

October 29, 2015

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

In accordance with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) environmental review process established at 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 375, Subchapter E, for projects to be funded through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S. Code §4321, et seq., the Executive Administrator of the TWDB has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements:

City of Johnson City, Blanco County, Texas
Wastewater Treatment Plan Improvements Project
CWSRF Project No. 73698
Total TWDB Commitment: \$895,000

The City of Johnson City (City) is proposing to use funding from an \$895,000 CWSRF Program loan for the planning, design and construction phases required to implement improvements to the City's wastewater treatment system. Specifically, the City plans to: (1) upgrade blowers, pumping system, sand beds to tile beds, and polymer mixing system; (2) install bubble diffuser and grit removal system; and (3) modifying headworks. The existing wastewater treatment plant is located approximately forty miles north of San Antonio. The City provides water and wastewater services for approximately 1,440 persons, the entire population of the community.

Initially the City considered developing a wastewater reuse system as part of this project; however, the City has decided not to move forward with the reuse system. This environmental determination only addresses the specified project elements related to wastewater plant improvements. No permit modifications will be required for this project. All of the proposed improvements would occur within the grounds of the City's existing wastewater treatment plant. Because the site has been disturbed previously, the environmental impact would be comparable to that associated with normal maintenance activities.

The project will not adversely impact wetlands or waters of the U.S. that are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In addition, the proposed improvements are not likely to affect any significant or potentially significant cultural resources and are not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat.

This decision is allowed because the specified project elements should not entail significant adverse impacts to the quality of the human environment. Documentation supporting this determination is on file at the TWDB.

This determination may be rescinded if it is found that:

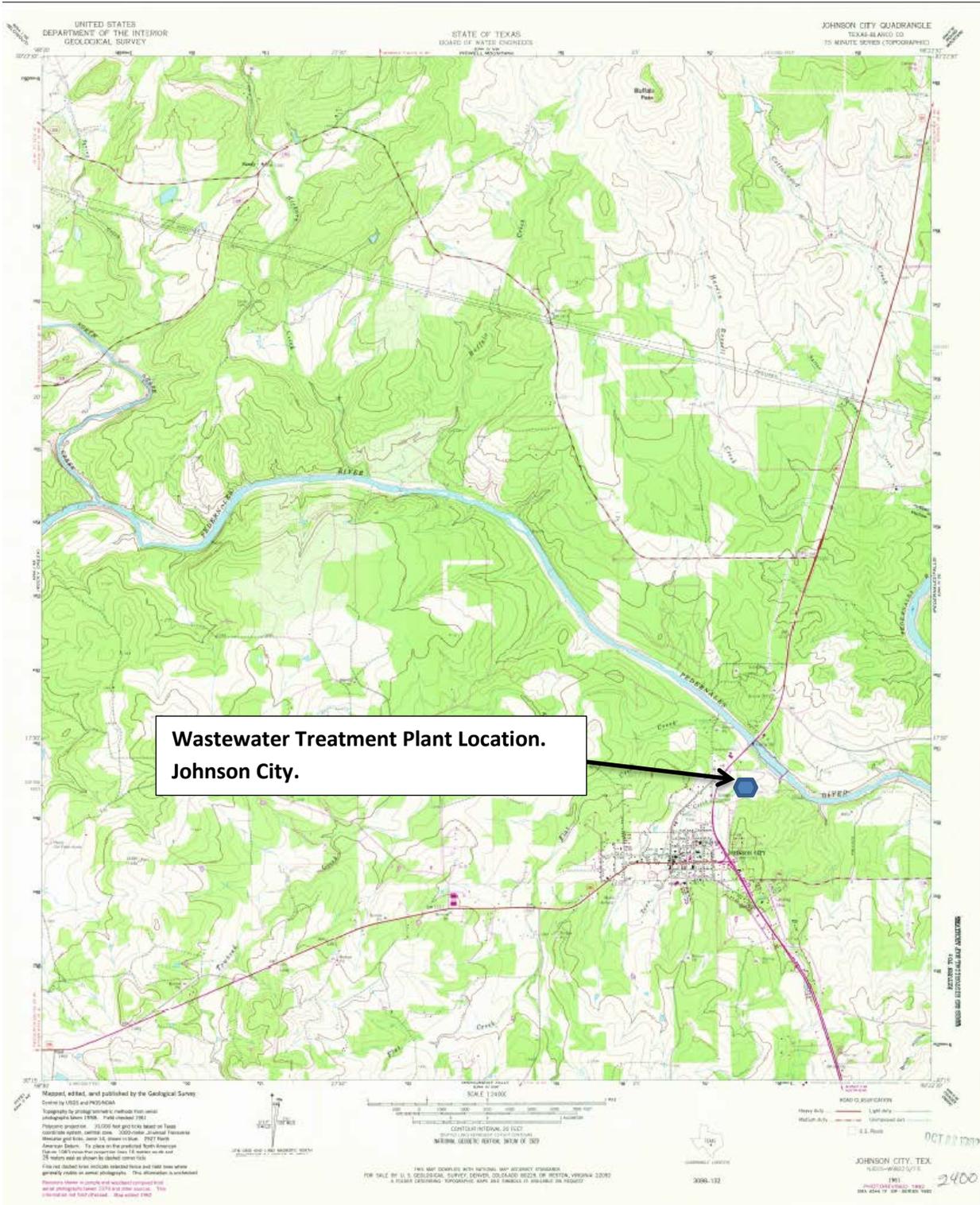
- (1) The project no longer meets the requirements for a CE as a result of changes in the project;
 - (2) The project involves extraordinary circumstances as defined in 31 TAC Section 375.61;
- or

(3) The project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

The project also must comply with the following standard emergency conditions:

- Standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources; and,
- Standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened and endangered species.

Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Planning and Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231.



Project Location.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Project No. 73698

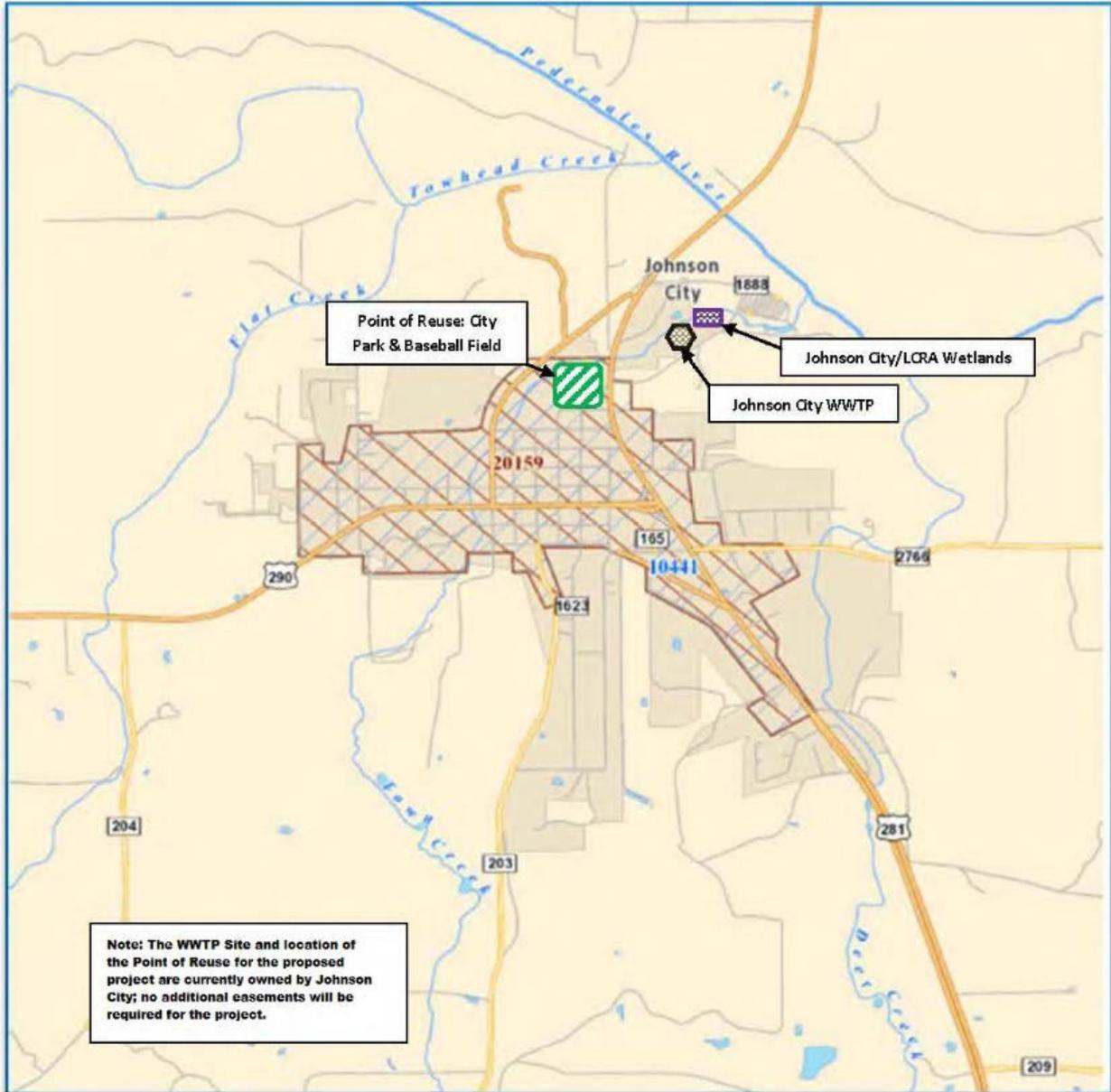


Exhibit 1: Johnson City Water & Wastewater CCN, WWTP Site and Point of Reuse