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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As provided by the state 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 staff has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements:

Fort Griffin Special Utility District
Throckmorton, Stephens, and Shackelford Counties, Texas
TWDB DWSRF Project No. 62823
Water Supply Improvements
Aeration Systems
Total Financing Amount: \$1,525,000
Loan No. L1000936

The Fort Griffin Special Utility District (District) is proposing to use a portion of its \$1,525,000 in financing from the DWSRF program for the Water Supply Improvements Project for the installation of aeration equipment installed at four ground or elevated storage tanks in the water system. Improvements include a blower on or adjacent to the tank, a mixer inside the tank, and associated plumbing and electrical. The project will help address elevated levels of trihalomethanes (THM), an ongoing concern for the District.

Previously, the District received environmental clearance to construct a raw water transmission line (by a Finding of No Significant Impact dated September 2, 2021, and two Statements of Findings, dated November 2, 2021, and June 16, 2022) with the goal to reduce precursors of THMs. Before construction began, new access was obtained to the raw water at a closer location under better terms, eliminating the District's need for the proposed line. In keeping with the goal of reducing THMs, this Categorical Exclusion (CE) is completed for the planned aeration systems at the storage tanks.

The four proposed project sites are (1) the Throckmorton elevated storage tank (EST) on the west side of US 183, about one mile south of the town of Throckmorton in Throckmorton County; (2) the ground storage tank at Pump Station No. 1 on County Road (CR) 109, about three and a half miles northeast of the city of Albany, Shackelford County; (3) a ground storage tank at Pump Station No. 7 located about four miles west of the city of Moran on Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 576, Shackelford County; and, (4) a clear well storage tank located in an existing building at the water treatment plant (WTP) near Hubbard Creek

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Reservoir on CR 306 in Stephens County.

All proposed work will occur within existing, previously disturbed sites. There are no previously recorded significant or potentially significant historical or cultural sites within or adjacent to the proposed project sites, 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. An archaeological site is located about 800 feet north of the ground storage tank at Pump Station No. 7. A prehistoric burial site is located approximately 4,000 feet from the WTP site. No impacts are expected at either of these distances. The proposed project will not adversely impact waters of the United States, including wetlands. The proposed project is not located within a Special Flood Hazard Area; therefore, coordination with the local floodplain administrator was not required. In addition, the proposed project is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat.

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 CE for this project. The decision to grant a CE is allowed because the specified project elements will not cause significant adverse impacts to the quality of the human environment or protected 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 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-0551), the Fort Griffin 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-0551), the Fort Griffin Special Utility District will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened and endangered species.

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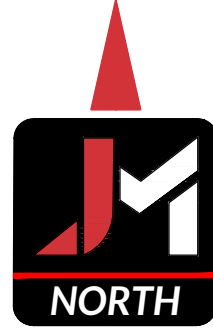
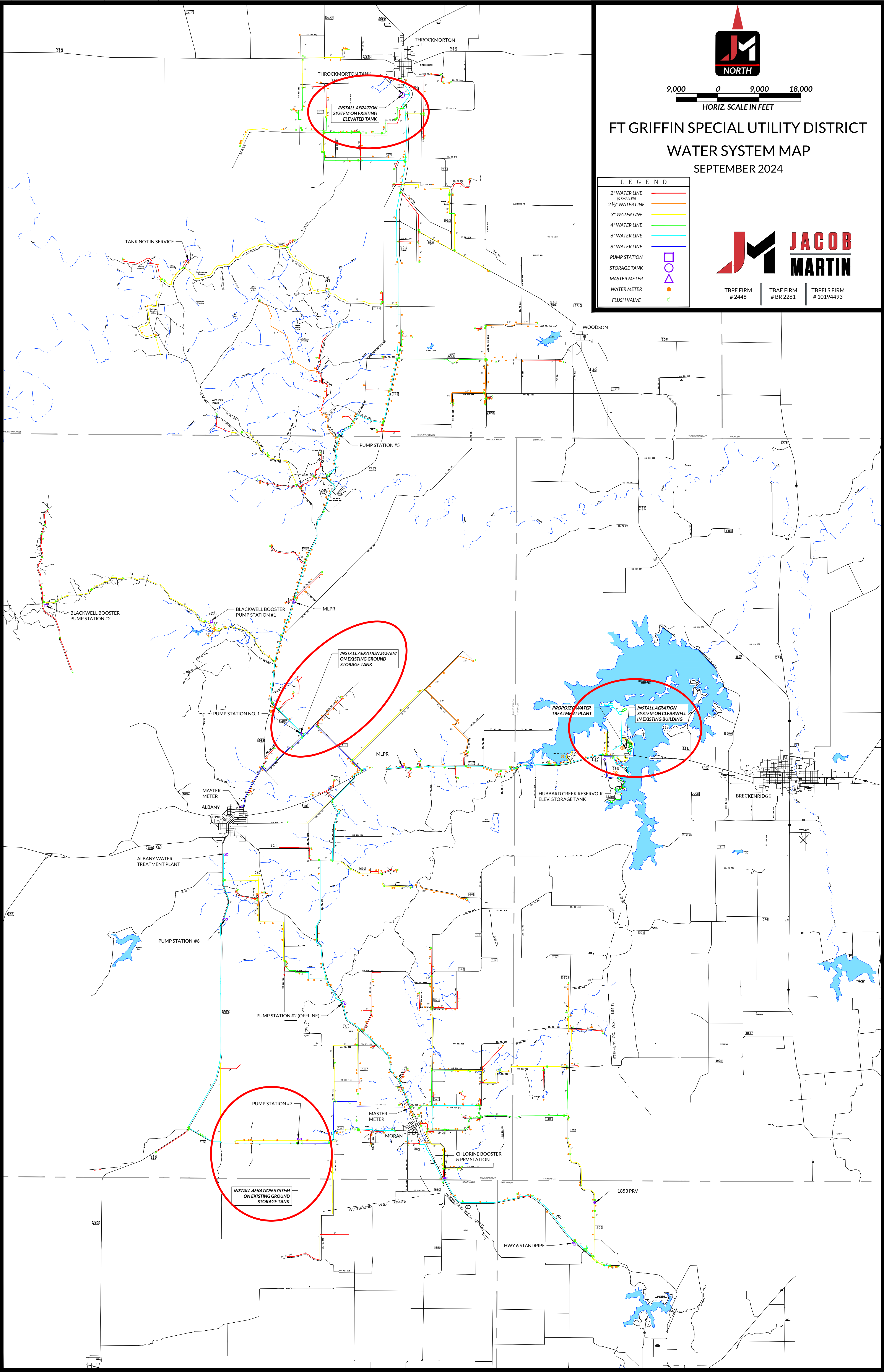
Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Project Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231 or via email at RWPD-Environmental@twdb.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures



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WATER SYSTEM MAP
SEPTEMBER 2024

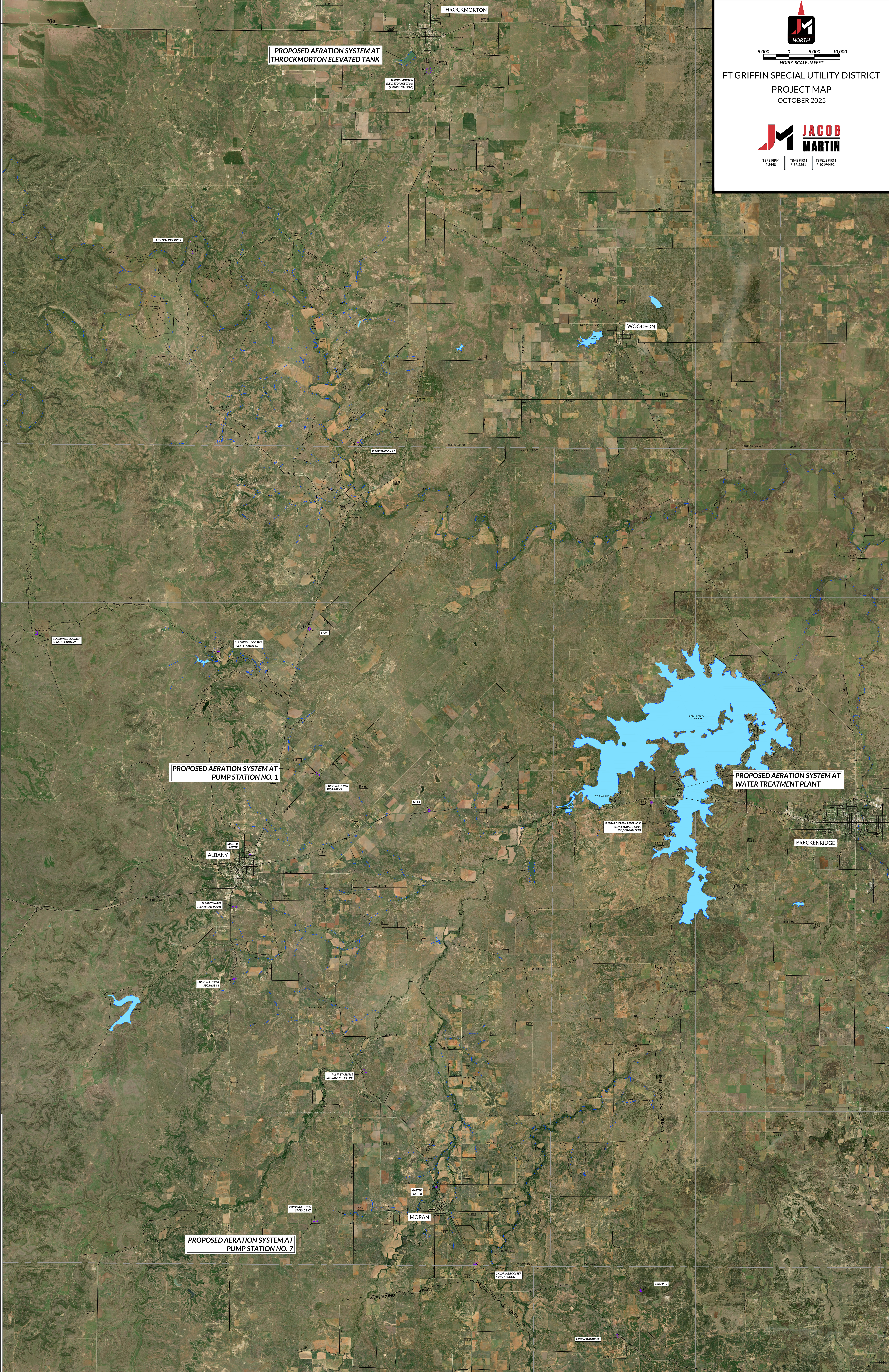
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PUMP STATION	□
STORAGE TANK	○
MASTER METER	△
WATER METER	●
FLUSH VALVE	○

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PROJECT MAP

OCTOBER 2025



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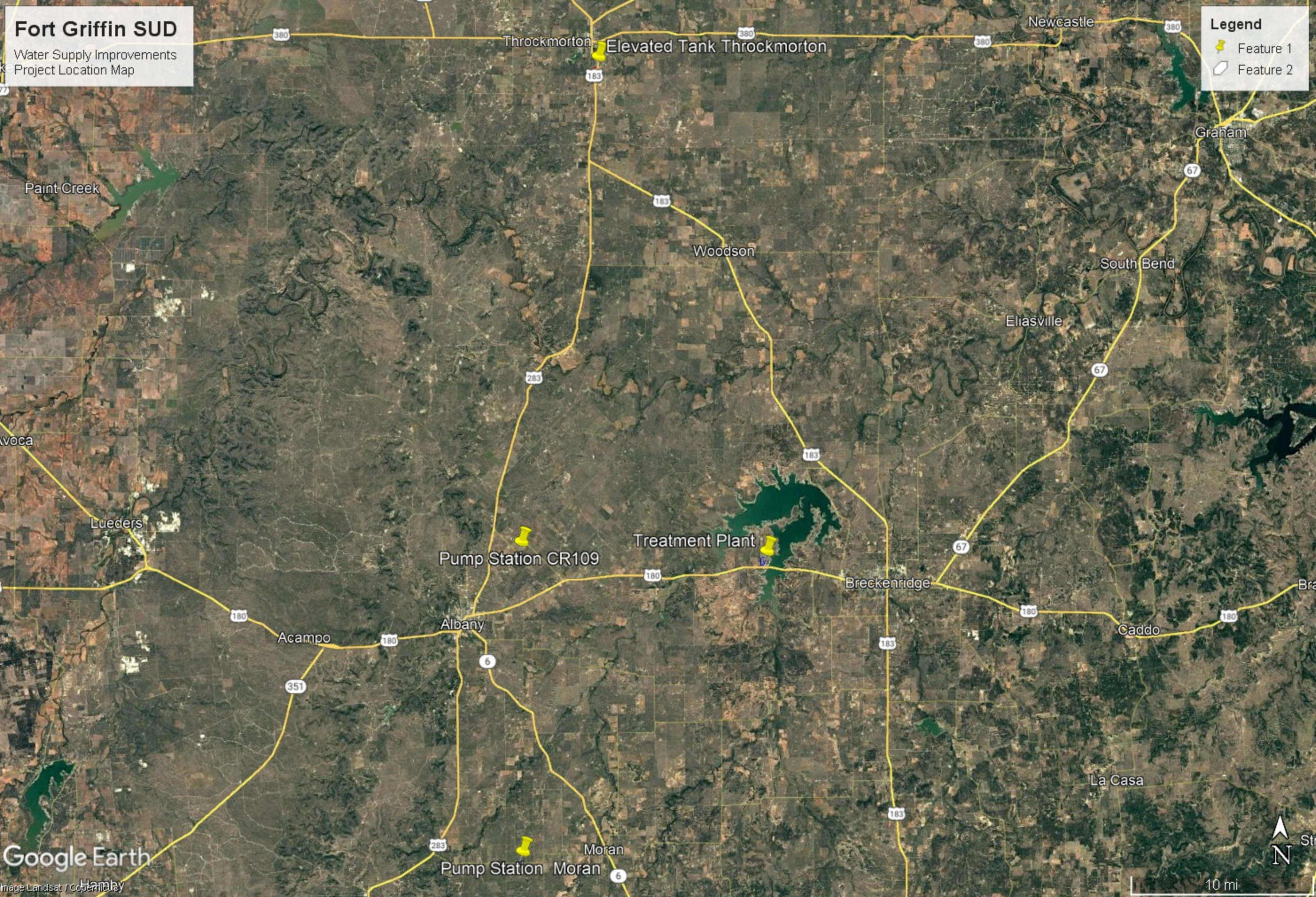
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Fort Griffin SUD

Water Supply Improvements
Project Location Map

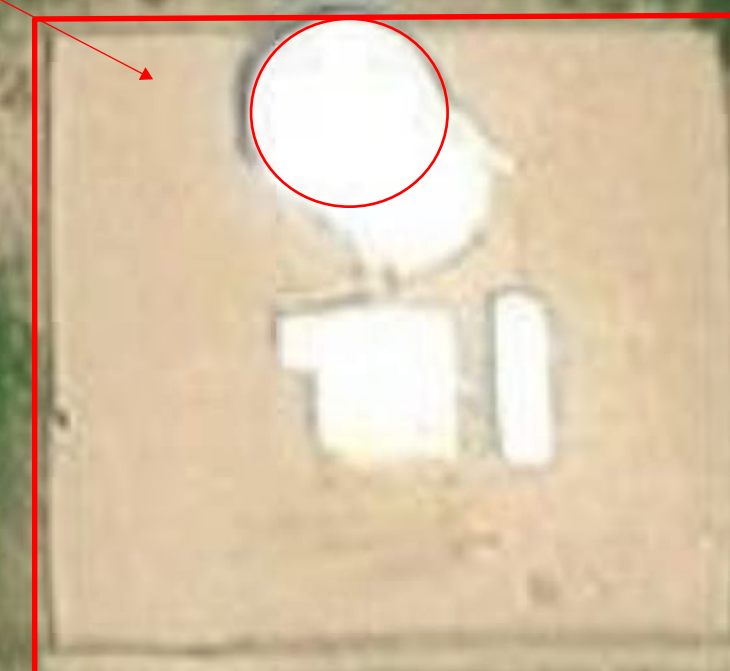
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- Feature 2



Aeration installation inside of
existing tank

Pump Station Boundary

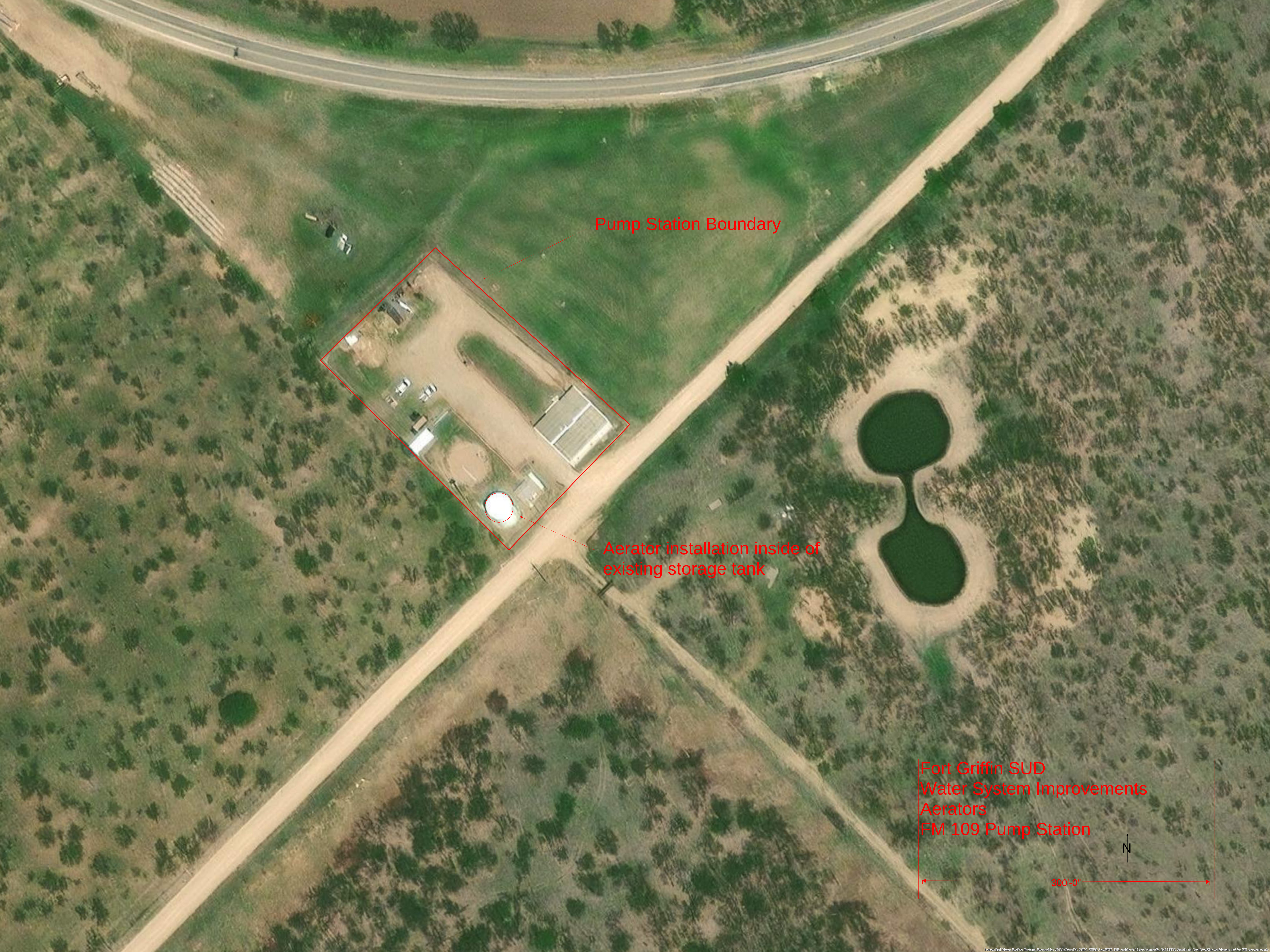


Fort Griffin SUD
Water System Improvements
Aerators
Moran Pump Station

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Pump Station Boundary

Aerator installation inside of
existing storage tank

Fort Griffin SUD
Water System Improvements
Aerators
FM 109 Pump Station

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300'-0"



Treatment Plant Boundary

Aeration installation

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Water System Improvements
Aerators
Hubbard Creek Lake WTP

1000'
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Elevated Storage Boundary

Aerator installation inside of
existing elevated storage tank

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Water System Improvements
Aerators
Throckmorton Elevated Tank

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