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I. Introduction

On February 21, 2017, the Hearing Officers issued a Ruling on Evidentiary Objections ("Ruling") containing determinations on well over one hundred objections to evidence submitted in Part IB of the California Water Fix Petition Hearings. In the Ruling, the Hearing Officers excluded the following exhibits submitted by Local Agencies of the North Delta ("LAND"): LAND-3, LAND-4, LAND-5, LAND-6, LAND-7, LAND-57, LAND-58, LAND-59 and LAND-60.¹ (Attached collectively hereto as Exhibit 1 for ease of reference.) These exhibits were excluded because they purportedly "do not identify the source of information depicted, and neither exhibits themselves nor any of LAND's witnesses explained how the exhibits were prepared or by whom." (Ruling, p. 34.)

LAND believes exclusion of these exhibits may be an oversight resulting from the sheer volume of evidentiary objections the Officers were forced to rule on in an abbreviated period of time. As explained herein, these documents were improperly excluded, the documents have properly been authenticated, and the documents are otherwise admissible. (See Exhibit 2, Summary of Testimony Supporting Excluded LAND Exhibits.) This Motion for Reconsideration references and explains the materials that fully support the admission of these exhibits, especially under the relaxed standard that governs administrative adjudications. (Gov. Code, § 11513.)

II. Factual Background

As part of its California Water Fix Case in Chief, LAND submitted a number of evidentiary exhibits, including expert and lay testimony, maps of the areas being testified about, and other materials relied upon by expert witnesses. On September 21, 2016, the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority ("SLDMWA") filed dozens of objections to these exhibits, arguing that they were hearsay,

This Motion for Reconsideration does not request reconsideration of the Ruling's conclusions regarding LAND-51 through LAND-55. Incorporation by reference of the protestants' water rights on file with the SWRCB was requested simply to demonstrate that the protestants have underlying water rights. Admission of these exhibits, however, is not necessary since "[a]ny person may protest" the filing of a petition for a change in diversion. (Wat. Code, § 1102.1.)

irrelevant, lacked foundation, or were otherwise inadmissible.² LAND responded to both sets 1 of Objections on November 2, 2016, outlining the admissibility of each exhibit.³ On November 2 3 4, 2016, the Hearing Officers provided an oral ruling on the objections at issue. ⁴ At that time, the Hearing officers ruled to sustain objections to LAND's attempt to authenticate figures 4 5 through witness authentication, and struck the supporting declaration of LAND's counsel. DWR and SLDMWA filed additional and renewed Objections on December 30, 2016.5 On 6 7 January 6, 2017, LAND responded to these additional Objections, arguing that the exhibits 8 were admissible under the relevant standard provided by Government Code section 11513, 9 and that any remaining questions regarding the reliability of the documents went to the weight to be given to the documents, not their admissibility. 6 The Ruling that is the subject matter of 10 this Motion for Reconsideration followed on February 21, 2017. 11

> III. Argument

LAND-3 through LAND-7 are Admissible Evidence Α.

The Ruling excluded LAND-3 through LAND-7 on the basis that they "do not identify the source of the information depicted, and neither the exhibits themselves nor any of LAND's witnesses explained how the exhibits were prepared or by whom." (Ruling, p. 34.) These documents, however, are based on documents generated from DWR, the Delta Habitat

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http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/california_waterfi x/opening_statements/objections_part_1b/20160921_dwr_obj_land.pdf; SLDMWA Objections available at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/california_waterfi x/opening statements/objections part 1b/20160921 sldmwa obj.pdf.

See LAND et al.'s November 2016 Response to Objections, available at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/california_waterfi x/opening_statements/docs/20161102_land_resp.pdf.

See November 4, 2016 Transcript, 4:8-25, available at:

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Conservation and Conveyance Plan, and other agency documents. All of the maps include text explaining that they were prepared by BSK Associates using Arcmap 10.4 software and relied on the ESRI World Imagery basemap, and each has additional indicia of reliability supporting its admission.

LAND-3 and LAND-4 state in the map legend that they are adapted from materials in the 2015 Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The figures also depict the same information regarding the proposed Change Petition as several admitted DWR exhibits. LAND-3 and LAND-4 show essentially the same area as DWR-2, slide 10, adding the location of LAND districts in relationship to the Project's features. This is verified by reference to Exhibit B to the LAND Protest, which the Hearing Officers admitted as LAND-62, which lists all LAND member districts and provides a map of water diversion points within the LAND geographic area. LAND-5, LAND-6, and LAND-7 depict the same underlying geography and proposed project components as seen in DWR-2, slides 23-25. The protestants' diversions depicted on these slides that will be destroyed by the Delta Tunnels intake facilities are also listed in LAND-62, Exhibit B. Thus, admitted evidence establishes and corroborates the reliability of these exhibits.

LAND also presented witness testimony establishing the accuracy and reliability of each figure. Expert witness Josef Tootle testified that LAND-3, LAND-4, and LAND-5 are the type of diagrams that he would ordinarily see in his work and rely upon in making assessments. (See Exhibit 2, Summary of Testimony Supporting Excluded LAND Exhibits, Nov. 10, 2016, 82:9-83:5.) He also expressed expert opinion that the documents provide a general idea of the wells located in the area, and that if wells were omitted from the map, it is because the figures were not intended to show all wells in the vicinity. (Ibid.) Brad Lange testified that LAND-6 identifies both the diversions on his property and the prospective placement of the tunnels. (See Exhibit 2, Nov. 3, 2016, 126:17-128:4.) Richard Elliot also testified during both direct and cross examination that LAND-7 depicts his water rights. (Exhibit 2, Nov. 10, 2016, 55:4-21, 156:5-14, 195:16-21.) If DWR believed that despite this support, the maps and figures were inaccurate and required correction, DWR had every opportunity to raise those objections

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during cross examination of the LAND witnesses; yet DWR never did so during any part of the Part IB proceedings.⁷ Similarly, no specific errors in the exhibits were identified in the objections filed by DWR. These exhibits have sufficient foundation and indicia of reliability to properly be admitted. (See generally Gov. Code, § 11513, subd. (c).)

B. LAND-57 through LAND-60 are Admissible Evidence

The Ruling excluded LAND-57 through LAND-60 for the same reasons it excluded LAND-3 through LAND-7, stating that neither LAND nor its witnesses had produced information identifying the source of the information depicted by the figures. (Ruling, p. 34.) But, as with the earlier exhibits, DWR never challenged the accuracy of any of the figures, LAND witnesses have provided testimony supporting each figure's accuracy, and each figure depicts information similar to that contained in other admitted exhibits. Foundational support for each document is summarized below and in Exhibit 2.

LAND-57, a map showing the private properties necessary for Tunnels intakes, was obtained from a Public Records Act Request to the Metropolitan Water District, and was prepared as part of the Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Process. The exhibit states on its face that it was prepared from the DWR Petition. DWR-1, slide 24 depicts the very same area; LAND-57 merely includes APN numbers. In addition, Richard Elliot identified his property under proposed Delta Tunnel Intake number 3 on LAND-57. (Exhibit 2, Nov. 10, 2016, 59:23-60:22, 72:2-9.)

LAND-58 also states in the legend that it was adapted from the 2015 Bay Delta Conservation Plan and is based on a preliminary survey of available information regarding well locations and depths in the vicinity of the proposed Tunnels. Expert witness Josef Tootle corroborated LAND-58's accuracy, identifying it as a true and correct copy of a document upon

See Transcript of November 4, 2016 Water Fix Hearing, available at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/california_waterfix/docs/transcripts/20161104_transcripts/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/california_waterfix/docs/transcripts/20161110_transcript.pdf (same). For instance, if one of the LAND figures depicted a proposed intake in the wrong location, one would expect that DWR would have objected on that basis.

which his opinion was based. (Exhibit 2, Nov 10, 2016, 79:17-24.) Russell Van Lobel Sels also explained that he is personally familiar with all except one of the wells depicted in LAND-58. (Exhibit 2, Nov. 10, 2016, 113:8-115:10.) Richard Elliot also testified that LAND-58 depicts land that includes his property and wells. (Exhibit 2, Nov. 10, 2016, 62:12-63:17.) Further, LAND-58 also depicts the same area shown in DWR-1, slides 23-25. LAND laid an adequate foundation for this document, and it should therefore be admitted into evidence.

LAND also identified the source of the information depicted in LAND-59, a map of San Joaquin County Wells in the vicinity of the Tunnels, in its Response to Objections dated November 2, 2016. As explained by Josef Tootle, this document was produced based on data from the San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department. The well locations were generated based on either the Assessor's Parcel Number or longitude and latitude values provided to the County, as well as conversations with well users. (Exhibit 2, Nov. 10, 2016, 80:19-81:19, 133:2-136:7, 228:5-229:11.) The face of the document also indicates that the map upon which the probable well locations were placed was the Conceptual Engineering Report admitted as LAND-65.

LAND-60 was prepared with documents and information provided by Russel Van Loben Sels, a farmer and trustee of Reclamation District 744. It identifies the location of the Reclamation District 744 water delivery and drainage system under the footprint of proposed Delta Tunnels Intake number 2. (See also DWR-1, slides 23-25.) Those locations were then placed on the Tunnels basemap. Mr. Van Loben Sels explained that he assisted in creating LAND-60 and noted that it accurately depicts the Reclamation District 744 drainage system. (Exhibit 2, Nov. 10, 2016, 46:21-47:20.)

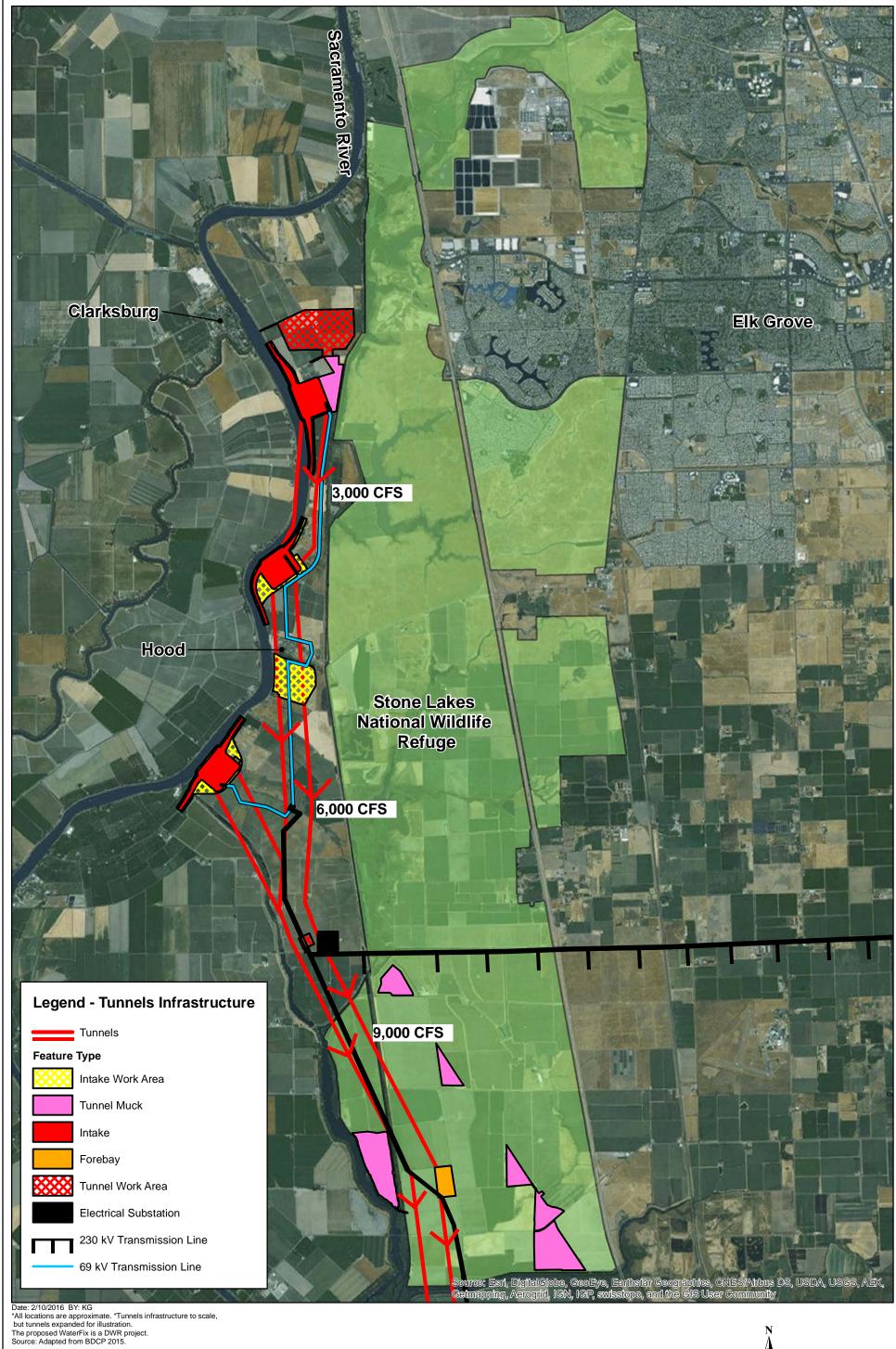
Neither DWR nor any other Hearing participant ever suggested that any of the excluded exhibits is unreliable, and LAND has adequately substantiated their accuracy. In a hearing where "[a]ny relevant evidence will be admitted if it is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs, regardless of the existence of any common law or statutory rule which might make improper the admission of the evidence

1	over objection in civil actions," these exhibits should be admitted. (Gov. Code, § 11513, subo		
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3	IV	. <u>Conclusion</u>	
4	All of the LAND exhibits discusse	ed herein have been adequately supported by LAND,	
5	either through evidence that the docume	ents are drawn from reliable, verifiable sources or	
6	through witness testimony confirming th	e accuracy of the figures, and often by both. LAND,	
7	Islands, Inc., and the San Joaquin Coun	ty Protestants respectfully request that the Hearing	
8	Officers reconsider their Ruling in light of	of this additional information, and admit exhibits LAND-	
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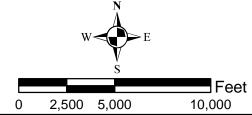
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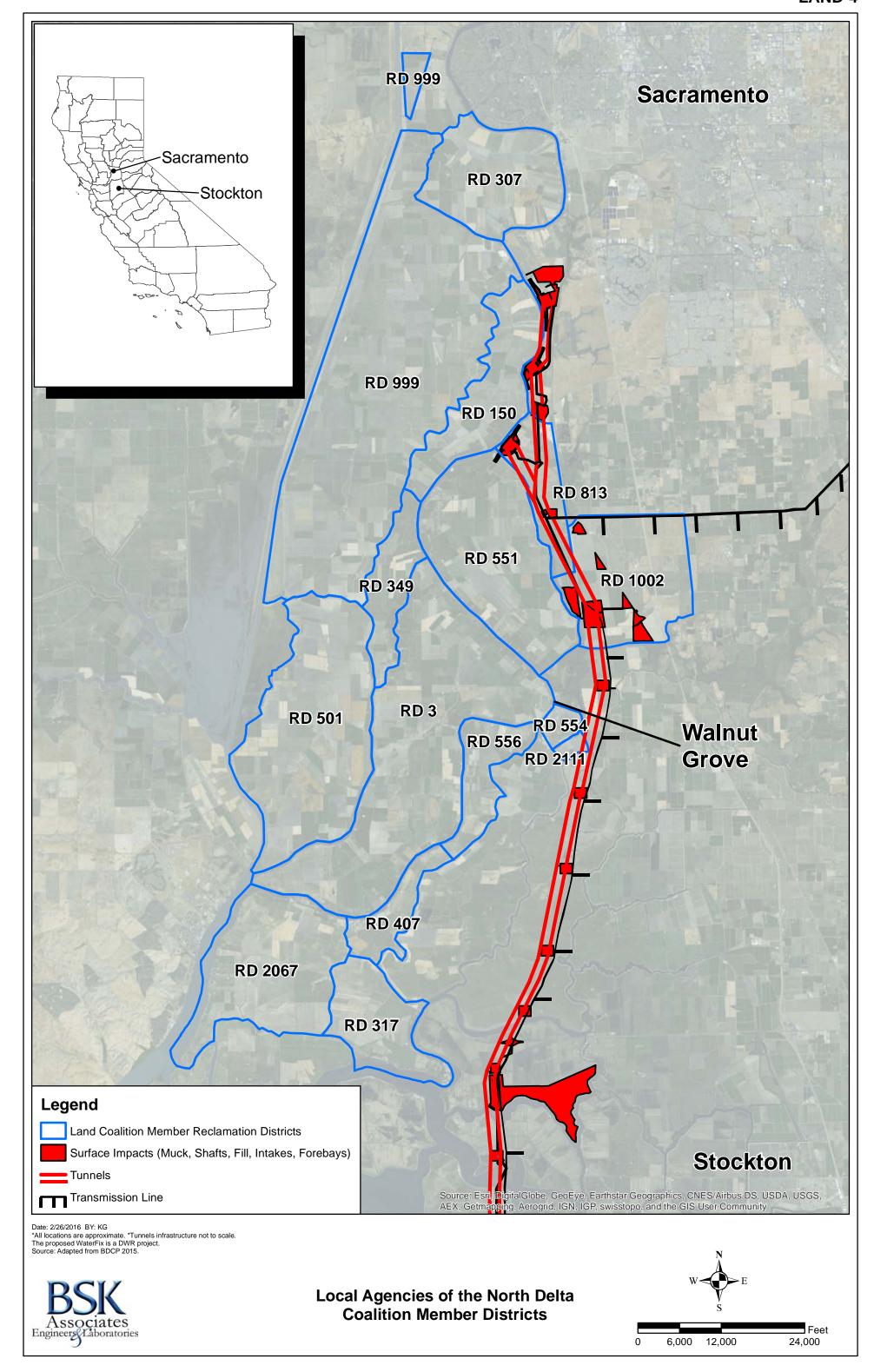
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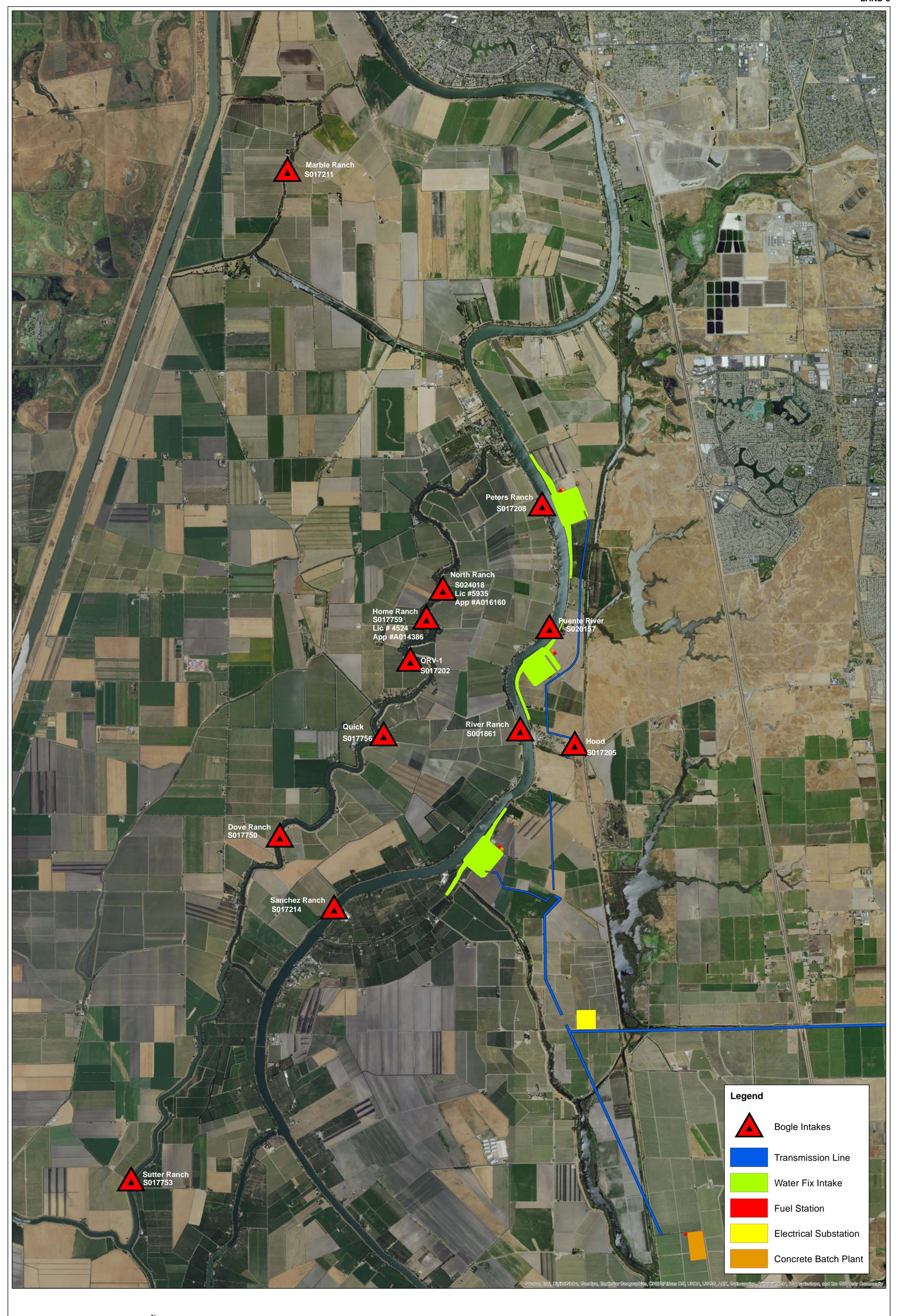
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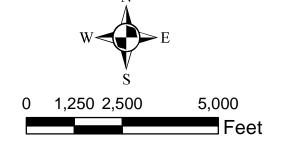
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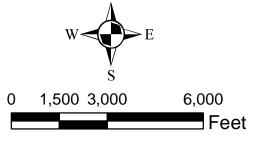




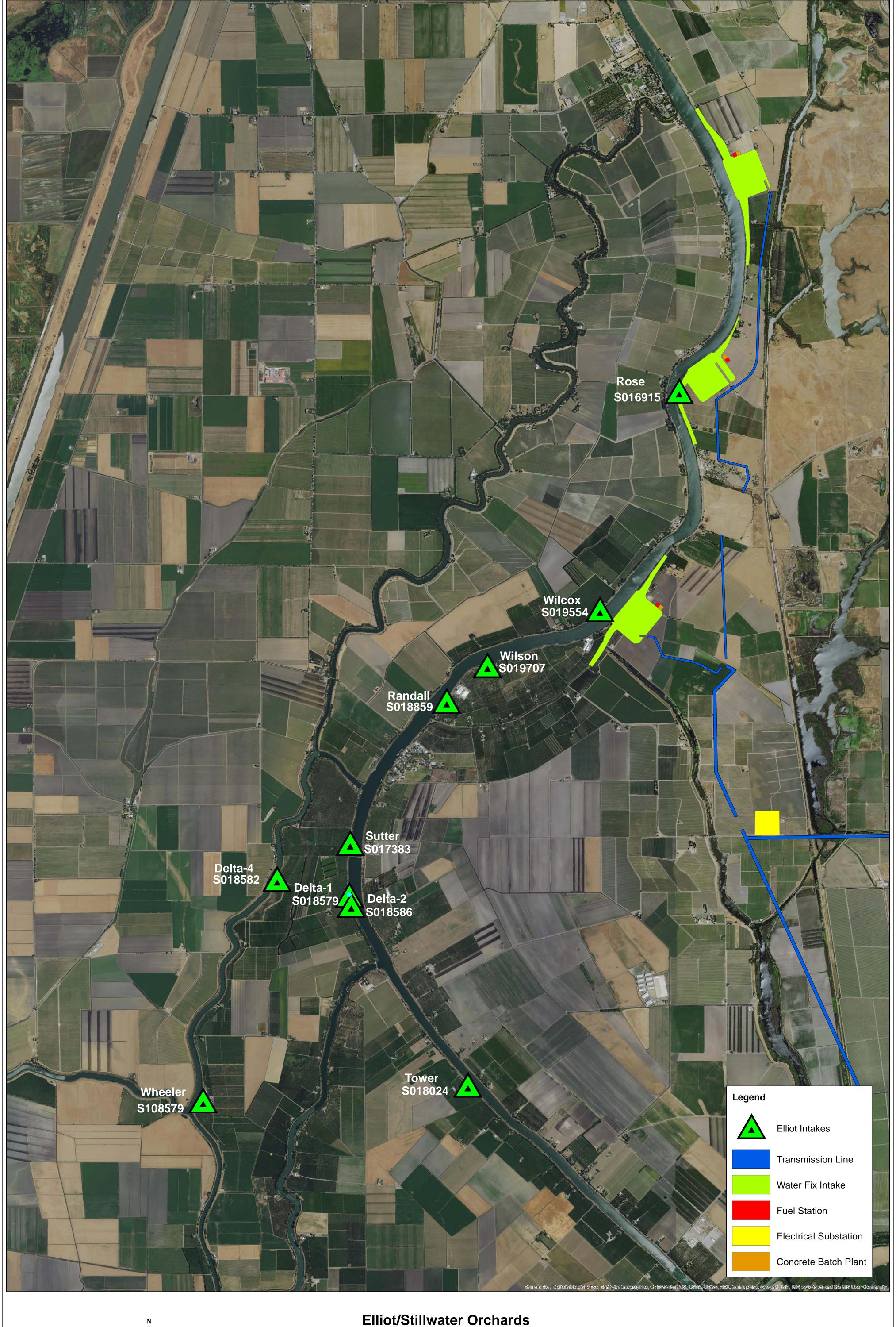




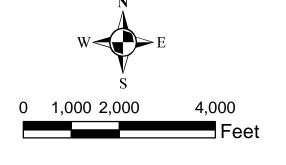


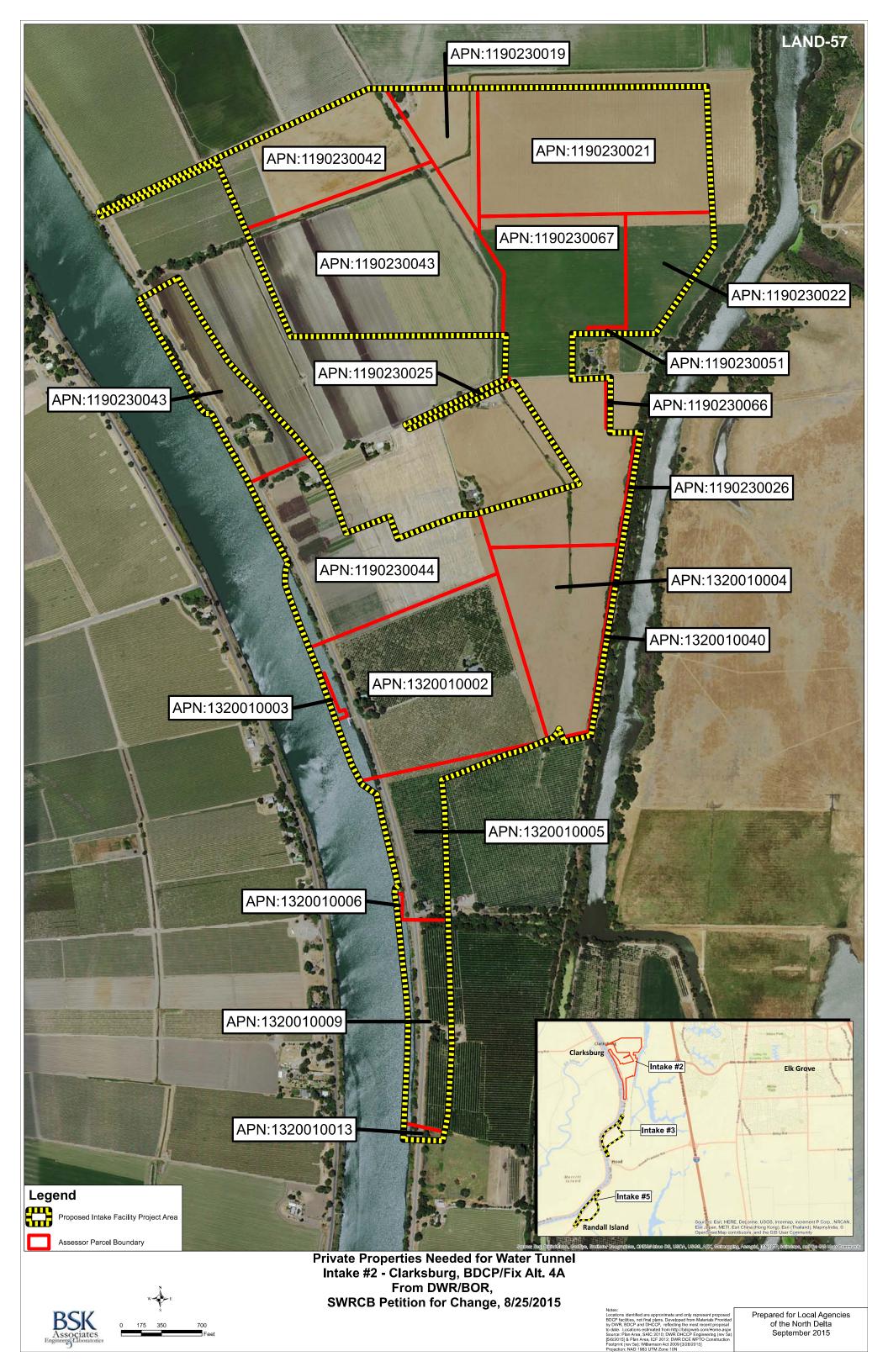


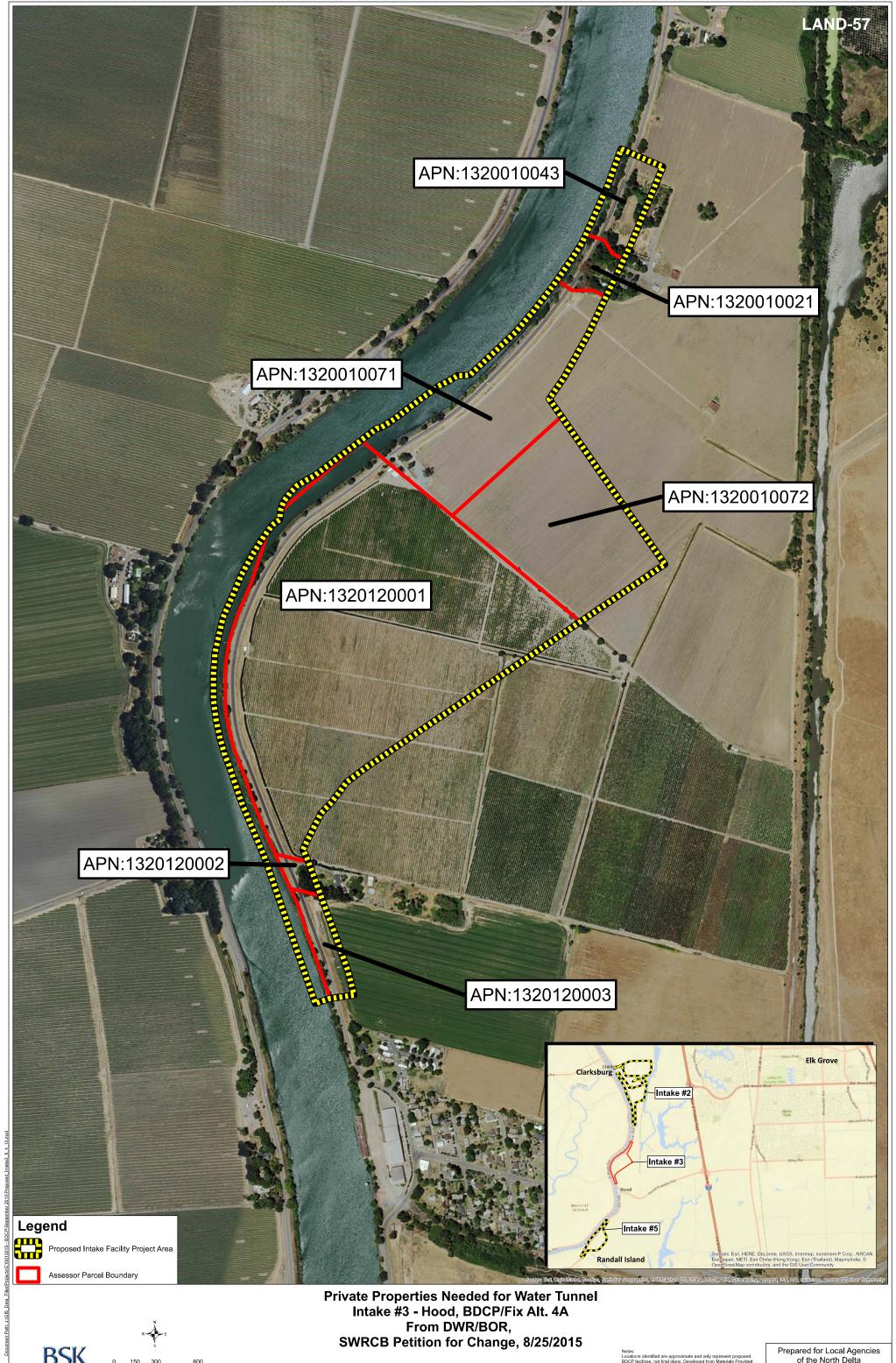
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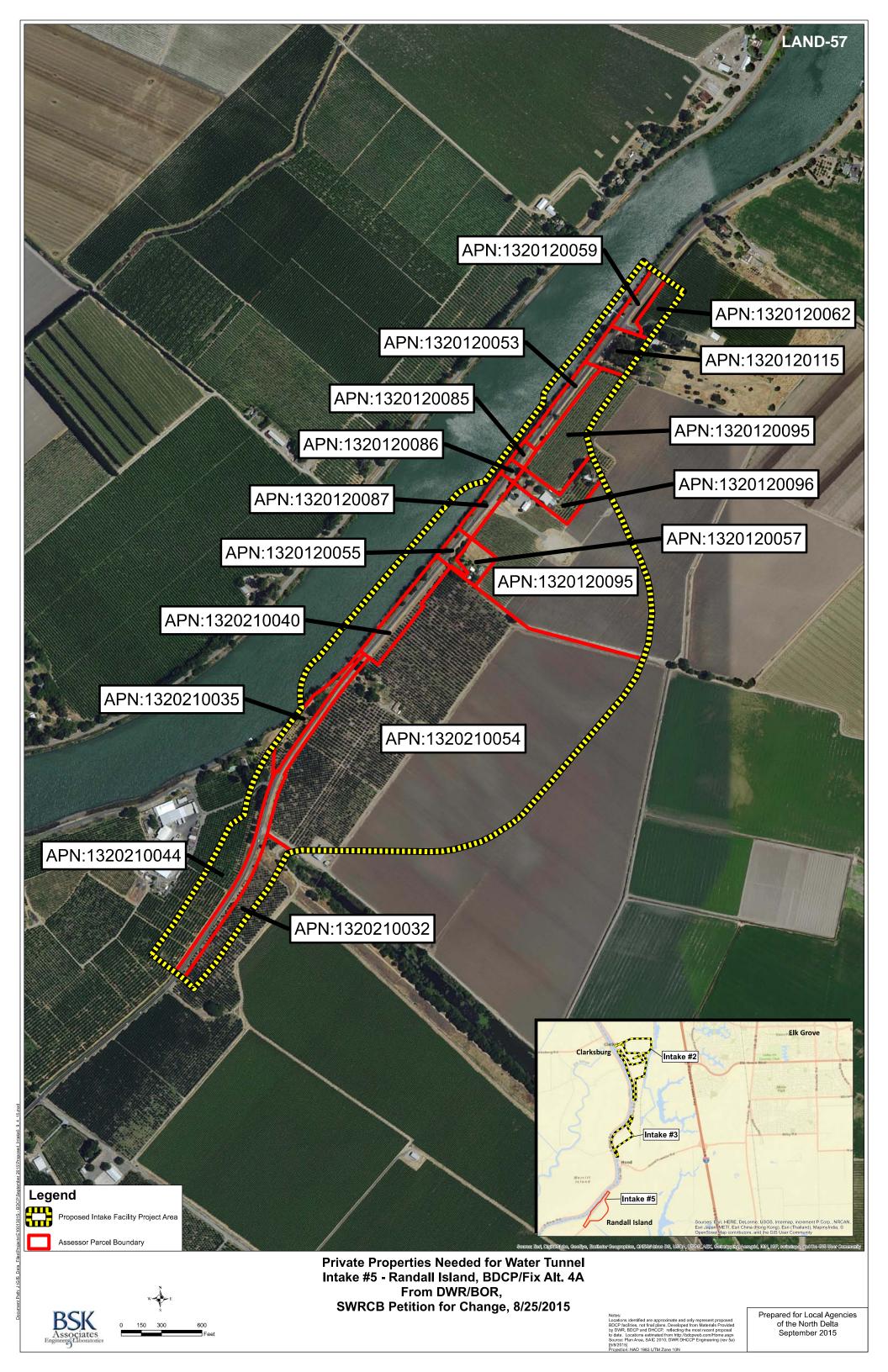


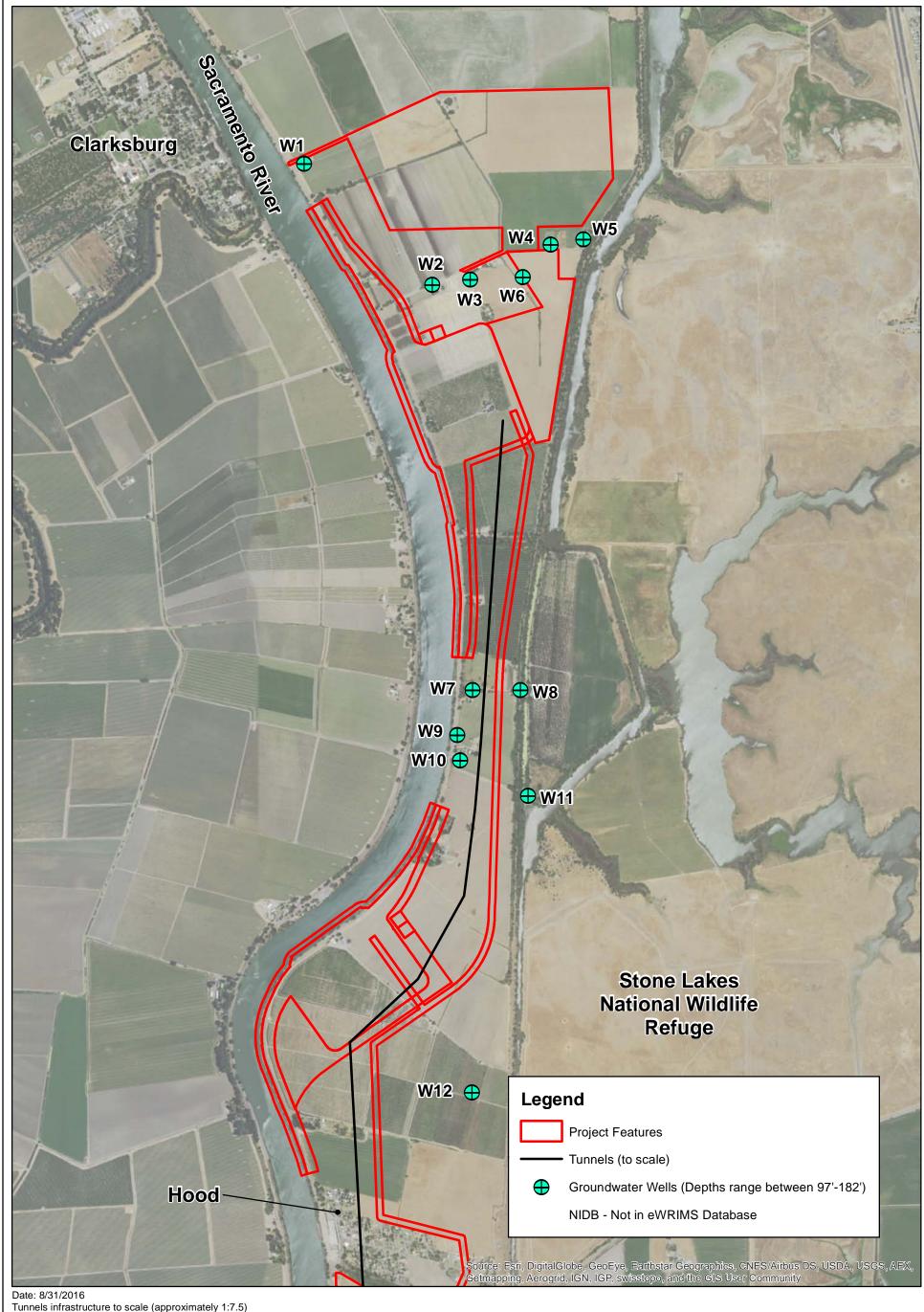








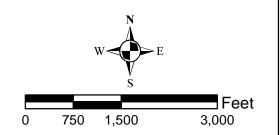


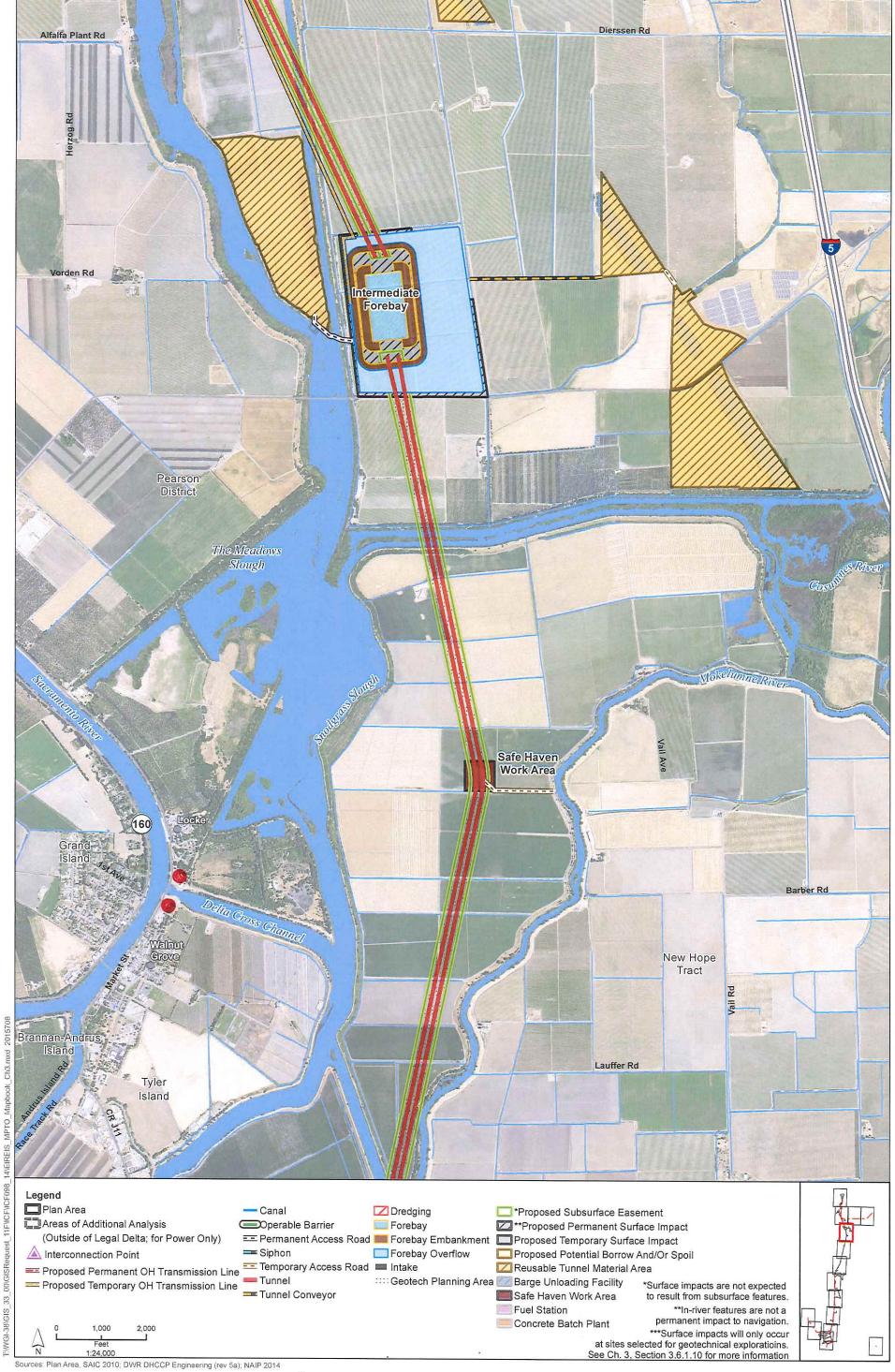


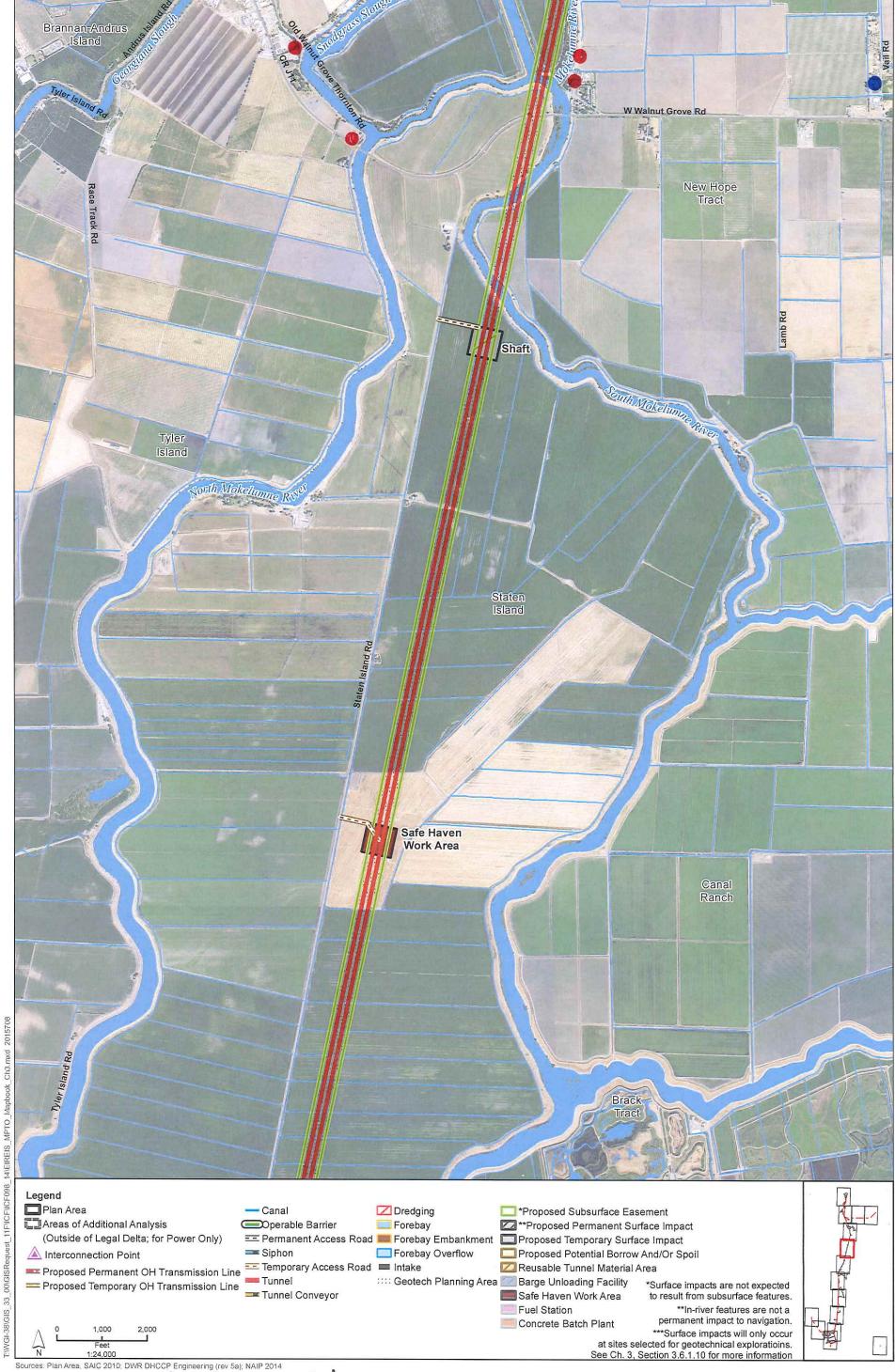
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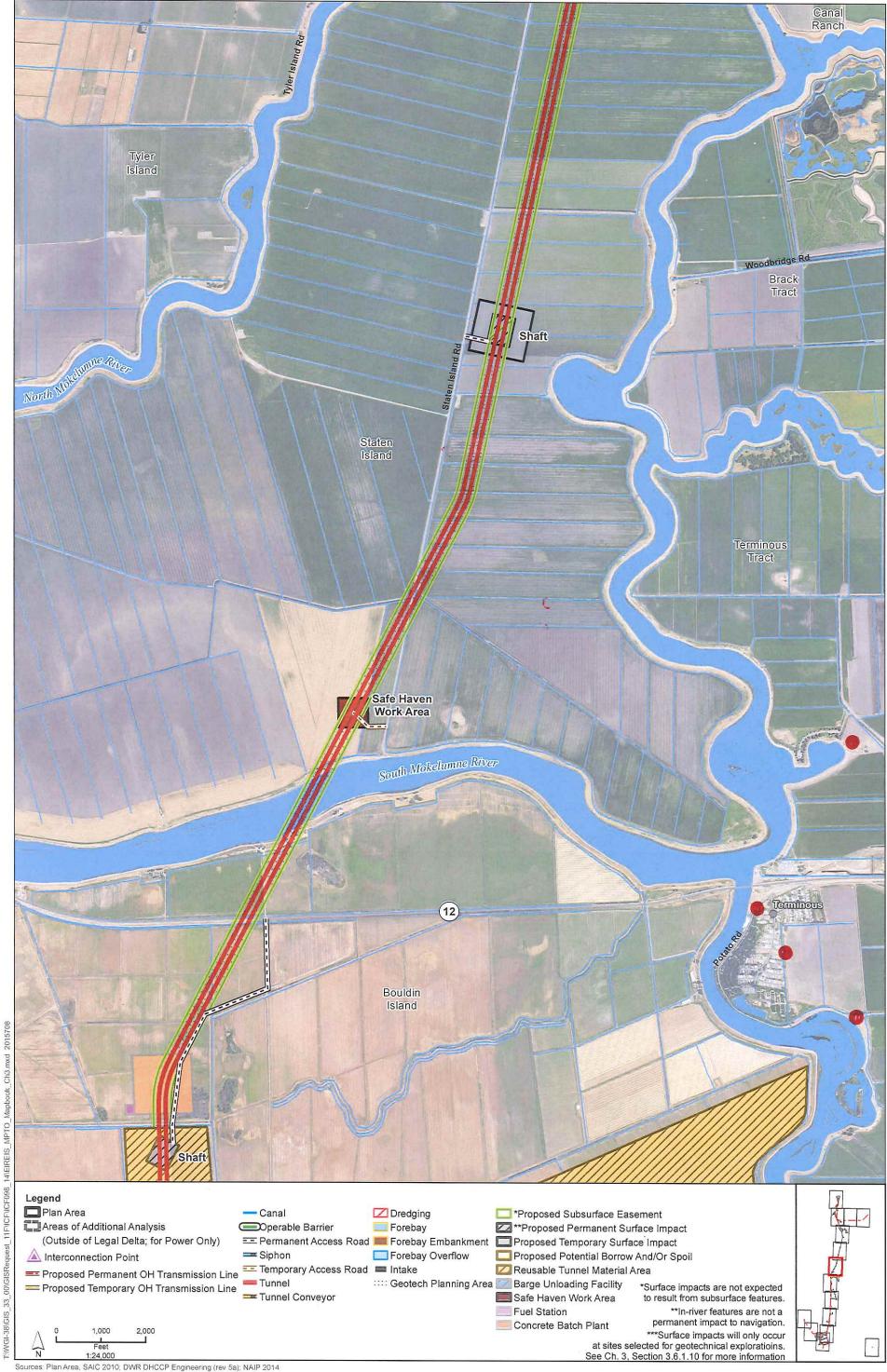


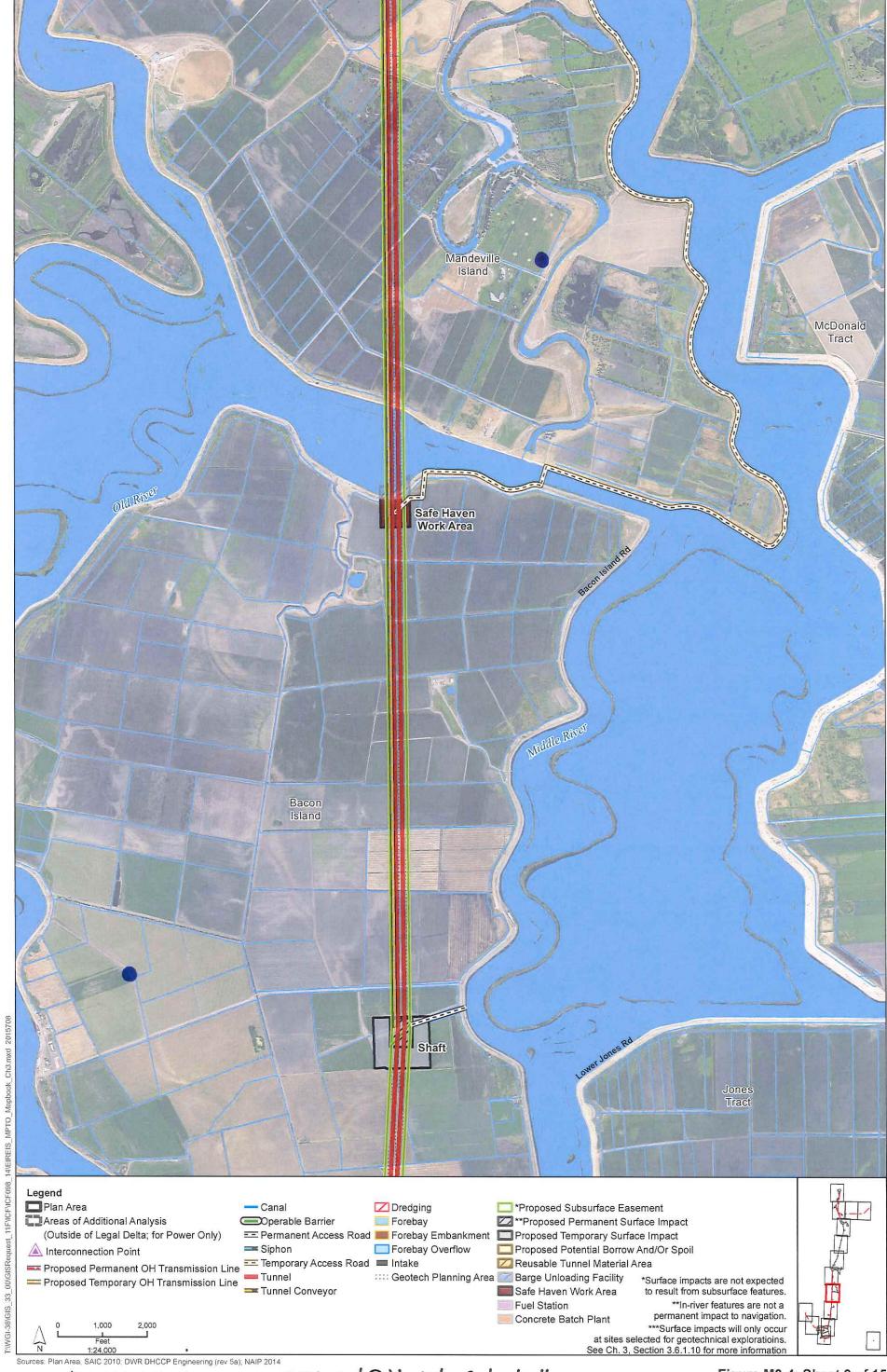
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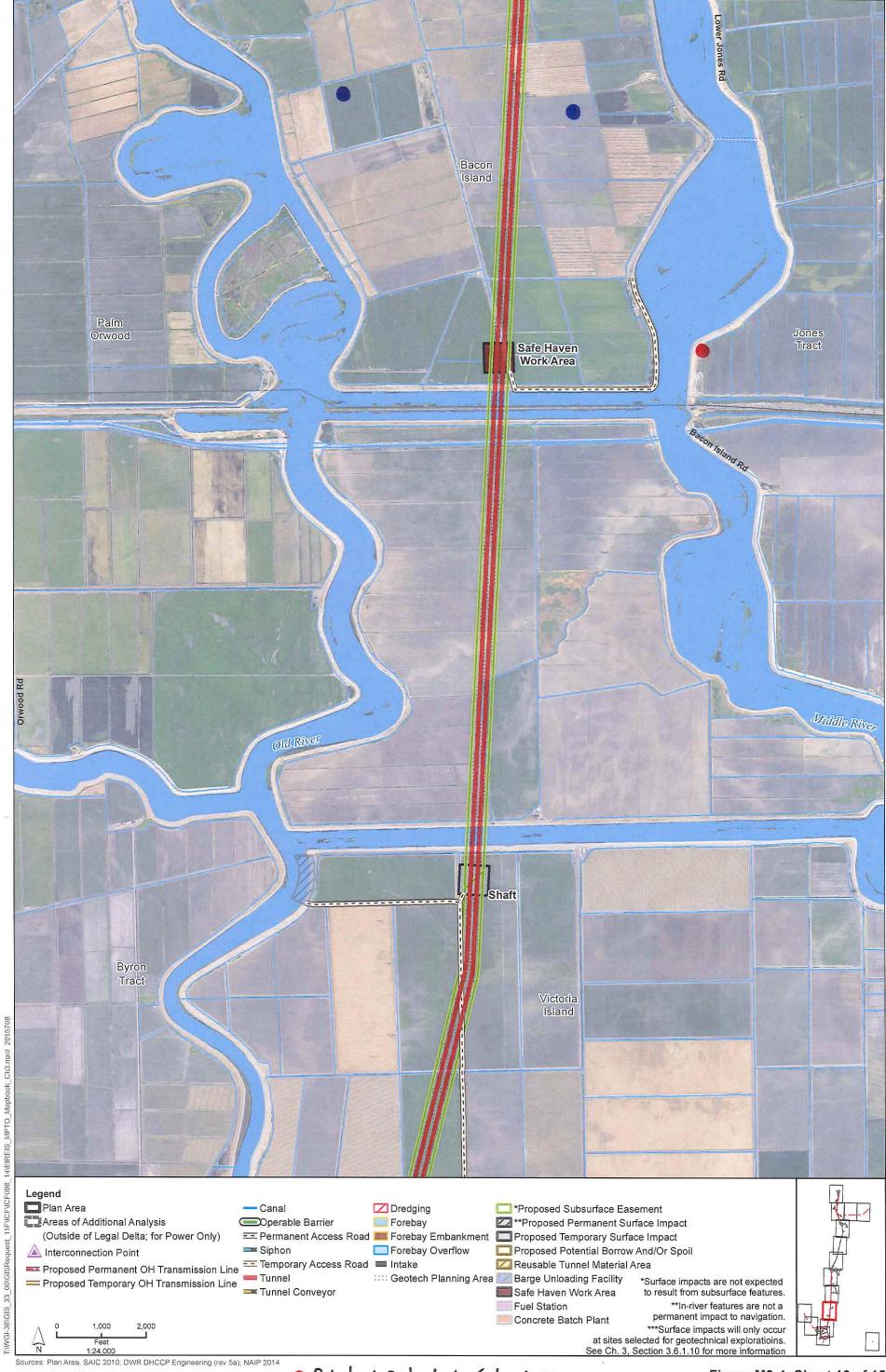










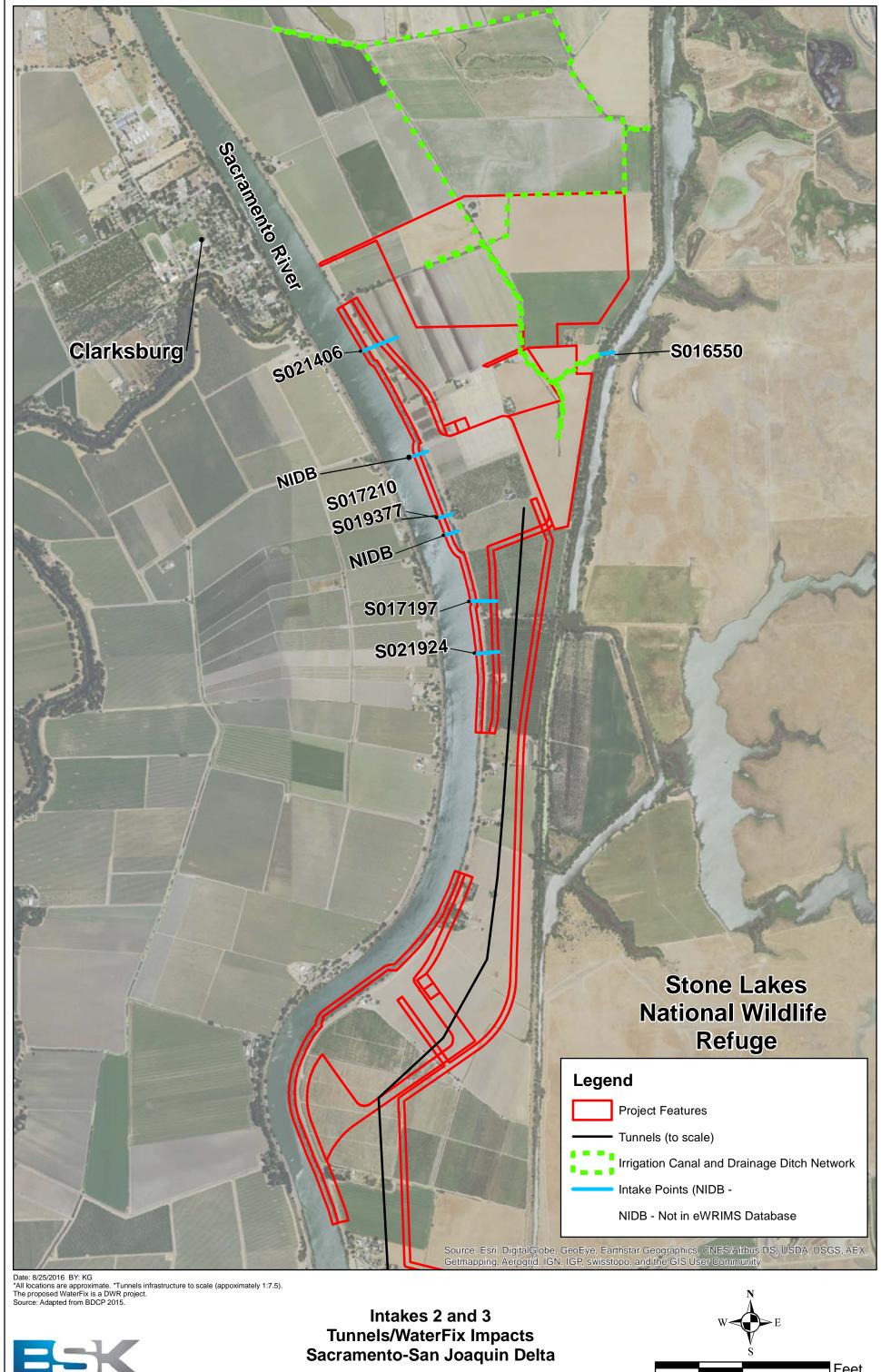




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· Potential Public Water System Well

Figure M3-4: Sheet 8 of 15 Modified Pipeline/Tunnel Alignment (Alternative 4)



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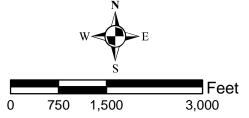


EXHIBIT 2

LAND Exhibit	Exhibit Description	Authenticating Testimony Location	Summary of Authenticating Testimony
LAND-3	Map – Intake Overview Figure	Direct Testimony of Mr. Tootle on Nov. 10, 2016 at pp. 82:9-83:5.	Mr. Tootle states that the exhibit is the type of diagram he would ordinarily see in his work and rely on in making assessments. He believes the exhibit showed a basic concept of the wells located in that area.
LAND-4	Map – LAND Coalition Member Districts	Direct Testimony of Mr. Tootle on Nov. 10, 2016 at pp. 82:9-83:5.	Mr. Tootle states that the exhibit is the type of diagram he would ordinarily see in his work and rely on in making assessments. He believes the exhibit showed a basic concept of the wells located in that area.
LAND-5	Map – Bogle Water Right Injuries from CWF Tunnels	Direct Testimony of Mr. Tootle on Nov. 10, 2016 at pp. 82:9-83:5.	Mr. Tootle states that the exhibit is the type of diagram he would ordinarily see in his work and rely on in making assessments. He believes the exhibit showed a basic concept of what could be there.
LAND-6	Map – LangeTwins Water Rights Injuries from CWF Tunnels	Direct Testimony of Daniel Lange on Nov. 3, 2016, pp. 126:17- 128:4.	Mr. Lange identifies the blue triangles as the locations of his diversions on Ryer Island, where he has farmed since 2001. He identifies the yellow markings as the proposed location of the tunnels.

LAND Exhibit	Exhibit Description	Authenticating Testimony Location	Summary of Authenticating Testimony
LAND-7	Map – Elliot/Stillwater Orchards Injuries from CWF Tunnels	Direct Testimony of Mr. Elliot on Nov. 10, 2016 at pp. 55:4 – 21.	Mr. Elliot identifies on the map the extent of his agricultural operation and the diversions on his property.
		Akroyd Cross of Mr. Elliot on Nov. 10, 2016 at pp. 156:5 – 14	Mr. Elliot identifies exhibit as relating to documentation of water rights being on file with the Board.
		Direct Testimony of Mr. Elliot on Nov. 10, 2016 at pp. 195:16 – 21	Mr. Elliot identifies the exhibit as map of his water rights presented in his protest.
LAND-57	Map – Private Properties Needed for Water Tunnel, Intake No. 2, 3, and 5	Direct Testimony of Mr. Elliot on Nov. 10, 2016 at pp. 59:23-60:22.	Mr. Elliot identifies the location and boundaries of his property on the exhibit.
		Direct Testimony of Mr. Elliot on Nov. 10, 2016 at pp. 72:2 – 9.	Mr. Elliot identifies the location of property on the exhibit, and the APN.
LAND-58	Map – Sacramento County Wells in Vicinity of Tunnels	Direct Testimony of Mr. Elliot on Nov. 10, 2016 at pp. 62:12-63:17	Mr. Elliot identified the location of his property, the intake, wells, and the project site on the exhibit.
		Direct Testimony of Mr. Tootle on Nov. 10, 2016 at pp. 79:17-80:18	Mr. Tootle identifies exhibit as true and correct copy of documents used to form his opinion. He correlates the depth range of the wells depicted in LAND-58 with the intended depth of the tunnels.

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		Mizell Cross of Mr. Van Loben Sels on Nov. 10, 2016 at pp. 113:8-115:10	Mr. Van Loben Sels explains that he is personally familiar with all of the wells shown on LAND-58 except the well marked as W6. He believes the well depths are from very shallow to about 125 feet deep.
		Direct Testimony of Mr. Tootle on Nov. 10, 2016 at pp. 229:12 – 24.	Mr. Tootle identifies that exhibit shows depth range of wells shown. He believes these are relevant because portions of project extend to those areas.
LAND-59	Map – San Joaquin County Wells in Vicinity of Tunnels	Direct Testimony of Mr. Tootle on Nov. 10, 2016, p. 79:17-24.	Mr. Tootle identifies exhibit as true and correct copy of documents used to form his opinion.
		Direct Testimony of Mr. Tootle on Nov. 10, 2016, pp. 80:19-81:19.	Mr. Tootle notes that this map relies in part on a San Joaquin County database that includes APN numbers and longitude and latitude coordinates of wells. Mr. Tootle also notes that the intent of the map is to show both wells and intakes in close proximity to the tunnels.

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		Mizell Cross of Mr. Tootle on Nov. 10, 2016, pp. 133:2-136:7.	Mr. Tootle explains that San Joaquin County employees generated the map based on County databases as well as conversations with well users and their general understanding of the municipal water system.
		Direct Testimony of Mr. Tootle, Nov. 10, 2016, pp. 228:5-229:11.	Mr. Tootle explains that based on his conversation with the engineer who worked on the figure; the blue dots depict a place where a well is known to exist based on APN or latitude and longitude given and a red dot is a spot where there is no municipal water service, but water is used. The engineer inferred the existence of a domestic well in those locations.
LAND-60	Map – Intakes 2 and 4 Tunnels/Water Fix Injuries – Water Delivery Service System Example	Direct Testimony of Mr. Van Loben Sels, Nov. 10, 2016, pp. 46:21- 47:20.	Mr. Van Loben Sels notes that he assisted in creating the figure.

1 STATEMENT OF SERVICE 2 CALIFORNIA WATERFIX PETITION HEARING Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Petitioners) 3 I hereby certify that I have on March 8, 2017, submitted to the State Water Resources 4 Control Board and caused a true and correct copy of the following document: 5 LOCAL AGENCIES OF THE NORTH DELTA ET AL., ISLANDS, INC., AND THE 6 SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY PROTESTANTS' JOINT MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION 7 to be served by Electronic Mail (email) upon the parties listed in Table 1 of the Current Service 8 List for the California WaterFix Petition Hearing, dated January 13, 2017, posted by the State Water Resources Control Board at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/california_waterfi 10 x/service list.shtml 11 12 I certify that the foregoing is true and correct and that this document was executed on March 8, 2017. 13 14 Signature: Name: Mae Ryan Empleo 15 Title: Legal Assistant for Osha R. Meserve Soluri Meserve, A Law Corporation 16 17 Party/Affiliation: Local Agencies of the North Delta 18 Bogle Vineyards/DWLC Diablo Vineyards and Brad Lange/DWLC 19 Stillwater Orchards/DWLC 20 Address: 21 Soluri Meserve, A Law Corporation 1010 F Street, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95814 22 23 24 25 26 27 28