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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As provided by the environmental review process adopted in the rules of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 371.41, for projects to be funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 United States Code § 4321, *et seq.*, the TWDB has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from comprehensive environmental review:

Riverside Special Utility District, Walker County, Texas
TWDB DWSRF Project No. 62923
Water Well Replacement
Total Financing Amount: \$1,650,000
Loan No. L1001511, LF1001512

The Riverside Special Utility District (District) is proposing to use \$1,650,000 in financing from the DWSRF program for the Water Well Replacement project to construct a new groundwater production well with an anticipated capacity of approximately 500 gallons per minute (gpm) to improve system reliability and maintain adequate water supply for existing customers. Several existing District wells are experiencing reduced production, declining water quality, or are approaching the end of their useful service life. The proposed well is required to maintain or increase current service levels, meet projected demands, and provide redundancy as older wells are phased out of service. The proposed project site is an established public water system facility that has been continuously used as a water plant site since at least 1996. The property is fully developed for utility use and does not contain undisturbed or natural areas.

The proposed well will be drilled within the boundaries of the District's existing water treatment facility. All construction activities will be confined to the existing facility footprint and will occur on previously disturbed land used for public water system purposes. The proposed project does not require expansion of the existing facility footprint, clearing of vegetation, or disturbance of previously undeveloped land.

There are no previously recorded significant or potentially significant historical or cultural sites within or adjacent to the project footprint, according to the Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Sites Atlas, nor is the proposed project within a protected area surrounding a historic cemetery, structure, or district. The proposed project will not adversely impact waters of the United States, including wetlands. In addition, the proposed project is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat. Finally, the proposed project is not located

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within a Special Flood Hazard Area; therefore, coordination with the local floodplain administrator was not required.

The TWDB may not fund testing, remediation, removal, disposal, or related works for contaminated or potentially contaminated materials. However, the project proponent should ensure that, if found, such materials are tested, removed, and disposed of in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

The staff of the TWDB previously recommended issuance of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) for this project. The decision to grant this CE is allowed because the specified project elements will not cause significant adverse impacts to cultural and natural resources. Documentation supporting this determination is on file at the TWDB.

This determination shall be revoked if it is found that

- (1) the project no longer meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion from full environmental review as a result of changes in the project;
- (2) the project involves extraordinary circumstances as described in 31 TAC §371.42; or
- (3) the project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

The proposed project must comply with the following standard environmental conditions:

Standard Environmental Conditions

- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0550), the Riverside Special Utility District will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources.
- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0550), the Riverside Special Utility District will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened and endangered species.

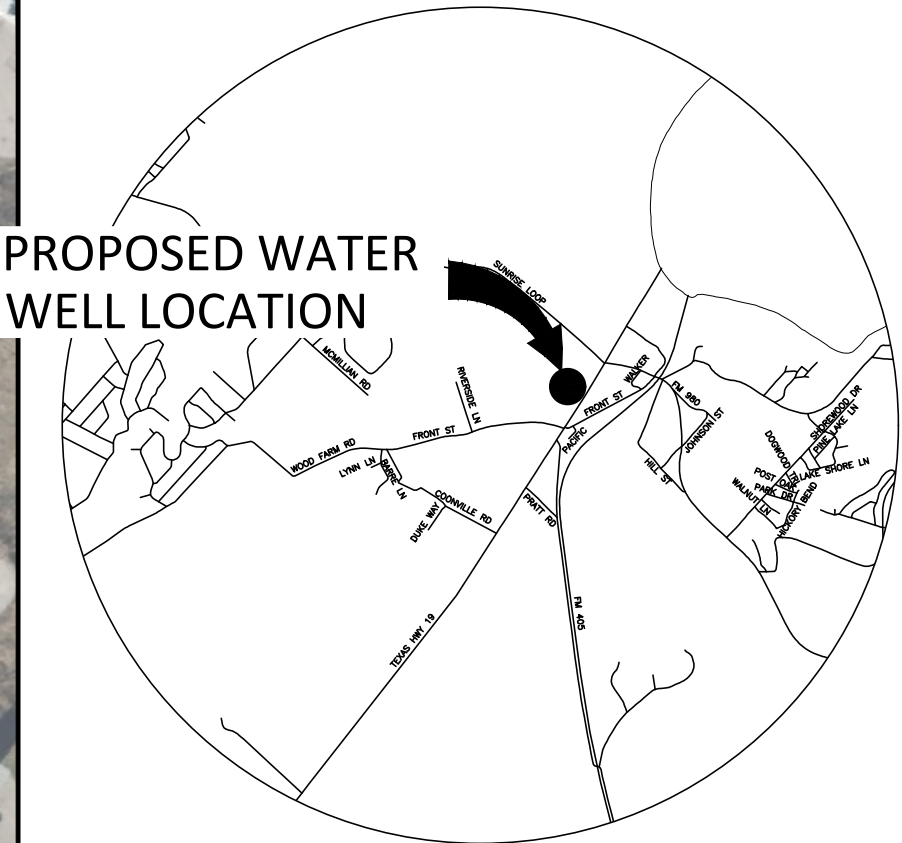
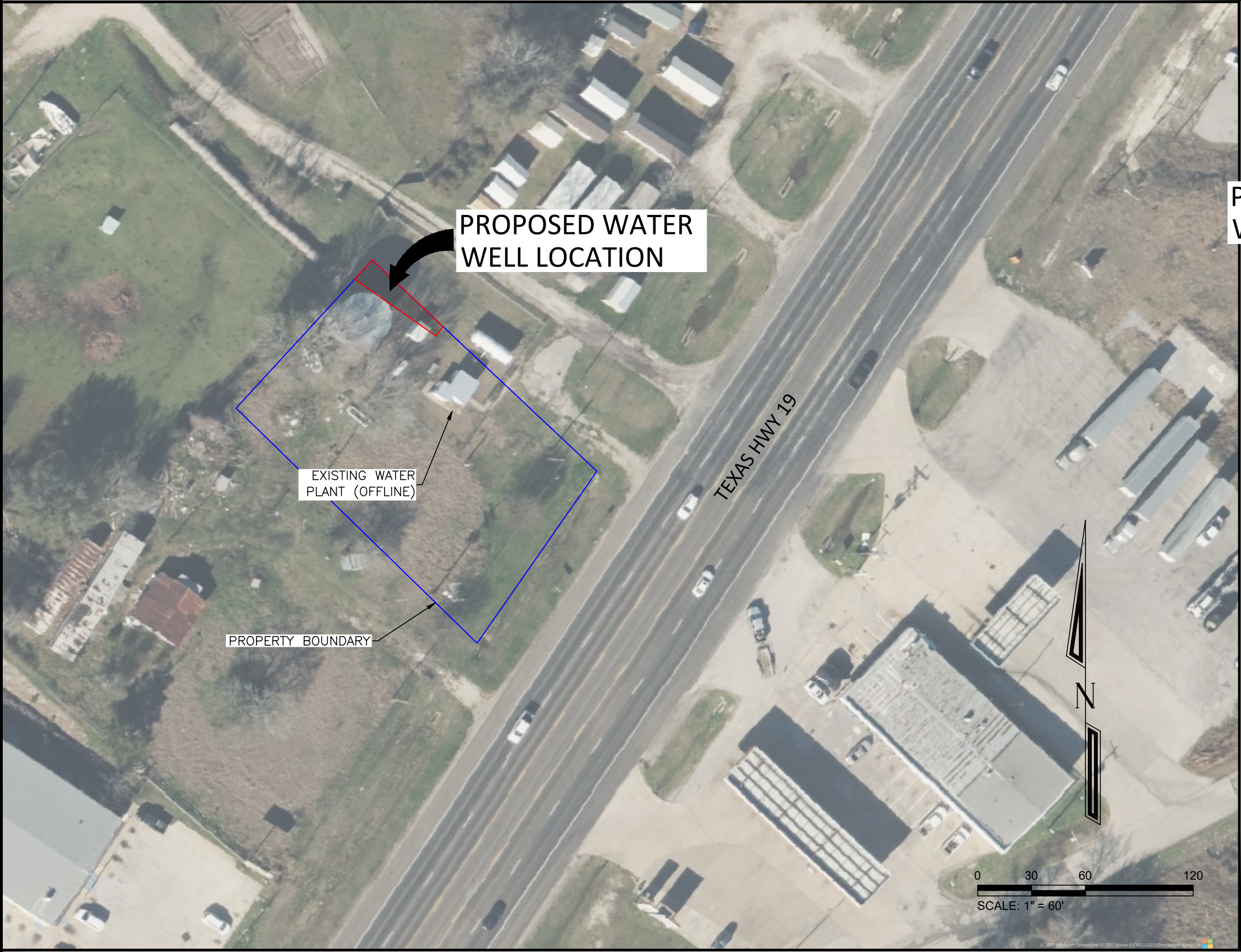
Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Project Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231 or via email at RWPD-Environmental@twdb.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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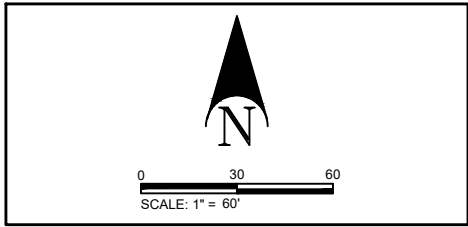
T. Clay Schultz, Ph.D., Director
Regional Water Project Development

Enclosure



VICINITY MAP
WALKER COUNTY
SCALE : N.T.S.

NOTES
1. FINAL LOCATION OF WELL
INSIDE SHADED AREA, TO BE
DETERMINED BY ENGINEER,
OWNER.



PROJECT NAME:	TEST WELLS 2023
PROJECT NUMBER:	L710-14
PREPARED FOR:	RIVERSIDE SUD
DATE:	08/22/2023

WATER WELL LOCATION



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