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## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD and Lead Agency) has prepared a Draft Initial Study & Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the project listed below pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines §15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS-MND may do so in writing within the 32-day public review period commencing July 29 through August 30, 2021.

**Project Title:** Conjunctive Use Plan for the San Lorenzo River Watershed

**Project Location:** Water infrastructure associated with the various water use scenarios identified in the Conjunctive Use Plan is located throughout the San Lorenzo Valley Water District's service area in Santa Cruz County.

Specifically, the physical improvements proposed under the Loch Lomond Scenario would be located in the community of Felton, California. The northern terminus of infrastructure improvements would occur under the San Lorenzo Way Bridge, located near 6660 Highway 9, Felton, California 95018. A pipeline would be suspended under the bridge within the bridge development footprint, running east to west. From the western side of the San Lorenzo Way bridge, pipeline installation would run underground under Highway 9, along Clearview Place, and south along Cooper Street within the public right-of-way. The new waterline would then run south within the Cooper Street right-of-way to tie-in to the existing water line at Farmer Street, near 6560 Highway 9 in Felton. Additional infrastructure upgrades would occur at Kirby Water Treatment Plant, located at 195 Kirby Street in Felton (Assessor's Parcel Number 065-281-03). These Loch Lomond Scenario physical improvement sites are not listed on a Government Code 6596.5 database.

**Brief Project Description:** SLVWD and the County of Santa Cruz have jointly developed the San Lorenzo River Watershed Conjunctive Use Plan to identify surface and groundwater supply reliability projects within the San Lorenzo River watershed. The main purpose of the plan is to optimize the conjunctive use of surface and groundwater sources to improve aquatic habitat and water supply reliability within the San Lorenzo River watershed. The plan includes four selected conjunctive use scenarios, three of which are discussed in the initial study, the fourth scenario would be subject to future CEQA review prior to any approval. Implementation of the selected scenarios would allow more flexibility to divert surface flows during the winter and spring (peak flow season) and/or provide in-lieu groundwater recharge to improve surface flows during the summer (low flow season). The three scenarios discussed in the initial study are described below:

- **SLRBT Low-Flow Requirements Modification Scenario:** Under the SLRBT Low-Flow Requirements Modification Scenario, Fall Creek bypass flows would continue to comply with the current permit requirements, but SLVWD would seek a water right permit modification to relieve it of the SLRBT low-

flow requirements that at times can prohibit all diversions for the Felton System. No new infrastructure would be required under this scenario. See Figure 1 for scenario locations.

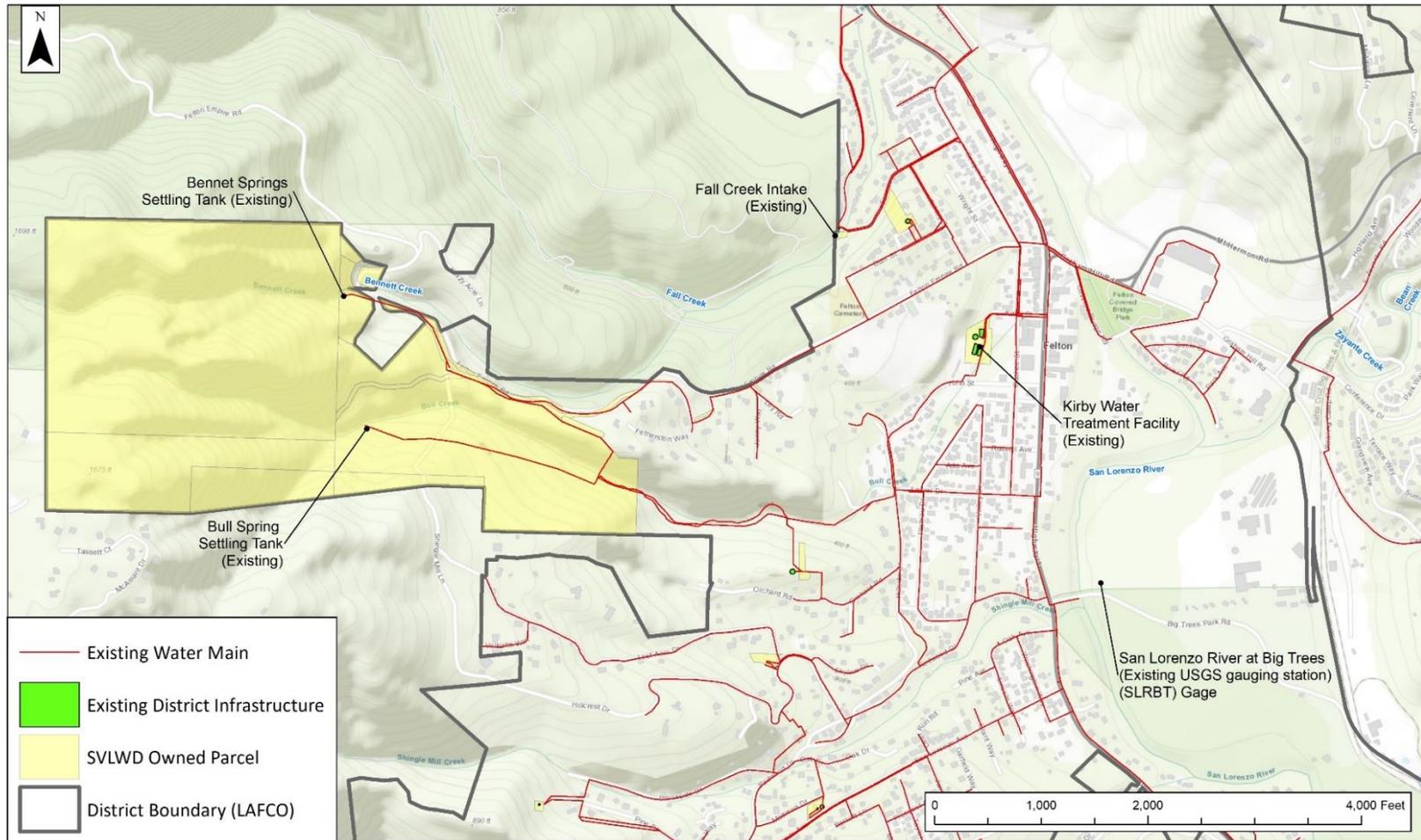
- **North System Diversions Scenario:** Under the North System Diversions Scenario, SLVWD would export unused potential diversions from the North System to the South System as a substitute for pumping groundwater from the Pasatiempo groundwater wells. No new infrastructure would be required under this scenario. Infrastructure currently used for emergencies only, such as Pipeline Interties #3 and #4, would be used for regular operation. See Figure 2 for scenario locations.
- **Loch Lomond Scenario:** Under the Loch Lomond Scenario, the South System would import an average of 245 AFY from Loch Lomond Reservoir, ranging between 120 and 290 AFY. The South System's use of Loch Lomond Reservoir water would result in a simulated 67 percent reduction in groundwater pumping from the Pasatiempo wells. Unlike the SLRBT Low-Flow Requirements Modification Scenario and the North System Diversions Scenario, this scenario would require the installation of new infrastructure. See Figure 3 for scenario locations.

**30-Day Document Review:** The document can be found online at: <https://www.slvwd.com/environmental/pages/conjunctive-use-planning-documents>. Upon request, a hard copy can be available for review at SLVWD's office, 13060 CA-9, Boulder Creek, California 95006. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM August 30, 2021.

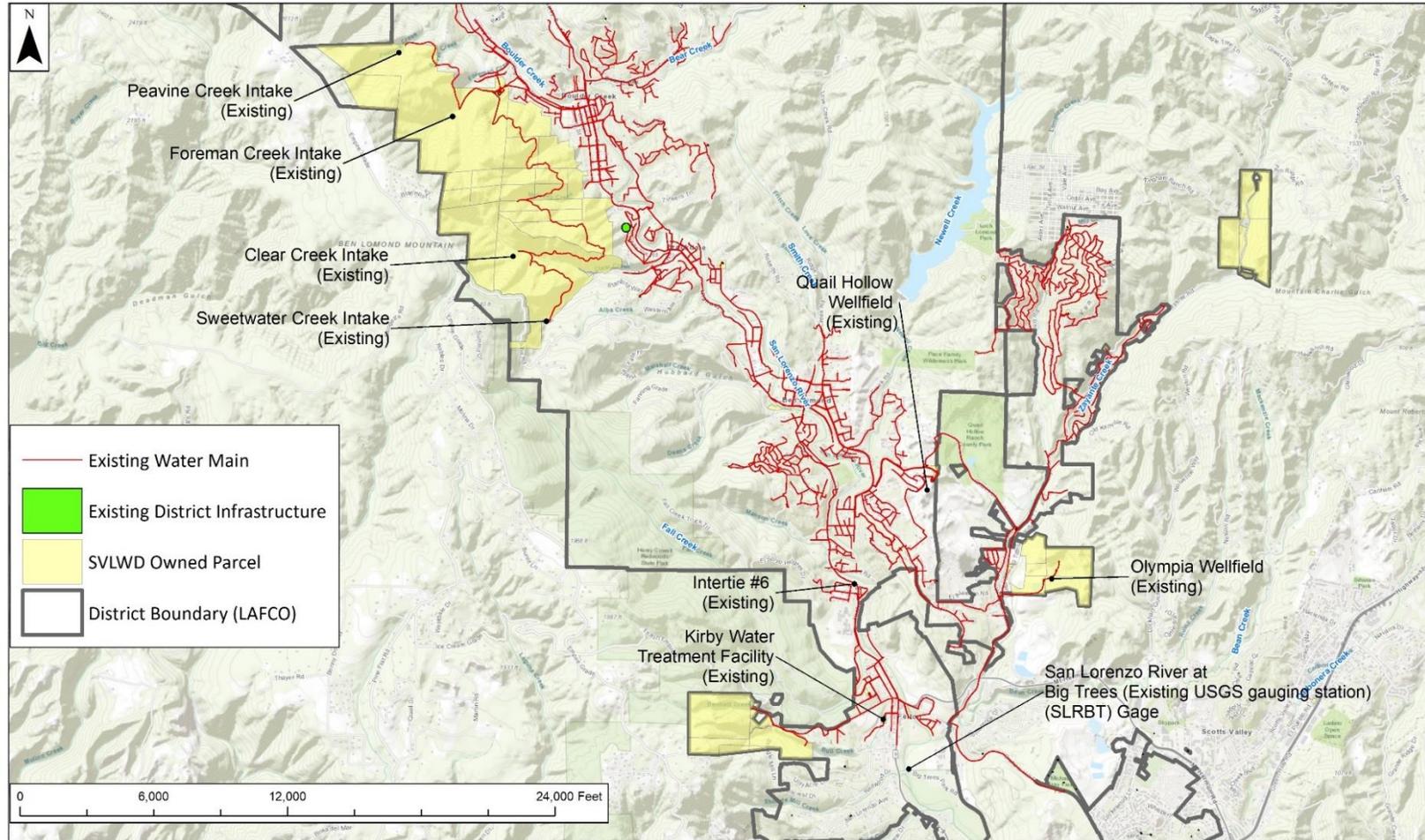
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**Figure 1 SLRBT Low-Flow Requirements Modification Scenario Diversion Locations**



**Figure 2 North System Diversions Scenario Diversion Locations**



**Figure 3 Loch Lomond Scenario New Infrastructure**

