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DETERMINATION OF NO EFFECT

TO ALL POTENTIALLY INTERESTED AGENCIES:

Pursuant to the environmental assessment requirements of 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 363.14, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has determined that proposed action identified below may be exempted from a comprehensive environmental review:

Greater Texoma Utility Authority, Fannin County, Texas
TWDB DFUND Project No. 21924
Gober Municipal Utility District Ground Storage Tanks
Total Financing Amount: \$680,000
Loan No. L1002348

The Greater Texoma Utility Authority (Authority) is proposing to use \$680,000 in financing from the Water Development Fund (DFund) program for the Gober Municipal Utility District Ground Storage Tank project to remove two existing 32,000-gallon ground storage tanks (GST) and replace them with two 50,000-gallon GSTs. This will require an approximate 0.10-acre expansion of the site, the extension of fencing to include the area for the new tanks, and new yard piping to deliver water to and from the new tanks, within the limits of the facility. The TWDB committed this financing on May 11, 2026.

There are no previously recorded significant or potentially significant historic or cultural sites within or adjacent to the project footprint, according to the Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Sites Atlas, nor is the project within the protected area surrounding a historic cemetery, structure, or district. The project will not adversely impact waters of the United States, including wetlands. The project is not located within the 100-year floodplain; therefore, coordination with the local floodplain administrator was not.

Less than 0.10 acres of trees, including at least one mature tree, and mowed and maintained grass will be removed to expand the existing facility. To ensure that impacts threatened or endangered species or habitat would be minimized, the Authority coordinated with two regulatory agencies, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and received recommendations for avoidance from the TPWD. In a letter dated March 23, 2026, the USFWS determined that the proposed project would have no effect on federally listed threatened and endangered species. The area within 660 feet of the project site was surveyed for bald eagle nests and none were found, leading to a determination by the USFWS that a permit would not be required. In a letter dated April 17, 2026, the TPWD provided recommendations to avoid impacts to species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) that may occur in the project

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area. Those recommendations are incorporated into this Determination of No Effect (DNE) as special conditions.

The TWDB cannot 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 decision to grant a DNE is allowed because the specified project elements should not cause significant adverse impacts to the quality of the environment. 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 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 § 363.14; or
- (3) the project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

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

Special Environmental Conditions

- As per an agreement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Ecological & Environmental Planning Program (TPWD Project No. 58950), to ensure compliance with Chapters 12, 64, and 67 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and applicable federal regulations pertaining to protected species, the following measures will be implemented:
 - Vegetation clearing must be excluded during the general bird nesting season March 15 through September 15, to avoid adverse impacts to breeding birds. If vegetation clearing during this time is unavoidable, the area proposed for disturbance will be surveyed by a qualified biologist to identify occupied nests, not more than five days prior to clearing activities. If occupied nests are observed during surveys, a vegetation buffer area of no less than 100 feet in diameter will remain around the nest until all young have fledged; however, the size of the buffer zone depends on various factors and can be coordinated with the local or regional USFWS office.
 - Trenches or excavated holes left open for extended periods should be inspected for trapped wildlife prior to backfilling. Any wildlife observed will be allowed to safely leave the site or handled only by persons with authorization obtained through the TPWD Wildlife Permits Program.

- For soil stabilization and revegetation, no-till drilling, hydromulching (avoiding plastic ingredients), and/or hydroseeding will be used rather than erosion control blankets or mats, which pose an entanglement hazard to wildlife. If erosion control blankets or mats cannot be avoided, products that contain no netting or loosely woven natural fiber netting will be used, avoiding any type of plastic netting.
- The project will be designed to utilize the minimum amount of nighttime light needed for safety and security for lighted structures. If outdoor lighting is required for on-ground facilities, such as personnel parking areas and substations, lighting will be selected and installed so that it minimizes skyglow or trespass. Lighting will be focused downward with shields or cutoff luminaires, be illuminated only when needed, be only as bright as needed, and minimize blue light emissions. Light sources will have a maximum Correlated Color Temperature of 3,000-Kelvin (i.e., warm-toned light).

Standard Environmental Conditions

- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0552), the Greater Texoma Utility Authority (Authority) will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources.
- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0552), the Authority 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,

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

Enclosures



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri Korea, Esri (Thailand), NGCC, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

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REGIONAL LOCATION MAP

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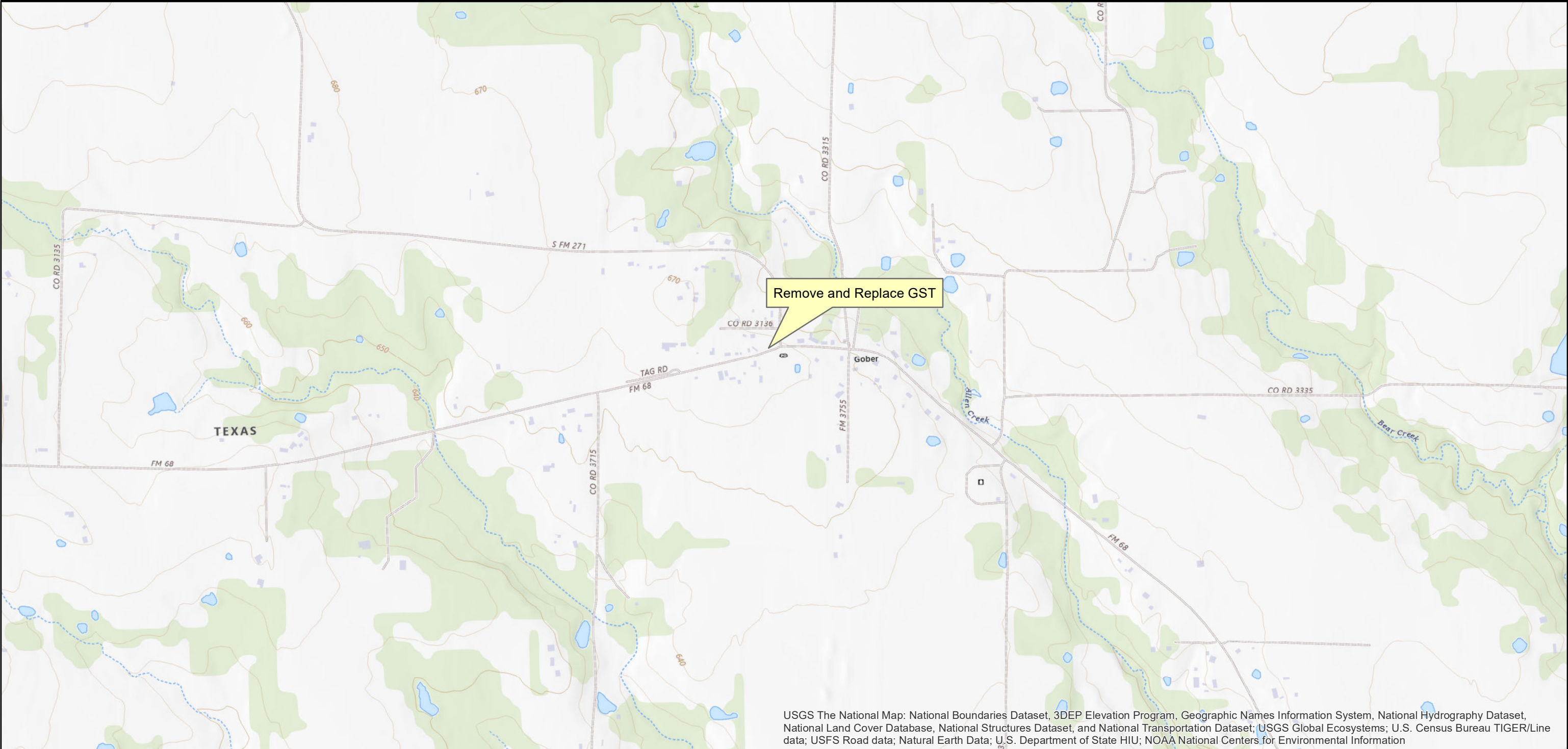


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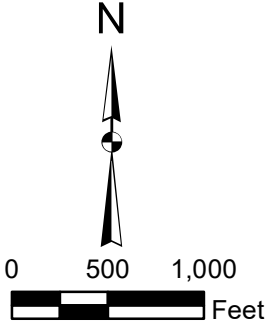
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EXHIBIT 1



USGS The National Map: National Boundaries Dataset, 3DEP Elevation Program, Geographic Names Information System, National Hydrography Dataset, National Land Cover Database, National Structures Dataset, and National Transportation Dataset; USGS Global Ecosystems; U.S. Census Bureau TIGER/Line data; USFS Road data; Natural Earth Data; U.S. Department of State HIU; NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information



Gober MUD

U.S. Geological Survey Map
Gober, Texas



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ATTACHMENT 2

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PLAN VIEW

THESE PLANS DO NOT INCLUDE NECESSARY COMPONENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION SAFETY.

NOTE: LOCATION OF EXISTING BURIED UTILITIES, WHERE SHOWN, IS APPROXIMATE ONLY. THERE MAY BE UTILITIES WHICH ARE NOT SHOWN. THIS CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCATING AND PROTECTION OF ALL BURIED UTILITIES.

DRAWN BY: TYLER A.

DATE: DECEMBER 2025

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