



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2022 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/22) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 37-11/23/2022-0834
STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY SWEETWATER AUTHORITY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 11/23/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2022-0834	
PROJECT TITLE ROBERT A. PERDUE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FUEL MANAGEMENT AND FIRE-RESILIENT HABITAT RESTORATION		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SWEETWATER AUTHORITY	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 619-420-1413
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 505 GARRETT AVENUE	CITY CHULA VISTA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 91910

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,539.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$2,548.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,203.25	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD

Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED
 \$
 50.00

SIGNATURE X <i>D Butler</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County Clerk, DANIEL BUTLER, Deputy
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Payment Reference #: AUTH CODE: 061152 ORDER# 153284645



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

FILED
Nov 23, 2022 11:37 AM
Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr.
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
File # 2022-000948
State Receipt # 37112320220834

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TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

ROBERT A. PERDUE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FUEL MANAGEMENT AND
FIRE-RESILIENT HABITAT RESTORATION

Check Document being Filed:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO
COUNTY CLERK ON** November 23, 2022

Posted November 23, 2022 **Removed** _____

Returned to agency on _____

DEPUTY _____

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

San Diego County



Transaction #: 6844268
Receipt #: 2022507116

Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr.
Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
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P. O. Box 121750, San Diego, CA 92112-1750
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Cashier Date: 11/23/2022
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 11/23/2022 11:38 am

Payment Summary

Total Fees	\$50.00
Total Payments	\$50.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment	
VITALCHEK PAYMENT	\$50.00
Total Payments	\$50.00
Filing	
CEQA - NOE	FILE #: 2022-000948 Date: 11/23/2022 11:37AM Pages: 8
	State Receipt # 37-11/23/2022-0834
Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00
Grand Total - All Documents:	\$50.00

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

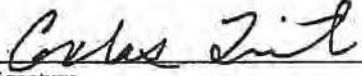
<p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>	<p>FROM: Name: Sweetwater Authority (Public Agency) Address: 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910 Telephone: (619) 420-1413</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk (Include County name) Address: San Diego County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260 San Diego, CA 92101</p>	
<p>1. Project Title:</p>	<p>Robert A. Perdue Water Treatment Plant Fuel Management and Fire-Resilient Habitat Restoration</p>
<p>2. Project Applicant:</p>	<p>Sweetwater Authority</p>
<p>3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):</p>	<p>100 Lakeview Avenue, Spring Valley, CA 91977. More specifically, the Perdue Water Treatment Plant, located within the Sweetwater Reservoir property.</p>
<p>4. Project Location – City: Unincorporated</p>	<p>(a) Project Location – County: San Diego</p>

<p>5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:</p>	<p>The Proposed Project consists of four phases, including (1) fuel reduction and hazardous fuel removal, (2) soil stabilization and slope protection, (3) reforestation with fire-resilient native habitat, and (4) maintenance and monitoring. The Proposed Project would occur on a 4.9-acre steep slope, on the west side of the Sweetwater Reservoir property, and adjacent to the Robert A. Perdue Water Treatment Plant and residential areas of the unincorporated community of Spring Valley, in San Diego County, California. Phase 1 includes site preparation activities and the removal of approximately 100-200 fallen, dead, or dying eucalyptus trees, and the removal of 50-100 eucalyptus trees in other conditions; other flammable debris and detritus will also be removed as part of Phase 1. The sparse native coastal sage habitat under the trees will be fully avoided, protected, and left in place. Phase 2 will include acquisition and installation of erosion and sediment controls (e.g. straw wattles, jute matting as appropriate), consistent with a Water Pollution Control Plan prepared for the project, by a qualified stormwater professional (e.g. QSD). The Project site is on a steep slope, and underground public utilities do exist in the project area, and it is necessary to install erosion and sediment controls to minimize slope erosion issues after removal of the eucalyptus grove. Phase 3 will include fire-resilient habitat restoration that will involve the salvage and direct planting of coast cholla (<i>Cylindropuntia prolifera</i>) and prickly pear (<i>Opuntia littoralis</i>) cuttings as well as hand seeding with native wildflower seed mix. The native cactus species retain water and will inherently suppress and reduce the spread of fire. There are similar cactus patches in the vicinity of the project site, and this added 4.9-acre patch will enhance this coastal sage and maritime succulent scrub vegetation community. As a result, declining populations of the coastal cactus wren (<i>Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus</i>) would benefit. The coastal cactus wren is a Federal Bird of Conservation Concern and State Species of Special Concern. Phase 4 will maintain erosion and sediment controls, remove or treat any eucalyptus regrowth, weed non-native annual species to promote establishment of cactus, and monitor for wildlife species that have benefited from the cactus/scrub. Phases 1, 2, and 3 will be performed in year 1 (2023-24), and Phase 2, 3, and 4 will last an additional 3 years (2025-2027).</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to remove flammable vegetation from areas adjacent to the Perdue Water Treatment Plant and residential areas of Spring Valley, and thus protect these areas from the threat of wildfires. Portions of this area recently caught on fire, resulting in a fire that reached the Water Treatment Plant hydroelectric turbine building.</p> <p>Sweetwater Authority and the residents of the Spring Canyon development and other adjacent Spring Valley areas would benefit directly from this project, as it would reduce available fuels in the urban-natural interface. In addition, the project area is adjacent to County of San Diego park lands and trails, and implementation of the restoration phase would beautify the area, enhancing the</p>
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	<p>trail users experience. Finally, the project would also benefit of the restoration of 4.9 acres of native habitat, which could serve as habitat for sensitive species, such as the cactus wren.</p> <p>The four phases of the Project described above would be managed by an experienced professional wildlife biologist and in close coordination with a stormwater professional to ensure that no existing natural resources, including wildlife species, in the surrounding areas are negatively impacted by the crews performing the project work. The project would also include a monitoring component to ensure implementation of restoration efforts are successful.</p>
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Sweetwater Authority
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Sweetwater Authority
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	<p>CEQA Guidelines 15301(H). EXISTING FACILITIES &</p> <p>CEQA Guidelines 15333. SMALL HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS.</p>
(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
9. Reason why project was exempt:	

	<p>The project is categorically exempt, under <i>Categorical Exemption Class 1(H) for Existing Facilities</i>, and under <i>Categorical Exemption Class 33 for Small Habitat Restoration</i>. The proposed project includes the removal of overgrown, dead, and dying non-native eucalyptus trees, which were once considered landscape trees for the Perdue Water Treatment Plant property; maintenance and stabilization of the slope area; and replacement of removed landscape trees with fire-resilient native habitat. The proposed site does not exceed the 5-acre limitation of Class 33, and it would eventually be restored from landscape non-native invasive vegetation that is currently in very poor conditions, to fire-resilient native vegetation and potential habitat for sensitive wildlife species.</p>
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<p>10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:</p>	<p>Israel Marquez, Environmental Project Manager (619) 410-1590</p>
<p>11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing.</p>	
<p>12. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>13. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: Click to enter date</p>	


Signature

Date: November 22, 2022

Carlos Quintero, PE
Name

Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing:

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

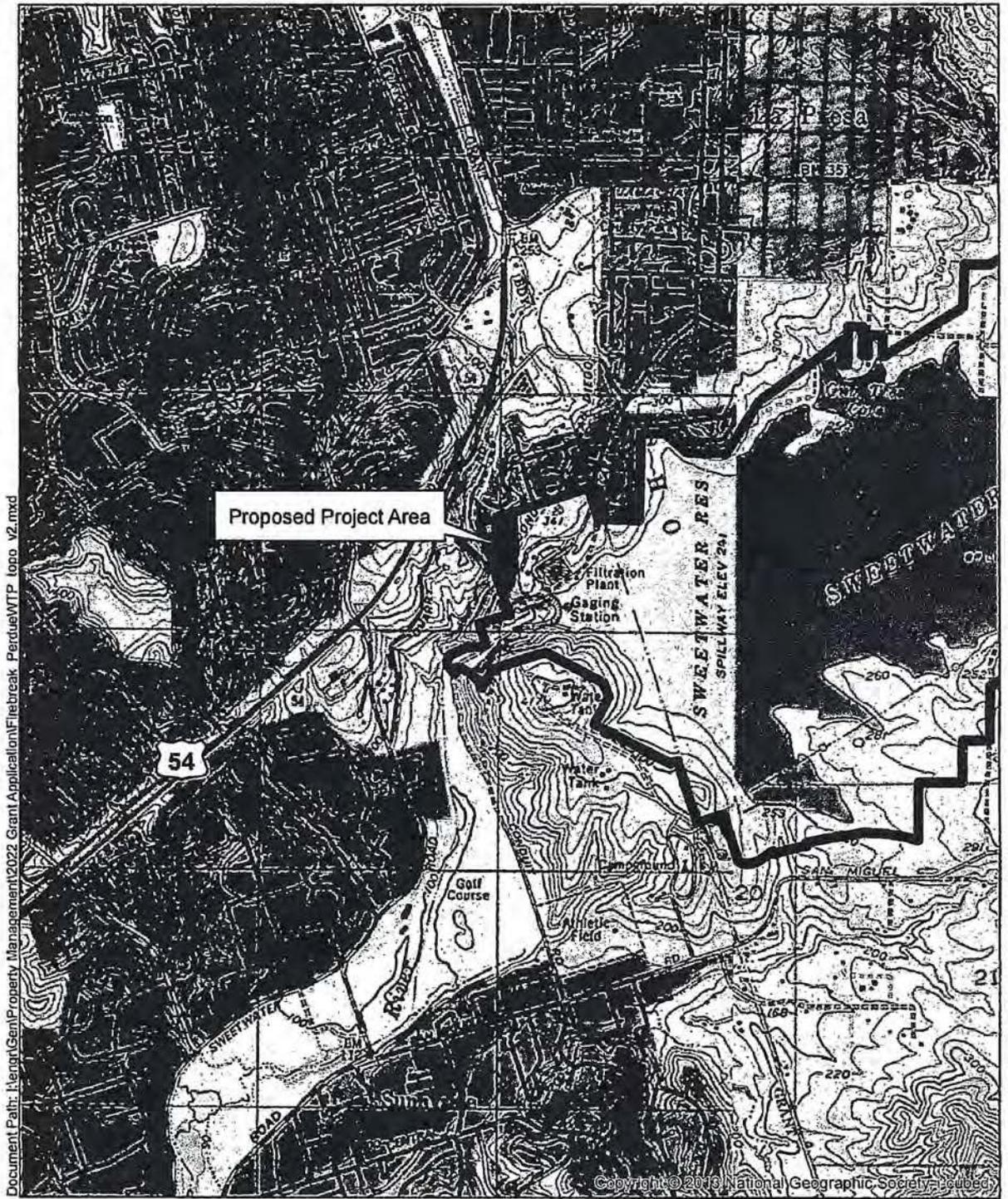
CERTIFICATE OF DETERMINATION

(If Notice of Exemption filed by Project Applicant, Project Applicant must Attach to Notice of Exemption)

1. Name or description of project:	Robert A. Perdue Water Treatment Plant Fuel Management and Fire-Resilient Habitat Restoration	
2. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	100 Lakeview Avenue, Spring Valley, CA 91977. More specifically, the Perdue Water Treatment Plant, located within the Sweetwater Reservoir property. See also attached maps.	
3. Entity or person undertaking project:	A. Sweetwater Authority	
	B. Other (Private)	
	(1) Name	
	(2) Address	
4. Staff Determination:	<p>The Lead Agency's Staff, having undertaken and completed a preliminary review of this project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Lead Agency's Local Guidelines for Implementing CEQA has concluded that this project does not require further environmental assessment because:</p>	
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed action does not constitute a project under CEQA.	
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is a Ministerial Project.	
c. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is an Emergency Project.	
d. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study.	
e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project is categorically exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption Class:	CEQA Guidelines 15301(H). EXISTING FACILITIES & CEQA Guidelines 15333. SMALL HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS.
f. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is statutorily exempt.	
	Applicable Exemption:	
g. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project is otherwise exempt on the following basis:	
h. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project involves another public agency which constitutes the Lead Agency.	
	Name of Lead Agency:	

Date: November 22, 2022

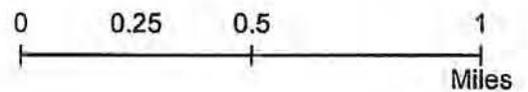
Staff: Israel Marquez, Environmental Project Manager



Data Source: 2022 Aerial photo

Figure 1. Project Area, Regional Map

Robert A. Perdue Water Treatment Plant Fuel Management and Fire-Resilient Habitat Restoration



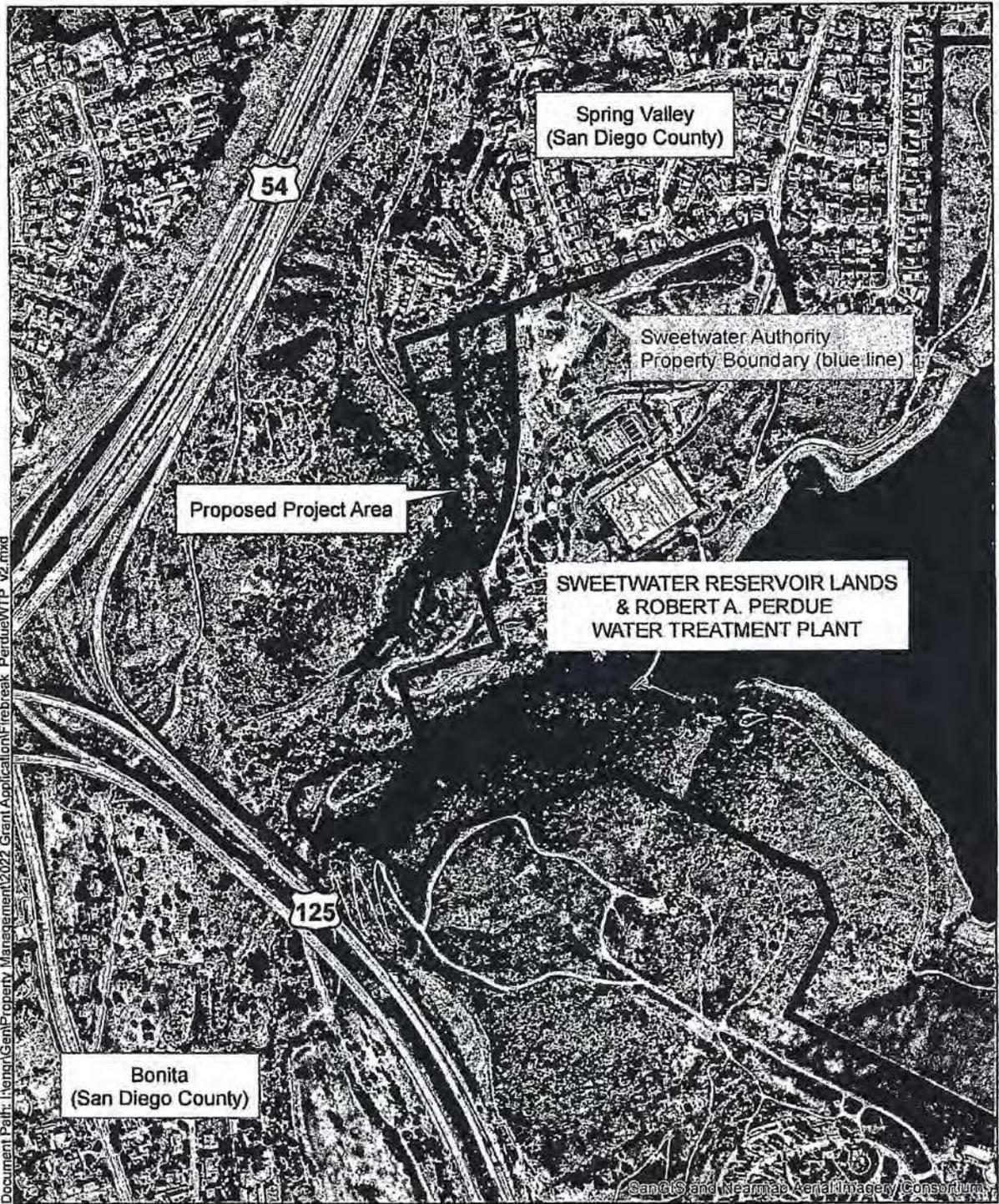


Figure 2. Project Area, Vicinity Map

Robert A. Perdue Water Treatment Plant Fuel Management and Fire-Resilient Habitat Restoration

