

September 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:

Sequoia Improvement District, Harris County, Texas
Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project
CWSRF Project No. 73717
Total Estimated TWDB Commitment: \$2,095,000 (Loan No. L1000466)

The Sequoia Improvement District (District) is proposing to use funding from a \$2,095,000 CWSRF loan for the planning, design, and construction phases to implement improvements to the wastewater system. Specifically, the District plans to: (1) rehabilitate approximately 18,500 linear feet of sanitary sewer lines, associated manholes and sewer connections, and (2) repair corroded manhole walls as needed. In addition, the project will require adequate isolation valves and all necessary appurtenances. All work will be performed within existing right-of-ways and on previously disturbed sites.

Existing lines will be replaced by new lines in the same locations utilizing the pipe-bursting method. Environmental impacts should be similar to rehabilitation activities and limited to those associated with excavation, pipe installation, and road repair. The project is not likely to affect any significant or potentially significant cultural resources. 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, construction within existing right-of-ways and easements is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat or cultural resources.

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.

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This determination may be rescinded if it is found that:

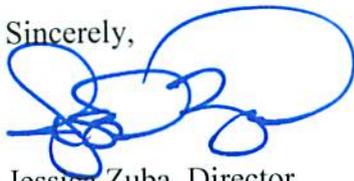
- (1) The project no longer meets the requirements for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) as a result of changes in the project;
- (2) The project involves extraordinary circumstances as defined in 31 TAC Section 375.61;
or
- (3) The project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

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

- Prior to construction activities within the 100-year floodplain, acquisition of a floodplain permit, or waiver, from the Local Floodplain Administrator, National Flood Insurance Program;
- 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.

Sincerely,



Jessica Zuba, Director
Regional Water Planning and Development

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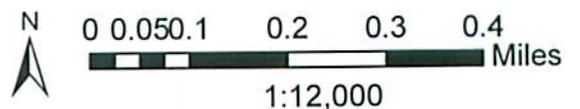
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**Figure 1: Sequoia ID District Boundary
Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project
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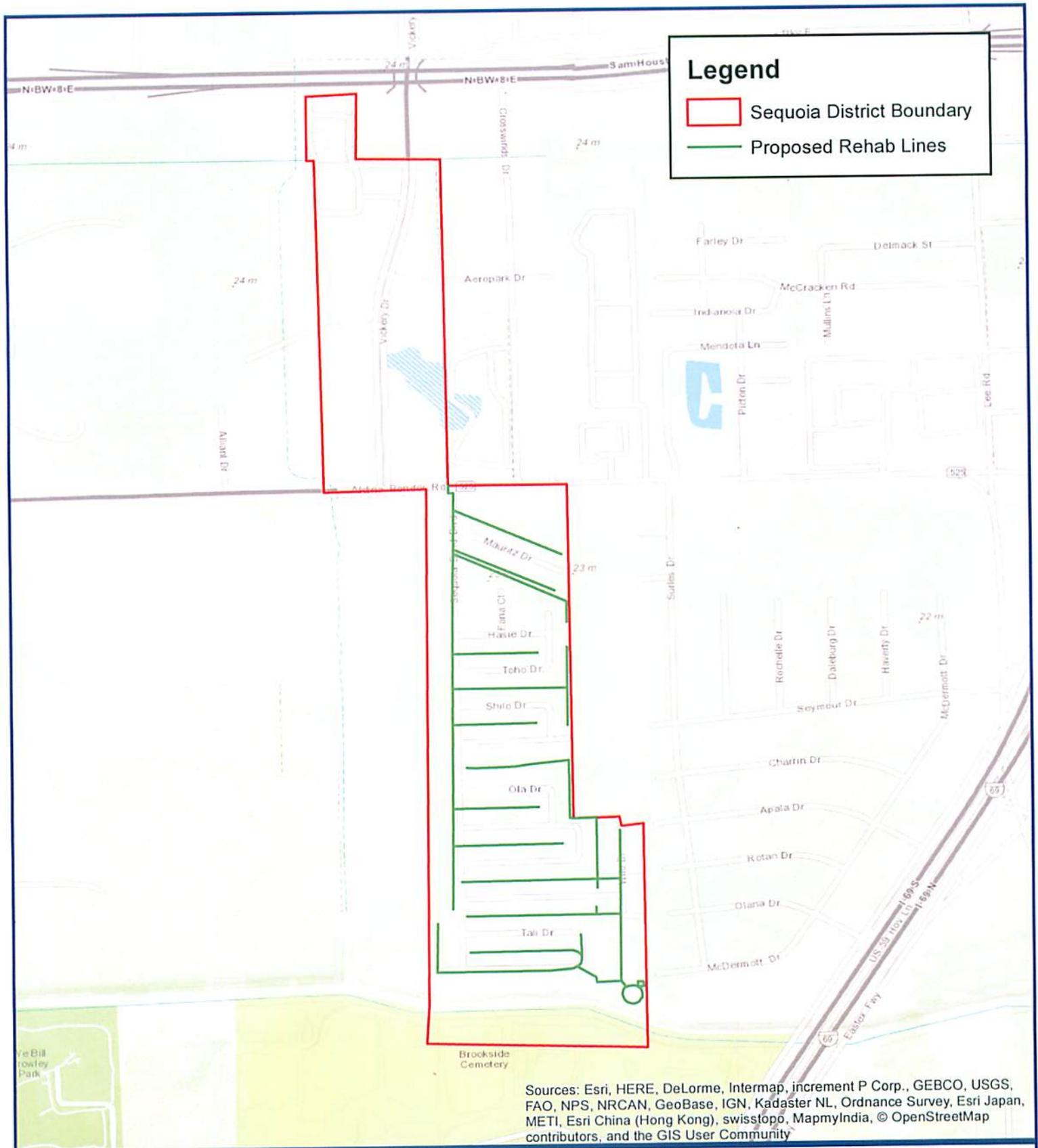


Figure 2: USGS Topographic Quadrangle: Humble Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project CWSRF Project No. 73717 September 2015



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