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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) § 375.61, for projects to be funded through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) 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:

San Leon Municipal Utility District, Galveston County, Texas
TWDB CWSRF Project No. 73934
Wastewater Collection System Replacement and Rehabilitation
Total Financing Amount: \$14,365,000
Loan Nos. L1001649, LF10016050, L1001651

The San Leon Municipal Utility District (District) is proposing to use \$14,365,000 in financing from the CWSRF program for the Wastewater Collection System Replacement and Rehabilitation project to rehabilitate their existing wastewater collection system. Approximately 85 percent of the District’s 50 miles of sewer pipe is original to its initial development in the 1970s and 1980s. Deterioration over time and poor soil conditions have degraded the integrity of the system. Rehabilitation is needed to remove reduce levels of inflow and infiltration. The District has been under enforcement by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for collection system violations. Proposed project components include:

- Televised inspection and evaluation of the existing gravity sewer mains;
- Rehabilitation of existing gravity sanitary sewer pipes through trenchless construction using the pipe bursting method;
- Rehabilitation of existing gravity sewer sanitary sewer manholes through cementitious coatings and cured-in-place liners; and
- Rehabilitation and upgrade of existing lift stations to include backup generators and become more resistant to flooding and infiltration by installing submersible pumps and watertight hatches.

Rehabilitations will be installed via pipe-bursting or cured-in-place liner, whichever is more cost effective and provides the best product to the client. Both methods of

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installations are trenchless in order to disturb as little area as possible. Each pipe-burst line will have an entry and exit pit approximately 15 feet long by 5 feet wide. Each sanitary sewer service will have an excavation pit approximately 6 feet long by 6 feet wide. The depths will be determined by the depth of the pipe, which ranges from 4 feet deep to 16 feet deep. The areas affected will be within the existing sanitary sewer pipe alignment, as the new sanitary sewer pipe will be slid inside the existing sanitary sewer pipe. Excavation around the lift station will only be used when necessary to relocate pipe. The disturbed area will be, if necessary, approximately 10 feet long by 6 feet wide and depth will be determined by the depth of the lift station and work required. Portions of the existing sanitary sewer lines will be abandoned in place.

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 Texas Historical Commission provided a determination dated April 24, 2026, (Tracking No. 202609169) that confirmed that no historic properties are present on or affected by the proposed project. The proposed project will not adversely impact waters of the United States, including wetlands, due to trenchless construction methods and project scope revisions. The proposed project appears to be almost entirely within the 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. The proposed project is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department confirmed that the project does not present concerns for wildlife or other natural resources in email correspondence dated July 8, 2025. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service also confirmed in an email dated August 11, 2025, that the proposed project actions will not affect federally listed species or critical habitat. Additionally, the Texas General Land Office advised that since no state-owned land is being crossed, no permit is needed from their office.

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 § 375.62;
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, a floodplain development permit will be obtained from the local floodplain administrator prior to construction in, across, or under a Special Flood Hazard Area and TWDB approval of plans and specifications, and any requirements contained therein will be adhered to.

Standard Environmental Conditions

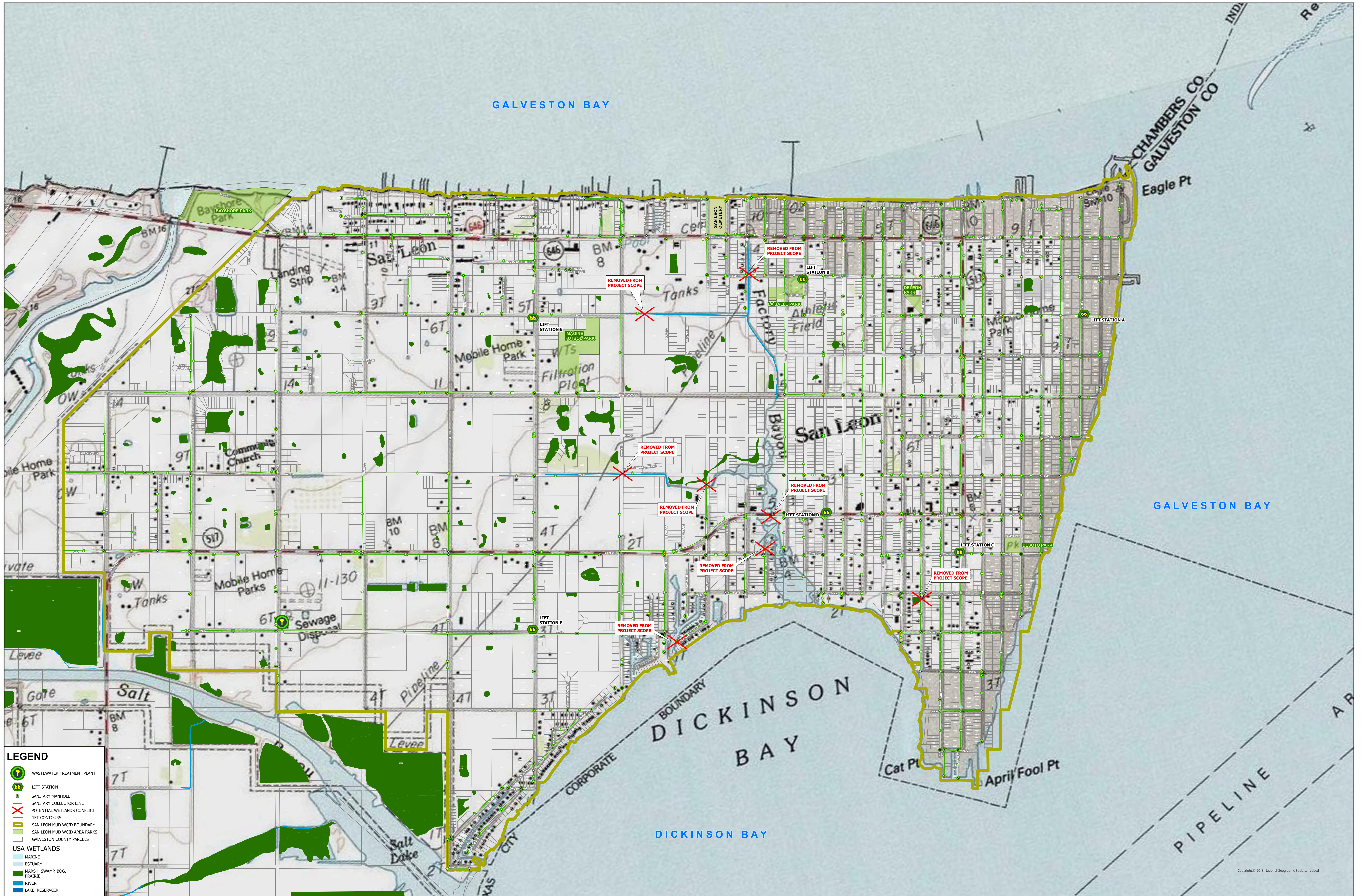
- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0550), the San Leon Municipal Utility District will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources.
- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0550), the San Leon Municipal Utility 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.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures



SAN LEON MUD (WCID) PIPEBURSTING WITH TYPICAL TRENCHLESS CONSTRUCTION METHODS - USGS TOPO MAP

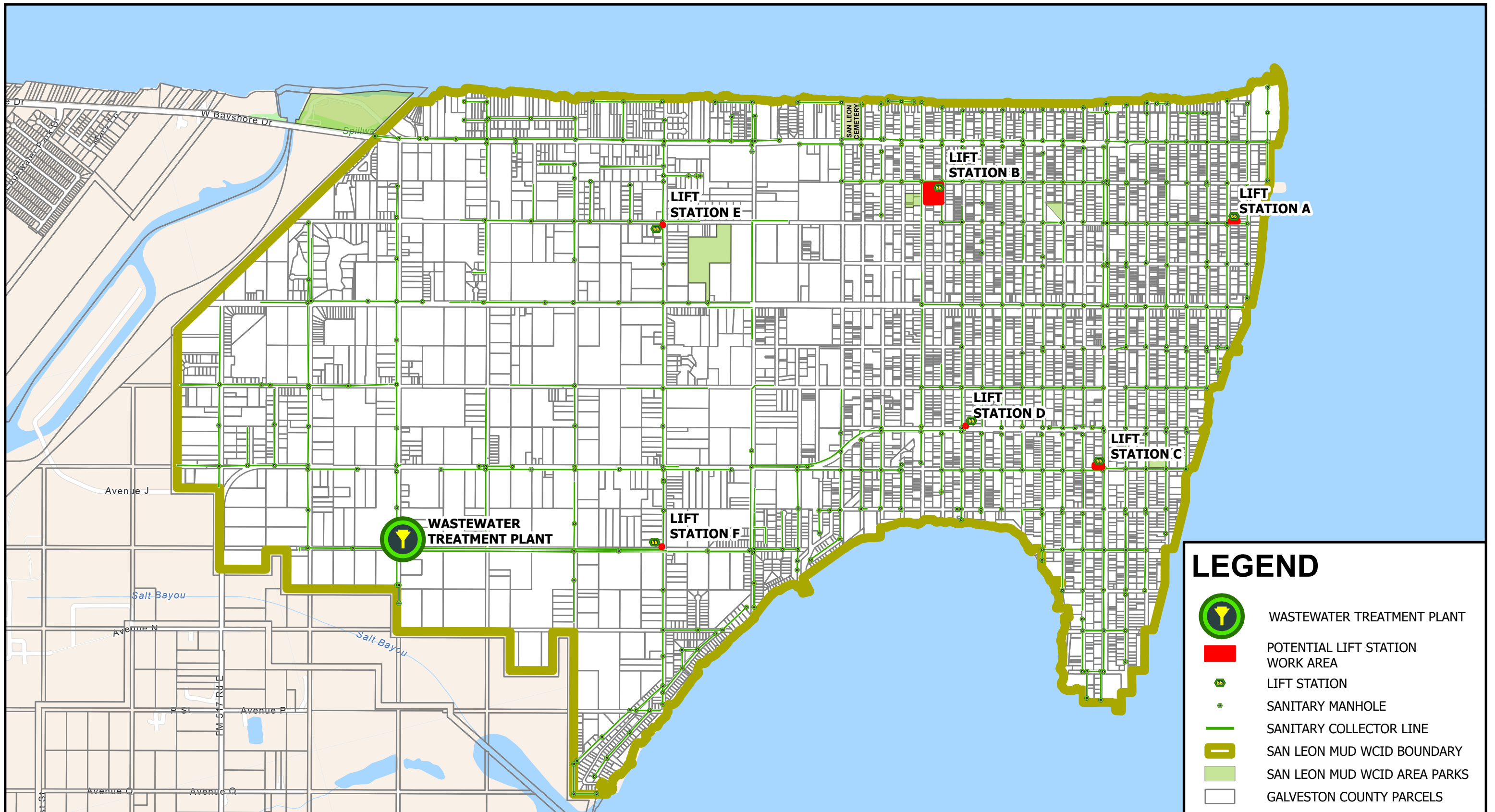
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

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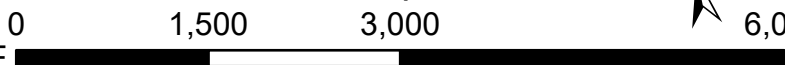
-  WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
-  POTENTIAL LIFT STATION WORK AREA
-  LIFT STATION
-  SANITARY MANHOLE
-  SANITARY COLLECTOR LINE
-  SAN LEON MUD WCID BOUNDARY
-  SAN LEON MUD WCID AREA PARKS
-  GALVESTON COUNTY PARCELS

POTENTIAL LIFT STATION WORK AREA

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