

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: County Clerk County of Riverside 2724 Gateway Drive Riverside, CA 92507	FROM: City of Riverside Public Works Department 3900 Main Street, 4th Floor Riverside, CA 92522 Contact: Thuy Nguyen Principal Engineer Phone: (951) 826-5706
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TO: Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: Lead Agency (same as above)
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (If submitted to SCH): 2020019014
Project Title: Van Buren Boulevard Sewer Installation Project
Project Applicant: City of Riverside Public Works Department
Specific Project Location – Identify street address and cross street or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 ½' topographical map identified by quadrangle name): The sewer and force main pipelines are located within Van Buren Boulevard (from King Street to Wood Road) and within Washington Street (from Van Buren Boulevard to Krameria Avenue). The Krameria Lift Station is located on a parcel northeasterly of the intersection of Washington Street and Krameria Avenue. The Wood Road Lift Station is located at 7802 Wood Road, and the MLK1 Lift Station is located at 18601 Van Buren Boulevard. All Project facilities are located in the City of Riverside and nearby unincorporated areas in Riverside County, California.
General Project Location (City and/or County): City of Riverside and nearby unincorporated areas
Project Description: The Van Buren Boulevard Sewer Installation Project (the Project) consists of construction and operation of facilities (sewer pipeline, Krameria sewage lift station, and force main) to provide sewer service to properties along Van Buren Boulevard and to a proposed residential development located north of Van Buren Boulevard, on property northwesterly of the intersection of Iris Avenue and Chicago Avenue. The Project also includes construction of an emergency storage tank at the City's existing Wood Road Lift Station, as well as demolition and removal of the City's existing MLK1 Lift Station. The Project is described in additional detail in the Initial Study, a copy of which is available for review at the location described below.
Identify the person or entity undertaking the project, including any private applicant, any other person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the project, and any person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the project.

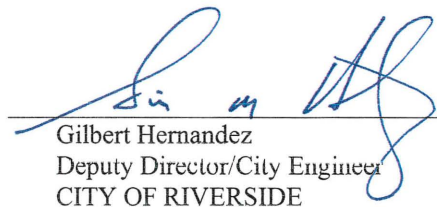
This is to advise that the (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on March 3, 2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. <input type="checkbox"/>	The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The project will NOT have a significant effect on the environment

2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitigation measures were NOT made a condition of the approval of the project.
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plan was adopted for this project.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plan was NOT adopted for this project.
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Statement of Overriding Considerations was NOT adopted for this project
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Findings were NOT made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
This is to certify that the Final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to General Public at:		
Custodian: City of Riverside Public Works Department		Location: Van Buren Boulevard Sewer Installation Project

Date: MARCH 10, 2020

Signature: _____


 Gilbert Hernandez
 Deputy Director/City Engineer
 CITY OF RIVERSIDE

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

Governor's Office of Planning & Research


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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

1. Name or description of project:	The Van Buren Boulevard Sewer Installation Project (the Project) consists of construction and operation of facilities (sewer pipeline, Krameria sewage lift station, and force main) to provide sewer service to properties along Van Buren Boulevard and to a proposed residential development located north of Van Buren Boulevard, on property northwesterly of the intersection of Iris Avenue and Chicago Avenue. The Project also includes construction of an emergency storage tank at the City's existing Wood Road Lift Station, as well as demolition and removal of the City's existing MLK1 Lift Station. The Project is described in additional detail in the Initial Study, a copy of which is available for review at the location described below.
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3. Entity or Person undertaking project:	City of Riverside Public Works Department
<p>The Lead Agency, having reviewed the Initial Study of this proposed project, having reviewed the written comments received prior to the public meeting of the Lead Agency, and having reviewed the recommendation of the Lead Agency's Staff, does hereby find and declare that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A brief statement of the reasons supporting the Lead Agency's findings are as follows:</p> <p>Construction and operation of the Project will not result in significant adverse impacts upon any threatened or endangered species of plants or animals, nor will it result in damage to or destruction of any significant examples of California history or prehistory. Potential impacts to threatened or endangered species and their habitat, historical/archaeological resources, and tribal cultural resources will be prevented by adhering to the terms of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (see Exhibit A, attached, which is incorporated herein by reference) during construction of the Project.</p> <p>The Lead Agency hereby finds that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects its independent judgment. A copy of the Initial Study may be viewed at the offices of City of Riverside Public Works Department at the address listed below, and is available for viewing online by visiting www.riversideca.gov/ceqa and scrolling to "Public Works Department Documents".</p> <p>The location and custodian of the documents and any other material which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the Lead Agency based its decision to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration are as follows:</p> <p>City of Riverside Public Works Department 3900 Main Street, 4th Floor Riverside, CA 92522 (951) 826-5311</p>	

Date Received
for Filing: _____



Staff



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EXHIBIT A

**CITY OF RIVERSIDE
VAN BUREN BOULEVARD SEWER INSTALLATION PROJECT
MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM (MMRP)**

Project Component	No.	Task and Description	Responsible Party for Monitoring	Completed		Remarks
				Initials	Date	
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES						
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sewer and Force Main PipelinesKrameria LSWood Road LS	BIO-1	<p><u>Burrowing Owl</u>: Focused burrow and burrowing owl surveys will be conducted along the Sewer and Force Main Pipelines alignment, at the Krameria LS site, and at the Wood Road LS site. The focused burrow surveys will be performed in accordance with the Burrowing Owl Survey Instructions for the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Conservation Area, 2006 (Burrowing Owl Survey Instructions) and will be conducted at all areas shown on as having suitable habitat for burrowing owl, as depicted on Figure 6 (copy attached) from the Biological Resources Assessment (LSA, 2019).</p> <p>Whether or not burrows or owls are found during the focused surveys, preconstruction surveys will be conducted at each of the three sites listed above within 30 days of construction.</p> <p>If burrowing owls are found at any of the Project sites during any of the surveys, then the City will consult with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to determine the appropriate actions prior to proceeding with construction on the site that contains or is in the vicinity of burrowing owls.</p>				

**Van Buren Boulevard Sewer Installation Project
Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program**



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sewer and Force Main Pipelines Wood Road LS 	BIO-2	<p><u>Least Bell's Vireo</u>: In Project areas adjacent to riparian habitat, as depicted on Figure 4 (copy attached) from the Biological Resources Assessment Report (LSA, 2019), if construction will occur during the least Bell's vireo breeding season of March 15 through September 1, a preconstruction survey for least Bell's vireo will be conducted prior to any vegetation clearing or ground-disturbing activities within riparian habitats adjacent to the Project site (i.e., along the Sewer and Force Main Pipelines alignment along Van Buren Boulevard and to the north of the Wood Road LS site).</p> <p>If the least Bell's vireo preconstruction survey determines that least Bell's vireo are not present on or in the vicinity of the Project site, then construction may commence. If the least Bell's vireo preconstruction survey determines that least Bell's vireo are present on or adjacent to the Project site, then no construction activities will take place adjacent to the least Bell's vireo occupied habitat until the breeding season has concluded or until it has been determined by a qualified biologist that the least Bell's vireo are no longer present.</p>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sewer and Force Main Pipelines Krameria LS MLK1 LS Wood Road LS 	BIO-3	<p><u>Nesting Birds</u>: A nesting bird preconstruction survey will be conducted by a qualified biologist within three days prior to ground-disturbing activities at each Project site. If nesting birds are found during the preconstruction survey, then a qualified biologist will establish an exclusionary buffer around the nest(s).</p> <p>The exclusionary buffer will be clearly marked in the field by construction personnel under the guidance of the qualified biologist. No construction or vegetation clearing will be conducted within the exclusionary buffer until the qualified biologist has determined that the young have fledged or the nest is no longer active.</p> <p>Nesting bird habitat in or near the Project sites will be re-surveyed during the bird breeding season (February 1 through August 31) if there is a lapse in construction activities for longer than seven days.</p>				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sewer and Force Main Pipelines Wood Road LS 	BIO-4	<p><u>Riparian Resources:</u> Prior to any vegetation clearing or construction activities, highly visible barriers (such as orange construction fencing) will be installed along the boundaries of the Project footprint adjacent to riparian resources (southern willow scrub) on Van Buren Boulevard and at the Wood Road LS site, as depicted on Figure 4 (copy attached) from the Biological Resources Assessment Report (LSA, 2019). All construction equipment will be operated in a manner to prevent accidental damage to areas outside the Project footprint. No structure of any kind, or incidental storage of equipment or supplies, is allowed within the protected areas. In addition, silt fence barriers will be installed at the Project site boundary in the vicinity of riparian resources to prevent accidental deposition of fill material into areas where riparian resources are adjacent to planned grading activities.</p> <p>All equipment maintenance, staging, and dispensing of fuel, oil, or any other such activities will occur in developed or designated non-sensitive upland areas. The designated upland areas will be located in such a manner as to prevent any spill runoff from reaching riparian resources.</p> <p>A qualified biologist will monitor construction activities for the duration of Project construction adjacent to the areas designated as "Southern Willow Scrub/Ornamental" on Figure 4 (copy attached) from the Biological Resources Assessment Report (LSA, 2019). The biological monitor will ensure that all vegetation removal, best management practices, and all avoidance and minimization measures are properly implemented.</p>				

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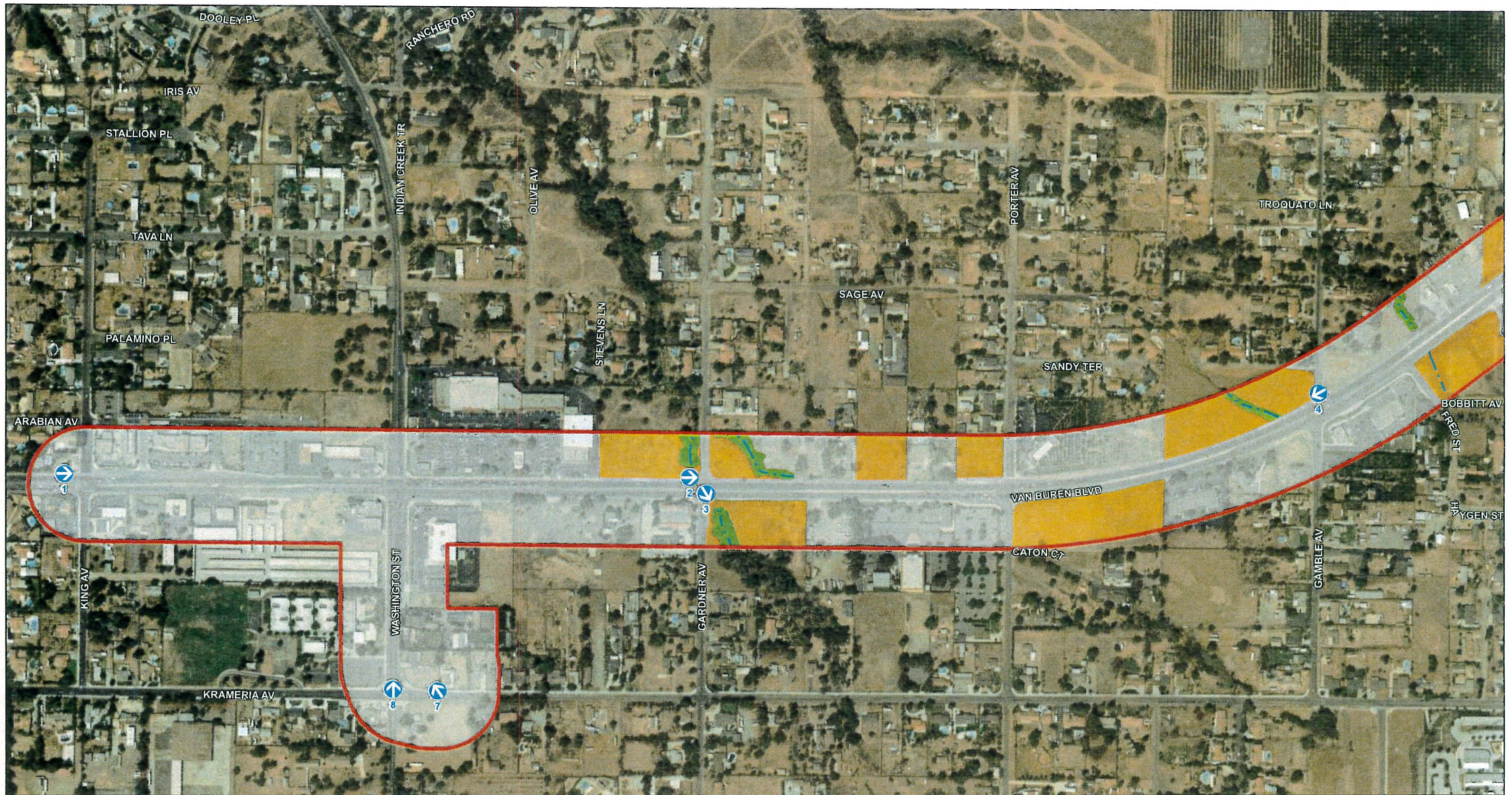
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CULTURAL RESOURCES						
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sewer and Force Main PipelinesKrameria LSMLK1 LSWood Road LS	CUL-1	A qualified archaeological monitor will be onsite to observe ground disturbance that extends beyond previously-disturbed depths during Project excavation activities. In the event that any potential archaeological resource is uncovered during Project construction, all work in the area will be halted or diverted until a qualified archaeologist, meeting Secretary of the Interior standards, can evaluate the nature and significance of the find. If an archaeological resource uncovered during Project construction is determined to be significant, then the resource will be treated in an appropriate manner as determined by the qualified archaeologist and the City of Riverside Public Works Department. If an uncovered archaeological resource is determined by the qualified archaeologist to be a potential tribal cultural resource, then the resource will be treated in accordance with Mitigation Measure TCR-1.				
NOISE						
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sewer and Force Main Pipelines	NOISE-1	<u>Vibratory Rollers and Compactors</u> : During construction of the Sewer and Force Main Pipelines, vibratory rollers and vibratory compactors shall not be operated within 125 feet of the historic structure located at 17455 Van Buren Boulevard, Riverside, which is currently known as the Robert L. Wilks, Jr. Chapel.				
PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES						
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sewer and Force Main PipelinesKrameria LSMLK1 LSWood Road LS	PALEO-1	The following measures will be implemented to protect any paleontological resources uncovered during ground disturbance at any of the Project sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none">If any potential paleontological resources are uncovered during Project construction, all work in the vicinity of the discovery shall be halted until a qualified paleontologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the find.If a qualified paleontologist determines that a specimen uncovered during Project construction is potentially significant, then all future ground-disturbing actions associated with the component of the Project on which the find occurred will be monitored by a qualified paleontological monitor.				

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	PALEO-1 continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specimens recovered from the Project sites by the qualified paleontological monitor will be, in accordance with standard paleontological practice, identified and curated at a repository with permanent retrievable storage that will allow for additional research in the future. 				
TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sewer and Force Main Pipelines Krameria LS MLK1 LS Wood Road LS 	TCR-1	<p>There are no known tribal cultural resources on any of the Project sites (Sewer and Force Main Pipelines, Krameria LS, MLK1 LS, and Wood Road LS) that are 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). However, in order to avoid or reduce impacts to previously-undiscovered tribal cultural resources that may be present on any of the Project sites, the City will provide access to a tribal monitor to observe ground disturbance that extends beyond previously-disturbed depths during Project excavation activities.</p> <p>In the event that any potential tribal cultural resource is discovered during ground disturbing activities pursuant to the Project, the City will contact a qualified archaeologist, meeting Secretary of the Interior standards, to assess the find. Additionally, the City will notify the five tribes that had responded to the City's notification of the Project (Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI), Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians (Soboba), Morongo Band of Mission Indians (Morongo), Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians (Rincon), Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians (Pechanga). The City will consult in good faith with said tribes on the disposition and treatment of any artifacts or other cultural materials encountered during activities pursuant to the Project.</p>				

Attachments: Figure 4 (Sheets 1 through 3 of 3) from LSA Biological Assessment Report
Figure 6 (Sheets 1 through 3 of 3) from LSA Biological Assessment Report



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 Biological Study Area

➔ Site Photographs

Developed/Disturbed (135.67 acres)

Ruderal (26.75 acres)

Southern Willow Scrub/Ornamental (4.78 acres)

--- Potential Jurisdictional Waters/Riparian-Riverine Resources



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SOURCE: Google Maps (2019); City of Riverside (2019)

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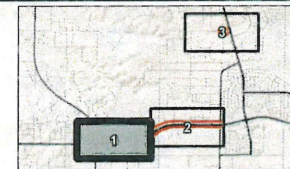
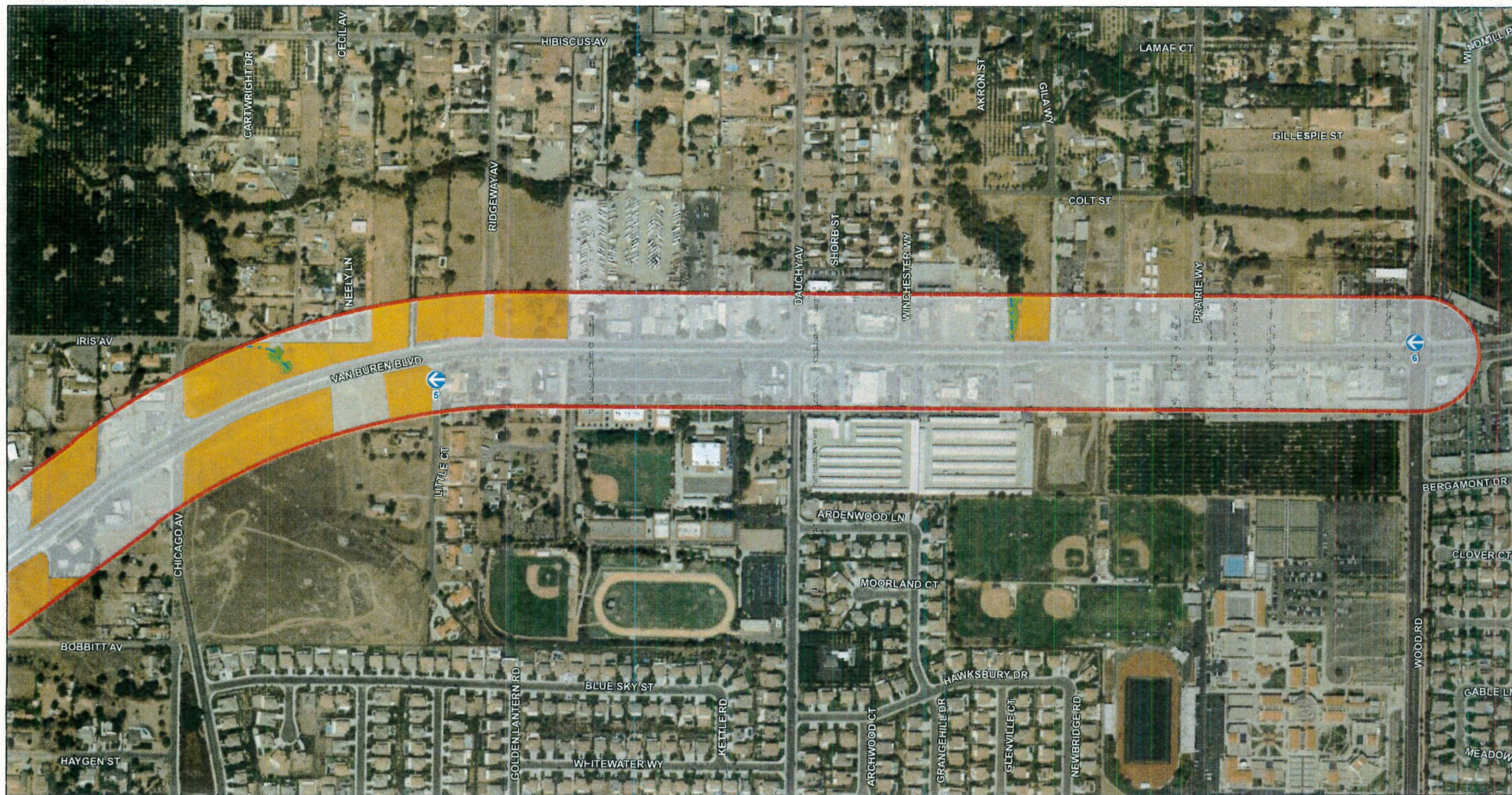


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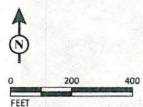
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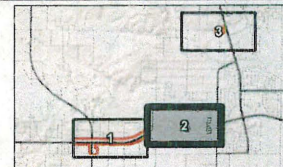
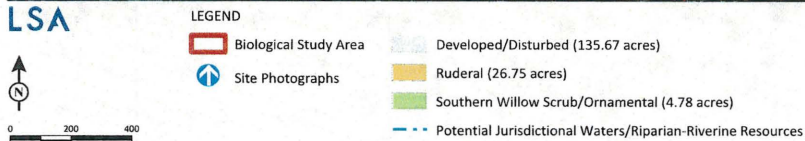
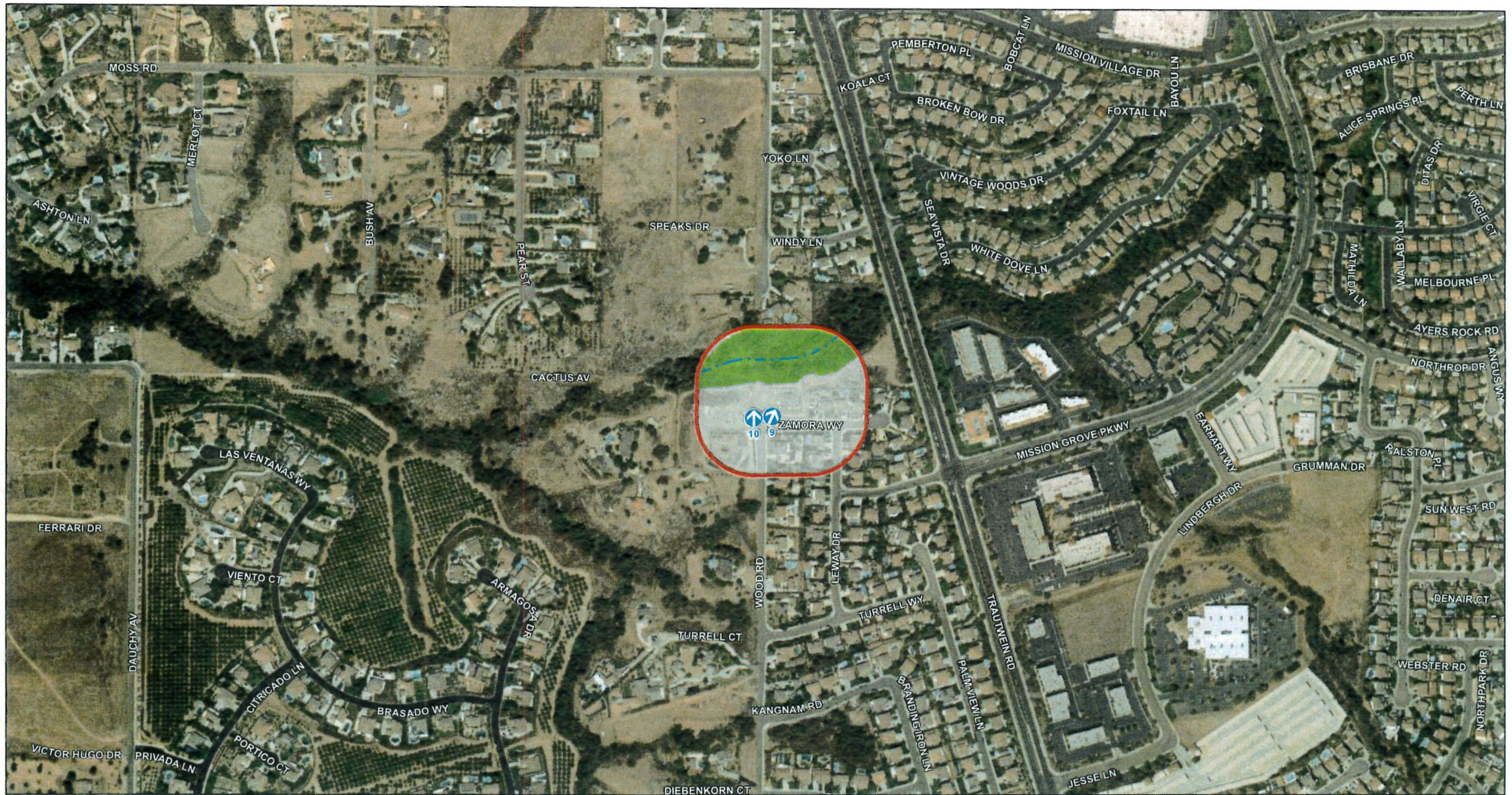


FIGURE 4

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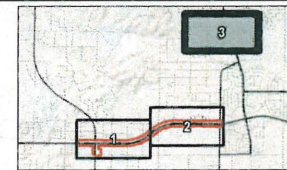
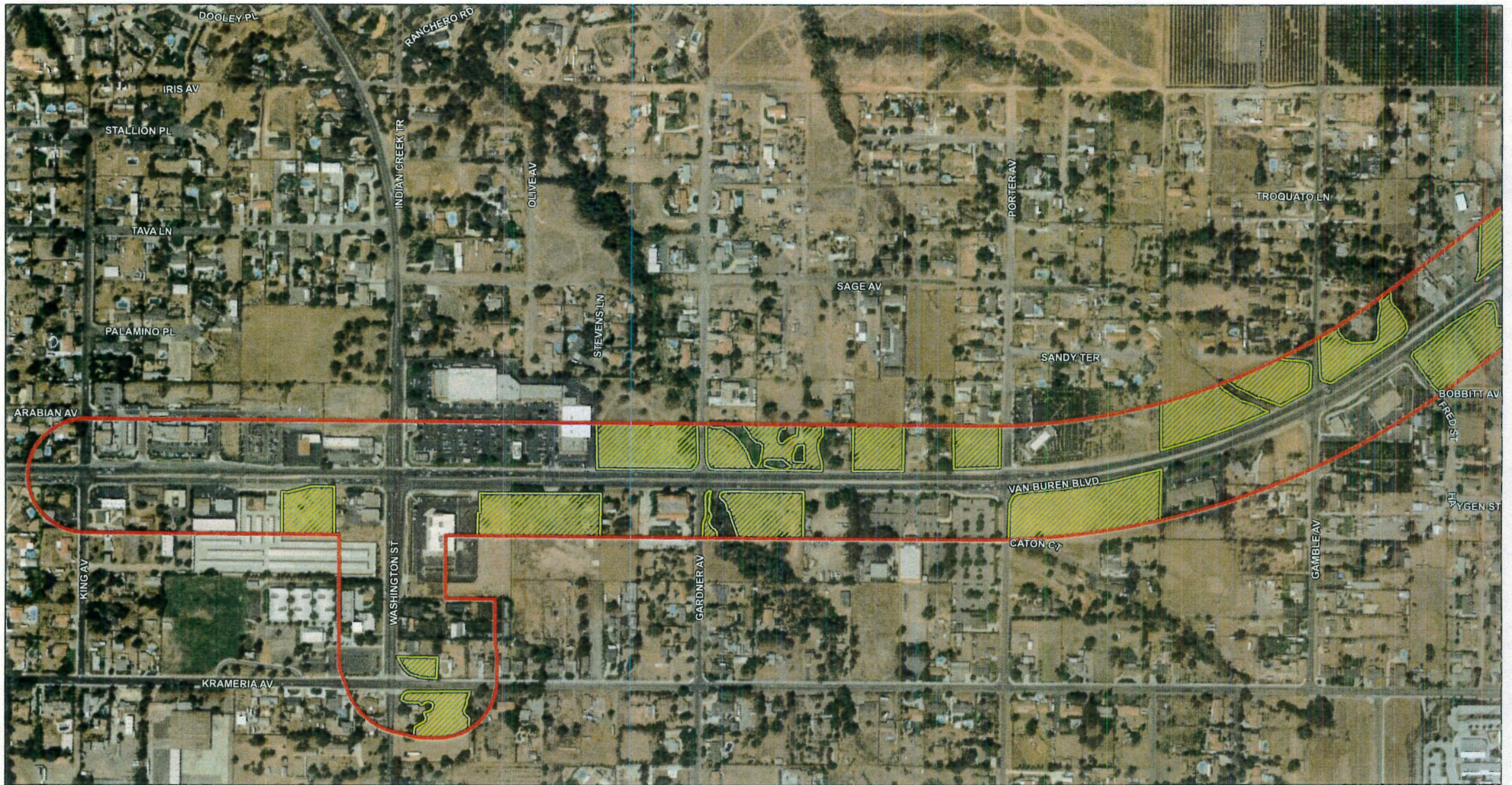


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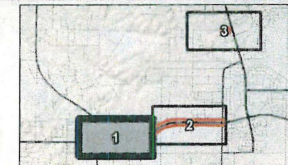
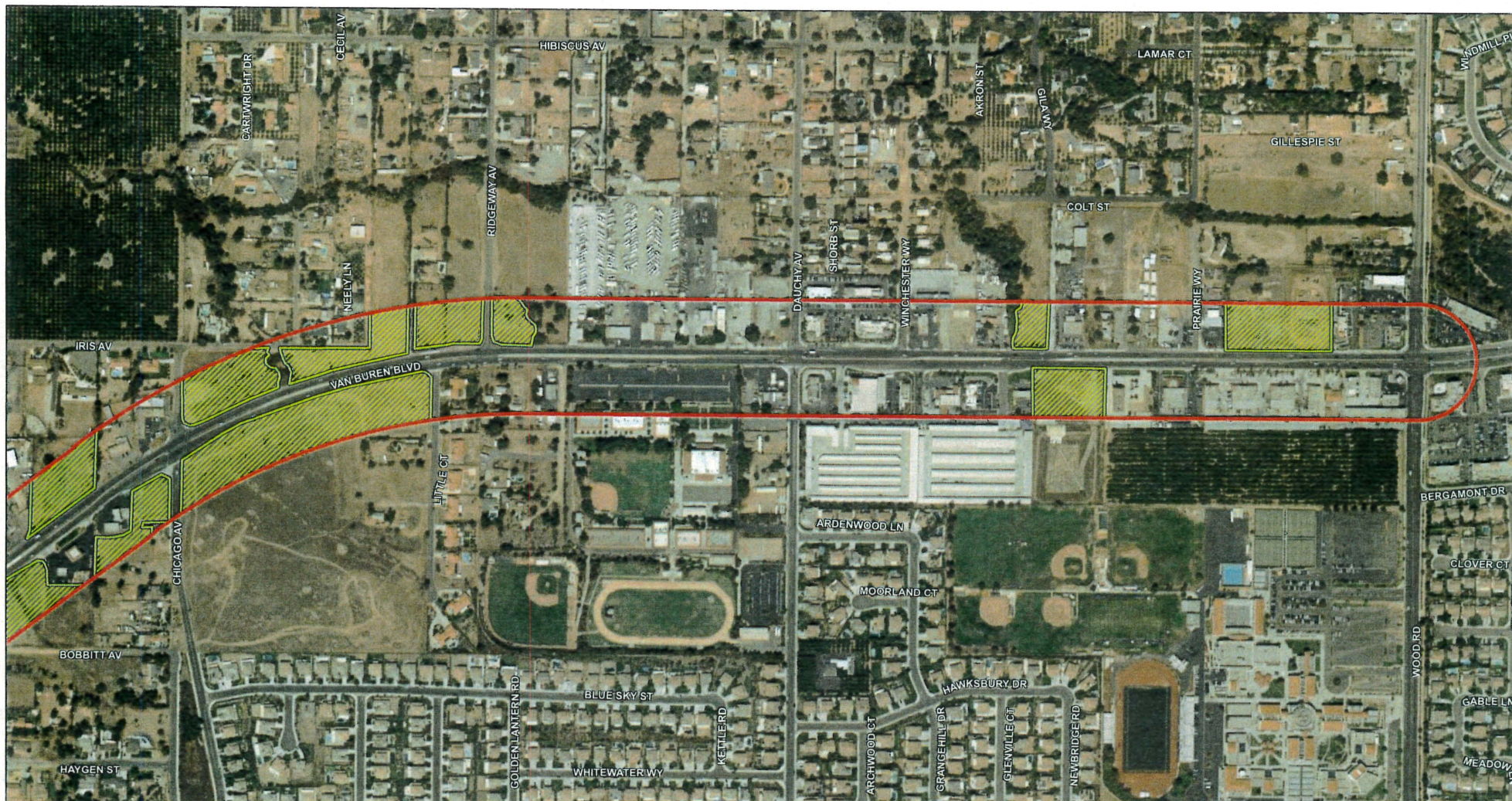


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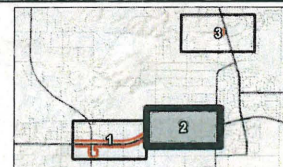


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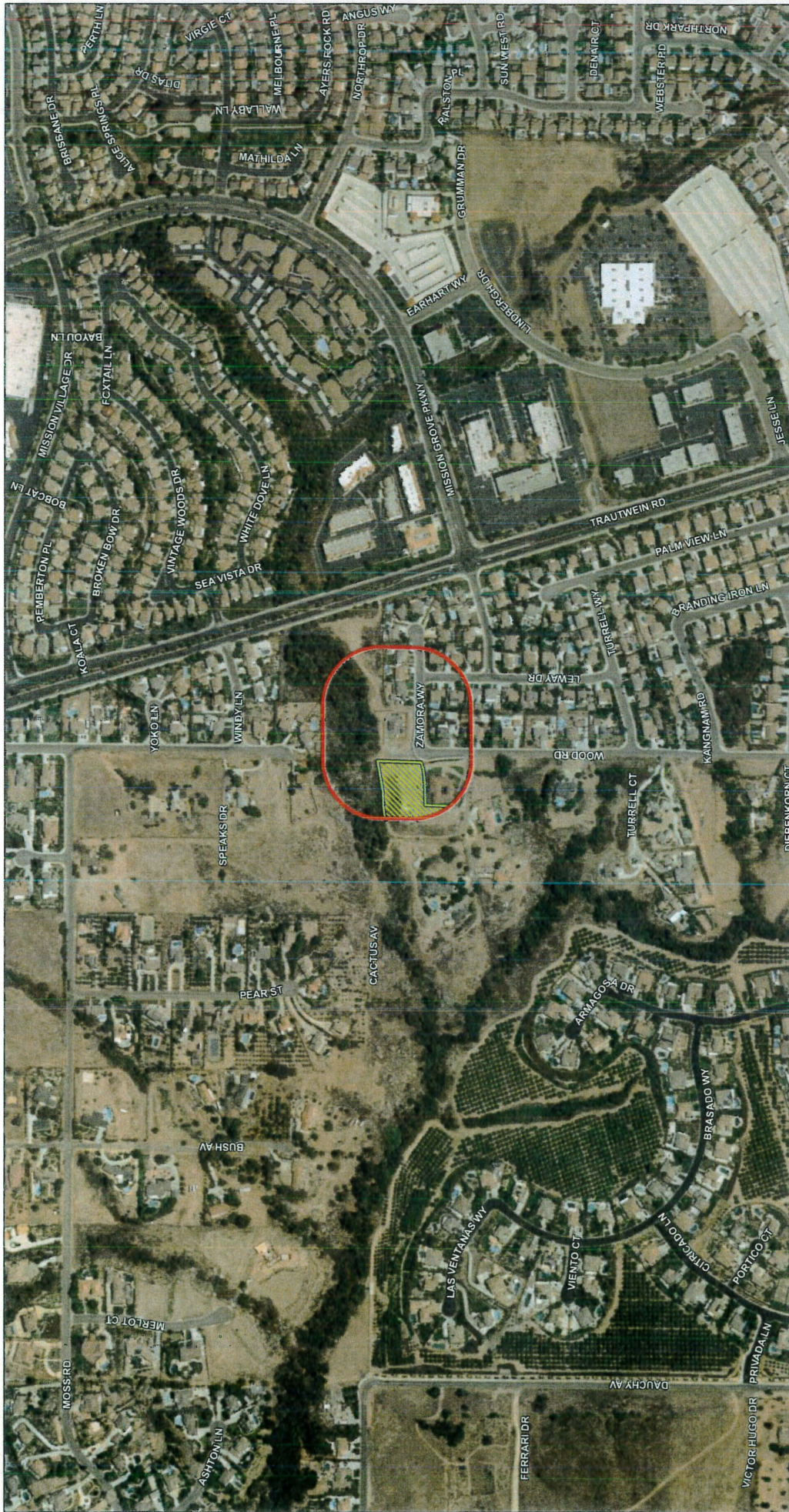
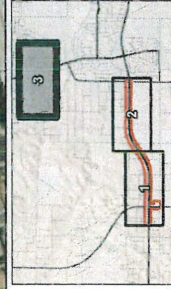
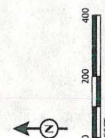


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