



# CEQA Addendum

West Hills Water Treatment Plant  
Expansion

*San Benito County Water District*

*State Clearinghouse No. 2012081028*

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**Appendix A. Biological Resources Tech Memo**

**Appendix B. Cultural Resources Tech Memo**

## 1.0 Background

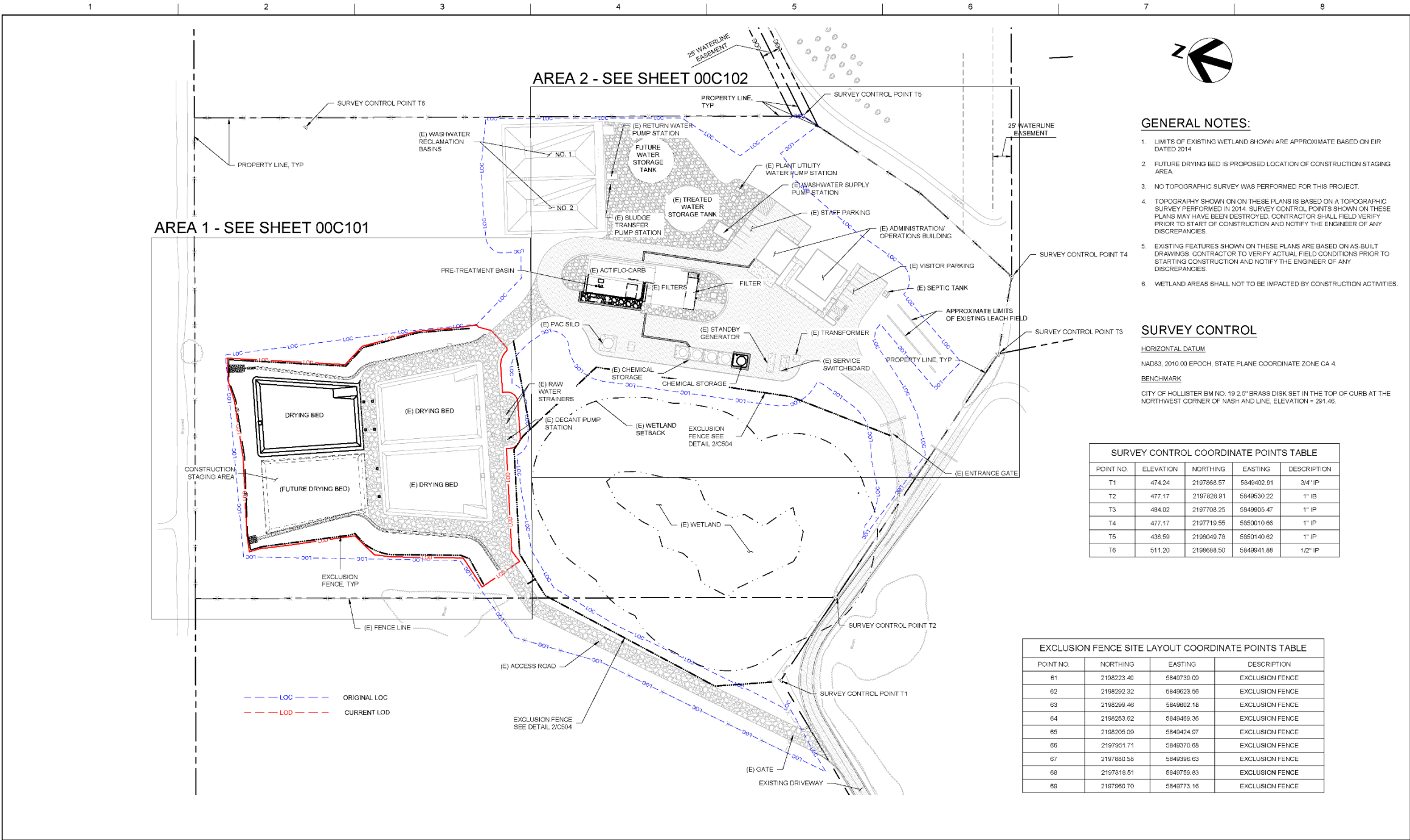
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In April 2014, the San Benito County Water District (District) adopted an Environmental Impact Report (EIR; State Clearing House No. 2012081028) for the West Hills Water Treatment Plant (WHWTP) Project. The 2014 EIR assessed the potential impacts of the proposed Project based on a full buildout capacity of 9 million gallons per day (MGD). In 2017 the WHWTP was constructed with an initial design capacity of 4.5 MGD. In April 2024, the District adopted a CEQA NOD that found that the phased expansion of the WHWTP from 4.5 MGD to 6.75 MGD was covered by the 2014 EIR and did not require additional CEQA review.

The District analyzed the previously permitted WHTP Project footprint against the current WTP expansion plans. Several areas of potential disturbance to non-native grasslands were identified in the plans. Based on CDFW concerns, these areas have been removed from the plan and the new expansion will not affect areas outside of the original project footprint. A current planned stockpile location on non-native grassland will be removed from the plans and excess soil will be hauled offsite. Figure 1 shows the original WHTP Limits of Disturbance superimposed with the current Limits of Disturbance.



Figure 1. Project Footprint



**GENERAL NOTES:**

- LIMITS OF EXISTING WETLAND SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE BASED ON EIR DATED 2014
- FUTURE DRYING BED IS PROPOSED LOCATION OF CONSTRUCTION STAGING AREA.
- NO TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY WAS PERFORMED FOR THIS PROJECT.
- TOPOGRAPHY SHOWN ON THESE PLANS IS BASED ON A TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY PERFORMED IN 2014. SURVEY CONTROL POINTS SHOWN ON THESE PLANS MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. CONTRACTOR SHALL FIELD VERIFY PRIOR TO START OF CONSTRUCTION AND NOTIFY THE ENGINEER OF ANY DISCREPANCIES.
- EXISTING FEATURES SHOWN ON THESE PLANS ARE BASED ON AS-BUILT DRAWINGS. CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY ACTUAL FIELD CONDITIONS PRIOR TO STARTING CONSTRUCTION AND NOTIFY THE ENGINEER OF ANY DISCREPANCIES.
- WETLAND AREAS SHALL NOT TO BE IMPACTED BY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.

**SURVEY CONTROL**

**HORIZONTAL DATUM**  
 NAD83, 2010 00 EPOCH, STATE PLANE COORDINATE ZONE CA 4  
**BENCHMARK**  
 CITY OF HOLLISTER BM NO. 19 2.5" BRASS DISK SET IN THE TOP OF CURB AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF NASH AND LINE. ELEVATION = 291.46.

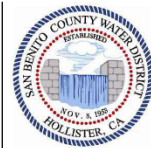
SURVEY CONTROL COORDINATE POINTS TABLE				
POINT NO.	ELEVATION	NORTHING	EASTING	DESCRIPTION
T1	474.24	2197868.57	5849402.91	3/4" IP
T2	477.17	2197828.91	5849630.22	1" IB
T3	484.02	2197708.25	5849605.47	1" IP
T4	477.17	2197719.55	5850010.66	1" IP
T5	438.59	2196049.78	5850140.62	1" IP
T6	511.20	2196688.50	5849641.88	1/2" IP

EXCLUSION FENCE SITE LAYOUT COORDINATE POINTS TABLE			
POINT NO.	NORTHING	EASTING	DESCRIPTION
61	2198223.49	5849739.09	EXCLUSION FENCE
62	2198292.32	5849623.56	EXCLUSION FENCE
63	2198299.46	5849802.18	EXCLUSION FENCE
64	2198253.62	5849469.36	EXCLUSION FENCE
65	2198205.09	5849424.97	EXCLUSION FENCE
66	2197951.71	5849370.65	EXCLUSION FENCE
67	2197880.58	5849396.63	EXCLUSION FENCE
68	2197818.51	5849759.83	EXCLUSION FENCE
69	2197960.70	5849773.16	EXCLUSION FENCE



ISSUE	DATE	DESCRIPTION

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<b>PROJECT NUMBER</b>	10364413



**SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**TRANSMISSION PIPELINE**

**CIVIL SITE LAYOUT AND HORIZONTAL CONTROL PLAN KEY PLAN**  
 SCALE: 1" = 60'  
 SHEET: 00C100

## 2.0 Purpose of this Addendum

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The purpose of this addendum is to provide specific information related to potential habitat disturbance within the WHWTP expansion Project area. It includes the results of focused biological and cultural resources surveys that augment past studies and provide current resource information. The Limits of Disturbance identified in the previous EIR is compared to the current expansion plans to identify whether the expansion Project limits of disturbance exceed the extent of previous analysis.

CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164 require that a lead agency prepare an addendum if some changes or additions to the environmental evaluation of a Project are necessary but none of the following occurs:

- 1) There are no substantial changes in the Project which require major revisions to the environmental document or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
- 2) There are no substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the Project is undertaken which require major revisions to the environmental document; or
- 3) No new information is of substantial importance, which could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time of the environmental document adoption, shows any of the following:
  - a. The Project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the environmental documents,
  - b. The Project will result in impacts substantially more severe than those disclosed in the EIR,
  - c. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the Project, but the Project proponent declines to adopt it, or
  - d. Mitigation measures or alternatives that are considerably different from those analyzed in the EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the Project proponent declines to adopt it.











Figure 3. Cultural Resources Survey Coverage





