

**AGENDA
GROUNDWATER BANKING JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING**

February 2, 2026
2:00 PM

Rosedale Rio-Bravo Water Storage District
849 Allen Road
Bakersfield, CA 93314

Irvine Ranch Water District
15600 Sand Canyon Avenue
Irvine, CA 92618
2nd Floor Committee Room

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CALL TO ORDER 2:00 p.m.

Oath of Office- Director Feronis

ROLL CALL Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Feronis, Swan

**PUBLIC COMMENT
NOTICE**

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ALL VOTES SHALL BE TAKEN BY A ROLL CALL VOTE

1. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- a) Written:
- b) Oral:

2. ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

3. CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Consideration of Regular Meeting Minutes November 3, 2025

4. JPA ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Consideration of Quarterly Budget to Actual Q1 and Q2 2025-2026 and Cash Call (Chris)

5. KERN FAN GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROJECT

- a) Engineering
 - i. Alternative 5 Conveyance Meetings (Dan)
 - ii. Rosedale 1 Channel Improvements (Dan)
- b) Construction
 - i. West Enos/Stockdale North (Dan)
- c) Consideration of Resolution 2026-01 – Accepting Funding from the California Water Commission
- d) State Agency Update (Fiona)

6. OTHER RELATED PROJECTS

- a) South Valley Project (Fiona)

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, members of the Board of Directors or staff may ask questions for clarification, make brief announcements, and make brief reports on his/her own activities. The Board or a Board member

may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. Such matters may be brought up under the General Manager's Report or Directors' Comments.

9. CLOSED SESSION

- a) Real Property negotiations. APNs 104-280-18/104-291-06 ~242 acres

CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY

NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

Property: Parcels 104-280-18/104-291-06 and possible others all in Kern County

Agency negotiators: Dan Bartel

Negotiating parties: Various parties and Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority

Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

- b) **CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY**

NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

Property: Various Parcels – Kern Fan Project.

Negotiating parties: Various parties and Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, Irvine Ranch Water District and Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority.

Under negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

10. OPEN SESSION

General Counsel may announce any reportable actions taken during Closed Session.

11. ADJOURN

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DECLARATION OF POSTING: I, Megan Misuraca, declare under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and I posted the foregoing Agenda at the District Office on or before January 29, 2026. I, Kristine Swan, declare under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the Irvine Ranch Water District and I posted the foregoing Agenda at the District Office on or before January 29, 2026.



GROUNDWATER BANKING JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

OATH OF OFFICE

I, DANIEL FERONS, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter as a Director for the Board of Directors of GROUNDWATER BANKING JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY.

DANIEL FERONS

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 2/2/2026

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GROUNDWATER BANKING JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

November 3, 2025
2:00 PM

DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT

Roy Pierucci
Peer Swan
Doug Reinhart
Jason Selvidge

DIRECTORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug Gosling- JPA Legal Counsel
Dan Bartel- RRBWSD
Megan Misuraca- RRBWSD
Paul Cook- IRWD
Paul Weghorst- IRWD
Fiona Sanchez-IRWD
Christopher Smithson- IRWD
Eileen Lin – IRWD
Wyatt Clarke-IRWD
Trent Taylor- RRBWSD
Dan Raytis – RRBWSD
Neveen Adley – IRWD
Herbert Ng – IRWD
Omid Rajaei – IRWD

CALL TO ORDER

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE

There were no public comments.

1. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- a) Written: None.
- b) Oral: None.

2. ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO BE AGENDIZED

None.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Consideration of Special Meeting Minutes May 19, 2025
A motion was made by Director Reinhart with a second by Director Swan to adopt the consent items. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

4. JPA ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Consideration of Quarterly Budget to Actual 2024-2025- Mr. Smithson reviewed the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 budget-to-actual results and the audit and financial statements. A motion was made by Director Swan and seconded by Director Selvidge to approve Agenda Item A, the Budget to Actual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and Agenda Item C, the Fiscal Year End June 30, 2025 Audit and Financial Statements.
- b) Consideration of Quarterly Budget to Actual Q1 2025-2026 and Cash Call- Mr. Smithson reviewed the quarter ending September 30, 2025 budget-to-actual results, cash balance, and projections with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Swan to approve the quarter ending September 30, 2025 Budget to Actual Report and a cash call of \$250,000, to be funded \$125,000 from each partner. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.
- c) Consideration of Fiscal Year End June 30, 2025 Audit/Financials- Ms. Lin reviewed Davis Farr's audit findings for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 and discussed the District's financial position. Agenda Item C was approved together with Agenda Item A under a single motion.

5. KERN FAN GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROJECT

- a) Engineering
 - i. Alternative 5 Conveyance Meetings- Mr. Bartel reported on the Alternative 5 team meetings and presentation. No action was taken.
 - ii. Consideration of Conveyance Feasibility Studies Proposals- Mr. Bartel reviewed the proposals for feasibility studies of Alternatives 3 and 5 with the Board. A motion was made by Director Reinhart and seconded by Director Selvidge to authorize staff to execute proposals with Stantec and Rincon for the feasibility studies of Conveyance Alternatives 3 and 5, with a budget not to exceed \$308,453.00. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. Rosedale 1 Channel Improvements- Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the Rosedale 1 Channel study, the need for improvements, and the development of a Special Activities Agreement to govern the improvements.
- b) Construction Update-
 - i. West Eno/Stockdale North- Mr. Bartel reviewed the Dee Jaspar and Associates weekly report for the Stockdale North Recharge Basin Facilities Project and the proposed change order to float the Stockdale North Ponds.
 - ii. Consideration of PG&E Extension Contracts- Mr. Bartel reviewed the PG&E Extension Contracts with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by

Director Swan to authorize staff to execute the agreements and issue payment to PG&E in the amount of \$170,474.03. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

- c) Funding Sources WSIP- Ms. Nye briefed the Board on WSIP funding and reported that staff is preparing a request to recategorize the project from a groundwater banking project to a conjunctive use project.

6. OTHER RELATED PROJECTES

- a) Funding Sources South Valley Project- Ms. Nye briefed the Board on the feasibility study for the South Valley Project and related federal funding opportunities.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Project Coordination with KCWA and DRWD- Mr. Bartel reported on meetings held with the Kern County Water Agency, Irvine Ranch Water District, Rosedale–Rio Bravo Water Storage District, and Dudley Ridge regarding pulse flow operations required under grant terms.
- b) GBJPA Use of RRBWSD Facilities- Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on a conveyance policy that staff is developing to govern the use of existing Rosedale facilities.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

No report.

9. CLOSED SESSION

At 3:22 p.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would enter closed session. The Board reconvened to open session at 3:36 p.m.

10. OPEN SESSION

Mr. Gosling announced there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

11. ADJOURN

Director Pierucci adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:37 P.M.

ATTEST:

Authority Secretary
Doug Gosling

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FY 2025-26 Quarterly Actual to Budget Results

DISCUSSION:

The quarterly unaudited actual to budget results for the six-month period ended December 31, 2025, is attached as Exhibit "A". The report separates capital and operating expenditures.

The six-month year to date total net expenditures are \$2.57 million compared to a budget of \$2.58 million. Actual net expenditures are \$8.9 thousand or 0.35% over budget. This is primarily due to previously deferred expenses in construction.

The cash balance as of December 31, 2025, was \$1.5 million. Based on actual and projected expenditures of approximately \$2.1 million and budgeted revenues of approximately \$556,000, the expected cash balance as of March 31, 2026 is (\$537,124) as shown in Exhibit "B". The projected federal grant revenues were received and based on the proposed FY 2025-26 third quarter budget, the current fund balance and proposed Special Activities Agreements, a cash call for \$3.5 million is requested; each partner will be requested to fund \$1.75 million into the GBJPA bank account in February 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve a cash call in the amount of \$3,500,000 .

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – FY 2025-26 Actual to Budget Results (Unaudited)

Exhibit "B" – Cash Projection

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Exhibit "A"
Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority
Actual to Budget Results (Unaudited)
Fiscal Year 2025-26
(in hundreds)

	Actual 12/31/25 (Unaudited)	Budget FY 2025-26	Budget to Actual (Over)/Under	Budget Variance %	FY2025-26 Budget Variance/Forecast Comments
Kern Fan Groundwater Capital Project					
Engineering - Planning and Design Staff	\$ 41,028	\$ 42,600	\$ 1,572	4%	
Grant Administration and Reporting	15,996	4,900	(11,096)	-226%	
CWC and USBR Feasibility Studies	12,614	1,000	(11,614)	-1161%	
JPA Administration	21,819	26,100	4,281	16%	
Agreements with State Agencies	19,333	12,800	(6,533)	-51%	
Engineering Design - Consultants	3,808	50,000	46,192	92%	
Engineering CA&I - Outside	11,045	48,000	36,955	77%	
Engineering-Alt 5 Feasibility Study	42,777	225,000	182,223	81%	
Construction	3,507,699	3,212,500	(295,199)	-9%	
Legal JPA	1,139	7,500	6,362	85%	
Environmental	10,280	10,000	(280)	-3%	
Land	33,833	0	(33,833)	0%	
Permitting	1,782	0			
Capital Project Total	3,723,152	3,640,400	(80,970)	-2%	
Operating Expense					
West Enos Recharge Facility	11,334	-	(11,334)	0%	
Administration/Management	11,970	37,450	25,480	68%	
Audit	9,760	4,900	(4,860)	-99%	
Bank Charges	4,586	4,500	(86)	-2%	
Insurance	7,418	3,450	(3,968)	-115%	
Membership	-	1,000	1,000	100%	
Website Maintenance	-	550	550	100%	
Utilities	(2,569)	2,500	5,069	203%	
Operating Expense Total	42,498	54,350	11,852	22%	
Revenue					
Interest Revenue	(4,586)	(3,250)	1,336	41%	
Grants	(1,186,566)	(1,109,876)	76,690	7%	
Revenue Total	(1,191,151)	(1,113,126)	78,025	7%	
Total	\$ 2,574,499	\$ 2,581,624	\$ 8,907	0.35%	

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Exhibit "B"
Cash Projection

Cash Balance as of 12/31/25	1,503,688	1,503,688
Q3 Budgeted Expenses	2,097,375	
Q3 Budgeted Revenues	(556,563)	
Q3 Special Activities Agreement Expenses	500,000	
Total	2,040,812	<u>(2,040,812)</u>

Estimated Cash Balance as of 3/31/26 w/o Cash Call	<u>(537,124)</u>
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Q3 Cash Call Recommendation	<u>3,500,000</u>
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Estimated Cash Balance as of 3/31/26 w/ Cash Call	<u><u>2,962,876</u></u>
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KERN FAN GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROJECT
ALT 5 Feasibility Team – Report
January 21, 2025



INITIAL MILESTONES ALT5 JOINT CONCEPT

Sept-2025

● ENGINEERING

● Footprint

● Pool 1 Concept

● Pool 2/3 Concept

● Schedule/Budget/Data Gaps/Next Steps

● **Alt 5 Feasibility Study**

PERMITTING

Agreements

Easements

Permits

Apr-2026

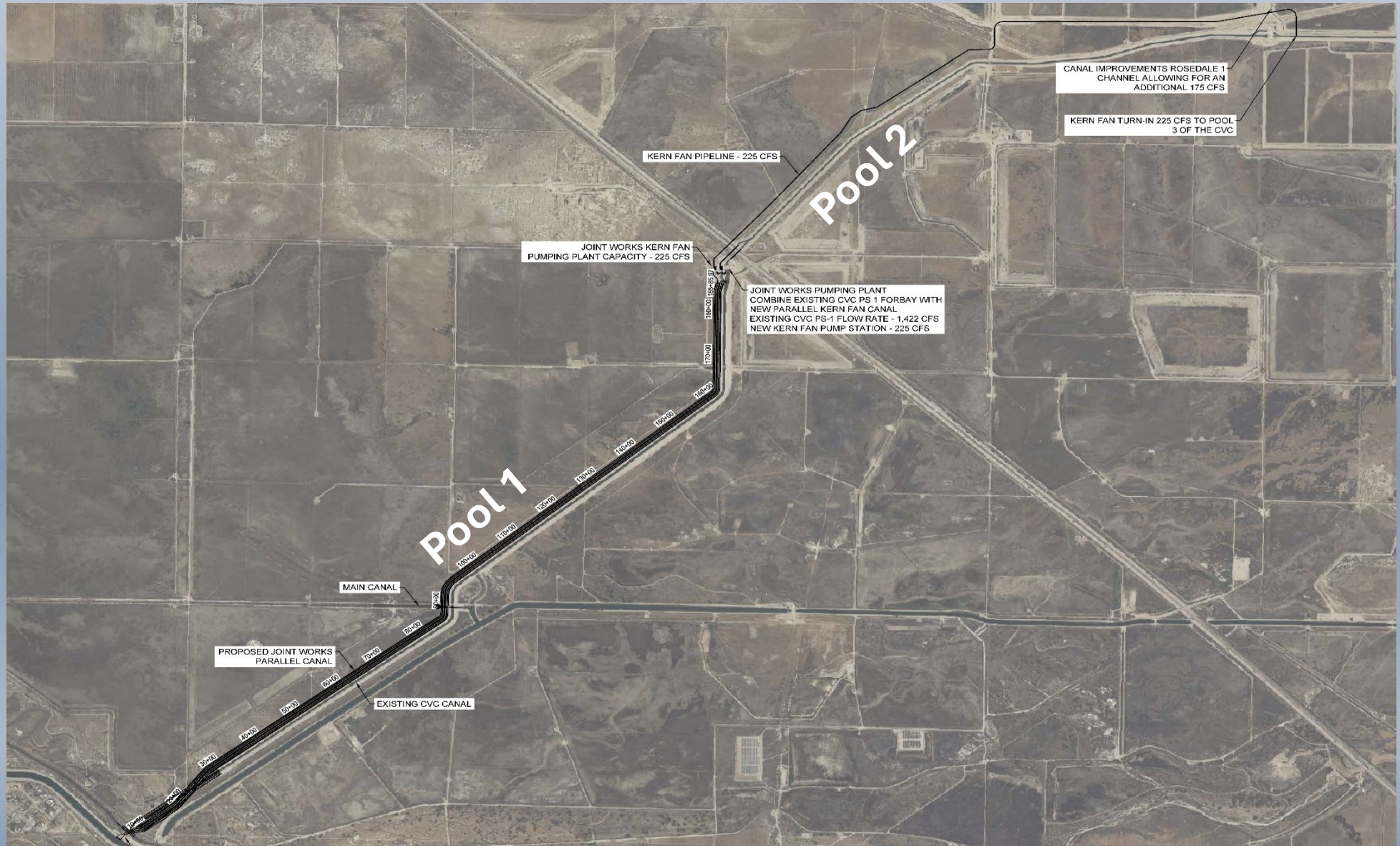


Feasibility Study Engineering Team





Feasibility Study Conceptual Layout





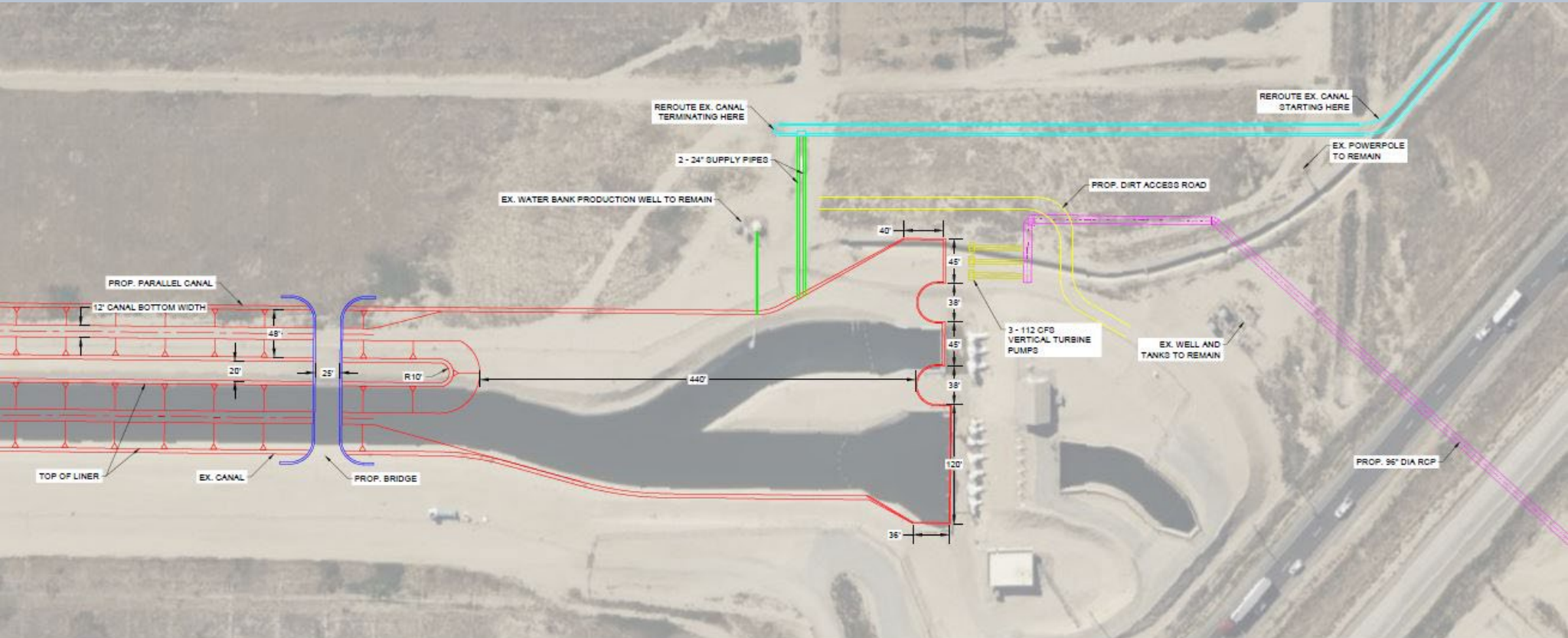
Feasibility Study Conceptual Layout



1. Parallel Canal north of Pool 1 across Tule Elk Preserve.
2. Larger Pool 1 for approx. 1,000 ft and then bifurcate.
3. Parallel Canal south of Pool 1 for 1,000 ft with cross-over design to the north side up to PP#1.



Feasibility Study Conceptual Layout

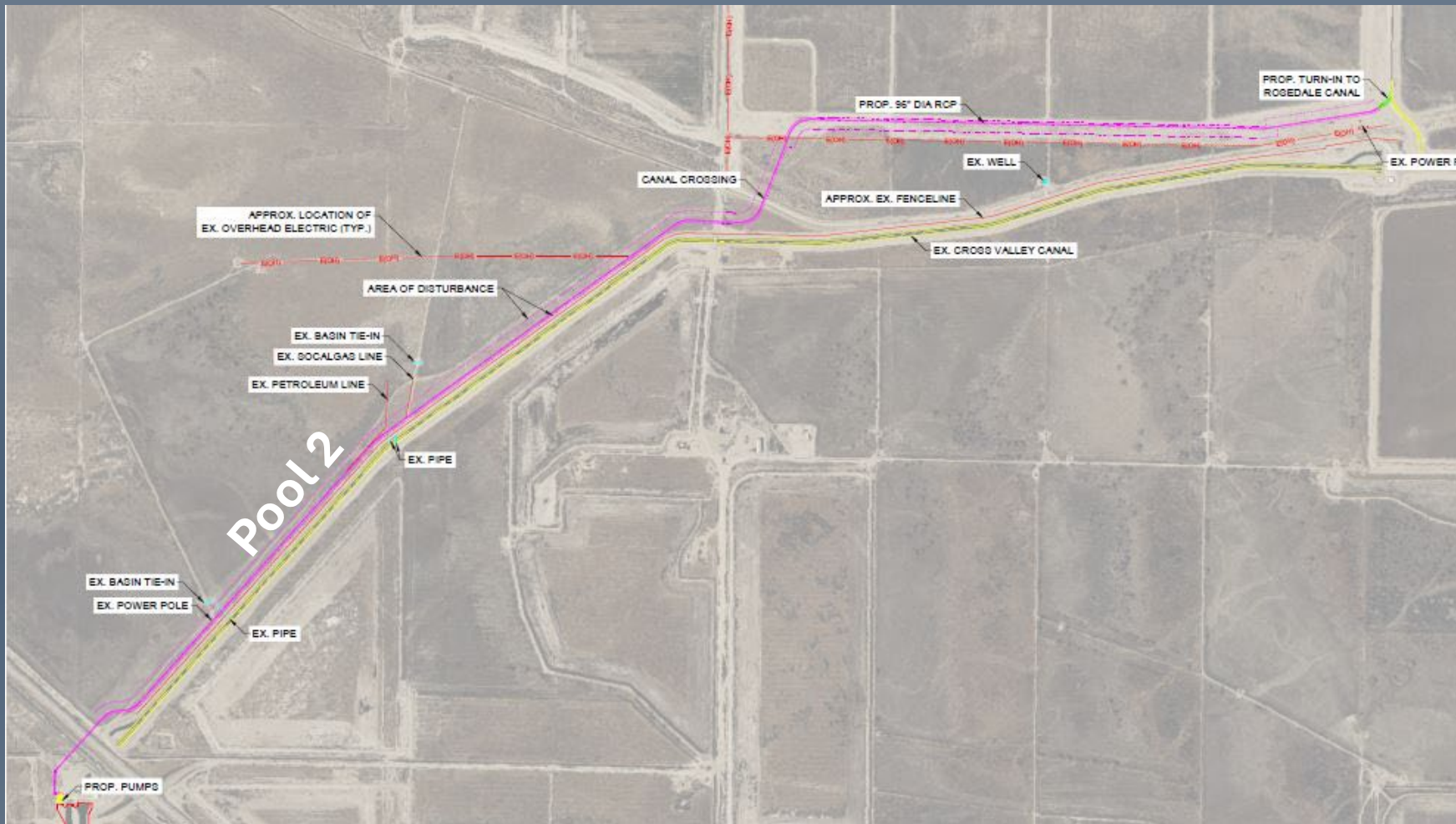


1. Pool 1 Pump Station Concept

- Transition of Parallel Canals into Open Forebay Concept.
- Pump Station 1C directly north of PP 1A and 1B



Feasibility Study Conceptual Layout



1. Conveyance Pipeline from PP #1C to Rosedale Intake Channel.
-Alignment across KWBA and Stockdale West Facility



ENGINEERING DISCUSSION / NEXT STEPS

DISCUSSION

- What is the best concept for the Aqueduct Turnout modifications and transition to the canal bifurcation, resulting in stable flows?
- What is the best concept for the Pool 1 Pump Station layout and orientation? Need to look closer at the modeling of flows and investigate any hydraulic peculiarities.
- Evaluate construction sequencing of concepts to minimize downtime of the CVC operation.
- As concepts are worked through, it will be important to identify facets of the project that need closer examination in the design phase.



ENGINEERING DISCUSSION / NEXT STEPS

NEXT STEPS

- Stantec to continue development of the conceptual level layout and design, addressing feedback from the Engineering Team. Evaluating three options for parallel canal to CVC Pool 1: 1) Parallel Canal to the North of the CVC, 2) Parallel Canal to the South of the CVC, and 3) One Combined Larger Pool from Aqueduct to CVC/Main Canal Intertie.
- Complete CFD modeling for concept alignments in Pool 1 and Pool 2 of the CVC with an emphasis on 1) Aqueduct Turnout and transition to parallel canals and 2) the approach and forebay for Pump Station 1A, 1B, and 1C, and also Pump Station 2A and 2B.
- Work through hydraulic analyses, earthwork calculations, sizing, preliminary layout, and details. Prepare preliminary cost estimates.



PERMITTING TEAM UPDATES

SINCE LAST MEETING

- Meet with KWB to discuss the two potential alternatives for alignment of the Alt 5 canal from the CA Aqueduct
 - Reviewed map highlighting all KWB facilities (well sites, pipelines, and turnouts)
 - Waiting on map from KWB that highlights known external easements and pipeline crossing within KWBPermits
- Shared with the Engineering Team lead information gathered from KWB and identification of existing utilities/conflicts. Discussed schedules and updates needed from the ROW team.
- Developing a GIS map tool that both teams can use to reflect information gathered from KWB, other entities, and previous studies.



AGREEMENTS, EASEMENTS & PERMITS

NEXT STEPS

- Continued engagement with KWB on two potential alternatives for alignment of Alt 5 canal from CA Aqueduct
- Permitting team working to schedule a meeting with CA State Parks to discuss both alternatives
- Continued coordination with the Engineering Team on information gathered, will begin working with entities on permitting requirements.
- Updating schedule and timeline as necessary based on the Engineering Team's work.
- Meeting with Cal State Parks in February to discuss requirements for crossing the Tule Elk Reserve.



AGREEMENTS, EASEMENTS & PERMITS

AGREEMENTS

- DWR – Turnout, Operations
- KCWA – Construction/Turnout, Operations

EASEMENTS

- DWR – Construction (may be covered under agreements)
- KWB – Pending final location of Alt 5 footprint
- CA State Parks – Pending final location of Alt 5 footprint

PERMITS

- DWR - Encroachment permits for ROW access during construction
- KCWA - Encroachment permits for ROW access during construction
- KWB - Encroachment permits for ROW access during construction
- State of CA – Streambed Alteration Permit (Outlet Canal), LSAA, 401, 404 Permit?
- CalTrans – Pending final location of Alt 5 footprint



ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

CURRENT STATUS

- Project remains in the early planning and feasibility stage
- Pending final location of Alt 5 footprint
- Environmental review has not yet been initiated

EXISTING CEQA DOCUMENTATION

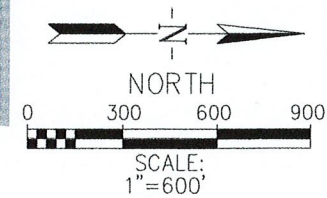
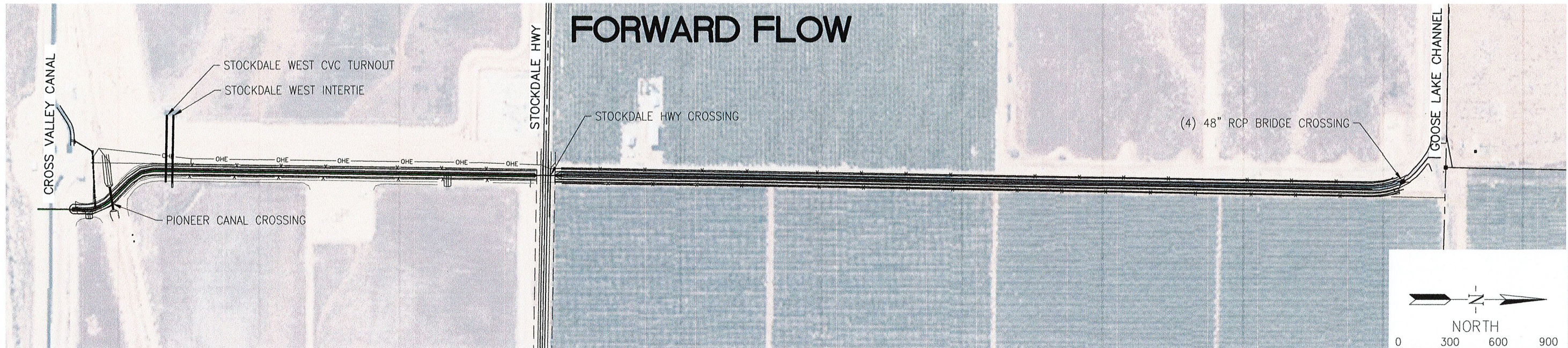
- The Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project EIR provides relevant background and analysis
- Depending on the final project definition, this phase may tier from or reference the Kern Fan Project EIR, as appropriate
- This approach will be evaluated with environmental consultants and will be consistent with CEQA Guidelines

NEXT STEPS

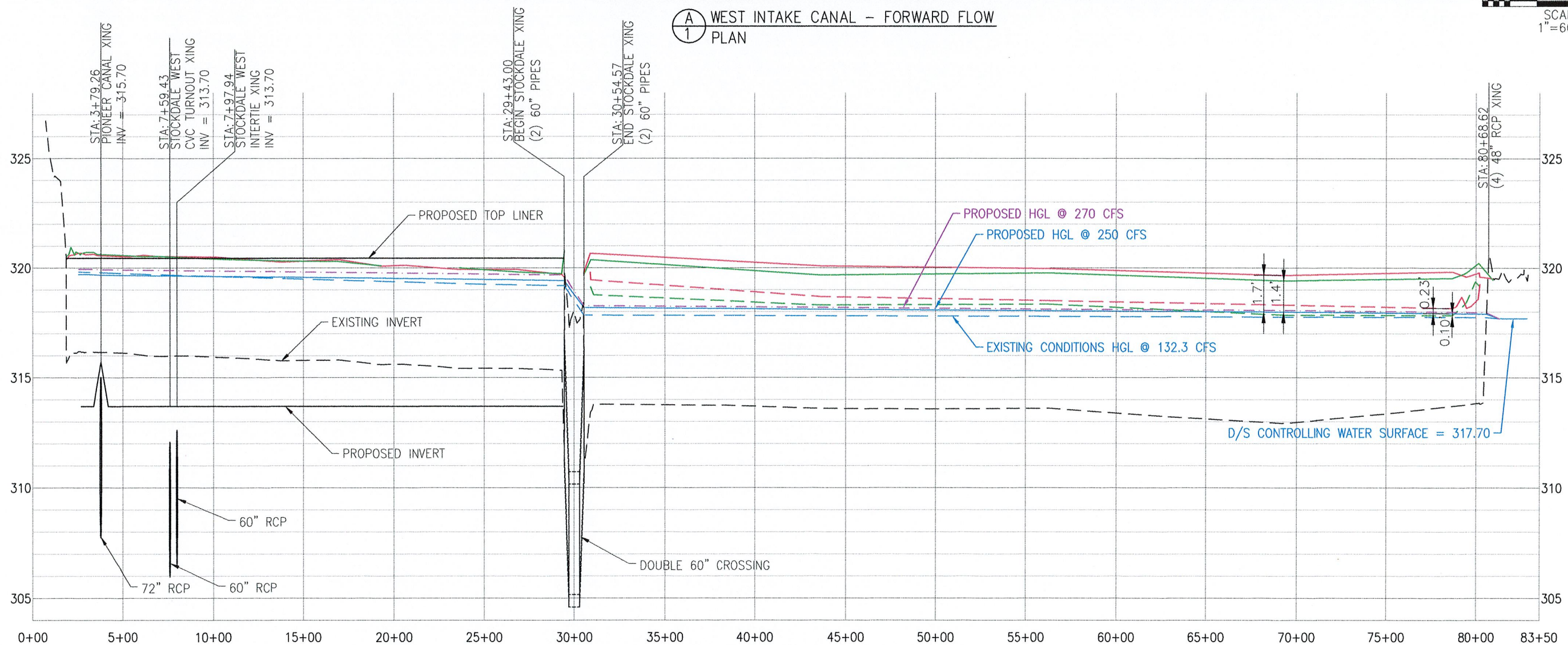
- Develop a detailed project description to support the determination of the appropriate CEQA pathway, if any (Rincon)
- Initiate environmental review once project characteristics and potential impacts are better understood



Questions/Feedback

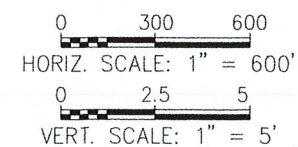


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PLAN



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1 WEST INTAKE CANAL - FORWARD FLOW
PROFILE

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— EAST BANK	— HGL AT 132.3 CFS
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— EAST POLY LINER	



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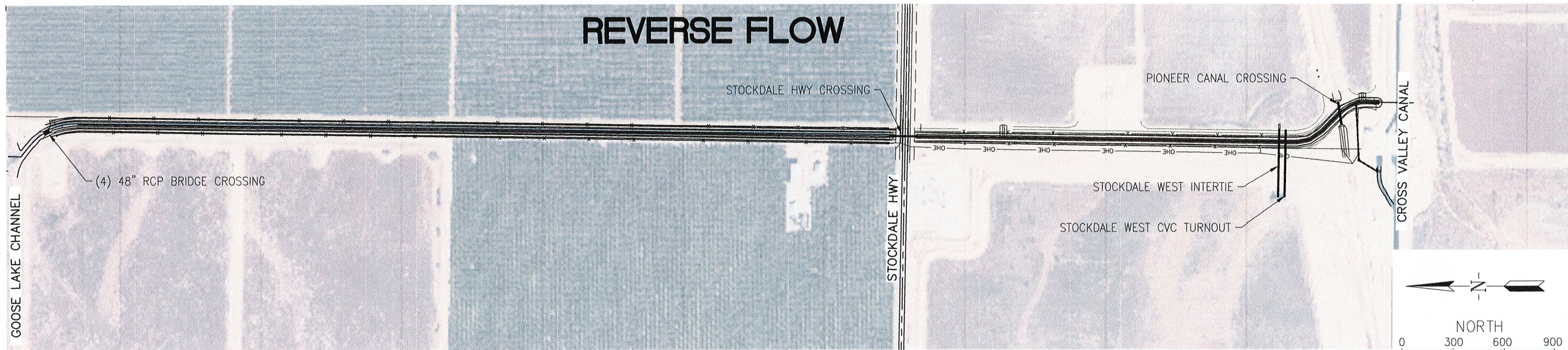
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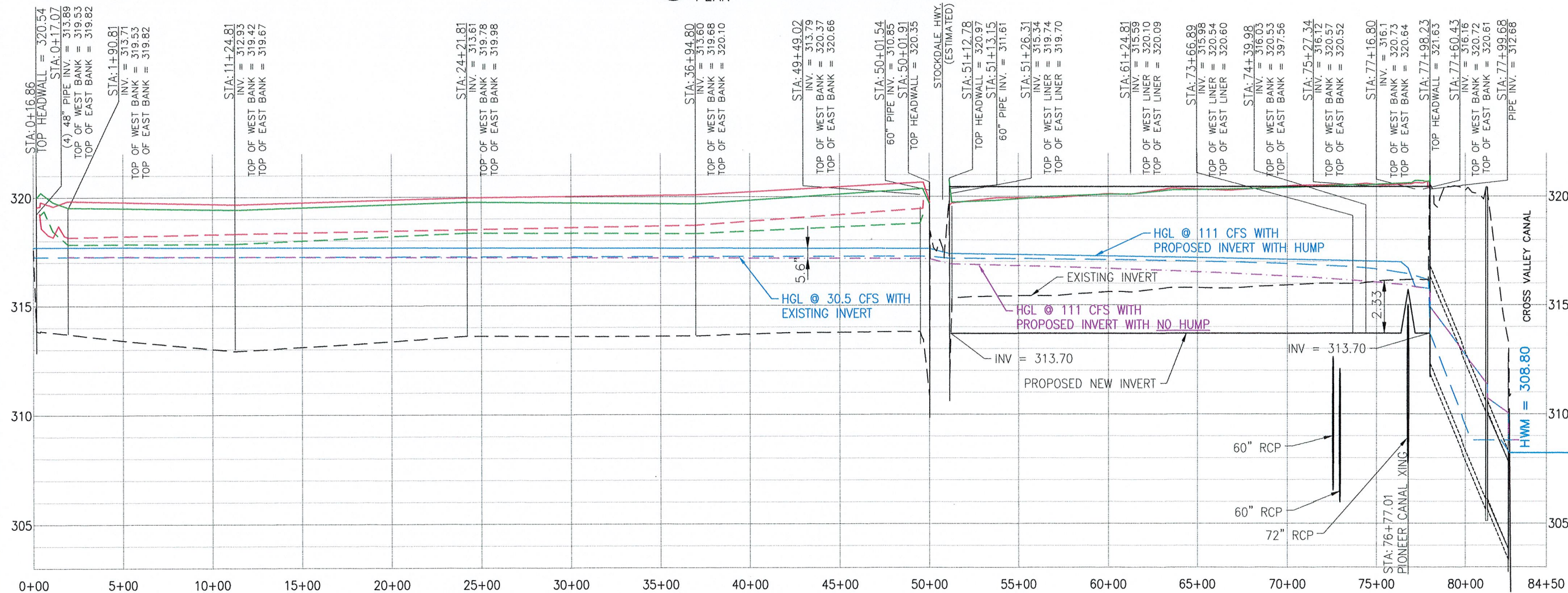
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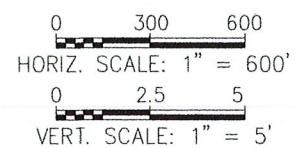


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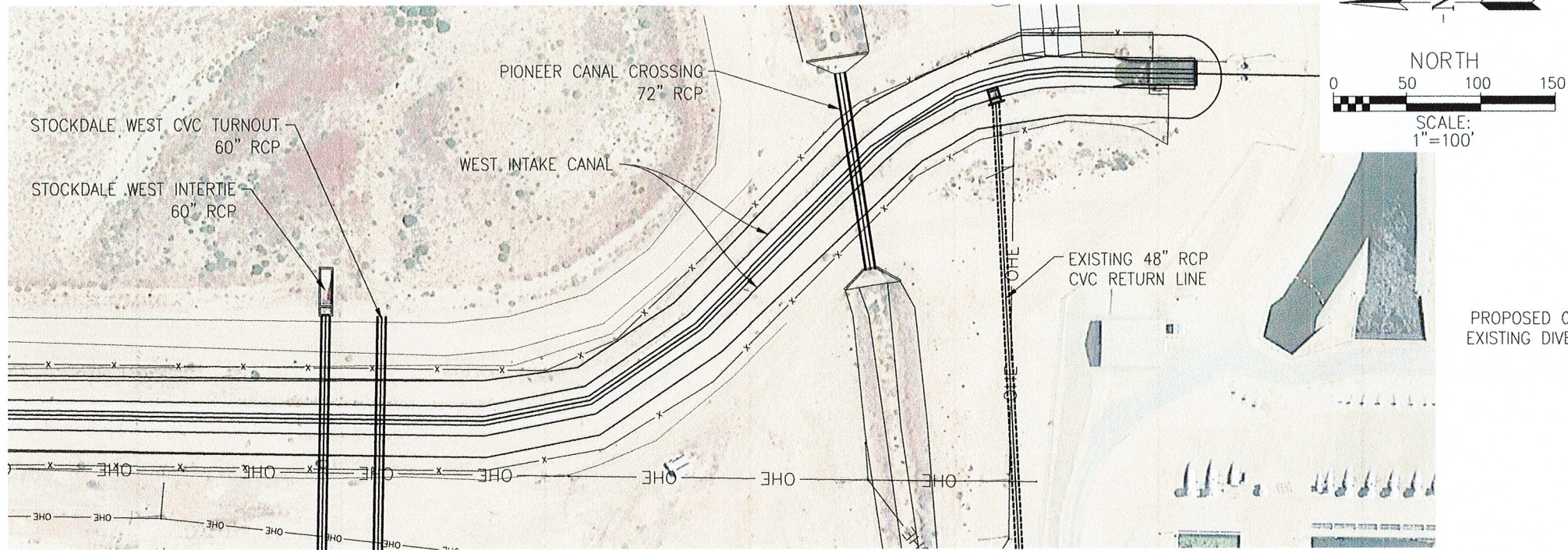
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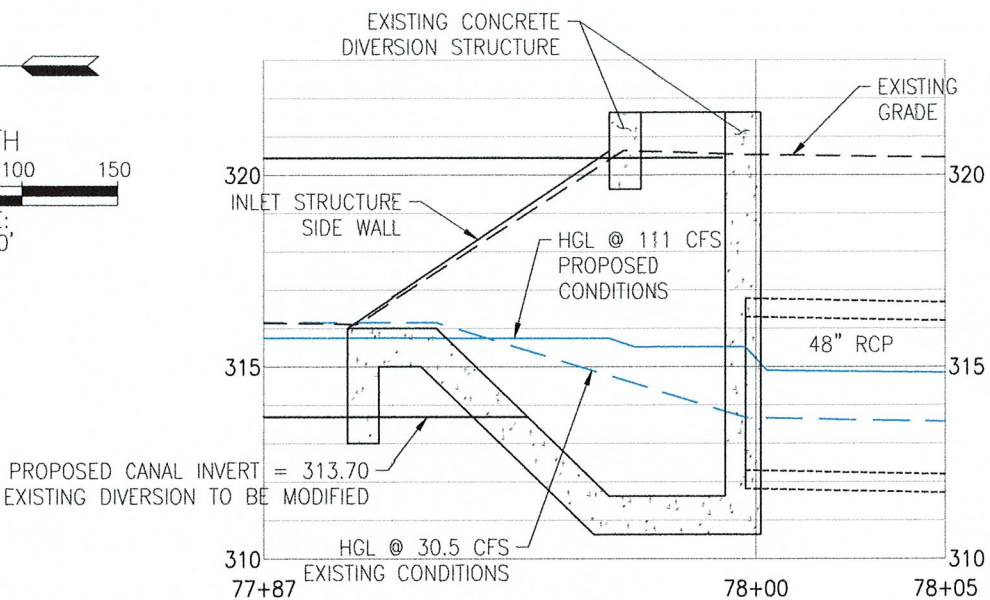
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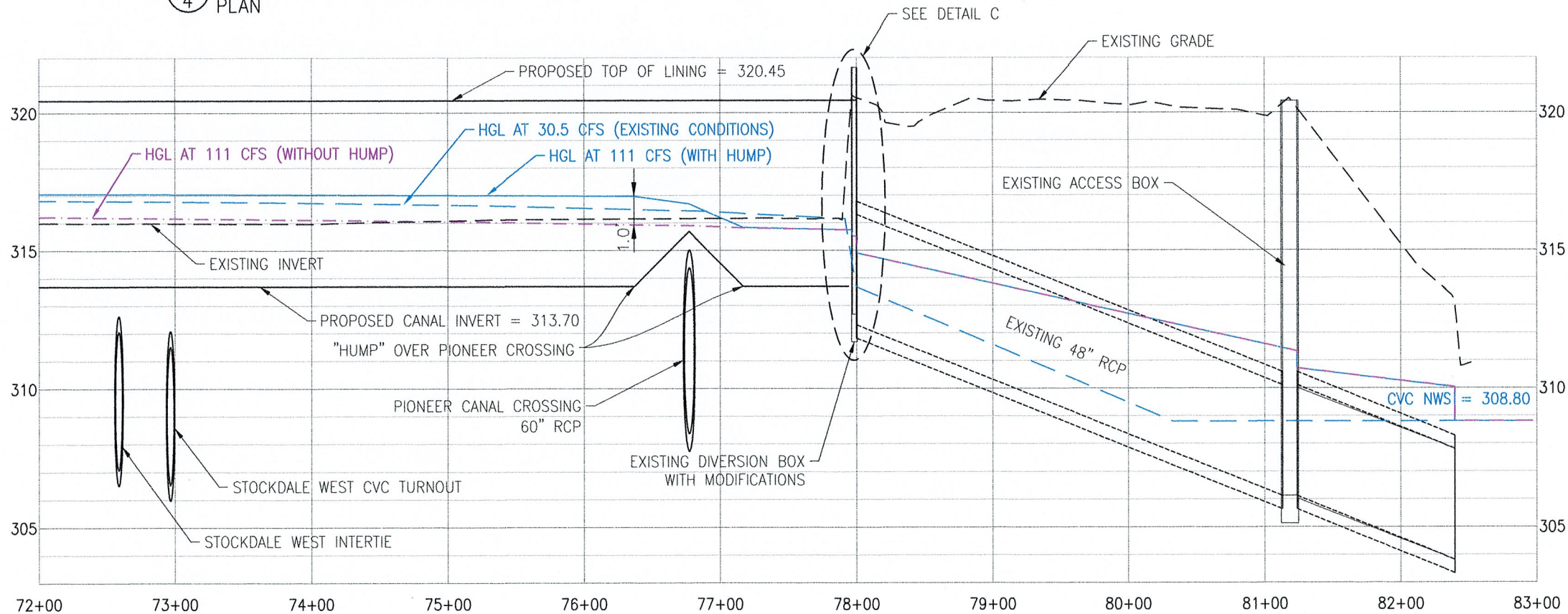
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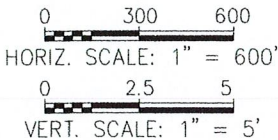


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January 23, 2026

Dan Bartel
c/o Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority (GBJPA)
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Re: Phase I – Well Drilling and Equipping Project
Weekly Report (Weeks 13-23)

Mr. Bartel,

This serves as a project update for Weeks 13-23 of the Phase I – Well Drilling and Equipping Project.

Phase 1 – Well Drilling & Equipping – Bakersfield Well & Pump Co.

Project Status as of:	1-23-26	Contract Totals	
Notice to Proceed:	7-1-25	Contract Amount:	\$5,622,221.00
Contract Duration:	325	Change Orders:	-
Completion Date:	5-21-26	Revised Amount:	-
Elapsed Days:	206	Work Completed:	\$2,928,979.00
Remaining Days:	-	% Completed:	52%
Change Order – Days:	-		

Bakersfield Well and Pump completed the construction and development for Stockdale North Well #2. The well was developed by pumping and surging for approximately 67.5 hours. The step test was completed at flow rates of 2,000 gpm, 2,500 gpm, 3,500 gpm, and 4,000 gpm with a constant rate test completed at 3,000 gpm on December 17th, 2025. A draft pump test report was received from Thomas Harder & Co. and recommended a pumping rate of 3,000 gpm with a pump depth setting of 500-ft below ground surface. Water quality samples were collected and results received on January 7th, 2026. The water quality was good with arsenic at 9.2 ppb and the 1,2,3-TCP at 1 ppt.

Well videos and alignment surveys were conducted at the four wells on January 21st and January 22nd, 2026.

The construction crew for BW&P has been working at all four well sites installing underground electrical conduits, grounding, and formwork, reinforcement steel, and concrete placement for well foundations and electrical pads.

Sincerely,

Curtis Skaggs

Curtis M. Skaggs, P.E.

Pictures (11-10-25 thru 1-23-26)



Drilling Rig Demobilization at SN-2



Well Development at SN-2



Well Foundation at WE-AG



Well Foundation at WE-AG



Well Foundation at WE-AG



Well Foundation at SN-1



Electrical Conduit Installation



MCC Pad at WE-AG



MCC Pad and Well Foundation at SN-2

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February 2, 2026
Prepared by: Fiona Nye
Agenda Item: 5C

Water Storage Investment Program
Funding Update and Resolution

DISCUSSION:

In August 2017, IRWD and Rosedale jointly applied for Proposition 1 Water Storage Improvement Program (WSIP) funding for the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project (Kern Fan Project) to the California Water Commission (CWC). The CWC approved a transfer of the Kern Fan Project application and funding to the Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority. The CWC has awarded conditional funding to the Kern Fan Project based on a Maximum Conditional Eligibility Determination (MCED) in the amount of \$111.4 million, as of August 2025. This item provides an update on the potential for additional funding as a result of recharacterization of the project from Groundwater Storage to Conjunctive Use. It also provides an update on the GBJPA's request for early funding and recommends the Board adopt a Resolution to authorize funding awards and designate the General Manager as an authorized signatory to funding agreements.

Conjunctive Use Project:

The Kern Fan Project was characterized as a Groundwater Storage Project in the original application to the CWC. Funding for Groundwater Storage Projects is capped at 50% of the project's capital cost. On January 21, 2026, the CWC approved a request to recharacterize the project to a Conjunctive Use Project. The original project concept was all new facilities which prevented it from being characterized as Conjunctive Use. The approval was based on the redesigned project which now incorporates existing facilities owned by Rosedale and IRWD, in addition to new facilities, and therefore now meets all the criteria in the CWC definition of Conjunctive Use. Funding for Conjunctive Use Projects is not capped at 50% of the capital cost, and instead only limited by the value of the public benefits. This means the Kern Fan Project could potentially receive additional grant funding, subject to funds being available and the level of public benefits. This would be determined at the time of the final funding award, currently anticipated in Spring 2028.

Early Funding:

On January 20, 2021, the CWC adopted regulations for early funding requests. Early funding is designed to support the implementation of the project and relieve financial burdens. Eligible early funding costs include reimbursement for work performed on the project after August 14, 2017, as well as future expected costs for activities reasonably related to the completion of environmental documentation and permitting.

On January 21, 2026, the CWC approved an early funding award for the Kern Fan Project in the amount of \$5,570,865 which is 5% of the current MCED. In order to receive the funding, the GBJPA must adopt a Resolution that would authorize acceptance of CWC funding and designate an authorized signatory for funding agreements and invoices. Staff recommends that the General Manager or their designee be authorized to execute the agreement and approve invoices, consistent with the GBJPA's adopted financial policies.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board adopt a Resolution to accept Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program funding from the California Water Commission for the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project and designate the General Manager or their designee as the authorized signer for funding agreements and invoices.

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit "A" – Resolution to authorize acceptance of funding from the California Water Commission.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROUNDWATER
BANKING JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

WHEREAS, GROUNDWATER BANKING JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (“Authority”) is an authority per the Joint Exercise of Powers Act of 1980 (Division 7, commencing with §6500 of the California Government Code); and

WHEREAS, it is resolved by the Board of Directors of the Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority, that the Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority is authorized to enter into an agreement to receive funding for the Kern Fan Groundwater Storage Project through the 2017 Water Storage Investment Program funding pursuant to Title 23, Division 7, Chapter 1 of the California Code of Regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Manager of the Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute a funding agreement and any amendments thereto, and sign invoices with the California Water Commission.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority, 2/2/2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

GROUNDWATER BANKING JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Board of Directors, President

Attest: