



Notice of Intent to Adopt A Mitigated Negative Declaration

LIFT STATION NO. 1 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

DATE: November 6, 2020

TO: State Clearinghouse; Responsible, Trustee, and Other Jurisdictional Agencies; and Other Interested Organizations/Individuals

LEAD AGENCY: Rainbow Municipal Water District
3707 Old Highway 395
Fallbrook, CA 92028

Notice is hereby given that the Rainbow Municipal Water District (District), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared and plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the above-named project. The District boundaries encompass the unincorporated communities of Rainbow and Bonsall, as well as portions of Pala, Fallbrook, and the city of Vista.

Project Location

The proposed project is generally located in the unincorporated community of Bonsall, west of Interstate 15 and approximately 12 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean in northwest San Diego County, California (Figure 1, *Regional Location*). More specifically, the project alignment is located along Old River Road, Golf Club Drive, Camino Del Rey, and a segment of State Route 76 (SR-76) from where it intersects with Camino Del Rey/Olive Hill Road to approximately 0.25 mile north of where it meets South Mission Road (Figure 2, *Project Alignment*).

Project Description

The proposed Lift Station No. 1 Replacement Project (proposed project) would entail improvements to facilities associated with the District's existing Lift Station No. 1 (LS1). LS1 would be retained in place during construction of adjacent facilities. The proposed project includes two new lift stations (Thoroughbred LS and Schoolhouse LS), and the installation of seven segments of new sewer/force main to replace existing pipelines.

Thoroughbred LS would be installed within Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 126-452-01-00, which is located at the southwestern corner of the intersection of SR-76 and Thoroughbred Lane. Schoolhouse LS would be installed within Lot 25 of the Golf Green Estates development along Old River Road.

The project would install a total of approximately 21,000 linear feet of new sewer/force main to replace existing pipelines main of a similar length. New pipelines would be installed within roadways and existing trenches as much as possible.

Potential Environmental Effects

The proposed project would result in potential impacts in the following issue areas: biological resources (adverse impact to special status species); cultural resources (adverse change in the significance of paleontological and archeological resources); hazards and hazardous materials (accidental exposure to hazardous materials); noise (exposure to noise levels above standards during construction and operation); tribal cultural resources (change in significance of tribal cultural resource).

Based on the Initial Study (IS) prepared for the project, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment that cannot be mitigated to a level of insignificance with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

Draft MND Availability

The Draft MND is on file with the District, located at 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028. An electronic copy is available at the District's website at: www.rainbowmwd.com/engineering-services.

Responses and Comments

The District is soliciting comments during the 30-day public comment period for this Draft IS/MND from November 6, 2020 to December 5, 2020. All comments should indicate a contact person for each agency or organization, if applicable. Please submit email comments to mtamimi@rainbowmwd.com and written comments by mail to:

Rainbow Municipal Water District

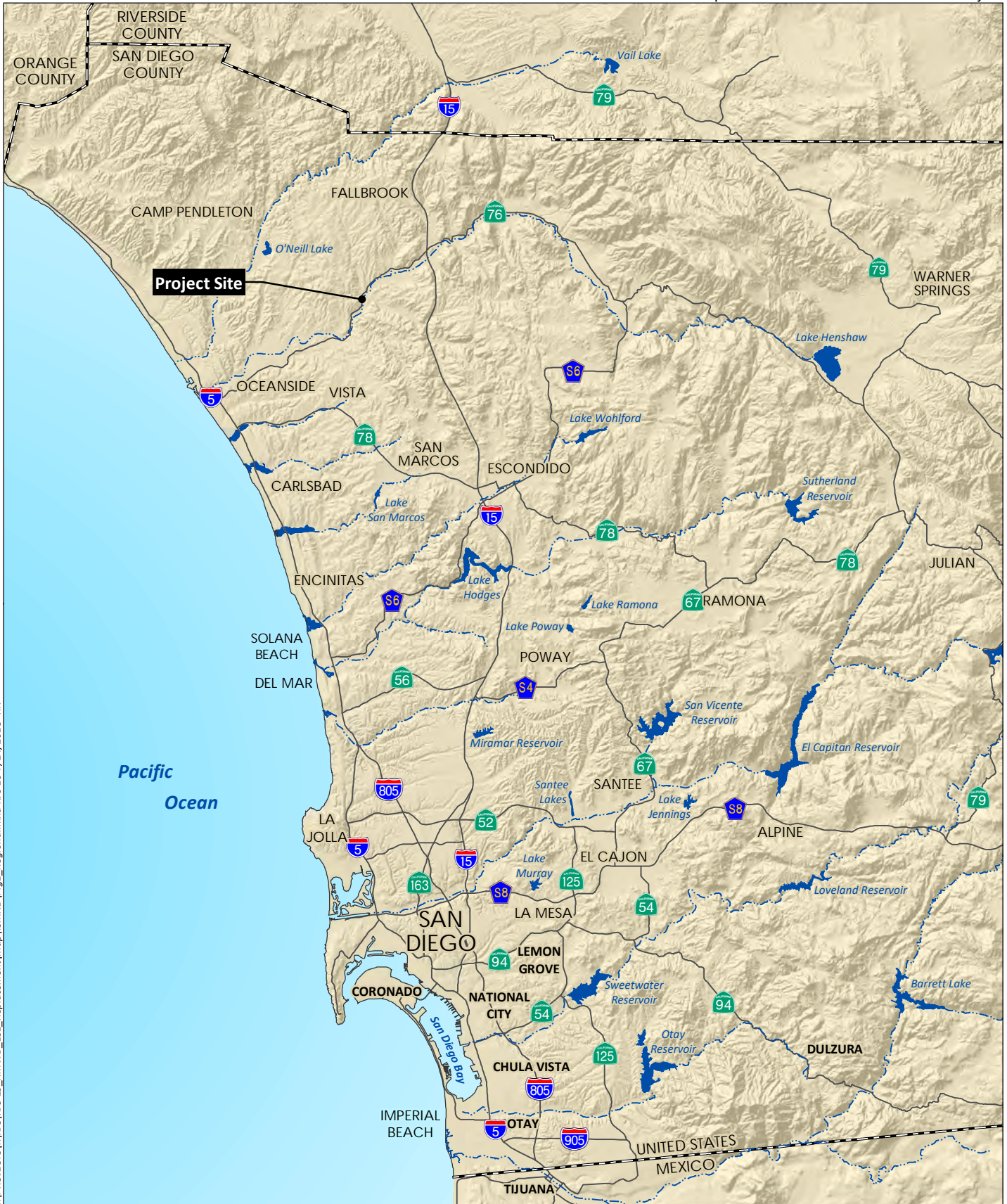
Attn: Malik Tamimi
Engineering Department
3707 Old Highway 395
Fallbrook, CA 92028

A Final MND, incorporating public input, will be prepared for consideration by the District at a future public meeting. We appreciate your review of the Draft IS/MND. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact me using the information above.

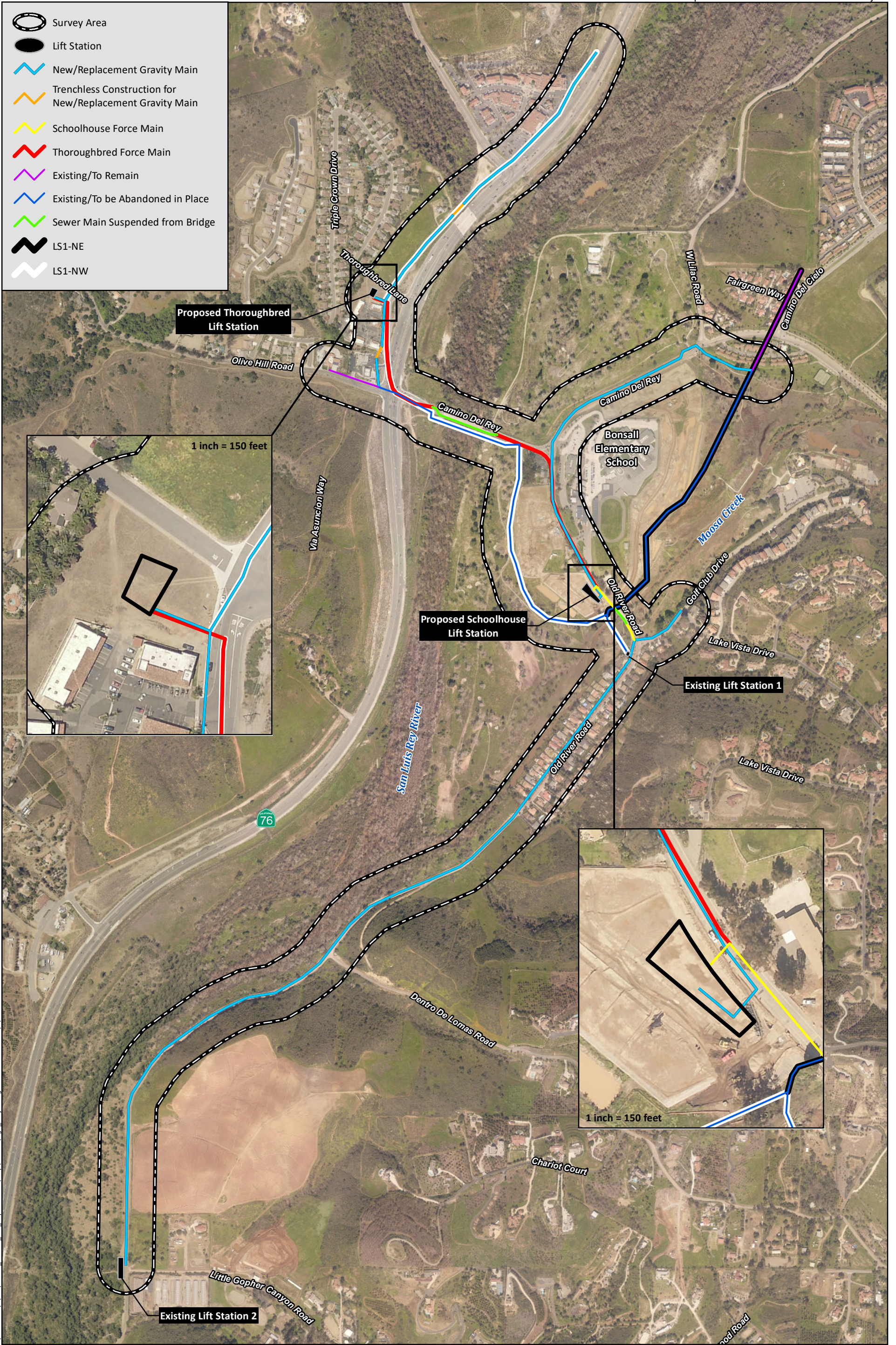


Chad Williams, Acting District Engineer

Attachments: Figure 1, Regional Location and Figure 2, Project Alignment



Source: Base Map Layers (SanGIS, 2016)



I:\PROJECTS\KVC\KVC-19_RMWD_LSI_Replacement\Map\SMND\Fig2_ProjectAlignment.mxd KVC-19 7/8/2020 - SAB

Source: Aerial (SanGIS, 2017)