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# SEWER TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

# COUNTY SERVICE AREA 82 SEARLES VALLEY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**FOR** 

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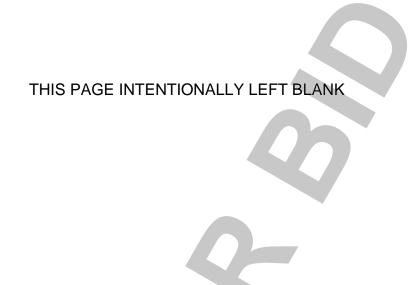
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Abbreviations	
ARPA	American Rescue Plan Act
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CSA	County Service Area
HDPE	High-Density Polyethylene
LF	Linear Feet
MH	Manhole
OPCC	Opinions of Probable Construction Costs
PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric
PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride
SDR	Standard Dimension Ratio
SCE	Southern California Edison
TCE	Temporary Construction Easement



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#### 1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

The County of San Bernardino Special Districts Department (Department) has contracted with Kimley-Horn to perform the analysis and design for the Searles Valley Sewer Improvements, or "Project."

The Project is located in the communities of Trona and Pioneer Point in County Service Area (CSA) 82 – Searles Valley, California, shown in **Figure 1-1 Vicinity Map**. The Trona and Pioneer Point areas are mining towns associated with Searles Valley Minerals Operations for various salts and other chemical deposits used for various industrial purposes. CSA 82 was established in 1976 under San Bernardino County (County) for the operation and maintenance of the sanitary sewer system.

In the summer of 2019, two earthquakes, a 6.4 magnitude and subsequent 7.1 magnitude earthquake struck less than 30 miles from Trona. The earthquakes had significant adverse effects on the local infrastructure, including the 12-inch effluent sewer facilities that serve Trona. Several sewer main breaks and sections of sewer line subsidence (sags) occurred as a result of the earthquakes. Emergency repairs were performed a limited area impact, specifically for five (5) manholes along the sewer - as shown in **Attachment 1**.

The overall effluent sewer line still has a sag condition near Trona high school, and there are concerns with the conditions of the pipelines and manholes that were not rehabilitated as part of the initial emergency repairs.

This Project consists of reviewing approximately 11,300 linear feet (LF) of unrehabilitated pipeline and 13 manholes to prioritize which facilities should be replaced.

The Project limits are shown in **Figure 1-2 - Project Limits**. Approximately \$5 million dollars of funds have been allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for this Project.



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FIGURE 1: VICINITY MAP

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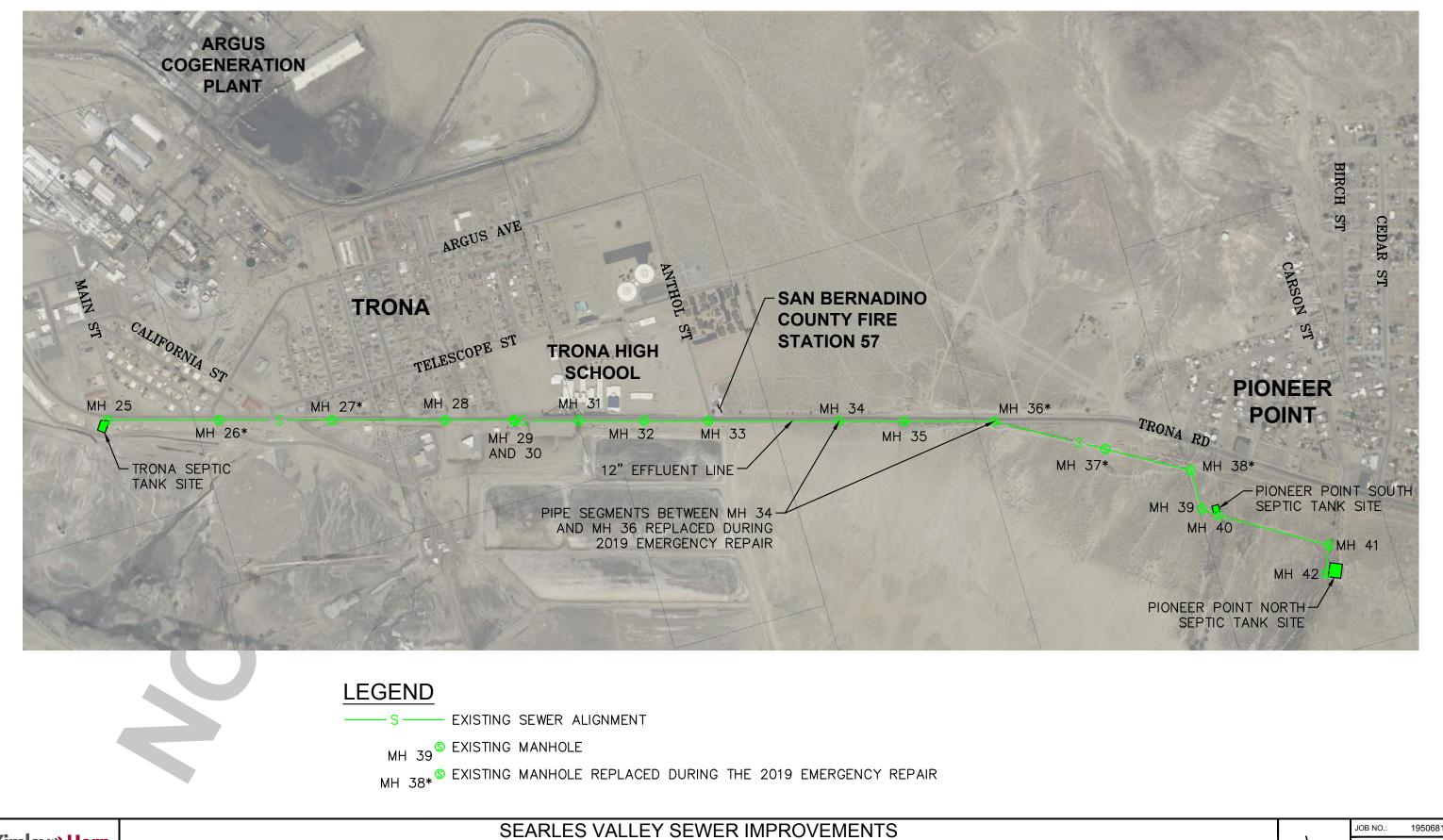
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FIGURE 2: PROJECT LIMITS



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#### 2 DATA COLLECTION AND LOCAL SITE CONDITIONS

#### 2.1 EXISTING SYSTEM AND ALIGNMENT

The existing Project sewer system consists of septic tank facilities at Pioneer Point and 12-inch diameter gravity effluent sewer pipe that conveys wastewater to the septic tanks at Trona. The 12-inch effluent sewer pipe largely consists of Truss Pipe with portions of SDR-35 PVC pipe that were installed as part of the emergency repairs. This Project's limits begin at Manhole (MH) 25 and end at MH 42, as shown in **Figure 2**-1. Manholes 26, 27, and 36-38 and pipe segments between MHs 34 -36 were replaced as part of the emergency repairs.

Most of the effluent sewer alignment is parallel to Trona Road located outside of the paved road limits. As a result, minimal traffic handling is expected as part of this project and Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs) are anticipated to be needed but the project does not plan to acquire permanent easements. During preliminary review of available Parcel Maps, provided in **Attachment 2** and available geographic information system (GIS) data, approximately 3,580 linear feet (LF) of the alignment is located within private property or other governmental ownership as shown in **Figure 2-1**. A possible 10' wide existing easement was noticed on the 1979 record drawings located in **Attachment 3** however specific information and original intent of that easement are not known.

A preliminary list of private property owners include:

- Searles Valley Minerals Operations 1
- Government Land
- San Bernardino County Flood Control District

The Project alignment had sewer manhole depths measured, or "dipped" in 2017 and sewer televising performed in 2019 after the earthquakes. It was observed that several areas of the pipeline, specifically between MH's 27 to 33 near Trona High school, and MH's 37 to 40 are in a sag condition that is causing the sewer line to flow full (surcharge).

Surveyed manhole locations and available record drawings in **Attachment 3** show that the existing manhole spacing is greater than the County's current design standards and industry standards, with the median spacing approximately 673 feet apart, and a maximum spacing of 1,111 feet between manholes. Only three segments of pipe in this Project's alignment meet the County's design criteria of sewer manhole spacing of no greater than 300 linear feet (LF).

Pipe slopes were initially estimated based on available sewer manhole inverts and lengths from the 2017 survey information (**Attachment 3**). Survey data collected in 2023 revealed that existing slopes were much flatter than the record drawings indicated, averaging around 0.15% and with some negative slopes. The existing sewer has some areas of minimal cover, as shallow as 2.5', which will constrain the proposed sewer line but should not provide any major conflicts.

Several segments of pipe have negative pipe slopes and indicate potential areas of sag after the earthquakes in 2019.

Odors commonly associated with wastewater were noted near the Trona Septic facility. The origin is likely from the septic tanks and sewer facilities associated with this Project.

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FIGURE 3: ALIGNMENT WITHIN PRIVATE PROPERTY

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#### 2.1.1 SEWER TELEVISING

The effluent sewer is currently planned to be televised as part of this projects and is in the process of being scheduled. The purpose of the televising is to confirm the problematic areas that need improvement as part of this project.

#### 2.1.2 SEWER INVERT INFORMATION

Preliminary Sewer Invert information was provided to Kimley-Horn by Calvada Surveying Inc. on 6/20/2023 and is provided in **Attachment 9**. Kimley-Horn has made the following observations:

- Several dipped manholes had either shallow standing water, or water that was above the bottom
  of the manhole shelf. This was observed in the downstream manholes between MH 24 to 34.
  Kimley-Horn was unable to determine if the elevated water elevations were due to downstream
  conditions, local sag conditions, slope issues, or other issues (such as broken joints or offset joints).
- Not all manholes could have sewer pipeline inverts measured due to the high-water elevations within the manholes.
- Several manholes that were able to be measured did not have any vertical drop between the
  influent and effluent sewer pipes. In some cases, the elevations seemed to flow in the opposite
  direction (see MH 37). Industry standard recommends sewer manholes have a minimum fall of 0.1
  feet to provide smooth gravity flow through the sewer manhole.
- Manholes replaced in 2019 appeared to be in good condition.
- Manhole Covers replaced in 2019 had signs of corrosion and should be considered for replacement.
- A manhole shown on record drawings (Manhole #27) was not able to be located by County
  operators and survey during field reconnaissance. The existence and condition of this
  manhole are unconfirmed, but an approximate location is called out on the plans

#### 2.2 EXISTING FLOW RATES

Limited flow information was available for the effluent sewer. Kimley-Horn reviewed raw Water Meter Data from the Searles Domestic Water Company and a preliminary sewer sizing document prepared by Wilson F. So & Associates, prepared in 1985.

#### 2.2.1 SEARLES DOMESTIC WATER COMPANY - RAW WATER METER DATA

The raw Water Meter Data from the Searles Domestic Water Company for 2022 - **Attachment 5** was reviewed and summarized in **Table 2-1** - Summary of Flow Calculations from Searles Valley Water County Data below.

This flow data was used to estimate the average daily and peak flows in the system. The total metered flow for the months of January 2022 through June 2022 were reviewed. Each month was divided by 30.5 days and converted to average gallons per minute (GPM). A peaking factor of three (3) was applied to approximate the anticipated peak flow rates. The calculations are provided in **Table 2-1** below.

The calculations assumed the following:

 No water is lost between use and discharge. This is a conservative assumption, but also provides an offset to also account for any system Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) from broken joints or manhole cracks. All water discharges to the Trona Trunk Sewer associated with this Project.

Table 2–1 Summary of Flow Calculations from Searles Valley Water County Data

Month	Total Metered Gallons (assumed in months)	Gallons Per Day (GPD)	Average Gallons Per Minute (GPM)	Peak Flow (GPM)
January	2,813,228	92,237	64	192
February	3,232,856	105,995	74	221
March	3,282,224	107,614	75	224
April	3,544,024	116,198	81	242
May	4,453,592	146,019	101	304
June	5,620,472	184,278	128	384

Only 6-months of data were available for estimating the projected flow rates. In general, the water-use demand trends generally follow typical trends of lower use during winter months and higher use during summer months. On average, January 2022 experienced the lowest water demands with an average flow rate of 64 GPM and a peak flow rate of 192 GPM. June 2022 experienced the highest water demands with an average flow rate of 128 gpm and peak flow rate of 384 gpm.

Assuming 100% of the water use was returned to the sewer, the calculated flow rates were used to evaluate whether the existing 12-inch diameter pipe has adequate capacity for the existing flow rates, as well as identify minimum recommended slopes.

The Bentley FlowMaster computer program was used to review pipe hydraulics using the Manning's Formula and are provided in **Attachment 6**. A Manning's Roughness coefficient (n) of 0.010 was used for the PVC.

The following scenarios were modeled:

- The minimum slope needed to achieve a cleansing velocity of 2 Feet Per Second (fps) for the average flow condition (64 gpm) was determined to be 0.45%.
- The velocity for the average flow condition (64 gpm) at the shallowest slope of the existing system (0.03%) is 0.77 fps. The below minimum slope was modeled due to constraints from the existing upstream and downstream sewer connections.

Operators should consider inspecting and flushing this sewer pipe more frequently than may be typical due to the shallow slopes mentioned above. As this pipe is the effluent line form the septic systems, the wastewater should have less solids than typical residential sewer flows.

#### 2.2.2 1985 SEWER STUDY FLOW ESTIMATES

Wilson F. So & Associates prepared the Summary Report Pioneer Point – Trona Sewer System Study (Study), dated January 1985 that estimated wastewater flows for Pioneer Point and Trona – provided in **Attachment 5**. The study, in our opinion, appeared to be intended for sizing the local collection systems (6-inch to 10-inch diameter pipes) within each town and did not analyze the effluent 12-inch diameter trunk sewer that is part of this Project.

The Study used the planned land use areas – a mix of residential, commercial, and school facilities for each region to estimate the peak flow rate for each system. Pioneer Point was estimated to generate an average flow rate of 0.21 MGD and peak flow rate of 0.64 MGD. Trona was estimated to generate an average flow

rate of 0.16 MGD and peak flow rate of 0.50 MGD. Based on population trends between 1985 and today, it is likely that the sewer study flows are conservative and overestimate current conditions.

The flow rates from the report were used to evaluate whether the existing 12-inch diameter pipe has adequate capacity, as well as identify minimum recommended slopes. Bentley FlowMaster was used to review pipe hydraulics using the Manning Formula and are provided in **Attachment 6**. An n of 0.010 was used for the roughness coefficient since PVC pipe is proposed for the replacement material.

The following scenarios were modeled:

- Pioneer Point
  - The minimum slope needed to achieve a cleansing velocity of 2 feet per second (fps) for the low flow condition (0.16 MGD) was determined to be 0.28%
- Trona
  - The minimum slope needed to achieve a cleansing velocity of 2 feet per second (fps) for the low flow condition (0.21 MGD) was determined to be 0.23%

Based on operator observations as well as the hydraulic calculations, Kimley-Horn does not believe changing the diameter of the existing 12-inch gravity sewer pipes will provide benefit to the system.

The County's minimum slope for a 12-inch diameter pipe is 0.22% based on the County Design Standards for Sanitary Sewer dated November 13, 2012.

From the estimated flow rates and proposed pipe size, a minimum pipe slope of 0.45% would be needed to achieve adequate 2 fps velocities.

#### 2.3 EXISTING UTILITY INFORMATION

Kimley-Horn performed Utility Base mapping Research and coordination with various utility agencies in the Project vicinity. Currently available utility drawings and as-builts are provided in **Attachment 3**. Since this project is generally a replace in place project, potential utility conflicts are expected to be minimal. The following utilities may be encountered:

#### 2.3.1 GAS

#### 2.3.1.1 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC (PG&E)

Distribution and service laterals are expected based on PG&E gas maps received. Most gas lines are along the westerly side of Trona Road over 20 feet away from the existing sewer line and are not expected to provide significant conflicts other than a couple gas and electric crossings.

#### 2.3.1.2 FRONTIER

Frontier is a natural gas purveyor. Kimley-Horn is in the process of obtaining maps for the complete Project area, but preliminary maps show copper facilities generally located along the western side of Trona Road. Gas valves and markers will assist with locating the gas lateral locations, but there is a possibility for some of the natural gas lines to run parallel or cross the Project alignment near Trona.

#### 2.3.1 ELECTRICAL – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE)

In general, the majority of electrical utilities near the existing alignment are overhead power poles which do run across the existing sewer line at a few locations but should not create any conflicts. Some small diameter underground conductors cross Trona Road, but are not expected to provide significant conflicts.

The sewer alignment is generally parallel to the overhead electrical lines on the east side of Trona Road, as shown in **Figure 2-2**. Survey shows that there should be no conflicts with the proposed sewer line and power poles, and there should be no issue protecting these in place.



Figure 2–2 Sewer Manhole and Overhead Utilities – view facing North

#### 2.3.2 WATER - SEARLES DOMESTIC WATER COUNTY

Searles Domestic Water County is the purveyor of water utilities in the Project Vicinity and records obtained show an existing 6-inch water line running parallel to the existing sewer alignment on the eastern side of Trona Road with a couple points of crossing near Aster Street and Verbena Street.

#### 2.3.3 SEWER - SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY - SPECIAL DISTRICTS

San Bernardino County – Special Districts owns and operates the other sewer facilities in the Project Vicinity as part of CSA 82. In general, the 12-inch sewer in this Project's limits do not collect flow from other systems.

MH 33 at Athol Street receives flow from an 8-inch diameter sewer and MH 31 receives flow from a 12-inch diameter sewer from Trona High School. In general, all other sewer lines run parallel along the west side of this Project's effluent sewer system. The parallel sewer lines consist of a majority 8-inch line with some

10-inch sewers and ultimately discharge to the Trona Septic Tanks near MH 25. There are a few existing sewer crossings at multiple locations which are not expected to provide significant conflicts.

The existing gravity sewer system which collects residences from Trona and Pioneer Point are shown on the Searles Valley Wastewater Facility Improvement Plans from 1979 to be 3 feet separated from the proposed effluent sewer replacement. While the County's current design criteria calls for 5 feet minimum separation, this design replaces the effluent line in place. Replacing in place ensures minimal conflicts with existing utilities, minimal added infrastructure needed to connect to the downstream system and maintains the initial alignment where the pipe crosses private land.

There are also existing brine lines of various sizes that cross the existing sewer line near Telescope Avenue and another 27 inch brine line crossing near Magnolia Avenue.

#### 2.3.4 DRAINAGE – SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

San Bernardino County – Flood Control District owns and operates the drainage facilities in the Project Vicinity. While Kimley-Horn is aware of a segment of pipe between MH 36 and MH 37 that passes through a Flood Control District easement, Kimley-Horn has not been able to obtain records from the SB County Flood Control District to verify the specific limits of the drainage facilities. At Flood Control District's request the manhole proposed within SBFCD's ROW will include a district standard concrete apron.

#### 2.3.5 COMMUNICATIONS - FRONTIER

Frontier is the communications purveyor in the Project Vicinity. Kimley-Horn is in the process of obtaining maps for the complete Project area, but preliminary maps show communication facilities generally located along the western side of Trona Road.

#### 2.4 CORROSIVE ENVIRONMENT

Searles Valley was developed largely around the mining of salts in the local area. Due to the high salt content, the local environment is extremely corrosive. Based on discussions with District Staff as well as Kimley-Horn's field observations, exposed metallic manholes corrode at higher than typical rate.

**Figure 2-3** shows a manhole installed after the 2019 earthquakes as part of the emergency repairs. The manhole cover is less than 5 years old and shows significant signs of corrosion and wear. Additionally, seized manhole lids are difficult to open without damaging the top of the manhole riser.





Figure 2-3 Sewer Manhole and Cover Replaced in 2019

#### 2.5 LOCAL SOILS AND GEOTECHNICAL CONDITIONS

Kimley-Horn will review Ninyo and Moore's report and investigation when available and make appropriate design updates when received.

Kimley-Horn expects the potential for highly corrosive soils, potential for settling, and potential for groundwater to be encountered based on our review of available information for the project.



#### 3 PROPOSED DESIGN

Based on the available data, Kimley-Horn has the following recommendations for pipe material selection, pipe size and minimum slopes, manhole design, phasing and prioritization of segments.

Kimley-Horn recommends the following sewer system design:

- The County's minimum slope for 12-inch diameter pipes is 0.22% and was not able to be achieved given the upstream and downstream tie-in elevation constraints.
  - Two options were analyzed to improve slopes:
    - Installation of a sewer lift station downstream
    - Daylighting grading of the effluent channel downstream to allow steeper pipe segments to be installed.
  - Both options were reviewed by Kimley-Horn in consultation with the County and it was determined not to be feasible due to the following factors:
    - Increased cost for the installation of a lift station
    - Added maintenance of a lift station
    - Need for electrical service for a lift station
    - Extensive daylight grading for deeper pipe outlet option
    - Increased cost of a deeper sewer to improve slope
- A minimum pipe slope of 0.05% based on the available fall from the beginning (upstream) to end (downstream) of the project was recommended and approved by the County.
- A minimum pipe cover of 5 feet is proposed where possible.
- A minimum drop of 0.1 feet through the proposed sewer manholes, with a recommended 0.2 feet drop where possible.
- A minimum 4-foot diameter sewer manhole.

Kimley-Horn understands that approximately 1,613 LF of sewer pipeline was replaced during the 2019 emergency repairs. Kimley-Horn attempted to minimize replacing these pipes, however replacing these segments is needed to improve the overall pipe profile for the length of the project.

#### 3.1 PIPE MATERIAL SELECTION

Due to the corrosive nature of the soils in the project, Kimley-Horn recommends plastic pipes such as Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) or Butt-Fused High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) be used. **Table 3-1** compares Advantages and Disadvantages for each pipe material.

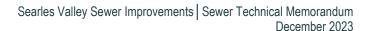


Table 3–1 Advantages and Disadvantages between PVC and HDPE

Material	Advantages	Disadvantages
PVC	<ul> <li>Less expensive than HDPE</li> <li>Flexible Pipe</li> <li>Inert Material – Not affected by the local corrosive soils.</li> <li>PVC – regardless of class or thickness is typically more widely available and easier to obtain for repairs or replacement in the future.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>If groundwater is encountered, I&amp;I is possible if standard bell and spigot joints are used</li> <li>Less flexible than HDPE and more susceptible to cracks or breaks during seismic activity.</li> </ul>
Butt-Fused HDPE	<ul> <li>Flexible Pipe</li> <li>Inert Material – Not affected by the local corrosive soils.</li> <li>More durable and flexible pipe that may be able to withstand seismic activity or settling better than PVC</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Higher Unit Cost</li> <li>Requires a specialty contractor for butt fused joints.</li> <li>Not as readily available off the shelf</li> </ul>

Kimley-Horn proposes the use of PVC pipe SDR-26. Pipe material such as SDR-26 PVC is practical since most contractors are familiar with this pipe material and construction, it can be installed efficiently, is generally more cost effective, and typically more available for any repairs in the future. SDR-26 was chosen over SDR-35 due to the thicker wall (1/3 thicker than SDR-35 at 0.481-inch) which we believe will perform better in the long term given the following: field conditions, portions of shallow depth, potential for future seismic activity.

Butt-fused HDPE is flexible and more likely to withstand major future seismic events but is more expensive and requires a specialty contractor for installations and repair.

#### 3.2 PIPE BEDDING

Based on sag conditions in system after the 2019 earthquakes, the soils in this area may be subject to future settling. While this is to be confirmed based on the pending geotechnical investigation, Kimley-Horn will review Ninyo and Moore's recommendations regarding soil conditions and any modifications to pipe bedding other than the standard pipe beddings from the San Bernardino County Standard Drawings for Sanitary Sewers E-18, and San Bernardino County 2019 General Permit Conditions and Trench Specifications.

#### 3.3 MANHOLE DESIGN

The County has requested the use of Armorock precast polymer concrete manholes or approved equal. Kimley-Horn agrees that the use of polymer concrete manholes is advised due to the highly corrosive local soil conditions. Additionally, the sewer system may experience high levels of hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) due to potentially low flow conditions. H<sub>2</sub>S gasses are corrosive and can degrade concrete and metal components. Polymer concrete will be more durable in these types of conditions.

The County's Design Standard for sewer manhole spacing is no greater than 300 linear feet (LF), but the majority of manholes in this Project's alignment exceed the 300 LF spacing. Kimley-Horn has reviewed the available survey information and included four (4) Alternatives for manhole replacement:

Alternative 1 – Replace Manholes in place – No new Manholes

- Alternative 2 Install intermediate manholes
- Alternative 3 Install manholes approximately every 300 to 400 LF
- Alternative 4 Install manholes to achieve no more than 300 LF between manholes and meet the County's design standards

Each alternative is reviewed in more detail below.

#### 3.3.1 ALTERNATIVE 1 - REPLACE MANHOLES IN PLACE.

Alternative 1 – Replace Manholes in Place includes solely replacing the existing 18 manholes in place. This alternative is the most cost-effective method since it includes the least amount of manholes to be installed.

Alternative 1 has the least risk of utility conflicts since the project would be solely replace in place.

A disadvantage of Alternative 1 includes less control over vertical improvements that will be implemented as part of this project. While vertical changes can be made, more manholes can optimize cover and slopes since there are more opportunities to introduce grade breaks.

We understand from coordination from the County that this is the preferred Alternative for this project.

#### 3.3.2 ALTERNATIVE 2 – INSTALL INTERIM MANHOLES

Alternative 2 – Install Interim manholes includes generally installing one additional manhole between segments greater than 300 LF in the existing condition.

A total of 31 manholes, or an additional 13 manholes are proposed. This would reduce the median and longest lengths of pipe segments from 673 LF and 1,111 LF to 399 LF and 556 LF respectively.

An advantage of Alternative 2 includes more control over vertical improvements by allowing for more places for vertical grade breaks. Though unlikely due to the limited utilities in this area, it possible that new manholes could encounter utility conflicts.

A disadvantage of this option is the increased cost of the additional manholes.

#### 3.3.3 ALTERNATIVE 3 - INSTALL INTERIM MANHOLES EVERY 300-400 LF

Alternative 3 – Install Interim manholes such that the majority of manholes are between 300 to 400 LF apart. A total of 36 manholes, or an additional 18 manholes are proposed. This would reduce the median and longest lengths of pipe segments from 673 LF and 1,111 LF to 333 LF and 408 LF respectively.

While not all segments would achieve the County's sewer design standards of no more than 300 LF between manholes, the additional manholes would provide greater operator access for maintenance.

An advantage of Alternative 3 includes more control over vertical improvements by allowing for more places for vertical grade breaks. Though unlikely due to the limited utilities in this area, it possible that new manholes could encounter utility conflicts.

A disadvantage of this option is the increased cost of the additional manholes.

# 3.3.4 ALTERNATIVE 4 – INSTALL INTERIM MANHOLES NO MORE THAN 300 LF APART

Alternative 4 – Install Interim manholes includes generally installing manholes to achieve segments no greater than 300 LF apart to meet the County's design standard. A total of 46 manholes, or an additional 28 manholes are proposed.

This would reduce the median and longest lengths of pipe segments from 673 LF and 1,111 LF to 262 LF and 305 LF respectively. Only two pipe segments would exceed the 300 LF County Design standard.

An advantage of Alternative 4 includes more control over vertical improvements by allowing for more places for vertical grade breaks. Though unlikely due to the limited utilities in this area, it possible that new manholes could encounter utility conflicts.

A disadvantage of this option is the increased cost of the additional manholes.

#### 3.3.5 RECOMMENDATION

Kimley-Horn recommends Alternative 1 for this project to help maximize the amount of improvements that can be made within the budget. This Alternative helps balance the budget and the overall goals of the project. We understand that the County also prefers Alternative 1 – to replace the manholes at the same location they currently exist.



#### 4 POTENTIAL CONSTRAINTS

#### 4.1 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS

It is Kimley-Horn's understanding the County will prepare their own environmental documentation. The Project is expected to be a Categorical Exemption under CEQA 15301 existing facilities (b), even if additional manholes are added for accessibility since the capacity, alignment, and sewer pipeline will remain the same. This is pending review from County Environmental staff.

#### 4.2 RIGHT OF WAY AND PRIVATE PROPERTY CONSTRAINTS

Approximately 3,580 LF of sewer line is within private property. Based on recent discussions with County operators, the current owners allow operator access for maintenance. It is unknown if there are formal agreements between the private property owners and the County regarding access to the sewer systems.

Kimley-Horn recommends the County consult with their internal Right-of-Way and legal department to confirm if easements exist or if they are needed. Easement acquisition may introduce schedule delays.

During the replacement of this sewer system, Temporary Construction Easements (TCE's) may be required to perform construction within private property. Kimley-Horn recommends the County review any legal agreements between the private property owners and the County to understand their access to these existing facilities during construction.

#### 4.3 POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER CONSTRAINTS

Pioneer Point and Trona are located next to Searles Lake. Typically, Searles Lake is dry, but the local groundwater elevations are unknown. We understand that groundwater was not encountered during the emergency repairs in 2019.

While considered unlikely, if shallow groundwater is encountered, additional construction costs could be significant.



#### 5 OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Kimley-Horn has prepared Opinions of Probable Construction Costs (OPCC) for each of the four (4) Alternatives described in this report. The OPCCs include Mobilization, sewer bypass, SDR-26 PVC Pipe, Armorock or approved equal polymer concrete manholes, corrosion resistant manhole covers, and general site restoration. A construction duration dewatering period of 60-working days was assumed to estimate the Sewer Bypass and Groundwater Dewatering costs, if encountered.

Estimated Construction Costs for each alternative, including and excluding groundwater dewatering are included in **Table 5-1** below.

Table 5-1 Comparison of OPCCs for each Alternative

Alternative	Estimated Construction Cost	Estimated Construction Cost with Groundwater Dewatering
1 - Replace Manholes in Place	\$5,490,000	\$6,060,000
2 – Install Interim Manholes for segments greater than 300 LF	\$5,720,000	\$6,290,000
3 – Install Manholes approximately every 300-400 LF	\$5,830,000	\$6,400,000
4 – Install Manholes no more than 300 LF apart to meet the County's Design Standards	\$6,050,000	\$6,620,000

Detailed OPCC's for each Alternative are provided in Attachment 7.



#### 6 RECOMMENDATIONS

Kimley-Horn recommends the use of 12-inch SDR-26 PVC Pipe, Armorock Polymer Concrete Manholes or approved equal, and corrosion resistant manhole covers.

Polymer Concrete manholes and corrosion resistant manholes such as Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) or other alternatives will minimize corrosion from H<sub>2</sub>S gases and the local corrosive soils. Installing infrastructure that is more resistant to the local conditions will provide a longer life span for the manholes and covers, as well as improve operator access for maintenance and observation in the future.

Kimley-Horn recommends Alternative 1 for the manhole spacing – replace in place based on coordination with the County.



### 7 REFERENCES

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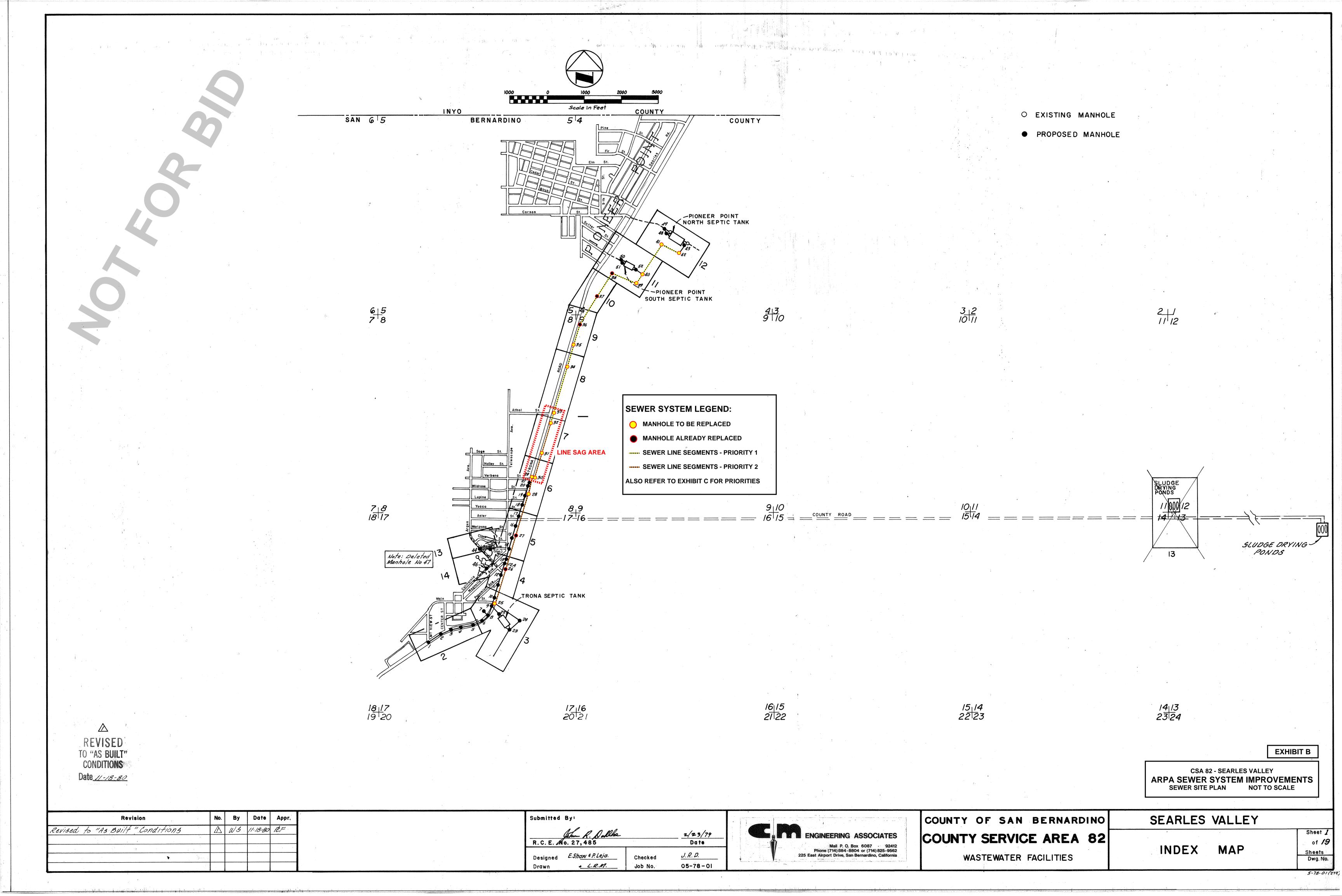
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# ATTACHMENT 1 – EMERGENCY REPAIR LIMITS







# ATTACHMENT 2 - PARCEL LIMITS

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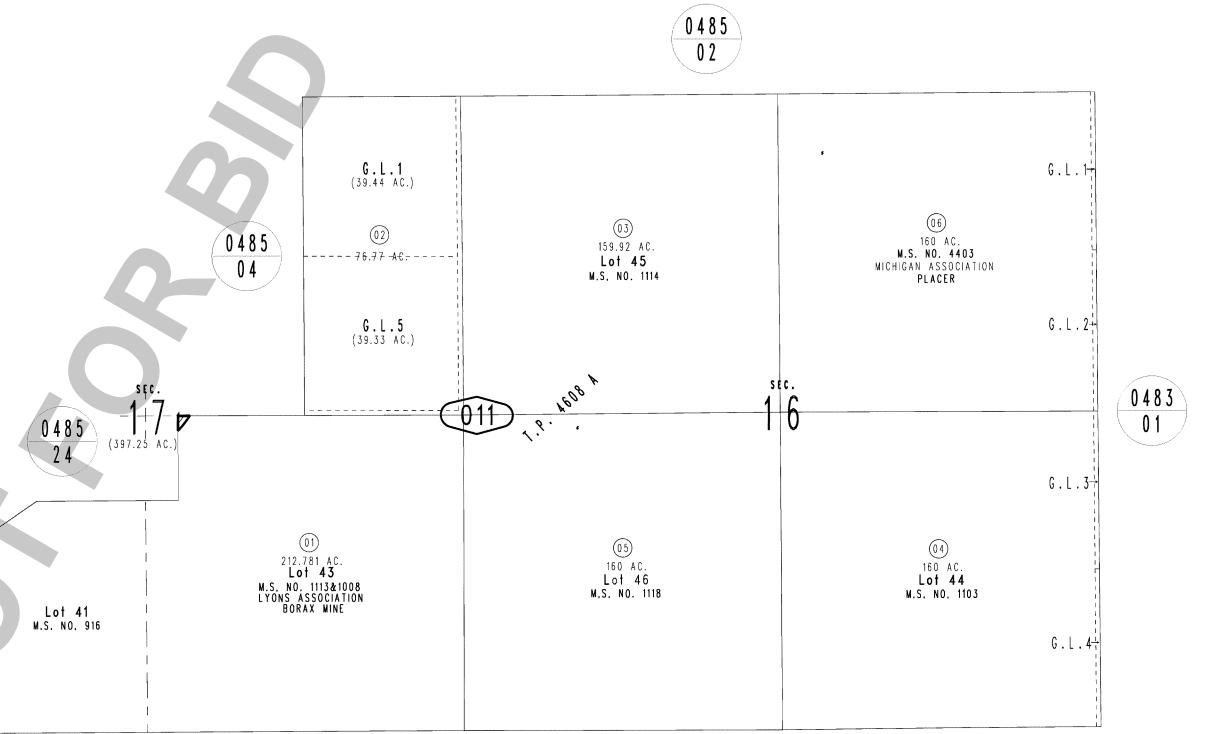


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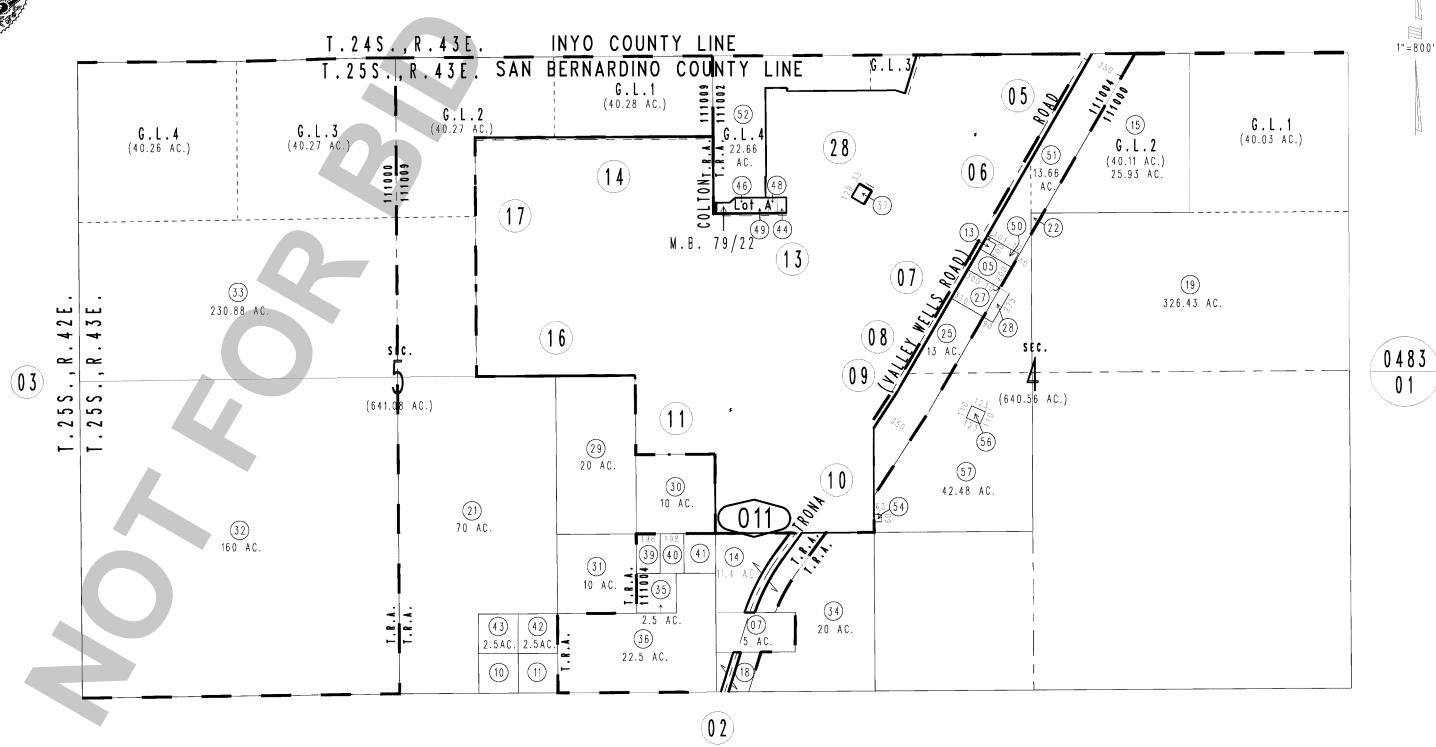
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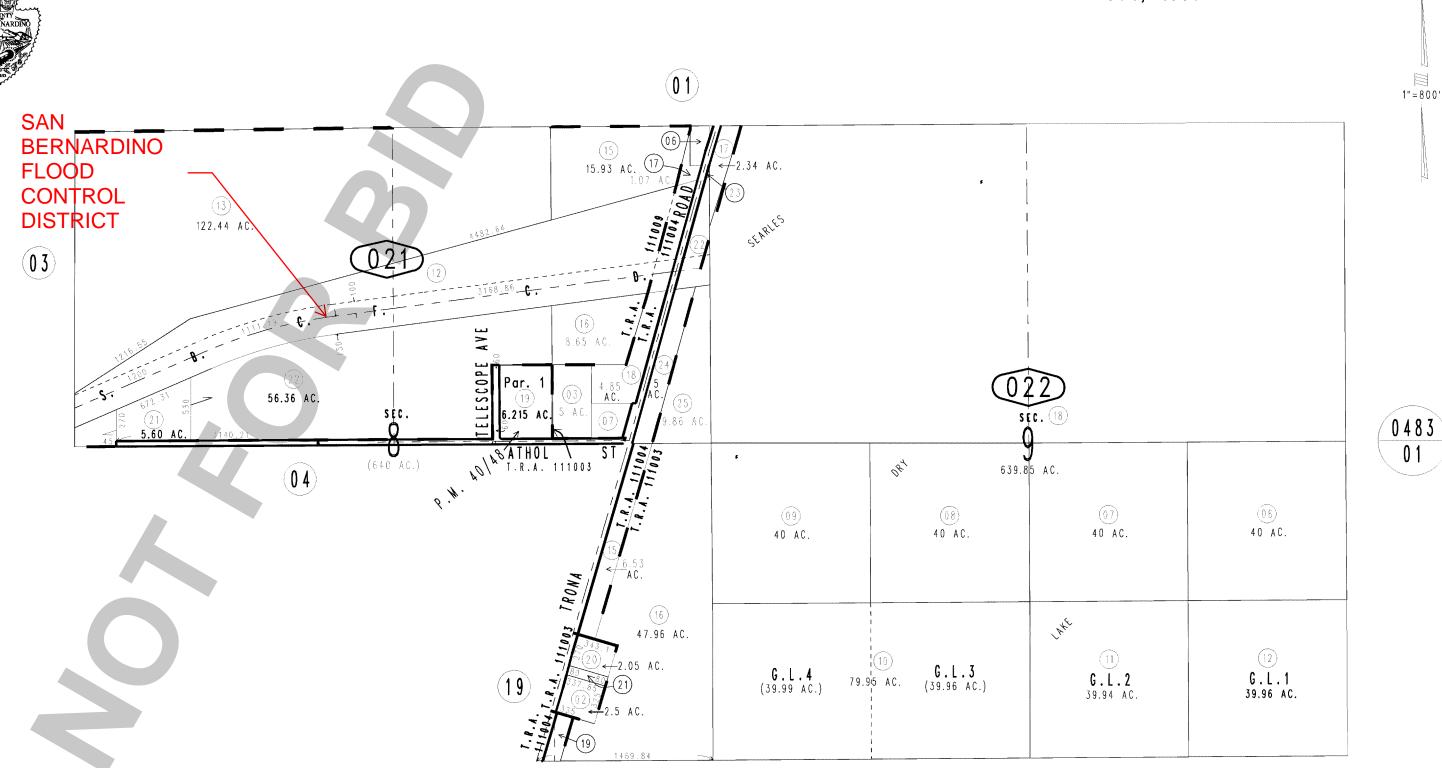


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## ATTACHMENT 3 – AS-BUILTS AND SURVEYED MANHOLES

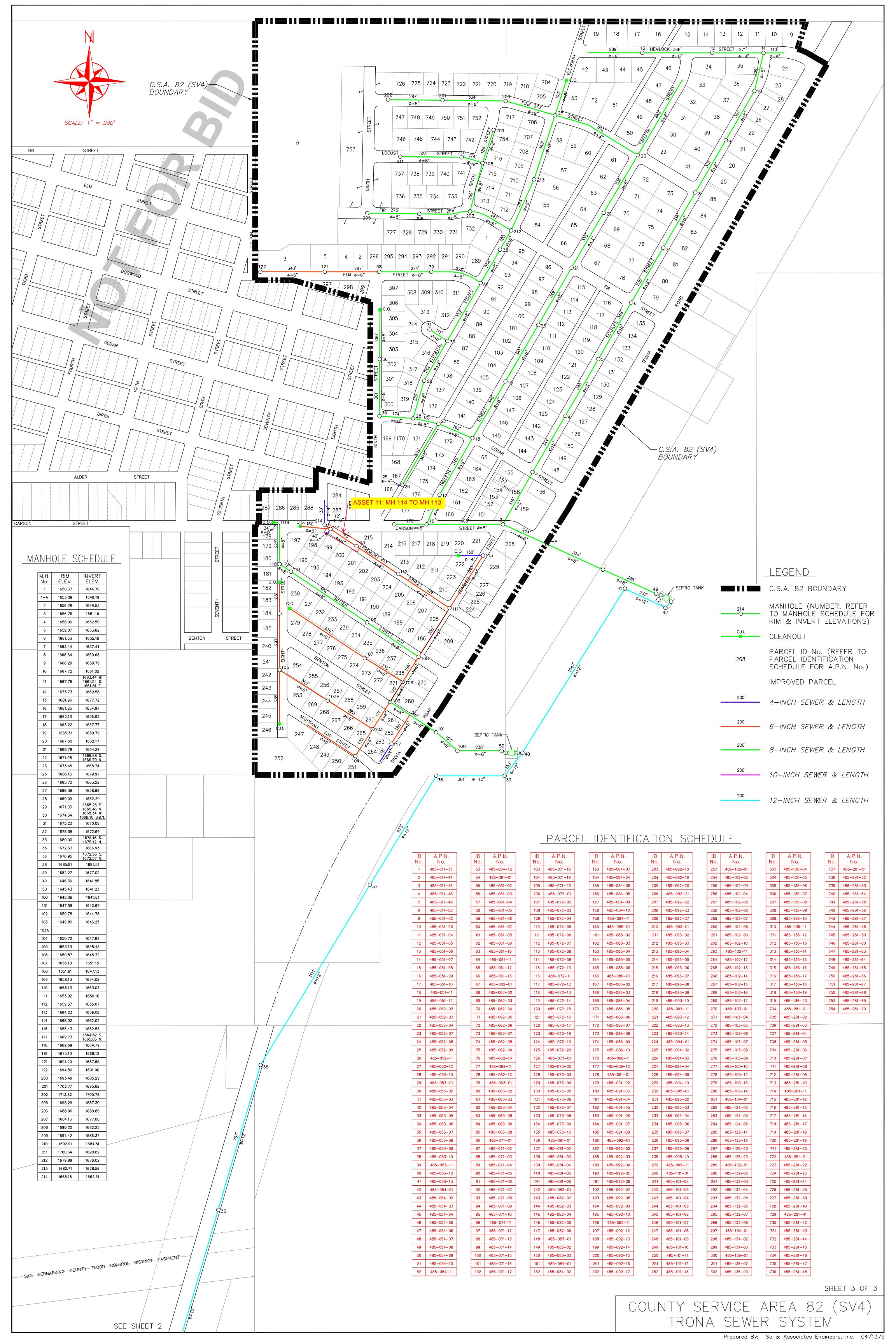
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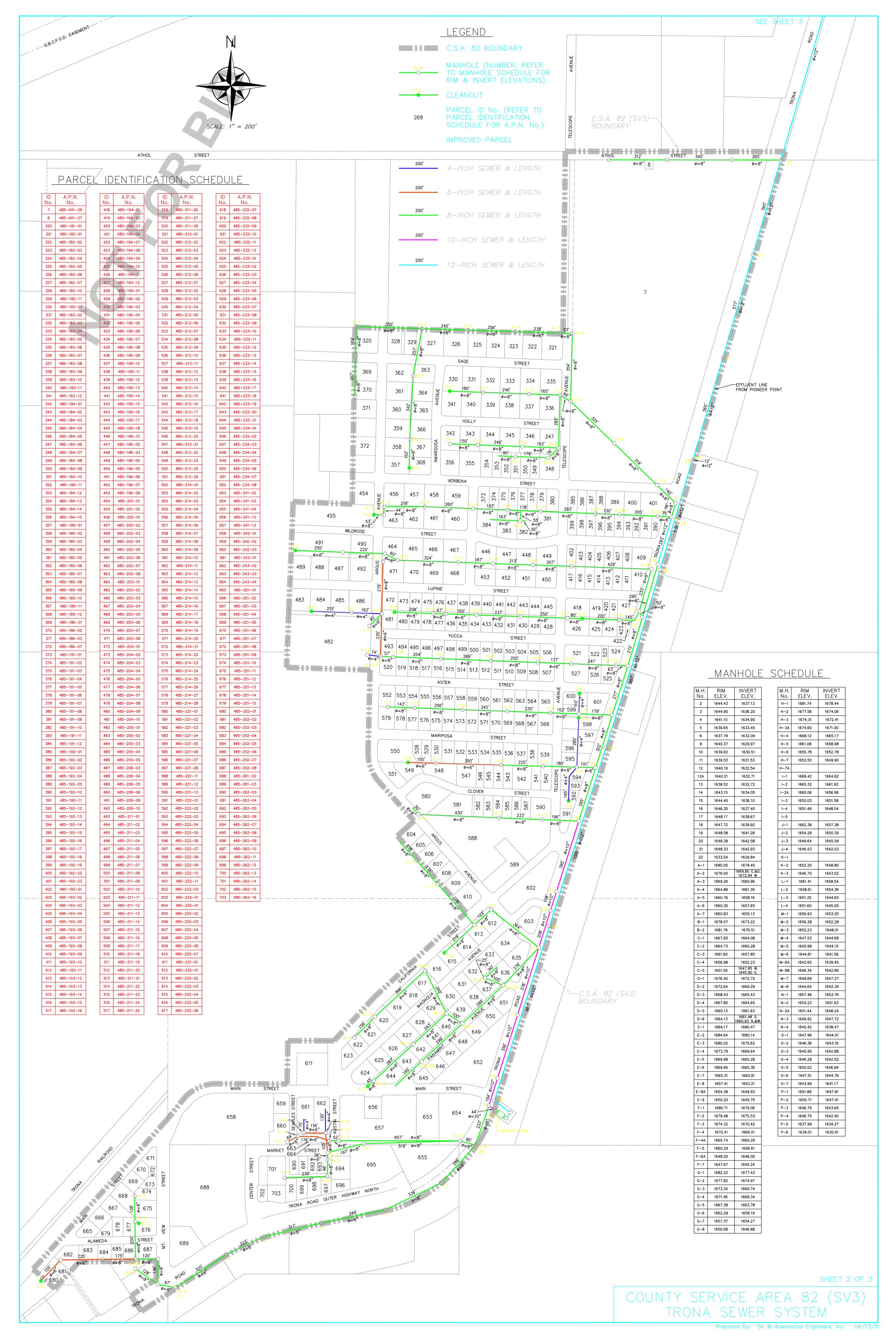
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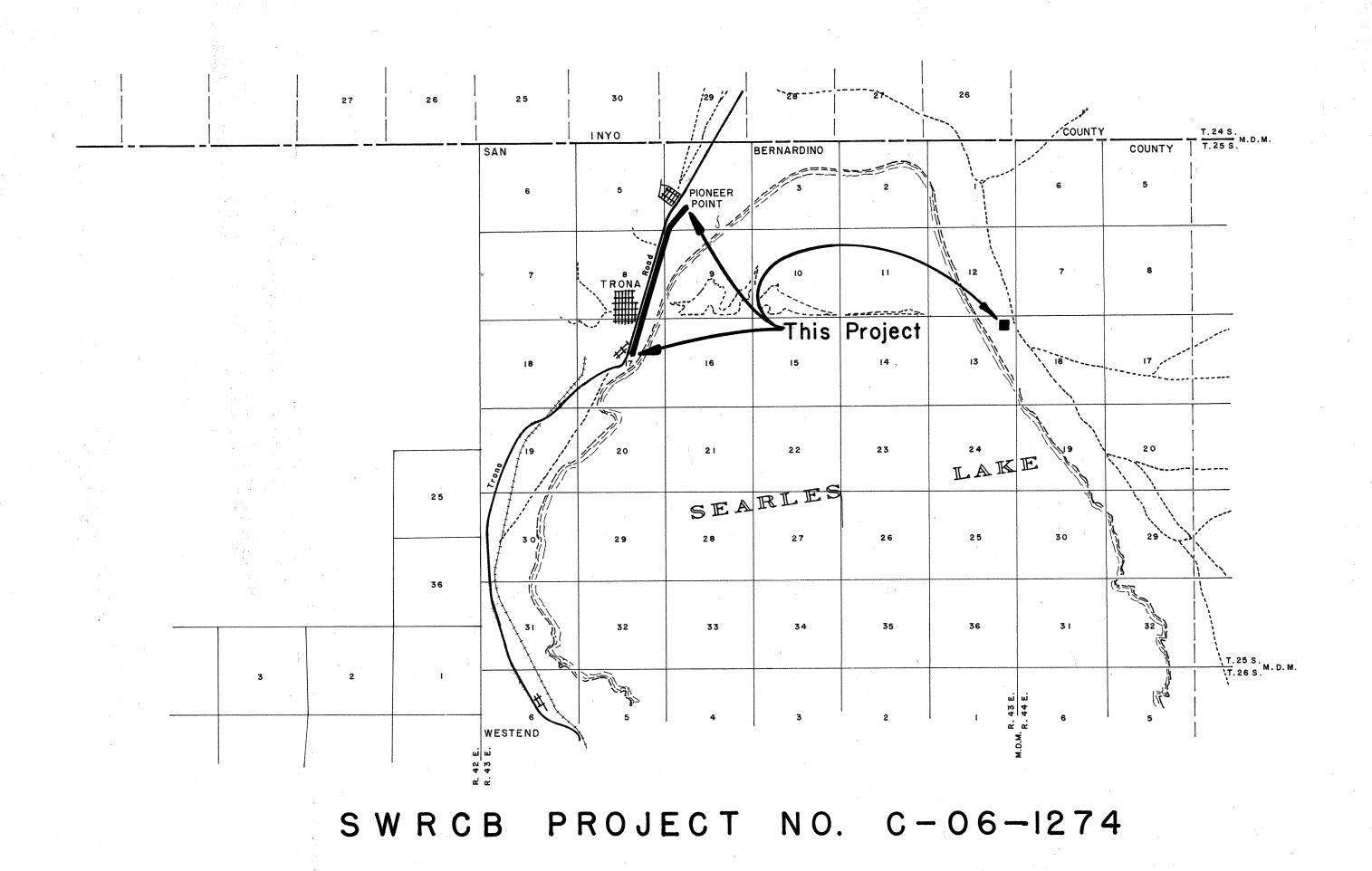


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