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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 staff has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from comprehensive environmental review requirements:

City of Huntington, Angelina County, Texas
TWDB DWSRF Project No. 62990
New Water Well and Storage Tank Aerators
Total Anticipated Financing Amount: \$2,110,000
Loan No. LF1001793, L1001792

The City of Huntington (City) is proposing to use \$2,110,000 in financing from the DWSRF program for the New Water Well and Storage Tank Aerators project to address 1) the loss of water production due to existing well inoperability and 2) the failure of pumping and electrical systems following severe storm events. Specifically, the project includes the following improvements:

- Drilling of new water well
- Installation of water well casing
- Installation of well-discharge piping and associated valves, couplings, and fittings
- Installation of one submersible pump with column assembly
- Miscellaneous associated electrical work
- Installation of two high-service pumps
- Installation of emergency generator
- Installation of aerators in the elevated storage tank

The planned well construction will occur at the City’s existing well site located on County Road 216 (Old Homer Alto Road). This 1.88-acre, City-owned property is currently the site of inoperable Well No. 4, a pump house, and associated piping. The new well will be located at a minimum of 200 feet from Well No. 4. Some construction will occur within Angelina County’s right-of-way along County Road 216 to connect pipe from the new well to an existing pipeline that conveys well water approximately 2,000 feet along the roadway to the City’s Water Plant No. 3.

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Environmental impacts will be similar to rehabilitation activities and limited to those associated with well drilling, excavation, pipe installation, and road repair. In some cases, the depth of excavation may be greater than the existing pipe and the location of the replacement pipe may not be immediately adjacent to the existing line (e.g., opposite side of street).

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.

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. The proposed project appears to be partially within a 100-year floodplain, as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Projects involving construction in the 100-year floodplain, including replacement or borings, require a floodplain development permit from the local floodplain administrator prior to construction in the 100-year floodplain. In addition, the proposed project is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat.

The TWDB recommends 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 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 special and standard environmental conditions:

Special Environmental Conditions

- Consistent with the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004, federal Executive Order 11988 as amended by EO 13690, Texas Water Code Section 16.315, and local floodplain development ordinances, the City of Huntington (City) will obtain a floodplain development permit from the local floodplain administrator prior to construction in, across, or under a Special Flood Hazard Area.

- Consistent with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code Chapter 64, 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. Raptor nesting occurs late winter through early spring; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recommends construction activities be excluded from a minimum zone of 100 meters (approximately 328 feet) surrounding any raptor nest during the period of February 1 through July 15. State and federal regulations as currently interpreted do not permit incidental take.

Standard Environmental Conditions

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

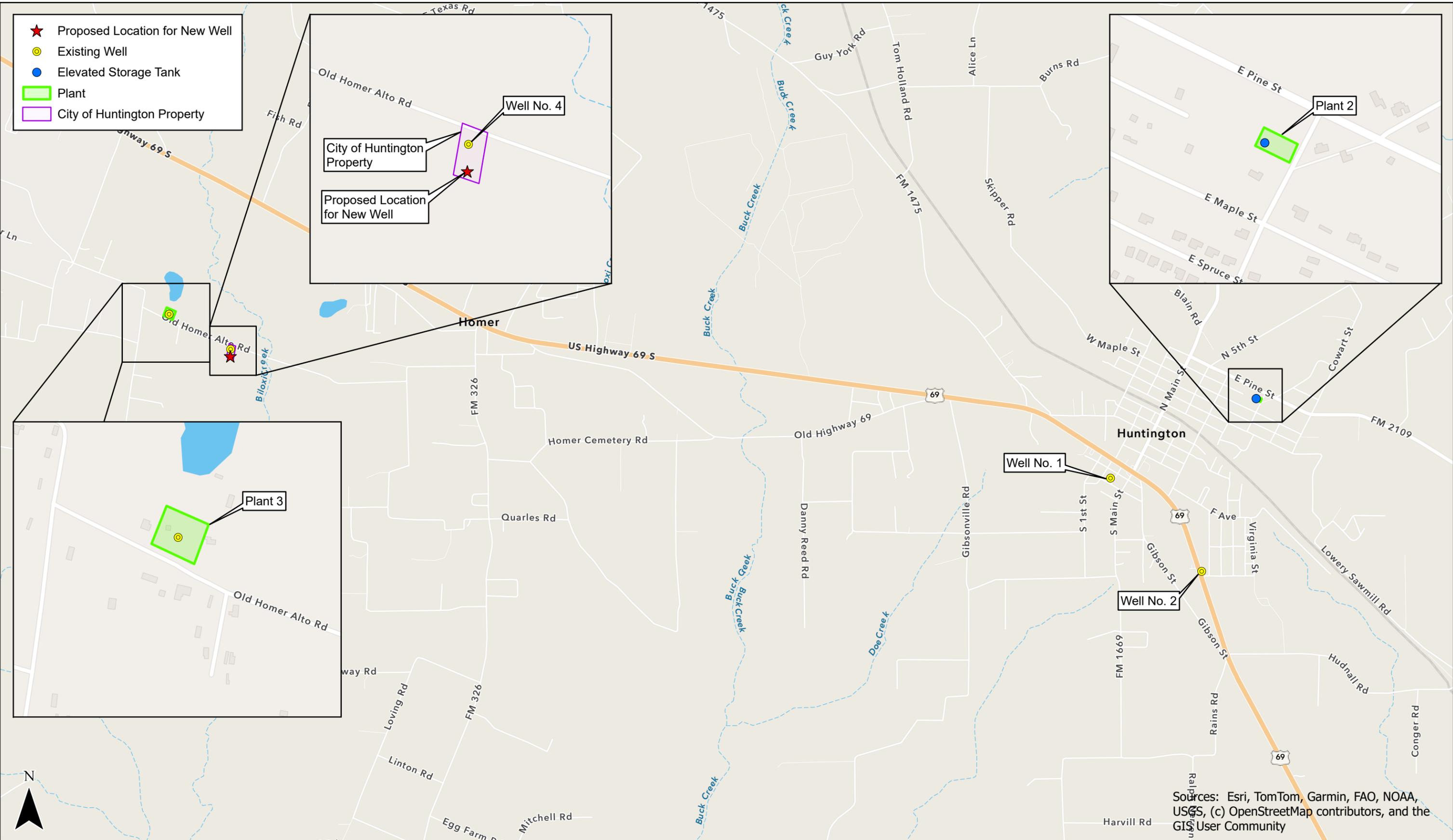
Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Project Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231 or via email at RWPD-Environmental@twdb.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures

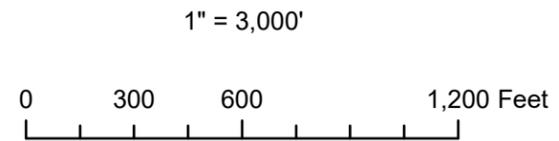
- ★ Proposed Location for New Well
- Existing Well
- Elevated Storage Tank
- Plant
- City of Huntington Property



Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community



City of Huntington TWDB New Water Well Project Location Map



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CITY OF HUNTINGTON
 NEW WATER WELL

WELL SITE
 EXHIBIT

REVISIONS:

PLANS ARE FORMATTED FOR 22"x34" PLAN SHEETS. IF PRINTED ON 11"x17" SHEETS THE SCALES ARE HALF THE SIZE NOTED.

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