



# MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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# Chapter 1

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## INTRODUCTION



# INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Project Summary

This document is the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration describing the potential environmental effects of implementing a series of upgrades to the Groveland Community Services District (CSD) water system. The CSD intends to install and replace water mains and associated infrastructure in the communities of Big Oak Flat, Groveland, and White Gulch (Project). The proposed Project is more fully described in Chapter Two – Project Description.

The Groveland Community Services District will act as the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to the *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)* and the *CEQA Guidelines*.

The Project is expected to be funded with Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) funds administered through the California State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board). One requirement of DWSRF funding is that the City will be required to comply with the Water Board's environmental requirements including CEQA-Plus. CEQA-Plus involves additional environmental analysis of certain topics to include federal thresholds, rules and regulations (for topics such as air, biology, cultural, etc.). In addition to this Mitigated Negative Declaration, the CSD is preparing a separate Environmental Package for submittal to the Water Board which includes the CEQA-Plus analysis.

## 1.2 Document Format

This IS/MND contains five chapters, and appendices. Section 1, Introduction, provides an overview of the project and the CEQA environmental documentation process. Chapter 2, Project Description, provides a detailed description of project objectives and components. Chapter 3, Initial Study Checklist, presents the CEQA checklist and environmental analysis for all impact areas, mandatory findings of significance, and feasible mitigation measures. If the proposed project does not have the potential to significantly impact a given issue area, the relevant section provides a brief discussion of the reasons why no impacts are expected. If the project could have a potentially significant impact on a resource, the issue area discussion provides a description of potential impacts, and appropriate mitigation measures and/or permit requirements that would reduce those impacts to a less than significant level. Chapter 4, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, provides the proposed mitigation measures, completion timeline, and person/agency responsible for implementation and Chapter 5, List of Preparers, provides a list of key personnel involved in the preparation of the IS/MND.

Environmental impacts are separated into the following categories:

**Potentially Significant Impact.** This category is applicable if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant, and no feasible mitigation measures can be identified to reduce impacts to a less than significant level. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.

**Less Than Significant After Mitigation Incorporated.** This category applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures would reduce an effect from a “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measure(s), and briefly explain how they would reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from earlier analyses may be cross-referenced).

**Less Than Significant Impact.** This category is identified when the project would result in impacts below the threshold of significance, and no mitigation measures are required.

**No Impact.** This category applies when a project would not create an impact in the specific environmental issue area. “No Impact” answers do not require a detailed explanation if they are adequately supported by the information sources cited by the lead agency, which show that the impact does not apply to the specific project (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis.)

Regardless of the type of CEQA document that must be prepared, the basic purpose of the CEQA process as set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15002(a) is to:

- (1) Inform governmental decision makers and the public about the potential, significant environmental effects of proposed activities.
- (2) Identify ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced.
- (3) Prevent significant, avoidable damage to the environment by requiring changes in projects through the use of alternatives or mitigation measures when the governmental agency finds the changes to be feasible.
- (4) Disclose to the public the reasons why a governmental agency approved the project in the manner the agency chose if significant environmental effects are involved.

According to Section 15070(b), a Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate if it is determined that:

- (1) Revisions in the project plans or proposals made by or agreed to by the applicant before a proposed mitigated negative declaration and initial study are released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur, and
- (2) There is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the agency, that the project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment.

The Initial Study contained in Section Three of this document has determined that with mitigation measures and features incorporated into the project design and operation, the environmental impacts are less than significant and therefore a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be adopted.

## Chapter 2

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# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

# Project Description

## 2.1 Location

The proposed Project will take place in three adjacent communities; Big Oak Flat, Groveland, and White Gulch, in western Tuolumne County (see Figure 1). The three communities are within the Groveland Community Services District (CSD or District) and lie generally along State Route 120, south and southwest of Pine Mountain Lake and east of State Route 49. Yosemite National Park lies approximately 23 miles southeast of the Project site. Project elevation ranges from approximately 2800 feet to approximately 3100 feet above mean sea level. The proposed Project is located in Township 1S, Range 16E, Sections 20, 21, 23, 27, 29 and 30, MDB&M and proposed improvements are shown in Figures 2 through 4.

## 2.2 Setting and Surrounding Land Use

The Groveland CSD provides water under Domestic Water Supply Permit No. 03-11-13P-008 and obtains all of its water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. The water originates in Yosemite National Park as snow melt from a large watershed into the High Sierra. The District's existing water system distributes water to the populated areas of Big Oak Flat, Groveland, and Pine Mountain Lake. The District's water supply and distribution system includes three water treatment plants, five storage reservoirs, and approximately 70 miles of distribution piping. The District provides a treated water supply to approximately 3,500 customers.

The proposed Project site consists of developed and disturbed land cover including roads, residential development, and commercial development. The surrounding land cover is composed of cismontane woodland. Intermittent and ephemeral waterways are present within fifty feet of each of the three work locations.



**Figure 1 – Regional Location Map**

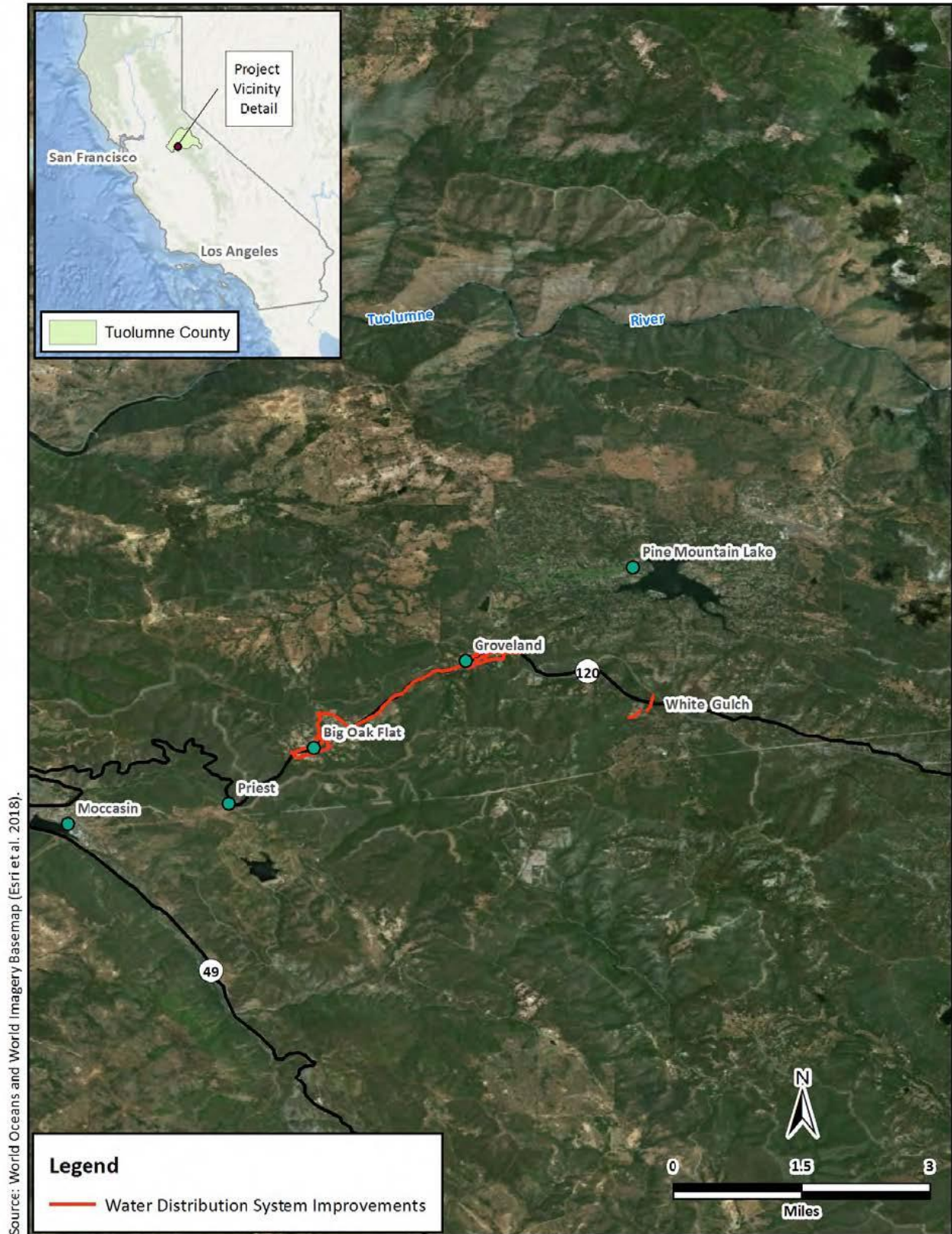




Figure 2 – Big Oak Flats Project Area





Figure 3 – White Gulch Project Area

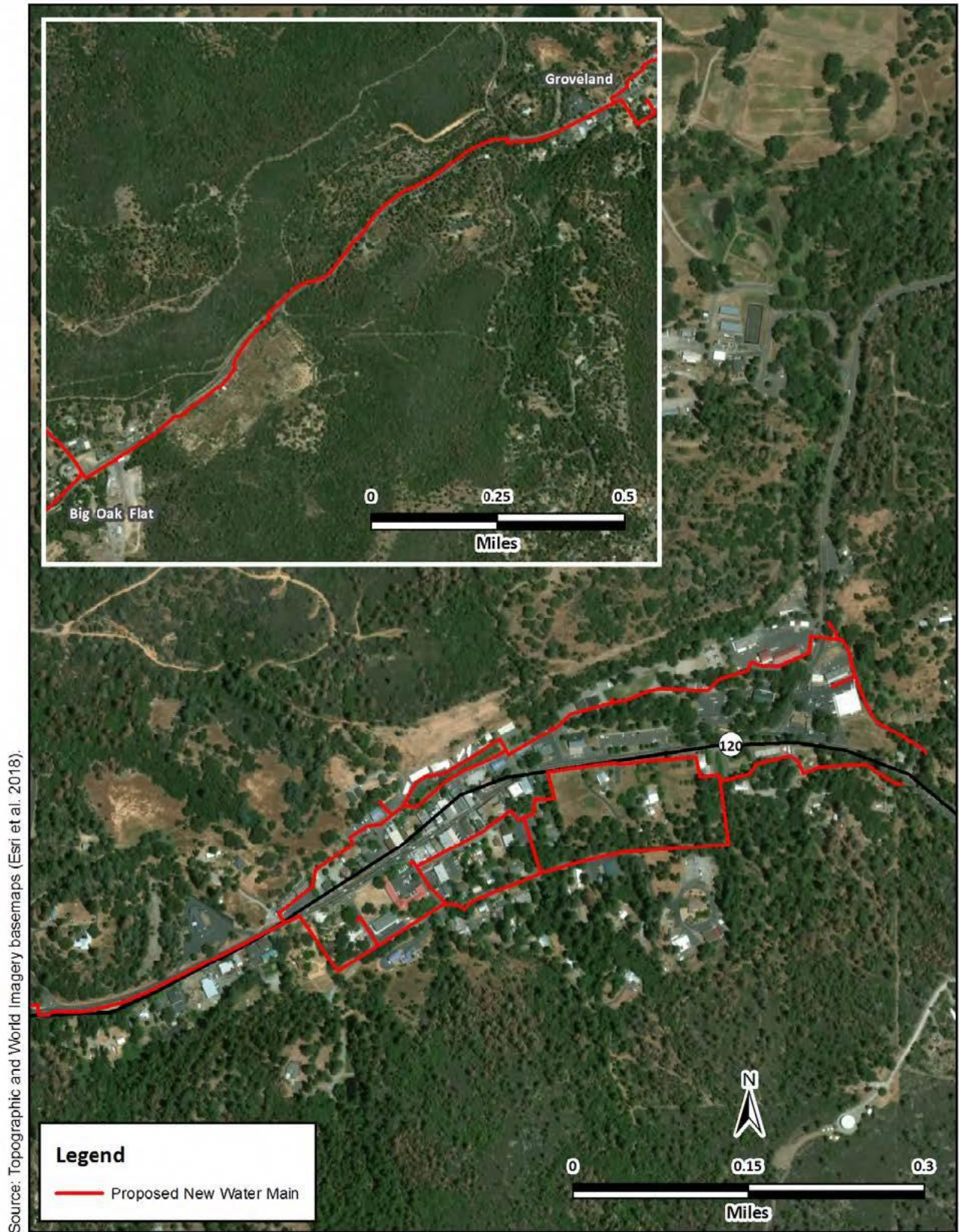
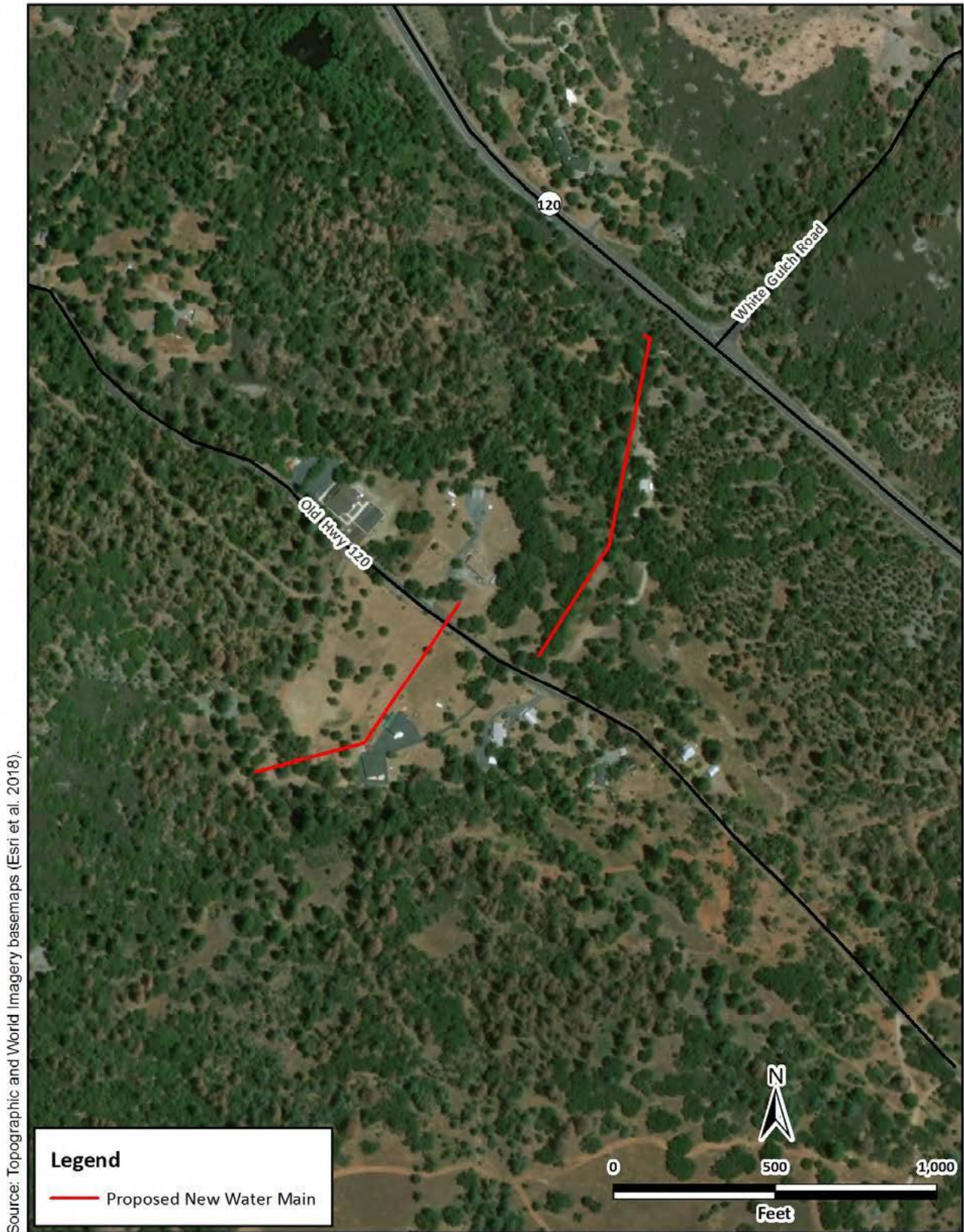




Figure 4 – Groveland Project Area



Source: Topographic and World Imagery basemaps (Esri et al. 2018).

## 2.3 Project Background

The Groveland Community Services District proposes to install and replace water mains and associated infrastructure in the communities of Big Oak Flat, Groveland, and White Gulch. The District will obtain financing for this water distribution systems improvement project (Project) from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The DWSRF is administered by the State Water Resources Control Board and partially funded by a capitalization grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Due to this federal nexus, issuing funds from the DWSRF constitutes a federal action, one that requires the EPA to determine whether the proposed action may affect federally protected resources. The Project must therefore comply with requirements of both the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and certain federal environmental laws and regulations. This state and federal review process is known as CEQA-Plus.

The District's current Water Master Plan was adopted in 2001, outlining anticipated improvements to the District's water infrastructure to improve fire flows and accommodate expected demand growth. The Plan focuses on infrastructure needs throughout the District's service area, including the buildout of the Pine Mountain Lake water distribution system.

The project is needed to improve the water supply reliability of Groveland and Big Oak Flat and to provide the required infrastructure to meet fire flow requirements. Additionally, water mains within the project area are subject to frequent main breaks, which cause disruptions in service and water losses in the system. Providing water distribution system improvements would reduce the water use of the District and lower the cost to operate and maintain the system.

## 2.4 Project Description

An Engineering Design Report entitled "Groveland Community Services District – Water Distribution System Improvements" was prepared by AM Consulting Engineers in May 2017 to address the needed improvements and is included as an Appendix to this CEQA document. Please refer to that document for specific project characteristics. A summary of Project activities is included herein.

The Project involves installing or replacing approximately 10,203 linear feet of 8-inch diameter water main as well as new gate valves, pressure reducing valves, and four fire hydrants in the downtown Groveland water distribution system; approximately 10,306 linear feet of 8-inch diameter water main as well as new gate valves, pressure reducing valves, and nine fire

hydrants in the Big Oak Flat water distribution system; approximately 7,212 linear feet of 8-inch water main and two fire hydrants in the connection between the communities of Groveland and Big Oak Flat; and approximately 1,956 linear feet of 8-inch water main and one fire hydrant in the water distribution system that feeds White Gulch.

Specifically, the Project is broken down as follows:

Anticipated improvements to the downtown Groveland water distribution system:

- Construct 4,995 linear feet (LF) of 6" water main on the lots to the north of Highway 120.
- Construct 160 LF of 6" water main to connect the existing water main to the new water main north of Highway 120.
- Construct 2,610 LF of 6" water main on the lots to the south of Highway 120 and along Back Street.
- Construct 1,310 LF of 6" water main along Foote Street and extending to the east.
- Construct 2 segments of water main, 440 LF and 290 LF respectively, connecting the new water main south of Highway 120 to the new water main along Foote Street.
- Construct 215 LF of 6" water main along Power House Street connecting the new water main on Back Street to the new water main along Foote Street.
- Construct 385 LF of 6" water main connecting the new water mains north of Highway 120 to the new water mains south of Highway 120.
- Construction of new gate valves, pressure reducing valves and fire hydrants along the new water mains, as needed.

Anticipated improvements to the Big Oak Flat water distribution system:

- Replace 2,000 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Wards Ferry Road, including two (2) gate valves and three (3) fire hydrants.
- Replace 1,015 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Scofield Street including one (1) gate valve and three (3) fire hydrants.
- Replace 1,040 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Big Oak Road including one (1) gate valve and one (1) fire hydrant.
- Replace 320 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Henderson Street including one (1) gate valve and one (1) fire hydrant.
- Replace 295 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Black Road including one (1) gate valve and two (2) fire hydrants.
- Replace 745 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Harper Street.



- Replace 250 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along School Street including two (2) gate valves.
- Replace 1,150 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Yates Street including one (1) gate valve and one (1) fire hydrant.
- Replace 305 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Vassar Street including one (1) fire hydrant and a crossing underneath highway 120.
- Construct 1,200 LF of 6" pipe along Ward Ferry Road and Scofield Street to loop the system including one (1) new PRV, three (3) new fire hydrants, and two (2) new gate valves.

Anticipated improvements to the water distribution system in the White Gulch area:

- Replace 5,170 LF of 6" water main along White Gulch Road, near Highway 120.
- Replace 1,200 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Old Highway 120.
- Construction of new gate valves, pressure reducing valves and fire hydrants along the new water mains, as needed.

Both conventional trenching methods and pipe bursting were considered for water mains to be replaced. Conventional construction requires detailed geotechnical investigations and topographical surveys to locate existing utilities that may be impacted by the excavation of the sewer line. Conventional construction uses heavy equipment to dig the trenches and requires surface restoration of the excavated trench.

Pipe bursting is a method by which the existing pipe is forced outward and opened by a bursting tool. In pipe bursting the existing pipe is used as a guide for inserting the expansion head (part of the bursting tool). The expansion head, typically pulled by a cable rod and winch, increases the area available for the new pipe by pushing the existing pipe radially outward until it cracks. The bursting device pulls the new pipeline behind itself.

During the pipe bursting process, the rehabilitated pipe segment must be taken out of service by rerouting flows around it. After the pipe bursting is completed, laterals are re-connected, typically by conventional excavation methods.

### **Project Schedule**

Construction is expected to take approximately one year and is expected to begin in 2019.

## 2.5 Objectives

The primary objectives of the proposed project are as follows:

- The Groveland Community Services District primary objective is to provide clean drinking water to the communities it serves.
- The Groveland Community Services District seeks to effectively distribute its' water supply and ensure sufficient water pressure is available for multiple users.
- The District seeks to operate the water distribution system with the most cost-effective methods available that meet the District's overall system performance and regulatory compliance requirements.

## 2.6 Other Required Approvals

The proposed Project will include, but not be limited to, the following regulatory requirements:

- The adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration by the Groveland Community Services District.
- Regional Water Quality Control Board approval.
- State Water Board approval.
- Regulatory Agency permitting for work in jurisdictional waterways:
  - CA Fish & Wildlife Streambed Alteration Agreement
  - RWQCB 401 permit
  - Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit

## Chapter 3

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# IMPACT ANALYSIS

# Initial Study Checklist

## 3.1 Environmental Checklist Form

**Project title:**

Groveland Community Services District Water Distribution System Improvements

**Lead agency name and address:**

Groveland Community Services District  
18966 Ferretti Road  
Groveland, CA 95321

**Contact person and phone number:**

Alfonso Manrique, PE: 559.473.1371

**Project location:**

See Section 2.1

**Project sponsor's name/address:**

Groveland Community Service District

**General plan designation:**

Various, District-wide project

**Zoning:**

Various, District-wide project

**Description of project:**

See Section 2.3

**Surrounding land uses/setting:**

See Section 2.2

**Other public agencies whose approval or consultation is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, participation agreements):** See Section 2.5

### 3.2 Environmental Factors Potentially Affected

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a “Potentially Significant Impact” as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Resources and Forest Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources              | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology /Soils                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions        | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials              | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology / Water Quality          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Planning             | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic          | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities / Service Systems                | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

### 3.3 Determination

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or



“potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.



I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

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Groveland Community Services District

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Date

# I. AESTHETICS

## Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## RESPONSES

### a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project involves upgrades to a water distribution system that will include installing underground water main pipelines and installing fire hydrants and other appurtenances. Views of surrounding areas will not be impacted by the project, since the majority of the finished work will be below grade. Any replacement of above-ground structures such as fire hydrants or installation of structures such as water treatment equipment, pumps, or fencing will be similar to existing facilities and will not introduce new features that are not already common to the built environment along the existing water distribution system. As such, the proposed Project will not impede any scenic vistas.

Construction activities will occur over a 12-month period and will be visible from the adjacent roadsides; however, the construction activities will be temporary in nature and will not affect a scenic vista, as described above. There will be *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

**No Impact.** There are no state designated scenic highways within the vicinity of the proposed Project site.<sup>1</sup> California Department of Transportation Scenic Highway Mapping System identifies portions of State Routes 49 and 108 in Tuolumne County (north and west of the Project site) as being eligible for state scenic highway designation, but they are not officially designated. The proposed Project would not damage any trees, rock outcroppings or historic buildings within a State scenic highway corridor. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?

**Less than Significant Impact.** The majority of the work (proposed pipelines) will be installed underground. The pipeline will not be visible once installed. Any replacement of above-ground structures such as fire hydrants or installation of structures such as water treatment equipment, pumps, or fencing will be similar to existing facilities and will not introduce new features that are not already common to the built environment along the existing water distribution system. Construction activities will be seen by the residences within the immediate vicinity and by vehicles driving in the District; however, construction activities will be temporary.

As such, the proposed Project will not substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the area or its surroundings.

The impact will be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Currently the sources of light in the project area are from building lights, the vehicles traveling along surrounding roads, and some security lighting at nearby businesses and some residences. No lighting will be associated with pipeline installation. Accordingly, the

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<sup>1</sup> California Department of Transportation. California Scenic Highway Mapping System. Tuolumne County. [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/16\\_livability/scenic\\_highways/](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/16_livability/scenic_highways/). Accessed August 2018.

proposed Project would not create substantial new sources of light or glare. Potential impacts are *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

## II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES

**Would the project:**

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## RESPONSES

a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

**No Impact.** The Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program has not mapped farmland in Tuolumne County and as such, the Project does not include conversion of designated farmland to non-farmland. The proposed Project includes the installation of new and replacement water mains and associated appurtenances. The pipeline and associated infrastructure will largely occur within the existing right of way and will be installed underground. The purpose of the Project is to improve the existing Groveland CSD water infrastructure and does not have the potential to result in the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses or forestland uses to non-forestland. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

b. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

**No Impact.** **There are no agricultural lands in the City under a Williamson Act Contract.** The proposed Project does not include land under a Williamson Act Contract. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

c. Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project is not zoned for forestland and does not propose any zone changes related to forest or timberland. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

d. Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

**No Impact.** No conversion of forestland, as defined under Public Resource Code or General Code, as referenced above, would occur as a result of the proposed Project. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

e. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?

**No Impact.** No land conversion from Farmland would occur as a result of the proposed Project. The proposed Project includes new water mains and associated hydrants and valves, largely within the existing right-of-way. All improvements will take place within an area that is built up with rural and urban uses. As such, the proposed Project does not have the potential to result in the conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural uses or forestland uses to non-forestland. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

### III. AIR QUALITY

**Would the project:**

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### RESPONSES

a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?

**Less than Significant Impact.** The Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District is designated nonattainment of state air quality standards for ozone.<sup>2</sup> Because of the region’s non-attainment status for ozone, if the project-generated emissions of either of the ozone precursor pollutants (ROG or NOx)

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<sup>2</sup> California Air Resources Board. Area Designations for State Ambient Air Quality Standards. Ozone. [https://www.arb.ca.gov/desig/adm/2016/state\\_o3.pdf](https://www.arb.ca.gov/desig/adm/2016/state_o3.pdf). Accessed August 2018.



were to exceed the TCAPCD's significance thresholds of 100 tons per year of ROG or NOX<sup>3</sup>, then the project uses would be considered to conflict with the attainment plan. In addition, if the project uses were to result in a change in land use and corresponding increases in vehicle miles traveled, they may result in an increase in vehicle miles traveled that is unaccounted for in regional emissions inventories contained in regional air quality control plans.

As discussed in Impact c), below, predicted construction and operational emissions would not exceed the TCAPCD's significance thresholds for ROG, NO<sub>x</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. As a result, the Project uses would not conflict with emissions inventories contained in regional air quality attainment plans, and would not result in a significant contribution to the region's air quality non-attainment status. Additionally, the Project would comply with all applicable rules and regulations. Therefore, this impact is *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

**Less than Significant Impact.** The proposed Project would generate emissions associated with the installation of pipelines and associated appurtenances, both from worker vehicle trips and from construction equipment. Construction emissions would be considered short-term and temporary emissions because construction emissions would cease following completion of installation. Following construction activities, operation of the water main would be a passive process. No increase in long-term operations emissions is anticipated to occur and as such, any impacts would be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?

**Less than Significant Impact.** The nonattainment pollutants for the TCAPCD is ozone. Therefore, the pollutants of concern for this impact are ozone precursors. Ozone is a regional pollutant formed by chemical reaction in the atmosphere, and the Project's incremental increase in ozone precursor generation is used to determine the potential air quality impacts.

<sup>3</sup> Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District. CEQA Thresholds of Significance.

[https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1072/TCAPCD\\_Significance\\_Thresholds\\_2?bidId=](https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1072/TCAPCD_Significance_Thresholds_2?bidId=). Accessed August 2018.

The annual significance thresholds to be used for the Project emissions are as follows<sup>4</sup>:

- Reactive Organic Gases (ROG) – 1,000 lbs/day or 100 tons per year
- Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) – 1,000 lbs/day or 100 tons per year
- Particulate Matter (PM10) – 1,000 lbs/day or 100 tons per year
- Carbon Monoxide (CO) – 1,000 lbs/day or 100 tons per year

As mentioned previously, the pipeline will not generate emissions once it is constructed. The estimated annual construction emissions are shown below. The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District’s Road Construction Emissions Model, Version 8.1.0 was utilized to estimate emissions generated from project construction. Modeling results are provided in Table 1 and the Road Construction Emissions Model output files are provided in Appendix A.

**Table 1  
Proposed Project Construction Emissions**

<b>Pollutant/ Precursor</b>	<b>Construction Emissions (tpy)</b>	<b>Threshold/ Exceed?</b>
<b>CO</b>	2.92	100/ <b>N</b>
<b>NOx</b>	3.84	100/ <b>N</b>
<b>ROG</b>	0.39	100/ <b>N</b>
<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	0.76	100/ <b>N</b>

Any impacts would be considered *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

**Less than Significant Impact.** The nearest sensitive receptors to the proposed Project site are the residential houses located along the proposed pipeline alignment, as the objective of the project is to provide residents with a reliable and adequately pressurized water source.

Construction would take place within the vicinity of sensitive receptors; however, construction emissions would be well below TCAPCD thresholds and be temporary in nature. Therefore, the small amount of emissions generated, and the short duration of the construction period would not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. Impacts to sensitive receptors would be *less than significant*.

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<sup>4</sup> Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District. CEQA Thresholds of Significance. [https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1072/TCAPCD\\_Significance\\_Thresholds\\_2\\_?bidId=](https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1072/TCAPCD_Significance_Thresholds_2_?bidId=). Accessed August 2018.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

**Less than Significant Impact.** Typical facilities that generate odors include wastewater treatment facilities, sanitary landfills, composting facilities, petroleum refineries, chemical manufacturing plants, and food process facilities. The installation and operation of new water mains for the residents of the Groveland CSD is not anticipated to be a significant generator of odors. Construction activities would temporarily generate diesel PM exhaust from heavy-duty trucks and off-road construction equipment; however, any odors generated would be temporary, short-term, and would occur only in the immediate vicinity of the construction site. Any impacts would be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

## IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

### Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?
  
- f. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

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- a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

**Less than Significant Impact With Mitigation.** Colibri Ecological Consulting, LLC, (CEC) was retained to conduct a reconnaissance survey to describe the biotic resources of the proposed Project site and to evaluate potential impacts to those resources that could result from proposed Project development.

### Methodology

CEC performed a search of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) and the California Native Plant Society’s Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants (CNPS) for records of special-status plants and animal species in the proposed Project area. Regional lists of special-status species were compiled using U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CNDDDB, and CNPS database searches confined to the Groveland 7.5-minute United States Geological Survey topographic quad, which encompasses the proposed Project site, and the eight surrounding quads. Local lists of special-status species were compiled using CNDDDB records from within five miles of the proposed Project site and species for which the Project site does not provide suitable habitat were eliminated from further consideration. Field surveys were conducted in April and May of 2018. As part of the intensive effort, biologists met with project design engineers and Groveland CSD staff on site to determine the specific limits of impact, method of construction and other relevant information in order to better evaluate the potential biological impacts of the Project. The results of these database searches and surveys are summarized herein and the full reports are included in Appendix B – Biological Resource Evaluation (May 2018).

## Land Use and Habitats

The Project site consists of developed and disturbed land cover including roads, residential development, and commercial development. The surrounding land cover is composed of cismontane woodland. Intermittent and ephemeral waterways are present within 50 feet of each work location.

## Observed Species

In total, 94 plant species (59 native and 35 nonnative) were found during the reconnaissance survey (See Table 2 of Appendix B). One amphibian species, 29 bird species, and four mammal species were also detected (Table 2 of Appendix B).

## Nesting Birds and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Migratory birds are likely nest on or near the Project site. Species that may use the Project site or adjacent areas include, but are not limited to, red-shouldered hawk (*Buteo lineatus*), bushtit (*Psaltriparus minimus*), band-tailed pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*), mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*), California scrub-jay (*Aphelocoma californica*), lesser goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*), house finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*), cliff swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*), California towhee (*Melospiza crissalis*), spotted towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*), Nuttall's woodpecker (*Picoides nuttallii*), black phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*), and Hutton's vireo (*Vireo huttoni*).

## Regulated Habitats

Multiple Project work locations were within 50 feet of intermittent and ephemeral streams that are hydrologically connected to the Tuolumne River, a navigable waterway under the regulatory jurisdiction of the USACE, the RWQCB, and the CDFW. The Project will likely impact four of these jurisdictional waterways – three in Big Oak Flat, where work could involve trenching across an ephemeral tributary of Rattlesnake Creek, an intermittent drainage that ultimately drains to the Tuolumne River via Priest Reservoir, or installing concrete pillars on the banks of the high-flow channel of Rattlesnake Creek – and one in Groveland, where concrete pillars could be installed on the severely eroded banks of an unnamed intermittent stream that is tributary to the Tuolumne River above Pine Mountain Lake.

No marine or estuarine fishery resources or migratory routes to and from anadromous fish spawning grounds were present in the survey area; all tributaries to the Tuolumne River, the nearest potential migratory route for anadromous fishes, is effectively blocked by numerous manmade dams. In addition, no EFH, defined by the Magnuson-Stevens Act as those resources necessary for fish

spawning, breeding, feeding, or growth to maturity, were present in the survey area. And no federally protected wetlands, such as vernal pools, were found in the survey area.

The Project site is not within a flood plain (Federal Emergency Management Agency, 2018). The nearest flood plain limit is at Priest Reservoir, approximately 1.2 miles southwest of the Project site.

### **Special Status Species**

A total of three special-status species have the potential to occur on or near the Project site based on the presence of suitable habitat and CNDDDB occurrence records from within 5 miles (See Table 1 of Appendix B).

Northwestern pond turtle, western red bat, and Small's southern clarkia were identified in the desktop review as potentially occurring in the survey area due to the presence of suitable habitat conditions in the survey area (Table 1 of Appendix B).

The Project could have a substantial, direct adverse effect on northwestern pond turtle, a native reptile designated by the CDFW as a Species of Special Concern. Northwestern pond turtle uses a variety of aquatic habitats including streams, creeks, ponds, lakes, and canals for shelter, foraging, and basking and lays its eggs in uplands adjacent to these aquatic habitats. Because the Project will involve excavation and staging in and adjacent to multiple sections of intermittent and ephemeral streams that could support this species at some time during the year, incidental loss of animals or eggs from adjacent uplands nests could occur.

Western red bat uses trees, tree cavities, and peeling bark for roosting. Because no trees will be removed to facilitate water main installation activities, we conclude the Project will have no significant impact on this species. We also conclude the Project will have no impact on Small's southern clarkia, as the species was not found in the survey area during the flowering period. Additionally, we conclude that the Project will have a less than significant impact on other special status species due to the lack of habitat for such species in the survey area.

Implementation of the below mitigation measures will reduce any impacts to the northwestern pond turtle to *less than significant*.

### **Mitigation Measures:**

**BIO – 1      Protect northwestern pond turtle**

1. To the extent practicable, construction in and adjacent to intermittent and ephemeral streams shall be scheduled to occur when streams are dry (approximately mid-July through October) to avoid the possibility of northwestern pond turtle being present at the worksite.
2. If it is not possible to schedule construction between August and October, pre-construction surveys for northwestern pond turtle shall be conducted by a qualified biologist to determine if turtles are occupying stream-adjacent worksites. pre-construction survey shall be conducted no more than 14 days prior to the initiation of construction activities. During this survey, the qualified biologist shall inspect all sections of stream within 300 feet of planned work activities, including adjacent upland areas, for turtles and nests; northwestern pond turtle nests in upland areas within several hundred feet of water in the spring, typically during the months of April and May. If a turtle or nest is found within 300 feet of the worksite, a qualified biological monitor shall remain on site during construction to ensure that no turtles or turtle nests are impacted by work activities. Any turtle found on or adjacent to the worksite shall be allowed to leave on its own.

- b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Project will impact one ephemeral drainage in Big Oak Flat that supports Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), a nonnative vine that forms dense thickets in numerous settings, including riparian areas. Work activities will involve excavating an open trench across the drainage to replace the existing water main, and currently, Himalayan blackberry is growing on both banks and partly in the bed of the drainage. Although nonnative and highly invasive, Himalayan blackberry can serve as a surrogate to native riparian vegetation. Based on the abundance of this plant species in the local area, however, including on and adjacent to the impact area, recolonization after Project completion is expected to occur naturally and probably within one growing season. Therefore, Project-related impacts to riparian habitat will be negligible.

Additionally, Clean Water Act Section 404 permits and 401 certifications as well as California Fish and Game Code Section 1602 notifications are being prepared for four jurisdictional water ways – three in Big Oak Flat, where work could involve trenching across an ephemeral tributary of Rattlesnake Creek, an intermittent drainage that ultimately drains to the Tuolumne River via Priest Reservoir, or installing concrete pillars on the banks of the high-flow channel of Rattlesnake Creek – and one in Groveland, where concrete pillars could be installed on the severely eroded banks of an unnamed intermittent stream that is tributary to the Tuolumne River above Pine Mountain Lake. Groveland CSD will be



required to secure these permits prior to construction activities. These permits will outline the various restrictions and requirements of construction activities as they pertain to biological resources. For example, the permits will outline the limits of ground disturbance, timing of work within streambeds, location of construction staging areas, and other information. Preconstruction surveys and adherence to regulatory permit requirements will ensure that any impacts will be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measure:** None required.

c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

**No Impact.** There are no protected wetlands in the proposed Project vicinity. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measure:** None required.

d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

**Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation.** Migratory birds are expected to nest on and near the Project site. Construction disturbance during the breeding season could result in the incidental loss of fertile eggs or nestlings or otherwise lead to nest abandonment. Disturbance that causes nest abandonment or loss of reproductive effort is considered take by the CDFW. Loss of fertile eggs or nesting birds, or any activities resulting in nest abandonment, could constitute a significant impact if the species is particularly rare in the region. Construction activities such as excavation, trenching, water main or water valve installation, and mobilizing or demobilizing construction equipment that disturb a nesting bird on the site or immediately adjacent to the construction zone could constitute a significant impact. Implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-2 will reduce any potential impacts to *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measure:**

**BIO – 2          Protect Nesting Birds**

- To the extent feasible, construction shall be scheduled to avoid the nesting season, which extends from February through August.

- If it is not possible to schedule construction between September and January, pre-construction surveys for nesting birds shall be conducted by a qualified biologist to ensure that no active nests will be disturbed during Project implementation. A pre-construction survey shall be conducted no more than 14 days prior to the initiation of construction activities. During this survey, the qualified biologist shall inspect all potential nest substrates in and immediately adjacent to the impact areas for nests. If an active nest is found close enough to the construction area to be disturbed by these activities, the qualified biologist shall determine the extent of a construction-free buffer to be established around the nest. If work cannot proceed without disturbing the nesting birds, work may need to be halted or redirected to other areas until nesting and fledging are completed or the nest has otherwise failed for non-construction related reasons.

e.,f. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance, or conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

**No Impact.** Proposed project design is consistent with the goals and policies of the Tuolumne County General Plan. There are no adopted habitat conservation plans or natural community conservation plans in within the Groveland Community Services District. There are *no impacts* regarding this impact topic.

**Mitigation.** None required.

## V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

### Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## RESPONSES

The Project is subject to the California Environmental Act (CEQA), which holds municipal and state agencies accountable for impacts to the cultural environment. If a project has the potential to cause substantial adverse change in the characteristics of an important cultural resource, known as a “historical resource” under CEQA—either through demolition, destruction, relocation, alteration, or other means—then the project is judged to have a significant impact on the environment (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5[b]). Section 15064.5(a) of the CEQA Guidelines (as amended) defines a historical resource as one that: (1) is listed or determined eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources (California Public Resources Code [PRC] Section 5024.1; Title 14, California Code of Regulations [CCR], Section 4852); (2) is included in a local register of historical resources (pursuant to Section 5020.1[k]) of the PRC) or identified as significant in a historical resources survey per the California Register eligibility criteria (PRC 5024.1[c]); or (3) is considered eligible by a lead agency under PRC 5020.1(j) or 5024.1. The definition subsumes a variety of resources, including prehistoric and historical archaeological sites, as well as built-environment resources, such as buildings, structures, and objects (CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5[a][3] and Section 15064.5[c]). Given that the project will

involve ground-disturbing activities and demolition, it has the potential to impact historical resources, if present, within the Project area. In addition, because the proposed Project will be funded through the State Water Resources Control Board Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, a joint federal-state program, it is federal undertaking per Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 800.16(y) subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended (Title 54, U.S. Code, Section 306108). As such, the lead federal agency must consider whether a project will have an adverse effect on historic properties (i.e., resources that are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places) within the Project Area of Potential Effects (APE).

To meet State and federal requirements, the CSD retained Sierra Valley Cultural Planning to conduct background research, complete a records search, request a search of the Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File and reach out to appropriate Native American contacts, conduct a cultural resources survey, and prepare a technical report, dated August 2018 (see Appendix C). The results of the Report are summarized herein and were used to support the determinations made in this CEQA document.

#### Native American Outreach

A Sacred Lands File Request was submitted to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) in June 2018, who provided a list of applicable Native American Tribes. Tribal organizations on the NAHC contact list were sent letters requesting their concerns or the opportunity to consult on the project on August 11, 2018. Follow-up phone calls were completed by September 1, 2018. Copies of the consultation letters and a description of methods of contact are described in Appendix B of Appendix C.

#### Records Search and Site-Specific Research

An in-house records search (CCIC File # 10783/O) was completed on 26 July 2018 by SVCP archaeologist Douglas S. McIntosh with the assistance of staff of the Central California Information Center (CCIC) of the California Historical Resources Information System to identify areas previously investigated and to identify known cultural resources present within or in close proximity to the Project APE. This records search served to augment the 2016 records search (CCIC File # 10116 O) completed for the Groveland CSD Sewer Collection Service Project. Both records searches are included as Attachment A of Appendix C. According to the Information Center records, there are a minimum of 30 cultural resources within the general study area, and more than 60 resources within a 1/2-mile radius of the project study area. One historic-period site, the Big Oak Road (P-55-004140), is located within the project APE. California Historic Landmark #406 (P-55- 005093) which includes the town of Big Oak Flat is located adjacent to the APE. No other previously recorded cultural resources are

situated within the APE. There have been over 25 previous investigations within the study area, with over 55 additional studies within 1/2-mile radius of the APE; seven investigations have been completed within 1/4 mile of the APE. No cultural resource sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register of Historic Resources, California Points of Historical Interest, or the California Inventory of Historic Resources have been documented within the Project APE.

### Pedestrian Survey

On June 4, 2018, Sierra Valley Cultural Resources archaeologists Douglas S. McIntosh, under the direction of Kristina Roper, conducted a reconnaissance-level archaeological survey of proposed new water main and replacement water main routes within the Groveland Community Services District. This survey was conducted in conjunction with a proposed water distribution system improvements project.

The cultural resources survey focused on proposed new water main and replacement water main routes as defined in the Groveland Community Services District Water Distribution Improvements Engineering Design Report (May 2017, Figures 4-1, 4-2, 4-3). GCSD employee Brandon Klein was instrumental in helping Mr. McIntosh locate, identify and inspect the proposed pipeline routes within the GCSD.

Based on these results, the Project does not have the potential to result in significant impacts or adverse effects to historical resources or historic properties.

#### a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?

**Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation.** As described in the Cultural Resources Report, the records search, background historical research, Native American outreach and a pedestrian survey revealed that no cultural resources occur on the Project site or in the Project area.

The survey did not result in the discovery or documentation of any previously unrecorded cultural resources within the APE. A majority of the proposed water pipeline routes are with asphalt paved or gravel covered road ways or along the edge State Highway 120. Two cultural resources located near the APE include the “Old Cemetery, 1849-1852, also known as Chinese Cemetery”. A sign at the cemetery also states that “Early Day Chinese Also Buried Here”. This small cemetery is surrounded by a low chain link fence and is located near the west end of the proposed new water main route at the western end of Henderson Road in the community of Big Oak Flat. UTM coordinates at the cemetery entrance are 10 741232E/ 4189869N (NAD 83). The other resource is the Groveland Jail. This structure is located along the northwest edge Ponderosa Lane, northwest of State Highway 120. The structure was constructed in 1895 in a neoclassic architectural style. See photos 9-11 and Maps 5-6 of Appendix C.

No other cultural resources were identified within the APE as a result of this study. Therefore, it is unlikely that the proposed action will have an effect on important archaeological, historical, or other cultural resources. No further cultural resources investigation is therefore recommended. In the unlikely event that buried archaeological deposits are encountered within the project area, the finds must be evaluated by a qualified archaeologist. Should human remains be encountered, the County Coroner must be contacted immediately; if the remains are determined to be Native American, then the Native American Heritage Commission must be contacted as well.

Unidentified cultural resources could be uncovered during proposed Project construction which could result in a potentially significant impact; however, implementation of Mitigation Measure CUL-1 would ensure that significant impacts remain *less than significant with mitigation incorporation*.

**Mitigation Measure CUL-1:** In the event that archaeological remains are encountered at any time during development or ground-moving activities within the entire Project area, all work in the vicinity of the find should be halted until a qualified archaeologist can assess the discovery and take appropriate actions as necessary.

b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?

**Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation.** The possibility exists that subsurface construction activities may encounter undiscovered archaeological resources. This would be a potentially significant impact. Implementation of Mitigation Measure CUL-1 would require inadvertently discovery practices to be implemented should previously undiscovered archeological resources be located. As such, impacts to undiscovered archeological resources would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporation*.

c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?

**Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation. Paleontological Resources**

Paleontological resources are the fossilized remains of plants and animals and associated deposits. The Society of Vertebrate Paleontology has identified vertebrate fossils, their taphonomic and associated environmental indicators, and fossiliferous deposits as significant nonrenewable paleontological resources. Botanical and invertebrate fossils and assemblages may also be considered significant resources.

CEQA requires that a determination be made as to whether a project would directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geological feature (CEQA Appendix G(v)(c)). If an impact is significant, CEQA requires feasible measures to minimize the impact (CCR Title



14(3) §15126.4 (a)(1)). California Public Resources Code §5097.5 (see above) also applies to paleontological resources.

There are no unique geological features or known fossil-bearing sediments in the vicinity of the proposed Project site. However, there remains the possibility for previously unknown, buried paleontological resources or unique geological sites to be uncovered during subsurface construction activities. Implementation of Mitigation Measure CUL-1 would require inadvertently discovery practices to be implemented should previously undiscovered paleontological resources be located. As such, impacts to undiscovered paleontological resources would be *less than significant with mitigation incorporation*.

d. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

**Less than Significant Impact.** Section 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code states that in the event of discovery or recognition of any human remains in any location other than a dedicated cemetery, there shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent remains until the coroner of the county in which the remains are discovered has determined whether or not the remains are subject to the coroner's authority. If the human remains are of Native American origin, the coroner must notify the Native American Heritage Commission within 24 hours of this identification. The Native American Heritage Commission will identify a Native American Most Likely Descendant (MLD) to inspect the site and provide recommendations for the proper and dignified treatment of the remains and associated grave artifacts.

Although unlikely given the highly disturbed nature of the site and the records search did not indicate the presence of such resources, subsurface construction activities associated with the proposed Project could potentially disturb previously undiscovered human burial sites. Accordingly, this is a potentially significant impact. The California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that if human remains are discovered on-site, no further disturbance shall occur until the Merced County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition. If the Coroner determines that the remains are not subject to his or her authority and if the Coroner recognizes the human remains to be those of a Native American, or has reason to believe that they are those of a Native American, he or she shall contact, by telephone within 24 hours, the NAHC. The NAHC shall identify the person or persons it believes to be the "most likely descendant" (MLD) of the deceased Native American. The MLD may make recommendations to the landowner or the person responsible for the excavation work, for means of treating or disposing of, with appropriate dignity, the human remains and any associated grave goods as provided in Public Resource Code Section 5097.98.

Although considered unlikely subsurface construction activities could cause a potentially significant impact to previously undiscovered human burial sites, however compliance with regulations would reduce this impact to *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

## VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

### Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii. Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv. Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the most recently	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

adopted Uniform Building Code  
 creating substantial risks to life or  
 property?

- e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

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a-i. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The proposed Project site is not located within a designated Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault zone or a seismically active zone.<sup>5</sup>; thus, the risk of surface fault ruptures within the area is low. Any impacts would be *Less Than Significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

a (ii-iv). Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving strong seismic ground shaking, liquefaction or landslides?

**Less than Significant Impact.** The proposed Project site is not in an area recognized for severe seismic ground shaking, landslides or liquefaction.<sup>6</sup> Additionally, the project does not include the construction of substantial structures that would expose people or structures to adverse effects involving rupture of a known earthquake fault. Impacts would be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

<sup>5</sup> California Department of Conservation. California Geological Survey. CGS Information Warehouse: Regulatory Maps. <http://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/informationwarehouse/>. Accessed August 2018.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

**Less than Significant Impact.** The proposed Project site has a varied topography, but does not include any Project features that would result in soil erosion or loss of topsoil. Most of the project components will be located below grade. Once construction is completed, the pipeline trenches will be returned to pre-construction conditions and will not result in soil erosion greater than existing conditions. Therefore, the impact is *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

**Less than Significant Impact.** As described in Impact VI (a-ii-a-iv), the potential for landslides, liquefaction, settlement or other seismically related hazards is low. As such, any impacts will be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the most recently adopted Uniform Building Code creating substantial risks to life or property?

**Less than Significant Impact.** As described above, the potential for hazard from landslide and liquefaction in the project area is low. Therefore, the potential for liquefaction induced lateral spreading is also low. Causes of soil instability include, but are not limited to, withdrawal of groundwater, pumping of oil and gas from underground, liquefaction, and hydro-compaction.<sup>7</sup> The proposed Project does not include the on-site withdrawal of groundwater and the project site is not located in an area that has been subjected to activities that might cause soil instability. Because the project site has not been subject to activities that may cause soil instability, the risk of subsidence or collapse is expected to be low. Any impacts would be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?

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<sup>7</sup> USGS. California Water Science Center. Land Subsidence: Cause & Effect. [https://ca.water.usgs.gov/land\\_subsidence/california-subsidence-cause-effect.html](https://ca.water.usgs.gov/land_subsidence/california-subsidence-cause-effect.html). Accessed August 2018.

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The proposed Project would not generate wastewater requiring disposal. No septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems are included in the proposed Project. The project has been designed to work with the soil types in the District. Therefore, there would be a *less than significant impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.



## VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

### Would the project:

a. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?

Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
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b. Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

### RESPONSES

a., b. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment or conflict with applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?

**Less than Significant Impact.** The proposed Project would generate exhaust-related GHG emissions during construction resulting from construction equipment operation, material haul and delivery trucks, and by trips by construction worker vehicles. Construction-related GHG emissions would occur for approximately twelve months and would cease following completion of the Project. The proposed Project is not a land-use development project that would generate vehicle trips and is not a roadway capacity increasing project that could carry additional VMT. Therefore, the proposed Project would not result in a net increase in operational GHG emissions. As such, the proposed Project would not interfere or obstruct implementation of an applicable GHG emissions reduction plan. The proposed Project would be consistent with all applicable local plans, policies, and regulations for reducing GHG emissions. Any impacts related to GHG emissions would be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

## VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

### Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

- g. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
- h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands

## RESPONSES

- a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?

**Less than Significant Impact.** While trenching and construction activities may involve the limited transport, storage, use or disposal of hazardous materials, such as the fueling/servicing of construction equipment onsite, the activities would be short-term or one-time in nature and would be subject to federal, state, and local health and safety regulations.

Long-term operation of the proposed Project would involve little or no hazardous materials. Once operational, the pipelines will transport water and will not emit hazardous materials.

With implementation of the proposed Project, there are no reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions that would create a significant hazard to the public due to the release of hazardous materials. Impacts are considered *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

**Less than Significant Impact.** See Impact VIII (a) above. Any impacts would be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

**No Impact.** Tenaya Elementary School is located on State Highway 120, approximately 0.3 miles to the northwest of the proposed Project site. Additionally, the project does not include emission of hazardous materials. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project site is not located on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.<sup>8</sup> The nearest location is a closed mine site located at the corner of Cedar and Elm Streets in Tuolumne, over ten miles to the north. The State Emergency Response Unit conducted the removal of approximately 100 cubic yards of arsenic, mercury, and lead contaminated soil, and the removal of 80 cubic yards of mine debris and brush. Cleanup status is certified as of 6/30/1999. The project is not impacted by the facility and as such, there is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

**No Impact.** The nearest public airport, Pine Mountain Lake Airport, is located approximately three miles northeast of Groveland. The proposed Project is not located within any airport safety zone.

The Project will have *no impact* to airport operations.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** See response to Impact VIII (e). Any impacts would be *less than significant*.

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<sup>8</sup> California Department of Toxic Substance Control. EnviroStor. <https://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/map/?myaddress=groveland> Accessed August 2018.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

g. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Pipeline installation will be temporary in nature and will not cause any road closures that could interfere with any adopted emergency response or evacuation plan. As such, any impacts will be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

**No Impact.** As the proposed Project site is an urbanized area, there are no wildland areas adjacent in proximity to the proposed Project site. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

## IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

**Would the project:**

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



# IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

<b>Would the project:</b>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				
f. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## RESPONSES

- a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?

**Less than Significant Impact.** The proposed Project includes improvements to the water infrastructure system. The Project does not include any water treatment facilities or processes that would result in the production of chemicals or substances that would adversely impact local water quality. The project will not result in any additional water releases that could potentially impact groundwater or water quality. Construction activities near creeks and streams could potentially impact water quality due to runoff, or

changes in streambeds. However, all activities will be conducted under the requirements and restrictions of the regulatory permits that will be required for the Project (most notably the RWQCB 401/404 permit which ensures appropriate measures are taken to preserve water quality). Best Management Practices pertaining to stormwater runoff from construction activities will also be enforced. Refer to Section IV – Biological Resources for information pertaining to regulatory permits and water quality. The State Water Resources Control Board will have ultimate review and approval of the upgraded system, thereby ensuring adequate water quality standards. There are no aspects of the Project that would result in changes to waste discharge requirements. Any impacts would be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The Project is an upgrade to the existing water distribution system and will not use additional groundwater beyond what is already being used by the District. Additionally, the proposed Project will not significantly interfere with groundwater recharge as it will introduce minimal amounts of impermeable surfaces. As such, any impacts to groundwater supplies will be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- c., d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?

**Less than Significant Impact.** The proposed improvements to the existing community water system will introduce minimal non-permeable surfaces such as concrete footings and other above-ground small structures. The pipelines and other improvements will be installed underground within the existing road right-of-way, or other easements and will not alter any existing drainage patterns. There are no waterways in the immediate vicinity of the proposed Project. Any impacts would be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

e. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?

**No Impact.** Implementation of the proposed Project will not require expansion of the District's existing stormwater system, nor will it result in additional sources of polluted runoff. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

f. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?

**Less than Significant Impact.** See Impact IX (a), (c) and (d). The Project is intended to improve the City's water distribution system and would not otherwise degrade water quality and therefore the impact is *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?

**No Impact.** Most of the District is in Flood Zone X (Outside the 100-year flood zone). However, small portions of the District are in Flood Zone D (as identified by FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map 06109C1225C, accessed August 2018). However, there is no housing associated with the project and therefore, there is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** Most of the District is in Flood Zone X (Outside the 100-year flood zone). However, small portions of the District are in Flood Zone D (as identified by FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map 06109C1225C, accessed August 2018).<sup>9</sup> The proposed pipelines will be underground, while the hydrants and appurtenances will be above grade. The structures are not substantial enough to impede or redirect any flood flows. Therefore, there is a *less than significant impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

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<sup>9</sup> FEMA. FEMA Flood Map Service Center: Search By Address. Search Results for Tuolumne County Unincorporated Areas. <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search?AddressQuery=groveland%20ca#searchresultsanchor>. Accessed August 2018.

- i. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?

**Less than Significant Impact.** The District is not located in any dam inundation zone and there are no large bodies of water near the site. The Division of Safety of Dams, a division of the California Department of Water Resources, inspects dams under State jurisdiction on a periodic basis for structural integrity and as such, the probability of a failure of a major dam in California is very remote. As such, impacts related to exposure of people or structures to a risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam would be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- j. Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

**No Impact.** There are no inland water bodies that could be potentially susceptible to a seiche in the Project vicinity. This precludes the possibility of a seiche inundating the Project site. The Project site is more than 120 miles from the Pacific Ocean, a condition that precludes the possibility of inundation by tsunami. There are no steep slopes that would be susceptible to a mudflow in the Project vicinity, nor are there any volcanically active features that could produce a mudflow in the District. This precludes the possibility of a mudflow inundating the Project site. *No impacts* would occur.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

# X. LAND USE AND PLANNING

## Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the General Plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## RESPONSES

### a. Physically divide an established community?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project is located largely within the existing streetscape within the Groveland Community Services District, as presented in Figure 2 – Vicinity Map. The construction of the water lines and appurtenances would not cause any land use changes in the surrounding vicinity nor would it divide an established community. *No impacts* would occur as a result of Project implementation.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

### b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the General Plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project involves improvements to the existing water infrastructure system and does not conflict with any land use plans, policies or regulations. There are *no impacts*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

c. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project site is not included in any adopted habitat conservation plans or natural community conservation plans. Therefore, the proposed Project would not conflict with any such plans and *no impacts* would result.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.



## XI. MINERAL RESOURCES

### Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## RESPONSES

- a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project includes improvements to the existing water infrastructure system. Construction will take place within the existing streetscape and not in an area with known mineral resources. Therefore, there is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- b. Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

**No Impact.** As stated in the analysis for Impact XI(a), there are no mineral resources within the Project area. Additionally, the proposed Project will occur in the existing streetscape. Therefore, there is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

## XII. NOISE

### Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## RESPONSES

- a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

**Less than Significant Impact.** The nearest sensitive receptors to the proposed Project would be the residences along the existing pipeline alignment, as presented on Figure 2 – Vicinity Map. Project construction would involve temporary, short-term noise sources including site preparation and installation of the pipeline and site cleanup work is expected to last for approximately one year. Construction-related short-term, temporary noise levels would be higher than existing ambient noise levels in the Project area, but is temporary and would not occur after construction is completed.

Operations-related noise would be similar to existing conditions. The pipelines themselves do not emit noise, nor do the related improvements such as fire hydrants and valves. As such, any impacts to sensitive receptors would be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

**Less than Significant Impact.** Typical outdoor sources of perceptible ground borne vibration are construction equipment, steel-wheeled trains, and traffic on rough roads. Construction vibrations can be transient, random, or continuous. Construction associated with the proposed Project is earthmoving activities associated installing pipelines and installing equipment.

The approximate threshold of vibration perception is 65 VdB, while 85 VdB is the vibration acceptable only if there are an infrequent number of events per day.<sup>10</sup> The FTA has identified the human annoyance response to vibration levels as 80 RMS.<sup>11</sup>

Table 2 describes the typical construction equipment vibration levels.

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<sup>10</sup> Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment. Final Report No. FTA-VA-90-1003 prepared for the U.S. Federal Transit Administration by Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc., May 2006. Page 7-5. [http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/media/uploads/nm/14\\_Section\\_38\\_NoiseandVibration\\_Part3.pdf](http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/media/uploads/nm/14_Section_38_NoiseandVibration_Part3.pdf). Accessed August 2018.

<sup>11</sup> U.S. Federal Transit Administration. Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment. Final Report No. FTA-VA-90-1003 prepared by Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc., May 2006. Page 7-5. [http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/media/uploads/nm/14\\_Section\\_38\\_NoiseandVibration\\_Part3.pdf](http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/media/uploads/nm/14_Section_38_NoiseandVibration_Part3.pdf). Accessed August 2018.

**Table 2**  
**Typical Construction Vibration Levels**

Equipment	VdB at 25 ft
Small Bulldozer	58
Jackhammer	79

Vibration from construction activities will be temporary and not exceed the Federal Transit Authority threshold for the nearest residences which is located along the pipeline alignments. Additionally, short-term groundborne vibration impacts would not be anticipated to result in structural damage to nearby structures or increased levels of annoyance to occupants of these nearby dwellings. The impact will be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

c., d. A substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

**Less than Significant Impact.** See Impact XII (a). There will be no substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels and therefore the impact is *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

e., f. For a project within the vicinity of a public or private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project is not located in the vicinity of an airport. Therefore, there would be *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

# XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING

## Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## RESPONSES

a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project includes improvements to the District’s water infrastructure system to ensure adequate pressure and quality to its existing users. The proposed Project will not require a significant amount of (if any) new employees. As such, the proposed Project would not directly or indirectly induce population growth. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

**No Impact.** The proposed water infrastructure system will be located within streets, easements and other public areas within the Groveland Community Services District. No housing will be affected. *No impact* would occur.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

c. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project will not displace any people and therefore there is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

## XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES

### Would the project:

	Less than Significant		Less than Significant	
Potentially Significant Impact	With Mitigation Incorporation		With Mitigation Incorporation	No Impact

a. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## RESPONSES

a. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

Fire protection?



**No Impact.** The proposed Project would improve the existing community water system. The proposed Project would not directly or indirectly induce population growth and the Groveland Community Services Fire Department would continue to provide service to the site. There is *no impact*.

Police Protection?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project will continue to be served by the Tuolumne County Sheriff Station. No additional police personnel or equipment is anticipated. There is *no impact*.

Schools, Parks, Other Public Facilities?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project would not increase the number of residents in the District, as the Project does not include residential units. Because the demand for schools, parks, and other public facilities is driven by population, the proposed Project would not increase demand for those services. As such, the proposed Project would result in *no impacts*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

## XV. RECREATION

### Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## RESPONSES

- a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project does not include the construction of residential uses and would not directly or indirectly induce population growth. Therefore, the proposed Project would not cause physical deterioration of existing recreational facilities from increased usage or result in the need for new or expanded recreational facilities. The Project would have *no impact* to existing parks.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project does not include the construction of residential uses and would not directly induce population growth. Therefore, the Project would not cause physical deterioration of existing recreational facilities from increased usage or result in the need for new or expanded recreational facilities. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

# XVI. TRANSPORTATION/ TRAFFIC

Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
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**Would the project:**

- |   |                          |                          |                          |                                     |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that result in substantial safety risks?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Result in inadequate emergency access?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

- f. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?

## RESPONSES

a. Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project would not cause a substantial increase in traffic, reduce the existing level of service, or create any additional congestion at any intersections. The construction of pipelines and appurtenances will not generate any additional traffic and as such, level of service standards would not be exceeded. The proposed Project would not conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

b. Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?

**No Impact.** As shown in Response a., the proposed Project will have *no impact* on any existing level of service or other travel demand measures. The proposed Project will not conflict with any congestion management programs, as none are applicable to the Project.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that result in substantial safety risks?

**No Impact.** The nearest airport to the Project site is the Pine Mountain Lake Airport, approximately three miles northeast. The proposed Project is not located within any airport safety zone. As such, there is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

**No Impact.** No roadway design features are associated with this proposed Project that would result in an increase in hazards due to a design feature or be an incompatible use. See also Impact XVI (a). There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

# XVII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

## Would the project:

	Less than Significant		
Potentially Significant Impact	With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact

a. Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:

i) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or

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ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.

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## RESPONSES

a). Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape

that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:

- i) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or
- ii) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.

**Less Than Significant Impact.** In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1 - Assembly Bill (AB) 52, potentially affected Tribes were formally notified of this Project and were given the opportunity to request consultation on the Project.

A Sacred Lands File Request was submitted to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) in June 2018, who provided a list of applicable Native American Tribes. Tribal organizations on the NAHC contact list were sent letters requesting their concerns or the opportunity to consult on the project on August 11, 2018. Follow-up phone calls were completed by September 1, 2018. Copies of the consultation letters and a description of methods of contact are described in Appendix B of Appendix C.

The following Tribes were consulted based on the list provided by the NAHC:

- Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians
- Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians
- Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

Pursuant to AB 52, a 30-day period was allowed in order to receive any comments or input from any Tribe. As of September 14, 2018 no Tribe has responded and therefore the District has complied with the provisions of Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.2.

Therefore, there is a *less than significant impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.



# XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

## Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Comply with federal, state, and local	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

## RESPONSES

- a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?

**Less Than Significant Impact.** The proposed Project includes improvements to the District's existing water distribution system, the results of which would not exceed any wastewater treatment requirements set by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. *Less Than Significant Impacts* related to these utilities and service systems would occur.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

**Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation.** The Project itself is the construction of an improved water distribution system, environmental impacts resulting from the improvements are discussed within this document.

**Mitigation Measures:** The Project will require multiple mitigation measures as identified throughout this document.

- c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

**Less Than Significant.** As discussed in Impact IX (c,d), the proposed improvements to the community water distribution system would not increase the amount of impermeable surfaces which would necessitate the expansion of existing stormwater facilities.

Any impacts would be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project includes improving the existing water distribution system. No new water supplies would be required as a result of this Project. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project includes improvements to the water distribution system. No component of the proposed Project would generate wastewater. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?

**Less than Significant Impact.** Proposed Project construction will generate minimal amounts of solid waste. Once operational, the water system will not itself generate any solid waste. Any impacts will be *less than significant*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

- g. Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

**No Impact.** The proposed Project will comply with all federal, state and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste. There is *no impact*.

**Mitigation Measures:** None are required.

# XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

## Would the project:

Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
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a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

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b. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

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c. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## RESPONSES

- a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

**Less than Significant Impact With Mitigation.** The analyses of environmental issues contained in this Initial Study indicate that the proposed Project is not expected to have substantial impact on the environment or on any resources identified in the Initial Study. Mitigation measures have been incorporated in the project design to reduce all potentially significant impacts to *less than significant*.

- b. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

**Less than Significant Impact.** CEQA Guidelines Section 15064(i) states that a Lead Agency shall consider whether the cumulative impact of a project is significant and whether the effects of the project are cumulatively considerable. The assessment of the significance of the cumulative effects of a project must, therefore, be conducted in connection with the effects of past projects, other current projects, and probable future projects. Due to the nature of the Project and consistency with environmental policies, incremental contributions to impacts are considered less than cumulatively considerable. The proposed Project would not contribute substantially to adverse cumulative conditions, or create any substantial indirect impacts (i.e., increase in population could lead to an increase need for housing, increase in traffic, air pollutants, etc). The impact is *less than significant*.

- c. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

**Less than Significant Impact With Mitigation.** The analyses of environmental issues contained in this Initial Study indicate that the project is not expected to have substantial impact on human beings, either directly or indirectly. Mitigation measures have been incorporated in the Project design to reduce all potentially significant impacts to *less than significant*.



## Chapter 4

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# MITIGATION MONITORING & REPORTING PROGRAM



# MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been formulated based upon the findings of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Groveland Community Services District Water Distribution System Improvements Project. The MMRP lists mitigation measures recommended in the IS/MND for the proposed Project and identifies monitoring and reporting requirements as well as conditions recommended by responsible agencies who commented on the project.

The first column of the Table identifies the mitigation measure. The second column, entitled “Party Responsible for Implementing Mitigation,” names the party responsible for carrying out the required action. The third column, “Implementation Timing,” identifies the time the mitigation measure should be initiated. The fourth column, “Party Responsible for Monitoring,” names the party ultimately responsible for ensuring that the mitigation measure is implemented. The last column will be used by the Groveland CSD to ensure that individual mitigation measures have been monitored.

Mitigation Measure	Party responsible for Implementing Mitigation	Implementation Timing	Party responsible for Monitoring	Verification (name/date)
Biological Resources				
<p><b>BIO – 1      Protect northwestern pond turtle</b></p> <p>1. To the extent practicable, construction in and adjacent to intermittent and ephemeral streams shall be scheduled to occur when streams are dry (approximately mid-July through October) to avoid the possibility of northwestern pond turtle being present at the worksite.</p> <p>2. If it is not possible to schedule construction between August and October, pre-construction surveys for northwestern pond turtle shall be conducted by a qualified biologist to determine if turtles are occupying stream-adjacent worksites. pre-construction survey shall be conducted no more than 14 days prior to the initiation of construction activities. During this survey, the qualified biologist shall inspect all sections of stream within 300 feet of planned work activities, including adjacent upland areas, for turtles and nests; northwestern pond turtle nests in upland areas within several hundred feet of water in the spring, typically during the months of April and May. If a turtle or nest is found within 300 feet of the worksite, a qualified biological monitor shall</p>	Groveland CSD	Prior to construction	Groveland CSD	

Mitigation Measure	Party responsible for Implementing Mitigation	Implementation Timing	Party responsible for Monitoring	Verification (name/date)
<p>remain on site during construction to ensure that no turtles or turtle nests are impacted by work activities. Any turtle found on or adjacent to the worksite shall be allowed to leave on its own.</p>				
<p><b>BIO – 2      Protect Nesting Birds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To the extent feasible, construction shall be scheduled to avoid the nesting season, which extends from February through August.</li> <li>• If it is not possible to schedule construction between September and January, pre-construction surveys for nesting birds shall be conducted by a qualified biologist to ensure that no active nests will be disturbed during Project implementation. A pre-construction survey shall be conducted no more than 14 days prior to the initiation of construction activities. During this survey, the qualified biologist shall inspect all potential nest substrates in and immediately adjacent to the impact areas for nests. If an active nest is found</li> </ul>	Groveland CSD	Prior to construction	Groveland CSD	

Mitigation Measure	Party responsible for Implementing Mitigation	Implementation Timing	Party responsible for Monitoring	Verification (name/date)
<p>close enough to the construction area to be disturbed by these activities, the qualified biologist shall determine the extent of a construction-free buffer to be established around the nest. If work cannot proceed without disturbing the nesting birds, work may need to be halted or redirected to other areas until nesting and fledging are completed or the nest has otherwise failed for non-construction related reasons.</p>				
<p>Cultural Resources</p>				
<p><b>Measure CUL-1</b></p> <p>In the event that archaeological remains are encountered at any time during development or ground-moving activities within the entire Project area, all work in the vicinity of the find should be halted until a qualified archaeologist can assess the discovery and take appropriate actions as necessary.</p>	<p>Groveland CSD</p>	<p>Prior to construction</p>	<p>Groveland CSD</p>	

<b>Mitigation Measure</b>	<b>Party responsible for Implementing Mitigation</b>	<b>Implementation Timing</b>	<b>Party responsible for Monitoring</b>	<b>Verification (name/date)</b>

# Chapter 5

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# Appendices

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# Appendix A

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## Air Emission Output Tables

Road Construction Emissions Model, Version 8.1.0

Daily Emission Estimates for -> Groveland Water Distribution System Improvements														
Project Phases (Pounds)	ROG (lbs/day)	CO (lbs/day)	NOx (lbs/day)	Total PM10 (lbs/day)	Exhaust PM10 (lbs/day)	Fugitive Dust PM10 (lbs/day)	Total PM2.5 (lbs/day)	Exhaust PM2.5 (lbs/day)	Fugitive Dust PM2.5 (lbs/day)	SOx (lbs/day)	CO2 (lbs/day)	CH4 (lbs/day)	N2O (lbs/day)	CO2e (lbs/day)
Grubbing/Land Clearing	2.07	15.52	19.79	10.88	0.88	10.00	2.86	0.78	2.08	0.03	3,253.25	0.66	0.04	3,280.71
Grading/Excavation	8.44	62.66	88.83	14.42	4.42	10.00	6.09	4.01	2.08	0.11	11,000.88	2.92	0.11	11,106.21
Drainage/Utilities/Sub-Grade	5.32	40.32	48.73	12.73	2.73	10.00	4.60	2.52	2.08	0.07	6,805.55	1.29	0.07	6,858.17
Paving	2.77	23.16	24.28	1.49	1.49	0.00	1.33	1.33	0.00	0.04	3,929.18	0.82	0.04	3,962.81
Maximum (pounds/day)	8.44	62.66	88.83	14.42	4.42	10.00	6.09	4.01	2.08	0.11	11,000.88	2.92	0.11	11,106.21
Total (tons/construction project)	0.39	2.92	3.84	0.76	0.20	0.56	0.30	0.18	0.12	0.01	508.00	0.12	0.01	512.51

Notes:  
 Project Start Year -> 2018  
 Project Length (months) -> 6  
 Total Project Area (acres) -> 7  
 Maximum Area Disturbed/Day (acres) -> 1  
 Water Truck Used? -> Yes

Phase	Total Material Imported/Exported Volume (yd <sup>3</sup> /day)		Daily VMT (miles/day)			
	Soil	Asphalt	Soil Hauling	Asphalt Hauling	Worker Commute	Water Truck
Grubbing/Land Clearing	0	0	0	0	760	40
Grading/Excavation	0	0	0	0	1,360	40
Drainage/Utilities/Sub-Grade	0	0	0	0	1,120	40
Paving	0	0	0	0	960	40

PM10 and PM2.5 estimates assume 50% control of fugitive dust from watering and associated dust control measures if a minimum number of water trucks are specified.

Total PM10 emissions shown in column F are the sum of exhaust and fugitive dust emissions shown in columns G and H. Total PM2.5 emissions shown in Column I are the sum of exhaust and fugitive dust emissions shown in columns J and K.

CO2e emissions are estimated by multiplying mass emissions for each GHG by its global warming potential (GWP), 1, 25 and 298 for CO2, CH4 and N2O, respectively. Total CO2e is then estimated by summing CO2e estimates over all GHGs.

Total Emission Estimates by Phase for -> Groveland Water Distribution System Improvements														
Project Phases (Tons for all except CO2e. Metric tonnes for CO2e)	ROG (tons/phase)	CO (tons/phase)	NOx (tons/phase)	Total PM10 (tons/phase)	Exhaust PM10 (tons/phase)	Fugitive Dust PM10 (tons/phase)	Total PM2.5 (tons/phase)	Exhaust PM2.5 (tons/phase)	Fugitive Dust PM2.5 (tons/phase)	SOx (tons/phase)	CO2 (tons/phase)	CH4 (tons/phase)	N2O (tons/phase)	CO2e (MT/phase)
Grubbing/Land Clearing	0.01	0.10	0.13	0.07	0.01	0.07	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	21.47	0.00	0.00	19.64
Grading/Excavation	0.22	1.65	2.35	0.38	0.12	0.26	0.16	0.11	0.05	0.00	290.42	0.08	0.00	265.99
Drainage/Utilities/Sub-Grade	0.12	0.93	1.13	0.29	0.06	0.23	0.11	0.06	0.05	0.00	157.21	0.03	0.00	143.72
Paving	0.03	0.23	0.24	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	38.90	0.01	0.00	35.59
Maximum (tons/phase)	0.22	1.65	2.35	0.38	0.12	0.26	0.16	0.11	0.05	0.00	290.42	0.08	0.00	265.99
Total (tons/construction project)	0.39	2.92	3.84	0.76	0.20	0.56	0.30	0.18	0.12	0.01	508.00	0.12	0.01	464.95

PM10 and PM2.5 estimates assume 50% control of fugitive dust from watering and associated dust control measures if a minimum number of water trucks are specified.

Total PM10 emissions shown in column F are the sum of exhaust and fugitive dust emissions shown in columns G and H. Total PM2.5 emissions shown in Column I are the sum of exhaust and fugitive dust emissions shown in columns J and K.

CO2e emissions are estimated by multiplying mass emissions for each GHG by its global warming potential (GWP), 1, 25 and 298 for CO2, CH4 and N2O, respectively. Total CO2e is then estimated by summing CO2e estimates over all GHGs.

The CO2e emissions are reported as metric tons per phase.

# Appendix B

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Biological Report

# Biological Resource Evaluation

## Water Distribution System Improvements

Tuolumne County, California



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# Executive Summary

The Groveland Community Services District (District) proposes to install new water main pipelines (water mains) and replace existing water mains that serve the communities of Big Oak Flat, Groveland, and White Gulch. Existing water mains need to be replaced to improve water reliability, meet fire-flow requirements, and avoid frequent service interruptions associated with water main breaks. Approximately 10,203 linear feet of 8-inch diameter water main as well as new gate valves, pressure reducing valves, and four fire hydrants will be installed or replaced in the downtown Groveland water distribution system. Approximately 10,306 linear feet of 8-inch diameter water main as well as new gate valves, pressure reducing valves, and nine fire hydrants will be installed or replaced in the Big Oak Flat water distribution system. Approximately 7212 linear feet of 8-inch water main and two fire hydrants will be installed in the connection between the communities of Groveland and Big Oak Flat. And approximately 1956 linear feet of 8-inch water main and one fire hydrant will be replaced in the water distribution system that feeds White Gulch.

The District will obtain financing for the project from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The DWSRF is a state and federal partnership that helps ensure safe drinking water. It is administered by the State of California and partially funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Consequently, the project must not only meet environmental documentation and review requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) but must meet such requirements with respect to certain federal laws and regulations as well. This state and federal review process is known as CEQA-Plus.

To evaluate whether the project may affect biological resources under CEQA-Plus purview, we (1) obtained official lists from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife of special-status species and designated and proposed critical habitat, (2) reviewed other relevant background information such as aerial images and topographic maps, and (3) conducted field reconnaissance surveys of the project site.

This biological resource evaluation summarizes existing biological conditions on the project site, the potential for special-status species and regulated habitats to occur on or near the project site, the potential impacts of the proposed project on biological resources and regulated habitats, and measures to reduce those potential impacts to a less-than-significant level under CEQA. We concluded the project could affect one special-status species and nesting migratory birds, but effects can be reduced to less-than-significant levels with mitigation. The project will also adversely affect regulated habitats but none that fall under CEQA-Plus purview.



# Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition
CCR	California Code of Regulations
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CESA	California Endangered Species Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CNDDDB	California Natural Diversity Data Base
CNPS	California Native Plant Society
DPS	Distinct Population Segment
DWSRF	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FC	Federal Candidate for listing
FE	Federally listed as Endangered
FESA	Federal Endangered Species Act
FP	Fully Protected
FT	Federally listed as Threatened
MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration
SE	State-listed as Endangered
SSSC	State Species of Special Concern
ST	State-listed as Threatened
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USC	United States Code
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	United States Geological Survey

# 1.0 Introduction

## 1.1 Background

The Groveland Community Services District (District) proposes to install and replace water mains and associated infrastructure in the communities of Big Oak Flat, Groveland, and White Gulch. The District will obtain financing for this water distribution systems improvement project (Project) from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The DWSRF is administered by the State Water Resources Control Board and partially funded by a capitalization grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Due to this federal nexus, issuing funds from the DWSRF constitutes a federal action, one that requires the EPA to determine whether the proposed action may affect federally protected resources. The Project must therefore comply with requirements of both the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and certain federal environmental laws and regulations. This state and federal review process is known as CEQA-Plus.

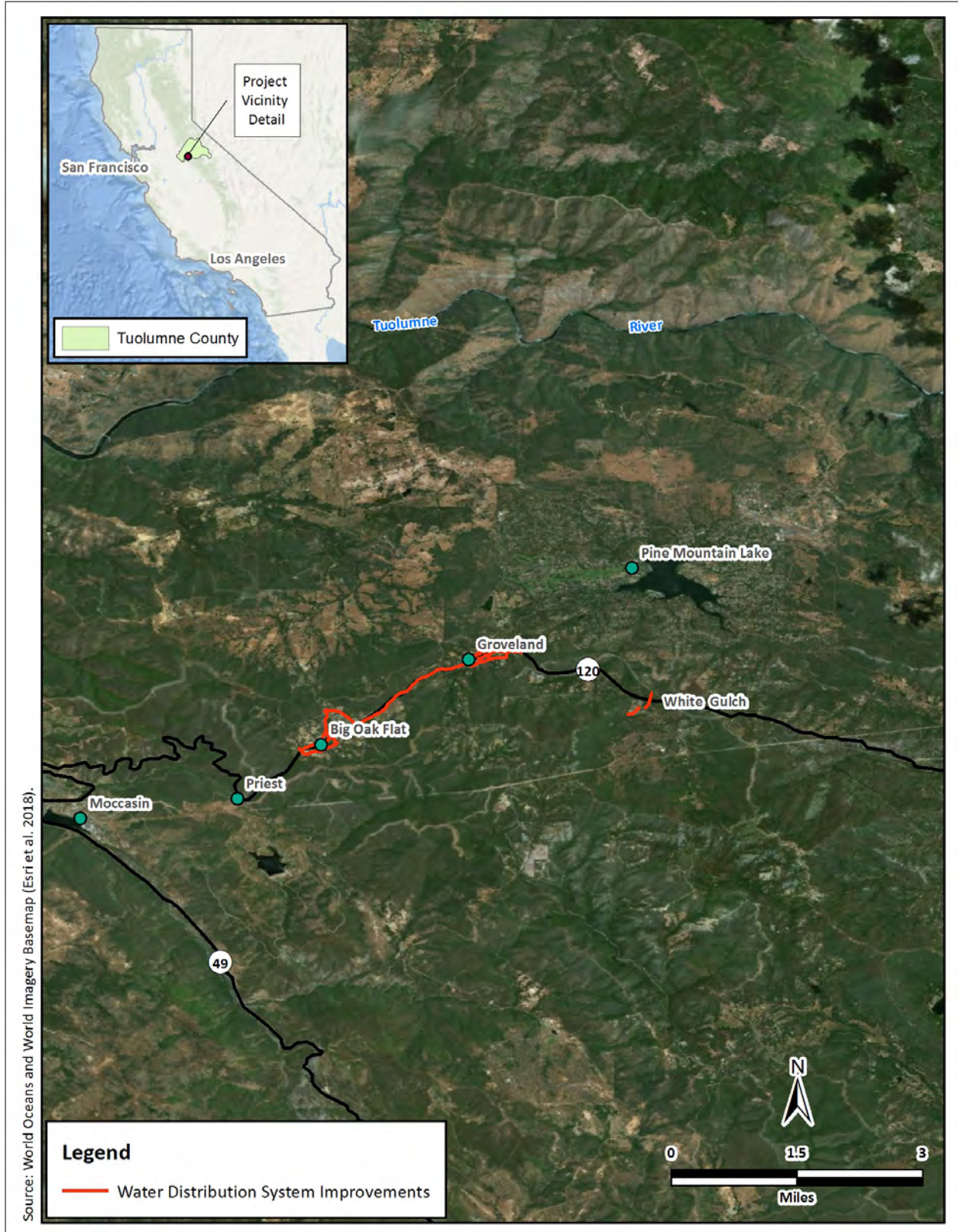
The purpose of this biological resource evaluation is to assess whether the Project will affect state- or federally protected resources pursuant to CEQA-Plus guidelines. Such resources include species of plants or animals listed or proposed for listing under the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) or the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), as well as those covered under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), the California Native Plant Protection Act, and various other sections of the California Fish and Game Code. Biological resources considered here also include designated or proposed critical habitat recognized under the FESA. This biological resource evaluation also addresses Project-related impacts to regulated habitats, which are those under the jurisdiction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) or California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), as well as those addressed under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), and Executive Order 11988 pertaining to floodplain management.

## 1.2 Project Description

The Project involves installing or replacing approximately 10,203 linear feet of 8-inch diameter water main as well as new gate valves, pressure reducing valves, and four fire hydrants in the downtown Groveland water distribution system; approximately 10,306 linear feet of 8-inch diameter water main as well as new gate valves, pressure reducing valves, and nine fire hydrants in the Big Oak Flat water distribution system; approximately 7212 linear feet of 8-inch water main and two fire hydrants in the connection between the communities of Groveland and Big Oak Flat; and approximately 1956 linear feet of 8-inch water main and one fire hydrant in the water distribution system that feeds White Gulch.

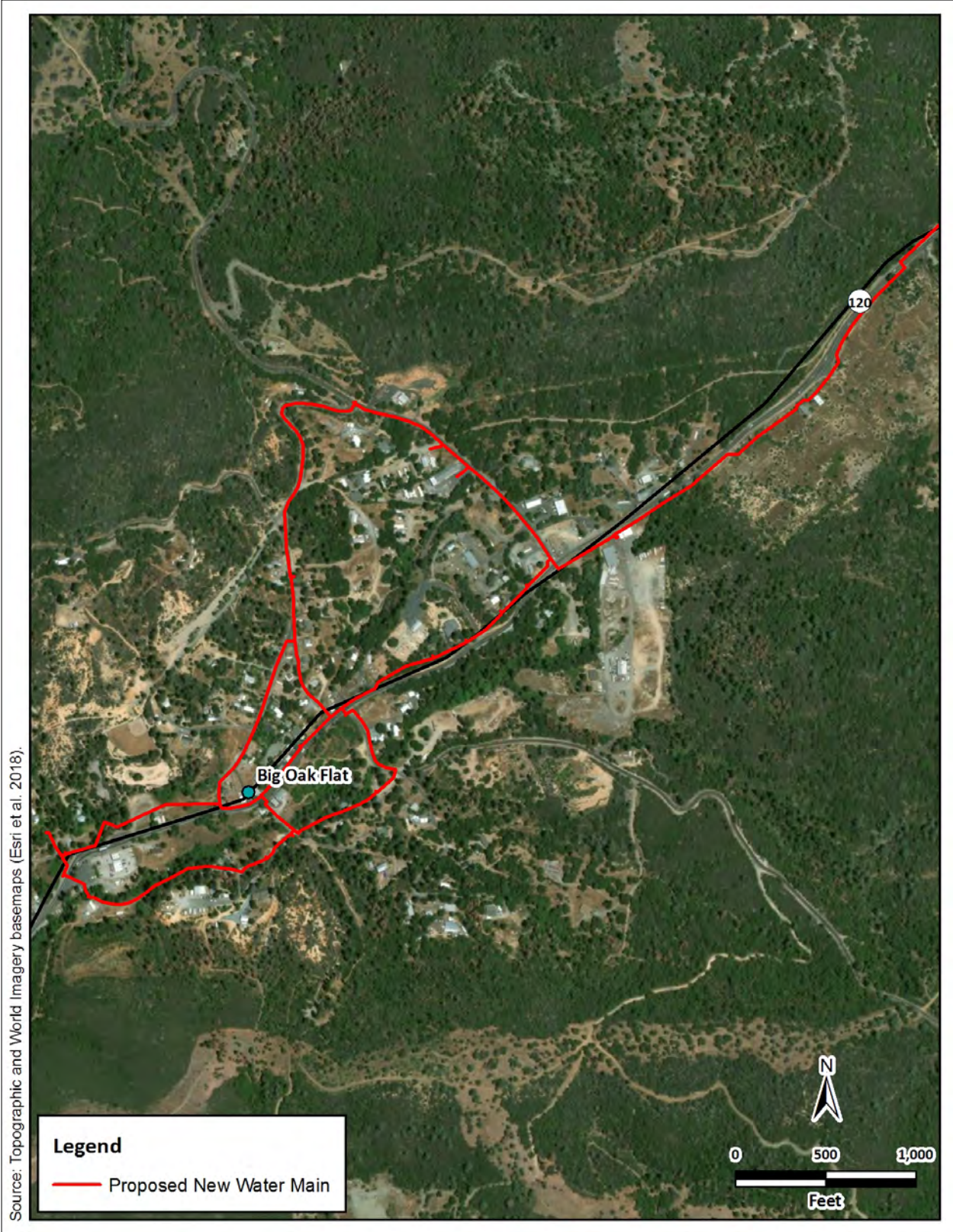
### **1.3 Project Location**

The Project will occur in three adjacent communities in western Tuolumne County, California: Big Oak Flat, Groveland, and White Gulch (Figures 1-4) at elevations ranging from about 2800 feet to about 3100 feet above mean sea level.



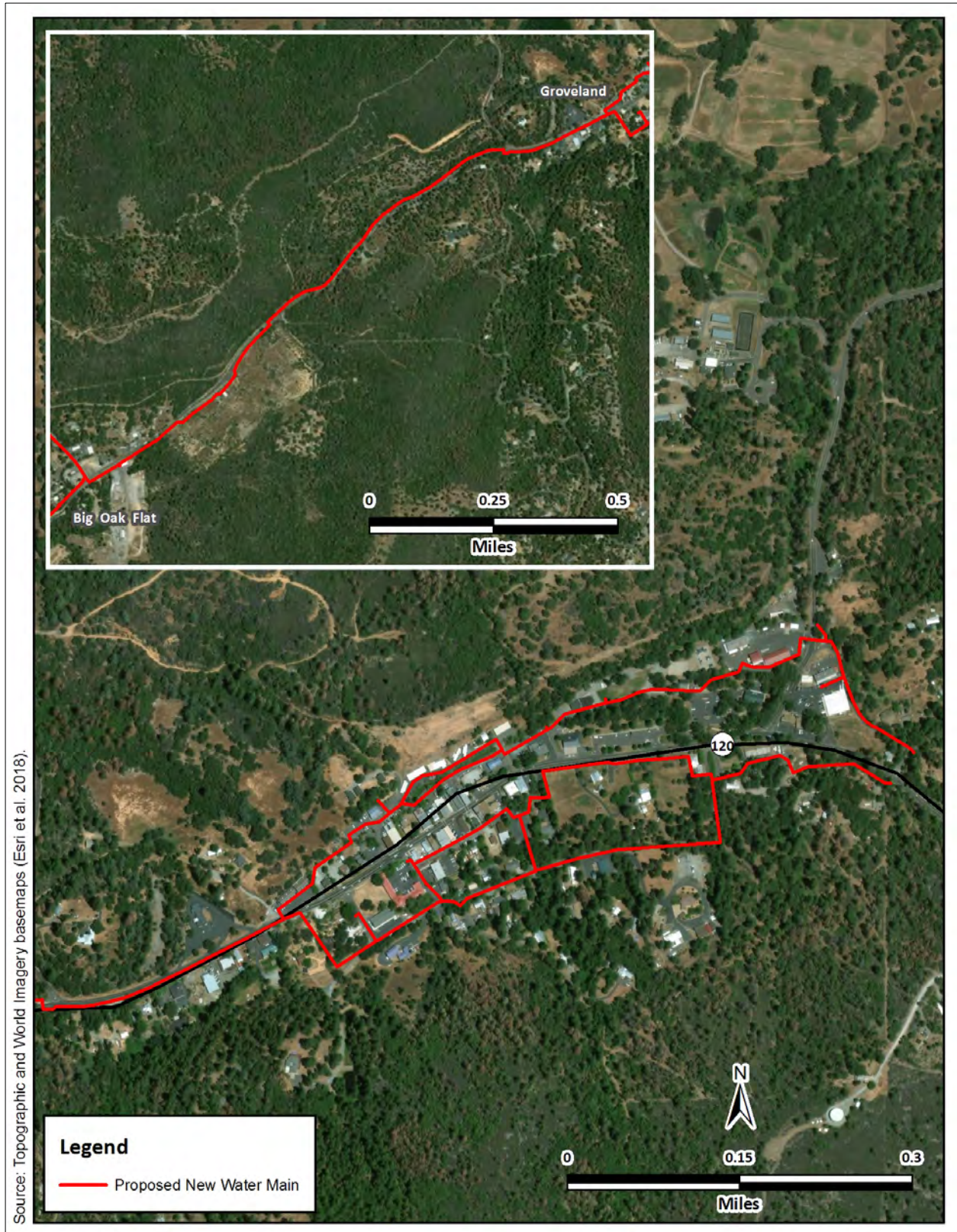
**Figure 1.** Site vicinity map.





**Figure 2.** Big Oak Flat Project location map.





**Figure 3.** Groveland Project location map.





**Figure 4.** White Gulch Project location map.

## 1.4 Purpose and Need of Proposed Project

The purpose of this Project is to ensure that the communities served by the District have access to clean drinking water. The Project is needed to effectively distribute the District's water supply and ensure sufficient water pressure is available for multiple uses.

## 1.5 Consultation History

Lists of all species listed or proposed for listing as threatened or endangered and all designated or proposed critical habitat under the FESA that could occur near the Project site were obtained by Colibri Staff Scientist Kristofer Robison from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) website (<https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>) on 16 April 2018 (Appendix A).

## 1.6 Regulatory Framework

The relevant federal and state regulatory requirements and policies that guide the impact analysis of the Project are summarized below.

### 1.6.1 Federal Requirements

**Federal Endangered Species Act.** The USFWS and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) enforce the provisions stipulated in the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (FESA, 16 USC Section 1531 et seq.). Threatened and endangered species on the federal list (50 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 17.11 and 17.12) are protected from take unless a Section 10 permit is granted to an entity other than a federal agency or a Biological Opinion with incidental take provisions is rendered to a federal lead agency via a Section 7 consultation. Take is defined as harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect or attempt to engage in any such conduct. Pursuant to the requirements of the FESA, an agency reviewing a proposed project within its jurisdiction must determine whether any federally listed species may be present on the project site and determine whether the proposed project may affect such species. Under the FESA, habitat loss is an impact to a species. In addition, the agency is required to determine whether the project is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any species that is listed or proposed for listing under the FESA or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat proposed or designated for such species (16 USC §1536[3], [4]). Therefore, project-related impacts to these species or their habitats would be considered significant and would require mitigation.

**Migratory Bird Treaty Act.** The federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) (16 United States Code [USC] §703, Supp. I, 1989) prohibits killing, possessing, trading, or other forms of take of migratory birds except in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior. "Take" is defined as the pursuing, hunting, shooting, capturing, collecting, or killing of birds, their



nests, eggs, or young (16 USC §703 and §715n). This act encompasses whole birds, parts of birds, and bird nests and eggs. The MBTA specifically protects migratory bird nests from possession, sale, purchase, barter transport, import, and export, and take. For nests, the definition of take per 50 CFR 10.12 is to collect. The MBTA does not include a definition of an “active nest.” However, the “Migratory Bird Permit Memorandum” issued by the USFWS in 2003 clarifies the MBTA in that regard and states that the removal of nests, without eggs or birds, is legal under the MBTA, provided no possession (which is interpreted as holding the nest with the intent of retaining it) occurs during the destruction (USFWS 2003).

**United States Army Corps of Engineers Jurisdiction.** Areas meeting the regulatory definition of “waters of the United States” (jurisdictional waters) are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (1972) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (1899). These waters may include all waters used, or potentially used, for interstate commerce, including all waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, all interstate waters, all other waters (intrastate lakes, rivers, streams, mudflats, sandflats, playa lakes, natural ponds, etc.), all impoundments of waters otherwise defined as waters of the United States, tributaries of waters otherwise defined as waters of the United States, the territorial seas, and wetlands adjacent to waters of the United States (33 CFR part 328.3). Ditches and drainage canals where water flows intermittently or ephemerally are not regulated as waters of the United States. Wetlands on non-agricultural lands are identified using the *Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual* and related Regional Supplement (USACE 1987 and 2008). Construction activities, including direct removal, filling, hydrologic disruption, or other means in jurisdictional waters are regulated by the USACE. The placement of dredged or fill material into such waters must comply with permit requirements of the USACE. No USACE permit will be effective in the absence of state water quality certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The State Water Resources Control Board is the state agency (together with the Regional Water Quality Control Boards) charged with implementing water quality certification in California.

**Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.** The National Wild and Scenic Rivers System was created by Congress in 1968 (Public Law 90-542; 16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) to preserve certain rivers with significant natural, cultural, and recreational values in a free-flowing condition. The Act safeguards the special character of these rivers, while also recognizing the potential for their appropriate use and development.

**Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.** The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) (Public law 94-265; Statutes at Large 90 Stat. 331; 16 U.S.C. ch. 38 § 1801 et seq.) establishes a management system for national marine and estuarine fishery resources. This legislation requires that all federal agencies consult the NMFS regarding all actions or proposed actions permitted, funded, or undertaken that may adversely affect “essential fish habitat (EFH).” EFH is defined as “waters and substrate necessary to fish for spawning, breeding, feeding, or growth to maturity.” The Magnuson-Stevens Act states that migratory routes to and from anadromous fish spawning grounds are considered EFH.

The phrase “adversely affect” refers to any impact that reduces the quality or quantity of EFH. Federal activities that occur outside of EFH, but which may have an impact on EFH must also be considered. The Act applies to salmon species, groundfish species, highly migratory species such as tuna, and coastal pelagic species such as anchovies.

**Executive Order 11988: Floodplain Management.** Executive Order 11988 (42 Federal Register 26951, 3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p. 117) requires federal agencies to avoid to the extent possible the long-term and short-term adverse impacts associated with occupying and modifying flood plains and to avoid direct and indirect support of developing floodplains wherever there is a practicable alternative.

## 1.6.2 State Requirements

**California Endangered Species Act.** The California Endangered Species Act (CESA) of 1970 (Fish and Game Code Section 2050 et seq., and CCR Title 14, Subsection 670.2, 670.51) prohibits the take of species listed under CESA (14 CCR Subsection 670.2, 670.5). Take is defined as hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill. Under CESA, state agencies are required to consult with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife [CDFW, formerly California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG)] when preparing CEQA documents. Consultation ensures that proposed projects or actions do not have a negative effect on state-listed species. During consultation, CDFW determines whether take would occur and identifies “reasonable and prudent alternatives” for the project and conservation of special-status species. CDFW can authorize take of state-listed species under Sections 2080.1 and 2081(b) of Fish and Game Code in those cases where it is demonstrated that the impacts are minimized and mitigated. Take authorized under section 2081(b) must be minimized and fully mitigated. A CESA permit must be obtained if a project will result in take of listed species, either during construction or over the life of the project. Under CESA, CDFW is responsible for maintaining a list of threatened and endangered species designated under state law (Fish and Game Code 2070). CDFW also maintains lists of species of special concern, which serve as “watch lists.” Pursuant to the requirements of CESA, a state or local agency reviewing a proposed project within its jurisdiction must determine whether the proposed project will have a potentially significant impact upon such species. Project-related impacts to species on the CESA list would be considered significant and would require mitigation. Impacts to species of concern or fully protected species would be considered significant under certain circumstances.

**California Environmental Quality Act.** The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (Subsections 21000–21178) requires that CDFW be consulted during the CEQA review process regarding impacts of proposed projects on special-status species. Special-status species are defined under CEQA Guidelines subsection 15380(b) and (d) as those listed under FESA and CESA and species that are not currently protected by statute or regulation but would be considered rare, threatened, or endangered under these criteria or by the scientific community. Therefore, species considered rare or endangered are addressed in this biological resource evaluation

regardless of whether they are afforded protection through any other statute or regulation. The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) inventories the native flora of California and ranks species according to rarity (CNPS 2017). Plants with Rare Plant Ranks 1A, 1B, 2A, or 2B are considered special-status species under CEQA.

Although threatened and endangered species are protected by specific federal and state statutes, CEQA Guidelines Section 15380(d) provides that a species not listed on the federal or state list of protected species may be considered rare or endangered if it can be shown to meet certain specified criteria. These criteria have been modeled after the definition in FESA and the section of the California Fish and Game Code dealing with rare and endangered plants and animals. Section 15380(d) allows a public agency to undertake a review to determine if a significant effect on species that have not yet been listed by either the USFWS or CDFW (i.e., candidate species) would occur. Thus, CEQA provides an agency with the ability to protect a species from the potential impacts of a project until the respective government agency has an opportunity to designate the species as protected, if warranted.

**California Native Plant Protection Act.** The California Native Plant Protection Act of 1977 (California Fish and Game Code Section 1900–1913) requires all state agencies to use their authority to carry out programs to conserve endangered and otherwise rare species of native plants. Provisions of the act prohibit the taking of listed plants from the wild and require the project proponent to notify CDFW at least 10 days in advance of any change in land use, which allows CDFW to salvage listed plants that would otherwise be destroyed.

**Nesting birds.** California Fish and Game Code Subsections 3503, 3503.5, and 3800 prohibit the possession, incidental take, or needless destruction of birds, their nests, and eggs. California Fish and Game Code Section 3511 lists birds that are “Fully Protected” as those that may not be taken or possessed except under specific permit.

**California Department of Fish and Wildlife Jurisdiction.** The CDFW has regulatory jurisdiction over lakes and streams in California. Activities that divert or obstruct the natural flow of a stream; substantially change its bed, channel, or bank; or use any materials (including vegetation) from the streambed, may require that the project applicant enter into a Streambed Alteration Agreement with the CDFW in accordance with California Fish and Game Code Section 1602.

# 1.0 Methods

## 2.1 Desktop Review

As a framework for the evaluation and reconnaissance surveys, we obtained an official USFWS species list for the Project (USFWS 2018, Appendix A). In addition, we searched the California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDDB, CDFW 2018) and the California Native Plant Society's Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants (CNPS 2018) for records of special-status plant and animal species in the Project area (Appendixes B and C). Regional lists of special-status species were compiled using USFWS, CNDDDB, and CNPS database searches confined to the Groveland 7.5-minute United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic quad, which encompasses the Project site, and the eight surrounding quads (Buckhorn Peak, Coulterville, Duckwall Mtn., Jawbone Ridge, Moccasin, Penon Blanco Peak, Standard, and Tuolumne). Local lists of special-status species were compiled using CNDDDB records from within 5 miles of the Project site. Species for which the Project site does not provide habitat were eliminated from further consideration. We also reviewed aerial imagery from Google Earth and other sources, USGS topographic maps, and relevant literature.

## 2.2 Reconnaissance Surveys

Staff Scientists Kristofer Robison and Joe Medley conducted field reconnaissance surveys of the Project site on 4, 5, 10, 11, and 30 April and 14 and 15 May 2018. The Project site and a 50-foot buffer surrounding the Project site were walked and thoroughly inspected to evaluate and document the potential for the site to support federally or state-protected resources. All plants except those under cultivation in agricultural fields or planted in residential areas and all animals (vertebrate wildlife species) observed within the survey area were identified and documented. The survey area was evaluated for the presence of regulated habitats, including lakes, streams, and other waters using methods described in the *Wetlands Delineation Manual* and regional supplement (USACE 1987, 2008).

## 2.3 Effects Analysis and Significance Criteria

### 2.3.1 Effects Analysis

Factors considered in evaluating the effects of the Project on special-status species included the (1) presence of designated or proposed critical habitat in the survey area, (2) potential for the survey area to support special-status species, (3) dependence of any such species on specific habitat components that would be removed or modified, (4) the degree of impact to habitat, (5) abundance and distribution of habitat in the region, (6) distribution and population levels of the

species, (7) cumulative effects of the Project and any future activities in the area, and (8) the potential to mitigate any adverse effects.

Factors considered in evaluating the effects of the Project on migratory birds included the potential for the Project to result in (1) mortality of migratory birds or (2) loss of migratory bird nests containing viable eggs or nestlings.

Factors considered in evaluating the effects of the Project on regulated habitats included the (1) presence of features comprising or potentially comprising waters of the United States, Wild and Scenic Rivers, essential fish habitat (EFH), floodplains, and lakes or streams within the survey area, and (2) potential for the Project to impact such habitats.

### **2.3.2 Significance Criteria**

CEQA defines “significant effect on the environment” as “a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in the environment.” (Pub. Res. Code, §21068). Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15065, a project's effects on biological resources are deemed significant where the project would do the following:

- Substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species
- Cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels
- Threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community
- Substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal

In addition to the Section 15065 criteria, Appendix G within the CEQA Guidelines includes six additional impacts to consider when analyzing the effects of a project. Under Appendix G, a project's effects on biological resources are deemed significant where the project would do the following:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the CDFW or USFWS.
- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the CDFW or USFWS.
- c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means.

- d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites.
- e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance.
- f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

These criteria were used to determine whether the potential effects of the Project on biological resources qualify as significant.

## 3.0 Results

### 3.1 Desktop Review

The official species list for the Project site (USFWS 2018, Table 1, Appendix A) included three species listed as threatened or endangered under the FESA. Those species include the Threatened Delta smelt (*Hypomesus transpacificus*), the Threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*), and the Threatened California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*), none of which is expected to occur on or within 50 feet of the Project site (Table 1). As identified in the official species list (USFWS 2018, Appendix A), the Project site does not occur in designated or proposed critical habitat.

Searching the CNDDDB (CDFW 2018) for records of special-status species from within the Groveland 7.5-minute USGS topographic quad and the eight surrounding quads produced 220 records of 50 species (Table 1, Appendix B). Of those species, 26 are known from within 5 miles of the Project site (Table 1, Figure 4). Of those 26, only two special-status species, northwestern pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*) and western red bat (*Lasiurus blossevillii*), designated State Species of Special Concern, could occur on or within 50 feet of the Project site based on the presence of suitable conditions. Six other taxa identified in the CNDDDB search have the potential to occur on or within 50 feet of the Project site (Table 1). However, as they are not considered special-status species by CDFW or USFWS, they are not discussed further. All other species either do not have a special-status designation or have no potential to occur on or within 50 feet of the Project site (Table 1).

Searching the CNPS rare and endangered plant inventory (CNPS 2018) for records within the Groveland 7.5-minute USGS topographic quad and the eight surrounding quads produced 32 species records (Table 1, Appendix C). Only one species, Small's southern clarkia (*Clarkia australis*), has could occur on or within 50 feet of the Project site. All other species are not expected to occur on or within 50 feet of the Project site (Table 1).



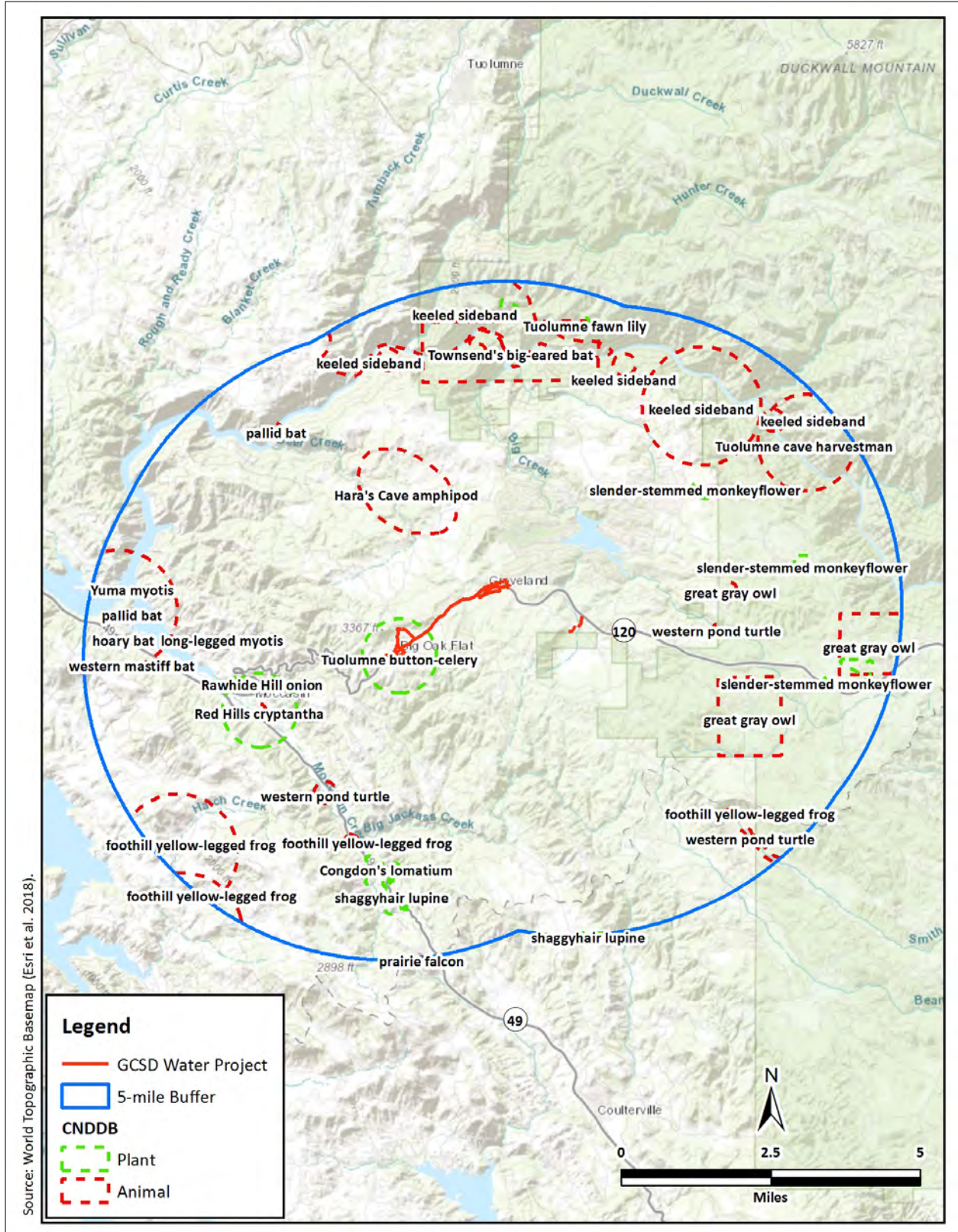


Figure 5. CNDDB occurrence map.



**Table 1.** Special-status species, their listing status, habitat requirements, and potential to occur on or near the Project site.

Species	Status <sup>1</sup>	Habitat	Potential to Occur <sup>2</sup>
<b>Federally and State-Listed Endangered or Threatened Species</b>			
Hartweg's golden sunburst ( <i>Pseudobahia bahiifolia</i> )	FE, SE, 1B.1	Cismontane woodland and valley and foothill grassland.	<b>Absent.</b> No records from within 5 miles; not detected during reconnaissance surveys, which occurred within the blooming period of this species.
Layne's ragwort ( <i>Packera layneae</i> )	FT, SR, 1B.1	Chaparral and cismontane woodland, often with serpentine soil.	<b>Absent.</b> No records from within 5 miles; not detected during reconnaissance surveys, which occurred within the blooming period of this species.
Valley elderberry longhorn beetle ( <i>Desmocerus californicus dimorphus</i> )	FT	Elderberry ( <i>Sambucus</i> sp.) plants in the Central Valley with stems > 1-inch diameter at ground level.	<b>Absent.</b> No records from within 5 miles; outside current known range.
Delta smelt ( <i>Hypomesus transpacificus</i> )	FT, FE	River channels, tidally influenced sloughs.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no connectivity with suitable habitats.
California red-legged frog ( <i>Rana draytonii</i> )	FT, SSSC	Creeks, ponds, and marshes for breeding; burrows for upland refuge.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; outside current known range.
California tiger salamander Central California Distinct Population Segment ( <i>Ambystoma californiense</i> )	FT, ST	Vernal pools or other seasonal sources for breeding; underground refuges for non-breeding.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; outside current known range; no records from within 5 miles.
Foothill yellow-legged frog ( <i>Rana boylei</i> )	SCT	Shallow, partly shaded perennial streams and riffles with rocky substrate.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no suitable perennial stream within survey area.
Limestone salamander ( <i>Hydromantes brunus</i> )	ST, FP	Limestone outcrops, caverns, talus, or rock fissures in foothill pine	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; Project site is outside current known range.

Species	Status <sup>1</sup>	Habitat	Potential to Occur <sup>2</sup>
		and chaparral along the Merced River and its tributaries.	
Bald eagle ( <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> )	SE, FP	Large, old-growth trees or snags near water.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no suitable waterbody within survey area to support this species.
Great gray owl ( <i>Strix nebulosa</i> )	SE	Meadow edges in mixed conifer forest, red fir forest, or cismontane woodland in Central California.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking no suitable meadow within survey area.
Least Bell's vireo ( <i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i> )	FE, SE	Riparian corridors with a dense, shrubby understory.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; survey area does not include a dense-shrubby riparian corridor.
Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog ( <i>Rana sierrae</i> )	FE, ST	Perennial waters including lakes, ponds, and meadow streams in the Sierra Nevada mountains between 1000 feet and 12,000 feet elevation.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no perennial waters within survey area.
Sierra Nevada red fox ( <i>Vulpes vulpes necator</i> )	FC, ST	High elevation montane woodland and conifer forest.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; the Project site is in a low elevation cismontane woodland.
<b>State Species of Special Concern</b>			
San Joaquin roach ( <i>Lavinia symmetricus symmetricus</i> )	SSSC	Tributaries of the San Joaquin River south of and including the Cosumnes River.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no connectivity with suitable habitat.
Northwestern pond turtle ( <i>Actinemys marmorata</i> )	SSSC	Ponds, rivers, marshes, streams, and irrigation ditches, usually with aquatic vegetation. Need basking sites and suitable upland habitat for egg laying.	<b>Moderate.</b> Rattlesnake Creek, Garrotte Creek, and an unnamed intermittent waterway are within 50 feet of the Project site and could support this species.
Burrowing owl ( <i>Athene cunicularia</i> )	SSSC	Grassland and upland scrub with friable soil;	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; the Project site is in a low

Species	Status <sup>1</sup>	Habitat	Potential to Occur <sup>2</sup>
		some agricultural or other developed and disturbed areas with ground squirrel burrows.	elevation cismontane woodland.
Pallid bat ( <i>Antrozous pallidus</i> )	SSSC	Rock outcrops for roosting in a variety of habitats.	<b>Absent.</b> No potential roosting habitat in survey area; any potential for occurrence over the Project site while foraging is negligible since work will occur during the day when this species roosts.
Spotted bat ( <i>Euderma maculatum</i> )	SSSC	Rock crevices, cliffs, and caves for roosting.	<b>Absent.</b> No potential roosting or foraging habitat found; any potential for occurrence over the Project site while foraging is negligible since work will occur during the day when this species roosts.
Townsend's big-eared bat ( <i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i> )	SSSC	Open buildings, caves, or mines for roosting in a variety of habitats including cismontane woodland and low elevation conifer forest.	<b>Absent.</b> No potential roosting habitat in survey area; any potential for occurrence over the Project site while foraging is negligible since work will occur during the day when this species roosts.
Western mastiff bat ( <i>Eumops perotis californicus</i> )	SSSC	Crevices in cliff faces and rock outcrops for roosting in a variety of habitats including cismontane woodland and low elevation conifer forest.	<b>Absent.</b> No potential roosting habitat in survey area; any potential for occurrence over the Project site while foraging is negligible since work will occur during the day when this species roosts.

Species	Status <sup>1</sup>	Habitat	Potential to Occur <sup>2</sup>
Western red bat ( <i>Lasiurus blossevillii</i> )	SSSC	Trees for roosting from sea level to elevations supporting mixed-conifer forest.	<b>Moderate.</b> Suitable roosting trees and foraging areas within 50 feet of the Project site. Any potential for occurrence over the Project site while foraging is negligible, however, since work will occur during the day when this species roosts.
<b>Otherwise Rare or Imperiled Species</b>			
Crotch bumble bee ( <i>Bombus crotchii</i> )	CNDDDB	Various habitats with <i>Antirrhinum</i> , <i>Phacelia</i> , <i>Clarkia</i> , <i>Dendromecon</i> , <i>Eschscholzia</i> , and <i>Eriogonum</i> as food plants.	<b>Low.</b> A couple individual <i>Eriogonum</i> plants were found in the survey area.
Hara's cave amphipod ( <i>Stygobromus harai</i> )	CNDDDB	Caves, mine tunnels, and springs in Central California.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; Project site is outside current know range for this species.
Keeled sideband ( <i>Monadenia circumcarinata</i> )	CNDDDB	Steep limestone outcrops and talus slopes in the Tuolumne River canyon.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; Project site is outside current know range for this species.
Tuolumne cave harvestman ( <i>Banksula tuolumne</i> )	CNDDDB	Tuolumne Crystal Cave in Tuolumne County.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; Project site is outside current know range for this species.
Tuolumne sideband ( <i>Monadenia tuolumneana</i> )	CNDDDB	Steep limestone outcrops and talus slopes in the Tuolumne River canyon.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; Project site is outside current know range for this species.
Wengerors' cave amphipod ( <i>Stygobromus wengerorum</i> )	CNDDDB	Subterranean groundwater habitats and caves in Mariposa County.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; Project site is outside current know range for this species.
Western pearlshell ( <i>Margaritifera falcate</i> )	CNDDDB	Freshwater rivers, streams, and creeks.	<b>Low.</b> Recent flooding likely made conditions

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			unsuitable for this species.
Yosemite Mariposa sideband ( <i>Monadenia yosemitensis</i> )	CNDDDB	Riparian forest of the Merced River and its tributaries.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; Project site is outside current know range for this species.
Oak titmouse ( <i>Baeolophus inornatus</i> )	CNDDDB	Oak woodland or cismontane woodland.	<b>Present.</b> This species was detected in the survey area.
Prairie falcon ( <i>Falco mexicanus</i> )	WL	Dry, open places with cliffs for nesting.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no potential nesting cliffs near the Project site.
Fringed myotis ( <i>Myotis thysanodes</i> )	CNDDDB	Caves, rock outcrops, mines, and buildings for roosting.	<b>Absent.</b> No potential roosting habitat within survey area; any potential for occurrence over the Project site while foraging is negligible since work will occur during the day when this species roosts.
Hoary bat ( <i>Lasiurus cinereus</i> )	CNDDDB	Medium to large trees for roosting; open areas for foraging.	<b>Moderate.</b> Suitable roosting trees and foraging areas within 50 feet of the Project site; any potential for occurrence over the Project site while foraging, however, is negligible since work will occur during the day when this species roosts.
Long-eared myotis ( <i>Myotis evotis</i> )	CNDDDB	Buildings, rock crevices, snags, and under tree bark in chaparral, cismontane woodland, and conifer forest.	<b>Moderate.</b> Suitable roosting trees and foraging areas within 50 feet of the Project site; any potential for occurrence over the Project site while foraging is negligible since work will occur

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			during the day when this species roosts.
Long-legged myotis ( <i>Myotis volans</i> )	CNDDDB	Conifer forest above 4000 feet elevation.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; Project site is below known elevation range.
Silver-haired bat ( <i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i> )	CNDDDB	Tree cavities, snags, exfoliating bark, or abandoned woodpecker holes for roosting.	<b>Moderate.</b> Suitable roosting trees and foraging areas within 50 feet of the Project site; any potential for occurrence over the Project site while foraging, however, is negligible since work will occur during the day when this species roosts.
Yuma myotis ( <i>Myotis yumanensis</i> )	CNDDDB	Caves, rock crevices, mines, or buildings for roosting; forages over open water.	<b>Absent.</b> No potential roosting or open water foraging habitat in the survey area.
<b>California Rare Plants</b>			
Beaked clarkia ( <i>Clarkia rostrata</i> )	1B.3	Cismontane woodland and valley and foothill grassland.	<b>Absent.</b> Not detected during reconnaissance surveys, which occurred within the blooming period of this species.
Big-scale balsamroot ( <i>Balsamorhiza macrolepis</i> )	1B.2	Chaparral, cismontane woodland, and valley and foothill grassland.	<b>Absent.</b> Not detected during reconnaissance surveys, which occurred within the blooming period of this species.
Brewer's calandrinia ( <i>Calandrinia breweri</i> )	4.2	Chaparral and coastal scrub.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; the Project site is in a low elevation cismontane woodland.
Brownish beaked-rush ( <i>Rhynchospora capitellata</i> )	2B.2	Meadows, seeps, and marshes in conifer forest.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; the Project site lacks the wetlands features this species requires.

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California beaked-rush ( <i>Rhynchospora californica</i> )	1B.1	Bogs, fens, meadows, and seeps in conifer forest.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; the Project site lacks the wetlands features this species requires.
Congdon's lomatium ( <i>Lomatium congdonii</i> )	1B.2	Chaparral and cismontane woodland with serpentine soil.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no serpentine soils known from the survey area.
Congdon's onion ( <i>Allium sanbornii</i> var. <i>congdonii</i> )	4.3	Serpentine or volcanic soils in chaparral and cismontane woodland.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no serpentine soils known from the survey area.
Elongate copper moss ( <i>Mielichhoferia elongata</i> )	4.3	Usually acidic metamorphic rocky, sometimes carbonate soils near meadows or seeps in conifer forest, cismontane woodland, broadleaf forest, and chaparral.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no meadows or seeps in the survey area.
Ewan's larkspur ( <i>Delphinium hansenii</i> ssp. <i>ewanianum</i> )	4.2	Rocky substrates in cismontane woodland and valley and foothill grassland.	<b>Absent.</b> Not detected during reconnaissance surveys, which occurred within the blooming period of this species.
Foothill jepsonia ( <i>Jepsonia heterandra</i> )	4.3	Rocky substrates in cismontane woodland and low elevation conifer forest.	<b>Absent.</b> No records from within 5 miles; not detected during reconnaissance surveys, which occurred outside the blooming period of this species.
Fresno ceanothus ( <i>Ceanothus fresnensis</i> )	4.3	Rocky substrates in cismontane woodland openings and low elevation conifer forest.	<b>Absent.</b> No records from within 5 miles; not detected during reconnaissance surveys.
Hall's wyethia ( <i>Wyethia elata</i> )	4.3	Cismontane woodland and low elevation conifer forest.	<b>Absent.</b> Not detected during reconnaissance surveys, which occurred within the blooming period of this species.

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Jepson's onion ( <i>Allium jepsonii</i> )	1B.2	Serpentine or volcanic soils in chaparral, cismontane woodland, and low elevation conifer forest.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no serpentine soils known from the survey area.
Mariposa clarkia ( <i>Clarkia biloba</i> ssp. <i>australis</i> )	1B.2	Serpentine soils in chaparral and cismontane woodland.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no serpentine soils known from the survey area.
Mariposa cryptantha ( <i>Cryptantha mariposae</i> )	1B.3	Rocky, serpentine soils in chaparral.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no serpentine soils known from the survey area, which is a low elevation cismontane woodland.
Parry's horkelia ( <i>Horkelia parryi</i> )	1B.2	lone formation and other soils in chaparral and cismontane woodland.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no lone formation soils known from the survey area.
Rawhide Hill onion ( <i>Allium tuolumnense</i> )	1B.2	Serpentine soils in cismontane woodland.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no serpentine soils known from the survey area.
Red Hills cryptantha ( <i>Cryptantha spithamaea</i> )	1B.3	Serpentine soils in chaparral and cismontane woodland.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no serpentine soils known from the survey area.
Red Hills ragwort ( <i>Senecio clevelandii</i> var. <i>heterophyllus</i> )	1B.2	Serpentine seeps in cismontane woodland.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no serpentine seeps or soils known from the survey area.
Serpentine bluecup ( <i>Githopsis pulchella</i> ssp. <i>serpentinicola</i> )	4.3	Serpentine or lone formation soils in cismontane woodland.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no serpentine soils known from the survey area.
Shaggyhair lupine ( <i>Lupinus spectabilis</i> )	1B.2	Serpentine soils in chaparral and cismontane woodland.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no serpentine soils known from the survey area.
Sierra clarkia ( <i>Clarkia virgata</i> )	4.3	Cismontane woodland and low elevation	<b>Absent.</b> No records from within 5 miles; not



Species	Status <sup>1</sup>	Habitat	Potential to Occur <sup>2</sup>
		conifer forest between 1300 and 3600 feet elevation.	detected during reconnaissance surveys, which occurred within the blooming period of this species.
Slender-stemmed monkeyflower ( <i>Erythranthe filicaulis</i> )	1B.2	Meadows and seeps in cismontane woodland and conifer forest.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no meadows or seeps in the survey area.
Small-flowered monkeyflower ( <i>Erythranthe inconspicuus</i> )	4.3	Hillside streams or seeps in chaparral, cismontane woodland, and low elevation conifer forest.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no streams or seeps in the survey area.
Small's southern clarkia ( <i>Clarkia australis</i> )	1B.2	Cismontane woodland and conifer forest between 2600 and 4900 feet elevation.	<b>Absent.</b> Not detected during reconnaissance surveys, which occurred within the blooming period of this species.
Stinkbells ( <i>Fritillaria agrestis</i> )	4.2	Clay and serpentine soils in chaparral, cismontane woodland, pinyon-juniper woodland, and valley and foothill grassland.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no serpentine soils known from the survey area.
Tansy-flowered woolly sunflower ( <i>Eriophyllum confertiflorum</i> var. <i>tanacetiflorum</i> )	4.3	Oak woodland below 2600 feet elevation.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; the Project site is in a low elevation cismontane woodland at 2800 feet elevation.
Tuolumne button-celery ( <i>Eryngium pinnatisectum</i> )	1B.2	Seasonally flooded depressions in cismontane woodland and low elevation conifer forest.	<b>Absent.</b> Habitat lacking; no seasonal wetlands found in the survey area.
Tuolumne fawn lily ( <i>Erythronium tuolumnense</i> )	1B.2	Open woodland and shady canyons in broadleaf upland forest, chaparral, cismontane woodland, and low elevation conifer forest.	<b>Absent.</b> Not detected during reconnaissance surveys, which occurred within the blooming period of this species.
Yellow-lip pansy monkeyflower	1B.2	Vernally wet depressions, disturbed	<b>Absent.</b> Not detected during reconnaissance

Species	Status <sup>1</sup>	Habitat	Potential to Occur <sup>2</sup>
<i>Diplacus pulchellus</i>		areas with clay soil, and meadows and seeps in low elevation conifer forest.	surveys, which occurred within the blooming period of this species.

CDFW (2018), CNPS (2018), USFWS (2018).

Status <sup>1</sup>	Potential to Occur <sup>2</sup>
CNDDDB = Recognized by the CNDDDB, other state or federal agencies, or conservation groups as rare or imperiled	Absent: Neither species nor sign observed; conditions unsuitable for occurrence
FC = Federal Candidate for listing	Low: Neither species nor sign observed; conditions marginal for occurrence
FE = Federally listed Endangered	Moderate: Neither species nor sign observed, but conditions suitable for occurrence
FT = Federally listed Threatened	High: Neither species nor sign observed, but conditions highly suitable for occurrence
FP = Fully Protected	Present: Species or sign observed
SE = State-listed Endangered	
SR = State-designated Rare	
ST = State-listed Threatened	
SSSC = State Species of Special Concern	
WL = CDFW Watch List	

CNPS California Rare Plant Rank:	Threat Ranks:
1A – plants presumed extirpated in California and either rare or extinct elsewhere.	0.1 – seriously threatened in California (> 80% of occurrences).
1B – plants rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere.	0.2 – moderately threatened in California (20-80% of occurrences).
4 – plants of limited distribution or infrequently encountered throughout a broad area of California.	0.3 – not very threatened in California (<20% of occurrences).

## 3.2 Reconnaissance Survey

### 3.2.1 Land Use and Habitats

The Project site consists of developed and disturbed land cover including roads, residential development, and commercial development. The surrounding land cover is composed of

cismontane woodland. Intermittent and ephemeral waterways are present within 50 feet of each work location.



**Figure 6.** Photograph of the Big Oak Flat Project location showing existing water main infrastructure in developed and disturbed land cover surrounded by cismontane woodland.



**Figure 7.** Photograph of the Groveland Project location showing a developed road and an adjacent ephemeral drainage surrounded by cismontane woodland.





**Figure 8.** Photograph of the White Gulch Project location showing the water main alignment where it crosses under Garrotte Creek, surrounded by cismontane woodland.

**3.2.2 Plant and Animal Species Observed**

Ninety-four plant species (59 native and 35 nonnative) were found during the survey (Table 2). One amphibian species, 29 bird species, and four mammal species were also detected (Table 2).

**Table 2.** Plant and animal species observed during the reconnaissance survey.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Regulatory Status
<b>Plants</b>		
<b>Family Adoxaceae</b>		
Blue elderberry	<i>Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea</i>	Native
<b>Family Anacardiaceae</b>		
Poison oak	<i>Toxicodendron diversilobum</i>	Native
<b>Family Apiaceae</b>		
Common lomatium	<i>Lomatium utriculatum</i>	Native
Field hedge parsley	<i>Torilis arvensis</i>	Nonnative
Pacific sanicle	<i>Sanicula crassicaulis</i>	Native
Poison hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Nonnative
<b>Family Asteraceae</b>		

Common Name	Scientific Name	Regulatory Status
Bachelor's button	<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Nonnative
Blow wives	<i>Achyrachaena mollis</i>	Native
Common dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Nonnative
Common groundsel	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	Nonnative
Common yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Native
Golden fleece	<i>Ericameria arborescens</i>	Native
Gumweed	<i>Grindelia hirsutula</i>	Native
Italian thistle	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	Nonnative
Milk thistle	<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Nonnative
Mugwort	<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	Native
Pearly everlasting	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	Native
Prickly sow thistle	<i>Sonchus asper</i>	Nonnative
Q-tips	<i>Micropus californicus</i>	Native
Rosin weed	<i>Calycadenia truncate</i>	Native
Rough cat's ear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Nonnative
Smooth cat's ear	<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	Nonnative
Tocalote	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	Nonnative
<b>Family Berberidaceae</b>		
Oregon grape	<i>Berberis aquifolium</i>	Native
<b>Family Betulaceae</b>		
White alder	<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	Native
<b>Family Boraginaceae</b>		
Canyon nemophila	<i>Nemophila heterophylla</i>	Native
Fiddleneck	<i>Amsinckia sp.</i>	Native
Grand hound's tongue	<i>Cynoglossum grande</i>	Native
Yerba santa	<i>Eriodictyon californicum</i>	Native
<b>Family Brassicaceae</b>		
American wintercress	<i>Barbarea orthoceras</i>	Native
Fringe pod	<i>Thysanocarpus curvipes</i>	Native
Shepherd's purse	<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Nonnative
Short pod mustard	<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>	Nonnative
Wild radish	<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	Nonnative
<b>Family Cupressaceae</b>		
Giant sequoia	<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>	Native
Incense cedar	<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	Native
<b>Family Ericaceae</b>		
White leaf manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos manzanita</i>	Native
<b>Family Fabaceae</b>		
American bird's foot trefoil	<i>Acmispon americanus</i>	Native
American vetch	<i>Vicia Americana</i>	Native

Common Name	Scientific Name	Regulatory Status
California burclover	<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	Nonnative
Deerweed	<i>Acmispon glaber</i>	Native
Miniature lupine	<i>Lupinus bicolor</i>	Native
Perennial sweet pea	<i>Lathyrus latifolius</i>	Nonnative
Rose clover	<i>Trifolium hirtum</i>	Nonnative
Scotch broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Nonnative
Vetch	<i>Vicia</i> sp.	Nonnative
<b>Family Fagaceae</b>		
Black oak	<i>Quercus kelloggii</i>	Native
Blue oak	<i>Quercus douglasii</i>	Native
Canyon live oak	<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>	Native
Interior live oak	<i>Quercus wislizeni</i>	Native
Valley oak	<i>Quercus lobata</i>	Native
<b>Family Geraniaceae</b>		
Big heron bill	<i>Erodium botrys</i>	Nonnative
Crane's beak geranium	<i>Geranium molle</i>	Nonnative
Cutleaf geranium	<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Nonnative
Red stemmed filaree	<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Nonnative
<b>Family Grossulariaceae</b>		
Sierra gooseberry	<i>Ribes roezlii</i>	Native
<b>Family Juncaceae</b>		
Rush	<i>Juncus</i> sp.	Native
<b>Family Lamiaceae</b>		
Giraffe head	<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Nonnative
White horehound	<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	Nonnative
<b>Family Liliaceae</b>		
Brown bells	<i>Fritillaria micrantha</i>	Native
Common soaproot	<i>Chlorogalum pomeridianum</i>	Native
Yellow star tulip	<i>Calochortus monophyllus</i>	Native
<b>Family Linaceae</b>		
Blue flax	<i>Linum lewisii</i>	Native
<b>Family Malvaceae</b>		
Cheeseweed	<i>Malva parviflora</i>	Native
<b>Family Montiaceae</b>		
Miner's lettuce	<i>Claytonia perfoliata</i>	Native
Narrow-leaved miner's lettuce	<i>Claytonia parviflora</i>	Native
<b>Family Onagraceae</b>		
Clarkia	<i>Clarkia</i> sp.	Native
<b>Family Orobanchaceae</b>		
Butter 'n' eggs	<i>Triphysaria eriantha</i>	Native

Common Name	Scientific Name	Regulatory Status
<b>Family Papaveraceae</b>		
California poppy	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	Native
<b>Family Pinaceae</b>		
California foothill pine	<i>Pinus sabiniana</i>	Native
Ponderosa Pine	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Native
<b>Family Plantaginaceae</b>		
English plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Nonnative
Speedwell	<i>Veronica arvensis</i>	Nonnative
<b>Family Platanaceae</b>		
Western sycamore	<i>Platanus racemose</i>	Native
<b>Family Poaceae</b>		
Bulbous blue grass	<i>Poa bulbosa</i>	Nonnative
Grass	<i>Poa sp.</i>	Nonnative
Johnson grass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	Nonnative
Ripgut brome	<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	Nonnative
Small quaking grass	<i>Briza minor</i>	Nonnative
<b>Family Polygonaceae</b>		
Curly dock	<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Nonnative
Naked buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum nudum</i>	Native
<b>Family Primulaceae</b>		
Shooting star	<i>Primula hendersonii</i>	Native
<b>Family Ranunculaceae</b>		
California buttercup	<i>Ranunculus californicus</i>	Native
<b>Family Rhamnaceae</b>		
Buck brush	<i>Ceanothus cuneatus</i>	Native
<b>Family Rosaceae</b>		
Chamise	<i>Adenostoma fasciculatum</i>	Native
Cherry	<i>Prunus sp.</i>	Nonnative
Himalayan blackberry	<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	Nonnative
Toyon	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Native
Silver weed cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla anserine</i>	Native
Wood strawberry	<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	Native
<b>Family Rubiaceae</b>		
Climbing bedstraw	<i>Galium porrigens</i>	Native
Goose grass	<i>Galium aparine</i>	Native
<b>Family Salicaceae</b>		
Sandbar willow	<i>Salix exigua</i>	Native
Pacific willow	<i>Salix lasiandra</i>	Native
<b>Family Sapindaceae</b>		
California buckeye	<i>Aesculus californica</i>	Native

Common Name	Scientific Name	Regulatory Status
<b>Amphibians</b>		
<b>Family Hylidae</b>		
Sierran treefrog	<i>Pseudacris sierra</i>	None
<b>Birds</b>		
<b>Family Accipitridae</b>		
Red-shouldered hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Aegithalidae</b>		
Bushtit	<i>Psaltriparus minimus</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Bombycillidae</b>		
Cedar waxwing	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Columbidae</b>		
Band-tailed pigeon	<i>Patagioenas fasciata</i>	MBTA
Mourning dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Corvidae</b>		
California scrub-jay	<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>	MBTA
Common raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	MBTA
Steller's jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Fringillidae</b>		
Lesser goldfinch	<i>Spinus psaltria</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Hirundinidae</b>		
Cliff swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Icteridae</b>		
Brewer's blackbird	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	MBTA
Bullock's oriole	<i>Icterus bullockii</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Odontophoridae</b>		
California quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Paridae</b>		
Oak titmouse	<i>Baeolophus inornatus</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Parulidae</b>		
Yellow-rumped warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Passerellidae</b>		
California towhee	<i>Melospiza crissalis</i>	MBTA
Golden-crowned sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>	MBTA
Spotted towhee	<i>Pipilo maculatus</i>	MBTA
White-crowned sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Passeridae</b>		
House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	None
<b>Family Picidae</b>		
Nuttall's woodpecker	<i>Picoides nuttallii</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Sittidae</b>		



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White-breasted nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Sturnidae</b>		
European starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	None
<b>Family Sylviidae</b>		
Wrentit	<i>Chamaea fasciata</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Turdidae</b>		
American robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	MBTA
Western bluebird	<i>Sialia mexicana</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Tyrannidae</b>		
Black phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>	MBTA
Pacific-slope flycatcher	<i>Empidonax difficilis</i>	MBTA
<b>Family Vireonidae</b>		
Hutton's vireo	<i>Vireo huttoni</i>	None
<b>Mammals</b>		
<b>Family Cervidae</b>		
California mule deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus californicus</i>	None
<b>Family Geomyidae</b>		
Botta's pocket gopher	<i>Thomomys bottae</i>	None
<b>Family Leporidae</b>		
Black-tailed jackrabbit	<i>Lepus californicus</i>	None
<b>Family Sciuridae</b>		
California ground squirrel	<i>Otospermophilus beecheyi</i>	None

MTBA: Covered under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

### 3.2.3 Nesting Birds and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Migratory birds likely nest on or near the Project site. Species that may use the Project site or adjacent areas include, but are not limited to, red-shouldered hawk (*Buteo lineatus*), bushtit (*Psaltriparus minimus*), band-tailed pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata*), mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*), California scrub-jay (*Aphelocoma californica*), lesser goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*), house finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*), cliff swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*), California towhee (*Melospiza crissalis*), spotted towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*), Nuttall's woodpecker (*Picoides nuttallii*), black phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*), and Hutton's vireo (*Vireo huttoni*).

### 3.2.4 Regulated Habitats

Multiple Project work locations were within 50 feet of intermittent and ephemeral streams that are hydrologically connected to the Tuolumne River, a navigable waterway under the regulatory jurisdiction of the USACE, the RWQCB, and the CDFW. The Project will likely impact four of these jurisdictional waterways – three in Big Oak Flat, where work could involve trenching across an

ephemeral tributary of Rattlesnake Creek, an intermittent drainage that ultimately drains to the Tuolumne River via Priest Reservoir, or installing concrete pillars on the banks of the high-flow channel of Rattlesnake Creek – and one in Groveland, where concrete pillars could be installed on the severely eroded banks of an unnamed intermittent stream that is tributary to the Tuolumne River above Pine Mountain Lake.

No marine or estuarine fishery resources or migratory routes to and from anadromous fish spawning grounds were present in the survey area; all tributaries to the Tuolumne River, the nearest potential migratory route for anadromous fishes, is effectively blocked by numerous manmade dams. In addition, no EFH, defined by the Magnuson-Stevens Act as those resources necessary for fish spawning, breeding, feeding, or growth to maturity, were present in the survey area. And no federally protected wetlands, such as vernal pools, were found in the survey area.

The Project site is not within a flood plain (Federal Emergency Management Agency 2018). The nearest flood plain limit is at Priest Reservoir, approximately 1.2 miles southwest of the Project site.

# 4.0 Environmental Impacts

## 4.1 Effects Determinations

### 4.1.1 Critical Habitat

We conclude the Project will have **no effect** on critical habitat as no critical habitat has been designated or proposed in the survey area.

### 4.1.2 Special-Status Species

Northwestern pond turtle, western red bat, and Small's southern clarkia were identified in the desktop review as potentially occurring in the survey area due to the presence of suitable habitat conditions in the survey area (Table 1). Northwestern pond turtle uses aquatic habitats such as creeks, streams, or irrigation ditches for movements and foraging and adjacent upland areas for egg laying; the Project site is adjacent to and crosses multiple drainages that could support this species. Therefore, we conclude the Project **may affect but is not likely to adversely affect** northwestern pond turtle. Western red bat uses trees, tree cavities, and peeling bark for roosting. Because no trees will be removed to facilitate water main installation activities, we conclude the Project will have **no effect** on this species. We also conclude the Project will have **no effect** on Small's southern clarkia, as the species was not found in the survey area during the flowering period. Additionally, we conclude that the Project will have **no effect** on other special-status species due to the lack of habitat for such species in the survey area.

### 4.1.3 Migratory Birds

We conclude the Project **may affect but is not likely to adversely affect** nesting migratory birds.

### 4.1.4 Regulated Habitats

We conclude the Project **may affect, and is likely to adversely affect** four regulated habitats. These habitats consist of intermittent and ephemeral streams under the regulatory jurisdiction of the USACE, the RWQCB, and the CDFW. As such, Clean Water Act Section 404 permits and 401 certifications as well as California Fish and Game Code Section 1602 notifications are being prepared for impacts at these work locations. However, the project will have **no effect** on federally protected wetlands or other regulated habitats under CEQA-Plus purview as no such habitats were found in the survey area.

## 4.2 Significance Determinations

This Project will not: (1) have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means (criterion c) as no federally protected wetlands were found in the survey area; (2) conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance (criterion e) as no trees will be removed; or (3) conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Communities Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan (criterion f) as no such plans exist that pertain to the proposed activities in the Project area. Therefore, these significance criteria are not analyzed further.

The remaining statutorily defined criteria provided the framework for criteria BIO1 through BIO3 below. These criteria are used to assess the impacts to biological resources stemming from the Project and provide the basis for determinations of significance:

- Criterion BIO1: Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the CDFW or USFWS.
- Criterion BIO2: Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites.
- Criterion BIO3: Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the CDFW or USFWS.

### 4.2.1 Direct and Indirect Impacts

#### **4.2.1.1 Potential Impact #1: Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the CDFW or USFWS (Criterion BIO1)**

The Project could have a substantial, direct adverse effect on northwestern pond turtle, a native reptile designated by the CDFW as a Species of Special Concern. Northwestern pond turtle uses a variety of aquatic habitats including streams, creeks, ponds, lakes, and canals for shelter, foraging, and basking and lays its eggs in uplands adjacent to these aquatic habitats. Because the Project will involve excavation and staging in and adjacent to multiple sections of intermittent and ephemeral streams that could support this species at some time during the year, incidental loss of animals or eggs from adjacent

upland nests could occur. Therefore, we recommend that mitigation measure B1 (below) be included in the conditions of approval to reduce the potential impact to a less-than-significant level.

**Mitigation Measure B1. Protect northwestern pond turtle.**

1. To the extent practicable, construction in and adjacent to intermittent and ephemeral streams shall be scheduled to occur when streams are dry (approximately mid-July through October) to avoid the possibility of northwestern pond turtle being present at the worksite.
2. If it is not possible to schedule construction between August and October, pre-construction surveys for northwestern pond turtle shall be conducted by a qualified biologist to determine if turtles are occupying stream-adjacent worksites. A pre-construction survey shall be conducted no more than 14 days prior to the initiation of construction activities. During this survey, the qualified biologist shall inspect all sections of stream within 300 feet of planned work activities, including adjacent upland areas, for turtles and nests; northwestern pond turtle nests in upland areas within several hundred feet of water in the spring, typically during the months of April and May. If a turtle or nest is found within 300 feet of the worksite, a qualified biological monitor shall remain on site during construction to ensure that no turtles or turtle nests are impacted by work activities. Any turtle found on or adjacent to the worksite shall be allowed to leave on its own.

**4.2.1.2 Potential Impact #2: Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites (Criterion BIO2)**

The Project has the potential to impede the use of nursery sites for native birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California Fish and Game Code.

Migratory birds are expected to nest on and near the Project site. Construction disturbance during the breeding season could result in the incidental loss of fertile eggs or nestlings or otherwise lead to nest abandonment. Disturbance that causes nest abandonment or loss of reproductive effort is considered take by the CDFW. Loss of fertile eggs or nesting birds, or any activities resulting in nest abandonment, could constitute a significant impact if the species is particularly rare in the region. Construction activities such as excavation, trenching, water main or water valve installation, and mobilizing or demobilizing construction equipment that disturb a nesting bird on the site or immediately adjacent to the construction zone could constitute a significant impact.

We recommend that the mitigation measure B2 (below) be included in the conditions of approval to reduce the potential impact to a less-than-significant level.

**Mitigation Measure B2. Protect nesting birds.**

1. To the extent practicable, construction shall be scheduled to avoid the nesting season, which extends from February through August.
2. If it is not possible to schedule construction between September and January, pre-construction surveys for nesting birds shall be conducted by a qualified biologist to ensure that no active nests will be disturbed during Project implementation. A pre-construction survey shall be conducted no more than 14 days prior to the initiation of construction activities. During this survey, the qualified biologist shall inspect all potential nest substrates in and immediately adjacent to the impact areas for nests. If an active nest is found close enough to the construction area to be disturbed by these activities, the qualified biologist shall determine the extent of a construction-free buffer to be established around the nest. If work cannot proceed without disturbing the nesting birds, work may need to be halted or redirected to other areas until nesting and fledging are completed or the nest has failed for non-construction related reasons.

**4.2.1.3 Potential Impact #3: Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the CDFW or USFWS (Criterion BIO3)**

The Project will impact one ephemeral drainage in Big Oak Flat that supports Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), a nonnative vine that forms dense thickets in numerous settings, including riparian areas. Work activities will involve excavating an open trench across the drainage to replace the existing water main, and currently, Himalayan blackberry is growing on both banks and partly in the bed of the drainage. Although nonnative and highly invasive, Himalayan blackberry can serve as a surrogate to native riparian vegetation. Based on the abundance of this plant species in the local area, however, including on and adjacent to the impact area, recolonization after Project completion is expected to occur naturally and probably within one growing season. Therefore, we conclude that Project-related impacts to riparian habitat will be negligible, don't meet the threshold of significance, and consequently require no mitigation.

**4.2.2 Cumulative Impacts**

Mitigation Measures B1 and B2 would reduce any contribution to cumulative impacts on biological resources to a less-than-significant level.

### **4.2.3 Unavoidable Significant Adverse Impacts**

No unavoidable significant adverse impacts on biological resources would occur from implementing the Project.

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**Appendix A.** Official lists of threatened and endangered species and critical habitats.



# United States Department of the Interior



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April 06, 2018

Consultation Code: 08ESMF00-2018-SLI-1777

Event Code: 08ESMF00-2018-E-05158

Project Name: Groveland Community Services District Clearwells Project

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the Service under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Please follow the link below to see if your proposed project has the potential to affect other species or their habitats under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service:

[http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/protected\\_species/species\\_list/species\\_lists.html](http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/protected_species/species_list/species_lists.html)

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF>

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan ([http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle\\_guidance.html](http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle_guidance.html)). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the wind energy guidelines (<http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/>) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm>; <http://www.towerkill.com>; and <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/comtow.html>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

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Attachment(s):

- Official Species List

## Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

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## Project Summary

Consultation Code: 08ESMF00-2018-SLI-1777

Event Code: 08ESMF00-2018-E-05158

Project Name: Groveland Community Services District Clearwells Project

Project Type: WATER QUALITY MODIFICATION

Project Description: Rehabilitation of two clearwell water tanks and their associated chlorine injection tanks.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/37.82749607200006N120.14659152349464W>



Counties: Tuolumne, CA

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## Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 2 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries<sup>1</sup>, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

## Amphibians

NAME	STATUS
California Red-legged Frog <i>Rana draytonii</i> There is <b>final</b> critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891</a>	Threatened

## Fishes

NAME	STATUS
Delta Smelt <i>Hypomesus transpacificus</i> There is <b>final</b> critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/321">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/321</a>	Threatened

## Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

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## **Appendix B. CNDDDB occurrence records.**



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**Query Criteria:** Quad IS (Standard (3712083) OR Tuolumne (3712082) OR Duckwall Mtn. (3712081) OR Moccasin (3712073) OR Groveland (3712072) OR Jawbone Ridge (3712071) OR Penon Blanco Peak (3712063) OR Coulterville (3712062) OR Buckhorn Peak (3712061))

Name (Scientific/Common)	CNDDB Ranks	Listing Status (Fed/State)	Other Lists	Elev. Range (ft.)	Total EO's	Element Occ. Ranks						Population Status		Presence		
						A	B	C	D	X	U	Historic > 20 yr	Recent <= 20 yr	Extant	Poss. Extirp.	Extirp.
<i>Allium tuolumnense</i> Rawhide Hill onion	G2 S2	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.2 BLM_S-Sensitive	700 1,250	23 S:2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
<i>Antrozous pallidus</i> pallid bat	G5 S3	None None	BLM_S-Sensitive CDFW_SSC-Species of Special Concern IUCN_LC-Least Concern USFS_S-Sensitive WBWG_H-High Priority	810 2,750	411 S:5	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	4	5	0	0
<i>Athene cunicularia</i> burrowing owl	G4 S3	None None	BLM_S-Sensitive CDFW_SSC-Species of Special Concern IUCN_LC-Least Concern USFWS_BCC-Birds of Conservation Concern	1,700 1,700	1967 S:1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
<i>Baeolophus inornatus</i> oak titmouse	G4 S4	None None	IUCN_LC-Least Concern NABCI_YWL-Yellow Watch List USFWS_BCC-Birds of Conservation Concern	980 980	2 S:1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
<i>Balsamorhiza macrolepis</i> big-scale balsamroot	G2 S2	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.2 BLM_S-Sensitive USFS_S-Sensitive	2,300 2,900	50 S:4	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	4	0	0
<i>Banksula tuolumne</i> Tuolumne cave harvestman	G1 S1	None None		3,100 3,100	1 S:1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
<i>Bombus crotchii</i> Crotch bumble bee	G3G4 S1S2	None None		3,000 3,000	234 S:1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
<i>Clarkia australis</i> Small's southern clarkia	G2 S2	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.2 BLM_S-Sensitive USFS_S-Sensitive	3,000 5,000	59 S:9	0	1	2	0	0	6	4	5	9	0	0



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<i>Clarkia biloba ssp. australis</i> Mariposa clarkia	G4G5T2T3 S2S3	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.2 BLM_S-Sensitive SB_RSABG-Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden USFS_S-Sensitive	800 4,850	83 S:44	1	6	2	0	0	35	3	41	44	0	0
<i>Clarkia rostrata</i> beaked clarkia	G2G3 S2S3	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.3 BLM_S-Sensitive SB_RSABG-Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	900 2,000	74 S:11	0	1	0	0	0	10	1	10	11	0	0
<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i> Townsend's big-eared bat	G3G4 S2	None None	BLM_S-Sensitive CDFW_SSC-Species of Special Concern IUCN_LC-Least Concern USFS_S-Sensitive WBWG_H-High Priority	1,380 3,720	626 S:6	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	2	6	0	0
<i>Cryptantha mariposae</i> Mariposa cryptantha	G2G3 S2S3	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.3 BLM_S-Sensitive	1,500 1,500	9 S:1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
<i>Cryptantha spithamaea</i> Red Hills cryptantha	G2 S2	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.3	1,750 1,750	6 S:2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0
<i>Desmocerus californicus dimorphus</i> valley elderberry longhorn beetle	G3T2 S2	Threatened None		1,650 2,850	271 S:3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0
<i>Diplacus pulchellus</i> yellow-lip pansy monkeyflower	G2 S2	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.2 BLM_S-Sensitive USFS_S-Sensitive	2,200 4,000	69 S:8	0	1	1	0	0	6	4	4	8	0	0
<i>Emys marmorata</i> western pond turtle	G3G4 S3	None None	BLM_S-Sensitive CDFW_SSC-Species of Special Concern IUCN_VU-Vulnerable USFS_S-Sensitive	1,060 3,000	1340 S:4	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	1	4	0	0
<i>Eryngium pinnatisectum</i> Tuolumne button-celery	G2 S2	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.2	2,400 3,000	24 S:3	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	3	0	0
<i>Erythranthe filicalis</i> slender-stemmed monkeyflower	G2 S2	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.2 BLM_S-Sensitive USFS_S-Sensitive	2,045 3,250	49 S:10	1	3	1	0	0	5	9	1	10	0	0



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<i>Erythronium tuolumnense</i> Tuolumne fawn lily	G2G3 S2S3	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.2 BLM_S-Sensitive SB_RSABG-Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden USFS_S-Sensitive	1,600 3,200	35 S:10	2	2	0	0	0	6	7	3	10	0	0
<i>Euderma maculatum</i> spotted bat	G4 S3	None None	BLM_S-Sensitive CDFW_SSC-Species of Special Concern IUCN_LC-Least Concern WBWG_H-High Priority	2,700 2,700	68 S:1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
<i>Eumops perotis californicus</i> western mastiff bat	G5T4 S3S4	None None	BLM_S-Sensitive CDFW_SSC-Species of Special Concern WBWG_H-High Priority	850 1,550	294 S:4	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	4	0	0
<i>Falco mexicanus</i> prairie falcon	G5 S4	None None	CDFW_WL-Watch List IUCN_LC-Least Concern USFWS_BCC-Birds of Conservation Concern	1,100 1,100	459 S:1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
<i>Fritillaria agrestis</i> stinkbells	G3 S3	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 4.2	940 3,000	32 S:2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> bald eagle	G5 S3	Delisted Endangered	BLM_S-Sensitive CDF_S-Sensitive CDFW_FP-Fully Protected IUCN_LC-Least Concern USFS_S-Sensitive USFWS_BCC-Birds of Conservation Concern	700 700	327 S:1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
<i>Horkelia parryi</i> Parry's horkelia	G2 S2	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.2 BLM_S-Sensitive USFS_S-Sensitive	1,500 3,300	44 S:4	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	1	4	0	0
<i>Hydromantes brunus</i> limestone salamander	G2G3 S2S3	None Threatened	BLM_S-Sensitive CDFW_FP-Fully Protected IUCN_VU-Vulnerable USFS_S-Sensitive	1,180 3,275	21 S:6	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	3	6	0	0



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<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i> silver-haired bat	G5 S3S4	None None	IUCN_LC-Least Concern WBWG_M-Medium Priority	1,550 1,550	139 S:2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0
<i>Lasiurus blossevillii</i> western red bat	G5 S3	None None	CDFW_SSC-Species of Special Concern IUCN_LC-Least Concern WBWG_H-High Priority	850 3,450	126 S:2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	0
<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i> hoary bat	G5 S4	None None	IUCN_LC-Least Concern WBWG_M-Medium Priority	850 3,450	236 S:6	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	4	6	0	0
<i>Lavinia symmetricus ssp. 1</i> San Joaquin roach	G4T3Q S3	None None	CDFW_SSC-Species of Special Concern	900 2,750	8 S:5	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	5	5	0	0
<i>Lomatium congdonii</i> Congdon's lomatium	G2 S2	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.2 BLM_S-Sensitive	1,500 1,600	20 S:2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0
<i>Lupinus spectabilis</i> shaggyhair lupine	G2 S2	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.2 BLM_S-Sensitive	1,425 2,500	24 S:16	1	8	2	0	1	4	9	7	15	1	0
<i>Margaritifera falcata</i> western pearlshell	G4G5 S1S2	None None		2,800 2,850	78 S:3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	0	0
<i>Monadenia circumcarinata</i> keeled sideband	G1 S1	None None	BLM_S-Sensitive IUCN_VU-Vulnerable	1,500 2,500	6 S:6	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	1	6	0	0
<i>Monadenia tuolumneana</i> Tuolumne sideband	G1 S1	None None	BLM_S-Sensitive	1,650 2,300	2 S:2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	0
<i>Monadenia yosemitensis</i> Yosemite Mariposa sideband	G1 S1S2	None None		1,390 1,390	7 S:1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
<i>Myotis evotis</i> long-eared myotis	G5 S3	None None	BLM_S-Sensitive IUCN_LC-Least Concern WBWG_M-Medium Priority	3,720 3,720	139 S:1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0



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<i>Myotis thysanodes</i> fringed myotis	G4 S3	None None	BLM_S-Sensitive IUCN_LC-Least Concern USFS_S-Sensitive WBWG_H-High Priority	1,550 3,720	86 S:2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0
<i>Myotis volans</i> long-legged myotis	G5 S3	None None	IUCN_LC-Least Concern WBWG_H-High Priority		117 S:2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0
<i>Myotis yumanensis</i> Yuma myotis	G5 S4	None None	BLM_S-Sensitive IUCN_LC-Least Concern WBWG_LM-Low-Medium Priority	850 2,750	263 S:4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	0	0
<i>Packera layneae</i> Layne's ragwort	G2 S2	Threatened Rare	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.2 SB_RSABG-Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	1,650 1,650	52 S:1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
<i>Rana boylei</i> foothill yellow-legged frog	G3 S3	None Candidate Threatened	BLM_S-Sensitive CDFW_SSC-Species of Special Concern IUCN_NT-Near Threatened USFS_S-Sensitive	1,200 3,800	1693 S:7	0	1	0	0	0	6	6	1	7	0	0
<i>Rana sierrae</i> Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog	G1 S1	Endangered Threatened	CDFW_WL-Watch List IUCN_EN-Endangered USFS_S-Sensitive	2,500 2,500	663 S:1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
<i>Rhynchospora capitellata</i> brownish beaked-rush	G5 S1	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 2B.2	3,010 3,010	19 S:1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
<i>Senecio cleavelandii</i> var. <i>heterophyllus</i> Red Hills ragwort	G4?T2Q S2	None None	Rare Plant Rank - 1B.2 BLM_S-Sensitive	1,200 1,200	9 S:1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
<i>Strix nebulosa</i> great gray owl	G5 S1	None Endangered	CDF_S-Sensitive IUCN_LC-Least Concern USFS_S-Sensitive	2,825 3,200	79 S:4	0	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	4	0	0
<i>Stygobromus harai</i> Hara's Cave amphipod	G1G2 S1S2	None None	IUCN_VU-Vulnerable	2,350 2,350	3 S:1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
<i>Stygobromus wengerorum</i> Wengerors' Cave amphipod	G1 S1	None None	IUCN_VU-Vulnerable	2,400 2,900	2 S:2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0



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<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i> least Bell's vireo	G5T2 S2	Endangered Endangered	IUCN_NT-Near Threatened NABCI_YWL-Yellow Watch List	840 840	482 S:1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Vulpes vulpes necator</i> Sierra Nevada red fox	G5T1T2 S1	Candidate Threatened	USFS_S-Sensitive	3,000 3,400	201 S:2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0

## **Appendix C. CNPS plant list.**



## Plant List

### Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants

32 matches found. *Click on scientific name for details*

#### Search Criteria

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	Lifeform	Blooming Period	CA Rare Plant Rank	State Rank	Global Rank
<a href="#">Allium jepsonii</a>	Jepson's onion	Alliaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	Apr-Aug	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#">Allium sanbornii var. congdonii</a>	Congdon's onion	Alliaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	Apr-Jul	4.3	S3	G4T3
<a href="#">Allium tuolumnense</a>	Rawhide Hill onion	Alliaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	Mar-May	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#">Balsamorhiza macrolepis</a>	big-scale balsamroot	Asteraceae	perennial herb	Mar-Jun	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#">Calandrinia breweri</a>	Brewer's calandrinia	Montiaceae	annual herb	(Jan)Mar- Jun	4.2	S4	G4
<a href="#">Ceanothus fresnensis</a>	Fresno ceanothus	Rhamnaceae	perennial evergreen shrub	May-Jul	4.3	S4	G4
<a href="#">Clarkia australis</a>	Small's southern clarkia	Onagraceae	annual herb	May-Aug	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#">Clarkia biloba ssp. australis</a>	Mariposa clarkia	Onagraceae	annual herb	Apr-Jul	1B.2	S2S3	G4G5T2T3
<a href="#">Clarkia rostrata</a>	beaked clarkia	Onagraceae	annual herb	Apr-May	1B.3	S2S3	G2G3
<a href="#">Clarkia virgata</a>	Sierra clarkia	Onagraceae	annual herb	May-Aug	4.3	S3	G3
<a href="#">Cryptantha mariposae</a>	Mariposa cryptantha	Boraginaceae	annual herb	Apr-Jun	1B.3	S2S3	G2G3
<a href="#">Cryptantha spithamaea</a>	Red Hills cryptantha	Boraginaceae	annual herb	Apr-May	1B.3	S2	G2
<a href="#">Delphinium hansenii ssp. ewaniamum</a>	Ewan's larkspur	Ranunculaceae	perennial herb	Mar-May	4.2	S3	G4T3
<a href="#">Diplacus pulchellus</a>	yellow-lip pansy monkeyflower	Phrymaceae	annual herb	Apr-Jul	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#">Eriophyllum confertiflorum var. tanacetiflorum</a>	tansy-flowered woolly sunflower	Asteraceae	perennial shrub	May-Jul	4.3	S2?	G5T2?Q
<a href="#">Eryngium pinnatisectum</a>	Tuolumne button- celery	Apiaceae	annual / perennial herb	May-Aug	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#">Erythranthe filicaulis</a>	slender-stemmed monkeyflower	Phrymaceae	annual herb	Apr-Aug	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#">Erythranthe inconspicua</a>	small-flowered monkeyflower	Phrymaceae	annual herb	May-Jun	4.3	S4	G4
<a href="#">Erythronium tuolumnense</a>	Tuolumne fawn lily	Liliaceae	perennial bulbiferous	Mar-Jun	1B.2	S2S3	G2G3

			herb				
<a href="#">Fritillaria agrestis</a>	stinkbells	Liliaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	Mar-Jun	4.2	S3	G3
<a href="#">Githopsis pulchella ssp. serpentinicola</a>	serpentine bluecup	Campanulaceae	annual herb	May-Jun	4.3	S3	G4T3
<a href="#">Horkelia parryi</a>	Parry's horkelia	Rosaceae	perennial herb	Apr-Sep	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#">Jepsonia heterandra</a>	foothill jepsonia	Saxifragaceae	perennial herb	Aug-Dec	4.3	S3	G3
<a href="#">Lomatium congdonii</a>	Congdon's lomatium	Apiaceae	perennial herb	Mar-Jun	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#">Lupinus spectabilis</a>	shaggyhair lupine	Fabaceae	annual herb	Apr-May	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#">Mielichhoferia elongata</a>	elongate copper moss	Mielichhoferiaceae	moss		4.3	S4	G5
<a href="#">Packera layneae</a>	Layne's ragwort	Asteraceae	perennial herb	Apr-Aug	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#">Pseudobahia bahiifolia</a>	Hartweg's golden sunburst	Asteraceae	annual herb	Mar-Apr	1B.1	S2	G2
<a href="#">Rhynchospora californica</a>	California beaked- rush	Cyperaceae	perennial rhizomatous herb	May-Jul	1B.1	S1	G1
<a href="#">Rhynchospora capitellata</a>	brownish beaked- rush	Cyperaceae	perennial herb	Jul-Aug	2B.2	S1	G5
<a href="#">Senecio clevelandii var. heterophyllus</a>	Red Hills ragwort	Asteraceae	perennial herb	May-Jul	1B.2	S2	G4?T2Q
<a href="#">Wyethia elata</a>	Hall's wyethia	Asteraceae	perennial herb	May-Aug	4.3	S4	G4

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# Appendix C

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## Cultural Resources Report



**A CULTURAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED  
GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT WATER  
SYSTEM DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, BIG OAK  
FLAT, GROVELAND AND WHITE GULCH, TUOLUMNE COUNTY,  
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**Attachment A: Records Search (CCIC File # 10783/O)**

**Attachment B: Native American Consultation**

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The proposed project includes replacement of existing water mains and construction of new water mains within the communities of Big Oak Flat, Groveland and White Gulch. The project area is located within the Groveland Community Services District (GCSD), which covers approximately 15 square miles in southern Tuolumne County, California. The project study area is located in Township 1S, Range 16E, Sections 20, 21, 23, 27, 29, and 30, MDB&M (see Maps 1-2).

Crawford Bowen Planning, Inc. is preparing environmental documents necessary under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Provisions and implementing guidelines of the CEQA, as amended March 18, 2010, state that identification and evaluation of historical resources is required for any action that may result in a potential adverse effect on the significance of such resources, which include archaeological resources. The project is also subject to provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Advisory Council of Historic Preservation regulations (36 CFR 800) for implementing Section 106 of the NHPA require that federal agencies take into consideration the potential effects of proposed projects on historic properties (i.e., cultural resources listed on, or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places).

On June 4, 2018, Sierra Valley Cultural Planning (SVCP) archaeologist Douglas S. McIntosh completed a reconnaissance-level archaeological survey of the project Area of Potential Effect (APE). The APE includes the 11,905 linear feet of new water main construction, and 13,470 linear feet of proposed water main replacement within the communities of Big Oak Flat, Groveland and White Gulch (see Maps 1-3).

No cultural resource were identified within the APE. Two cultural resources were noted in close proximity to the APE; these include the "Old Cemetery, 1849-1852) also known as the Chinese Cemetery" and the historic Groveland Jail constructed in 1895. Neither resource will be affected by the proposed water systems improvement project. No other cultural resources were identified within the APE as a result of this study. Therefore, it is unlikely that the proposed action will have an effect on important archaeological, historical, or other cultural resources. No further cultural resources investigation is therefore recommended. In the unlikely event that buried archaeological deposits are encountered within the project area, the finds must be evaluated by a qualified archaeologist. Should human remains be encountered, the County Coroner must be contacted immediately; if the remains are determined to be Native American, then the Native American Heritage Commission must be contacted as well.

## INTRODUCTION

This report presents the findings of a reconnaissance-level archaeological survey of approximately 25,095 linear feet located within the Groveland Community Services District (GCSD), which covers approximately 15 square miles in southern Tuolumne County, California and includes the communities of Big Oak Flat, Groveland, and White Gulch (Maps 1-2). The survey was completed by SVCP on June 4, 2018.

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## PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The project includes 11,905 linear feet of new water main construction and 13,470 linear feet of proposed water main replacement within the communities of Big Oak Flat, Groveland and White Gulch. The project APE includes a total of 25,095 linear feet and is depicted on Maps 3a-c. An aerial view of the project APE is included as maps 4a-c. Maximum vertical depth of the APE is 48 inches

The following are the proposed improvements to the downtown Groveland water distribution system:

- Construct 4,995 linear feet (LF) of 6" water main on the lots to the north of Highway 120
- Construct 160 LF of 6" water main to connect the existing water main to the new water main north of Highway 120
- Construct 2,610 LF of 6" water main on the lots to the south of Highway 120 and along Back Street
- Construct 1,310 LF of 6" water main along Foote Street and extending to the east
- Construct 2 segments of water main, 440 LF and 290 LF respectively, connecting the new water main south of Highway 120 to the new water main along Foote Street
- Construct 215 LF of 6" water main along Power House Street connecting the new water main on Back Street to the new water main along Foote Street
- Construct 385 LF of 6" water main connecting the new water mains north of Highway 120 to the new water mains south of Highway 120
- Construction of new gate valves, pressure reducing valves and fire hydrants along the new water mains, as needed.

The following are the tentative improvements to the Big Oak Flat water distribution system:

- Replace 2,000 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Wards Ferry Road, including two (2) gate valves and three (3) fire hydrants
- Replace 1,015 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Scofield Street including one (1) gate valve and three (3) fire hydrants
- Replace 1,040 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Big Oak Road including one (1) gate valve and one (1) fire hydrant
- Replace 320 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Henderson Street including one (1) gate valve and one (1) fire hydrant
- Replace 295 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Black Road including one (1) gate valve and two (2) fire hydrants
- Replace 745 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Harper Street
- Replace 250 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along School Street including two (2) gate valves
- Replace 1,150 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Yates Street including one (1) gate valve and one (1) fire hydrant
- Replace 305 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Vassar Street including one (1) fire hydrant and a crossing underneath highway 120
- Construct 1,200 LF of 6" pipe along Ward Ferry Road and Scofield Street to loop the system including one (1) new PRV, three (3) new fire hydrants, and two (2) new gate valves.

The following are the tentative improvements to the water distribution system in the White Gulch area:

- Replace 5,170 LF of 6" water main along White Gulch Road, near Highway 120
- Replace 1,200 LF of 4" water main with 6" water main along Old Highway 120
- Construction of new gate valves, pressure reducing valves and fire hydrants along the new water mains, as needed.

## **REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

### ***National Historic Preservation Act***

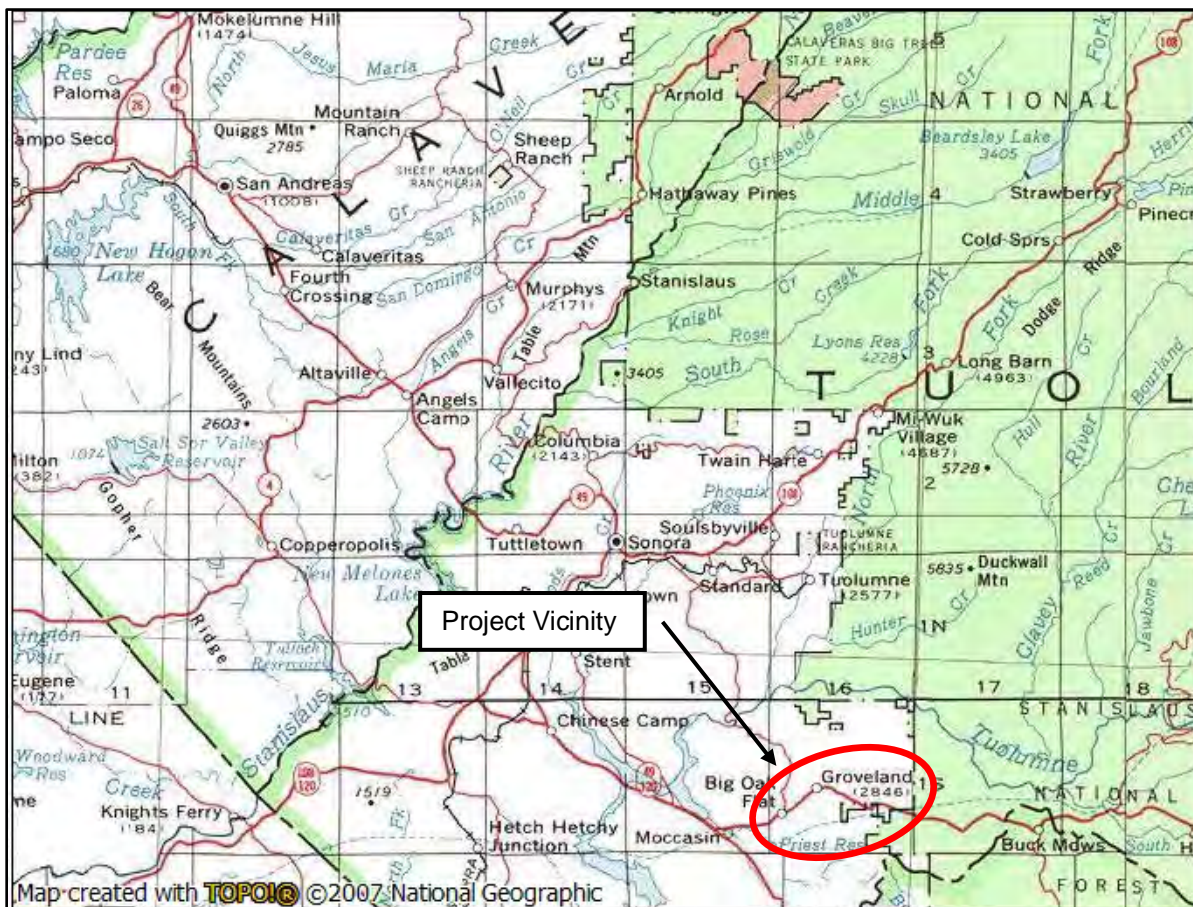
The NHPA of 1966, as amended (16 United States Code 470 *et seq.*), is the primary federal legislation that outlines the federal government's responsibility to consider the effects of its actions on historic properties and affords the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a reasonable opportunity to comment. Section 106 of the NHPA and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800 describes the process that the federal agency shall take to identify cultural resources and assess the level of effect that the proposed undertaking will have on historic properties. An undertaking is defined as a "...project, activity or program funded in whole or in part, under the direct or indirect jurisdiction of a federal agency." This includes projects that are carried out by, or on behalf of, the agency; those carried out with federal assistance; those requiring a federal permit, license, or approval; and those subject to state or local regulation administered pursuant to a delegation, or approval by, a federal agency (Section 301[7] 16 U.S.C. 470w[7]).



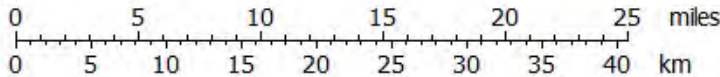


### MAP 1. Project Vicinity Map

A Cultural Resources Assessment for the Proposed Groveland Community Services District Water Distribution System Improvements Project, Tuolumne County, California



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## WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



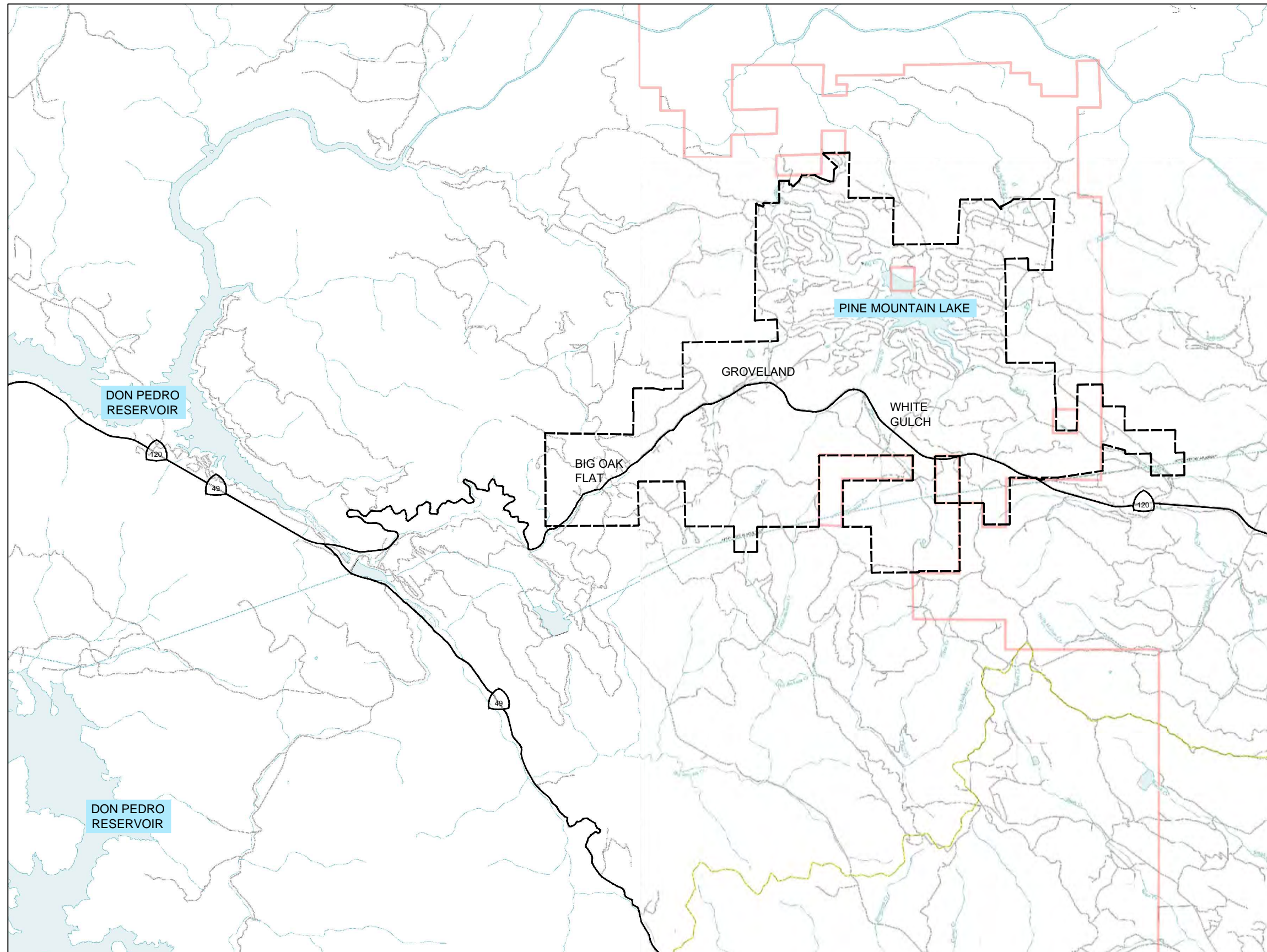
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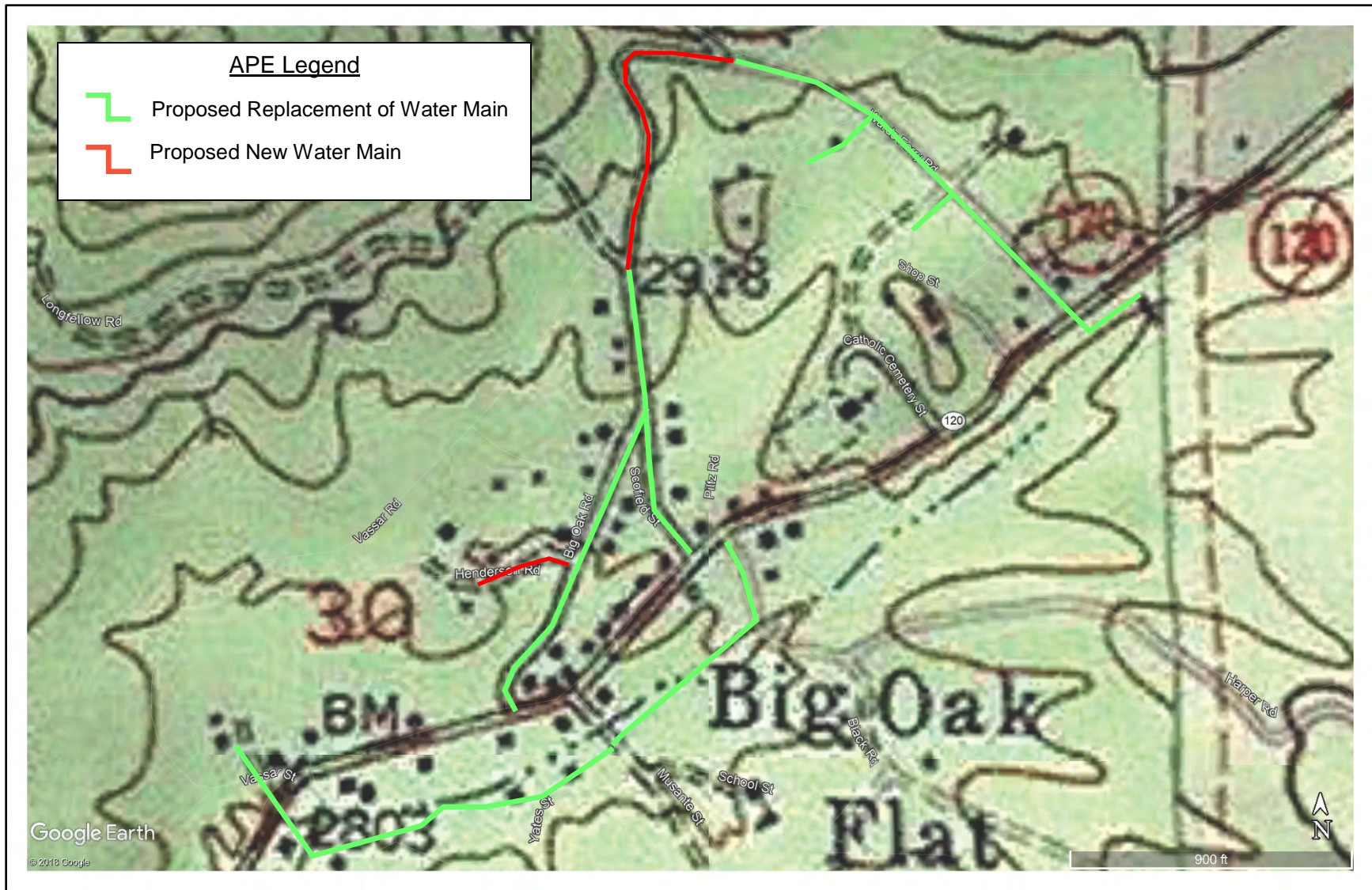


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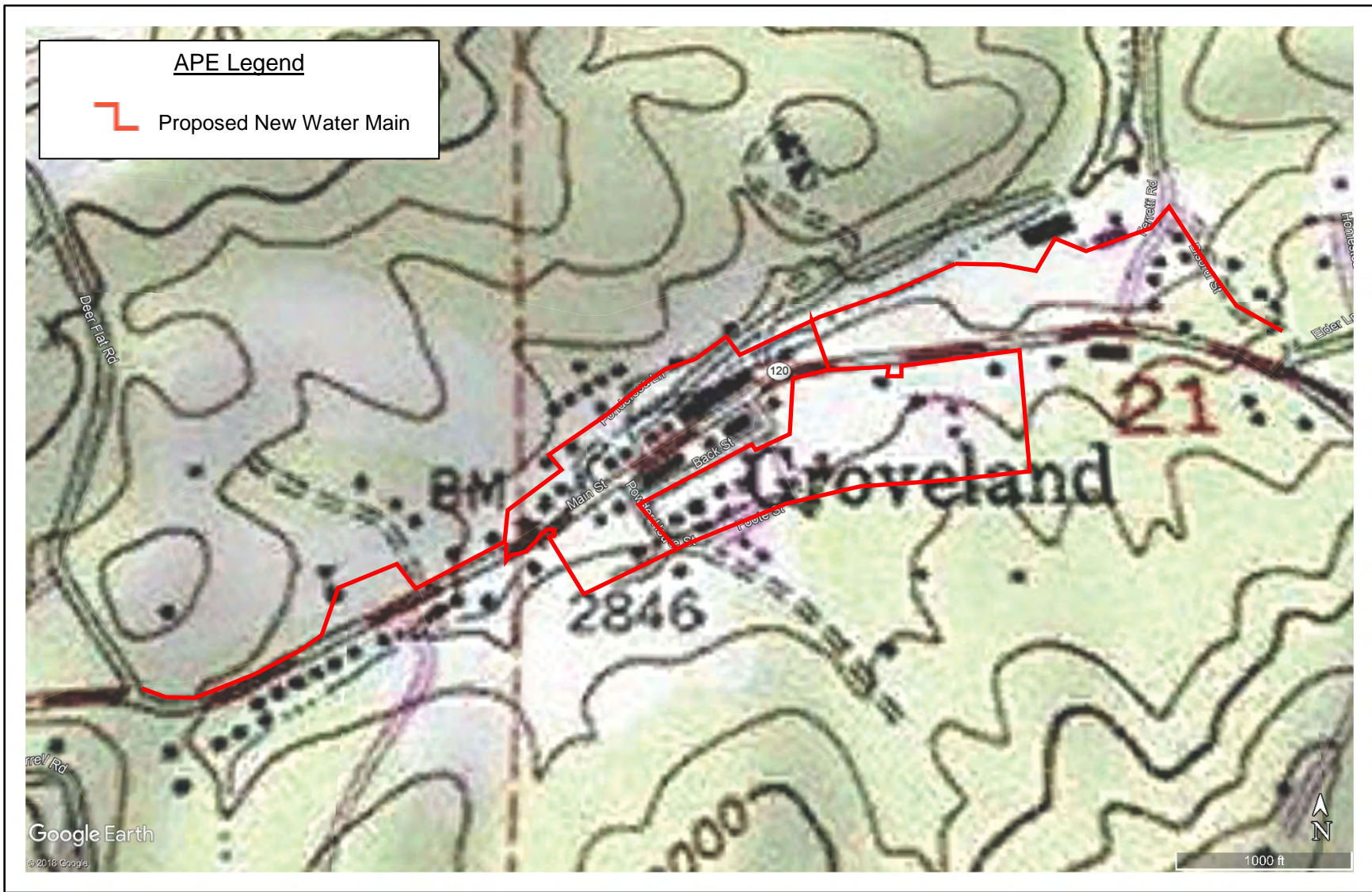
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GROVELAND CSD  
SERVICE AREA MAP**





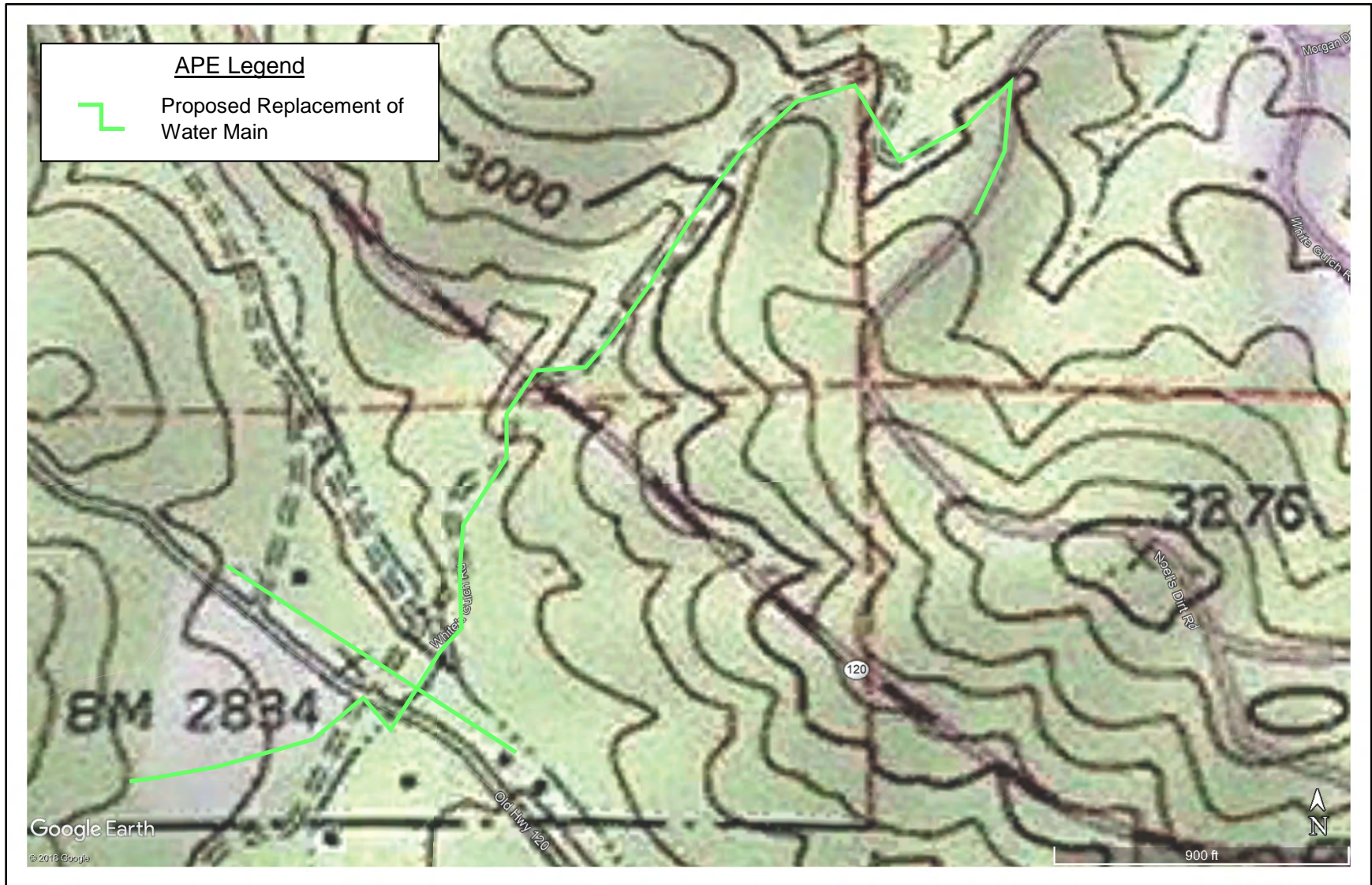
**Map 3a.** Area of Potential Effect, Big Oak Flat, Tuolumne County, CA.





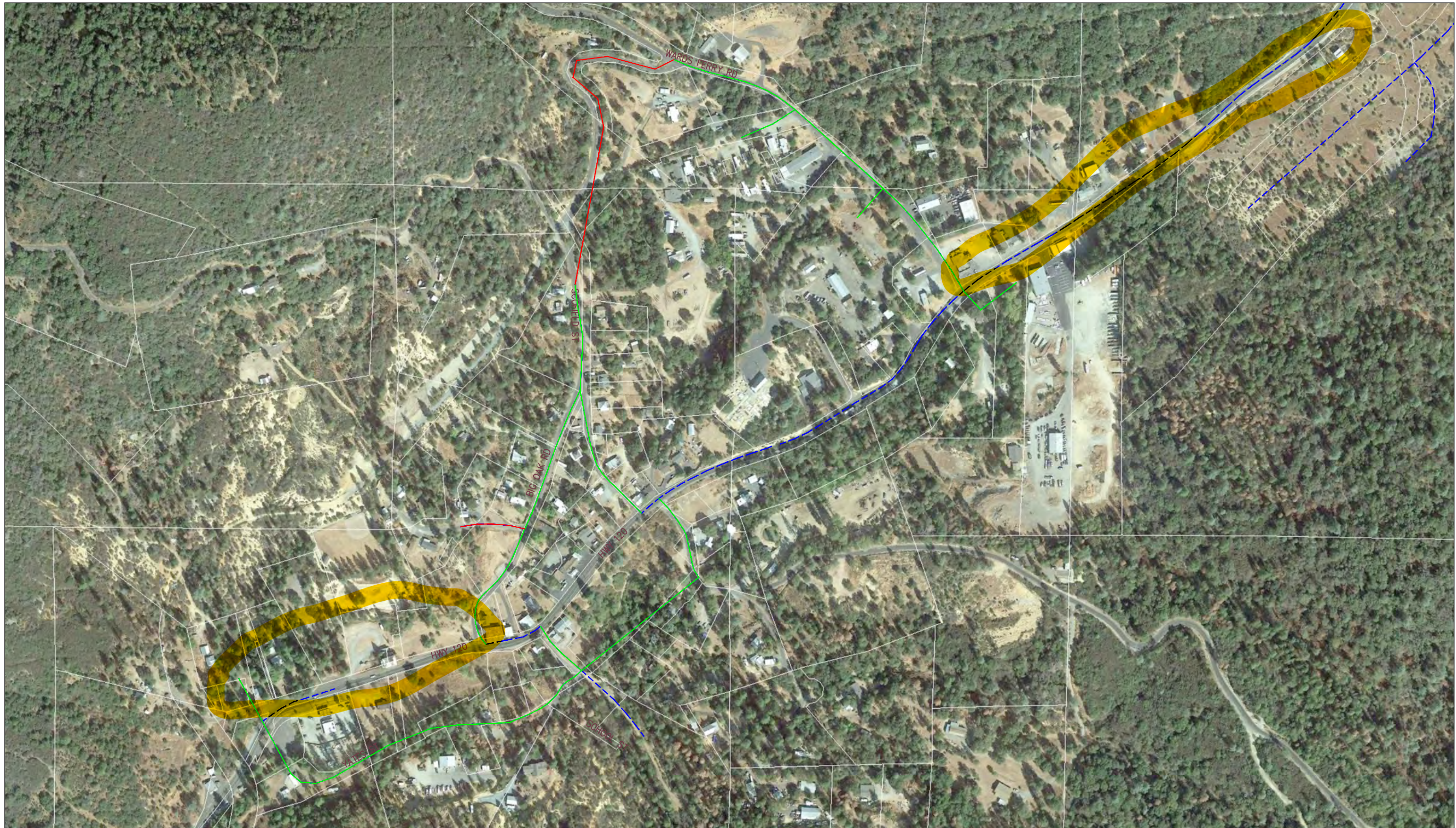
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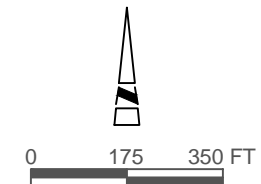
**Map 3c.** Area of Potential Effect, White Gulch, Tuolumne County, CA.



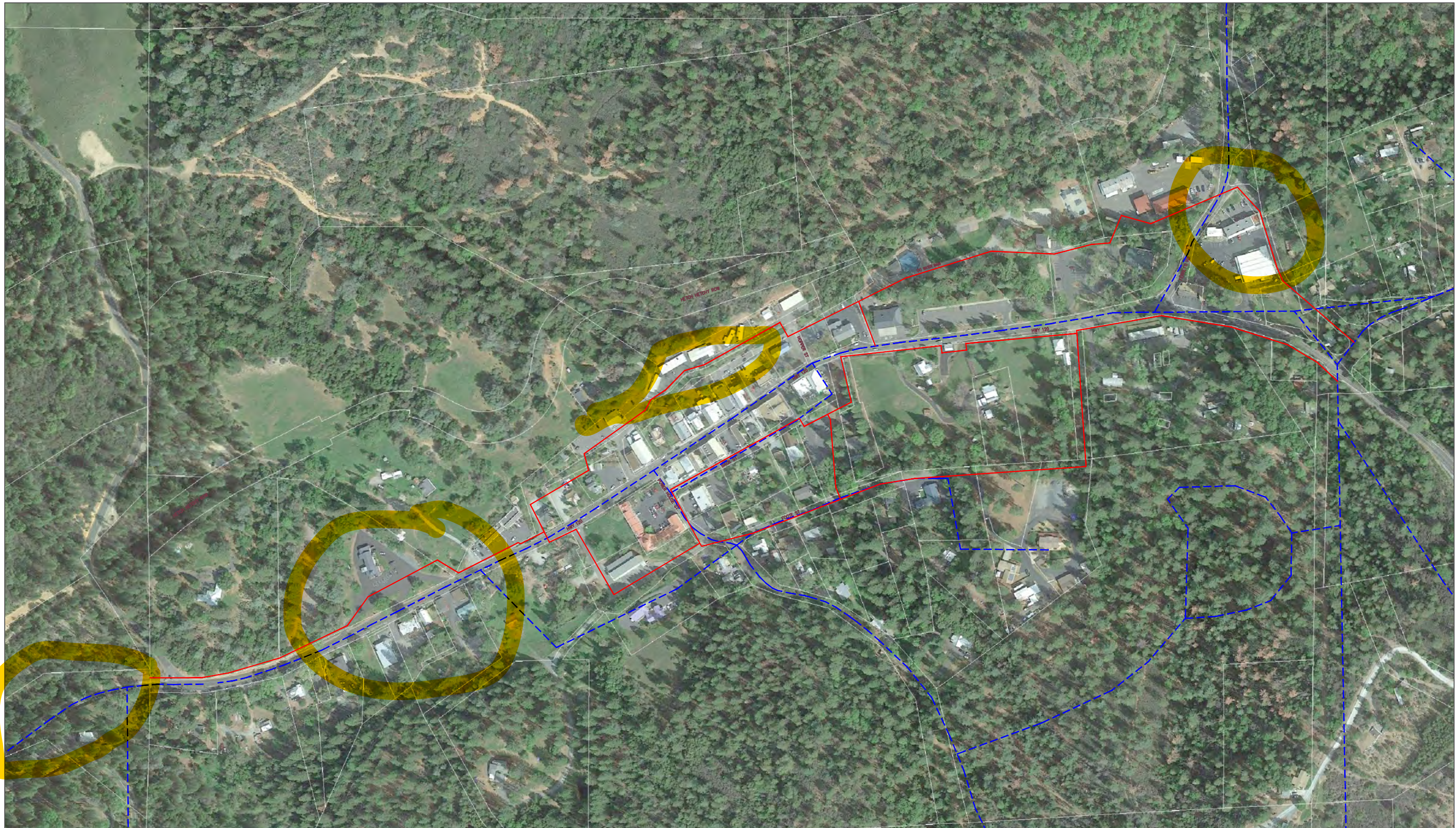


Map 4a

- Legend**
- Existing Water Main
  - Proposed New Water Main
  - Proposed Replacement of Water Main













A cultural resource is a broad term that includes prehistoric, historic, architectural, and traditional cultural properties. Those cultural resources that are listed on, or are eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) are referred to as historic properties. The criteria for NRHP eligibility are outlined at 36 CFR Part 60. Other applicable federal cultural resources laws and regulations that could apply include, but are not limited to, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), and the Archaeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA).

Compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA (36 CFR Part 800) follows a series of steps that are designed to identify and consult with interested parties, determine the area of potential effects (APE), determine if historic properties are present within the APE, and assess the effects the undertaking will have on historic properties. Section 106 requires consultation with Indian Tribes concerning the identification of sites of religious or cultural significance and with individuals or groups who are entitled, or requested, to be consulting parties. The regulations at 36 CFR Part 800.5 require federal agencies to apply the criteria of adverse effect to the historic properties identified within the APE. The criteria of adverse effect, defined at 36 CFR Part 800.5(a)(1), states that:

“An adverse effect is found when an undertaking may alter, directly to indirectly, any of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property’s location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association.”

The 36 CFR Part 800 regulations include consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to provide an opportunity to comment on, and concur with, Reclamations’ determinations. If the undertaking would result in adverse effects to historic properties, these adverse effects must be resolved in consultation with the SHPO and other parties identified during the Section 106 process before the undertaking can proceed to implementation.

### ***National Register Criteria for Evaluation***

The criteria for evaluation of NRHP eligibility are outlined at 36 CFR Part 60.4. A district, site, building, structure, or object must generally be at least 50 years old to be eligible for consideration as a historic property. That district, site, building, structure, or object must retain integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association as well as meet one of the following criteria to demonstrate its significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture. A district, site, building, structure, or object must:

- (A) be associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history; or
- (B) be associated with the lives of people significance in our past; or
- (C) embody the distinct characteristics or a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- (D) have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

A site must have integrity and meet one of the four criteria of eligibility to demonstrate its historic associations in order to convey its significance. A property must be associated with one or more events important in history or prehistory in order to be considered for listing under Criterion A. Additionally, the specific association of the property, itself, must also be considered

significant. Criterion B applies to properties associated with individuals whose specific contributions to history can be identified and documented. Properties significant for physical design or construction under Criterion C must have features with characteristics that exemplify such elements as architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, and artwork. Criterion D most commonly applies to properties that have the potential to answer, in whole or in part, important research questions about human history that can only be answered by the actual physical materials of the cultural resources. A property eligible under Criterion D must demonstrate the potential to contain information relevant to prehistory and history (National Register Bulletin 15).

A district, site, building, structure, or object may also be eligible for consideration as a historic property if that property meets the criteria considerations for properties generally less than 50 years old, in addition to possessing integrity and meeting the criteria for evaluation.

### ***California Environmental Quality Act***

CEQA requires consideration of project impacts on archaeological or historical sites deemed to be "historical resources." Under CEQA, a substantial adverse change in the significant qualities of a historical resource is considered a significant effect on the environment. For the purposes of CEQA, a "historical resource" is a resource listed in, or determined to be eligible for listing in, the California Register of Historical Resources (CR) (Title 14 CCR §15064.5(a)(1)-(3)). Historical resources may include, but are not limited to, "any object, building, site, area, place, record, or manuscript which is historically or archaeologically significant, or is significant in the architectural, engineering, scientific, economic, agricultural, educational, social, political, military, or cultural annals of California" (PRC §5020.1(j)).

The eligibility criteria for the CR are the definitive criteria for assessing the significance of historical resources for the purposes of CEQA (Office of Historic Preservation n.d.). Generally, a resource is considered "historically significant" if it meets one or more of the following criteria for listing on the CR:

- 1) is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California's history and cultural heritage; or
- 2) is associated with the lives of persons important in our past; or
- 3) embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of an important creative individual, or possesses high artistic values; or
- 4) has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history (PRC §5024.1[c]).

### **SOURCES CONSULTED**

An in-house records search (CCIC File # 10783/O) was completed on 26 July 2018 by SVCP archaeologist Douglas S. McIntosh with the assistance of staff of the Central California Information Center (CCIC) of the California Historical Resources Information System to identify areas previously investigated and to identify known cultural resources present within or in close proximity to the Project APE. This records search served to augment the 2016 records search (CCIC File # 10116 O) completed for the Groveland CSD Sewer Collection Service Project. Both records searches are included as Attachment A. According to the Information Center records, there are a minimum of 30 cultural resources within the general study area, and more than 60 resources within a 1/2-mile radius of the project study area. One historic-period site, the Big Oak Road (P-55-004140), is located within the project APE. California Historic Landmark #406 (P-55-005093) which includes the town of Big Oak Flat is located adjacent to the APE. No other previously recorded cultural resources are situated within the APE. There have been over 25 previous investigations within the study area, with over 55 additional studies within 1/2-mile radius

of the APE; seven investigations have been completed within 1/4 mile of the APE. No cultural resource sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register of Historic Resources, California Points of Historical Interest, or the California Inventory of Historic Resources have been documented within the Project APE.

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) was contacted on 5 May 2018 and again on 18 June 2018 in order to determine whether Native American sacred sites have been identified either within or in close proximity to the project area. A response was received on 29 June 2018 indicating that a record search of the NAHC Sacred Lands File was completed for the project APE with negative results, with the caveat noted that the absence of specific site information in the Sacred Lands File does not indicate the absence of Native American cultural resources in any APE. A list of local Native American tribes was provided. On 11 August 2018, certified letters were sent to each tribal representative providing details on the proposed project and requesting assistance with the identification of sites of religious and cultural significance. Follow-up by telephone will be completed if no response has been received by September 1, 2018. Native American correspondence is included as Attachment B.

## **BACKGROUND**

The project area is located along the State Route 120 corridor in the upper foothills of the central Sierra Nevada in Tuolumne County, California, at an elevation ranging from 2800 to 3000 feet (853-914 meters) above mean sea level. The communities of Big Oak Flat, Groveland, and White Gulch are located within the project area.

Ponderosa pine (mixed with hardwoods) dominates the lower western montane elevations of the central Sierra Nevada, with an understory that includes manzanita and ceanothus, among other shrub species. Stands of chaparral occur on steep slopes and where soils are shallow. The variable forest canopy and understory vegetation provides habitat for numerous species of birds, animals, and reptiles.

### ***Prehistoric Period Summary***

The San Joaquin Valley and adjacent Sierran foothills and Coast Range have a long and complex cultural history with distinct regional patterns that extend back more than 11,000 years (McGuire 1995). The first generally agreed-upon evidence for the presence of prehistoric peoples in the region is represented by the distinctive basally-thinned and fluted projectile points, found on the margins of extinct lakes in the San Joaquin Valley. These projectiles, often compared to Clovis points, have been found at three localities in the San Joaquin Valley including along the Pleistocene shorelines of former Tulare Lake. Based on evidence from these sites and other well-dated contexts elsewhere, these Paleo-Indian hunters who used these spear points existed during a narrow time range of 11550 cal B.C. to 8550 cal B.C. (Rosenthal et al. 2007).

As a result of climate change at the end of the Pleistocene, a period of extensive deposition occurred throughout the lowlands of central California, burying many older landforms and providing a distinct break between Pleistocene and subsequent occupations during the Holocene. Another period of deposition, also a product of climate change, had similar results around 7550 cal B.C., burying some of the oldest archaeological deposits discovered in California (Rosenthal and Meyer 2004a).

The Lower Archaic (8550-5550 cal B.C.) is characterized by an apparent contrast in economies, although it is possible they may be seasonal expressions of the same economy. Archaeological deposits which date to this period on the valley floor frequently include only large stemmed spear points, suggesting an emphasis on large game such as artiodactyls (Wallace

1991). Recent discoveries in the adjacent Sierra Nevada have yielded distinct milling assemblages which clearly indicate a reliance on plant foods. Investigations at Copperopolis (LaJeunesse and Pryor 1996) argue that nut crops were the primary target of seasonal plant exploitation. Assemblages at these foothill sites include dense accumulations of handstones, millingslabs, and various cobble-core tools, representing “frequently visited camps in a seasonally structured settlement system” (Rosenthal et al. 2007:152). During the Lower Archaic, regional interaction spheres were well established. Marine shell from the central California coast has been found in early Holocene contexts in the Great Basin east of the Sierra Nevada, and eastern Sierra obsidian comprises a large percentage of flaked stone debitage and tools recovered from sites on both sides of the Sierra (Rosenthal et al. 2007:152).

About 8,000 years ago, many California cultures shifted the main focus of their subsistence strategies from hunting to nut and seed gathering, as evidenced by the increase in food-grinding implements found in archeological sites dating to this period. This cultural pattern is best known for southern California, where it has been termed the Milling Stone Horizon (Wallace 1954, 1978), but recent studies suggest that the horizon may be more widespread than originally described and is found throughout the central region during the Middle Archaic Period. Dates associated with this period vary between 9,000 and 2,000 cal BP, although most cluster in the 6,800 to 4,500 cal BP range (Basgall and True 1985).

On the valley floor, early Middle Archaic sites are relatively rare; this changes significantly toward the end of the Middle Archaic. In central California late Middle Archaic settlement focused on river courses on the valley floor. “Extended residential settlement at these sites is indicated by refined and specialized tool assemblages and features, a wide range of nonutilitarian artifacts, abundant trade objects, and plant and animal remains indicative of year-round occupation” (Rosenthal et al. 2007:154). Again, climate change apparently influence this shift, with warmer, drier conditions prevailing throughout California. The shorelines of many lakes, including Tulare Lake, contracted substantially, while at the same time rising sea levels favored the expansion of the San Joaquin/Sacramento Delta region, with newly formed wetlands extending eastward from the San Francisco Bay.

In contrast with rare early Middle Archaic sites on the valley floor, early Middle Archaic sites are relatively common in the Sierran foothills, and their recovered, mainly utilitarian assemblages show relatively little change from the preceding period with a continued emphasis on acorns and pine nuts. Few bone or shell artifacts, beads, or ornaments have been recovered from these localities. Projectile points from this period reflect a high degree of regional morphological variability, with an emphasis on local toolstone material supplemented with a small amount of obsidian from eastern sources. In contrast with the more elaborate mortuary assemblages and extended burial mode documented at Valley sites, burials sites documented at some foothill sites such as CA-FRE-61 on Wahtoke Creek are reminiscent of “re-burial” features reported from Milling Stone Horizon sites in southern California. These re-burials are characterized by re-interment of incomplete skeletons often capped with inverted millingstones (McGuire 1995:57).

A return to colder and wetter conditions marked the Upper Archaic in Central California (550 cal B.C. to cal A.D. 1100). Previously desiccated lakes returned to spill levels and increased freshwater flowed in the San Joaquin and Sacramento watershed. Cultural patterns as reflected in the archeological record, particularly specialized subsistence practices, emerged during this period. The archeological record becomes more complex, as specialized adaptations to locally available resources were developed and valley populations expanded into the lower Sierran foothills. New and specialized technologies expanded and distinct shell bead types occurred across the region. The range of subsistence resources utilized and exchange systems expanded significantly from the previous period. In the Central Valley, archaeological evidence of social

stratification and craft specialization is indicated by well-made artifacts such as charmstones and beads, often found as mortuary items.

The period between approximately cal A.D. 1000 and Euro-American contact is referred to as the Emergent Period. The Emergent Period is marked by the introduction of bow and arrow technology which replaced the dart and atlatl at about cal A.D. 1000 and 1300. In the San Joaquin region, villages and small residential sites developed along the many stream courses in the lower foothills and along the river channels and sloughs of the valley floor. A local form of pottery was developed in the southern Sierran foothills along the Kaweah River. Archaeological excavations at habitation sites in Merced and Fresno counties have revealed an artifact assemblage belong to the Yokuts groups who inhabited the valley floor and adjacent foothills into historic times (Olsen and Payen 1968, 1969; Pritchard 1970).

### ***Ethnographic Summary***

The central Sierra Nevada foothills in the project vicinity are the traditional homelands of the Central Sierra Miwok (also spelled Miwuk, Mi-Wuk, or Me-Wuk). Prior to contact with EuroAmericans in 1769, the Miwok lived in small bands without centralized political authority. They had domesticated dogs and cultivated tobacco, but were otherwise hunter-gatherers. Black Oak acorns were a favored food, and supplied both protein and fat. Nearly every other kind of edible vegetable matter was exploited as a food source, including bulbs, seeds and fungi. Animals were hunted with arrows, clubs or snares, depending on the species and the situation. Grasshoppers were a highly-prized food source, as were mussels for those groups adjacent to the Stanislaus River. They stored food for later consumption, primarily in flat-bottomed baskets.

The Miwok of Tuolumne County lived in scattered, but permanent, villages, which typically were built below the heavy snow line near creeks, springs, or other sources of fresh water. During summer months, the Miwok would establish temporary hunting and gathering camps at higher elevations. The permanent villages contained a few different styles of structure. Every village had a large storehouse in which they stored a plentiful supply of their primary dietary staple: acorns. Each village also contained a sweathouse and a roundhouse, the former being a small shelter with a fire pit that was used primarily for healing ceremonies and the latter being a larger ceremonial building that was used for religious and social activities. The homes were cone-shaped shelters, usually comprised of bark, each with a fire pit in the center and a smoke hole in the top.

Miwok men were responsible for hunting, while the women gathered other edible items and crafted baskets, among other things. The Miwok often met with members of other tribes, with whom the Miwok would trade acorns, baskets and other things for items such as obsidian, pine nuts and salt.

Due to the abundance and diversity of wildlife habitats and plant communities within the Sierran foothills and nearby San Joaquin Valley and higher elevations of the Sierra Nevada, Native American population densities in the region were quite high (Baumhoff 1963). While the acorn was the dietary staple, the diversity of accessible natural resources provided an omnivorous diet. The reader is referred to Kroeber (1925) and Levy (1978) for additional information on pre-contact Miwok subsistence and culture.

### ***Historic Period Summary***

The San Joaquin Valley was visited in the late 1700s and early 1800s by Spanish expeditions exploring the interior in search of potential mission sites, and later making excursions into the San Joaquin basin to capture native peoples who had escaped from the missions. The impact of the Spanish mission system was hardest felt along the west side of the San Joaquin



Valley. Some of the most well-known expeditions were those of Gabriel Moraga between 1806 and 1810 (Cook 1960).

The first non-indigenous explorations of the Sierra Nevada began with fur trappers like Jedediah Smith in 1827. Kit Carson was also one of the first western explorers of the region. The first formal expedition to the Sierra was Joseph Walker who published a report in 1837. Through the 1840s small groups continued to explore and cross the Sierra (Farquhar 1925).

The Gold Rush brought on an unprecedented population explosion as gold prospectors raced to the Sierra foothills in hopes of finding fortune. The population in California went from 10,000 non-Indian inhabitants in 1848 to over 250,000 in five years (Dilsaver 1983). Towns and camps such as Groveland, mostly ephemeral and prone to bust sprang up quickly throughout the foothills and miners turned from panning to lode and hydraulic mining.

By the mid-1850s, the majority of the easy gold was gone, and only labor intensive mining operations continued to produce. By the end of the 1860s, local indigenous peoples had largely been driven out by the mining operations and the foothills were scattered with ghost towns (Rohrbaugh 1997).

Despite the western Sierra population boom, thorough exploration of the range did not occur until after the 1860s. Throughout late 19th and early 20th centuries, explorers and cartographers made their way through the mountains. In 1864, Yosemite Valley became the first federally protected region of the Sierra (Farquhar 1925).

Many mining camps eventually became small towns scattered throughout the foothills. Groveland has always been an important stop on the highway to Yosemite but really grew in the early 1900s with the development of the Tuolumne River Hetch-Hetchy water project for the city of San Francisco. A railroad and hospital were built to transport materials to the dam site and to service the numerous workers who settled temporarily in the area. After the dam was built, the town once again became a minor stop on the road to Yosemite. In the late 1960s, Boise Cascade developed Pine Mountain Lake about one mile east of Groveland, which created a tourism boom for the area. Today the area function as both a tourism destination and a retirement community.

The community of Big Oak Flat was founded by James D. Savage who began mining the area about 1851. Big Oak Flat also served as a staging area and housing location for workers constructing the Hetch Hetchy Railroad. Big Oak Flat is now registered as California Historical Landmark #406.

## **METHODS AND FINDINGS**

On June 4, 2018, Sierra Valley Cultural Recourses archaeologists Douglas S. McIntosh, under the direction of Kristina Roper, conducted a reconnaissance-level archaeological survey of proposed new water main and replacement water main routes within the Groveland Community Services District. This survey was conducted in conjunction with a proposed water distribution system improvements project.

The project area is located within the communities of Groveland, Big Oak Flat and White Gulch/Pine Mountain Lake, in Tuolumne County, California. The proposed water distribution project will involve the installation of new 6- to 8-inch diameter PVC water lines at a depth of 36 to 48 inches below the surface. In addition, 1- to 1 ¼-inch diameter lateral service lines will be installed. A majority of the proposed pipeline routes are along existing pipe and sewer lines.

Existing asbestos-cement/transite water lines will be abandoned and left in situ (Luis Melchor and Brandon Klein personal communication May 24 and June 04, 2018).

The cultural resources survey focused on proposed new water main and replacement water main routes as defined in the Groveland Community Services District Water Distribution Improvements Engineering Design Report (May 2017, Figures 4-1, 4-2, 4-3). GCSD employee Brandon Klein was instrumental in helping Mr. McIntosh locate, identify and inspect the proposed pipeline routes within the GCSD.

The cultural resources survey focused on approximately eighteen specific sewer line locations within the communities of Groveland and Big Oak Flat. These locations are scheduled for rehabilitation and replacement. GCSD employee Brandon Klein was instrumental in helping Mr. McIntosh locate and identify manhole locations, flushing branches and a single “spot repair” location within the GCSD study area. The survey also involved an inspection and photo documentation of portions of the Hetch Hetchy Railroad grade. The GCSD maintains a sewer pipeline easement along this railroad grade. Photos 1-8 provide a pictorial overview of the surveyed area.

The survey sought to identify any archaeological sites, features, and artifacts which might be present on the ground surface. Items such as chipped stone tools, grinding implements, hearths and midden deposits are indicators of prehistoric activities. In addition, the survey also sought to identify any historic structures, features, and artifacts over fifty years old.

Survey methods involved both a “windshield” and a pedestrian survey along the proposed new water main and replacement water main routes within the Groveland Community Services District A Panasonic Lumix DMC-TS20 digital camera was used to photo document the proposed pipeline routes, the project setting and any cultural resources. All photo information was recorded in the field on both photo-logs and on aerial photos. A hand held Magellan GPS unit was used to record UTM points.

Ground surface visibility within the project area was generally poor. Built environment, paved asphalt surfaces, imported gravels and crushed rock road base greatly limited a full inspection of native ground surfaces.

Project soils within the Groveland area are generally a silty clay with tabular shales. Inspected soils have a general Munsell color value of 5yr 3/4, dark reddish brown (wet). Within the Big Oak Flat project area soils are a silty clay loam with coarse granite gravels and angular quartz rocks. These soils have a general Munsell color value of 10yr 4/4, dark yellowish brown (wet). Soils within the White Gulch region are similar to soils observed within the Groveland area.

### ***Summary of Findings***

This survey did not result in the discovery or documentation of any previously unrecorded cultural resources within the APE. A majority of the proposed water pipeline routes are with asphalt paved or gravel covered road ways or along the edge State Highway 120.

Two cultural resources located near the APE include the “Old Cemetery, 1849-1852, also known as Chinese Cemetery”. A sign at the cemetery also states that “Early Day Chinese Also Buried Here”. This small cemetery is surrounded by a low chain link fence and is located near the west end of the proposed new water main route at the western end of Henderson Road in the community of Big Oak Flat. UTM coordinates at the cemetery entrance are 10 741232E/4189869N (NAD 83). The other resource is the Groveland Jail. This structure is located along the northwest edge Ponderosa Lane, northwest of State Highway 120. The structure was constructed in 1895 in a neoclassic architectural style. See photos 9-11 and Maps 5-6.



Photo 1. View W, new water main route at Big Oak Rd & Wards Ferry Rd.



Photo 2. View SE, new water main route at intersection of Big Oak Flat Rd & Longfellow Rd,



Photo 3. View NW, new water main route at Powder House & Foot Streets.



Photo 4. View SE, water main route, Ponderosa Lane (note Old Jail structure at center left).



Photo 5. View E, water main route within Mary Laveroni Park.



Photo 6. Replacement water main route at 19952 Old Hwy 120, facing west.





Photo 7. View N, replacement water main route at Hwy 120 & Whites Gulch R.



Photo 8. View SW, replacement water main route at Whites Gulch & Noels Dirt Rd.



Photo 9. Old Cemetery Sign.



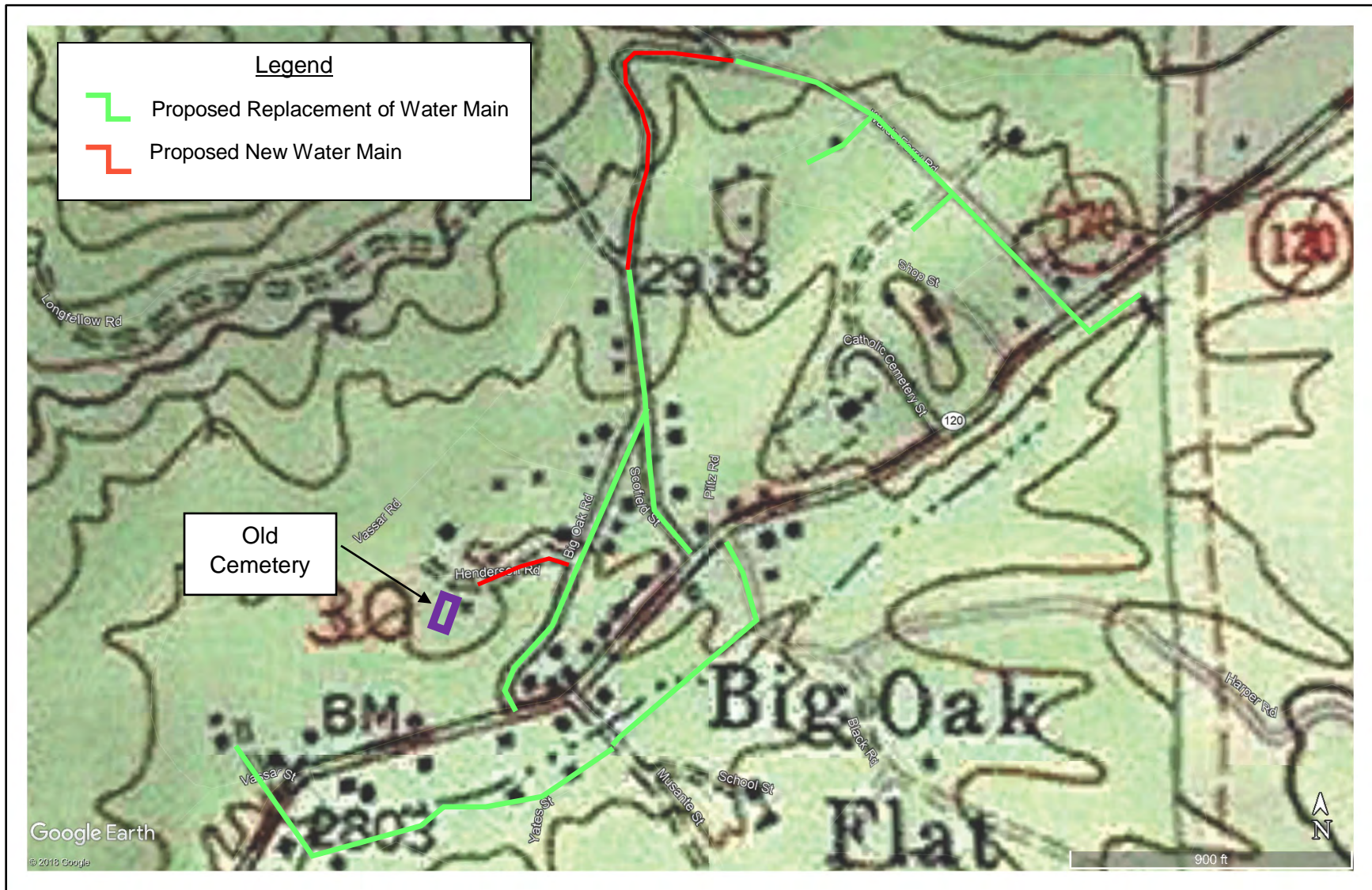
Photo 10. Old Cemetery near east end of Henderson Rd., View S.



Photo 11. Old Groveland Jail, along western edge of Ponderosa Lane, view SW

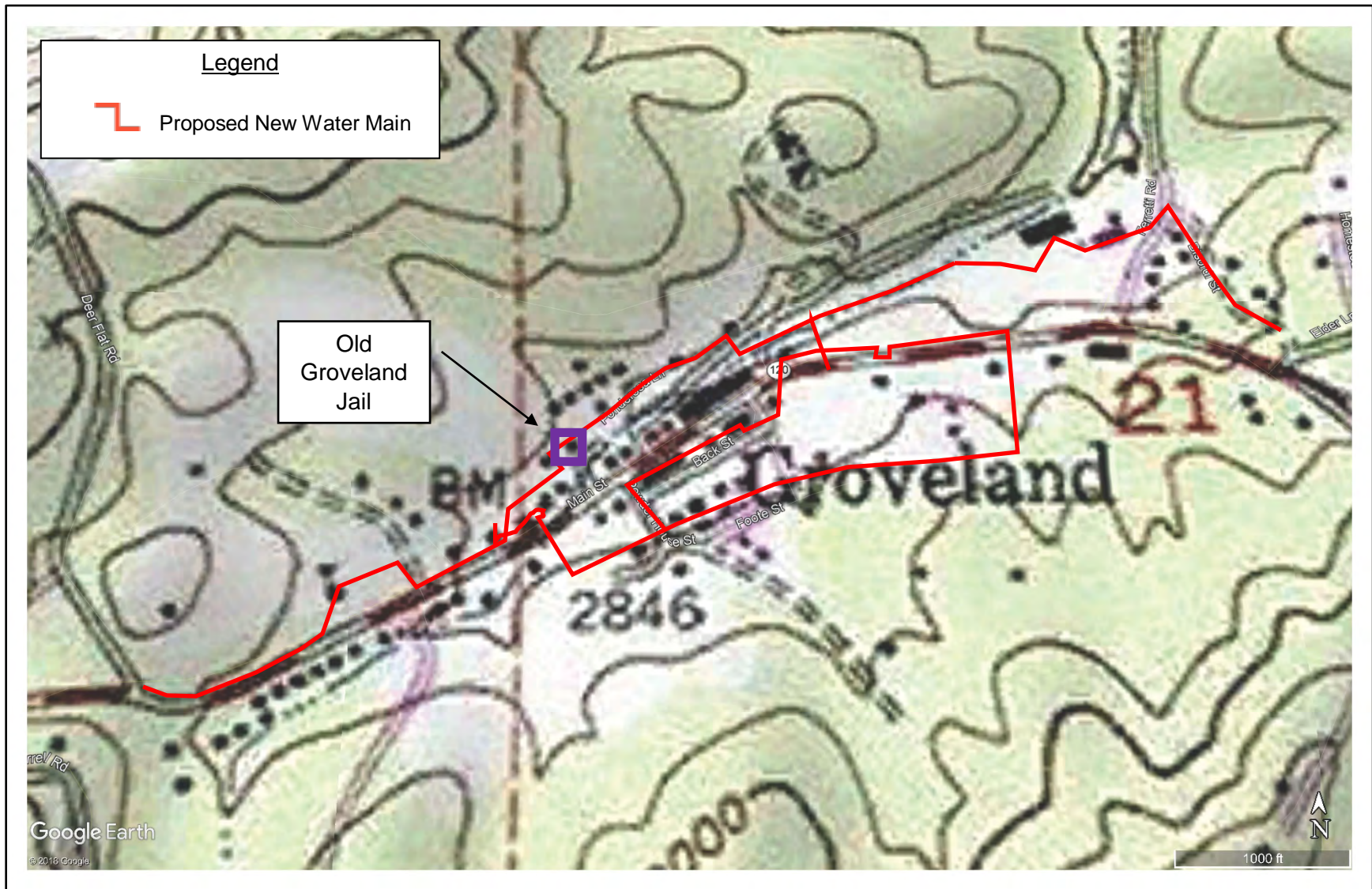
No other cultural resources were identified within the APE as a result of this study. Therefore, it is unlikely that the proposed action will have an effect on important archaeological, historical, or other cultural resources. No further cultural resources investigation is therefore recommended. In the unlikely event that buried archaeological deposits are encountered within the project area, the finds must be evaluated by a qualified archaeologist. Should human remains be encountered, the County Coroner must be contacted immediately; if the remains are determined to be Native American, then the Native American Heritage Commission must be contacted as well.





**Map 5.** Location of Old Cemetery, western end of Henderson Road, Big Oak Flat, Tuolumne County, CA.





**Map 6.** Location of Old Groveland Jail, northwest edge Ponderosa Lane, northwest of State Highway 120 Groveland, Tuolumne County, CA.

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**Douglas S. McIntosh** completed the archaeological survey of the Project APE. Mr. McIntosh has over 25 years of experience in California archaeology and has served as field crew chief and lead field assistant for both historical and prehistoric resource investigations, including tasks of surveying, field mapping, excavation, field graphics, soils descriptions, photography, and general site documentation. He has served as an archaeological monitor for various aspects of earthmoving and grading activities for cultural resources, and as Laboratory assistant for both historical and prehistoric resources which includes processing soil samples, cleaning and cataloging historical and prehistoric artifacts and collections, and artifact illustration. Mr. McIntosh has conducted historical research which involves records, maps and archival searches, oral interviews, and documentation of historical photographic collections.

**C. Kristina Roper** meets the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for archaeology. Ms. Roper has a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley, and a M.A. in Cultural Resources Management from Sonoma State University. She has over 34 years of archaeological survey and excavation experience, including both prehistoric and historic sites, in California, Nevada, Oregon, and Idaho, and has produced over 250 professional reports. For the past 16 years Ms. Roper has served as a Lecturer in Anthropology at California State University, Fresno. Courses taught include World Prehistory, Introduction to Archaeology, Bio-Behavioral Evolution of the Human Species, Historical Archaeology, Critical Thinking, Food and Culture, Applied Anthropology, and Cultural Resources Management. Ms. Roper is a Registered Professional Archaeologist in good standing. As sole proprietor of a cultural resources management firm established in 1995, her responsibilities include all aspects of project management, from marketing and development, to project completion, and include NEPA, CEQA, and NHPA (Section 106) compliance.

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**RECORDS SEARCH RESULTS**  
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I understand that failure to comply with this Access Agreement shall be grounds for denial of access to CHRIS Information.

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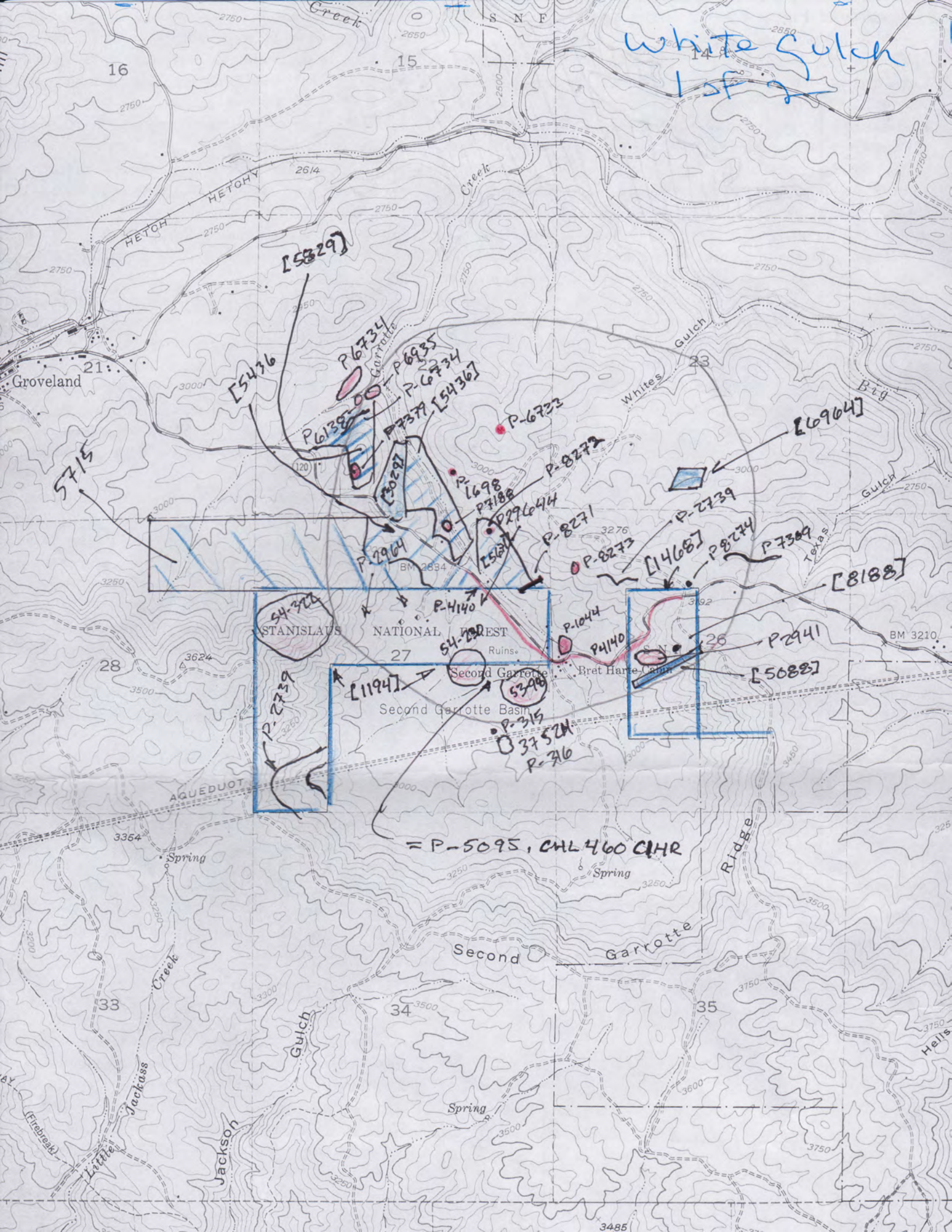
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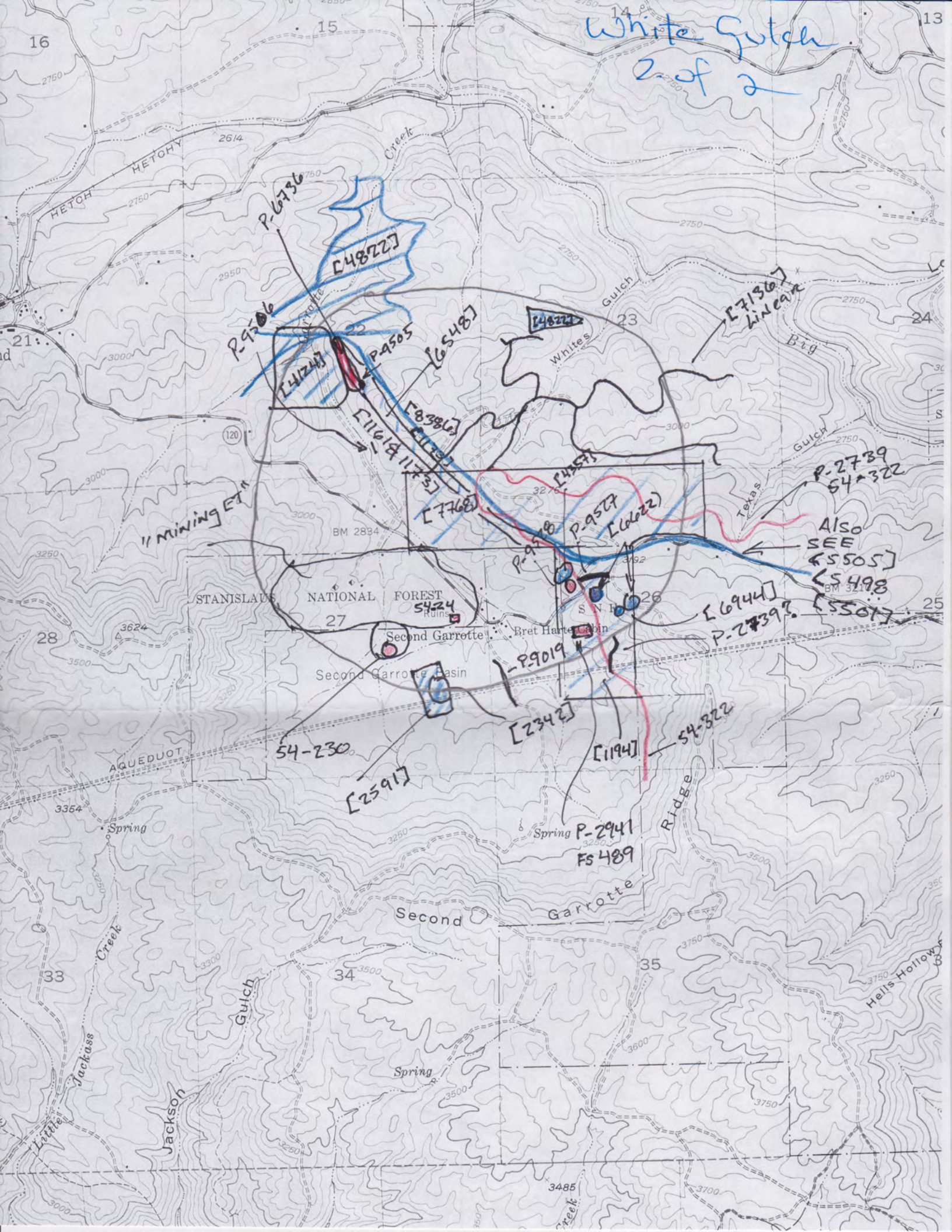
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P-55-000719	CA-TUO-003814H	Resource Name - GCSH Historic Site No. 3	Site	Historic	AH06	1994 (M. Thornton, M. Thornton, Historian)	TO-02451
P-55-000721	CA-TUO-003816H	Resource Name - GCSH Historic Site No. 5	Site	Historic	AH02; AH06; AH07; AH08; AH09	1994 (M. Thornton, M. Thornton, Historian)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-02451, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505
P-55-000723	CA-TUO-003818H	Resource Name - GCSH Historic Site No. 7	Structure, Site	Historic	HP21	1994 (Mark V. Thornton, Historian)	TO-02451
P-55-000772	CA-TUO-003858	Resource Name - Sandbar 14, SB 14	Site	Prehistoric	AP04	1995 (L.K. Napton, CSU Stanislaus)	TO-02695, TO-05723
P-55-001042	CA-TUO-000012/H		Site	Prehistoric, Historic	AH02; AH04; AH09; AH11; AP02; AP04	1982 (OCONNOR, LEVULETT); 1992 (John W. Dougherty, Archaeological Services, Inc.)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-01158, TO-01841, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505
P-55-001044	CA-TUO-000014			Unknown			
P-55-001698	CA-TUO-000677H	Other - 10-TUO-120-2; Other - 33.4/35.6	Site	Historic	AH11	1977 (MEACCHAM, CARLA); 2008 (Napton/Greathouse, CSU Stanislaus)	TO-01173, TO-06548
P-55-002360	CA-TUO-001364H	Resource Name - Old Priest Grade / Old Priest Grade Road	Site	Historic	AH07; AH11; HP37	1992 (L. K. Napton, CSU Stanislaus, Institute for Archaeological Research; for ?); 1998 (L.K. Napton et al., CSU Stanislaus, Institute for Archaeological Research; for City/Co. San Francisco, Hetch Hetchy Water & Power, CDF, and Weiss Assoc's); 2007 (J. Marvin, Foothill Resources, Ltd.; for County of Tuolumne)	TO-01601, TO-03420, TO-06445
P-55-002361	CA-TUO-001365H	Resource Name - Temporary Number 5; Caltrans - Temporary Number 5	Site	Historic	AH04; AH06; AH09	1982 (LEVULETT & O'Connor, California Department of Transportation); 2016 (Darcangelo & Arpaia, Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc.)	TO-01158, TO-08748
P-55-002362	CA-TUO-001366H		Site	Historic	AH04	1982 (LEVULETT & O'Connor, California Department of Transportation)	TO-01158



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P-55-002363	CA-TUO-001367H		Site	Historic	AH04	1982 (LEVULETT & O'Connor, California Department of Transportation)	TO-01158
P-55-002364	CA-TUO-001368H		Site	Historic	AH04	1982 (LEVULETT & O'Connor, California Department of Transportation)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-01158, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505
P-55-002370	CA-TUO-001374H	Caltrans - "16" (Caltrans temp. #); Resource Name - "16" (Caltrans temp. #)	Site	Historic	AH04	1982 (V. Levulett, D. O'Connor, Caltrans District 10); 2016 (Napton, Historical Resources Consultant)	TO-01158, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505, TO-08403

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P-55-002739	CA-TUO-001751H	Resource Name - Golden Rock Ditch / Golden Rock Water Ditch / FS # 05-16-54-0322; USFS - 05-16-54-0322	Structure	Historic	AH06; AH11	1981 (R. Kardash, ESCA-Tech Corp. (for SNF/USFS)); 1984 (HOLSON,SLATER, Desgrandchamp, USDA- Forest Service); 1990 (R. Currit, M. Dean, SNF/USFS); 1990 (R. Currit, M. Dean, SNF/USFS); 1990 (S. Marsh, E. Solari, W. Battino, SNF/USFS); 1990 (S. Marsh, J. Koroush, I. B. Henry, SNF/USFS); 1990 (S. Marsh, J. Koroush, I. B. Henry, SNF/USFS); 1991 (L. Linde, K. Jackson, A. Hecht, I. B. Henry, SNF/USFS); 1991 (E. Carson, R. Dedini, K. Jackson, A. Hecht (front pg says 9/1991; sketches say 6/91), SNF/USFS); 1992 (J. Watson, L. Linde (started 6/6/90 by S. Marsh), SNF/USFS); 1992 (J. Watson, L. Linde, SNF/USFS); 1992 (S. Marsh, B. Gutierrez, SNF/USFS); 1992 (S. Marsh, J. Watson, B. Gutierrez, SNF/USFS); 1992 (R. Dedini, D. Caldwell, K. Hirzy, SNF/USFS); 1992 (K. Jackson, C. Kellner, SNF/USFS); 1992 (E. Carson, R. Dedini, K. Davey, T. Roemer, K. Peet, SNF/USFS); 1992 (B. Gutierrez, K. Peet, SNF/USFS); 1992 (L. Linde, SNF/USFS); 1992 (E. Carson, L. Amen, SNF/USFS); 1993 (E. Carson, K. Peet, SNF/USFS); 1993 (E. Carson, K. Peet, SNF/USFS); 1993 (K. Peet, B. Kline, A. Reese,	MP-01193, MP-01274, MP-01385, MP-01449, MP-01823, MP-02308, MP-02587, MP-03330, MP-04298, MP-05086, MP-05094, MP-06589, MP-06622, MP-06939, MP-06957, MP-07737, TO-00962, TO-01145, TO-01274, TO-01385, TO-01424, TO-01449, TO-01823, TO-02308, TO-02587, TO-03031, TO-03284, TO-03330, TO-04124, TO-04298, TO-05056, TO-05086, TO-05088, TO-05094, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505, TO-05715, TO-06035, TO-06372, TO-06430, TO-06431, TO-06589, TO-06617, TO-06622, TO-06939, TO-06957, TO-07193, TO-07248, TO-07737, TO-07768, TO-07892, TO-07914, TO-07916, TO-07920, TO-08068, TO-08323, TO-08400, TO-08748

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						SNF/USFS); 1993 (T. Roemer, C. Wood, SNF/USFS); 1993 (J. Ruhan, D. Davis, SNF/USFS); 1993 (T. Stevens, B. Kline, SNF/USFS); 1993 (J. Ruhan, D. Davis, C. Harper, SNF/USFS); 1993 (D. Davis, B. Kline, SNF/USFS); 1993 (C. Francis, SNF/USFS); 1994 (S. Marsh, SNF/USFS); 1996 (J. Ruhan, S. Marsh, SNF/USFS); 1996 (JOURNAL ARTICLE in The Quarterly of the Tuolumne Co. Historical Society (Vol. 3, No. 3, Jan- Mar. 1964), "Tuolumne County's Golden Rock Water Ditch" by Helen Rocca Goss); 1996 (J. Ruhan, D. Letendre, SNF/USFS); 1996 (S. Marsh, SNF/USFS); 1997 (S. Cannon, RPF, Foothill Resources Management, Inc. (for CDF/Cal Fire)); 1998 (R. Krohn, RPF, (Affiliation = ?) For M & B Ranch and for CDF/CalFire); 2000 (T. Tate, RPF, Blue Mountain Resources, Inc. (for CDF/Cal Fire)); 2006 (P. Riefkohl, S. Lundgren, SNF/USFS); 2007 (P. Riefkohl, SNF/USFS); 2007 (P. Riefkohl, S. Lundgren, SNF/USFS); 2007 (P. Riefkohl, C. Sjostrand, SNF/USFS); 2007 (P. Riefkohl, C. Sjostrand, SNF/USFS); 2007 (P. Riefkohl, C. Sjostrand, SNF/USFS); 2007 (P. Reifkohl, C. Sjostrand, SNF/USFS); 2007 (L. Thorpe, Foothill	

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						Resources, Ltd. (for ?); 2008 (R. Robison, E. McCuiston, W. Sanders, SNF/USFS); 2008 (P. Wisniewski, E. McCuiston, SNF/USFS); 2009 (P. Riefkohl, SNF/USFS); 2013 (A. Estes, T. Young et al., William Self Associates (for RMC Water and Environment, and for SNF/USFS)); 2014 (C. Francis, Francis Heritage, LLC); 2014 (Francis); 2014 (M. Boero, T. Wolfe, SNF/USFS); 2014 (Kevin Bailey, Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (Elizabeth Roycraft, Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (Amanda Lanier, Dayne Crosby, & Elizabeth Roycraft, Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (E. Roycraft, A. Lanier, & D. Crosby, Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (E. Roycraft, A. Lanier, D. Crosby, Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (E. Wingate, Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (E. Wingate, Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (E. Wingate, Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (E. Wingate, C. Sjostrand, T. McFann, Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (Elizabeth Roycraft & Dayne Crosby, Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (E. Roycraft, D. Crosby, Stanislaus National Forest); 2016 (R. Thomas and D. Crosby); 2016 (Ugan & Darcangelo, Far Western); 2016 (S. Zaragoza, R. Thomas, and D. Crosby, Stanislaus National Forest); 2016 (A. Hoskins and M. Boero, Stanislaus National Forest);			

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						2016 (D. Crosby, Stanislaus National Forest); 2016 (A Hoskins, Stanislaus National Forest)	
P-55-002941	CA-TUO-001956H	USFS - 05-16-54-0489	Site	Historic	AH09	1981 (Bueren/Parks, INFOTEC Research, Inc.)	MP-01194, TO-01194, TO-05088, TO-07923
P-55-002964	CA-TUO-001979/H	USFS - 05-16-54-0576	Site	Prehistoric, Historic	AH04; AH09; AP02; AP04; AP15	1981 (Isaacs, INFOTEC Research, Inc.); 1996 (Marsh et al., U.S. Forest Service); 2016 (Zaragoza, S., USDA Forest Service)	MP-01194, MP-03449, TO-01194, TO-02342, TO-03449, TO-07768, TO-07920, TO-07921, TO-07923
P-55-006138		Resource Name - V-5	Site	Prehistoric	AP04	2000 (Tim Tate, Blue Nountain Resources, Inc.); 2003 (M. Schmidt & J. Dougherty, Department of Parks and Recreation); 2016 (Ugan & Johnson, Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc.)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-04124, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505, TO-08748
P-55-006733	CA-TUO-004600H	Resource Name - V-1	Site	Historic	AH09	2003 (Schmidt & Dougherty, PAR Environmental Services, Inc.)	TO-05103
P-55-006734	CA-TUO-004601H	Resource Name - V-2; H120FB #1	Site	Historic	AH06	2003 (Schmidt & Dougherty, PAR Environmental Services, Inc.); 2005 (Leon J. Manich); 2008 (Napton and Greathouse, CSU Stanislaus for CAL FIRE)	TO-05103, TO-06548
P-55-006736	CA-TUO-004603H	Resource Name - V-4; FT-31	Site	Historic	AH09	2003 (Schmidt & Dougherty, PAR Environmental Services, Inc.); 2003 (Berg, Far Western); 2016 (Hildebrandt & Garvey, Far Western)	TO-05103, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505, TO-08748
P-55-006935		Resource Name - Stockton-Sonora Road; Other - JT-30/32/33	Structure	Historic	HP37; HP46	2004 (Larson, Wlaters, JRP Historical Consulting Services)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505



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P-55-006945		Resource Name - H120FB #2; FT-32	Site	Historic	AH04	2003 (J. Berg, Far Western Anthropological Research Group, for Caltrans District 10); 2008 (L. Napton & E. Greathouse, CSU Stanislaus for CAL FIRE); 2016 (Ugan & Johnson, Far Western)	TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505, TO-06548, TO-08748
P-55-007188		Resource Name - CR-97-01	Site	Historic	AH04	1997 (Harold Thornton)	TO-05436
P-55-007309		USFS - 05-16-54-322; Resource Name - CR--98-02	Site	Historic	AH06; AH16	1998 (Will Dorrell, CAL FIRE)	TO-05671, TO-07768
P-55-007379		Resource Name - Cook's Brewery Cabin	Building	Historic	HP02	2005 (Manich, RPF, California Reforestation)	TO-05829
P-55-007399		Resource Name - Placer mining, Locus MS-1	Site	Historic	AH09	2005 (Werner, ASI)	TO-05969
P-55-007873		Resource Name - Ballentine	Site	Historic	AH05; AH15	2008 (Napton/Greathouse, CSU Stanislaus)	TO-06854
P-55-007881			Site	Historic	AH05; AH10	2008 (Napton/Greathouse, CSU Stanislaus)	TO-06854
P-55-007976		BLM - CA-018-TM-358	Site	Historic	AH09	2009 (James Barnes, BLM)	TO-07097
P-55-008271		Resource Name - NRCS-TUL1-001	Structure	Historic	AH06	2011 (Truman, NRCS)	TO-07541, TO-07768
P-55-008272		Resource Name - NRCS-TUL1-002	Structure	Historic	AH16	2011 (Truman, USDA-Natural Conservation Service)	TO-07541, TO-07768
P-55-008273		Resource Name - NRCS-TUL1-003; AU-09H	Structure	Historic	AH05; HP20	2011 (Truman, USDA-Natural Conservation Service); 2016 (Ugan & Darcangelo, Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc.)	TO-07541, TO-07768, TO-08748
P-55-008274		Resource Name - NRCS-TUL1-004	Site	Historic	HP22	2011 (Truman, USDA-Natural Conservation Service); 2016 (Hildebrandt & Garvey, Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc.)	TO-07541, TO-07768, TO-08748
P-55-009019		USFS - 05-16-54-874; Resource Name - Yosemite Springs Road; FS # 05-16-54-874	Site	Historic	AH07	2013 (A. Estes, T. Young, et al., William Self Associates, Inc.)	TO-08068
P-55-009421		Resource Name - Mining Area Between Two BLM Parcels	Site	Historic	AH09	2016 (Napton and Greathouse, Consultants)	

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P-55-009505	CA-TUO-005996H	Resource Name - TH-01H	Site	Historic	AH06; AH11	2016 (Hildebrandt, Far Western)	TO-08748
P-55-009506	CA-TUO-005997H	Resource Name - TH-02H	Site	Historic	AH09	2016 (Hildebrandt, Far Western)	TO-08748
P-55-009507	CA-TUO-005998H	Resource Name - TH-04H	Site	Historic	AH04; AH09; AH15	2016 (Hildebrandt, Far Western)	TO-08748
P-55-009527	CA-TUO-006015H	Resource Name - FS 05-16-54-0747; Lady Hot Spur Mine	Site	Historic	AH09	2017 (Wisniewski, USFS Stanislaus National Forest)	
P-55-009528		Resource Name - FS 05-16-54-1890, Big Dipper Quartz Mine; USFS - FS 05-16-54-1890	Site	Prehistoric	AP09	2017 (Wisniewski, USFS Stanislaus National Forest)	

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TO-00962	NADB-R - 1361800	1986	Balen, B.	A Cultural Resource Survey Report for Yosemite Way Station 80 Acres in Big Oak Flat, Tuolumne County, California	Barbara Balen, Historical Resource Consultant	55-002739
TO-01161	NADB-R - 1362786	1981	Littlefield, R.	Second Addendum Archaeological Survey Report for the Proposed Highway Reconstruction from P.M. 32.8 to 35.6, Tuolumne County, California. 10-TUO-120 P.M. 32.8/35.6.	Caltrans District 10	
TO-01173	NADB-R - 1362995	1977	Meacham, Charla M.	An Archaeological Survey of a Proposed Highway Project, Tuolumne County, California (10-Tuo-120 P.M. R33.4/R35.6).	Caltrans District 10	55-001697, 55-001698
TO-01194	NADB-R - 1360975; USFS - 53-91S8-06393	1981	Moratto, M. J. and S. Salzman	Mid-Sierran Archaeology: A Survey of 14 Compartments in the Stanislaus National Forest, California; Appendix 12, Cultural Resource Inventory Data: Shanahan Compartment.	INFOTEC Research, Inc. for US Forest Service	22-000878, 22-001150, 22-001151, 22-001152, 22-001153, 22-001154, 22-001155, 55-002643, 55-002938, 55-002940, 55-002941, 55-002942, 55-002943, 55-002944, 55-002945, 55-002946, 55-002949, 55-002951, 55-002955, 55-002956, 55-002957, 55-002958, 55-002959, 55-002960, 55-002961, 55-002962, 55-002963, 55-002964, 55-002965
TO-01298	NADB-R - 1362772	1988	Peak and Associates, Inc.	Cultural Resource Assessment of the Twin Pines Apartments, Tuolumne County, California.	Peak and Associates, Inc.	
TO-01468	NADB-R - 1362778	1975	Keesling, H.	An Archaeological Impact Study of California Department of Transportation Project 10-TUO-120 35.6/36.6.	Archaeology Study Center, Cal-State University Sacramento	
TO-02342	NADB-R - 1361274	1994	Werner, Roger H. and D. Davis	Cultural Resources Survey of the Proposed Groveland Community Services District Second Garotte Water Treatment Improvements, Tuolumne County, California.	Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI)	55-000315, 55-000316, 55-002964
TO-02451	NADB-R - 1361231	1994	Thornton, M. V.	A Cultural Resources Survey and Assessment of the Groveland Community Services District Properties.	Mark V. Thornton, for Groveland Community Services District	55-000110, 55-000718, 55-000719, 55-000720, 55-000721, 55-000722, 55-000723, 55-000950, 55-002367, 55-002368
TO-02591	NADB-R - 1361992	1995	Francis, Charla Meacham and Thornton, Mark V.	Archaeological and Historical Evaluation of CA-TUO-3525H, CA-TUO-3526H, P-55-441, and P-55-442; Big Creek and Second Garrote Shafts, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power.	Sierra Heritage Services; prepared for Groveland Community Services District	55-000315, 55-000316, 55-000441, 55-000442

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TO-03029	NADB-R - 1362487	1997	Dorrell, Will, RPF	Confidential Archaeological Addendum for Timber Operations on Non-Federal Lands in California, Vidas THP	Will Dorrell	
TO-04124	NADB-R - 1363859	2000	Tate, Tim (RPF)	Confidential Archaeological Addendum for Timber Operations on Non-Federal Lands in California; Project: S & L THP, #4-00-72/TUO-7.	Blue Mountain Resources, Inc.; for CDF	55-002739, 55-006138
TO-04357	NADB-R - 1364273	2000	Ruhan, J.	Stanislaus National Forest, Heritage Resources 1996 Sierra Nevada Programmatic Agreement Project Certification-Project Name: Yosemite Pines RV Park Hazard Tree Fuel Wood Sale Report#: 05-16-4135	Groveland Ranger District	
TO-04822	NADB-R - 1364743	1997	Francis, T., RPF	CDF Project Review Report for Archaeological and Historical Resources, Pine Mountain Lake VMP.	T. Francis, RPF for CAL FIRE	55-006620, 55-006622, 55-006623
TO-05088	NADB-R - 1365099	2002	Marsh, S.	Stanislaus National Forest, Heritage Resources 1996 Sierra Nevada Programmatic Agreement Project Certification: P.G. & E. Powerline Maintenance, FY2002; CRMR 05-16-4196.	Groveland Ranger District; for Stanislaus National Forest, USFS	55-000582, 55-002579, 55-002580, 55-002583, 55-002739, 55-002941
TO-05436	NADB-R - 1365319	1997	Dorrell, W. (RPF)	Confidential Archaeological Addendum for Timber Operations on Non-Federal Lands in California: Thornton THP.	California Reforestation, Incorporated	55-007188

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TO-05498	NADB-R - 1366181	2004	Leach-Palm, L., P. Mikkelsen, J. King, J. Hatch, and B. Larson	Cultural Resources Inventory of Caltrans District 10 Rural Conventional Highways; Volume I: Summary of Methods and Findings.	Far Western Anthropological Research Group Inc. (and) JRP Historical Consulting Services; prepared for Caltrans District 10	55-000006, 55-000019, 55-000024, 55-000025, 55-000027, 55-000028, 55-000029, 55-000054, 55-000058, 55-000104, 55-000110, 55-000149, 55-000183, 55-000347, 55-000378, 55-000572, 55-000577, 55-000586, 55-000587, 55-000588, 55-000687, 55-000720, 55-000721, 55-000724, 55-000786, 55-000787, 55-000918, 55-000919, 55-000922, 55-000942, 55-000943, 55-000947, 55-001031, 55-001042, 55-001090, 55-001630, 55-001697, 55-001963, 55-002345, 55-002364, 55-002365, 55-002366, 55-002367, 55-002368, 55-002370, 55-002557, 55-002603, 55-002605, 55-002643, 55-002724, 55-002739, 55-002746, 55-003159, 55-003323, 55-003324, 55-003327, 55-003543, 55-003544, 55-003545, 55-003625, 55-003703, 55-003723, 55-003725, 55-003726, 55-003727, 55-003776, 55-003782, 55-004047, 55-004048, 55-004140, 55-004144, 55-004150, 55-004153, 55-004156, 55-004250, 55-004340, 55-004346, 55-004350, 55-004351, 55-004376, 55-004503, 55-004692, 55-004700, 55-004934, 55-005093, 55-005094, 55-005240, 55-005293, 55-005303, 55-005357, 55-005401, 55-005547, 55-006022, 55-006023, 55-006138, 55-006186, 55-006268, 55-006319, 55-006502, 55-006736, 55-006850, 55-006859, 55-006925, 55-006935, 55-006945, 55-006983, 55-006989



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TO-05501	NADB-R - 1366197	2004	Rosenthal, J. S. and J. Meyer	Cultural Resources Inventory of Caltrans District 10 Rural Conventional Highways; Volume III: Geoarchaeological Study.	Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc. (and) Sonoma State University; prepared for Caltrans District 10	55-000006, 55-000019, 55-000024, 55-000025, 55-000027, 55-000028, 55-000029, 55-000054, 55-000058, 55-000104, 55-000110, 55-000149, 55-000183, 55-000347, 55-000378, 55-000572, 55-000577, 55-000586, 55-000587, 55-000588, 55-000687, 55-000720, 55-000721, 55-000724, 55-000786, 55-000787, 55-000918, 55-000919, 55-000922, 55-000942, 55-000943, 55-000947, 55-001031, 55-001042, 55-001090, 55-001630, 55-001697, 55-001963, 55-002345, 55-002364, 55-002365, 55-002366, 55-002367, 55-002368, 55-002370, 55-002557, 55-002603, 55-002605, 55-002643, 55-002724, 55-002739, 55-002746, 55-003159, 55-003323, 55-003324, 55-003327, 55-003543, 55-003544, 55-003545, 55-003625, 55-003703, 55-003723, 55-003725, 55-003726, 55-003727, 55-003776, 55-003782, 55-004047, 55-004048, 55-004140, 55-004144, 55-004150, 55-004153, 55-004156, 55-004250, 55-004340, 55-004346, 55-004350, 55-004351, 55-004376, 55-004503, 55-004700, 55-004934, 55-005093, 55-005094, 55-005240, 55-005293, 55-005303, 55-005338, 55-005339, 55-005340, 55-005341, 55-005342, 55-005343, 55-005344, 55-005345, 55-005346, 55-005347, 55-005348, 55-005349, 55-005350, 55-005351, 55-005352, 55-005353, 55-005357, 55-005401, 55-005547, 55-006022, 55-006023, 55-006138, 55-006186, 55-006268, 55-006319, 55-006492, 55-006502, 55-006736, 55-006850, 55-006859, 55-006925, 55-006935, 55-006945, 55-006983, 55-006989

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TO-05505	NADB-R - 1365431	2004	Leach-Palm, L., J. King, J. Hatch, and B. Larson	Cultural Resources Inventory of Caltrans District 10 Rural Conventional Highways; Volume II H: Tuolumne County.	Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc. (and) JRP Historical Consulting Services (and) Foothill Resources, Ltd.; prepared for Caltrans District 10	55-000006, 55-000019, 55-000024, 55-000025, 55-000027, 55-000028, 55-000029, 55-000054, 55-000058, 55-000104, 55-000110, 55-000149, 55-000183, 55-000347, 55-000378, 55-000572, 55-000577, 55-000586, 55-000587, 55-000588, 55-000687, 55-000720, 55-000721, 55-000724, 55-000786, 55-000787, 55-000918, 55-000919, 55-000922, 55-000942, 55-000943, 55-000947, 55-001031, 55-001042, 55-001090, 55-001630, 55-001697, 55-001913, 55-001963, 55-002345, 55-002364, 55-002365, 55-002366, 55-002367, 55-002368, 55-002370, 55-002557, 55-002603, 55-002605, 55-002643, 55-002724, 55-002739, 55-002746, 55-003159, 55-003323, 55-003324, 55-003327, 55-003543, 55-003544, 55-003545, 55-003625, 55-003703, 55-003723, 55-003725, 55-003726, 55-003727, 55-003776, 55-003782, 55-004047, 55-004048, 55-004140, 55-004144, 55-004150, 55-004153, 55-004156, 55-004250, 55-004340, 55-004346, 55-004350, 55-004351, 55-004376, 55-004503, 55-004700, 55-004934, 55-005093, 55-005094, 55-005240, 55-005293, 55-005303, 55-005338, 55-005339, 55-005340, 55-005341, 55-005342, 55-005343, 55-005344, 55-005345, 55-005346, 55-005347, 55-005348, 55-005349, 55-005350, 55-005351, 55-005352, 55-005353, 55-005357, 55-005401, 55-005547, 55-006022, 55-006023, 55-006138, 55-006186, 55-006268, 55-006319, 55-006492, 55-006502, 55-006736, 55-006850, 55-006859, 55-006925, 55-006935, 55-006945, 55-006950, 55-006983, 55-006989
TO-05663	NADB-R - 1365545	2004	Barnes, J.	Letter: Section 106 Review for the Wagner Fuel Break, Tuolumne County (Case # CA-018-S-TM-04/09).	Bureau of Land Management Folsom Field Office	

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TO-05671	NADB-R - 1365554	1998	Dorrell, W., RPF	Confidential Archaeological Addendum for Timber Operations on Non-Federal Lands in California: Cornwell THP, 4-98-73/TUO-11.	California Reforestation, Inc.	55-004140, 55-007309
TO-05715	NADB-R - 1365598	2005	Francis, C.	Cultural Resource Survey, Borup Tentative Parcel Map 04T-59, Tuolumne County, California (APN 066-181-73-00).	Francis Heritage Services; for Tom and Lauree Borup (property owners)	55-002739, 55-007326
TO-05829	NADB-R - 1365698	2005	Manich, L., RPF	An Archaeological Survey Report for the R. Crook THP, Tuolumne County, California.	California Reforestation, Incorporated for CAL FIRE	55-007379
TO-05969	NADB-R - 1365790	2005	Werner, R. H.	Cultural Resources Investigation for a Tentative Parcel Map ca. 17 Acres on Elder Road, Groveland, Tuolumne County, California	ASI Archaeology and Cultural Resources Management	55-007399, 55-007400
TO-06548	NADB-R - 1366778	2008	Napton, L. K. and E. A. Greathouse	Archaeological Investigations of the CAL FIRE Highway 120 Fuel Break Project, Tuolumne County, California.	CSU Stanislaus, Department of Anthropology; for CAL FIRE	55-001697, 55-001698, 55-006734, 55-006945
TO-06622	NADB-R - 1366869	2007	Riefkohl, P.	Stanislaus National Forest, Heritage Resources 1996 Sierra Nevada Programmatic Agreement Project Certification PG&E Hazard Trees Project Cultural Resource Management Report 05-16-4279.	Groveland Ranger District, Stanislaus National Forest, USFS	22-001524, 55-000522, 55-002739, 55-002946, 55-002966, 55-004140
TO-06854	NADB-R - 1367125	2008	Napton, L. K. and E. A. Greathouse	Archaeological and Historical Investigations of the Pine Mountain Lake Fuel Break Tuolumne County, California.	California State University of Stanislaus	55-007868, 55-007869, 55-007870, 55-007871, 55-007872, 55-007873, 55-007881
TO-06944	NADB-R - 1367223	2008	Riefkohl, P.	Stanislaus National Forest, Heritage Resources 1996 Sierra Nevada Programmatic Agreement Project Certification: FY08 PG&E Hazard Trees Removal Cultural Resource Management Report 05-16-4295.	Groveland Ranger District; for Stanislaus National Forest, USFS	55-004356
TO-06964	NADB-R - 1367251	2008	Dorrell, W.	Whites Gulch Fuel Hazard Emergency	California Reforestation, Inc.	
TO-07097	NADB-R - 1367399	2009	Barnes, J.	Section 106 Compliance for AML Hazard Abatement Work (PUF Closures), Tuolumne County BLM Case # CA-018-S-TM-09/06	Bureau of Land Management	55-007291, 55-007976, 55-007977, 55-007978
TO-07136	NADB-R - 1367439	2010	Napton, L. K.	Archaeological Investigations of the Whites Gulch Fuel Treatment Project, Tuolumne County, CA	for CAL FIRE	

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TO-07343	NADB-R - 1367683	2010	Barnes, J.	United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Mngement Mother Lode Field Office Section 106 Compliance for the Wagner Ridge Fuel Break maintenance Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties (BLM case # CA-018-S-TM-10/06)	Bureau of Land Management	55-000110, 55-008166, 55-008167, 55-008168
TO-07768	NADB-R - 1368144	2011	Albrecht, M. RPF	Letter: Archaeological Information for Cornwell EQIP Project and CAL FIRE Forest Fire Prevention Exemption 4-11-EX-022/TUO	Sierra Resource Management	55-002739, 55-002964, 55-004140, 55-007309, 55-008271, 55-008272, 55-008273, 55-008274
TO-07892		2014	Francis, C. and Judith Marvin	AT&T Fiber Optic Project, Big Oak Flat, Tuolumne County, California.	Francis Heritage Services and Foothill Resources Ltd.	55-000110, 55-002739
TO-08188		2015	Schrader	Cultural Resources Survey Report Pole Replacement on the Curtis 1107 Distribution Line (PM 31080194). Tuolumne County, California	Transcon Environmental, Inc.	
TO-08216		2015	Supernowicz, D.	Archaeological Survey Study of the Iron Door Project, West Coast Towers Site No. WCT 11-010, Adjacent to 19169 California Highway 120, Groveland, Tuolumne County, California 95321.	Historic Resource Associates; prepared for EarthTouch, Inc.	
TO-08325	BLM - CA-018-S-TM-13/10	2013	Barnes, J.	Cultural Resource Inventory Report, USDI, BLM, Mother Lode Field Office; Project: Gisler Variance, Case #CA-018-S-TM-13/10.	Bureau of Land Management- Mother Lode Field Office	
TO-08326	BLM - CA-018-S-TM-4/02	2014	Francis,C. and Marvin, J.	Cultural Resource Inventory Report U.S.D.I. B.L.M. Fiber Optic Project, Big Oak Flat, Tuolumne County, California CA-018-S-TM-4/02	AT & T California	55-000110
TO-08386	Agency Nbr - HAER No. CA-147	1991	Quin, R. H.	Big Oak Flat Road HAER No. CA-147, Yosemite National Park Roads and Bridges, Between Big Oak Flat Entrance and Merced River, Yosemite National Park, Mariposa County, CA (Note: Big Oak Flat Road originates in Tuolumne County)	USDI National Park Service	55-004140
TO-08403	BLM - Hwy 120 SRA Grant BLM Parcels	2016	Napton, L. K.	Cultural Resources Inventory Report, Highway 120 SRA Grant Project, Two Bureau of Land Management Parcels, 25 Total Acres, Near Groveland, Tuolumne County, California	Historical Resources Consultant for Pine Mtn Lake Association/BLM/CAL FIRE	55-002370, 55-004140, 55-007294

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TO-08748		2017	Ugan, A., T. Hildebrandt & M. Darcangelo	State Route 120 Hazard Tree Removal Cultural Resources Report, Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties, California	Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc. for Caltrans	55-000058, 55-000110, 55-000305, 55-000378, 55-000918, 55-000922, 55-000941, 55-000942, 55-002357, 55-002361, 55-002365, 55-002366, 55-002643, 55-002739, 55-002943, 55-002951, 55-002975, 55-003002, 55-003716, 55-003723, 55-003725, 55-003726, 55-003727, 55-003728, 55-003917, 55-004071, 55-004139, 55-004140, 55-004150, 55-004153, 55-004156, 55-004157, 55-004523, 55-004524, 55-004525, 55-006138, 55-006492, 55-006736, 55-006945, 55-006975, 55-006987, 55-007432, 55-007587, 55-007895, 55-007924, 55-008273, 55-008274, 55-008530, 55-009018, 55-009044, 55-009123, 55-009217, 55-009501, 55-009502, 55-009503, 55-009504, 55-009505, 55-009506, 55-009507, 55-009508, 55-009509, 55-009510, 55-009511, 55-009512, 55-009607



**ATTACHMENT A**  
**RECORDS SEARCH RESULTS**  
**(CCIC File No. 10116 O)**



## CENTRAL CALIFORNIA INFORMATION CENTER

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Date: 12/8/2016

Records Search File No.: 10116 O  
Access Agreement: #145  
Project: Groveland Community Services  
District Sewer Collection Service Project

C. Kristina Roper  
Sierra Valley Cultural Planning  
41845 Sierra Drive  
Three Rivers, CA 93271

Dear Ms. Roper:

The Central California Information Center received your **Priority Response** record search request for the project area referenced above, located on the Groveland and Moccasin 7.5' quadrangles in Tuolumne County. The following reflects the results of the records search for the project study area and radius:

As per data currently available at the CCalC, the locations of resources/reports are provided in the following format:  custom GIS maps  shapefiles  hand-drawn maps

### Summary Data:

Resources within project area: 27	P-55-000110, 154, 609, 4140, 4742, 5093, 5094, 5096, 5298, 5303, 5320, 5382, 5383, 5401, 5404, 5428, 6354, 7726, 6492, 6975, 6985, 7289, 7432, 7727, 7748, 9290
Resources within 1/4 mi radius: 25	P-55-000110 (additional segments), 155, 572, 718, 720, 721, 1042, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2372, 2569, 4934, 4935, 5385, 5387, 5421, 6502, 6730, 6731, 6732, 7294, 7725, 8167, 9421
Reports within project area: 22	TO-01158, 1841, 2225, 3733, 4075, 4259, 4529, 4583, 4712, 5498, 5501, 5505, 5644, 5645, 5983, 6044, 6218, 6663, 7778, 8207, 8323, 8386
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- Resource Database Printout (list):**  enclosed  not requested  nothing listed
- Resource Database Printout (details):**  enclosed  not requested  nothing listed
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- Resource Record Copies:**  enclosed  not requested  nothing listed  
Not included to reduce costs
- Report Copies:**  enclosed  not requested  nothing listed
- OHP Historic Properties Directory:**  enclosed  not requested  nothing listed  
See listings for Big Oak Flat and Groveland (not all of these historic properties are plotted)
- Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility:**  enclosed  not requested  nothing listed  
See note regarding P-55-000110
- CA Inventory of Historic Resources (1976):**  enclosed  not requested  nothing listed
- Caltrans Bridge Survey:**  enclosed  not requested  nothing listed
- Ethnographic Information:**  enclosed  not requested  nothing listed
- Historical Literature:**  enclosed  not requested  nothing listed
- Historical Maps:**  enclosed  not requested  nothing listed
- Local Inventories:**  enclosed  not requested  nothing listed
- GLO and/or Rancho Plat Maps:**  enclosed  not requested  nothing listed
- Shipwreck Inventory:**  not available at CCIC; please go to  
[http://shipwrecks.slc.ca.gov/ShipwrecksDatabase/Shipwrecks\\_Database.asp](http://shipwrecks.slc.ca.gov/ShipwrecksDatabase/Shipwrecks_Database.asp)
- Soil Survey Maps:**  not available at CCIC; please go to  
<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>

**Resources known to have value to local cultural groups:** None have been formally reported to the CCIC.

Please forward a copy of any resulting reports from this project to the office as soon as possible. Due to the sensitive nature of archaeological site location data, we ask that you do not include resource location maps and resource location descriptions in your report if the report is for public distribution. If you have any questions regarding the results presented herein, please contact the office at the phone number listed above.



The provision of CHRIS Data via this records search response does not in any way constitute public disclosure of records otherwise exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act or any other law, including, but not limited to, records related to archeological site information maintained by or on behalf of, or in the possession of, the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, State Historic Preservation Officer, Office of Historic Preservation, or the State Historical Resources Commission.

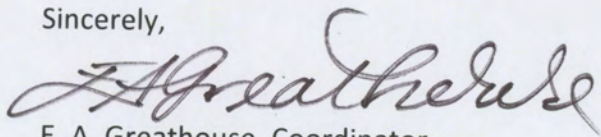
Due to processing delays and other factors, not all of the historical resource reports and resource records that have been submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation are available via this records search. Additional information may be available through the federal, state, and local agencies that produced or paid for historical resource management work in the search area. Additionally, Native American tribes have historical resource information not in the CHRIS Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

Should you require any additional information for the above referenced project, reference the record search number listed above when making inquiries. Requests made after initial invoicing will result in the preparation of a separate invoice.

Thank you for using the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS).

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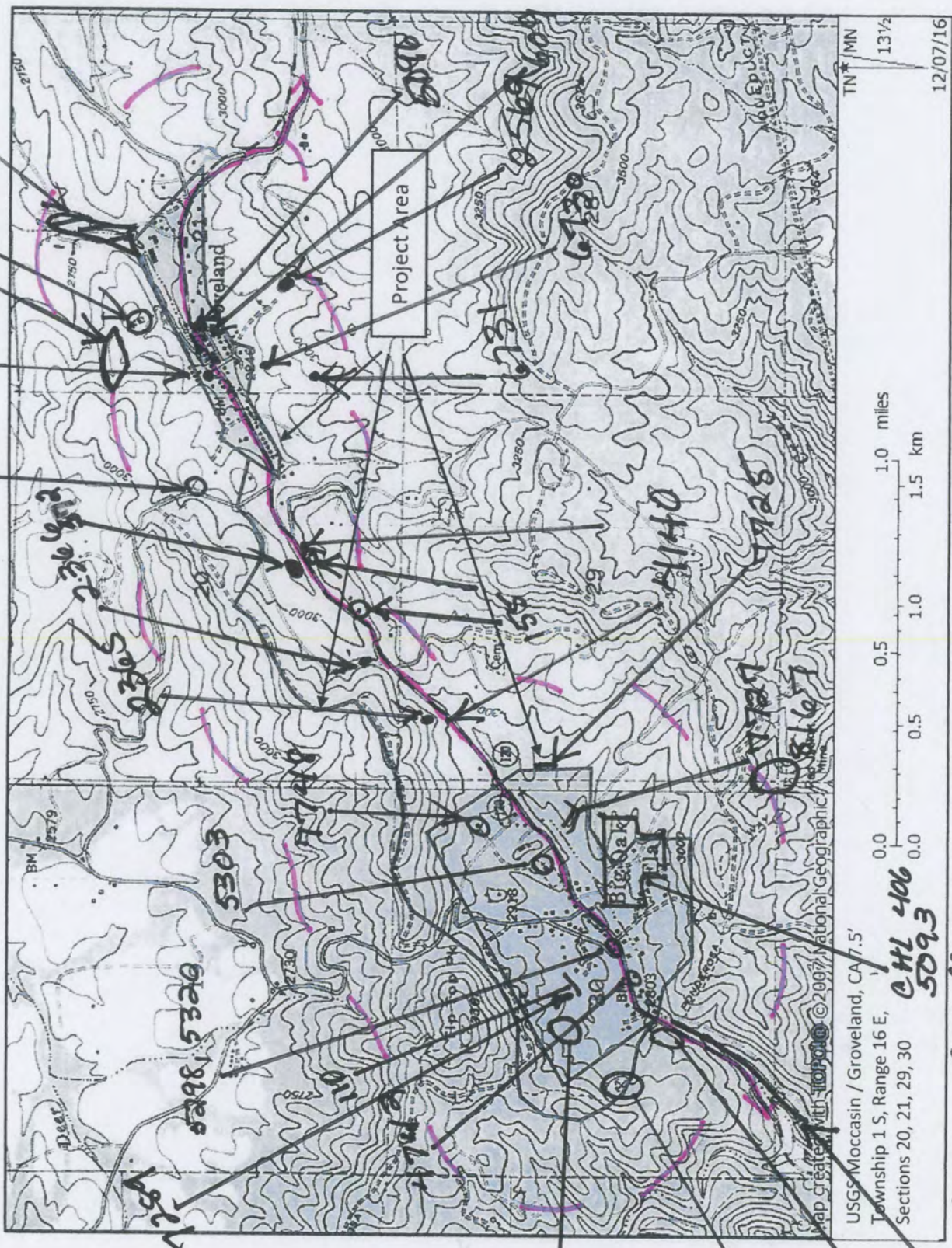
Sincerely,



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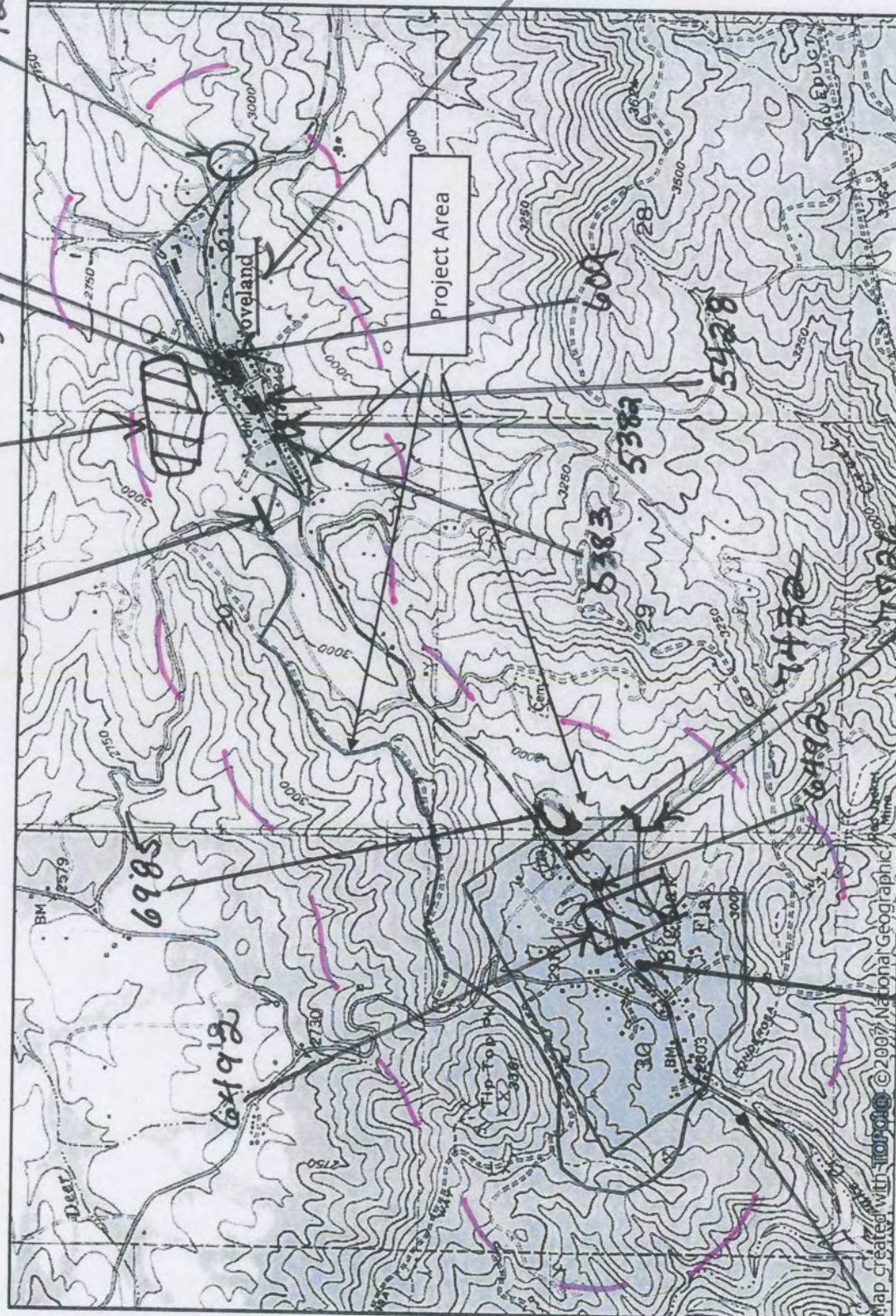
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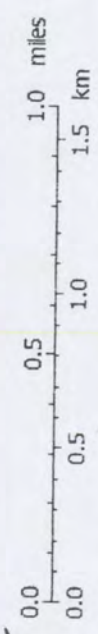
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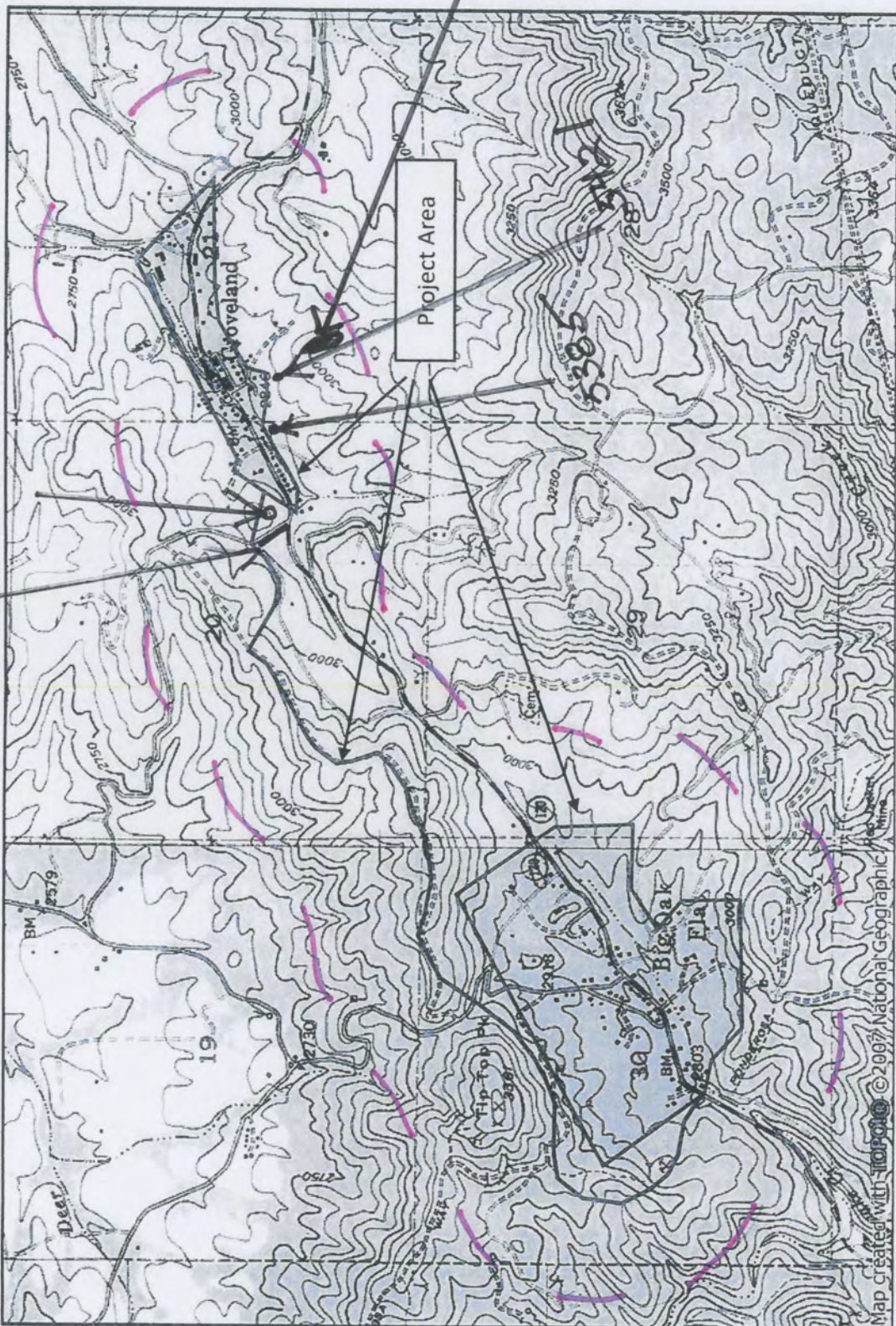
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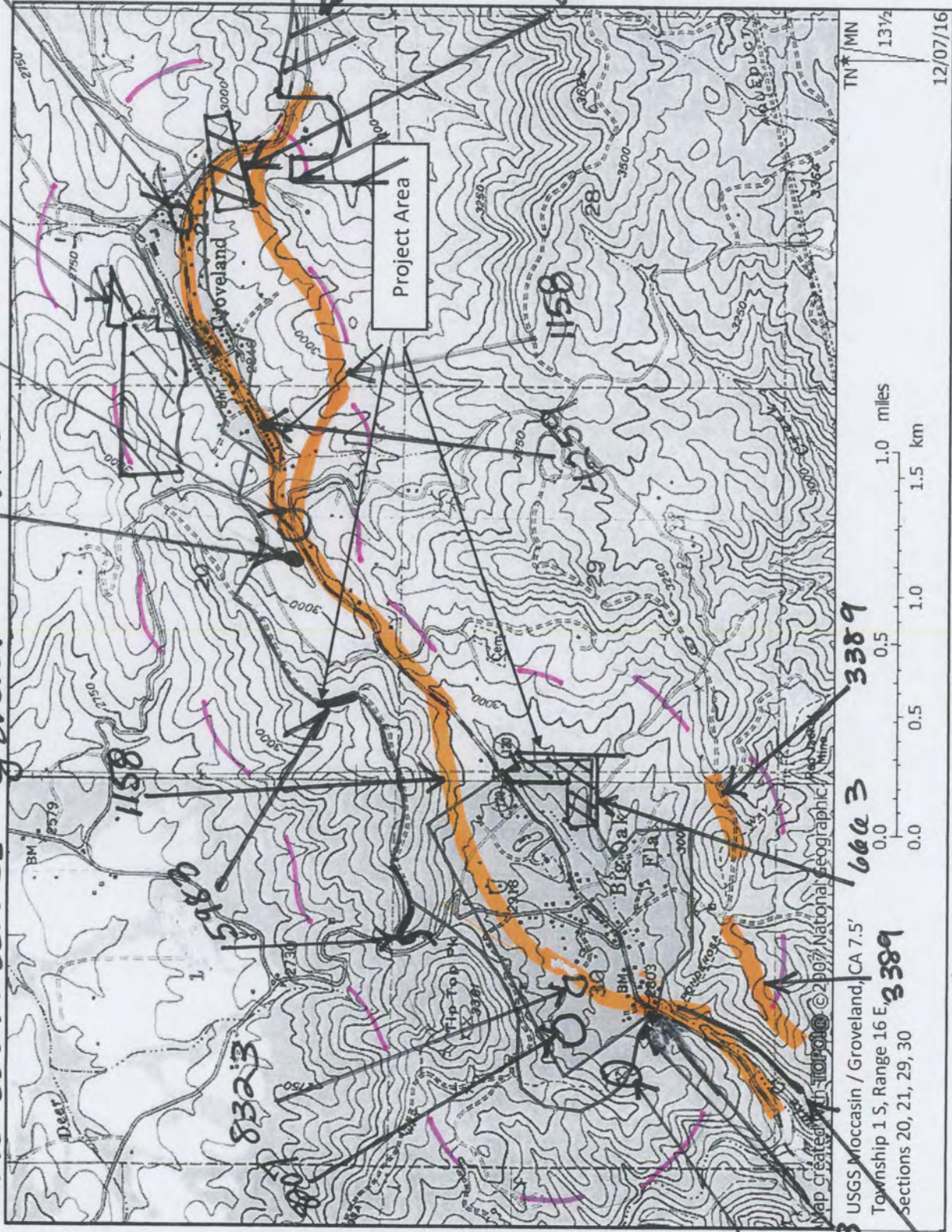
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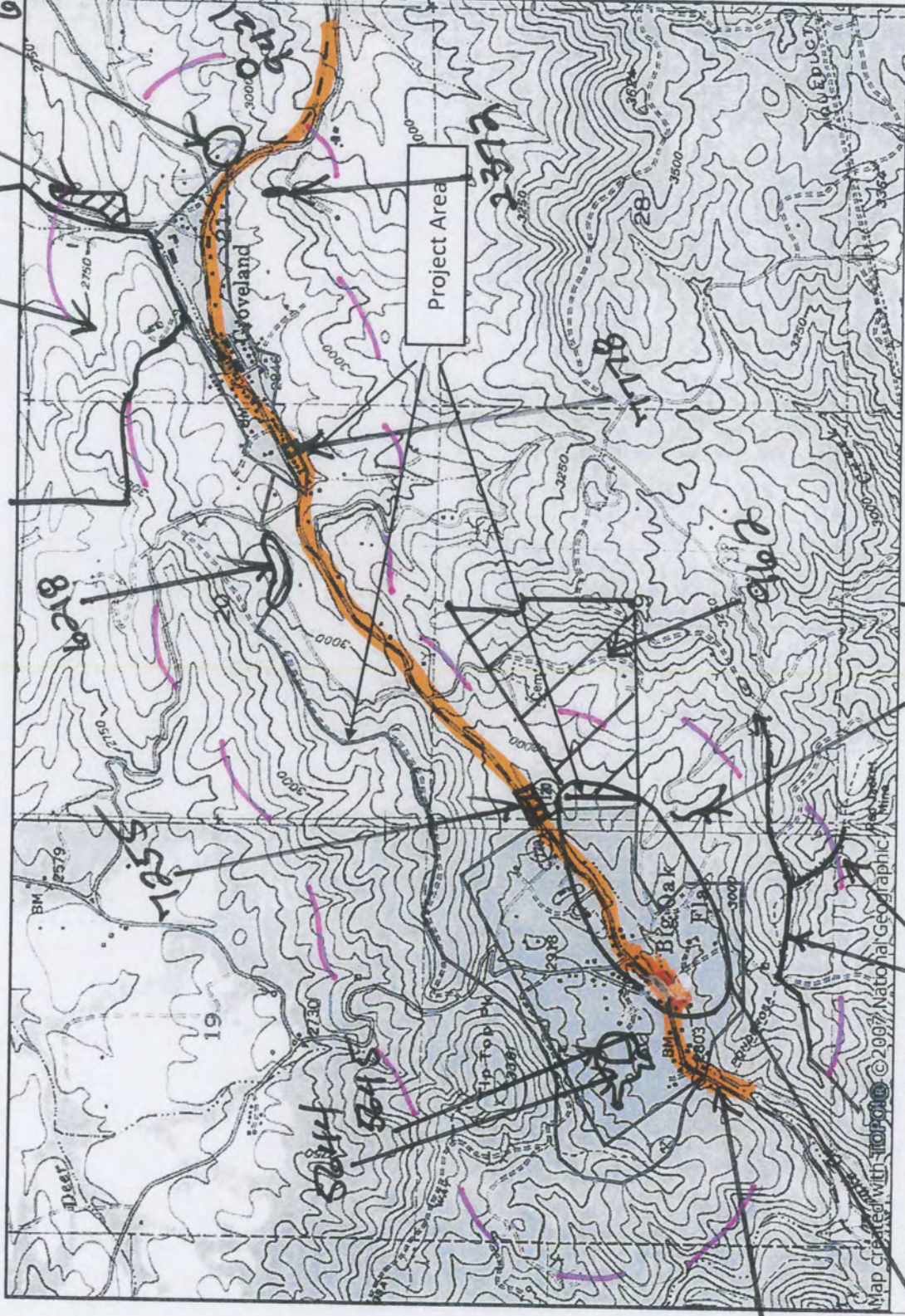
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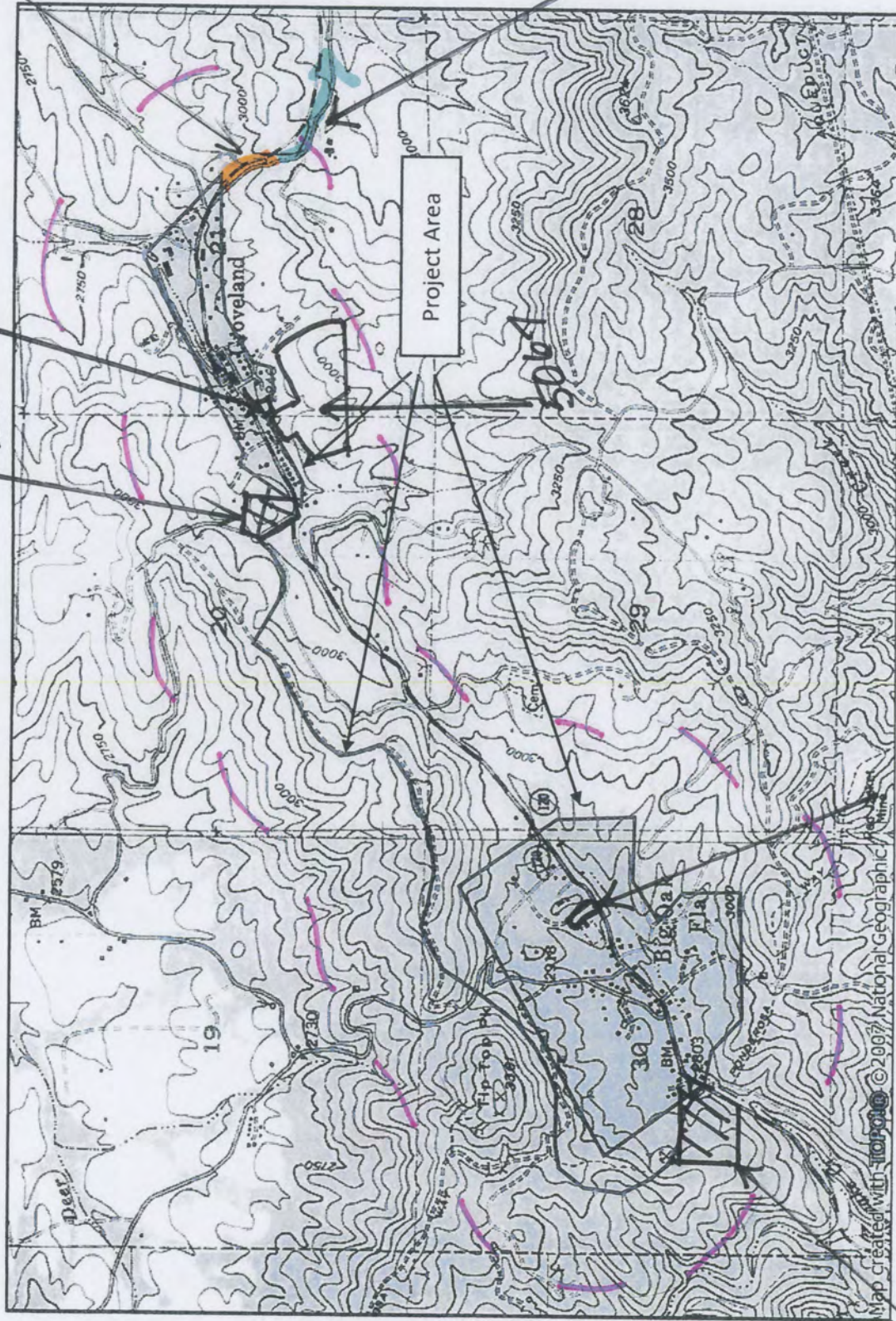
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P-55-000110	CA-TUO-002007H	Other - P-22-001161 in Mariposa Co.; Other - CA-MRP-865H in Mariposa Co.; USFS - 05-16-54-490; Resource Name - Hetch Hetchy Railroad Grade, FS # 05-16-54-490; Other - 05-16-4396/4; Other - 05-16-4396/1; Other - 05-16-4396/3; Other - 05-16-4396-7; Resource Name - BU# CA-018-TM-371; Resource Name - GSCD Historic Site No. 1; Other - 05-16-4066/01	Structure, Site	Historic	AH07 (Roads/trails/railroad grades) - Railroad grade, associated ties, plates, spikes; AH11 (Walls/fences) - Associated rock retaining walls	1991 (Napton, Greathouse, CSCS); 1992 (L. K. Napton, CSU Stanislaus, Institute for Archaeological Research); 1992 (L. K. Napton, CSU, Stanislaus Institute for Archaeological Research); 1992 (L. K. Napton, CSU, Stanislaus Institute for Archaeological Research); 1993 (Marvin, J., Foothill Resources, Ltd.); 1993 (J. Marvin, Foothill Resources, Ltd. in association with Davis-King & Associates; for Tuo. Co. Planning Dept.); 1994 (M. Thornton, M. Thornton, Historian; for Groveland Community Services District); 1995 (Francis, Sierra Heritage Services); 1996 (Ruhan, Letendre, Alvarez, SNF); 1996 (Albrecht RPF, Sierra Resource Management); 2002 (Francis, Francis Heritage Services); 2003 (J. Barnes, BLM); 2011 (Wisniewski, SNF); 2011 (Riefkohl & Brush, Stanislaus National Forest); 2012 (Grijalva, D., NRCS-USDA); 2012 (Ramirez et al., HDR Engineering Inc.); 2012 (N. Ramirez, D. Tilton et al., HDR Engineering, Inc.; for TID and MID); 2012 (Ramirez et al., HDR Engineering); 2013 (A. Estes, T. Young, Wm. Self Associates; for HHWP); 2013 (Estes and Yound, WSA); 2013 (A. Estes, T. Young, et al., Wm. Self Associates); 2014 (Francis, C., Francis Heritage, LLC);	AP-05501, CA-05498, MP-01193, MP-01385, MP-01867, MP-02448, MP-02587, MP-02808, MP-05504, MP-06589, MP-07160, MP-07165, ST-01601, TO-01108, TO-01136, TO-01193, TO-01385, TO-01425, TO-01601, TO-01867, TO-01873, TO-02268, TO-02419, TO-02448, TO-02451, TO-02587, TO-02730, TO-02808, TO-02938, TO-03241, TO-03268, TO-03334, TO-03401, TO-03420, TO-03633, TO-03728, TO-03739, TO-03749, TO-03759, TO-04035, TO-04583, TO-05107, TO-05203, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505, TO-05644, TO-05645, TO-06153, TO-06218, TO-06248, TO-06458, TO-06589, TO-06617, TO-06629, TO-06786, TO-06938, TO-07160, TO-07165, TO-07208, TO-07219, TO-07343, TO-07707, TO-07892, TO-07903, TO-07904, TO-07905, TO-07914, TO-07915,

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P-55-000154		BLM - CA-018-TM-279; Resource Name - Longfellow Mill	Site	Historic	AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings); AH11 (Walls/fences)	1899 (Marvin and Brejla, Foothill Resources. Ltd.); 1988 (Thornton, STCHS); 1993 (Marvin, Foothill Resources, Ltd.); 2011 (Barnes, BLM)	TO-02268, TO-08207
P-55-000155		Resource Name - Elias Martinez Ranch	Building, Site	Historic	HP33 (Farm/ranch)	1993 (Marvin, Foothill Resources, Ltd.)	TO-02268
P-55-000572		Resource Name - Groveland Forest Fire Station	Building	Historic	HP06 (1-3 story commercial building)	1994 (Mark V. Thornton, Historian-Consultant)	AP-05501, CA-02561, CA-05498, MP-02561, TO-02561, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505
P-55-000609		OHP Property Number - 095744; Resource Name - Watts & Tannahill Company Store; OHP PRN - 9500265-0001; OHP Property Number - 095745; OHP PRN - 95000265-0002; OHP Property Number - 056246; OHP PRN - 95000265-0002	Building	Historic	HP06 (1-3 story commercial building)	1994 (Mark Thornto, Historian Consultant)	
P-55-000718	CA-TUO-003813H	Resource Name - GCSD Historic lte No. 2, Mt. Jeff #1 (Groveland Dump)	Site	Historic	AH04 (Privies/dumps/trash scatters)	1994 (Mark V. Thornton, Historian); 1998 (Shelly Davis-King & Scott Baker)	TO-02451, TO-03514
P-55-000720	CA-TUO-003815H	Resource Name - GCSD Historic No. 4	Structure, Object, Site	Historic	AH04 (Privies/dumps/trash scatters); AH06 (Water conveyance system); AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings)	1994 (Mark V. Thorton, Historian)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-02451, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505

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P-55-000721	CA-TUO-003816H	Resource Name - GCSH Historic Site No. 5	Site	Historic	AH02 (Foundations/structure pads) - Bridge abutments / foundations; AH06 (Water conveyance system) - Water ditch; AH07 (Roads/trails/railroad grades) - Road beds; AH08 (Dams) - Stone dam; AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings) - Mine tunnels, tailings, and arrastra station	1994 (M. Thornton, M. Thornton, Historian)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-02451, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505
P-55-001042	CA-TUO-000012/H		Site	Prehistoric, Historic	AH02 (Foundations/structure pads); AH04 (Privies/dumps/trash scatters); AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings); AH11 (Walls/fences); AP02 (Lithic scatter); AP04 (Bedrock milling feature)	1982 (OCONNOR, LEVULETT); 1992 (John W. Dougherty, Archaeological Services, Inc.)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-01158, TO-01841, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505
P-55-002364	CA-TUO-001368H		Site	Historic	AH04 (Privies/dumps/trash scatters)	1982 (LEVULETT & O'Connor, California Department of Transportation)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-01158, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505
P-55-002365	CA-TUO-001369H	Resource Name - Temporary Site No. 10	Structure	Historic	AH06 (Water conveyance system); HP20 (Canal/aqueduct)	1982 (LEVULETT & O'Connor, Department of Transportation); 2003 (Larson and Hotchkiss, JRP Historical Consulting Services)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-01158, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505
P-55-002366	CA-TUO-001370H	IC Informal - Temporary Site No. 11	Site	Historic	AH06 (Water conveyance system); AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings)	1982 (LEVULETT, Caltrans/Department of Transportation)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-01158, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505

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P-55-002372	CA-TUO-001376H	Resource Name - AE-8; Other - Sonora Ditch; Other - AE-6	Site	Historic	AH06 (Water conveyance system) - Water conveyance system	1982 (CREW, HARVEY); 2004 (J. Dougherty, T. Wise-Harhorn, PAR Environmental Services, Inc.)	TO-01291, TO-05680
P-55-002569	CA-TUO-001578	USFS - 05-16-51-0398		Prehistoric	AP04 (Bedrock milling feature)	1982 (COLSTON)	TO-01008



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P-55-004140	CA-TUO-003164H	USFS - 05-16-54-0098; Resource Name - The Big Oak Flat Road; FS # 05-16-54-0098; Resource Name - The Big Oak Flat Road to Yosemite	Structure, Site	Historic	AH07 (Roads/trails/railroad grades) - Road, assoc'd bridge abutments; AH16 (Other) - Assoc'd culverts, rock walls, balasting, str. Pads; HP37 (Highway/trail) - Road	1982 (Levulett and O'Connor, Caltrans); 1992 (S. Marsh, J. Watson, B. Gutierrez, SNF/USFS); 1992 (S. Marsh, J. Watson, B. Gutierrez, SNF/USFS); 1992 (S. Marsh, E. Carson, T. Roemer, SNF/USFS); 1992 (S. Marsh, SNF/USFS); 1995 (J. Ruhan, K. Peet, SNF/USFS); 1998 (W. Dorrell, RPF working for J. Cornwell Trust); 2003 (S. Marsh, J. Ruhan, SNF/USFS); 2003 (S. Marsh, J. Ruhan, SNF/USFS); 2003 (S. Marsh, J. Ruhan, SNF/USFS); 2007 (P. Riefkohl, K. Shelnut, C. Sjostrand, SNF/USFS); 2007 (C. Sjostrand, SNF/USFS); 2007 (S. Brush, SNF/USFS); 2007 (D. Foote, SNF/USFS); 2013 (A. Estes, T. Young et al., William Self Associates, Inc. (for RMC Water and Environment, and for USFS)); 2013 (C. Francis, Francis Heritage, LLC (for Augustine Planning, Inc.)); 2014 (Lanier, A. Wingate, E., Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (Bailey, K. Boero, M., Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (Taylor, A. Wolfe, T., Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (Wingate, E. Lanier, A., Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (Taylor, A. Wolfe, T., Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (Wingate, E. Lanier, A., Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (Denham, D. Lanier, A., Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (Boero, Wolfe, Stanislaus National Forest);	MP-01867, MP-02808, MP-03381, MP-03469, MP-06622, MP-06947, TO-01158, TO-01867, TO-02808, TO-03371, TO-03381, TO-03469, TO-05095, TO-05107, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505, TO-05671, TO-06045, TO-06458, TO-06617, TO-06622, TO-06938, TO-06947, TO-07193, TO-07768, TO-07834, TO-07914, TO-07920, TO-07923, TO-08068, TO-08187, TO-08366, TO-08372, TO-08386, TO-08403

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						2014 (Wisniewski, Stanislaus National Forest); 2014 (T. Schwennesen, J. Munoz, Transcon Environmental); 2016 (Napton, Historical Resources Consultant)	
P-55-004742		Resource Name - #33 I.O.O.F. Hall; Other - Big Oak Flat; Other - Gilbert & Joseph Store	Building	Historic	HP13 (Community center/social hall)	1988 (Mark V. Thornton); 1998	
P-55-004934	CA-TUO-004178H	Resource Name - Mt. Jefferson Mine [and] Mt. Jeff #2 (Artifact Scatter)	Site	Historic	AH02 (Foundations/structure pads) - Foundations of hoist house, stamp mill, boiler etc; AH04 (Privies/dumps/trash scatters) - Refuse scatters (mining, industrial, domestic); AH07 (Roads/trails/railroad grades) - Roads; AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings) - Mine shafts, adits; AH11 (Walls/fences) - Building walls; AH16 (Other) - Chute, poss. smithy, terraces, reservoir	1998 (S. Davis-King, Davis-King & Associates, for W. De Garmo and Moro Trading Co.); 1998 (S. Davis-King, S. Baker, C. Francis, Davis-King & Associates, and Francis Heritage Services; for W. De Garmo and Moro Trading Co.); 1998 (S. Davis-King, S. Baker, Davis-King & Associates, and Francis Heritage Services; for W. De Garmo and Moro Trading Co.); 1999 (S. Davis-King, Davis-King & Associates, for W. De Garmo and Moro Trading Co.)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-03514, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505
P-55-004935		Resource Name - Mt. Jeff #4 (Placer Mining)	Site	Historic	AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings)	1998 (Davis-King, Davis-King & Associates)	TO-03514
P-55-005093		Resource Name - Big Oak Flat	Site	Historic	AH16 (Other)	1959 (Merlvin E. Khneden); 1980 (J. Arbuckle)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505
P-55-005094		Resource Name - Groveland	Structure	Historic	AH01 (Unknown) - Tablet	1980 (J. Arbuckle)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505
P-55-005096		Resource Name - Groveland Hotel	Building	Historic	HP05 (Hotel/motel)	1993 (Thornton, Tuolumne County Historical Society)	

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P-55-005298		Resource Name - Cobden House; OHP PRN - 5305-0012-0000	Building	Historic	HP02 (Single family property)	2011 (Craig Mineweaser, Mineweaser & Associates)	
P-55-005303		Resource Name - Mount Carmel Catholic Church; OHP PRN - 5305-29	Building	Historic	HP16 (Religious building)	1988 (Mark V. Thornton, STCHS)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-04529, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505
P-55-005320		Resource Name - Lean-to Stone Shed; OHP PRN - 5305-0013-0000	Building	Historic	HP04 (Ancillary building); HP06 (1-3 story commercial building)	2011 (Craig Mineweaser & Terry Brejla, Mineweaser & Associates)	
P-55-005382		Resource Name - Laveroni Barn, L-5; OHP PRN - 5321-0061-0000; OHP Property Number - 056266	Building	Historic	HP04 (Ancillary building)	1988 (Mark Thornton, STCHS); 2003 (Terry Brejla, Foothill Resources, Ltd.)	TO-05067
P-55-005383		Resource Name - Laveroni House, Laveroni Rental, L-6; OHP PRN - 5321-0062-0000; OHP Property Number - 056267	Building	Historic	HP02 (Single family property)	1988 (Mark Thornton, STCHS); 2003 (Terry Brejla, Foothill Resources, Ltd.)	TO-05067
P-55-005385		Resource Name - Laveroni House, Frank Martin's Place, L-4; OHP PRN - 5321-0060-0000; OHP Property Number - 056265	Building	Historic	HP02 (Single family property); HP06 (1-3 story commercial building)	1988 (Mark Thornton, STCHS); 2003 (Terry Brejla, Foothill Resources, Ltd.)	TO-05067
P-55-005387		OHP PRN - 5321-0008-0000; Resource Name - Gray House, Sutton House, Cobden House	Building	Historic	HP02 (Single family property)	1988 (Thornton, Tuolumne Co. Historical Society)	
P-55-005401		OHP PRN - 5321-0020-0000; Resource Name - Reboul's Trading Post, Red & White Grocery (CIHR), Tiano's Market	Building	Historic	HP06 (1-3 story commercial building)	1976 (Office of Historic Preservation); 1988 (Thornton, Tuolumne Co. Historical Society)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505
P-55-005404		OHP PRN - 5321-0021-0000; Resource Name - Charlotte Café, Gem Saloon	Building	Historic	HP06 (1-3 story commercial building)	1988 (Thornton, Tuolumne Co. Historical Society)	
P-55-005421		Resource Name - Powder House	Building	Historic	HP04 (Ancillary building); HP43 (Mine structure/building)	1988 (Mark Thornton, STCHS); 2003 (Terry Brejla, Foothill Resources, Ltd.)	TO-05067
P-55-005428		Resource Name - Bridge #32-24	Site	Historic	HP19 (Bridge)	1978 (Carroll Pursell, UCSB/California Inventory)	
P-55-006354		Resource Name - Groveland Stone Loading Ramp	Structure	Historic	AH11 (Walls/fences) - Stone walls with dirt fill used as ramp	1988 (M. Thornton, M. Thornton, Historian; for Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society)	TO-02225

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P-55-006492		Resource Name - Big Oak Flat No. 1 Lode, FT-33	Site	Historic	AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings )	2002 (Charla Meacham Francis, Francis heritage Services); 2003 (John Berg, Far Western Anthropological Research Group); 2006 (Shelly Davis-King, Davis-King & Associates)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-04529, TO-05501, TO-05505, TO-06044
P-55-006502		Resource Name - Deer Flat Road	Structure	Historic	HP37 (Highway/trail)	2002 (Charla Francis, Francis Heritage Services); 2003 (Bryan Larson, Susan Hotchkiss)	AP-05501, CA-05498, TO-04583, TO-05498, TO-05501, TO-05505
P-55-006730		Resource Name - L-1 Artifact Deposit	Site	Historic	AH04 (Privies/dumps/trash scatters) - Historic refuse / artifact deposit	2003 (L. Thorpe, Foothill Resources, Ltd.; for Mary Laveroni (property owner))	TO-05067
P-55-006731		Resource Name - L-2 Tretained Trail / Road Segment	Structure	Historic	AH07 (Roads/trails/railroad grades) - dirt road or trail; AH11 (Walls/fences) - rock retaining wall	2003 (L. Thorpe, Foothill Resources, Ltd., for Mary Laveroni (property owner))	TO-05067
P-55-006732		Resource Name - L-3 Water Conveyance and Storage System	Structure	Historic	AH06 (Water conveyance system) - Water cistern and pipe system	2003 (L. Thorpe, Foothill Resources, Ltd., for Mary Laveroni (property owner))	TO-05067
P-55-006975		Resource Name - FT-34	Other	Historic	AH02 (Foundations/structure pads)	2003 (John Berg, Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc.)	TO-06044
P-55-006985		Resource Name - FT-35	Site	Historic	AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings )	2003 (John Berg et al, Far Western Anthropolgoical Research Group, Inc.); 2008 (M. Millett, PAR Environmental Services); 2008 (Roger Werner)	TO-06663, TO-07255
P-55-007289	CA-TUO-004770H	BLM - CA-018-TM-270	Site	Historic	AH04 (Privies/dumps/trash scatters)	2003 (James Barnes, BLM)	TO-05644, TO-05645



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P-55-007294	CA-TUO-004771H	BLM - CA-018-TM-278; Resource Name - Sampson Mine	Site	Historic	AH02 (Foundations/structure pads) - foundations, two ruined buildings; AH04 (Privies/dumps/trash scatters) - Refuse scatter; AH07 (Roads/trails/railroad grades) - roads; AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings ) - adit, prospects, waste rock; AH11 (Walls/fences) - barbed wire fence	2003 (J. Barnes and S. Kadle, BLM Folsom Field Office, for BLM, USDI); 2016 (Napton, Historical Resources Consultant)	TO-05662, TO-06505, TO-08387, TO-08403
P-55-007432		Resource Name - SBC Pole 441cTrash Scatter	Site	Historic	AH04 (Privies/dumps/trash scatters)	2006 (Shelly Davis-King, Davis-King & Associates)	TO-06044
P-55-007725		Resource Name - S-7028-BO2	Site	Historic	AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings )	2008 (John Dougherty & Marshall Millet, PAR Environmental Services)	TO-06663
P-55-007726		Resource Name - S-7028-O3	Site	Historic	AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings )	2008 (Dougherty & Millet, PAR Environmental Services)	TO-06663
P-55-007727		Resource Name - S-7028-BO4	Site	Historic	AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings )	2008 (John Dougherty, Marshall Millett, PAR Environmental Services)	TO-06663
P-55-007748		Resource Name - Picklum Residence	Building	Historic	HP02 (Single family property); HP33 (Farm/ranch)	2008 (Judith Marvin, Foothill Resources, Ltd.)	
P-55-008167		BLM - CA-018-TM-370	Site	Historic	AH02 (Foundations/structure pads); AH04 (Privies/dumps/trash scatters); AH07 (Roads/trails/railroad grades); AH08 (Dams); AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings )	2000 (James Barnes, BLM)	MP-07343, TO-07343

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P-55-009290		BLM - CA-018-TM-375	Site	Historic	AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings )	2010 (Barnes, BLM)	TO-08207
P-55-009421		Resource Name - Mining Area Between Two BLM Parcels	Site	Historic	AH09 (Mines/quarries/tailings )	2016 (Napton and Greathouse, Consultants)	

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TO-00962	NADB-R - 1361800	1986	Balen, B.	A Cultural Resource Survey Report for Yosemite Way Station 80 Acres in Big Oak Flat, Tuolumne County, California	Barbara Balen	55-002739
TO-01158	NADB-R - 1362599	1983	Levulett, V. A.	Archaeological Survey Report for the Proposed Groveland Bypass Project, Tuolumne County 10-TUO-120 P.M. 29.3/33.3 10203-031281. See also HRER TO-01158A and HAS TO-01158B	Caltrans District 10	55-001040, 55-001042, 55-002357, 55-002358, 55-002359, 55-002361, 55-002362, 55-002363, 55-002364, 55-002365, 55-002366, 55-002367, 55-002368, 55-002369, 55-002370, 55-004140
TO-01158A		1983	O'Connor, D. and M. V. Speer	Historical Resource Evaluation Report for Groveland Bypas, 10-TUO-120 P.M. 29.33/R33.3; 10203-031281	California Department of Transportation	
TO-01158B		1982	Snyder, J. W.	An Historic Architectural Survey of Groveland Bypass on 10-TUO-120, P.M. 29.3/R33.3; 14 buildings records attached; no maps attached showing location of buildings; one building is the former mill associated with the Sampson Mine, P-55-007294 on BLM property	California Department of Transportation	
TO-01161	NADB-R - 1362786	1981	Littlefield, R.	Second Addendum Archaeological Survey Report for the Proposed Highway Reconstruction from P.M. 32.8 to 35.6, Tuolumne County, California. 10-TUO-120 P.M. 32.8/35.6.	Caltrans District 10	
TO-01173	NADB-R - 1362995	1977	Meacham, Charla M.	An Archaeological Survey of a Proposed Highway Project, Tuolumne County, California (10-Tuo-120 P.M. R33.4/R35.6).	Caltrans District 10	55-001697, 55-001698
TO-01841	NADB-R - 1360477	1992	Dougherty, J. W.	An Archaeological Survey of Parcel APN 7-201-05, The Ludwig Project, Big Oak Flat, Tuolumne County, California.	Archaeological Services, Inc.	55-001042
TO-02225	NADB-R - 1362045	1988	Thornton, M. V.	Big Oak Flat - Groveland, Historic Sites Survey, 1988.	M. Thornton, for Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society	55-006354
TO-02451	NADB-R - 1361231	1994	Thornton, M. V.	A Cultural Resources Survey and Assessment of the Groveland Community Services District Properties.	Mark V. Thornton, for Groveland Community Services District	55-000110, 55-000718, 55-000719, 55-000720, 55-000721, 55-000722, 55-000723, 55-000950, 55-002367, 55-002368
TO-02561	NADB-R - 1366172	1994	Thornton, Mark V.	A Survey and Historic Significance Evaluation of the CDF Building Inventory. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Archaeology Reports No. 12	CSU Fresno	05-000248, 05-000249, 05-000250, 22-000238, 55-000571, 55-000572, 55-000573

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TO-03389	NADB-R - 1362553	1998	Decker, D.	U. S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management, Cultural Resource Inventory Report; Report Number: CA-018-S-TM-98/08.	D. Decker	
TO-03541	NADB-R - 1363116	1999	Marsh, Steve	Stanislaus National Forest, Heritage Resources, 1996 Sierra Nevada Programmatic Agreement Project Certification, Project Name: 1999 Frasier Planting.	Marsh, Steve	
TO-03733	NADB-R - 1362945	1992	Byars, M. A. and J. W. Dougherty	An Archaeological Study of Two Parcels (APN 7-201-03 AND 7-201-01) of the Three Parcel Ludwig Project, in Big Oak Flat, Tuolumne County, California.	Archaeological Services, Inc.	
TO-04075	NADB-R - 1363668	2000	Keefe, T.	Department of Transportation Negative Archaeological Survey Report, 10-TUO-120, P.M. 32.6, C.U. 171, EA 10-0E1101.	Caltrans District 10	
TO-04124	NADB-R - 1363859	2000	Tate, Tim (RPF)	Confidential Archaeological Addendum for Timber Operations on Non-Federal Lands in California; Project: S & L THP, #4-00-72/TUO-7.	Blue Mountain Resources, Inc.; for CDF	55-002739, 55-006138
TO-04228	NADB-R - 1364123	2001	Hibbard, C.	Negative Archaeological Survey Report 10-TUO-120 PM 31.5, 10-170 EA 5C1000, Cut Back a Bank on Route 120 at PM 31.5 Between Big Oak Flat and Groveland, Tuolumne County, California.	C. Hibbard	
TO-04259	NADB-R - 1364169	2001	Francis, Charla M.	Department of Transportation Negative Archaeological Survey Report, 10-TUO-120, P.M. 31.7.	Francis Heritage Services, Sonora, California	
TO-04529	NADB-R - 1364446	2002	Francis, C. M.	Cultural Resource Survey, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Big Oak Flat, California.	C. M. Francis	55-005303, 55-006492
TO-04583	NADB-R - 1364498	2002	Francis, Charla	Cultural Resources Survey, APN 07-060-08 & -09, & APN 66-070-05: Colored Cemetery Parcel, Groveland, Tuolumne County, California.	Francis Heritage Services	55-000110, 55-005357, 55-006502
TO-04712	NADB-R - 1364629	2002	Francis, C. M.	Department of Transportation Negative Archaeological Survey Report, 10-TUO-120, P.M. 32.15 (Groveland Pharmacy Encroachment Permit, APN 7-070-04).	Francis Heritage Services; for Caltrans District 10	



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TO-05067	NADB-R - 1364961	2003	Thorpe, L., T. Brejla, and J. Costello	Cultural Resources Survey of a 25.38-Acre Parcel of Land Owned by Mary Laveroni, Groveland, Tuolumne County, California (APN 007-010-11).	Foothill Resources, Ltd.; for Mary Laveroni and Mary Louzader (property owners)	55-005382, 55-005383, 55-005385, 55-005421, 55-006730, 55-006731, 55-006732
TO-05498	NADB-R - 1366181	2004	Leach-Palm, L., P. Mikkelsen, J. King, J. Hatch, and B. Larson	Cultural Resource Inventory of Caltrans District 10 Rural Conventional Highways; Volume I: Summary of Methods and Findings.	Far Western Anthropological Research Group Inc. (and) JRP Historical Consulting Services; prepared for Caltrans District 10	55-000006, 55-000019, 55-000024, 55-000025, 55-000027, 55-000028, 55-000029, 55-000054, 55-000058, 55-000104, 55-000110, 55-000149, 55-000183, 55-000347, 55-000378, 55-000572, 55-000577, 55-000586, 55-000587, 55-000588, 55-000687, 55-000720, 55-000721, 55-000724, 55-000786, 55-000787, 55-000918, 55-000919, 55-000922, 55-000942, 55-000943, 55-000947, 55-001031, 55-001042, 55-001090, 55-001630, 55-001697, 55-001963, 55-002345, 55-002364, 55-002365, 55-002366, 55-002367, 55-002368, 55-002370, 55-002557, 55-002603, 55-002605, 55-002643, 55-002724, 55-002739, 55-002746, 55-003159, 55-003323, 55-003324, 55-003327, 55-003543, 55-003544, 55-003545, 55-003625, 55-003703, 55-003723, 55-003725, 55-003726, 55-003727, 55-003776, 55-003782, 55-004047, 55-004048, 55-004140, 55-004144, 55-004150, 55-004153, 55-004156, 55-004250, 55-004340, 55-004346, 55-004350, 55-004351, 55-004376, 55-004503, 55-004692, 55-004700, 55-004934, 55-005093, 55-005094, 55-005240, 55-005292, 55-005293, 55-005303, 55-005357, 55-005401, 55-005547, 55-006022, 55-006023, 55-006138, 55-006186, 55-006268, 55-006319, 55-006502, 55-006736, 55-006850, 55-006859, 55-006925, 55-006935, 55-006945, 55-006983, 55-006989

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TO-05501	NADB-R - 1366197	2004	Rosenthal, J. S. and J. Meyer	Cultural Resources Inventory of Caltrans District 10 Rural Conventional Highways; Volume III: Geoarchaeological Study.	Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc. (and) Sonoma State University; prepared for Caltrans District 10	55-000006, 55-000019, 55-000024, 55-000025, 55-000027, 55-000028, 55-000029, 55-000054, 55-000058, 55-000104, 55-000110, 55-000149, 55-000183, 55-000347, 55-000378, 55-000572, 55-000577, 55-000586, 55-000587, 55-000588, 55-000687, 55-000720, 55-000721, 55-000724, 55-000786, 55-000787, 55-000918, 55-000919, 55-000922, 55-000942, 55-000943, 55-000947, 55-001031, 55-001042, 55-001090, 55-001630, 55-001697, 55-001963, 55-002345, 55-002364, 55-002365, 55-002366, 55-002367, 55-002368, 55-002370, 55-002557, 55-002603, 55-002605, 55-002643, 55-002724, 55-002739, 55-002746, 55-003159, 55-003323, 55-003324, 55-003327, 55-003543, 55-003544, 55-003545, 55-003625, 55-003703, 55-003723, 55-003725, 55-003726, 55-003727, 55-003776, 55-003782, 55-004047, 55-004048, 55-004140, 55-004144, 55-004150, 55-004153, 55-004156, 55-004250, 55-004340, 55-004346, 55-004350, 55-004351, 55-004376, 55-004503, 55-004700, 55-004934, 55-005093, 55-005094, 55-005240, 55-005292, 55-005293, 55-005303, 55-005338, 55-005339, 55-005340, 55-005341, 55-005342, 55-005343, 55-005344, 55-005345, 55-005346, 55-005347, 55-005348, 55-005349, 55-005350, 55-005351, 55-005352, 55-005353, 55-005357, 55-005401, 55-005547, 55-006022, 55-006023, 55-006138, 55-006186, 55-006268, 55-006319, 55-006492, 55-006502, 55-006736, 55-006850, 55-006859, 55-006925, 55-006935, 55-006945, 55-006983, 55-006989

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TO-05644	NADB-R - 1365515	2003	Barnes, J.	Cultural Resource Inventory Report, Culvert Repair at Big Oak Flat Little League Field, CA-018-S-TM-04/01.	Barnes	55-000110, 55-007289

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TO-05662	NADB-R - 1365544	2004	Barnes, J.	Cultural Resource Inventory Report, Sanders AML Cleanup, CA-018-S-TM-04/17.	Bureau of Land Management Folsom Field Office; for BLM, USDI	55-007294
TO-05663	NADB-R - 1365545	2004	Barnes, J.	Letter: Section 106 Review for the Wagner Fuel Break, Tuolumne County (Case # CA-018-S-TM-04/09).	Bureau of Land Management Folsom Field Office	
TO-05829	NADB-R - 1365698	2005	Manich, L. (RPF)	An Archaeological Survey Report for the R. Crook THP, Tuolumne County, California.	California Reforestation, Incorporated	55-007379
TO-05983	NADB-R - 1365797	2005	Decker, D.	Cultural Resources Inventory Report CA-018-S-TM-05/02 Folsom Reimers/ Penning Access Road R/W CA 46888	Dean Decker	
TO-06044	NADB-R - 1365821	2006	Davis-King, S.	Pole and Guy Replacements (SBC Pacific Bell), Encroachment Permit 1005-6UC-0680 State Route 120 Near Big Oak Flat, Tuolumne County, California	Davis-King and Assc	55-006492, 55-006975, 55-007432
TO-06218	NADB-R - 1366294	2006	Decker, D.	2006 USDI/BLM Cultural Resources Inventory Report, Crook Access Road R/W	D. Decker	55-000110
TO-06505	NADB-R - 1366744	2007	Barnes, J.	Cultural Resource Inventory Report U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Folsom Field Office, Sampson Mine AMC Physical Hazard Abatement Project, Case # CA-018-S-TM-07/08.	Bureau of Land Management Folsom Field Office, for BLM, USDI	55-007294
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TO-06548	NADB-R - 1366778	2008	Napton, L. K. and E. A. Greathouse	Archaeological Investigations of the CAL FIRE Highway 120 Fuel Break Project, Tuolumne County, California.	CSU Stanislaus, Department of Anthropology; for CAL FIRE	55-001697, 55-001698, 55-006734, 55-006945
TO-06663	NADB-R - 1366885	2008	Nolte, M., M. Millett, and M. Maniery	Cultural Resources Inventory, Big Oak Flat Village Project, Tuolumne County, California	PAR Environmental Services, Inc.	55-006985, 55-007725, 55-007726, 55-007727
TO-07255	NADB-R - 1367583	2008	Werner, R. H.	Cultural Resources Investigation for a Proposed Lot Line Adjustment on State Route 120, Near Big Oak Flat, Tuolumne County, California (and) Letter Report Re: Yosemite Gateway Cultural Resources Study Addendum.	ASI Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management	55-006985

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TO-07778		2013	Francis, C. M.	Cultural Resources Survey Michaud Project in Groveland Tuolumne County, California	Francis Heritage, LLC	55-005376, 55-005377, 55-005378
TO-07892		2014	Francis, C. and Judith Marvin	AT&T Fiber Optic Project, Big Oak Flat, Tuolumne County, California.	Francis Heritage Services and Foothill Resources Ltd.	55-000110, 55-002739
TO-08207	BLM - CA-018-S-TM-11/03	2011	Barnes, J.	CRIR USDI BLM AML Physical Hazard Abatement Projects (Puff Closures, Bat Culverts, and Heavy Equipment Work), Tuolumne County, CA	BLM	55-000154, 55-007977, 55-009290, 55-009291, 55-009292, 55-009293, 55-009294, 55-009295, 55-009296, 55-009297
TO-08314		2011	Barnes, J.	USDI BLM Cultural Resource Inventory Report Chacona ROW (Case # CA-018-S-TM-12/01)	Bureau of Land Management- Mother Lode Field Office	
TO-08323		2013	Barnes, J.	Cultural Resource Inventory Report U.S.D.I. B.L.M. Removal of Contaminated Soils near the Longfellow Mill (CA-018-S-TM-13/03)	Bureau of Land Management- Mother Lode Field Office	55-000110, 55-002739
TO-08326	BLM - CA-018-S-TM-4/02	2014	Francis,C. and Marvin, J.	Cultural Resource Inventory Report U.S.D.I. B.L.M. Fiber Optic Project, Big Oak Flat, Tuolumne County, California CA-018-S-TM-4/02	AT & T California	55-000110
TO-08386	Agency Nbr - HAER No. CA-147	1991	Quin, R. H.	Big Oak Flat Road HAER No. CA-147, Yosemite National Park Roads and Bridges, Between Big Oak Flat Entrance and Merced River, Yosemite National Park, Mariposa County, CA (Note: Big Oak Flat Road originates in Tuolumne County)	USDI National Park Service	55-004140
TO-08387	BLM - EA CA-180-56	2008	Barnes, J., Cranston, P., and Franklin, A.	USDI BLM EA Number: CA-180-08-56: Glencoe and Groveland Abandoned Mine Lands Hazards Abatement, Sections 19, 20 and 30, T6N R13E, MDM, Calaveras County; Section 21, T1S R16E, MDM, Tuolumne County	Bureau of Land Management	55-007294
TO-08403	BLM - Hwy 120 SRA Grant BLM Parcels	2016	Napton, L. K.	Cultural Resources Inventory Report, Highway 120 SRA Grant Project, Two Bureau of Land Management Parcels, 25 Total Acres, Near Groveland, Tuolumne County, California	Historical Resources Consultant for Pine Mtn Lake Association/BLM/CAL FIRE	55-002370, 55-004140, 55-007294



**ATTACHMENT B**  
**NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION**

# Sacred Lands File & Native American Contacts List Request

## Native American Heritage Commission

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*Information Below is Required for a Sacred Lands File Search*

**Project:** Groveland Community Services District, Proposed Water System Improvements

**County:** Tuolumne

**USGS Quadrangle Name:** Moccason, CA / Groveland, CA

**Township:** 1S      **Range:** 16E      **Section(s):** 20, 21, 23, 27, 29, 30

**Company/Firm/Agency:** Sierra Valley Cultural Planning

**Street Address:** 40854 Oak Ridge Drive

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### Project Description:

The project area is located within the communities of Groveland, Big Oak Flat and White Gulch/ Pine Mountain Lake, in Tuolumne County, California. The proposed water distribution project will involve the installation of new 6 to 8 inch diameter PVC water lines at a depth of 36 to 48 inches below the surface. In addition, 1 to 1 ¼ inch diameter lateral service lines will be installed. A majority of the proposed pipeline routes are along existing pipe and sewer lines. Existing asbestos-cement/transite water lines will be abandoned and left in situ.

**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION**

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June 29, 2018

Kristina Roper  
Sierra Valley Cultural Planning

Sent by Email: Kristina.roper@dot.ca.gov  
Number of Pages: 2

RE: Groveland CSD Water System Improvements, Tuolumne County

Dear Ms. Roper:

A record search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) *Sacred Lands File* was completed for the area of potential project effect (APE) referenced above with negative results. **Please note that the absence of specific site information in the *Sacred Lands File* does not indicate the absence of Native American cultural resources in any APE.**

I suggest you contact all of those listed, if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. The list should provide a starting place to locate areas of potential adverse impact within the APE. **By contacting all those on the list, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult.** If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the NAHC requests that you follow-up with a telephone call to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from any of these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact via email: Sharaya.Souza@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sharaya Souza".

Sharaya Souza  
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This list is current only as of the date of this document and is based on the information available to the Commission on the date it was produced.

Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resource Code, or Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native American Tribes for the proposed:  
Groveland CSD Water System Improvements, Tuolumne County.

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

11 August 2018

Darrel Cruz, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California  
919 Highway 395 South  
Gardnerville, NV 89410

Subject: Notification of the Proposed Groveland Community Services District Water System Improvements, Groveland/ Big Oak Flat/White Gulch Lake, Tuolumne County, California

Dear Mr. Cruz:

The Groveland Community Services District proposes to improve water distribution within the communities of Groveland, Big Oak Flat, and White Gulch in Tuolumne County. The Area of Potential Effects (APE) is depicted on the Moccasin and Groveland 7.5' United States Geographical Survey (USGS) topographic quadrangles within Sections 20, 21, 23, 27, 29 and 30, Township 1S, Range 16E. Aerial views of the proposed project are included (Figures 1-3).

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The Groveland Community Services District is seeking State Revolving Funds (SRF) from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to assist in financing the Project. The State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance, administers the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program pursuant to 40 CFR Part 35. The SRF Program is partially funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Issuance of SRF funds by the State Water Board is considered equivalent to a federal undertaking, thereby necessitating compliance with Section 106. The USEPA has delegated lead agency responsibility to the State Water Board for carrying out the requirements of Section 106.

In anticipation of potentially receiving SRF funds, and as part of the environmental compliance for the project, your tribe has been identified as one that might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the APE. We are seeking your assistance with the identification of sites of religious and cultural significance. Your participation in the early identification of cultural resources will ensure their



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Respectfully

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Principal Archaeologist / Owner

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Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians  
P.O. Box 699  
Tuolumne, CA 95379

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Preliminary Engineering Report