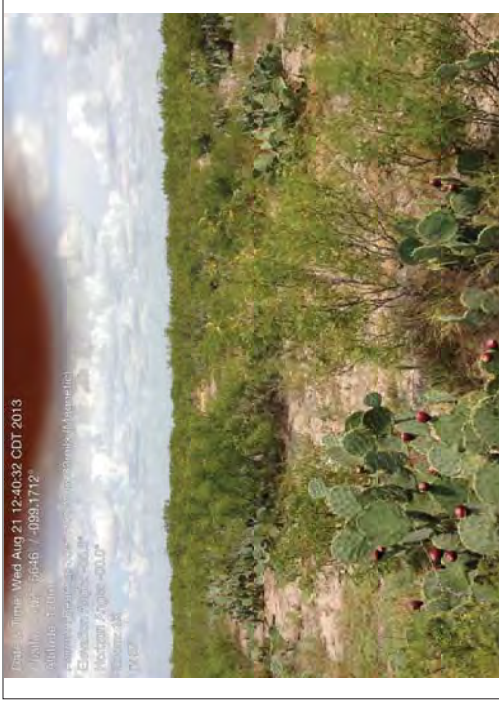
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142

Direction  
North

Location  
RV37

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 1-3 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
144

Direction  
South

Location  
RV37

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 1-3 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
145

Direction  
West

Location  
RV37

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 1-3 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
147

Direction  
East

Location  
RV38

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 0-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
146

Direction  
North

Location  
RV38

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 0-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
148

Direction  
South

Location  
RV38

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 0-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
149

**Direction**  
West

**Location**  
RV38

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5%  
Vegetation HT = 0-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
150

**Direction**  
North

**Location**  
RV39

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-11 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
151

**Direction**  
East

**Location**  
RV39

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-11 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
152

**Direction**  
South

**Location**  
RV39

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-11 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
153

Direction  
West

Location  
RV39

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-11 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
155

Direction  
East

Location  
RV40

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-2%  
Vegetation HT = 0-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
154

Direction  
Northwest

Location  
RV40

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-2%  
Vegetation HT = 0-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
156

Direction  
South

Location  
RV40

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-2%  
Vegetation HT = 0-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
West

Location  
RV40

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-2%  
Vegetation HT = 0-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Photo #  
157



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
East

Location  
RV41

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Photo #  
159

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
North

Location  
RV41

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Photo #  
158

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
South

Location  
RV41

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Photo #  
160





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage



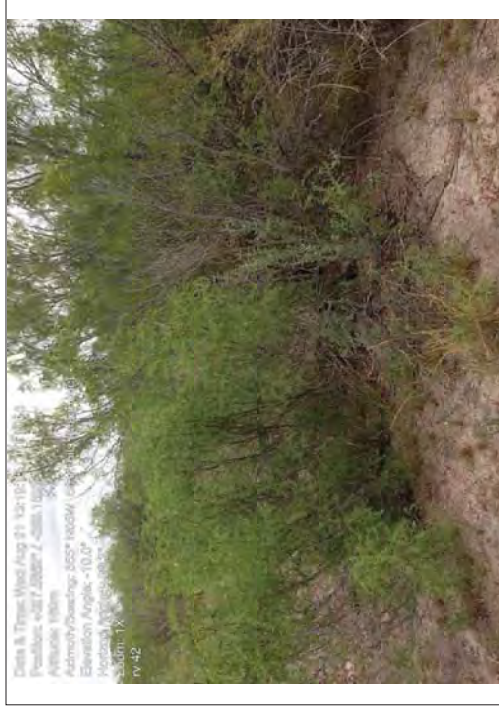
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**Direction**  
West

**Location**  
RV41

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10-15%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
162

**Direction**  
North

**Location**  
RV42

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-11 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage



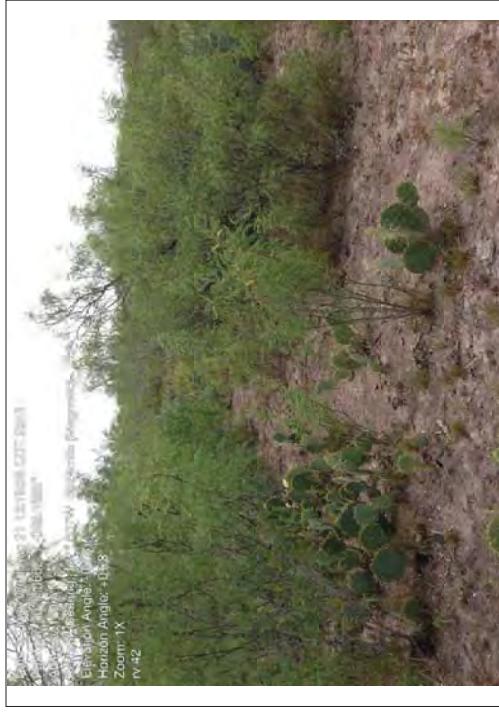
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**Direction**  
East

**Location**  
RV42

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-11 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
164

**Direction**  
South

**Location**  
RV42

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-11 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
165

**Direction**  
West

**Location**  
RV42

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 15%  
Vegetation HT = 4-11 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
166

**Direction**  
North

**Location**  
RV43

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 8-12 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite, roadrunner



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
167

**Direction**  
East

**Location**  
RV43

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 8-12 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite, roadrunner



**Date Taken**  
August 21, 2013

**Photo #**  
168

**Direction**  
South

**Location**  
RV43

**Description**  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 8-12 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite, roadrunner





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
West

Location  
RV43

Photo #  
169

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 8-12 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite,  
roadrunner



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
North

Location  
RV44

Photo #  
170

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-7 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

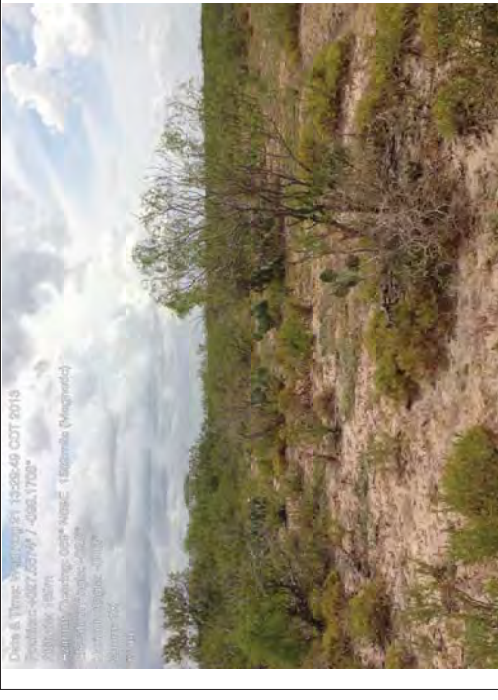
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Direction  
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Location  
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Photo #  
171

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-7 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Direction  
South

Location  
RV44

Photo #  
172

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%  
Vegetation HT = 4-7 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
173

Direction  
West

Location  
RV44

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 10%

Vegetation HT = 4-7 feet

Species Observed = mesquite



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
175

Direction  
East

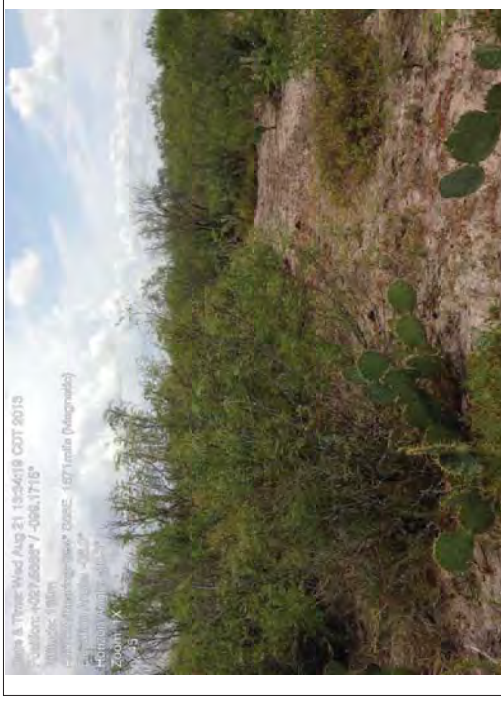
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RV45

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-10%

Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet

Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
174

Direction  
North

Location  
RV45

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-10%

Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet

Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
176

Direction  
South

Location  
RV45

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-10%

Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet

Species Observed = mesquite







## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
177

Direction  
West

Location  
RV45

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 5-10%  
Vegetation HT = 3-8 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
178

Direction  
North

Location  
RV46

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-2%  
Vegetation HT = 1-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite, cactus



## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
179

Direction  
East

Location  
RV46

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-2%  
Vegetation HT = 1-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite, cactus



Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
180

Direction  
South

Location  
RV46

Description  
Scrub Shrub Cover = 0-2%  
Vegetation HT = 1-4 feet  
Species Observed = mesquite, cactus





## Rancho Viejo - Additional FEMA Acreage

Date Taken  
August 21, 2013

Photo #  
181

Direction  
West

Location  
RV46

### Description

Scrub Shrub Cover = 0.2%

Vegetation HT = 1-4 feet

Species Observed = mesquite,  
cactus



## **Appendix J**

### **Supporting Models and Shapefiles**





Issue:

***“Our detailed review revealed that the base (1-percent-annual-chance) water-surface elevations (WSELs) increased greater than 1.0 foot when compared to the existing and proposed conditions as a result of the project along Unnamed Tributaries to San Juanito Creek. Therefore, please provide the following evidence that the project meets the requirements of Paragraph 65.12(a) of the National Flood Insurance Program regulations as stated below.***

- a. An evaluation of alternatives that would not result in an increase in base flood WSELs of more than 1.0 foot and an explanation why these alternatives are not feasible.”***

In response, the following is offered:

The proposed project, Pescadito Environmental Resource Center (PERC), will be a comprehensive facility for the management of materials discarded by society. This type of facility will go beyond traditional landfill disposal in the management of solid wastes, green waste, electronic waste and recyclables are an essential component of society’s infrastructure.

The location chosen for this project was identified as being naturally suitable for a solid waste disposal site in 1977 (*Land Resources of Texas*; R.S Kier, L.E. Garner and L.F. Brown, Jr.; The Bureau of Economic Geology; 1977). The soils are primarily clay and are highly saline. Usable groundwater resources are extremely deep (>1,000 feet) and any near surface groundwater is highly saline, making it a low priority for development. Although oil and gas reserves are developed in the area, at the proposed site, none have been determined to be economically feasible. The design, however, has taken this into consideration and will allow for its development in the future should economics change.

The existing topography in the area is extremely flat, resulting in an extremely wide, and shallow, floodplain and the existing stock tanks do very little to attenuate the flooding. Construction of the project will impact a named reservoir, Burrito Tank, and possibly several smaller stock tanks. All affected reservoirs are owned by the applicant, Rancho Viejo Waste Management, LLC, or by its parent, Rancho Viejo Cattle Company, Ltd. In order to approximate effects of the tanks, storage and discharge relationships were developed and utilized for simulation of the pre- project conditions in the CLOMR analysis. Therefore, all existing features were included in the pre-project conditions analysis. It should be noted that, after reviewing the delineation of the FEMA floodplain with respect to the existing tanks, the tanks will likely not have any significant attenuation effect on the peak discharge. The 100-year flood is so

broad in the vicinity of the tanks it appears there is sufficient area to carry the flows which will bypass the tanks' zones of impact.

The proposed landfill is located in an ideal location considering soil, groundwater, land use, and oil and gas activities (past, present, and future). No other location is equally plausible as it is impossible to find an area of appropriate size in Eastern Webb County that does not have floodplain issues due to the prevailing flat topography and rapid runoff soil conditions. The site is located at the top of the Rio Grande watershed area, resulting in a minimum amount of impacts, such as:

- less rainfall runoff;
- less 100-year flood volume to be managed;
- less impact to well-developed riparian corridors;
- impact to fewer existing water features;
- fewer jurisdictional wetlands to contend with, and;
- fewer and much smaller bridge or other structures for crossing drainage features.

See attached annotated Figures 1 – 3.

- Figure 1 – General Topographic Map showing facility boundary and River Basin limits just to the north
- Figure 2 – Existing Drainage Basin map from CLOMR submittal
- Figure 3 – River Basins from Rancho Viejo Jurisdictional Waters Report

Further, extensive surveys of the property have determined there to be a lack of wetlands or threatened and endangered species in the area which further reinforces this site as a preferred alternative. The applicant endeavored to find an upland location that was reasonably close to the headwater conditions to minimize any impacts to floodplains and/or wetlands. The proposed location meets those criteria.

The following alternatives could be implemented that would result in less than a 1.0-foot increase in base fold elevation have been evaluated against the currently proposed alternative.

- Over-excavation of West Detention Basin and increase in downstream channel width
- Multiple upstream detention basins
- Channelization without storage
- Relocate project to alternate location in eastern Webb County

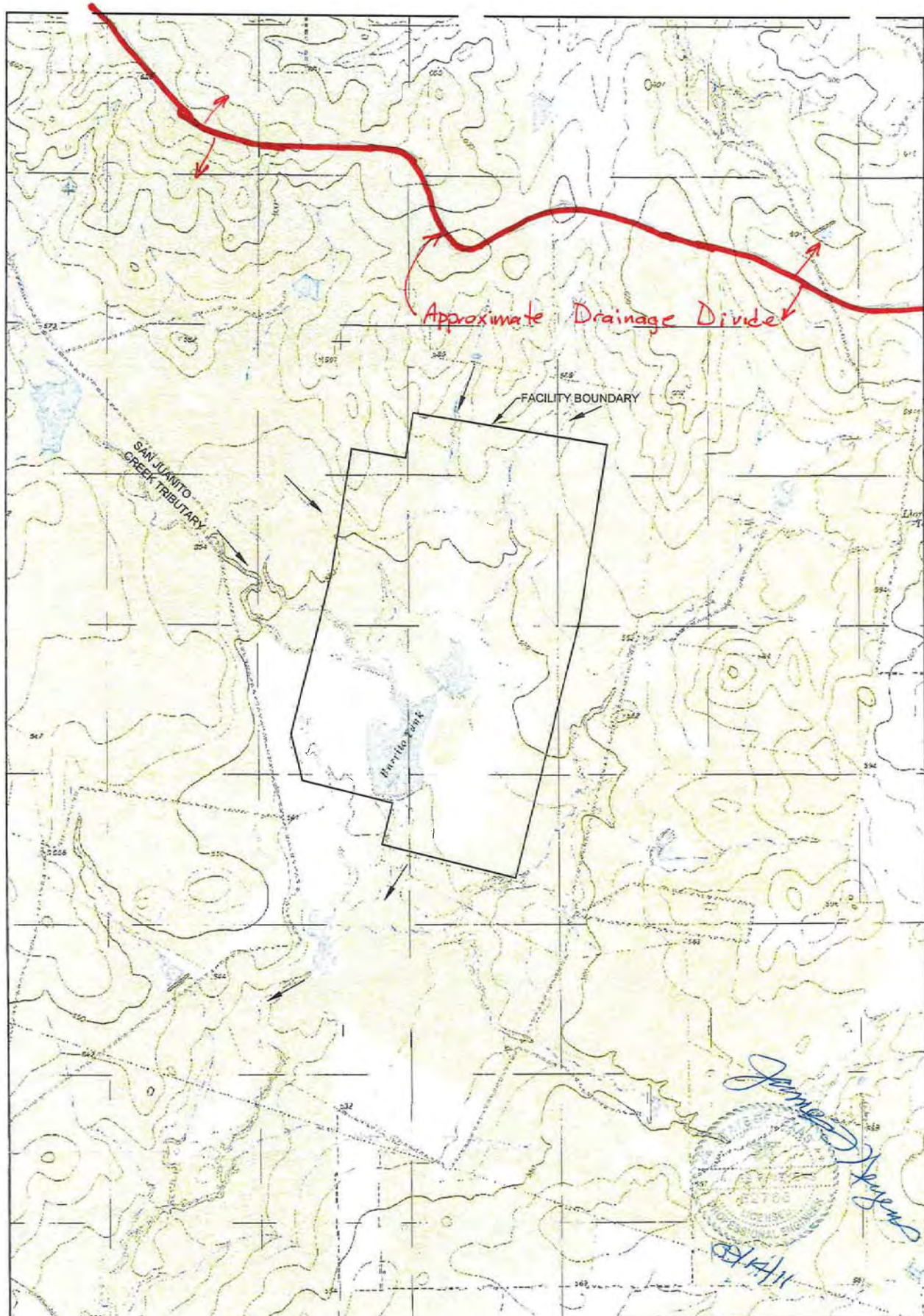
The following table outlines the potential alternatives along with the positive and negative implications of each.

Alternative	Pros	Cons
currently proposed CLOMR design	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minimal impact to endangered &amp; threatened species.</li> <li>2. No impact to any jurisdictional wetlands.</li> <li>3. Minimal impact to present/future oil &amp; gas recovery.</li> <li>4. Base flood elevation increase behind new west detention pond dam and immediately downstream, is on property owned by applicant, or its parent company.</li> <li>5. About as high in the Rio Grande watershed as practically possible – minimal 100-year flood volume for management.</li> <li>6. No increase in discharge or base flood elevation downstream of the project, i.e., off-site.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Upstream and downstream base flood elevation increase associated with west detention pond and channel but only occur within the applicant's controlled property</li> </ol>
Same layout as currently proposed CLOMR but with excavated west detention pond and increased downstream channel width to maintain less than 1-foot increase in base flood elevation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No impact to any jurisdictional wetlands.</li> <li>2. Minimal impact to present/future oil &amp; gas recovery.</li> <li>3. About as high in the watershed as practically possible – minimal 100-year flood volume for management.</li> <li>4. No increase in discharge or base flood elevation downstream of the project, i.e., off-site.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Significant excavation cost.</li> <li>2. Will require large pump station + O&amp;M cost to maintain detention capability which will have other environmental impacts such as increased carbon footprint due to the operation of the pump.</li> <li>3. Disposal of excavated soil is potential problem.</li> <li>4. Potential for some impact to endangered &amp; threatened species, i.e. riparian area into west pond (San Juanito Creek Tributary).</li> </ol>
Same layout as currently proposed CLOMR but with multiple detention ponds upstream and increased downstream channel width to maintain less than 1-foot increase in base flood elevation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No increase in base flood elevation.</li> <li>2. About as high in the watershed as practically possible – minimal 100-year flood volume for management.</li> <li>3. No increase in discharge or base flood elevation downstream of the project, i.e., off-site.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase in total area of required improvements on both San Juanito Creek Tributary and Trib 2 to San Juanito Creek Tributary.</li> <li>2. Potential for some impact to endangered &amp; threatened species.</li> <li>3. Potential for some impact to wetlands.</li> <li>4. Significant excavation costs and associated environmental impacts due to increased excavation quantities.</li> </ol>
Increased width and improvements to channel with no detention basins	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. None apparent.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Potential downstream (off-site) increase in base flood elevation and run-off velocities.</li> <li>2. Significant costs for flow improvements to channel.</li> </ol>

Alternative	Pros	Cons
Move project to a different location or watershed in Eastern Webb County	1. None apparent.	1. Difficult to find an area of appropriate size in Eastern Webb County that does not have similar floodplain issues due to the prevailing flat topography and rapid runoff soil conditions. 2. Negates detailed siting study. 3. Possible wetlands and endangered & threatened species issues with other sites.

In summary, the available alternatives do not result in desired improvements to flood conditions and the only practical solution has been proposed. Please note that the cross-sectional areas that show an increase greater than one foot are within the project area that is being developed; therefore an accurate comparison between pre and post conditions are difficult because the channel geometries are different. In both upstream and downstream areas of the proposed project where the cross-section areas are the same for both pre and post conditions, the increase in water surface elevations are less than 1 foot and in most cases show a decrease for post developed conditions.





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 TBPE Firm F-5650

NOTES:

1. FLOW DIRECTION INDICATED BY ARROWS.
2. NO NAMED STREAMS SHOWN ON MAP.



SCALE IN FEET  
 1" = 2000'

SOURCE

U.S.G.S. 7.5-MINUTE SERIES TOPOGRAPHIC MAP, BURRITO TANK  
 (1980), TEXAS.

Figure 1

REV. 1 9/14/11 ADDED STREAM INFORMATION			
GENERAL TOPOGRAPHIC MAP			
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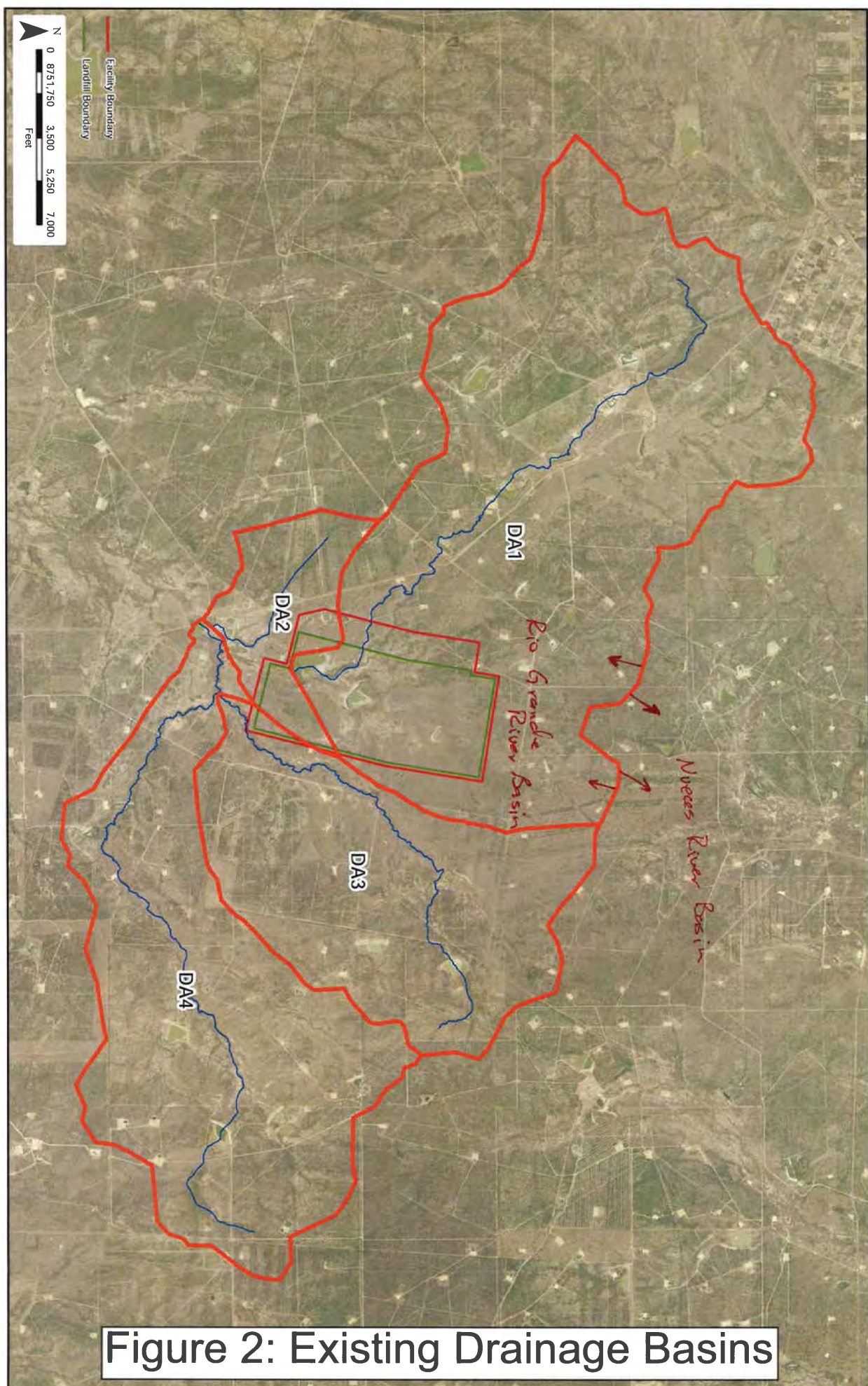
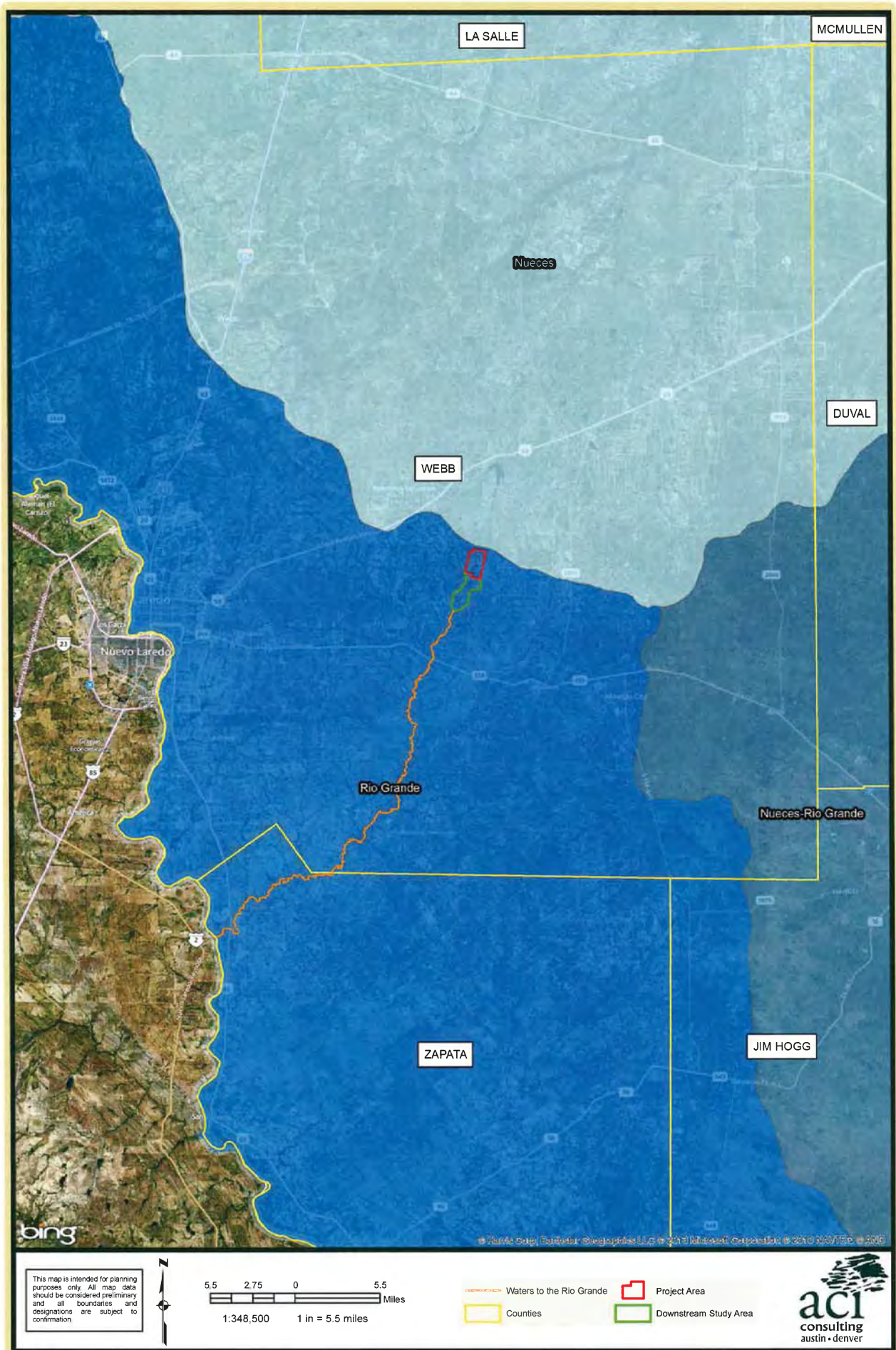


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Figure 3: River Basins

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