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

Rayburn Country Municipal Utility District, Jasper County, Texas  
DWSRF Project No. 63006  
Water System Improvements Project  
Total Anticipated Financing Amount: \$4,265,000  
Loan No. LF1001950, L1001948, L1001949

The Rayburn Country Municipal Utility District (District) serves the unincorporated community of Brookeland in Jasper County, Texas. The District is proposing to use \$4,265,000 in financing from the DWSRF program for the Water System Improvements Project to increase water supply to meet the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's minimum capacity requirements and to improve water quality by reducing trihalomethane and total haloacetic levels and rehabilitating aging infrastructure.

The improvements covered by this categorical exclusion are located at the District's two existing water well and treatment plant sites, Post Oak Well Site No. 1 and Hwy 255 Well Site No. 2, and at eighteen points along the distribution system. The District proposes to install a new groundwater well at the existing Post Oak Well Site No. 1, located on Post Oak Lane South. The new well will be located within the plant's fenced area, adjacent to existing water plant structures and yard piping, and in an area currently cleared of vegetation and covered by graded soil. New well filters to address water quality will be installed at the existing and proposed wells at both sites. Ground storage tanks at each site will be rehabilitated as well. The District also proposes to install eighteen pressure monitors along the water distribution system to locate low-pressure areas and detect leaks.

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, as no water or wetland features in the project area. 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

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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 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:

#### Standard Environmental Conditions

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

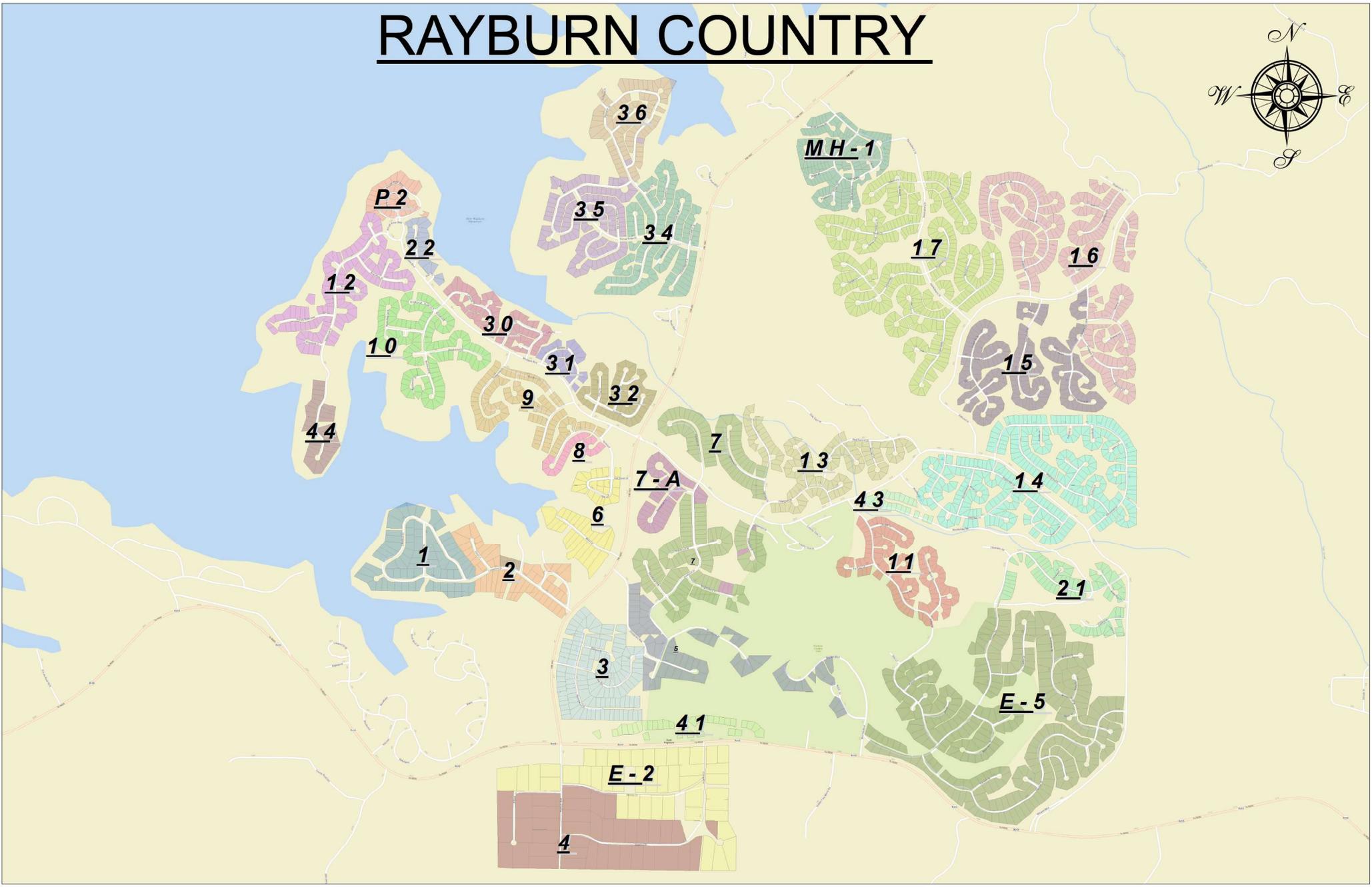
Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Project Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231 or via email at [RWPD-Environmental@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:RWPD-Environmental@twdb.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

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

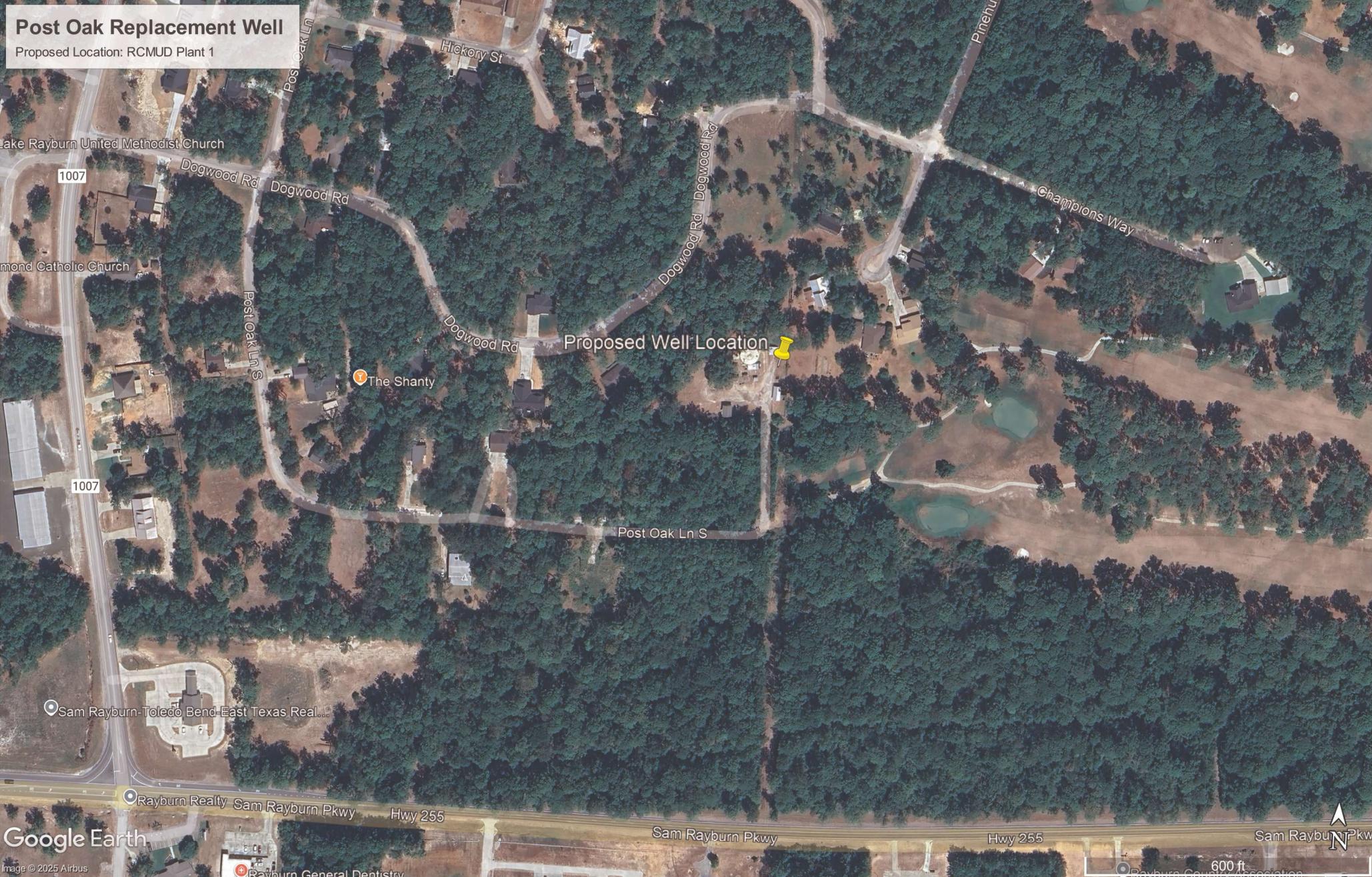
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# RAYBURN COUNTRY



# Post Oak Replacement Well

Proposed Location: RCMUD Plant 1



Lake Rayburn United Methodist Church

St. James Catholic Church

The Shanty

Proposed Well Location

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Rayburn General Dentistry

Sam Rayburn Pkwy

Hwy 255

Sam Rayburn Pkwy

600 ft

Rayburn County Association



# Proposed Filter Location

RCMUD Plant 2



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Hwy 255

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300 ft

