LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Hybrid In-Person/Video-Conference Meeting
To be held at Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG)
1401 19th Street Suite #300
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Regular Meeting of **November 18, 2026** – 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS	ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
David Couch - Kern County BOS	**Vacant -** Kern County BOS
Jeff Flores- Kern County BOS	**Eric Arias -** City of Bakersfield
Andrae Gonzales - City of Bakersfield	**Kyle Blades -** City of Ridgecrest
Gustavo Olvera - City of Shafter	**Martin Hernandez -** Special District
Travis Endicott - City of Ridgecrest	**Mia Arreola -** Public Member
Gary McKibbin -** Special District Member	**Vacant –** Restricted Public Member
Les Clark III - Special District Member	
Vince Zaragoza*- Public Member	
Ginger Mello – Restricted Public Member	

***Chair **Vice Chair**

AGENDA

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING REMOTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This meeting will be held both at a physical location and as a video conference to assist any health and safety concerns of the panelist and/or participants. The LAFCo Commission, staff and public may choose to participate in-person, or by video conference using the following:

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Members of the public who wish to make written comments during the meeting please email the Clerk at: clerk@kernlafco.org. Every effort will be made to read your comment into the record. If a comment is received after the comment portion of the meeting but before the meeting is adjourned, the comment will still be included as a part of the record of the meeting but will not be read into the record.

1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **INVOCATION**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **COMMISSIONER REMOTE PARTICIPATION REQUEST, IF ANY** ..... *Vote if Required*
   Consideration of or notification regarding Commissioner remote participation pursuant to applicable provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

a. October 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes ..... *Vote Required*

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
   This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Commission has jurisdiction. Speakers are limited to two minutes. Please state your name and address for the record before making your presentation.

7. **DETERMINATION PROCEEDING**

None

8. **NOTICED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a. 1878 East Niles Community Services District ..... *Vote Required*

Protest Hearing Results

This proposal is to annex approximately 423.53 acres of five areas located generally between Wilson Road, South Fairfax Road, Weedpatch Hwy. and Redbank Road. This annexation was initiated to add the services of six mutual water systems to the District as part of a grant-funded water system consolidation. The area surrounding the proposed annexation areas consist primarily of residential and agricultural land use. This proposal does not have 100% landowner consent. CEQA: Mitigated Negative Declaration by Applicant. ***(Resolution)***

b. 1879 Weldon Regional Water District ..... *Vote Required*

Dissolution

Dissolution of the Weldon Regional Water District, with Kern LAFCo serving as the applicant and lead agency. The Weldon Regional Water District has remained inactive for six years, with no opportunity to activate the district and begin providing services. (Resolution)

c. 1847 Eastside Kern Water District, A California Water District ..... *Vote Required*

Formation

Consideration of the proposed formation of a California Water District (California Government Code Section 56700 & Water Code § 34153), for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) purposes. The district would comprise approximately 40,000 acres consisting of 22 non-contiguous areas; Primarily agriculture, grazing, resource production, rural residential and vacant land. The proposed area is generally located South of Famoso Road, east/west of Highway 65. As lead agency for CEQA purposes, Kern LAFCo has furnished a Notice of Exemption for Commissions acceptance. If approved, this proposal is subject to the conditions recommended by the Executive Officer. *(Resolution)*

d. 1848 Eastside Kern Water District, A California Water District ..... *Vote Required*

Adoption of Sphere of Influence Boundary Determination

Consideration of the proposed sphere of influence for the Eastside Kern Water District including determination as required by Government Code Section 56425(e). CEQA: consideration of Notice of Exemption as lead agency. *(Resolution)*

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

a. Approval of Monthly Expense List No. 26-10 ..... *Vote Required*

b. Financial Audit 2025-2026 ..... *Receive and File*

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 26909, the Commission is required to undergo an independent financial audit. In accordance with the Commission's budgetary authority established under Government Code Section 56381, the independent financial audit for Fiscal Year 2025–2026 has been completed and is presented today for Commission review and formal acceptance.

c. 2026 End of the Year Recap ..... *Informational*

d. Executive Officer Miscellaneous Items ..... Informational

10. **COMMISSION ITEMS**

a. Commissioner comments, questions, referrals or announcements

b. Election of Chair and Vice Chair ..... *Vote Required*

c. 2026 Meeting Schedule ..... *Vote Required*

d. Recognition of Commissioner David Couch for 20 Years of LAFCo Service ..... *Informational*

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

a. Public Employment: Evaluation of Executive Officer by Government Code § 54957 (b) (1).

b. Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to GC. § 54954. (f). Agency designated representative: Chairperson; Unrepresented employee; Executive Officer.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next scheduled meeting **Wednesday, January 20, 2027**

NOTE TO THE PUBLIC

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS – If you are an applicant for, or a participant actively supporting or opposing, a proceeding on this agenda involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use, you are required to disclose contributions exceeding $500 made within the preceding 12 months to a Commissioner. Commissioners may be required to disclose qualifying contributions and refrain from participating in the proceeding. These restrictions may also apply to agents of parties or participants. Please consult LAFCo staff regarding the requirements of the Political Reform Act (Gov. Code § 84308). This statement is not a comprehensive summary of the law.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS - A request for disability-related accommodations should be made to the Executive Officer no later than 8 days before the need for the accommodation.

For additional information regarding the items listed above please contact the Kern Local Agency Formation Commission at: 5300 Lennox Ave Suite 303, Bakersfield CA 93309, info@kernlafco.org or 661-716-1076.

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
MINUTES
Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG) Conference Room
1401 19th Street Suite 300
Bakersfield, CA 93301
In-Person and Videoconference
Meeting of October 21, 2026

Pursuant to the Government Code § 54963. et seq., meetings were held both at a physical location and by video/teleconference to attend to any health and safety concerns of the panelist and/or participants.

Regular scheduled meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m., with. Chair Zaragoza presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Couch, *Endicott, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
Absent: Clark, Gonzales
Staff: Knox, Menchaca, Munoz
Counsel: Schroeter

Item 10/21/26-1: ***No Determination Required***

INVOCATION: (Agenda Item 2) Led *by Vince Zaragoza*

Item 10/21/26-2: ***No Determination Required***

VIDEO CONFERENCE EMERGENCY REQUEST (if necessary): (Agenda Item 4)

Executive Officer Knox announced that Commissioners Endicott will be joining at a later time via teleconference under Government Code Section 54953 no vote conducted or necessary.

Item 10/21/26-3: ***Approved as Presented***

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Agenda Item 5) September 16, 2026, Meeting

Chair Zaragoza presented the September minutes; Upon motion of Commissioner ***Flores*** *seconded by Commissioner* ***Couch,*** *IT IS ORDERED: September 16, 2026, Minutes are approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES: Couch, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Clark, Endicott, Gonzales

Item 10/21/26-4: ***No Public Comments***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Agenda Item 6)

None

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DETERMINATION PROCEEDING: (Agenda Item 7)

Item 10/21/26-5: ***Approved as Presented Resolution 26-24***

1876 North Edwards Water District Annexation No. 02 (Fountain Trailer Park) (Agenda Item 7a)

Executive Officer Knox recommended that the Commission consider the Notice of Exemption, approve the annexation subject to the terms and conditions, and waive protest hearing. Executive Officer Knox also recommended approval of the annexation and denial of the fee-waiver request. Upon motion of Commissioner ***Flores,*** *seconded by Commissioner* ***Olvera****, IT IS ORDERED: 1 8 7 6 North Edwards Water District: Annexation No. 2 is approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES:	Couch, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Clark, Endicott, Gonzales

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: (Agenda Item 8)

Item 10/21/26-6: ***Approved as Presented Resolution 26-25***

1878 East Niles Community Services District Annexation No. 44 (Agenda Item 8a)

Executive Officer Knox recommended the Commission open the public hearing; review and consider East Niles Community Services District's Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration; approve Annexation No. 44 subject to the terms and conditions; adopt the attached resolution; determine that notice, hearing, and protest proceeding are not waived; conduct protest proceeding and return to the Commission with the results. Residents of East Niles Community Services District asked questions and voiced their concerns. Executive Officer Knox answered questioned. Upon motion of Commissioner ***Zaragoza,*** *seconded by Commissioner* ***Endicott****, IT IS ORDERED: 1 8 7 8 East Niles Community Services District: Annexation No. 44 is approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES:	Couch, Endicott, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Clark, Gonzales

* *Commissioner Zaragoza returned to agenda item No. 4.*

GENERAL BUSINESS: (Agenda Item 9)

Item 10/21/26-7: ***Approved as Presented***

EXPENSE LIST 26-09 (Agenda Item 9a)

Chair Zaragoza presented Expense List 26-09. Upon motion of Commissioner ***Couch****, seconded by Commissioner* ***Flores****, IT IS ORDERED: The general claim set forth in Expense List No. 26-09 is approved for payment, and the Chairman is authorized to certify said list by the following votes:*

AYES:	Couch, Endicott, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Clark, Gonzales,

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Item 10/21/26-8: ***Approve as Presented***

BUDGET MODIFICATION – Five Year Financial Forecast (Agenda Item 9b)

Executive Officer Knox recommends incorporating a rolling five-year financial forecast into the annual budget process beginning with fiscal year 2027-28 proposed budget and update forecast annually. Upon motion of Commissioner ***Endicott,*** *seconded by Commissioner* ***Couch****, IT IS ORDERED: The 2027-2028 Five -Year Financial forecast is approved as presented by the following votes:*

AYES:	Couch, Endicott, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Olvera, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Clark, Gonzales

Item 10/21/26-9: ***Informational***

EXECUTIVE OFFICER MISCELLANEOUS Items (Agenda Item 9c)

- New Employee for Analyst position scheduled to start November 2nd
- November Meeting – Large Meeting
- Financial Training Certificates reminder

Item 10/21/26-10: ***Informational***

COMMISSION ITEMS: (Agenda Item 10)

Commissioner comments, questions, referrals or announcements (Agenda Item 10a.)

Chairman Zaragoza shares with the Commission information pertaining to El Nino and any role LAFCo has in the process. Commissioner Couch asked Chair Zaragoza to watch next Tuesday's Board of Supervisor Meeting where staff will give a presentation about efforts towards flood control.

Item 10/21/26-11: ***Adjournment***

ADJOURNMENT: (Agenda Item 11)

Chair Zaragoza announced the next meeting being November 18, 2026. There being no further business to come before the Commission. IT IS ORDERED: The meeting is adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Clerk

Executive Officer

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Proceeding No. 1878

EAST NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

PROTEST HEARING RESULTS

Report & Presentation Documents

- Protest Hearing Results Memo
- LAFCo Resolution (DRAFT)

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Memo

To: LAFCo Commissioners

From: Blair Knox, Executive Officer

Date: November 18, 2026

Re: Protest Hearing Results for East Niles Community Services District Annexation - 44 (1878)

East Niles Community Services District Annexation 44 (Proceeding No. 1878) was approved by the LAFCo Commission on October 21, 2026. The application did not provide 100-percent landowner consent, requiring LAFCo to conduct a protest hearing to determine if there is sufficient confirmed opposition to the annexation.

The Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission, County of Kern, set the date and time of a protest hearing on Tuesday the 17th day of November 2026, commencing at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. of said day or as soon thereafter as the matter may conveniently be heard. The location to be at the East Niles Community Services District – Board Room, 7443 Niles Street, Bakersfield CA, 93306.

The results of the protest hearing will be announced on November 18th, 2026, Commission hearing. The protest hearing, set after the time of this report is required to be circulated, cannot be predetermined by the district or LAFCo Staff.

- 50% or more of voters protesting terminates the annexation.
- Under 25% lets the Commission order it.

If the protest hearing fails to garner over 50%, LAFCo Commission will be notified, and staff will begin the processing the completion documents and filing the Board of Equalization requirements. If the protest is successful, the application will be terminated.

BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of: **EAST NILES COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT: ANNEXATION NO. 44** **PROTEST HEARING RESULTS**	**Resolution No. 26-XX** **Proceeding No. 1878** **Minute Book 73**

I, Blair Knox, Executive Officer, of the LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION, COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, hereby certify that the following resolution, proposed by Commissioner **XXXX**, seconded by Commissioner **XXXX**, was duly adopted by the Commission at an official meeting thereof held on the **18th day of November 2026**, by the following vote:

AYES: None
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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Blair Knox, Executive Officer

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Application to the Local Agency Formation Commission of Kern County ("COMMISSION");

Whereas, pursuant to Government code § 57025, on November 18, 2026, a duly noticed public hearing upon said proposal was held before the COMMISSION;

Whereas, at said hearing, the COMMISSION heard and received evidence, both oral and written regarding the proposal, and all the people's present were given an opportunity to be heard;

Whereas, following said public hearing the COMMISSION, adopted Resolution of Determination No. 26-25 recorded in Minute book 73 of said COMMISSION. Said Resolution is attached hereto and is incorporated herein say this reference;

Whereas, pursuant to Government code § 57025, after duly mailed and published notice, the Executive Officer set Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard), to hold the protest hearing at East Niles Community Services District Board Room;

Whereas, the COMMISSION is fully advised in the premises; now therefore, be it *Resolved that the Local Agency Formation Commission, County of Kern, State of California, on behalf of its members, finds and determines as follows:*

1. specific reference is hereby made to all the papers, documents, files and proceedings heretofore and now taken, had and filed in this matter with particular reference to Minute Item 11/18/26-X, as appears upon the official minutes of the proceedings of this COMMISSION*;*

2. all of the proceedings heretofore and now taken and had in this matter have been and now are in all respects as required by law;

3. Prior to the conclusion of the protest hearing, XX landowner protest and XX registered-voter protest were documented.

4. *Pursuant to the authority granted by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government*

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Reorganization Act of 2000 said territory designated as "East Niles Community Services District Annexation No. 44", is hereby ordered confirmed; and

5. *The* COMMISSION *authorizes and directs the Executive Officer to file and record all documentation required by law regarding this proceeding.*

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Proceeding No. 1879

WELDON REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT DISSOLUTION

Report & Presentation Documents

- Report & Recommendation
- LAFCo Resolution (DRAFT)

Application Packet

- Application Form
- Resolution of Application
- Environmental Documentation
- Exhibit A – Legal Description
- Exhibit B – Map

Supporting Documentation

- Report of Auditor
- Landowners within
- Certificate of Filing

BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of WELDON REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT: INITIATION OF DISSOLUTION	Proceeding No. 1879 REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION November 18, 2026

In the above-entitled matter the staff report and the recommendation of the Executive Officer are respectfully submitted as follows:

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution of application finding that the Weldon Regional Water District is inactive; confirming the Commission as lead agency for the proposed dissolution under the California Environmental Quality Act; initiating proceedings for dissolution of the District and termination of its sphere of influence pursuant to Government Code Sections 56375(a)(2)(G) and 56879; waiving the Commission's processing fees for the proceeding pursuant to Government Code Section 56383(c); and directing staff to provide the required notice and schedule a public hearing within 90 days following adoption of the initiating resolution. At that hearing, the Commission will consider the environmental determination, receive public testimony and any additional evidence, and act on the proposed dissolution. Under Section 56879, the dissolution is not subject to protest proceedings or an election. The action requested at this meeting initiates proceedings only and does not itself dissolve the District.

BACKGROUND

This Commission approved the formation of the Weldon Regional Water District (Proceeding No. 1770) and adopted its sphere of influence (Proceeding No. 1769) to provide domestic water service to the Weldon area near Lake Isabella. The District came into legal existence through the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg process, and the formation was completed on May 27, 2020, but the District never became operational. The proposed community water system was expected to rely substantially on State grant assistance. Self-Help Enterprises served as project manager, assisting the community through formation and toward construction and operation.

An initial governing board was elected concurrently with the formation election, but the board never organized. One successful candidate died before the election and therefore never took office, and other elected members subsequently resigned. The District never seated the quorum necessary to hold an organizational meeting or conduct District business. It never completed the Proposition 218 process to establish rates or assessments, levied a tax or assessment, collected revenue, or delivered water service.

THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSITION 218 TIMEFRAME

The Commission's approval of the formation anticipated completion of the Proposition 218 process to establish rates within approximately one year. That step required a functioning governing board. Because the District never seated a quorum, it could not undertake the rate-setting process. Staff monitored the District's status and allowed the formation effort a reasonable opportunity to succeed. State funding has since been terminated, the project manager has withdrawn, and efforts to fill the board vacancies have not produced a quorum. There is no presently identified practical path to organizing the District or commencing service.

ABSENCE OF A FUNCTIONING GOVERNING BOARD

The District never had a governing board capable of conducting its business. Without a quorum, it did not adopt a budget, conduct Proposition 218 proceedings, enter or administer the anticipated grant

agreement, or take the steps necessary to commence service. No functioning District board is available to carry the proposed dissolution forward.

The Kern County Board of Supervisors was asked to appoint members to the District board. There was insufficient interest among District residents to fill enough seats to establish a quorum. The appointment effort therefore did not produce a governing board capable of organizing the District or conducting its business.

TERMINATION OF STATE FUNDING AND WITHDRAWAL OF THE PROJECT MANAGER

The State Water Resources Control Board has terminated the funding committed to the project, removing the identified source of funding for construction of the proposed water system. Self-Help Enterprises has ceased its project-management involvement. The District has no functioning governing board, project manager, operating revenue, or committed project funding.

COMMISSION INITIATION

Staff recommends that the Commission initiate dissolution by resolution of application under Government Code Section 56375(a)(2)(G). Commission initiation allows the matter to proceed without action by a District board or circulation of a voter or landowner petition.

WAIVER OF PROCESSING FEES

Commission-initiated proposals are ordinarily subject to the Commission's fee schedule, with processing costs recovered from the affected agency or proponent. In this case there is no functioning District, no governing board, and no District funds from which fees could be paid, and there is no applicant. The dissolution is being undertaken by the Commission in the public interest to retire an inactive agency. Staff therefore recommends that the Commission waive its processing fees for this proceeding pursuant to Government Code Section 56383(c), finding that payment would be detrimental to the public interest because requiring payment would prevent the dissolution of an inactive district. Out-of-pocket costs for County Surveyor, Assessor, and Elections charges and State Board of Equalization filing will be absorbed within the Commission's adopted budget.

The purpose of the proceeding is to close out an inactive public agency that never became operational. Dissolution will not discontinue water service, transfer an operating water system, or require distribution of District assets or payment of District obligations. Initiation places the proposed dissolution before the Commission for consideration at a noticed public hearing.

STREAMLINED PROCESS FOR AN INACTIVE DISTRICT

Section 56879 provides a streamlined procedure for dissolving an inactive district. A dissolution under that section is not subject to the protest proceedings or election requirements of Part 4 of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act (commencing with Section 57000). The Commission holds one noticed public hearing and acts on the dissolution at that hearing. No conducting authority proceeding follows, and no confirmation election is required.

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

The District's sphere of influence, adopted in Proceeding No. 1769, was established to support the planned community water system. Once the District is dissolved, the sphere will serve no purpose. Staff recommends that the Commission include termination of the sphere of influence in this

proceeding, so the final dissolution resolution can retire it at the same time. Dissolution does not affect water service in the Weldon area, which continues to be provided by the existing water systems.

DISTRICT INACTIVITY

The Weldon Regional Water District is inactive. It is a legally existing special district, but it never became operational. It has had no financial transactions, including during the previous fiscal year, and no funds have ever flowed into or out of the District. It has no assets or liabilities, no existing service responsibilities, and has no outstanding debts, judgments, litigation, contracts, liens, or claims. These facts satisfy the substantive inactivity criteria in Government Code Section 56042.

The District never registered with or filed financial reports to the State Controller and does not appear in the Controller's records or inactive-district list. No Controller notification has been received. The proposal is being brought forward by the Commission on the basis of the District's actual history and confirmed inactivity, rather than in response to a Controller notification.

LAFCO AS LEAD AGENCY AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Commission is initiating the dissolution and has principal responsibility for considering the proposal. The Commission will serve as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The initiating resolution authorizes notice, further review, and a public hearing. It does not order dissolution, authorize construction, change land use, or approve a change in service.

Staff anticipates that the dissolution will qualify for the common-sense exemption set forth in Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, which provides that where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The District never became operational, holds no assets, owns and operates no facilities, and provides no service. Dissolving the District would effect no physical change and involve no change in land use. Staff will present that determination for the Commission's consideration at the dissolution hearing and, upon the Commission's approval of the dissolution, will file a Notice of Exemption.

PROPOSED DISSOLUTION PROCESS

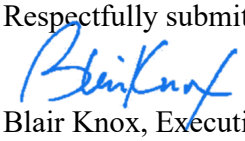
The proposed proceeding consists of the following steps:

- Finding of inactivity. The Commission finds that the District is inactive based on its history and the absence of financial transactions, assets, liabilities, and outstanding obligations.
- Lead agency confirmation. The Commission confirms that it is the lead agency for the proposed dissolution under CEQA. The environmental determination is not made at this stage; it is reserved for the Commission's action on the dissolution.
- Resolution initiating dissolution. The Commission adopts a resolution of application initiating dissolution of the District and termination of its sphere of influence pursuant to Government Code Sections 56375(a)(2)(G) and 56879.
- Notice and single public hearing. Staff provides public notice and the Commission holds one public hearing on the dissolution, to be held no more than 90 days following adoption of the initiating resolution. No protest hearing or election follows.
- Environmental determination and action on dissolution. At the public hearing, the Commission considers the environmental determination, receives testimony and additional evidence, and

acts on the proposed dissolution and termination of the sphere of influence. If dissolution is approved, staff files the Notice of Exemption and completes the required dissolution filings.

- Completion. Following approval, LAFCo will prepare and record the Certificate of Completion and submit the required materials to the State Board of Equalization. The final dissolution resolution will address the effective date, custody of any District records, termination of the sphere of influence, and the waiver of processing fees. Because the District has no funds, LAFCo will pay the applicable County Surveyor, Assessor, and Elections charges and complete the recording and State Board of Equalization filings.

Respectfully submitted,



Blair Knox, Executive Officer

BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:	**Resolution No. 26-XX**
WELDON REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT: DISSOLUTION AND TERMINATION OF SPHERE OF INFLUENCE	**Proceeding No. 1879**
	Minute Book 73

I, Blair Knox, Executive Officer, of the LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION, COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, hereby certify that the following resolution, proposed by Commissioner **XXXX**, seconded by Commissioner **XXXX**, was duly adopted by the Commission at an official meeting thereof held on the **18th day of November 2026**, by the following vote:

AYE: XXXX

NAYE: XXXX

ABSTAIN: XXXX

ABSENT: XXXX

Blair Knox, Executive Officer

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Resolution of Application submitted by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Kern County;

Whereas on October 28, 2026, pursuant to Government code § 56658. (b) all affected public agencies were notified;

Whereas on October 28, 2026, pursuant to Government code § 56661. (h)(i) all affected landowners and registered voters were notified;

Whereas on October 28, 2026, pursuant to Government code § 56157. (d)(f) all landowners and registered voters within 300 feet of the affected area were notified;

Whereas pursuant to Government code § 56046. the proposed territory is inhabited;

Whereas on October 28, 2026, pursuant to Government code § 56660. the notice of hearing was published and posted;

Whereas pursuant to Government code § 56665. the Executive Officer prepared a Report and Recommendation considering all the factors in conformance with Government code § 56668;

Whereas on said 18th of November 2026, this Commission considered the Notice of Exemption, adopted by the lead agency;

Whereas the COMMISSION is fully advised in the premises; now therefore, be it

Resolved that the Local Agency Formation Commission, County of Kern, State of California, on behalf of its members, finds and determines as follows:

1. specific reference is hereby made to all the papers, documents, files and proceedings heretofore and now taken, had and filed in this matter have been and now are in all respects as required by law with particular reference to Minute Item 11/18/26-X as appears upon the official minutes of the proceedings of this COMMISSION;

2. all of the proceedings heretofore and now taken and had in this matter have been and now are in all respects as required by law;

3. the facts set forth in the Executive Officer Report and Recommendation, presented to the COMMISSION are true;

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4. all public agencies, landowners, registered voters of the affected area, and all landowners and registered voters within 300 ft of the affected area were notified;

5. the territory proposed for dissolution is inhabited;

6. the dissolution of the district and Sphere of Influence will be in the best public interest;

7. the Notice of Exemption, was considered;

8. Pursuant to Part 4 (commencing with § 57000) protest proceedings need to be initiated; / Commission waived notice, hearing and protest proceedings with conditions pursuant to Government Code 56663. et seq.;

9. the proposed affected territory, is all within the County of Kern, State of California,

10. pursuant to the authority granted by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, said territory set forth in the Application for Proceeding on Resolution, by Legislative body, filed herein on October 26, 2026, hereby assigned to the territory proposed to be dissolved the following distinctive short form designation, to wit: "Weldon Regional Water District", particularly described and delineated in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and by reference made apart hereof;

11. the COMMISSION authorizes and directs the Executive Officer to file and record all documentation required by law upon completion of all directives set forth in regard to this proceeding.

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KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Application for Annexations, Detachments and Reorganizations

(Attach additional sheets as necessary)

Application Type: check all that apply

○ Annexation ○ Detachment ○ Reorganization ○ Change of Service

○ Formation ◉ Dissolution ○ Merger ○ Consolidation ○ Subsidiary District

1. Type of Application: ◉ Resolution of Application ○ Petition of Application

2. Name of Application: (The name should match the title on the map and legal description)
List all boundary changes that are part of the application:
Dissolution of the Weldon Regional Water District (inactive), per resolution of the Kern LAFCo Commission as applicant. Terminate the Sphere of Influence.

3. Nature of proposal: (Why is this proposal being filed?)
Dissolution of the Weldon Regional Water District due to inability to form a board of directions, adopt a budget, complete the Proposition 218 process, set a rate, levy assessments, collect any revenue, and never delivered water to a single connection.

4. Describe the acreage and general location:

A. Number of proposed areas (acres of each area) & (total acreage):
Acreage: 1,325.93 (611 parcels)

B. Describe the general location; (include postal address and Accessor Parcel Number/s)
The Weldon Regional Water District was located approximately 53 miles northeast of Bakersfield, CA. in the Weldon Area of the Kern River Valley. The district boundaries are situated along State Highway 178 south of the South Fork of the Kern River in the rural community of Weldon located southeast of Lake Isabella and three miles west of Onyx.

5. Land Use - Present and Future:

A. Describe the current physical land use of the proposed area? E.G. vacant, residential, agriculture, etc.
The inactive district is along State Highway 178 south of the South Fork of the Kern River in the rural community of Weldon located southeast of Lake Isabella and three miles west of Onyx.

B. Describe any planned development that would result from or be facilitated by this proposed boundary change.
No development has or will occur with dissolution of the district. It is staff's understanding that funding set aside by the Regional Water Quality Control Board will be diverted to small mutuals in the area for new wells and possibly other infrastructure.

C. Describe the current physical land use of the area surrounding the proposal: E.G. vacant, residential, commercial, industrial, agriculture, etc.
Surrounding land uses include ranching, rural residential homes, a restaurant, convenience store, the South Fork Schools, the Audubon Kern River Preserve, the south Fork of the Kern River, vacant land, farmland, and mountains. The Economy of the Lake Isabella area is primarily based

on tourism, ranching, agriculture, mining and timber.

6. Zoning - Present and Future:

A. List the existing County/City zoning land use designation/s.

See attached Zoning Descriptions. Existing land uses includes:
Rural residential; ranching; limited commercial, (Campground, garage, post office), farmland, vacant land, paved & unpaved roads.

B. List and attach adopted pre-zoning. (CITIES ONLY)

N/A

7. Conformity with County and City General Plans:

A. List the existing County General Plan designation/s for the proposal area.

No change with dissolution of the district. All systems, except Rainbird are covered in the General Plan Section 4.1- Accepted County Plan Area (South Lake Isabella Specific Plan) states "consolidation of the various small water systems into a community water district is encouraged."

B. List the City general plan designation for the area (CITIES ONLY).

N/A

C. Do the proposed uses conform with the above listed plans? ◉ YES ○ NO

If "NO"; please explain:

8. Conformity with Spheres of influence:

Is the proposal area within the sphere of influence of the annexing agency?

○ YES ○ NO

If "NO"; include a proposal to amend the agency's sphere of influence.

Provide the following:
(1) agency resolution/petition
(2) sphere of influence questionnaire
(3) sphere of influence amendment map.

9. Impact on Agriculture:

A. Is the affected property "Agricultural Lands" as defined in Gov. Code §56016?

1) Is the affected property currently producing a commercial agricultural commodity?

◉ YES ○ NO

2) Is the affected property fallow under a crop rotational program?

○ YES ◉ NO

3) Is the affected property enrolled in an agricultural subsidy or set-aside program?

◉ YES ○ NO

B. Is the affected property "Prime Agricultural Lands" as defined in Gov. Code §56064?

◉ YES ○ NO

If "YES" to any of 9-A or 9-B above; please provide an explanation as to the reasoning for possible removal of the property from agriculture status.

- The proposed two new well sites will each be developed on an acre of land currently used for grazing by cattle. - 135 acres of land is considered Prime Agricultural Land

C. Is any portion of the property within a Land Conservation Act contract? (Williamson Act)
◉ YES ○ NO

1) If "YES"; provide the contract number and the date the contract was executed.
Contract No. LUC #11-18/AP 15 Contract Date: 12/2/11 & 2/27/1968

2) If "YES"; has a notice of non-renewal been filed? ◉ YES ○ NO
Non-renewal filing Date: July 18, 2006

10. Impact on Open Space:
Is the affected property Open Space land as defined in Gov. Code §65560(h)(1-6)?
◉ YES ○ NO
If "YES"; please provide an explanation as to the reasoning for possible removal of the property from open space status.
A 12-inch water transmission main will run next to a section of private property owned by the Audubon Kern River Preserve that preserves natural resources.

11. Relationship to Regional Housing Goals and Policies: (CITIES ONLY)
Will this proposal result in or facilitate a credit/debit towards the City's most recent Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) number provided by Kern Council of Governments?
○ YES ◉ NO
If "YES"; has County Planning been notified and agree with the allocation modification?
○ YES ○ NO
Please provide documentation from county planning regarding any RHNA allocation modification

12. Population:
Is the affected area uninhabited territory? ○ YES ◉ NO
"Uninhabited territory" means territory within which there reside fewer than 12 registered voters. Gov. Code §56079.5.
If "NO"; Provide the population of residents within the affected area: 930
List the number of existing dwelling units within the proposal area: 396
Describe the type of existing dwelling units within the proposal area:
Most of the homes are modular single-family homes and single-family wood built homes.

13. Dependability of Water Supply for Projected Needs:
Will the proposal result in or facilitate an increase in water usage? ○ YES ◉ NO
If "YES"; please provide the projected amount of increase and identify any resources that would be a factor in the support of the proposal.

If necessitated: attach a statement from the retail water purveyor that describes the timely availability of water supplies that will be adequate for the projected needs.

14. Property Tax/Bonded Indebtedness
☒ There will be no exchange of property tax
○ Master property tax exchange agreement should apply.
○ Other agreement is to be negotiated.
Would the effected area be subject to any bonded indebtedness of the city/district?
○ YES ◉ NO
If "YES"; please explain:

15. Environmental Impact of the Proposal

A. Who is the "lead agency" for this proposal?

Agency: Kern LAFCo

Contact Name: Blair Knox

Title: Executive Officer

Address: 5300 Lennox Avenue Suite 303

City: Bakersfield State: CA Zip Code: 93309

email: info@kernlafco.org Phone Number: 6617161076

B. What type of environmental document has been prepared?

- (X) Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ( ) Negative Declaration (ND) - Include all Studies and Reports
- ( ) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) - Include all Studies and Reports
- ( ) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) - Include Full Report

If necessitated: attach the lead agency's resolution listing significant impacts anticipated from the project, mitigation measures adopted to reduce or avoid significant impacts and, if adopted, a "Statement of Overriding Considerations."
Include a copy of receipt for Fish and Game payment.

16. Plan for Services

A. Description of services to be extended to the affected area.
(Please use Plan for Services form provided in the application packet)

B. Indicate any improvements or upgrading of infrastructure regarding roads, sewers, water, facilities or other conditions that will be a result of the proposal.

N/A

C. What effects, if any, would annexation of this territory have on the existing level of city/ district services (i.e. need for additional emergency service personnel or construction of new facilities, etc.)?

N/A

D. How will these services be financed? Include both capital improvements, maintenance and operation?

N/A

E. If detachment, indicate any services which will no longer be available to the affected area and who will take over provision of these services.

Water services will continue to be provided by several small water systems in the area.

17. Boundaries

A. Why are these particular boundaries being used?

The boundaries were used because they encompass the five water systems' service areas and properties that wanted to be within the proposed District.

B. Does the proposed boundary create an island, peninsula or curricula? please provide letter of justification?

( ) YES (•) NO

If "YES"; please provide a letter of justification.

C. Is the affected area adjacent to a Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community?

(•) YES ( ) NO

If "YES" and a annexation greater than ten(10) acres is proposed, please answer the following questions:

1) Has an application to annex the DUC been filed in the past five(5) years?

○ YES ◉ NO

If "YES"; provide date of application:

2) Is there written evidence that a majority of registered voters within the affected territory are opposed to annexation?

○ YES ○ NO

If "YES"; attach documentation.

18. Final Comments

A. Describe any conditions that should be included in LAFCO's resolution of approval.

The District has been unable to function as a public agency, has no assets, liabilities, services, or operations, and qualifies for streamlined dissolution as an inactive district under Government Code Section 56042.

B. Provide any other comments or justifications regarding the proposal.

The District has been unable to function as a public agency, has no assets, liabilities, services or operations, and qualifies for streamlined dissolution of an inactive district under Government Code 56042.

19. Notices and Staff Reports

List up to three persons to receive copies of the LAFCO notice of hearing and staff report.

A.	Name: Blair Knox	email: info@kernlafco.org
	Title: Kern LAFCo Executive Officer	Phone:(661) 716-1076
B.	Name: Patty Menchaca	email: analyst@kernlafco.org
	Title: Analyst	Phone:(661) 716-1076
C.	Name:	email:
	Title:	Phone:

20. Contact Person

Who should be contacted if there are questions about this application?

A.	Name: Blair Knox	email: info@kernlafco.org
	Title: Kern LAFCo Executive Officer	Phone:(661) 716-1076

Signature Field: Blair Knox

LAFCo Internal Use Only

○ Municipal Service Review on File	○ Master Tax Agreement on File
○ Municipal Service Review is Current	○ Master Tax Agreement is Current
○ Municipal Service Review Requires Updating	○ Sphere of Influence Requires Amendment

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 26-23

A RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION OF THE KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE WELDON REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT AS AN INACTIVE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 56654, 56375(a)(2)(G), AND 56879

WHEREAS, the Kern Local Agency Formation Commission ("Commission") approved the formation of the Weldon Regional Water District ("District") to provide domestic water service to the Weldon area near Lake Isabella, and the District came into legal existence through the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Section 56000 et seq.), with a Certificate of Completion filed; and

WHEREAS, the District never became operational because its governing board never organized; an initial board was elected concurrently with the formation election, but one successful candidate died before taking office and other elected members subsequently resigned, and the District never seated the quorum necessary to hold a valid organizational meeting or to conduct any District business; and

WHEREAS, the Kern County Board of Supervisors issued public notice of the board vacancies and no applicants came forward, and there is accordingly no available means, internal or external, by which the District's board could be constituted; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board terminated the funding that had been committed to the proposed water system, and Self-Help Enterprises, which had served as project manager, has concluded its involvement, so that the District has no functioning governing board, project manager, operating revenue, or committed project funding; and

WHEREAS, the District has never completed the Proposition 218 process, has never levied a tax or assessment, has never collected revenue of any kind, and has never delivered water service to a single connection; and

WHEREAS, staff has confirmed that the District holds no assets and has no liabilities, has no outstanding debts, judgments, litigation, contracts, liens, or claims, and has no property tax base, assessment, or charge on the tax roll requiring unwinding, and has further confirmed with the Office of the State Controller that the District never registered with, and never filed any financial report to, the Controller, and does not appear in the Controller's records; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56042 defines an "inactive district" as a special district that (a) is a special district as defined in Section 56036; (b) has had no financial transactions in the previous fiscal year; (c) has no assets and no liabilities; and (d) has no outstanding debts, judgments, litigation, contracts, liens, or claims, and, based upon the information presently available, the District appears to meet each of these four criteria; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56650 provides that proceedings for a change of organization or reorganization may be initiated by petition or by resolution of application, and, because the District has no functioning governing board and no organized body of voters or landowners positioned to carry a petition, initiation by resolution of application is the appropriate method; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56654 authorizes initiation by resolution of application, Government Code Section 56375(a)(2)(G) confirms the Commission's authority to initiate the dissolution of an inactive district by that means, and Government Code Section 56879 supplies the streamlined procedure that follows once the proceeding is initiated; and

WHEREAS, because the District never filed financial reports and does not appear in the State Controller's records, it was not identified on the Controller's annual list of inactive districts, and the Commission's authority to initiate this proceeding therefore rests on Government Code Section 56375(a)(2)(G) rather than on a notification from the Controller; and

WHEREAS, because the Commission is initiating this proceeding on its own resolution of application and there is no functioning District board or successor agency to carry the proposal forward, the Commission is the lead agency for the proposed dissolution under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), as that term is defined in Public Resources Code Section 21067; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Commission's practice, the environmental determination for the proposed dissolution will be made in connection with the Commission's action on the dissolution at the noticed public hearing, and not upon initiation, which commits the Commission to no project and authorizes no physical change; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this resolution initiates proceedings only, and the question of whether the District should be dissolved is reserved for the Commission's determination at the noticed public hearing, at which the Commission will consider the environmental determination and receive the staff report, public testimony, and any additional evidence before taking final action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kern Local Agency Formation Commission as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.
2. Based upon the information presently available, the Commission finds that the Weldon Regional Water District appears to meet each of the four criteria of an inactive district set forth in Government Code Section 56042. This finding is made for the purpose of initiating proceedings and does not preclude the Commission from considering contrary or additional evidence at the noticed public hearing.
3. The Commission determines that it is the lead agency for the proposed dissolution under the California Environmental Quality Act. No environmental determination is made by this resolution; the environmental determination will be made in connection with the Commission's action on the dissolution at the noticed public hearing.
4. The Commission hereby initiates proceedings for the dissolution of the Weldon Regional Water District as an inactive district, by this resolution of application, pursuant to Government Code Sections 56654, 56375(a)(2)(G), and 56879. As provided in Section

56879, the dissolution of an inactive district is not subject to the conducting-authority and protest proceedings of Government Code Sections 57000 through 57176, is not subject to the determinations otherwise required under subdivision (b) of Section 56881, is not subject to the study-consistency requirement applicable to other Commission-initiated reorganizations and is not subject to the property tax exchange negotiation under Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 99 and 99.01.

5. The Executive Officer is directed to provide the notice required by law and to set the matter for a public hearing to be held not more than 90 days following the adoption of this resolution, at which hearing the Commission will consider the environmental determination for the proposed dissolution, receive additional evidence, and determine whether to order the dissolution of the District.

6. The adoption of this resolution initiates the proceeding only and does not order the dissolution of the District. The determination whether the District should be dissolved is reserved to the Commission at the noticed public hearing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Kern Local Agency Formation Commission at a regular meeting held on the 16th day of September 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:	Clark, Endicott, Flores, McKibbin, Mello, Zaragoza
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Couch, Gonzales, Olvera

Vince A. Zaragoza

Chair, Kern Local Agency Formation Commission

ATTEST:

Blair Knox

Blair Knox, Executive Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tom Schroeter (Sep 23, 2026 17:19:14 PDT)

Commission Counsel

LAFCo Reso 26-23 Signed by Vince

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning & Research
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FROM: Kern Local Agency Formation Commission
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State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): **N/A**

Project Title:

Weldon Regional Water District - Dissolution

Project Location (include county): ***KERN***

The Weldon Regional Water District was located approximately 53 miles northeast of Bakersfield, CA. in the Weldon Area of the Kern River Valley. The district boundaries are situated along State Highway 178 south of the South Fork of the Kern River in the rural community of Weldon located southeast of Lake Isabella and three miles west of Onyx.

Project Description:

Dissolution of the Weldon Regional Water District due to inability to form a board of directions,adopt a budget, complete the Proposition 218 process, set a rate, levy assessments, collect any revenue, and never delivered water to a single connection.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: **Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)**

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: **Blair Knox, Executive Officer**

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ *Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);*
- ☐ *Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080 (b)(3); 152969(a));*
- ☐ *Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));*
- ☒ *Categorical Exemption.- State Type & Section:* **General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))**
- ☐ *Statutory Exemptions. State Code:* **Public Resources Code (Sec. 21080 (b)(8))**

Reasons why project is exempt:

District has been inactive as it never formed a board, has no projects, assets, debts or liabilities.

DRAFT

EXECUTIVE OFFICER _____

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

EXHIBIT "A"

WELDON REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT
SERVICE AREA

THOSE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 26 AND 27 OF TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, AND SECTION 18 OF TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, M.D.B.&M., COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21; SAID POINT BEING A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 21, DISTANT THEREON, SOUTH 00° 56' 35" WEST, 1,327.85 FEET FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN GRANT DEED RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 0206130300, OFFICIAL RECORDS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE KERN COUNTY RECORDER;

(1) THENCE EASTERLY, ALONG THE NORTERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL, NORTH 89° 51' 07" EAST, 465.00 FEET, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL;

(2) THENCE, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL, SOUTH 09° 37' 35" EAST, 342.35 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CALIFORNIA STATE ROUTE VI-KER-178 (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS STATE ROUTE 178);

(3) THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, NORTH 76° 45' 06" EAST, 330.13 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,945.00 FEET;

(4) THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02° 42' 30", AN ARC LENGTH OF 91.94 FEET;

(5) THENCE, CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, NORTH 74° 02' 36" EAST, 70.75 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF THAT PARTICULAR PARCEL OF LAND CONVEYED BY GRANT DEED RECORDED JULY 6, 2007, IN DOCUMENT NO. 207141270, OFFICIAL RECORDS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE KERN COUNTY RECORDER;

(6) THENCE NORTHWESTERLY, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL, NORTH 08° 39' 24" WEST, 223.09 FEET, TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL;

(7) THENCE EASTERLY, ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL, NORTH 89° 51' 07" EAST, 354.94 FEET, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21;

(8) THENCE NORTH 00° 50' 39" EAST, 167.77 FEET, TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THAT CERTAIN "TAKE" LINE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE HIGH-WATER ELEVATION (2,617 FEET MSL), AS DESCRIBED IN THE LANDS VESTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR LAKE ISABELLA, PURSUANT TO PROCEEDINGS DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN DECREE, RECORDED DECEMBER 19, 1952, IN BOOK 2017, PAGE 6 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, AND AMENDED BY STIPULATION FOR REVESTMENT IN BOOK 2416, PAGE 576 O.R., IN THE OFFICE OF THE KERN COUNTY RECORDER;

(9) THENCE ALONG SAID "TAKE" LINE, NORTH 80° 13' 00" EAST, 26.97 FEET;

(10) THENCE NORTH 76° 23' 19" EAST, 729.20 FEET;

(11) THENCE NORTH 86° 50' 31" EAST, 1,050.90 FEET;

(12) THENCE NORTH 68° 58' 51" EAST, 482.90 FEET;

(13) THENCE SOUTH 55° 54' 35" EAST, 191.50 FEET;

(14) THENCE NORTH 46° 06' 03" EAST, 103.50 FEET;

(15) THENCE NORTH 00° 12' 45" EAST, 789.60 FEET, TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 21;

(16) THENCE EASTERLY, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, NORTH 89° 55' 37" EAST, 908.47 FEET;

(17) THENCE SOUTH 00° 12' 45" WEST, 893.70 FEET;

(18) THENCE SOUTH 73° 41' 02" EAST, 224.27 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROUTE 178;

(19) THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, NORTH 85° 40' 32" EAST, 958.74 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 2,055.00 FEET;

(20) THENCE EASTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 01° 59' 15", AN ARC LENGTH OF 71.29 FEET;

(21) THENCE NORTH 87° 39' 47" EAST, 265.20 FEET;

(22) THENCE NORTH 01° 59' 41" EAST, 60.19 FEET;

(23) THENCE NORTH 87° 35' 04" EAST, 983.60 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,880.00 FEET;

(24) THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 32° 10' 24", AN ARC LENGTH OF 1,055.68 FEET;

(25) THENCE NORTH 55° 24' 40" EAST, 3,222.64 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 2,120.00 FEET;

(26) THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 18° 47' 25", AN ARC LENGTH OF 695.26 FEET;

(27) THENCE SOUTH 15° 47' 55" EAST, 117.86 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, HAVING A RADIOUS OF 1,330.00 FEET; FROM WHICH A RADIAL BEARS SOUTH 08°50'03" EAST;

(28) THENCE EASTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04° 33' 26", AN ARC LENGTH OF 105.78 FEET;

(29) THENCE NORTH 85° 43' 23" EAST, 245.18 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 470.00 FEET;

(30) THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 06° 05' 45", AN ARC LENGTH OF 50.00 FEET;

(31) THENCE NORTH 79° 37' 38" EAST, 852.25 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, HAVING A RADIOUS OF 530.00 FEET;

(32) THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, WITH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02° 09' 39", AN ARC LENGTH OF 19.99 FEET;

(33) THENCE NORTH 81° 47' 17" EAST, 2,391.88 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 3,970.00 FEET;

(34) THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00° 26' 25", AN ARC LENGTH OF 30.51 FEET;

(35) THENCE NORTH 81° 20' 52" EAST, 1,065.55 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 2,030.00 FEET;

(36) THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00° 54' 13", AN ARC LENGTH OF 32.02 FEET;

(37) THENCE NORTH 82° 15' 05" EAST, 2,139.12 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 970.00 FEET;

(38) THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 01° 45' 25", AN ARC LENGTH OF 29.74 FEET;

(39) THENCE NORTH 80° 29' 40" EAST, 302.21 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 2,030.00 FEET;

(40) THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 09° 38' 03", AN ARC LENGTH OF 341.34 FEET;

(41) THENCE SOUTH 89° 52' 17" EAST, 2,670.77 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTH, HAVING A RADIUS OF 6,970.00 FEET;

(42) THENCE EASTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 06° 30' 16", AN ARC LENGTH OF 791.27 FEET;

(43) THENCE SOUTH 00° 00' 47" EAST, 60.37 FEET, TO A POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROUTE 178, ALSO BEING THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE NORTH, HAVING A RADIUS OF 7,030.00 FEET, FROM WHICH A RADIAL BEARS NORTH 06° 19' 16" WEST;

(44) THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROUTE 178, ALONG A CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04° 29' 05", AN ARC LENGTH OF 550.27 FEET;

(45) THENCE SOUTH 00° 00' 47" EAST, 201.42 FEET;

(46) THENCE NORTH 89° 58' 21" EAST, 82.00 FEET;

(47) THENCE SOUTH 00° 00' 47" EAST, 228.73 FEET;

(48) THENCE NORTH 89° 58' 21" EAST, 466.75 FEET, TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF TRACT MAP 2356 R.S. IN BOOK 7 OF RECORD OF SURVEYS AT PAGE 176, OFFICIAL RECORDS, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF KERN;

(49) THENCE SOUTHERLY, ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE, SOUTH 00° 00' 47" EAST, 2,181.89 FEET, TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 18;

(50) THENCE WESTERLY, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 18, SOUTH 89° 58' 21" WEST, 1,320.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18;

(51) THENCE NORTHERLY, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, NORTH 00° 00' 47" WEST, 1,860.62 FEET;

(52) THENCE NORTH 89° 58' 21" EAST, 543.25 FEET;

(53) THENCE NORTH 00° 00' 47" WEST, 747.90 FEET, TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID STATE ROUTE 178;

(54) THENCE WESTERLY, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, NORTH 89° 52' 17" WEST, 2,683.84 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,970.00 FEET;

(55) THENCE WESTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 09° 38' 03", AN ARC LENGTH OF 331.26 FEET;

(56) THENCE SOUTH 80° 29' 40" WEST, 302.21 FEET, TO THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 13; TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,030.00 FEET;

(57) THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 01° 45' 25", AN ARC LENGTH OF 31.58 FEET;

(58) THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY, ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, SOUTH 82° 15' 05" WEST, 2,139.12 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,970.00 FEET;

(59) THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00° 54' 13", AN ARC LENGTH OF 31.07 FEET;

(60) THENCE SOUTH 81° 20' 52" WEST, 1,065.55 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 4,030.00 FEET;

(61) THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00° 26' 25", AN ARC LENGTH OF 30.97 FEET;

(62) THENCE SOUTH 81° 47' 17" WEST, 1,904.74 FEET, TO THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 14;

(63) THENCE SOUTHERLY, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER, SOUTH 00° 10' 44" WEST, 1,785.13 FEET, TO THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14;

(64) THENCE WESTERLY, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 14, NORTH 89° 47' 11" WEST, 2,645.48 FEET, TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14, SAID SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 14 ALSO BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 22;

(65) THENCE SOUTHERLY, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 22, SOUTH 00° 14' 42" WEST, 46.62 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF PAUL'S PLACE DRIVE (CO. RD. #2595, D-143);

(66) THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, SOUTH 51° 33' 34" WEST, 813.42 FEET, TO THE BEGINNING OF A TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,640.00 FEET;

(67) THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY, ALONG SAID CURVE, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 20° 39' 21", AN ARC LENGTH OF 591.24 FEET;

(68) THENCE SOUTH 72° 12' 55" WEST, 745.15 FEET;

(69) THENCE SOUTH 67° 23' 50" WEST, 639.41 FEET;

(70) THENCE SOUTH 85° 49' 34" WEST, 198.52 FEET, TO THE MID-SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 22;

(71) THENCE SOUTHERLY, ALONG SAID MID-SECTION LINE, SOUTH 00° 23' 19" WEST, 1,973.92 FEET;

(72) THENCE SOUTH 89° 44' 59" WEST, 663.29 FEET;

(73) THENCE SOUTH 00° 25' 32" WEST, 658.41 FEET;

(74) THENCE NORTH 89° 41' 52" EAST, 29.95 FEET;

(75) THENCE SOUTH 33° 16' 43" EAST, 742.53 FEET; TO THE NORTHWEST LINE OF LOT 97 OF TRACT 3027, FILED ON NOVEMBER 15, 1968, IN BOOK 16, PAGE 196, IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE COUNTY OF KERN;

(76) THENCE NORTH 56° 43' 17" EAST, 263.49 FEET, TO THE WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 22;

(77) THENCE ALONG SAID WEST LINE, NORTH 00° 23' 25" EAST, 393.91 FEET;

(78) THENCE NORTH 89° 41' 52" EAST, 329.27 FEET;

(79) THENCE NORTH 00° 23' 25" EAST, 60.00 FEET;

(80) THENCE NORTH 89° 41' 52" EAST, 60.00 FEET;

(81) THENCE NORTH 00° 23' 25" EAST, 260.00 FEET;

(82) THENCE NORTH 26° 16' 43" WEST, 230.00 FEET;

(83) THENCE NORTH 89° 41' 52" EAST, 680.00 FEET;

(84) THENCE SOUTH 80° 46' 43" EAST, 280.00 FEET;

(85) THENCE SOUTH 68° 16' 43" EAST, 280.00 FEET;

(86) THENCE SOUTH 56° 16' 43" EAST, 390.00 FEET;

(87) THENCE SOUTH 48° 52' 35" EAST, 1,015.02 FEET;

(88) THENCE SOUTH 38° 16' 43" EAST, 295.00 FEET;

(89) THENCE SOUTH 23° 16' 43" EAST, 275.00 FEET;

(90) THENCE SOUTH 13° 46' 43" EAST, 335.00 FEET;

(91) THENCE SOUTH 18° 43' 17" WEST, 610.00 FEET;

(92) THENCE SOUTH 49° 27' 43" EAST, 160.00 FEET;

(93) THENCE SOUTH 40° 32' 17" WEST, 730.00 FEET, TO THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF TRACT 3027, RECORDED IN

BOOK 16, PAGE 193 OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF KERN;

(94) THENCE WESTERLY, ALONG SAID BOUNDARY LINE, SOUTH 89° 19' 10" WEST, 5,094.11 FEET, TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 27;

(95) THENCE NORTH 00° 32' 04" EAST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, SAID WEST LINE ALSO BEING THE WEST LINE OF TRACT 3027, 1,358.42 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 21;

(96) THENCE WESTERLY, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 21, SOUTH 89° 36' 47" WEST, 5,316.81 FEET, TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER THEREOF;

(97) THENCE NORTHERLY, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 21, NORTH 00° 56' 35" EAST, 3,984.41 FEET, TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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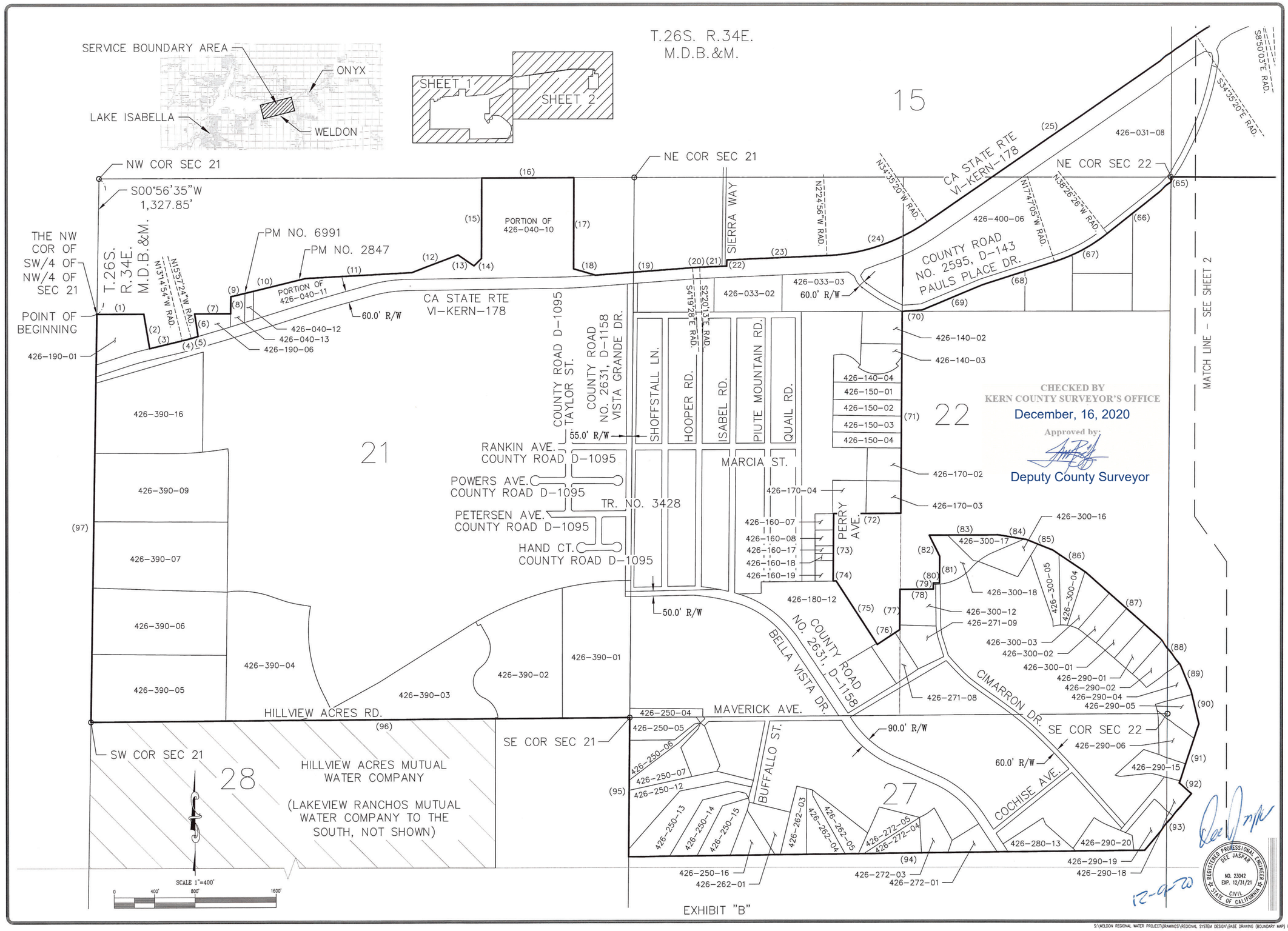
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BOUNDARY MAP

WELDON REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT

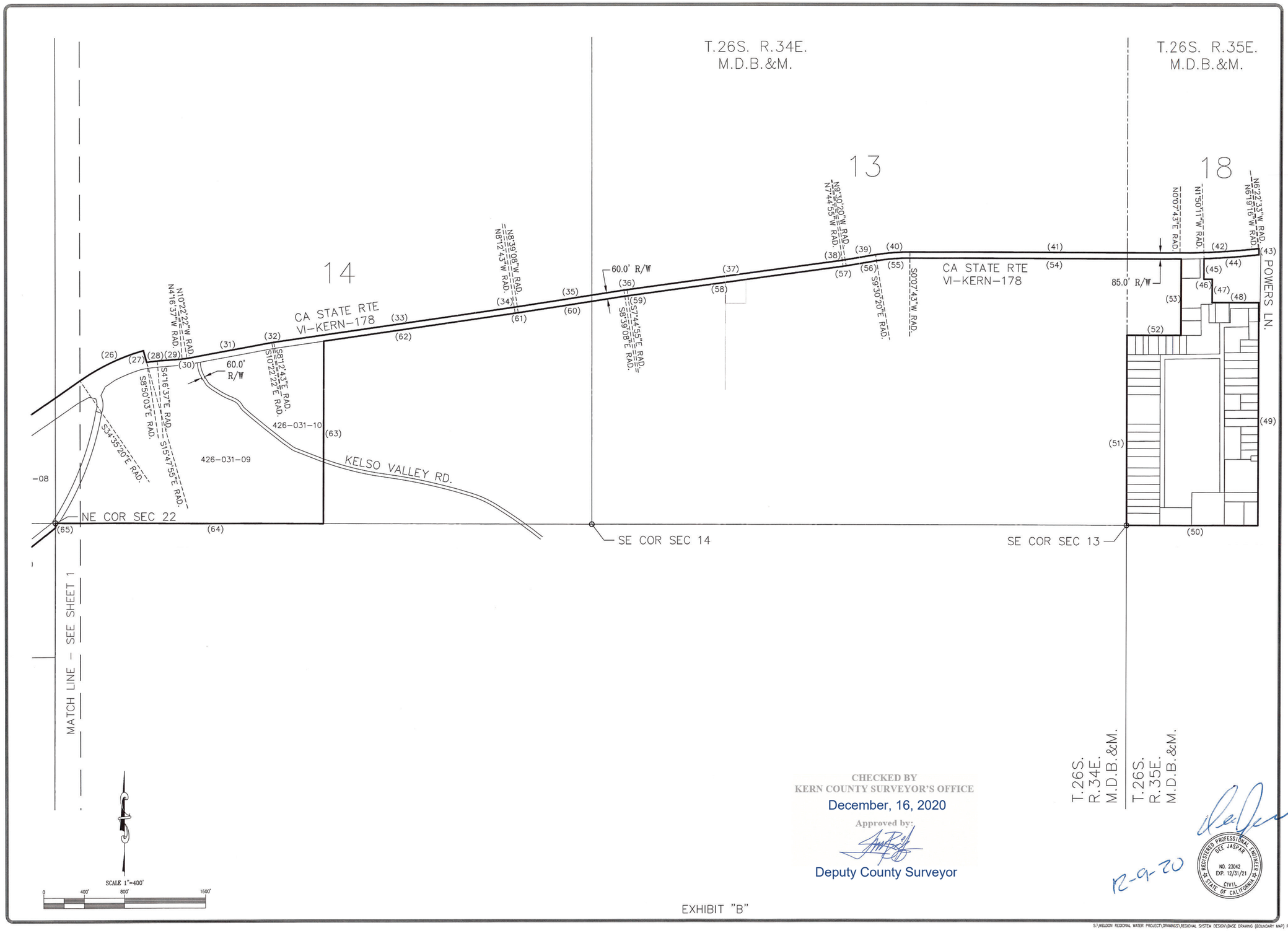
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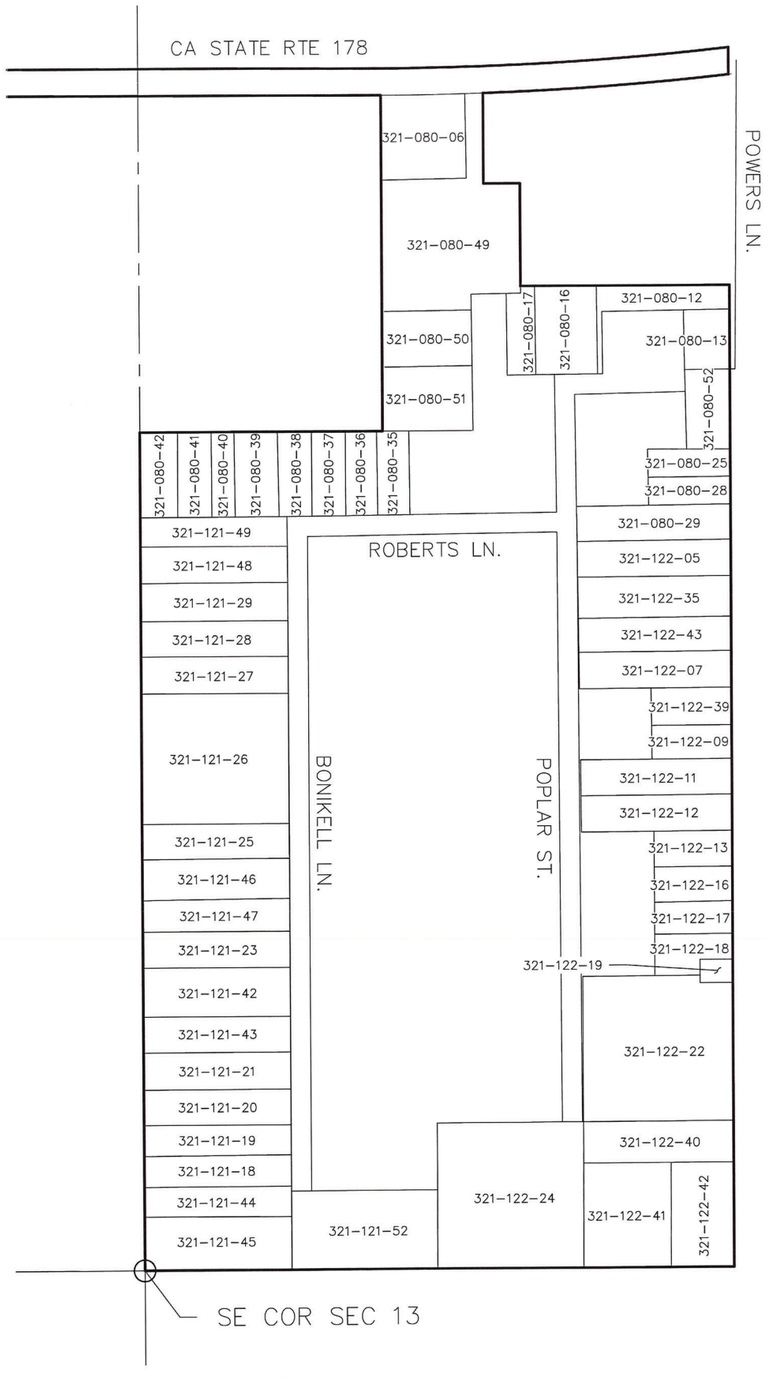
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DETAIL "B" – APN MAP

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LINE TABLE – SHEET 1

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE	LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
(1)	N89° 51' 07"E	465.00	(71)	S0° 23' 19"W	1973.92
(2)	S9° 37' 35"E	342.35	(72)	S89° 44' 59"W	663.29
(3)	N76° 45' 06"E	330.13	(73)	S0° 25' 32"W	658.41
(5)	N74° 02' 36"E	70.75	(74)	N89° 41' 52"E	29.95
(6)	N8° 39' 24"W	223.09	(75)	S33° 16' 43"E	742.53
(7)	N89° 51' 07"E	354.94	(76)	N56° 43' 17"E	263.49
(8)	N0° 50' 39"E	167.77	(77)	N0° 23' 25"E	393.91
(9)	N80° 13' 00"E	26.97	(78)	N89° 41' 52"E	329.27
(10)	N76° 23' 19"E	729.20	(79)	N0° 23' 25"E	60.00
(11)	N86° 50' 31"E	1050.90	(80)	N89° 41' 52"E	60.00
(12)	N68° 58' 51"E	482.90	(81)	N0° 23' 25"E	260.00
(13)	S55° 54' 35"E	191.50	(82)	N26° 16' 43"W	230.00
(14)	N46° 06' 03"E	103.50	(83)	N89° 41' 52"E	680.00
(15)	N0° 12' 45"E	789.60	(84)	S80° 46' 43"E	280.00
(16)	N89° 55' 37"E	908.47	(85)	S68° 16' 43"E	280.00
(17)	S0° 12' 45"W	893.70	(86)	S56° 16' 43"E	390.00
(18)	S73° 41' 02"E	224.27	(87)	S48° 52' 35"E	1015.02
(19)	N85° 40' 32"E	958.74	(88)	S38° 16' 43"E	295.00
(21)	N87° 39' 47"E	265.20	(89)	S23° 16' 43"E	275.00
(22)	N1° 59' 41"E	60.19	(90)	S13° 46' 43"E	335.00
(23)	N87° 35' 04"E	983.60	(91)	S18° 43' 17"W	610.00
(25)	N55° 24' 40"E	3222.64	(92)	S49° 27' 43"E	160.00
(65)	S0° 14' 42"W	46.62	(93)	S40° 32' 17"W	730.00
(66)	S51° 33' 34"W	813.42	(94)	S89° 19' 10"W	5094.11
(68)	S72° 12' 55"W	745.15	(95)	N0° 32' 04"E	1358.42
(69)	S67° 23' 50"W	639.41	(96)	S89° 36' 47"W	5316.81
(70)	S85° 49' 34"W	198.52	(97)	N0° 56' 35"E	3984.41

CURVE TABLE – SHEET 1

CURVE	LENGTH	RADIUS	DELTA ANGLE
(4)	91.94	1945.00	2° 42' 30"
(20)	71.29	2055.00	1° 59' 15"
(24)	1055.68	1880.00	32° 10' 24"
(67)	591.24	1640.00	20° 39' 21"

LINE TABLE – SHEET 2

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE	LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
(27)	S15° 47' 55"E	117.86	(52)	N89° 58' 21"E	543.25
(29)	N85° 43' 23"E	245.18	(53)	N0° 00' 47"W	747.90
(31)	N79° 37' 38"E	852.25	(54)	N89° 52' 17"W	2683.84
(33)	N81° 47' 17"E	2391.88	(56)	S80° 29' 40"W	302.21
(35)	N81° 20' 52"E	1065.55	(58)	S82° 15' 05"W	2139.12
(37)	N82° 15' 05"E	2139.12	(60)	S81° 20' 52"W	1065.55
(39)	N80° 29' 40"E	302.21	(62)	S81° 47' 17"W	1904.74
(41)	S89° 52' 17"E	2670.77	(63)	S0° 10' 44"W	1785.13
(43)	S0° 00' 47"E	60.37	(64)	N89° 47' 11"W	2645.48
(45)	S0° 00' 47"E	201.42			
(46)	N89° 58' 21"E	82.00			
(47)	S0° 00' 47"E	228.73			
(48)	N89° 58' 21"E	466.75			
(49)	S0° 00' 47"E	2181.89			
(50)	S89° 58' 21"W	1320.00			
(51)	N0° 00' 47"W	1860.62			

CURVE TABLE – SHEET 2

CURVE	LENGTH	RADIUS	DELTA ANGLE
(26)	695.26	2120.00	18° 47' 25"
(28)	105.78	1330.00	4° 33' 26"
(30)	50.00	470.00	6° 05' 45"
(32)	19.99	530.00	2° 09' 39"
(34)	30.51	3970.00	0° 26' 25"
(36)	32.02	2030.00	0° 54' 13"
(38)	29.74	970.00	1° 45' 25"
(40)	341.34	2030.00	9° 38' 03"
(42)	791.27	6970.00	6° 30' 16"
(44)	550.27	7030.00	4° 29' 05"
(55)	331.26	1970.00	9° 38' 03"
(57)	31.58	1030.00	1° 45' 25"
(59)	31.07	1970.00	0° 54' 13"
(61)	30.97	4030.00	0° 26' 25"

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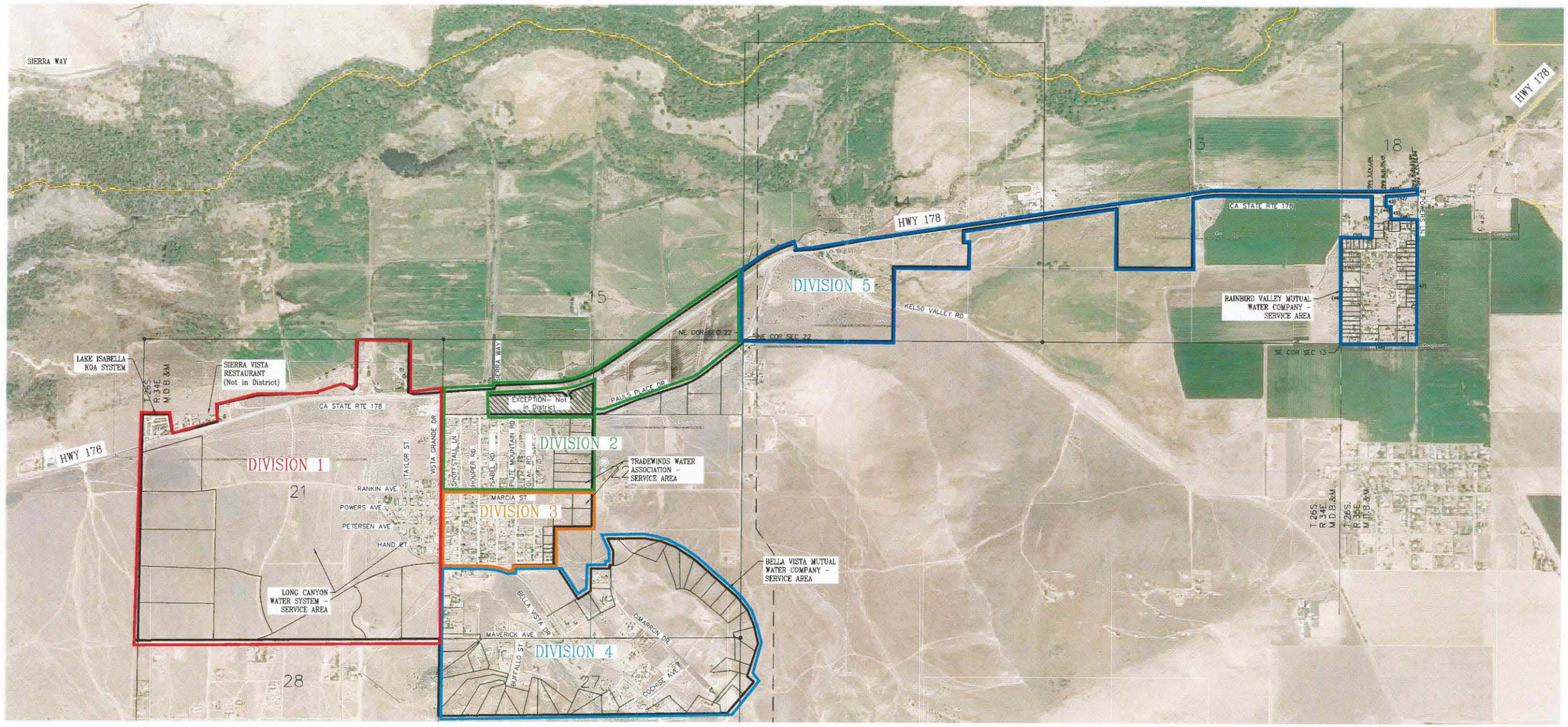
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KERN COUNTY / Auditor Controller

Aimee X. Espinoza
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK

October 19, 2026

Kern County Administrative Office
1115 Truxtun Ave., 5th Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Re: Weldon Regional Water District: Dissolution & Termination of Sphere of Influence

In accordance with Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, a jurisdictional change is being processed that affects the above-mentioned service area. To our knowledge, there is no exchange of property tax revenue from this annexation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (661) 868-3515.

Sincerely,
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By _____

Corina Camarillo
Property Tax Division

KERN COUNTY / ASSESSOR RECORDER

Laura Avila
Kern County Assessor-Recorder

Memorandum

TO: Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
Attention: Janelle Austin

Date: October 15, 2026

FROM: Laura Avila, Kern County Assessor-Recorder
by: Yesenia Sifuentes , GIS Tech II

SUBJECT: Jurisdictional Changes
RE: Weldon Regional Water District: Dissolution &Termination of Sphere of Influence
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Here is a copy of our report to LAFCO RE: Proceeding No. 1879 together with a report to you showing the breakdown of both Secured & Unsecured AV per TRA . Also included & itemized, are any Exemption Values, if applicable.

Values are Gross, unless noted.

If you require any additional information, please let us know.

PROCEEDING No. 1879 Date: October 15, 2026

In the matter of: Weldon Regional Water District: Dissolution &Termination of Sphere of Influence 0

Total Assessed Value for Annexation Before Exemptions: $36,910,414

Breakdown of Value per TRA:

TRA	Secured AV	Unsecured AV	Subv Exmpt AV	NonSubv Exmpt AV
056-005	$557,132	$0	$0	$0
120-003	$496,968	$0	$7,000	$0
120-013	$6,722,825	$19,110	$77,000	$364,827
120-014	$15,514,587	$9,868	$455,000	$317,651
120-015	$0	$0	$0	$0
120-016	$8,472,580	$0	$210,000	$0
120-017	$5,110,212	$7,132	$140,000	$114,729

REPORT OF KERN COUNTY ASSESSOR

Jon Lifquist, Assessor-Recorder

Kern Local Agency Formation Commission
5300 Lennox Ave. Suite 303
Bakersfield, CA 93309
661-716-1076
www.co.kern.ca.us/lafco/

Proceeding No. 1879

Date: 10/15/2026

In the Matter of: Weldon Regional Water District: Dissolution & Termination of Sphere of Influence

By: Yesenia Sifuentes
GIS Tech II

1. The number of assessment parcels within subject territory is: 598
2. Subject territory is within the following Tax Rate Area(s): View TRA list tab
3. Assessed valuation: (**Attach Sheet** Breakdown) Secured: $ 36,874,304 Unsecured: $ 36,110
4. Do the subject territory boundaries correspond with lines of ownership in the last equalized assessment roll? ☑ YES ☐ NO
   a. List APN of non-corresponding parcels:
5. Do the subject territory boundaries correspond with lines of ownership in the current assessment roll being prepared? ☑ YES ☐ NO
   a. List APN of non-corresponding parcels:
6. Do the subject territory boundaries correspond with Tax Rate Area boundaries? ☑ YES ☐ NO
   a. List APN of non-corresponding TRA's:
7. Identify all incorporated cities who's city limit boundary is within three (3) miles of subject territory:
   (If none, please enter word "NONE") NONE
8. Please **ATTACH SHEET** identifying all local *agencies* within, or partially within, the boundaries of the subject territory. (Including cities, special districts, school districts and county service areas)
9. Please **ATTACH SHEET** identifying the *parcels within* the subject territory:
   Include: Assessee name, billing name, APN, ATN, TRA, roll type, assessed values and exemptions
10. Please **ATTACH SHEET** identifying the surface *owners within* the subject territory:
    Include: Assessee name, billing name, and billing address
11. Please **ATTACH SHEET** identifying property *owners outside* the subject territory, within 300 feet:
    Include: Assessee name, billing name, and billing address
12. Additional requested information:
13. Please provide comments or recommendations:
    The following APN's are a portion of parcel included in the project boundary:
    426-400-06, 426-400-08, 426-040-10, 426-040-11, 426-040-13

KERN COUNTY / Administrative Office

Nancy Anderson
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

October 20, 2026

Blair Knox
Executive Officer
Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission
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WELDON REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT DISSOLUTION, LAFCO PROCEEDING NO. 1879

A jurisdictional change for the Weldon Regional Water District has been filed with the Local Agency Formation Commission and is assigned LAFCo Proceeding No. 1879. It has been determined that there will be no transfer of service responsibilities with any other local agencies currently serving the area involved and accordingly that there should be no exchange of property tax revenues.

Therefore, please find attached Resolution No. 2011-119 adopted by the Kern County Board of Supervisors on May 10, 2011. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (661) 868-3159.

Sincerely,

Thomas Brown
Chief Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs Officer
Kern County Administrative Office

cc: Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of: **Resolution No. 2011-119**

EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES
UPON LOCAL AGENCY JURISDICTIONAL CHANGE
FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS WITHOUT TRANSFER OF
SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES

I, KATHLEEN KRAUSE, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, do hereby certify that the following resolution, proposed by Supervisor Watson, seconded by Supervisor McQuiston, was duly passed and adopted by said Board of Supervisors at an official meeting hereof this 10th day of May, 2011, by the following vote, to wit

AYES: **McQuiston, Scrivner, Maggard, Watson, Goh**

NOES: **None**

ABSENT: **None**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS KERN COUNTY, CA

KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Kern, State of California
Karen L Wiens
Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION

Section 1. WHEREAS:

(a) Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 99, the Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission is required to submit a Notice of Filing of LAFCO Proceeding for local agency jurisdictional changes for special districts and the Kern County Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, is required to notify the governing bodies of the local agencies involved in the area of the proposed annexation by letter, and

(b) The aforesaid Section 99 provides that in the event a jurisdictional change would affect the service area or service responsibility of one or more special districts, the board of supervisors of the county or counties in which the districts are located shall negotiate any exchange of property tax revenues on their behalf; and

(c) The County Administrative Officer, representing the Board of Supervisors, has examined the Notice of Filings and the Kern County Auditor-Controller's letter regarding the jurisdictional changes for the special districts and has found that there will be no transfer of service responsibilities with any other local agencies currently serving the area involved and accordingly that there should be no exchange of property tax revenues;

Section 2. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, as follows:

1. When a determination is made by the County Administrative Officer on behalf of the Kern County Board of Supervisors that that there will be no transfer of service responsibilities with any other local agencies currently serving the area involved and accordingly that there should be no exchange of property tax revenues; then

2. The County Administrative Officer on behalf of the Board of Supervisors is directed to inform the Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission and the Kern County Auditor-Controller of the aforesaid determination by transmittal to them of a copy of this resolution.

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ARMBRUSTER BILLY N & SHIRLEY		WELDON CA 93283-9640
ARMENDAREZ FRANK D		MAR VISTA CA 90066
ARNOLD DAVID		WELDON CA 93283-0034
AVANESIAN ANNE		SAN GABRIEL CA 91776
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BAKER DAVID & SUSAN		WELDON CA 93283
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BARKER VICKIE		WELDON CA 93283-9633
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BAXTER JANNETT		SAN JACINTO CA 92583
BECK EVON		GRANADA HILLS CA 91344

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BENTELLO MICHAEL JOSEPH		WELDON CA 93283-0981
BENTON DOUGLAS B & AMANDA J		WELDON CA 93283-9647
BISSOT JAMES J		WELDON CA 93283-9742
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BLUE LAWRENCE V		BRADLEY CA 93426
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BORSTNAR GARY & ROCHA GLORIA MERLOS		LAKE ISABELLA CA 93240
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BRAZIL DOUGLAS LEE & DARBY PAIGE		WELDON CA 93283-1512
BREWER JAMES		WELDON CA 93283
BREWER JAMES		BODFISH CA 93205
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BRISTOW ROBERT L & BONNIE A		WOODLAKE CA 93286-9782
BRISTOW ROBERT LESTER & BONNIE ALICE		WELDON CA 93283-0828
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BROWN JOSEPH EDWARD JR		WELDON CA 93283-7690
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CHAMBERS BRUCE EDWARD		WELDON CA 93283
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COOK M WADE		WELDON CA 93283-1434
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CORDOVA MAGALY JIMENEZ		WELDON CA 93283-1202
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CRYTS CONNIE ROCHELLE		WELDON CA 93283
CUPP STEVE		WELDON CA 93283
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LAIL FRANK		WELDON CA 93283-9634
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MC MILLAN TERRY J		WELDON CA 93283
MC MILLAN TERRY JUNE		WELDON CA 93283
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MCNEILL CHRISTOPHER DALE		WELDON CA 93283
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MILLER CYNTHIA		WELDON CA 93283-9743
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NAGLE TIMOTHY R		WELDON CA 93283-0337
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NELSON LOYD		WELDON CA 93283
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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Certificate of Filing

In the Matter of:	Proceeding No. 1879
Weldon Regional Water District: Dissolution & Termination of Sphere of Influence	

I, Blair Knox, Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Kern, hereby certify that:

A proposal referenced and described above has been submitted to me and it has been found that:

- the proposal was initiated by a Resolution of Application; (G.C. §56650)
- the proposed territory has been found to be inhabited; (G.C. §56046)
- all application contents as prescribed by law are presented; (G.C. §56652)
- all affected agencies have been notified; and (G.C. §56658)

It has been established that the application contains the information and data requested and required by this Commission and has been **accepted** for filing on 26 October, 2026 (G.C. §56651)

Date of Hearing: Wednesday, 18 November, 2026

Time of Hearing: 5:15 PM

Place of Hearing: Kern Council of Governments (KernCOG)
1401 19th Street Suite #300
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Affected/Noticed Public Agencies:

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Blair Knox, Executive Officer

Proceeding No. 1847

EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT FORMATION, A CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

Report & Presentation Documents

- Report & Recommendation
- LAFCo Resolution (DRAFT)

Application

- Application
- Plan for Providing Services
- Petition Certificate of Sufficiency
- Exhibit A – Legal Description
- Exhibit B – Map
- Environmental Document
- Legal Memo – Eastside Kern SD Formation Memorandum
- Feasibility Study/MSR

Supporting Documentation

- Report of Auditor
- Board of Supervisors Tax Resolution
- Certificate of Filing
- Letters of Concern

BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE COUNTY OF KERN
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PROPOSED FORMATION OF THE EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT

Applicant: Eastside Water Management Area, Inc., by landowner petition

Counsel: Dan Raytis, Belden Blaine Raytis, LLP

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Prepared pursuant to Government Code sections 56301, 56375, 56665, 56668 and 56886.5

Proceeding No. 1847

Hearing Date: November 18, 2026

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission deny the proposed formation, without prejudice, for the reasons set forth in Sections 5 through 15.

This recommendation is based on the structure of local government under Government Code sections 56301, 56668, and 56886.5, not on the merits of the underlying groundwater dispute. Formation is a quasi-legislative act requiring consideration of the statutory factors and a decision grounded in the administrative record. This report addresses each enumerated factor and expressly recognizes the considerations favoring formation before weighing the complete record.

Summary of Findings

Seven findings, taken together, support the recommendation. No single finding is dispositive; the recommendation rests on their combined weight. Findings One, Two, and Seven address the premise for formation, the necessity for a new agency, and the central benefit sought, and carry the greatest weight. The remaining findings identify structural considerations that reinforce the analysis without independently supporting denial.

No.	In brief	What the record shows
1	The current arrangement is not temporary.	KNDLA operates as the GSA under an agreement with no expiration date. The arrangement is stable and ongoing, although transitional in stated intent.
2	The lands are already locally managed and would remain so.	SGMA compliance already exists through KNDLA. Formation would offer greater autonomy and direct representation, but it would not recover control from the State or federal government.
3	The proposal is supported but geographically limited.	KNDLA reports 279,277 acres under its coverage, including 39,420 acres within EWMA. Formation would create separate governance for approximately 14 percent of that acreage while KNDLA or another arrangement remains necessary for the balance.
4	Specialization provides focus but limits institutional breadth.	A SGMA-only mission avoids competing priorities, but the proposed agency would have no separate operational service or revenue base as the groundwater mandate evolves.

No.	In brief	What the record shows
5	Budget sufficiency cannot yet be determined.	The budget is not shown to be too small. The obligation it must fund is not yet fixed.
6	The district's enforcement tools would be aimed inward.	A landowner board would apply metering, fees, allocations, and penalties to the same ownership interests that elect it.
7	Formation would not guarantee GSA control by the new district.	Formation creates eligibility to seek GSA designation. KNDLA must relinquish its exclusive authority, which the Commission cannot compel.

1. What Is Actually Proposed

The proposal is the formation of a California water district whose sole function would be groundwater management and compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) within a portion of the critically overdrafted Kern County Subbasin. The applicant is Eastside Water Management Area, Inc., a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation organized in 2018 by landowners in the area, referred to as EWMA.

The proposed territory consists of non-contiguous areas in unincorporated Kern County totaling approximately 40,000 acres, generally following the State Route 65 corridor and extending from the Kern-Tulare County line southerly to the vicinity of Lerdo Highway.

The subject lands are presently covered for SGMA compliance through the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority, referred to as KNDLA, which serves as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency, or GSA, for non-districted lands. Because EWMA is not a public agency, it cannot serve as a GSA in its own right. It participates in KNDLA as an associate member without a seat or vote on KNDLA's board. The proposal would replace that indirect arrangement with a permanent public agency governed directly by landowners within the proposed district.

The feasibility study describes a seven-member landowner board elected on a one-vote-per-acre basis, a contract-services model, and a per-acre assessment supporting an initial operating budget of approximately $480,000. The district would not deliver water, develop a water supply, construct infrastructure, or induce growth. Its activities would be limited to groundwater monitoring, reporting, planning, regulation, and implementation of the adopted groundwater plan.

2. Jurisdictional Characterization

The proposed district would be formed under the California Water District Act, but the function described in the application is limited to groundwater management and SGMA administration. It would not deliver water, develop a water supply, construct distribution infrastructure, or provide another traditional municipal service. Its work would consist of regulatory administration, monitoring, reporting, planning, and implementation of the adopted groundwater plan.

Formation is a change of organization subject to LAFCo review. Government Code section 56375 authorizes the Commission to approve, approve with amendment, conditionally approve, or disapprove the proposal. The proposed regulatory function and the absence of a traditional water-service operation are considered in the statutory-factor and governmental-structure analyses that follow.

3. The Central Question

The question is not whether groundwater in this area must be managed. SGMA requires management, and nothing in a denial would change that requirement. The question is whether creating a new permanent public agency improves the long-term structure of local government more than it complicates it when the mandate is already being carried out through an existing functioning governance structure.

This framing distinguishes the need for groundwater management from the governmental-structure question presented by the application. The issue is whether replacing the existing arrangement with a new permanent district would produce sufficient governance or service benefits to justify the additional public agency.

4. The Case for Formation

EWMA seeks to complete a transition contemplated by the governing joint powers agreement: converting an arrangement in which affected landowners participate as associate members without a board seat or vote into an accountable public agency governed by an elected board and subject to open-meeting, public-records, and financial-transparency requirements.

The present arrangement places a private nonprofit mutual benefit corporation at the center of participation in a public regulatory program. EWMA is not a public agency and is not subject to open-meeting, public-records, or audit requirements, and the landowners it represents hold no seat and no vote on the KNDLA board. Formation would replace that arrangement with a public agency subject to those obligations and governed by a board elected by the affected landowners. That is a genuine structural gain in accountability, and the analysis that follows weighs it as such.

The applicant points to a stable and dedicated funding source that imposes no fiscal harm on another agency, documented support exceeding the statutory petition threshold within the proposed boundary, and a narrow low-overhead mission focused exclusively on groundwater compliance. Dedicated assessments would place the cost of administration on participating landowners and direct those revenues to management of their lands.

The exclusive SGMA focus is a legitimate institutional strength. The district would not divide its attention or resources among water delivery, infrastructure, treatment, and other operational responsibilities. Its governing attention, revenues, and contracted expertise could remain concentrated on groundwater monitoring, reporting, planning, compliance, and implementation. That specialization offers clarity of mission and avoids competing service priorities.

EWMA has devoted substantial organizational and financial resources to the application. It has organized participating landowners, prepared and updated a feasibility study, and developed proposed governance and financing structures. Those efforts demonstrate seriousness and organizational capability. Approval, however, depends on whether the resulting proposal satisfies the statutory factors and advances the orderly and efficient organization of local government.

The applicant also contends that the non-contiguous boundary reflects hydrogeologic, operational, and regulatory relationships and avoids imposing assessments and regulation on owners who did not seek them. It further contends that annexation into adjacent surface-water districts would be impractical. These considerations are given weight in the analysis.

5. Finding One: The Premise Is Qualified

The application rests substantially on the premise that the KNDLA arrangement is inherently temporary and therefore inadequate. KNDLA's Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement, executed September 4, 2025, operates for an indefinite term and contains no sunset date. It retains the members' stated intent to transition SGMA responsibility to landowners, the County, or another appropriate agency, but the identified automatic-termination event is structurally remote because the County has declined that role.

The applicant identifies the members' authority to withdraw as a source of fragility. No withdrawal is shown to be threatened or underway. The coverage for these lands has already absorbed one structural realignment without a lapse in SGMA coverage.

KNDLA is therefore permanent in duration but transitional in stated intent. The Commission may weigh the arrangement as it functions today rather than treat it as an expiring stopgap.

6. Finding Two: The Necessity Is Already Satisfied

The founding rationale for a district was to avoid administration of these lands by the State Water Resources Control Board. That objective has been achieved. KNDLA is a recognized GSA that adopted the 2025 Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, and State oversight returned to the Department of Water Resources after the 2025 Plan addressed deficiencies that had placed the subbasin in probationary status. Coverage exists today and continues regardless of the Commission's decision.

Formation would provide participating landowners with greater institutional autonomy and direct governing representation. Those are legitimate potential benefits, but they differ from local control in the broader sense. SGMA responsibility is presently exercised through KNDLA, a Kern County-based entity, rather than through direct State or federal administration. Formation would transfer responsibility from one local governance arrangement to another.

The remaining question is whether that autonomy and representation justify another permanent layer in the local governmental structure. A denial would leave existing local coverage in place.

7. Finding Three: The Proposal Is Supported but Geographically Limited

Water Code section 34153 authorizes formation of a district consisting of non-contiguous areas on petition of the holders of title to a majority of the assessed value of land within each area, and the applicant's reliance on that authority is proper. The proposed boundary is neither unlawful nor disqualifying. It reflects the lands whose owners elected to participate and leaves interspersed non-participating lands, including Areas 3, 4, 8, 14, 20, 28, and 29, under KNDLA.

The applicant has not represented the proposed district as a comprehensive solution for all non-districted lands. KNDLA's August 2026 SGMA overview identifies 279,277 acres under its coverage, including 39,420 acres within EWMA. The EWMA area therefore constitutes approximately 14 percent of the acreage presently administered through KNDLA. Formation would create separate governance for that portion while KNDLA, or another arrangement, would remain necessary for the balance.

During the approximately two years this application has been processed, no other proposal concerning the governmental organization of the remaining white lands has been discussed or submitted to Kern LAFCo. The record does not establish whether other white-lands interests favor continued

administration through KNDLA, are considering other arrangements, or are awaiting the outcome of this proceeding. Continued administration through KNDLA is the only established arrangement presently before the Commission for the remaining acreage.

The petition support within the proposed boundary is substantial. The corresponding structural consideration is that formation would divide administration between a new district governing a limited portion of the white lands and KNDLA continuing to govern the much larger balance.

8. Finding Four: Specialization Provides Focus but Limits Institutional Breadth

A district devoted exclusively to SGMA implementation would have a clear and undivided mission. Its board, revenues, and contracted services could be directed entirely toward monitoring, reporting, planning, compliance, and implementation of the groundwater plan. This focus is a legitimate structural advantage.

The same specialization creates a corresponding limitation. A conventional water district generally carries SGMA compliance alongside an established service function, operational organization, and revenue base. The proposed district would have no comparable service foundation beneath its regulatory responsibilities. Its institutional stability would depend on the continuing scope, cost, and enforceability of a single evolving mandate.

The adopted Plan describes the groundwater model as continuing to be developed and calibrated and treats important operating assumptions, including the 0.15 acre-foot-per-acre sustainable-yield figure, as subject to refinement. The lack of infrastructure is not itself a deficiency. The question is whether focused specialization outweighs reduced operational breadth and resilience.

9. Finding Five: Cost Adequacy Cannot Be Established

The proposed district can hire and operate, and that favors the applicant under factor (k). Staff does not contend that the proposed budget is underfunded. The narrower point is that adequacy cannot yet be established because the obligation the budget must fund is not fixed.

A budget based on EWMA's current expenses and a flat three-percent inflation assumption is a reasonable estimate of present costs. It cannot be shown sufficient to an obligation whose scope will be set by future Plan refinements, monitoring requirements, and demand-reduction measures. The proper conclusion is not that the budget is inadequate, but that its adequacy cannot presently be determined.

10. Finding Six: The Enforcement Is Mismatched

This finding concerns leverage rather than authority. A water-delivery agency can enforce compliance by withholding delivery. The proposed district would hold no similar service lever. Its SGMA tools, including metering, allocations, fees, and penalties, would be invoked by a landowner board against landowners pumping their own wells under overlying rights.

The MSR found the proposed governance structure accountable in the open-meeting, public-records, and audit sense, and that finding stands. Democratic accountability is different from enforcement incentive. The concern is whether a board elected on a one-vote-per-acre basis will apply burdensome tools to the ownership interests that elect it. EWMA's documented history of undertaking no independent projects or management actions to date is relevant to that assessment.

A related consideration concerns the district's ability to fund itself. At the formation election, and until the district has an assessment book of its own, the franchise under Water Code section 35003 is one vote for each acre owned. The franchise for an assessment ballot proceeding under article XIII D is weighted by proportional financial obligation. Those are different electorates, and a landowner majority at formation does not translate into approval of an assessment. The uniform per-acre rate proposed in the feasibility study would apply to unirrigated grazing and resource lands on the same basis as irrigated lands, which is the feature of the financing plan most exposed to a proportionality challenge. The point is not that the district would be unable to satisfy article XIII D, but that the same inward orientation identified above applies to the revenue measure on which the district would depend.

11. Finding Seven: The Central Benefit May Never Vest

The benefit sought is not local control in the sense of transferring authority from the State or federal government to Kern County. Local SGMA administration already exists through KNDLA. The more precise benefit is separate GSA control by a district governed directly by participating landowners.

Formation does not confer GSA designation. It creates eligibility to seek designation. The district must complete the SGMA process, file its notice of intent with the Department of Water Resources, and satisfy the exclusivity procedure in Water Code section 10723.8.

Only one exclusive GSA may govern a territory. The proposed district cannot assume GSA responsibility unless KNDLA relinquishes its designation and the coordinating subbasin agencies amend the Coordination Agreement and adopted Plan. Those actions belong to parties the Commission does not control.

The governing agreement makes these dependencies specific. Under Section 4.10(a) of the Fourth Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, additional parties may become Members or Associate Members only upon the approval of the entire Board of Directors. Under Section 4.7, while most decisions require 75 percent of the Directors present and voting, any approval or amendment of the Authority's Groundwater Sustainability Plan requires the affirmative vote of 100 percent of the Directors on the Board. An affected district that has objected to this proposal is a General Member holding a seat and a vote on that Board. The transition the feasibility study anticipates therefore depends on unanimous consent from a body that includes an agency on record in opposition.

The feasibility study anticipates that the district would elect to become a GSA and continue within KNDLA until the joint powers structure is no longer necessary. That approach assumes rather than secures the transition and contemplates an indeterminate interval between formation and independent GSA control. The central benefit is therefore contingent on events outside the Commission's power to guarantee.

The sequence is fixed by statute and runs in one direction only. A Groundwater Sustainability Agency must be a local agency. Until the certificate of completion is recorded and formation is effective, there is no local agency, no governing board, no authority to adopt the electing resolution, and no standing to file the notice required by Water Code section 10723.8. The district must therefore exist before it can seek designation, and the Commission's jurisdiction over the proceeding ends at recordation. Every step that would deliver the benefit sought occurs after the Commission's authority has been exhausted. The Commission accordingly cannot secure this outcome by condition. It can create the district and accept that the benefit may or may not vest, or it can decline. No intermediate instrument is available.

12. Statutory Factor Analysis (Government Code section 56668)

The table addresses each enumerated factor, states the record before the Commission, and identifies the weight assigned. The recommendation rests principally on factors (b), (c), and (d), reinforced by factor (j). Factor (k) favors the applicant, and denial does not rest on capacity.

Factor	Record before the Commission	Finding and weight
(a) Population, land, use, growth	Approximately 40,000 acres of unincorporated, uninhabited agricultural, grazing, resource-production, and vacant land. No water-supply development or induced growth is proposed.	Neutral. Population growth is not material; groundwater demand is the relevant projection.
(b) Need, present adequacy, effects, alternatives	SGMA compliance is presently provided through KNDLA. EWMA participates as an associate member.	Supports denial. Existing organized local control would continue. Formation could add representation and autonomy, but not absent coverage.
(c) Adjacent areas and governmental structure	KNDLA reports 279,277 acres under its coverage, including 39,420 acres within EWMA. Roughly twenty GSAs operate in the subbasin. Kern-Tulare opposes formation.	Supports denial. Formation would create separate governance for approximately 14 percent of KNDLA acreage, add a governmental layer, and leave the larger white-lands arrangement in place.
(d) Orderly and efficient organization	Commission policy and the Act favor orderly governmental organization and discourage unnecessary proliferation. The GSP already provides coordinated implementation.	Supports denial. The proposed governance form is distinct, but it would perform a function already assigned within an existing coordinated structure.
(e) Agricultural lands	Formation would not change land use.	Neutral. Not relied upon as a ground for denial.
(f) Boundary certainty	Non-contiguous configuration is authorized. Maps and legal descriptions have received County Surveyor approval.	Neutral. If the Commission reduces the territory, conforming revised documents will be required before completion.
(g) Transportation plan	No land-use or development change is proposed.	Not applicable.
(h) General and specific plans	Formation does not alter land use or authorize development.	Neutral. No inconsistency identified.
(i) Spheres of influence	Formation requires a sphere. The proposed sphere includes the district boundary plus Areas 3, 4, 8, 14, 20, 28, and 29.	Neutral. A sphere is a prerequisite, not an obstacle; the proposed sphere is not coterminous.
(j) Agency comments	Kern-Tulare has objected and asked DWR to examine pumping in the area.	Reinforces denial but is not an independent basis.
(k) Ability and revenues	Estimated operating budget of $400,000 to $550,000, initially $480,000, funded through a per-acre assessment and contract services.	Favors applicant. The district appears financially and operationally capable. Dedicated funding could direct landowner revenues to management of the subject lands.
(l) Water-supply availability	The district would not develop or deliver water.	Not implicated in the supply-development sense.

Factor	Record before the Commission	Finding and weight
(m) Regional housing needs	The territory is uninhabited and formation induces no housing.	Not applicable.

Government Code section 56668.3 applies by its terms to district annexations and city detachments, not formation. The landowner interest it reflects is addressed through the weight given to petition support in Sections 7 and 14.

13. Sections 56301 and 56886.5 Synthesis: Prefer the Existing Agency

For a proposed special district formation, Government Code section 56886.5 directs the Commission to determine whether existing agencies can feasibly provide the needed service in a more efficient and accountable manner and, if a new single-purpose agency is deemed necessary, to consider reorganization with related single-purpose agencies. That directive implements the policies of section 56301, which charge the Commission with encouraging orderly government boundaries and the efficient provision of services.

The applicant has shown that annexation into adjacent surface-water districts would be complicated because those agencies are organized around delivered supply, most affected lands are unirrigated, and multiple proceedings would be required. The recommendation does not rest on annexation into those districts. The difficulty of those alternatives does not establish the necessity of a new agency when KNDLA already administers this function for these lands.

The Commission is not choosing between formation and governmental abandonment. Existing local coverage continues under KNDLA. The preference expressed in sections 56301 and 56886.5 therefore favors building on the present structure rather than adding another permanent single-purpose agency alongside it.

14. Balance Sheet at a Glance

Several characteristics create both benefits and corresponding limitations. Setting them beside one another reflects the full record and identifies the tradeoffs the Commission must weigh.

Characteristic	Consideration favoring formation	Corresponding limitation
SGMA-only mission	Clear focus, undivided attention, and low overhead.	No separate operational service or revenue base through which to absorb an evolving mandate.
Governance	An elected board directly accountable to participating landowners.	Greater autonomy is obtained by adding another permanent public agency.
Local administration	Decisions remain in Kern County and become more directly representative of participating landowners.	Local control already exists through KNDLA; formation changes the local decision-maker rather than recovering outside authority.
Applicant initiative	EWMA organized landowners, funded the process, and developed governance and financing proposals.	Effort and capability do not independently establish need for a new agency or improvement of the governmental structure.

Characteristic	Consideration favoring formation	Corresponding limitation
Geographic reach	Support exceeds the statutory petition threshold within the proposed boundary.	EWMA represents approximately 14 percent of KNDLA acreage; the broader white-lands arrangement remains necessary.
Financial structure	Dedicated land-based funding with no fiscal harm to other agencies and demonstrated initial capability.	Long-term cost adequacy cannot be established while the funded obligation remains subject to refinement.
Enforcement	The district would possess SGMA authorities, including metering, allocations, fees, and penalties.	Those powers would be exercised by a landowner-controlled board against the ownership interests that elect it.
GSA control	Formation would make the district eligible to seek direct GSA authority.	Designation depends on KNDLA relinquishment and on Board actions requiring unanimous consent under Sections 4.7 and 4.10(a) of the joint powers agreement, which the Commission cannot compel.

15. What Formation Actually Changes

Formation would produce meaningful governance changes but would not create SGMA coverage where none exists. It would replace EWMA's associate-member participation through KNDLA with a separate elected district board, a dedicated revenue structure, and an organization focused exclusively on the subject lands. Those changes could provide greater autonomy, direct representation, and clarity of mission.

Formation would also create a permanent public agency to perform a function already administered through an existing local structure, and it would do so for approximately 14 percent of the acreage presently covered by KNDLA. KNDLA or another arrangement would remain necessary for the balance. The district would remain dependent on coordination with other subbasin GSAs, would assume an evolving mandate without a separate operational service base, and would not obtain GSA designation solely through formation.

The proposal therefore does not present a choice between local and external control, or between groundwater management and no groundwater management. It presents a choice between the existing local structure and a more autonomous but more fragmented local structure. Staff concludes that the present record does not establish that the additional representation, independence, and mission focus justify the additional governmental layer and identified uncertainties.

16. Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission disapprove the proposed formation without prejudice. The recommendation rests on Government Code sections 56301, 56668, and 56886.5, with section 56668 particularly subdivisions (b), (c), and (d), and not on the merits of the groundwater dispute or on a finding that the proposed district would be incapable of functioning.

A denial without prejudice recognizes that material conditions may change and preserves the applicant's ability to return on a materially different or more complete record. Under Government Code section 56884, a one-year limitation on reapplication applies unless the Commission waives it. The Commission should state expressly whether that limitation is waived.

17. Terms and Conditions in the Event of Approval

If the Commission approves formation, the resolution should include the following terms and conditions. Approval shall be limited to the territory and SGMA-only function evaluated in the application, feasibility study, Municipal Service Review, environmental record, and administrative record.

a. Scope of approved function

The active function of the district shall be limited to groundwater management and SGMA administration as described in the approved plan for services. The active function includes monitoring, data collection, reporting, planning, regulatory administration, coordination with subbasin agencies, and implementation of the adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plan that does not itself constitute approval of a separately defined physical project.

Water production, acquisition, storage, transmission, distribution, and sale for irrigation, domestic, industrial, or municipal service; sewage, waste, and stormwater service; drainage and reclamation service; and any other service not included in the approved plan for services shall remain inactive or latent. Activation of any inactive or latent service shall require prior Kern LAFCo approval through the applicable statutory process. This limitation does not restrict ordinary governmental powers necessary to organize and perform the approved SGMA function.

b. GSA designation and transition from KNDLA

Formation confers eligibility to seek GSA designation, not designation itself. The obligations in this subsection apply following the effective date of formation. Because a Groundwater Sustainability Agency must be a local agency, the district cannot initiate the designation process until formation is complete, and nothing in this subsection conditions execution or recordation of the certificate of completion on Department of Water Resources recognition. Before exercising GSA authority, the district shall complete the following:

- Obtain a written agreement from KNDLA relinquishing its exclusive GSA designation over the approved territory.
- Complete the Water Code sections 10723 and 10723.8 designation process and obtain confirmation of Department of Water Resources recognition.
- Obtain the amendments to the Kern Subbasin Coordination Agreement and adopted GSP necessary to reflect the district's designation and the applicable management-area commitments.
- Execute a transition agreement with KNDLA addressing the effective date; uninterrupted coverage; access to monitoring data, models, reports, and well information; pending reporting and financial obligations; pre-transfer liabilities and commitments; treatment of lands remaining under KNDLA; the EWMA management-area water budget and management-action target; amendment costs; and procedures to avoid gaps, overlap, or duplication.

Until DWR recognizes the district as the exclusive GSA for the approved territory, KNDLA shall remain the GSA. During that period, the district shall not represent that it possesses GSA authority or independently exercise authority assigned to KNDLA. Following recognition, district activities shall remain consistent with the adopted GSP, Coordination Agreement, management-area commitments, and subsequent coordinated amendments.

c. Assessment and financing

Formation shall confer the statutory authority necessary for the district to initiate the procedures for establishing assessments, fees, or other lawful revenues. Formation does not authorize levy or collection of a particular assessment or charge without compliance with the constitutional and statutory requirements applicable to that revenue measure.

- Before levying or collecting an assessment, fee, or charge, the district shall complete all substantive and procedural requirements applicable under Propositions 218 and 26 and other governing law.
- Any assessment shall be supported by the required engineer's report, benefit analysis, notice, hearing, and assessment-ballot proceeding, as applicable.
- An assessment ballot proceeding under article XIII D is conducted by the agency imposing the assessment and is weighted by proportional financial obligation. It is not an election conducted by the county elections official and cannot be consolidated with any election held in connection with formation. Because the district must exist and its board must be seated before the proceeding can be conducted, approval of a revenue mechanism is not a condition precedent to recordation of the certificate of completion.
- Within eighteen months after the initial board is seated, the district shall complete the proceedings necessary to establish a revenue mechanism sufficient to fund the initial organizational and SGMA-administration budget identified in the approved plan for services, and shall report the outcome to Kern LAFCo. If the district does not establish a sufficient revenue mechanism within that period, the Commission may initiate the post-formation review described in subsection h or take other action available under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act.
- The contingency reserve described in the feasibility study shall be confirmed and documented before the district's first operating year.

d. Sphere of influence

The Commission shall establish the district's sphere of influence as part of its action. The sphere shall consist of the approved district boundary together with Areas 3, 4, 8, 14, 20, 28, and 29 unless the Commission determines a different sphere based on the hearing record. Territory included only within the sphere shall not be subject to district jurisdiction, assessment, or regulation unless subsequently annexed through an approved proceeding.

e. Final boundaries and completion

The County Surveyor has approved the map and legal description for the territory presented to the Commission. If the proposal is approved without a boundary modification, those documents shall be used for completion and recordation.

The Commission may reduce the territory. If territory is removed, filing of the certificate of completion shall be deferred until an amended map and legal description conforming to the approved boundary are prepared at the applicant's expense and approved by the County Surveyor. Approval shall not include territory outside the boundary evaluated in the application, feasibility study, Municipal Service Review, notice, and environmental record.

If the Commission removes one or more areas, the executive officer shall determine whether the remaining areas continue to satisfy the requirement of Water Code section 34153 that each portion of a non-contiguous district lie within two miles of another portion, and shall determine whether petition sufficiency requires reverification for the territory as amended. Filing of the certificate of completion shall be deferred until those determinations are made and any deficiency is resolved.

The property-tax exchange determination has been received from the County Administrative Office and is part of the formation record. If the territory is amended, the executive officer shall also determine whether that determination remains applicable to the territory as approved. All LAFCo, County, election, State Board of Equalization, recordation, and other processing costs shall be paid before filing the certificate of completion.

f. District name

If formation is approved, the proposal shall be amended to designate a geographically appropriate district name. “Eastside Kern Water District” could be understood as referring to the East Kern region and does not accurately identify the proposed territory. The name designated in the resolution shall be used in all amended maps, legal descriptions, election materials, completion documents, and subsequent district records. The notice of the protest hearing and the notice of the confirmation election shall identify the district by the name designated in the resolution and shall also state that the proposal was filed and processed as the proposed formation of the “Eastside Kern Water District,” LAFCo Proceeding No. 1847, so that landowners and other recipients understand that the renamed district is the subject of the same proceeding.

g. Subsequent projects

Formation approval does not constitute approval of any subsequent activity that may result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Before approving or undertaking such an activity, the district shall comply with CEQA and all other environmental and regulatory requirements applicable to the activity and shall determine its consistency with the adopted Kern Subbasin GSP and Coordination Agreement.

h. Initial post-formation review

Within two years after recordation of the certificate of completion, the district shall provide the information and deposit required for Kern LAFCo to conduct an initial post-formation Municipal Service Review. The review shall evaluate organizational development, financial performance, status of GSA designation, coordination with KNDLA and the other subbasin GSAs, implementation of the approved plan for services, exercise of active functions, and compliance with the conditions of formation.

18. Environmental Review

Kern LAFCo is the lead agency for the formation proposal under the California Environmental Quality Act. The Commission will consider a Notice of Exemption based on the project described in the application, feasibility study, Municipal Service Review, and administrative record.

The proposed environmental determination rests on the conclusion that the formation is not a project within the meaning of Public Resources Code section 21065 and section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines. Formation is an organizational and administrative activity of government that authorizes no

water delivery, no water-supply development, no infrastructure construction, no specific physical project, and no change in land use. The district's approved function is regulatory administration, monitoring, reporting, planning, and implementation of the adopted groundwater plan. On that record it can be seen with certainty that the action will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The Commission's action shall be limited to the project and territory evaluated in the environmental record.

The applicant has alternatively asserted a categorical exemption under section 15307 of the CEQA Guidelines. That theory is not necessary to the determination described above, and because the determination does not rest on a categorical exemption, the exceptions in section 15300.2 of the Guidelines are not implicated.

Approval of formation would not constitute environmental review or approval of a later physical project. Any subsequent activity with the potential to result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment would be subject to the environmental review and other approvals applicable when that activity is proposed.

19. Procedural Status and Subsequent Proceedings

The County Surveyor has approved the map and legal description for the proposed boundary, and the County Administrative Office has completed the required property-tax exchange determination. These prerequisites were completed before presentation of the proposal to the Commission.

If the Commission approves formation without changing the boundary, the approved map and legal description shall be used for completion and recordation. If the Commission reduces the territory, completion shall be deferred until amended boundary documents conforming to the Commission's action have been prepared and approved by the County Surveyor.

Following approval, all subsequent proceedings, including any reconsideration request, the protest hearing, the required confirmation election, completion, recordation, and State Board of Equalization requirements, shall be conducted in accordance with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act and the terms of the Commission's resolution.

Two matters warrant identification before the Commission acts. The first concerns the protest framework. Proceedings for the formation of a district are conducted as authorized by the principal act, except that the Commission serves as the conducting authority and the procedural requirements of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act apply and prevail in the event of conflict. Where a conflict exists, Government Code section 56100 directs the Commission to specify the procedural requirements that apply. Following adoption of a resolution approving the proposal, protest proceedings are conducted under Part 4 of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. For this formation, Government Code section 57078 supplies the governing protest standard: if written protests filed and not withdrawn represent fifty percent or more of the assessed value of land within the territory, the proceedings terminate. If protests do not reach that level, formation remains subject to the confirmation election required by Water Code sections 34400 and 34500. The three-tier structure of Government Code section 57091, subdivision (b), which permits a change to be ordered without an election when protests fall below twenty-five percent, does not apply. Section 57091 operates for purposes of section 57075, and section 57075 reaches only annexations, detachments, and the exercise or divestiture of functions or classes of services. Formation of a district is none of those. Consequently, no level of petition support permits this formation to be ordered without an election. The confirmation election is a single special election, conducted on a date

other than an established election date and, as authorized by Government Code section 57126, wholly by mailed ballot, at which landowner-voters determine whether the district will be formed and elect the seven initial directors at large. The district is formed only if a majority of the votes cast favor formation, in which case certificates of election are issued to the directors elected under Water Code section 34500. Because the district does not yet exist, the Board of Supervisors directs the election at the Commission's request and the county elections official prescribes the nomination procedure for the initial directors under Water Code section 34403. The resolution should state that section 57078 and the principal act's confirmation-election requirement govern, and should fix the date on which the initial directors take office.

The second concerns the time available to complete the proceeding. Government Code section 57001 provides that if a certificate of completion has not been filed within one year after the Commission approves a proposal, the proceeding is deemed terminated unless the Commission authorizes an extension before that period expires. The one-year period is tolled only while a court order enjoining or restraining the proceedings is in effect. Because a confirmation election is required, the reconsideration period, the protest hearing, the Board of Supervisors' direction of the election, candidate nomination, the election itself, and the canvass must all be completed within that year. Once the election is held, Government Code section 57202 provides that an effective date fixed in the terms and conditions may be no later than nine months after the date of the election, and Government Code section 57203 requires recordation of the certificate of completion no later than ninety days after the election. Those two deadlines are not subject to the extension authority in section 57001.

Respectfully submitted,



Blair Knox
Executive Officer, Kern Local Agency Formation Commission

BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:	**Resolution No. 26-XX**
	Proceeding No. 1847
RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT, A CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT: FORMATION	**Minute Book 73**

I, Blair Knox, Executive Officer, of the LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION, COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, hereby certify that the following resolution, motioned by Commissioner **XXXX**, approval of Executive Officer Knox recommendation to approve formation boundary, excluding properties which landowners have submitted a valid letter of opposition and approve sphere of influence boundary as recommended, seconded by Commissioner **XXXX**, was duly adopted by the Commission at an official meeting thereof held on the **18th day of November 2026**, by the following vote:

AYE: None

NAYE: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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Blair Knox, Executive Officer

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safety concerns of the panelist and/or participants;

Whereas on February 02, 2026, pursuant to Government code § 56859, a Petition of Application by landowners for the formation of a California Water District under Government Code § 56700 and Water Code § 34153 was submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission of Kern County ("Commission");

Whereas on February 06, 2026, pursuant to Government code § 56706., a Certificate of Sufficiency was filed;

Whereas, pursuant to Government Code § 56860.5, the proposed district is to be designated as the "Eastside Kern Water District, a California Water District" ("Applicant");

Whereas on June 26, 2026, pursuant to Government code § 56658. (b) all affected public agencies were notified;

Whereas on October 28, 2026, pursuant to Government code § 56660., the notice of hearing was published and posted;

Whereas on October 28, 2026, pursuant to Government code § 56661. et. seq., all landowners and registered voters within 300 feet of the affected area were notified;

Whereas on November 18, 2026, pursuant to Government code § 56665. the Executive Officer prepared a Report and Recommendation considering all the factors in conformance with Government code § 56668;

Whereas on November 18, 2026, the Commission, as lead agency reviewed the Notice of Exemption; and

Whereas, the Commission is fully advised in the premises; now therefore, be it

Resolved that the Local Agency Formation Commission, County of Kern, State of California, on

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behalf of its members, finds and determines as follows:

1. specific reference is hereby made to all the papers, documents, files and proceedings heretofore and now taken, had and filed in this matter with particular reference to Minute Item 11/18/26-X, as appears upon the official minutes of the proceedings of this Commission;

2. all of the proceedings heretofore and now taken and had in this matter have been and now are in all respects as required by law;

3. the facts set forth in the Executive Officer Report and Recommendation, presented to the Commission are true;

4. all public agencies, landowners, registered voters of the affected area were notified;

5. all landowners and registered voters within 300 ft of the affected area were notified;

6. the formation will be in the best public interest;

7. the Notice of Exemption is in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act;

8. there is hereby assigned to the territory proposed for Formation the following distinctive short form designation, to wit: Eastside Kern Water District, A California Water District: Formation;

9. the territory proposed for formation, all within the County of Kern, State of California, is particularly described and delineated in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and by reference made apart hereof;

10. pursuant to the authority granted by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, said territory set forth in the Application for Proceeding on Resolution, by Legislative body, filed herein on October 26, 2026, designated as "Eastside Kern Water District, A California Water District: Formation", is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

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a) *The conditions based on approval of the COMMISSION are described and by reference made apart in Report and Recommendation;.*

11. The effective formation date of the District will be determined by the filing of the certificate of completion by the LAFCo Executive Officer with the Kern County Recorder's office; and

12. the COMMISSION authorizes and directs the Executive Officer to file and record all documentation required by law upon completion of all directives set forth in regard to this proceeding.

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KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Application for Annexations, Detachments and Reorganizations

(Attach additional sheets as necessary)

Application Type: check all that apply

○ Annexation ○ Consolidation ○ Detachment ○ Dissolution ◉ Formation

○ Incorporation ○ Merger ○ Name Change ○ Reorganization ○ Subsidiary District

1. Type of Application:

○ Local Agency *(resolution)* ◉ Land Owner *(petition)* ○ Registered Voter *(petition)* ○ Other

Formation of California water district - Cal. Wat. Code Secs. 34000 et seq.

2. Name of Application: (The name should match the title on the map and legal description)

A. List the reference name that identifies the subject agency and type of reorganization: *e.g. Annexation No. XX.* If more than one agency involved, include all agencies with corresponding reorganization reference: *e.g. Agency Name 1: Annexation No. XX, Agency Name 2: detachment X, etc...*

Formation of Eastside Kern Water District, a California Water District

B. List all proposed service and boundary changes for this application:

N/A

3. Nature of proposal: (Why is this proposal being filed?)

To form a California water district

4. Describe the acreage and general location: (description will be used on notices and publications)

A. Number of proposed areas (acres of each area) & (total acreage):

24 non-contiguous areas constituting approximately 40,000 acres. Area sizes vary (see Petition)

B. Describe the general location; (include streets, direction, postal address if available, and Accessor Parcel Number/s)

24 non-contiguous areas located South of Famoso Road, east/west of Highway 65 (see District Maps/Legal Descriptions)

5. Land Use - Present and Future:

A. Describe the current physical land use of the proposed area? E.G. vacant, residential, agriculture, etc.

Primarily agriculture, grazing, resource production, rural residential and vacant.

B. Describe any planned development that would result from or be facilitated by this proposed boundary change.

N/A

C. Describe the current physical land use of the area surrounding the proposal: E.G. vacant, residential, commercial, industrial, agriculture, etc.

Primarily agriculture, grazing, resource production, rural residential and vacant.

6. Zoning - Present and Future:

A. List the existing County/City zoning land use designation/s.
A / NR / E

B. List and attach adopted pre-zoning. (CITIES ONLY - mark attachment 6B)
N/A

7. Conformity with County and City General Plans:

A. List the existing County General Plan designation/s for the proposal area.
8.1 / 8.3 / 8.4 / 5.7

B. List the City general plan designation for the area (CITIES ONLY).
N/A

C. Do the proposed uses conform with the above listed plans? ◉ YES ○ NO
If "NO"; please explain:

8. Criteria for Determination without Notice and Hearing (Gov. Code § 56662)

A. Is the affected area uninhabited territory? ◉ YES ○ NO
"Uninhabited territory" means territory within which there reside fewer than 12 registered voters. Gov. Code §56079.5
Provide any notations indicating possible voters. (LAFCo will verify registered voters with most current election data)

B.- PETITION
Is the petition signed by all of the owners of land within the affected territory?
OR ○ YES ◉ NO

C.- RESOLUTION Do all (100%) of the Land Owner/s consent to the reorganization?
○ YES ○ NO
If "YES"; attach letter/s of consent for each land owner (include land owner name, Assessor Parcel Number/s) or any additional documents that would be satisfactory to the commission, that all the owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposal. Label the attachment/s 8C-1, 8C-2, etc.

D. Is the affected area uninhabited territory? ◉ YES ○ NO
"Uninhabited territory" means territory within which there reside fewer than 12 registered voters. Gov. Code §56079.5
Provide any notations indicating possible voters. (LAFCo will verify registered voters with most current election data)

9. Conformity with Spheres of influence: *N/A - NO ANNEXATION PROPOSED*
Is the proposal area within the sphere of influence of the annexing agency?
○ YES ○ NO
If "NO"; include a proposal to amend the agency's sphere of influence.
Provide the following:
(1) agency resolution/petition
(2) sphere of influence amendment application
(3) sphere of influence amendment map.

10. Impact on Agriculture: NO IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE; LAND USE WILL NOT CHANGE

A. Is the affected property "Agricultural Lands" as defined in Gov. Code §56016?

1) Is the affected property currently producing a commercial agricultural commodity?
◯ YES ◯ NO

2) Is the affected property fallow under a crop rotational program?
◯ YES ◯ NO

3) Is the affected property enrolled in an agricultural subsidy or set-aside program?
◯ YES ◯ NO

B. Is the affected property "Prime Agricultural Lands" as defined in Gov. Code §56064?
◯ YES ◯ NO

If "YES" to any of A or B above; provide an explanation as to the reasoning for possible removal of the property from agriculture status.

THERE WILL BE NO IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE; LAND USE WILL NOT CHANGE

C. Is any portion of the property within a Land Conservation Act contract? (Williamson Act)
There will be no impact on Williamson Act Contracts or land uses ◯ YES ◯ NO

1) If "YES"; provide the contract number and the date the contract was executed.
Contract No. Contract Date:

2) If "YES"; has a notice of non-renewal been filed? ◯ YES ◯ NO
Non-renewal filing Date:

D. Will the city succeed to the contract pursuant to Section 51243? (CITIES ONLY).
◯ YES ◯ NO

If "YES"; has County Planning been notified and agree with the modification?
◯ YES ◯ NO

If "YES"; please provide documentation from County Planning regarding any modification agreement.

11. Impact on Open Space:
Is the affected property Open Space land as defined in Gov. Code §65560(h)(1-6)?
◯ YES ◉ NO

If "YES"; please provide an explanation as to the reasoning for possible removal of the property from open space status.

12. Relationship to Regional Housing Goals and Policies: (CITIES ONLY)
Will this proposal result in or facilitate a credit/debit towards the City's most recent Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) number provided by Kern Council of Governments?
◯ YES ◯ NO

If "YES"; has County Planning been notified and agree with the allocation modification?
◯ YES ◯ NO

If "YES"; please provide documentation from County Planning regarding any RHNA allocation modification agreement.

13. Population:
B. Provide the population of residents within the affected area: *N/A*

C. List the number of existing dwelling units within the proposal area: *N/A*

D. Describe the type of existing dwelling units within the proposal area i.e. house, apartment, etc:
N/A

14. Dependability of Water Supply for Projected Needs & Existing Water Plans:

A. Will the proposal result in or facilitate an increase in water usage?

○ YES ◉ NO

If "YES"; please provide the projected amount of increase and identify any resources that would be a factor in the support of the proposal i.e. Master Water Plans, Expansion Plans, etc.
PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL IS TO MANAGE WATER USAGE TO SUSTAINABILITY

* If necessitated: attach a statement from the retail water purveyor that describes the timely availability of potable water supplies that will be adequate for the projected needs.

B. Is the proposal area within the boundaries of an Adjudicated Basin as per California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118? ○ YES ◉ NO
If "YES"; please provide the name of the Adjudicated Basin?

C. Is the proposal area within the boundaries of an identified Critically Overdraft Basin as per California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118? ◉ YES ○ NO
If "YES"; please provide the name of the Basin? *Kern Co. - DWR 5-022.14*

D. Is the proposal area within the boundaries of a Groundwater Stainability Area (GSA)?

◉ YES ○ NO

If "YES"; please provide the name of the Groundwater Stainability Area (GSA)?
Kern Non-Districted Land Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency

E. Is the proposal area within the boundaries of a Groundwater Stainability Plan (GSP)?

◉ YES ○ NO

If "YES"; please provide the name of the Groundwater Stainability Plan (GSP)?
Kern Subasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan

15. Environmental Impact of the Proposal

A. What type of environmental document has been prepared?

- ☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE) *DRAFT ENCLOSED WITH APPLICATION*
- ○ Negative Declaration (ND) - Include all Studies and Reports
- ○ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) - Include all Studies and Reports
- ○ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) - Include Full Report

If necessitated: attach the lead agency's resolution listing significant impacts anticipated from the project, mitigation measures adopted to reduce or avoid significant impacts and, if adopted, a "Statement of Overriding Considerations."
Include a copy of receipt for Fish and Game payment.

B. Who is the "lead agency" for this proposal?

Agency: Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission
Contact Name: N/A
Title: N/A
Address: N/A
City: N/A State: N/A Zip Code: N/A
email: N/A Phone Number: N/A

C. Was LAFCo notified/involved with the CEQA process prior to an environmental document as identified ?

○ YES ○ NO

N/A - LAFCO WILL BE LEAD AGENCY

The Lead Agency's decision whether to prepare an ND, MND, or an EIR is binding on all Responsible and Trustee Agencies, except in unusual circumstances (PRC Section 21080.1(a); State CEQA Guidelines Section 15050(c)). Therefore, a Lead Agency is required to consult with and involve all Responsible and Trustee Agencies throughout the CEQA process. First, the Lead Agency must consult with Responsible and Trustee Agencies prior to determining whether a negative declaration or an EIR is required for a project (PRC Section 21080.3(a); State CEQA Guidelines Section 15063(g)). If a Lead Agency determines an EIR is required for a project, the Lead Agency must send a Notice of Preparation to all Responsible and Trustee Agencies, who will then specify to the Lead Agency "the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to the statutory responsibilities" of that agency in connection with the proposed project and which must be included in the EIR (PRC Section 21080.4; State CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b)).

16. Property Tax/Bonded Indebtedness

A. ⊗ There will be no exchange of property tax
○ Master property tax exchange agreement should apply. (CITIES ONLY- Provide Letter)
○ Other agreement is to be negotiated.

B. Will the proposal area assume any existing bonded indebtedness upon annexation?

○ YES ◉ NO

If "YES"; how will the indebtedness be repaid? (e.g. property taxes, special tax, assessments, service fees):

C. Are their plans to establish any new special taxes, fees, or assessment districts in order to pay for new or extended service(s) to the proposal area?

◉ YES ○ NO

If "YES"; describe which services and status of new funding source(s):

SGMA Groundwater Management Services - Land Based Assessments - See Feasibility Report

17. Plan for Services

A. Description of services to be extended to the affected area.
(Please use Plan for Services form provided in the application packet) List the services that are to be provided by your agency and provide in detail any services's that your agency is authorized to provide but will be provided by another agency.

B. Indicate any improvements or upgrading of infrastructure regarding roads, sewers, water, facilities or other conditions that will be a result of the proposal.

None

C. What effects, if any, would annexation of this territory have on the existing level of city/ district services (i.e. need for additional emergency service personnel or construction of new facilities, etc.)?

None

D. How will these services be financed? Include both capital improvements, maintenance and operation?

Landowner Assessments and/or Fees per California Water Code - See Feasibility Study Report

E. Are any services currently being provided in the affected area that the planned (proposed) services will now be providing i.e. overlapping services?

○ YES ◉ NO

If "YES"; has the current providing agency/s been contacted and an agreement been reached regarding service delivery between all agencies involved?

○ YES ○ NO

If "YES"; please provide a "letter of overlapping agreement" or a "resolution for detachment" of the affected area or a "resolution of dissolution" of a special district, from the current service provider/s board, commission or council.

F. If detachment, indicate any services which will no longer be available to the affected area and who will take over provision of these services.

N/A.

18. Services Provided by other Public Agencies

A. Are there any Cities or Special Districts whose services will require that they be annexed, detached or dissolved due to your agency providing services? (include County Service Areas) ○ YES ◉ NO

If "YES"; list public agency/ies name, type of service/s in question and specify if annexation, detachment or dissolution is required for each public agency:

B. If "YES" to 9-A; has the public agency/ies been informed of the proposal? ○ YES ○ NO

19. Boundaries

A. Why are these particular boundaries being used?

Voluntary participation by landowners.

B. Does the proposed boundary create an island, peninsula or curricula? please provide letter of justification?

◉ YES ○ NO

If "YES"; please provide a letter of justification. *SEE FEASIBILITY STUDY* .

C. Is the affected area adjacent to a Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community?

○ YES ◉ NO

If "YES" and a annexation greater than ten (10) acres is proposed, please answer the following questions:

1) Has an application to annex the DUC been filed in the past five (5) years?

○ YES ○ NO

If "YES"; provide date of application:

2) Is there written evidence that a majority of registered voters within the affected territory are opposed to annexation?

○ YES ○ NO

If "YES"; attach documentation.

20. Final Comments

A. Describe any conditions that should be included in LAFCo's resolution of approval.

B. Provide any other comments or justifications regarding the proposal. *See next page*

PLEASE SEE COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION IN FEASIBILITY STUDY ENCLOSED

21. Notices and Staff Reports

List up to three persons to receive copies of the LAFCo notice of hearing and staff report.

A.	Name: Chad Hathaway	email: chathaway@hathawayllc.com
	Title: President of Eastide Wat. Mgmt. Area, Inc	Phone: (661) 393-2004
B.	Name: Dan Raytis	email: dan@bbr.law
	Title: Legal Counsel	Phone:(661) 864-7826 or 444-5770
C.	Name: Taylor Blakslee	email: tblakslee@hgcpm.com
	Title: Project Coordinator	Phone:(661) 477-3385

22. Contact Person

Who should be contacted if there are questions about this application?

A.	Name: Dan N. Raytis	email: dan@bbr.law
	Title: Legal Counsel	Phone:(661) 864-7826

Signature Field: Dan P Raytis

SAVE FORM AS PDF OR PRINT TO PDF AND EMAIL TO:

deo@kernlafco.org or eo@kernlafco.org

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- ◯ Municipal Service Review on File
- ◯ Municipal Service Review is Current
- ◯ Municipal Service Review Requires Updating
- ◯ Master Tax Agreement on File
- ◯ Master Tax Agreement is Current
- ◯ Sphere of Influence Requires Amendment

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SENDA

PLAN FOR PROVIDING SERVICES

SERVICE Only provide information on services authorized for applying district.	**CURRENT PROVIDER** Agency Which Presently Provides Services	**BEGIN DATE** City/District Will Provide Services		**FINANCED** Indicate How Services Provided by City/District will be Financed (i.e., general tax rate or special assessment)
		Upon Annexation	Future Date (Specify)	
Groundwater Services & Management (SGMA)	None		X - Upon Formation	Special Assessment

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE PETITION FOR THE FORMATION OF THE EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT

Pursuant to *Government Code* § 56700.4, this Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition for the Formation of the Eastside Kern Water District, including reasons in support thereof, is submitted to the Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission for consideration.

1. Notice is hereby given of the intention to circulate a petition proposing the formation of a California Water District.

2. Reasons in Support for the Proposal to Form the EWD

The primary reasons for the proposal are to form a California Water District ("district") pursuant to *Water Code* §§ 34000, et seq., that will regulate the use of groundwater and otherwise satisfy and comply with requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"); manage, protect, and enhance groundwater resources; and preserve the ability of the lands and resources to remain productive.

SGMA requires that all areas with a subbasin be covered by a local public agency with water supply, water management, or land use responsibilities within a groundwater basin. The landowners within the proposed boundaries of the district have, to date, banded together in an effort to further SGMA compliance by forming a public-benefit corporation to assist with SGMA compliance in the area. The proposal furthers those efforts and is supported by the affected landowners.

A water district managed by affected landowners within this portion of the Kern County Subbasin (the "Subbasin") will create centralized management of water (primarily groundwater) supplies, as well as provide a funding mechanism that is critical for the long-term sustainable management, use, and preservation of water resources within the proposed area. Local management will also be effective and economic, thereby reducing uncertainty and costs to landowners.

SGMA provides a defined path for how local agencies must implement plans to sustainably manage groundwater basins, including the Subbasin. One such step is becoming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") and adopting/implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"). The proposed district may become a GSA in order for the landowners and water users within the area to be actively engaged in the SGMA process and the management of resources within the Subbasin.

The proposed district may also pursue projects and management actions to preserve and enhance groundwater resources, as well as engage in conservation and best management practices. As a district, it may also acquire and/or put to beneficial use additional sources of water that may become available in the future.

3. Name, address, and phone number of Chief Petitioner

Chad Hathaway
Eastside Water Management Area, Inc.
5016 California Avenue, Ste. 3
Bakersfield, California 93309
Phone: (661) 864-7826

Date: September 8, 2025

Chad J. Hathaway
Chad Hathaway, Chief Petitioner

Pursuant to Section 56700.4 of the *Government Code*, this **NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE PETITION** was filed with me on 9/11/2025

Blair Knox
Blair Knox, Executive Officer

Kern Local Agency Formation Commission
5300 Lennox Ave. Suite 303
Bakersfield, CA 93309
661-716-1076
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CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY
LANDOWNER PETITION

The undersigned certifies as follows:

The attached petition received on February 2, 2026, regarding the formation of a County Water District, entitled "EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT", is made pursuant to Government Code § 61011, subd. (a)(3), was accepted and filed by me on February 6, 2026.

Said petition is signed by landowners pursuant to § 61014 of the Government Code, with the names of signers on the petition compared against the names of persons shown on the assessment roll prepared by the County as identified in § 56700, subd. (a)(6)). of the Government Code. The results are as follows:

1. The minimum signature requirements for a sufficient petition are property owners owning a majority of land in an area which is capable of using water beneficially for irrigation, domestic, industrial or municipal purposes and which can be serviced from common sources of supply and by the same system of works, may petition for the formation of a district pursuant to §34153 of the Water Code.

2. All signatures on the petition were secured within six months of the date on which the first signature on the petition was affixed and submitted within 60 days of the date of last signature.

3. There are 339 parcels owned by 70 landowners within the proposal area. The total assessed value of land is $23,570,837.

4. The petition was signed by 58 (82.8%) landowners who own $21,625,505 (91.7%) of the assessed value of the land within the territory proposed.

1. Having confirmed that 82.8% of the verified landowners have signed the petition and that the minimum requirement of 25% of landowners was obtained to place the proposal of the formation of "EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT" pursuant to Government Code § 56864.

2. All signatures on the petition were secured within six months of the date on which the first signature on the petition was affixed and submitted within 60 days of the date of last signature as pursuant to 56705.

Based upon this examination, it is hereby determined and certified that the petition qualifies and was signed by the requisite number of qualified signers and is therefore a sufficient petition.

Blair Knox
Executive Officer

EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 1

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

That portion of Section 2 and 3 of Township 25 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855, being Parcels 1 and 2 of Parcel Map No. 5830 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed September 27, 1980, in Book 25, Page 151 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, more or less describes as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of Section 2, being the northeast corner of said Parcel 1,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the easterly line of said Parcel 1 South 00°06'25" West, 2546.03 feet to the southeast corner of said Parce 1;

2. Thence (Course 2) along the southerly line of said Parcel 1 North 89°59'38" West, 2643.54 feet to an angle point on said southerly line.

3. Thence (Course 3) continuing along said southerly line and along the southerly line of said Parcel 2 South 89°29'21" West, 2397.41 feet to the easterly line of State Route 65 as shown on said Parcel Map;

Thence along said easterly line the following 4 courses:

4. Thence (Course 4) North 00°24'08" West, 403.60 feet;
5. Thence (Course 5) North 03°01'52" East, 500.95 feet;
6. Thence (Course 6) North 02°51'22" West, 700.71 feet;
7. Thence (Course 7) North 00°24'08" West, 955.88 feet to the northerly line of said Parcel 1;

8. Thence (Course 8) along said northerly line North 89°54'28" East, 2423.72 feet to an angle point on said northerly line;

9. Thence (Course 9) continuing along said northerly line North 89°55'12" East, 2639.87 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Containing 295.0 Acres more or less

The above-described parcel of land is graphically shown on Exhibit B, being two pages, and attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The numbers enclosed in parenthesis above, shown as (#), are course numbers for the courses of this legal description and shown on Exhibit B, attached hereto.

End of Description



Clayton L. Bradshaw, P.L.S. 8298
Date Signed: October 1, 2025

EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 2

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

That portion of Section 1 in Township 25 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

Sections 6 and 7 and that portion of Section 8 in Township 25 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855, being Parcels 1 through 16, inclusive, of Parcel Map No. 12026 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed August 27, 2013, in Book 59, Page 65 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, and Parcels 1 through 10, inclusive, of Parcel Map No. 12163 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed September 13, 2016, in Book 60, Page 133 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, more or less describes as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of said Section 6, being the northeast corner of Parcel 16 of said Parcel Map No. 12026,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the easterly line of Parcels 16, 15, 14, and 13 of said Parcel Map No, 12026 South 01°14'01" West, 5117.29 feet to the northeast corner of Parcel 2 of said Parcel Map No. 12163;

2. Thence (Course 2) along the easterly line of Parcels 2 and 3 of said Parcel Map No. 12163 South 00°56'40" West, 2647.19 feet to the northwest corner of Parcel 7 of said Parcel Map No. 12163;

3. Thence (Course 3) along the northerly line of said Parcel 7 of said Parcel Map No. 12163 South 88°52'10" East, 2638.55 feet to the northeast corner of said Parcel 7 of said Parcel Map No. 12163;

4. Thence (Course 4) along the easterly line of said parcels 7 and 8 of said Parcel Map No. 12163 South 00°52'57" West, 2642.64 feet to the southeast corner of said Parcel 8 of said Parcel Map No. 12163;

5. Thence (Course 5) along the southerly line of said Parcel 8 of said Parcel Map No. 12163 North 88°58'06" West, 2641.40 feet to the southeast corner of Parcel 9 of said Parcel Map No. 12163;

6. Thence (Course 6) along the southerly line of said Parcels 9 and 10 of said Parcel Map No. 12163 South 89°32'00" West, 5232.03 feet to the southwest corner of said Parcel 10 of said Parcel Map No. 12163;

7. Thence (Course 7) along the westerly line of said Parcels 10, 5, 4, and 1 of said Parcel Map No. 12163 North 00°48'55" East, 5258.69 feet to the southeast corner of Parcel 5 of said Parcel Map No. 12026;

8. Thence (Course 8) along the southerly line of said parcels 5 and 4 of said Parcel Map No. 12026 North 88°44'40" West, 5271.55 feet to the southwest corner of said Parcel 4 of said Parcel Map No. 12026;

9. Thence (Course 9) along the westerly line of said Parcels 4 and 3 of said Parcel Map No. 12026 North 00°41'38" East, 2649.92 feet to the southwest corner of Parcel 2 of said Parcel Map No. 12026;

10. Thence (Course 10) along the westerly line of Parcels 2 and 1 of said Parcel Map No. 12026 North 00°42'09" East, 2551.16 feet to the northwest corner of said Parcel 1 of said Parcel Map No. 12026;

11. Thence (Course 11) along the northerly line of said Parcel 1 of said Parcel Map No. 12026 South 89°23'32" East, 2640.64 feet to the northwest corner of Parcel 8 of said Parcel Map No. 12026;

12. Thence (Course 12) along the northerly line of said Parcel 8 of said Parcel Map No. 12026 South 89°24'00" East, 2640.80 feet to the northwest corner of Parcel 9 of said Parcel Map No. 12026;

13. Thence (Course 13) along the northerly line of said Parcel 9 of said Parcel Map No. 12026 South 89°16'40" East, 2640.33 feet to the northwest corner of Parcel 16 of said Parcel Map No. 12026;

14. Thence (Course 14) along the northerly line of said Parcel 16 of said Parcel Map No. 12026 South 89°16'59" East, 2640.33 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Except therefrom that portion of Section 1 in Township 25 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855, described in the Grant Deed recorded March 30, 2018 as Document Number 218037583 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of the Kern County, State of California, more or less describes as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said Section 1, being the northwest corner of Parcel 1 of Parcel Map No. 12026 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed August 27, 2013, in Book 59, Page 65 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County,

1. Thence (Course 15) along the westerly line of said Section 1 South 02°45'17" East, 319.64 feet to the **Point of Beginning**;

2. Thence (Course 16) leaving said westerly line South 89°17'51" East, 300.00 feet;

3. Thence (Course 17) South 00°42'09" West, 300.00 feet;

4. Thence (Course 18) North 89°17'51" West, 300.00 feet to said westerly line;

5. Thence along said westerly line (Course 19) North 00°42'09" East, 300.00 feet to the **Point of Beginning**.

Containing 2053.0 Acres more or less

The above-described parcel of land is graphically shown on Exhibit B, being two pages, and attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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End of Description



Clayton L. Bradshaw, P.L.S. 8298
Date Signed: October 1, 2025



EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 5

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

The West half of the southwest quarter of Section 32, in Township 25 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

Containing 80 Acres more or less

The above-described parcel of land is graphically shown on Exhibit B, being two pages, and attached hereto and made a part hereof.

End of Description

Clayton L. Bradshaw, P.L.S. 8298
Date Signed: October 1, 2025



EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 6

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

The northeast quarter of Section 7, in Township 26 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

Containing 160 Acres more or less

The above-described parcel of land is graphically shown on Exhibit B, being two pages, and attached hereto and made a part hereof.

End of Description

Clayton L. Bradshaw, P.L.S. 8298
Date Signed: October 1, 2025



EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 7

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

The East half of Section 5 in Township 26 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

Containing 318.4 Acres more or less

The above-described parcel of land is graphically shown on Exhibit B, being two pages, and attached hereto and made a part hereof.

End of Description

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Date Signed: October 1, 2025



EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 9

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

Area 9A:

Sections 36,35 and that portion of Sections 23, 24,26 in Township 25 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855,

Sections 27,28,31 and that portion of Sections 21,22,23,24, 30, 32, 33 ,34 in Township 25 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855,

Sections 7,15,16, 18,19,20,21 29, 31 and that portion of Sections, 6, 8, 14,17, 23,30 in Township 26 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855,

Sections 1, 13, 24, 25,27, 33, 34, 35 and that portion of sections 12,14, 21, 22, 26 in Township 26 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855,

Sections 9, 15, 16, 26 and that portion of Sections 3, 4, 5, 10, 14, 21, 2024, 25, 27, 28 and 35 in Township 27 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855,

Parcels 1,2, 3, and 4 of Parcel Map No. 1323 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed August 14, 1973, in Book 6, Page 149 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County,

Parcels 1,2, 3, and 4 of Parcel Map No. 1324 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed August 14, 1973, in Book 6, Page 150 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County,

Parcel 1 of Parcel Map No. 5895 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed July 16, 1980, in Book 25, Page 177 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County,

That portion of Parcels 1, 2 and 4 of Parcel Map No. 5896 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed October 29, 1980, in Book 25, Page 178 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County,

Parcels 1 through 8, inclusive, of Parcel Map No. 10393 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed December 19, 1997, in Book 49, Page 61 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County,

Area 9A Continued

Parcels 1 through 7, inclusive, of Parcel Map No. 12206 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed September 15, 2018, in Book 61, Page 78 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County,

Parcels 1 through 8, inclusive, of Parcel Map No. 10395 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed October 3, 1997, in Book 49, Page 23 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County,

Parcels 1 through 8, inclusive, of Parcel Map No. 10394 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed September 5, 1997, in Book 49, Page 16 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County,

Parcels 2 of the Certificate of Compliance, Lot Line Adjustment No. 19-15, recorded March 17, 2016, Lot Line Adjustment No. 19-16, as Document Number 000216032771 of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Kern, State of California,

Parcel 10 of Parcel Map No. 5272 in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed April 15, 1980, in Book 24, Page 197 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County,

A portion of the east half of Section 28, in Township 26 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855, being Parcels A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, of Parcel Map No. 12060 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed April 30, 2019, in Book 61, Page 122 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County,

The southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 28, in Township 26 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855, being Parcels 1,2 and 3 of the Certificate of Compliance, Lot Line Adjustment No. 55-08, recorded January 19, 2010, as Document Number 0210006457 of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Kern, State of California,

That portion of Lot 3 of the Certificate of Compliance, Lot Line Adjustment recorded August 10, 2011, Lot Line Adjustment No. 55-10, as Document Number 000211101369 of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Kern, State of California, more or less describes as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Section 24 in said Township 25 South Range 27 East,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the westerly line of said Section 24 South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of said Section 24;

2. Thence (Course 2) along the northerly line of said southwest quarter North 90°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northeast corner of said southwest quarter;

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3. Thence (Course 3) along the easterly line of said southwest quarter South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southeast corner of said southwest quarter;

4. Thence (Course 4) along the southerly line of said southwest quarter North 90°00'00" West, 2640.00 feet to the northeast of Section 26 in said Township 25 South Range 27 East;

5. Thence (Course 5) along the easterly line of said Section 26 South 00°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the northwest corner of Section 36 in said Township 25 South Range 27 East;

6. Thence (Course 6) along the northerly line of said Section 36 North 90°00'00" East, 5262.84 feet to the northwest corner of Section 31 in said Township 25 South Range 28 East;

7. Thence (Course 7) along the northerly line of said Section 31 North 90°00'00" East, 2415.60 feet to the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of Section 30 in said Township 25 South Range 28 East;

8. Thence (Course 8) along the westerly line of said southeast quarter North 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of said southeast quarter;

9. Thence (Course 9) along the northerly line of said southeast quarter North 90°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of the south half of Section 29 in said Township 25 South Range 28 East;

10. Thence (Course 10) along the northerly line of said south half North 90°00'00" East, 5196.84 feet to the westerly line of Section 28 in said Township 25 South Range 28 East;

11. Thence (Course 11) along said westerly line North 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southwest corner of Section 21 in said Township 25 South Range 28 East

12. Thence (Course 12) along the westerly line of said Section 21 North 00°00'00" East, 4698.35 feet; to the southerly line of Route 55, Garces Highway, in the County of Kern, District 6 as shown on the CALTRANS Map 6 Kern 155 Post Mile R15.9, sheets 34 through 43, inclusive;

Thence along said southerly line the following 44 courses:

13. Thence (Course 13) South 82°45'00" East, 591.59 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 1030.00 feet;

14. Thence (Course 14) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 20°13'00" a distance of 363.43 feet;

15. Thence (Course 15) North 77°02'00" East, 519.09 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 970.01 feet;

16. Thence (Course 16) the arc of said curve through a central angle of 20°24'00" a distance of 345.37 feet;

17. Thence (Course 17) South 82°34'20" East, 1028.88 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 570.00 feet;

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18. Thence (Course 18) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 75°01'00" a distance of 746.29 feet;

19. Thence (Course 19) South 07°33'00" East, 479.95 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 1030.00 feet;

20. Thence (Course 20) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 42°46'00" a distance of 768.81 feet;

21. Thence (Course 21) South 50°19'00" East, 341.15 feet to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 1030.05, from which a radial line bears North 39°40'57" East;

22. Thence (Course 22) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 29°22'00" a distance of 527.95 feet;

23. Thence (Course 23) South 79°44'10" East, 441.49 feet to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 829.93 feet, from which a radial line bears North 10°15'53" East;

24. Thence (Course 24) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 22°15'00" a distance of 322.29 feet;

25. Thence (Course 25) North 78°04'00" East, 681.70 feet;

26. Thence (Course 26) North 79°30'30" East, 895.82 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 530.00 feet;

27. Thence (Course 27) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 29°56'00" a distance of 276.89 feet;

28. Thence (Course 28) North 49°34'30" East, 724.58 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 970.00 feet;

29. Thence (Course 29) the arc of said curve through a central angle of 18°54'00" a distance of 319.97 feet;

30. Thence (Course 30) North 68°28'30" East, 1038.26 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 1370.00 feet;

31. Thence (Course 31) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 16°52'00" a distance of 403.30 feet;

32. Thence (Course 32) North 85°20'30" East, 1205.45 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 2030.00 feet;

33. Thence (Course 33) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 10°18'00" a distance of 364.93 feet;

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34. Thence (Course 34) North 75°02'30" East, 762.61 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 1030.00 feet;

35. Thence (Course 35) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 19°57'00" a distance of 358.64 feet;

36. Thence (Course 36) North 55°05'30" East, 429.23 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 570.00 feet;

37. Thence (Course 37) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 36°58'00" a distance of 367.76 feet;

38. Thence (Course 38) South 87°56'30" East, 667.32 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 1970.00 feet;

39. Thence (Course 39) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 11°24'00" a distance of 391.97 feet;

40. Thence (Course 40) South 76°32'30" East, 196.03 feet to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 429.99 feet, from which a radial line bears North 13°27'32" East;

41. Thence (Course 41) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 49°53'00" a distance of 374.36 feet;

42. Thence (Course 42) North 53°35'30" East, 193.70 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 470.00 feet;

43. Thence (Course 43) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 39°56'00" a distance of 327.58 feet;

44. Thence (Course 44) South 86°28'30" East, 131.43 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 470.00 feet;

45. Thence (Course 45) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 25°32'00" a distance of 209.45 feet;

46. Thence (Course 46) South 60°56'30" East, 336.51 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 2030.00 feet;

47. Thence (Course 47) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 07°43'00" a distance of 273.40 feet;

48. Thence (Course 48) South 68°39'30" East, 617.52 feet;

49. Thence (Course 49) South 69°40'30" East, 764.51 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 470.00 feet;

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50. Thence (Course 50) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 39°20'00" a distance of 322.65 feet;

51. Thence (Course 51) South 30°20'30" East, 309.87 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 830.00 feet;

52. Thence (Course 52) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 17°44'00" a distance of 256.89 feet;

53. Thence (Course 53) South 48°04'30" East, 98.36 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 530.00 feet;

54. Thence (Course 54) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 34°44'25" a distance of 321.36 feet;

55. Thence (Course 55) North 82°22'30" East, 754.11 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 3030.00 feet;

56. Thence (Course 56) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 01°19'35" a distance of 70.14 feet to the easterly line of the northwest quarter of Section 24 in said Township 25 South Range 28 East;

57. Thence (Course 57) along said easterly line South 00°00'00" East, 811.73 feet to the southeast corner of said northwest quarter;

58. Thence (Course 58) along the southerly line of said northwest quarter North 90°00'00" West, 2646.60 feet to the easterly line of Section 23 of said Township 25 South Range 28 East;

59. Thence (Course 59) along said easterly line South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Section 23;

60. Thence (Course 60) along the southerly line of said Section 23 North 90°00'00" West, 5286.60 feet to the northeast corner of Section 27 of said Township 25 South Range 28 East;

61. Thence (Course 61) along the easterly line of said Section 27 South 00°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the northeast corner of the north half of Section 34 of said Township 25 South Range 28 East;

62. Thence (Course 62) along the easterly line of said north half South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southeast corner of said north half;

63. Thence (Course 63) along the southerly line of said north half North 90°00'00" West, 5188.58 feet to the southeast corner of the north half of Section 33 of said Township 25 South Range 28 East;

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64. Thence (Course 64) the southerly line of said north half North 90°00'00" West, 5293.86 feet to the southeast corner of the north half of Section 32 of said Township 25 South Range 28 East;

65. Thence (Course 65) along the southerly line of said north half North 90°00'00" West, 5270.10 feet to the easterly line of Section 31 of said Township 25 South Range 28 East;

66. Thence (Course 66) along said easterly line South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Section 31;

67. Thence (Course 67) along the southerly line of said Section 31 North 90°00'00" West, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of Section 6 of Township 26 South Range 28 East;

68. Thence (Course 68) along the westerly line of said northeast quarter South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southwest corner of said northeast quarter;

69. Thence (Course 69) along the southerly line of said northeast quarter North 90°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of said Section 6;

70. Thence (Course 70) along the easterly line of said southeast quarter South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of the west half of Section 8 of said Township 26 South Range 28 East;

71. Thence (Course 71) along the northerly line of said west half North 90°00'00" East, 2649.24 feet to the northeast corner of said west half;

72. Thence (Course 72) along the easterly line of said west half South 00°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of Section 17 of said Township 26 South Range 28 East;

73. Thence (Course 73) along the westerly line of said northeast quarter South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southwest corner of said northeast quarter;

74. Thence (Course 74) along the southerly line of said northeast quarter North 90°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southeast corner of said northeast quarter;

75. Thence (Course 75) along the easterly line of said northeast quarter North 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of Section 16 of said Township 26 South Range 28 East;

76. Thence (Course 76) along the northerly line of said Section 16 North 90°00'00" East, 5311.02 feet to the northwest corner of Section 15 of said Township 26 South Range 28 East;

77. Thence (Course 77) along the northerly line of said Section 15 North 90°00'00" East, 5288.58 feet to the northeast corner of said Section 15;

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78. Thence (Course 78) along the easterly line of said Section 15 South 00°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 14 of said Township 26 South Range 28 East;

79. Thence (Course 79) along the northerly line of said southwest quarter of said northwest quarter North 90°00'00" East, 1318.19 feet to the northeast corner of said southwest quarter of said northwest quarter;

80. Thence (Course 80) along the easterly line of said southwest quarter of said northwest quarter and along the easterly line of the west half of the southwest quarter of said Section 14 South 00°00'00" East, 3960.00 feet to the northerly line of Section 23 of said Township 26 South Range 28 East;

81. Thence (Course 81) along said northerly line North 90°00'00" East, 3969.73 feet to the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of said Section 23;

82. Thence (Course 82) along the easterly line of said northeast quarter South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southeast corner of said northeast quarter;

83. Thence (Course 83) along the southerly line of said northeast quarter North 90°00'00" West, 2640.00 feet to the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of said Section 23;

84. Thence (Course 84) along the easterly line of said southwest quarter South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southeast corner of said southwest quarter;

85. Thence (Course 85) along the southerly line of said southwest quarter North 90°00'00" West, 2647.92 feet to the southwest corner of said Section 23;

86. Thence (Course 86) along the westerly line of said Section 23 North 00°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the southeast corner of Section 15 of said Township 26 South Range 28 East;

87. Thence (Course 87) along the southerly line of said Section 15 North 90°00'00" West, 5278.68 feet to the northeast corner of Section 21 of said Township 26 South Range 28 East;

88. Thence (Course 88) along the easterly line of said Section 21 South 00°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Section 21;

89. Thence (Course 89) along the southerly line of said Section 21 North 90°00'00" West, 5307.06 feet to the northeast corner of Section 29 of said Township 26 South Range 28 East;

90. Thence (Course 90) along the easterly line of said Section 29 South 00°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Section 29;

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91. Thence (Course 91) along the southerly line of said Section 29 North 90°00'00" West, 5300.46 feet to the northeast corner of Section 31 of said Township 26 South Range 28 East;

92. Thence (Course 92) along the easterly line of said Section 31 South 00°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Section 31;

93. Thence (Course 93) along the southerly line of said Section 31 North 90°00'00" West, 4796.22 feet to the southwest corner of said Section 31;

94. Thence (Course 94) along the westerly line of said Section 21 North 00°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the southeast corner of Section 25 of said Township 26 South Range 27 East;

95. Thence (Course 95) along the southerly line of said Section 25 North 90°00'00" West, 5283.30 feet to the northeast corner of Section 35 of said Township 26 South Range 27 East;

96. Thence (Course 96) along the easterly line of said Section 35 South 00°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Section 35;

97. Thence (Course 97) along the southerly line of said Section 35 North 90°00'00" West, 5280.00 feet to the northeast corner of Section 3 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East

98. Thence (Course 98) along the easterly line of said Section 3 South 00°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Section 3;

99. Thence (Course 99) along the southerly line of said Section 3 South 89°16'21" West, 1290.55 feet to the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 10 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East;

100. Thence (Course 100) along the easterly line of said northwest quarter of said northeast quarter South 00°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the southeast corner of said northwest quarter of said northeast quarter;

101. Thence (Course 101) along the southerly line of said northwest quarter of said northeast quarter North 90°00'00" West, 1320.00 feet to the easterly line of the northwest quarter of said Section 10;

102. Thence (Course 102) along said easterly line of said northwest quarter South 00°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the southeast corner of said northwest quarter;

103. Thence (Course 103) along the southerly line of said northwest quarter North 90°00'00" West, 2605.02 feet to the easterly line of Parcel 4 of said Parcel Map 5996;

104. Thence (Course 104) along said westerly line and along the westerly line of Section 9 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East South 00°34'05" West, 2624.18 feet to the northwest corner of Parcel 1 of said Parcel Map 10393;

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105. Thence (Course 105) along the northerly line said Parcel 1 South 89°16'50" East, 2566.32 feet to the northwest corner of Parcel 3 of said Parcel Map 10393;

106. Thence (Course 106) along the northerly line of Parcel 3 and 4 of said Parcel Map 10393) South 89°16'23" East, 2579.68 feet to the northwest corner of Section 14 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East;

107. Thence (Course 107) along the northerly line of said Section 14 North 90°00'00" East, 2634.06 feet to the northwest corner of Parcel 7 of said Parcel Map 12206;

108. Thence (Course 108) along the northerly line of Parcels 7 and 6 of said Parcel Map 12206 South 89°46'54" East, 2669.10 feet to the northeast corner of said Parcel 6;

109. Thence (Course 109) along the easterly line of Parcels 6 and 4 said Parcel Map 12206 South 00°55'52" West, 2632.19 feet to the northeast corner of Parcel 2 of said Parcel Map 12206;

110. Thence (Course 110) along the easterly line of Parcels 2 and 1 said Parcel Map 12206 South 00°54'49" West, 2634.89 feet to the southeast corner of Parcel 3 of said Parcel Map 10395;

111. Thence (Course 111) along the easterly line of Parcel 3 and 4 of said Parcel Map10395 South 01°02'47" West, 2638.35 feet to the northeast corner of Parcel 5 of said Parcel Map 10395;

112. Thence (Course 112) along the easterly line of said Parcel 5 South 01°01'59" West, 1316.40 feet to the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 24 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East;

113. Thence (Course 113) along the northerly line of said southwest quarter of said southwest quarter South 88°58'01" East, 1320.00 feet to the northeast corner of said southwest quarter of said southwest quarter;

114. Thence (Course 114) along the easterly line of said southwest quarter of said southwest quarter South 01°01'59" West, 1296.20 feet to the northerly line of Section 25 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East;

115. Thence (Course 115) along said northerly line North 90°00'00" East, 1319.79 feet;

116. Thence (Course 116) leaving said northerly line South 00°00'00" East, 660.00 feet;

117. Thence (Course 117) North 90°00'00" East, 660.00 feet;

118. Thence (Course 118) North 00°00'00" East, 660.00 feet to the northerly line of said Section 25;

119. Thence (Course 119) along said northerly line North 90°00'00" East, 660.00 feet to the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 24 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East;

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120. Thence (Course 120) along the easterly line of said southwest quarter of said southeast quarter North 00°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the northeast corner of said southwest quarter of said southwest quarter,

121. Thence (Course 121) along the northerly line of said southwest quarter of said southeast quarter North 90°00'00" West, 1320.00 feet to the westerly line of the southeast quarter of said Section 24;

122. Thence (Course 122) along said westerly line and along the westerly line of the northeast quarter of said Section 24 North 00°00'00" East, 3960.00 feet to the northwest corner of said northeast quarter;

123. Thence (Course 123) the northerly line of said northeast quarter North 90°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northeast corner of said Section 24;

124. Thence (Course 124) along the easterly line of said Section 24 South 00°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the northeast corner of Section 25 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East;

125. Thence (Course 125) along the easterly line of said Section 25 South 00°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Section 25;

126. Thence (Course 126) along the southerly line of said Section 25 North 90°00'00" West, 4260.00 feet;

127. Thence (Course 127) leaving said southerly line North 00°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet;

128. Thence (Course 128) North 90°00'00" West, 660.00 feet to the easterly line of Section 26 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East;

129. Thence (Course 129) along said easterly line South 00°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the northeast corner of Lot 3 of said Document Number 000211101369;

130. Thence (Course 130) along the easterly line of said Lot 3 South 01°10'02" West, 1700.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot 3;

Thence along the southerly line of said Lot 3 the following 3 courses:

131. Thence (Course 131) North 84°31'36" West, 363.97 feet;

132. Thence (Course 132) North 75°27'38" West, 1142.66 feet;

133. Thence (Course 133) South 87°49'17" West, 1166.36 feet to the southwest corner of said Lot 3;

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Thence along the westerly line of said Lot 3 the following 3 courses:

134. Thence (Course 134) North 01°13'15" East, 792.18 feet;

135. Thence (Course 135) North 89°27'28" West, 558.94 feet;

136. Thence (Course 136) North 00°35'32" East, 658.94 feet to the southerly line of Section 26 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East;

137. Thence (Course 137) along the southerly line of sections 26 and 27 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East South 89°48'53" West, 7356.18 feet to the southeast corner of Section 28 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East;

138. Thence (Course 138) along the easterly line of said Section 28 North 00°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the northeast corner of the south half of the southeast quarter of said Section 28;

139. Thence (Course 139) along the northerly line of said south half North 90°00'00" West, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of said south half;

140. Thence (Course 140) along the westerly line of said south half South 00°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the southerly line of said Section 28;

141. Thence (Course 141) along said southerly line North 90°00'00" West, 2640.00 feet to the southwest corner of said Section 28;

142. Thence (Course 142) along the westerly line of said Section 28 North 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of the south half of said Section 28;

143. Thence (Course 143) along the northerly line of said south half North 90°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the southwest corner of the west half of the northwest corner of Section 27 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East;

144. Thence (Course 144) along the westerly line of said west half North 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of said west half;

145. Thence (Course 145) along the northerly line of said west half North 90°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the northeast corner of said west half;

146. Thence (Course 146) along the easterly line of said west half South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southerly line of the northwest quarter of said Section 27;

147. Thence (Course 147) along said southerly line North 90°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of said Section 27;

148. Thence (Course 148) along the westerly line of said northeast quarter North 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of said northeast quarter;

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149. Thence (Course 149) along the northerly line of said northeast quarter North 89°16'30" East, 2610.21 feet to the southwest corner of Parcel 7 of said Parcel Map 10395;

150. Thence (Course 150) the westerly line of Parcels 7 and 6 of said Parcel Map 10395 North 01°20'28" East, 2640.36 feet to the southwest corner of Parcel 1 of said Parcel Map 10395;

151. Thence (Course 151) along the westerly line of Parcel 1 North 01°20'29" East, 2636.92 feet to the southeast corner of Parcel 5 of said Parcel Map 10393;

152. Thence (Course 152) along the southerly line of Parcel 5, 6, and 8 of said Parcel Map 10393 North 89°38'14" West, 5218.29 feet to the northeast corner of Parcel 2 of said Parcel Map 10394;

153. Thence (Course 153) along the easterly line of Parcel 2,3, 7, and 8 of said Parcel map 10393 South 01°07'30" West, 5276.34 feet to the southeast corner said Parcel 8;

154. Thence (Course 154) along the southerly line of said Parcel 8 North 89°43'01" West, 2632.35 feet to the southeast corner of Parcel 6 of said Parcel Map 10394;

155. Thence (Course 155) along the southerly line of Parcels 5 and 6 North 89°00'56" West, 2685.53 feet to the southwest corner of said Parcel 5;

156. Thence (Course 156) along the westerly line of said Parcel 5 North 01°21'09" East, 2630.14 feet to the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of Section 20 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East;

157. Thence (Course 157) along the southerly line of said northeast quarter and along the southerly line of Parcel 2 of Document Number 000216032771 North 90°00'00" West, 5284.29 feet to the southwest corner of said Parcel 2;

158. Thence (Course 158) along the westerly line of said Parcel 2 North 01°07'05" East, 2642.80 feet to the northwest corner of said Parcel 2;

159. Thence (Course 159) along the northerly line of said Parcel 2 South 89°43'12" East, 3364.91 feet to the easterly line of Highway 65 as shown on the Right of Way CALTRANS Map Route 65, District 6, dates February 1, 1951, sheet 21 of 25

160. Thence (Course 160) along said easterly line North 00°17'46" East, 1049.48 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 6055.00 feet;

161. Thence (Course 161) continuing along said easterly along and the arc of said curve through a (Course 161) central angle of 04°24'24" a distance of 465.68 feet to the northerly line of Parcel 10 of said Parcel Map 5272;

162. Thence (Course 162) along the northerly line of said Parcel 10 North 89°36'30" East, 1943.95 feet to the westerly line of Section 16 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East;

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163. Thence (Course 163) along said westerly line North 01°10'18" East, 3685.78 feet to the southwest corner of Parcel 4 of said Parcel Map 5896;

164. Thence (Course 164) along the westerly line of said Parcel 4 North 00°36'09" East, 2639.54 feet;

165. Thence (Course 165) continuing along said westerly line North 00°37'01" East, 2639.95 feet to the northwest corner of said Parcel 4;

166. Thence (Course 166) along the southerly line of Parcels 3 and 1 of said Parcel Map 5896 South 89°53'05" West, 2653.88 feet;

167. Thence (Course 167) continuing along said southerly line South 89°53'05" West, 2654.54 feet to the southwest corner of said Parcel 1;

168. Thence (Course 168) along the westerly line of said Parcel 1 North 00°14'19" East, 2622.24 feet;

169. Thence (Course 169) leaving said westerly line North 89°47'49" East, 2216.20 feet;

170. Thence (Course 170) North 00°00'00" West, 1313.77 feet;

171. Thence (Course 171) North 90°00'00" East, 1309.53 feet to the easterly line of said Parcel 2 of said Parcel Map 5896;

172. Thence (Course 172) along said easterly line North 07°37'40" East, 3521.48 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 5000.00 feet;

173. Thence (Course 173) continuing along said easterly line and the arc of said curve through a central angle of 05°27'14" a distance of 475.94 feet to the northerly line of said Parcel 2;

174. Thence (Course 174) along said northerly line North 89°39'46" East, 1220.82 feet to the westerly line of Section 33 of said Township 26 South Range 27 East;

175. Thence (Course 175) along said westerly line North 00°00'00" East, 2660.28 feet to the northwest corner of said Section 33;

176. Thence (Course 176) along the northerly line of said Section 33 North 90°00'00" East, 2627.29 feet to the southwest corner of said Parcel H of said Parcel Map 12060;

177. Thence (Course 177) along the westerly line of said Parcel H, G, F and E of said Parcel Map 12060 North 00° 33' 49" East, 2638.41 feet to the southerly line of the northwest quarter of said Section 28, Township 26 South, Range 27 East;

178. Thence (Course 178) along said southerly line North 89° 46' 30" West, 2631.37 feet to the westerly line of said northwest quarter

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179. Thence (Course 179) along said westerly line North 00° 32' 30" East, 1645.14 feet to the easterly line of Highway 65 as shown on the Right of Way CALTRANS Map Route 65, District 6, dates February 1, 1951;

Thence along said easterly line the following 8 courses:

180. Thence (Course 180) North 00° 31' 45" East, 108.23 feet to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 5000.00 feet to which a radial line bears North 73° 08' 05" West;

181. Thence (Course 181) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 10° 21' 52" a distance of 904.47 feet to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 5055.00 feet to which a radial line bears North 83° 31' 13" West;

182. Thence (Course 182) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 02° 22' 08" a distance of 209.00 feet;

183. Thence (Course 183) North 04° 06' 39" East, 1562.10 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 4945.00 feet;

184. Thence (Course 184) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 13° 52' 00" a distance of 1196.78 feet;

185. Thence (Course 185) North 17° 58' 39" East, 850.84 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 8055.00 feet;

186. Thence (Course 186) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 05° 56' 00" a distance of 834.15 feet;

187. Thence (Course 187) North 12° 02' 39" East, 316.69 feet;

188. Thence (Course 188) leaving said easterly line North 87° 42' 51" East, 107.54 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 1260.00 feet;

189. Thence (Course 189) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 27° 50' 52" a distance of 612.40 feet to the beginning of a compound curve to the right having a radius of 9240.00 feet;

190. Thence (Course 190) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 03° 52' 33" a distance of 625.05 feet to the beginning of a reverse curve to the left having a radius of 4255.00 feet;

191. Thence (Course 191) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 03° 53' 23" a distance of 288.87 feet to the beginning of a reverse curve to the right having a radius of 1780.00 feet;

192. Thence (Course 192) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 08° 45' 47" a distance of 272.24 feet;

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193. Thence (Course 193) South 55° 41' 20" East, 285.78 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 2010.00 feet;

194. Thence (Course 194) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 14° 04' 53" a distance of 493.99 feet to the beginning of a compound curve to the right having a radius of 14330.00 feet;

195. Thence (Course 195) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 00° 38' 30" a distance of 160.48 feet;

196. Thence (Course 196) South 40° 57' 57" East, 435.25 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 15695.00 feet;

197. Thence (Course 197) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 02° 10' 52" a distance of 597.47 feet;

198. Thence (Course 198) South 38° 47' 05" East, 117.63 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 9330.00 feet;

199. Thence (Course 299) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 00° 35' 24" a distance of 96.08 feet;

200. Thence (Course 200) South 38° 11' 41" East, 1251.39 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 770.00 feet;

201. Thence (Course 201) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 11° 04' 47" a distance of 148.90 feet to the beginning of a compound curve to the left having a radius of 2240.00 feet;

202. Thence (Course 202) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 00° 19' 55" a distance of 12.98 feet to the easterly line of said Section 21 of said Township 26 South, Range 27 East;

203. Thence (Course 203) along said easterly line South 00° 35' 37" West, 1532.54 feet to the northerly line of said Section 27 of said Township 26 South, Range 27 East;

204. Thence (Course 204) along said northerly line North 90° 00' 00" East, 2637.13 feet to the southwest corner of the east half of Section 22 of said Township 26 South Range 27 East;

205. Thence (Course 205) along the westerly line of said east half North 00°39'06" West, 5280.00 feet to the northwest corner of said east half;

206. Thence (Course 206) along the northerly line of said east half North 89°20'54" East, 2640.00 feet to the northeast corner of said east half;

207. Thence (Course 207) along the easterly line of said east half and the westerly line of Section 26 of said Township 26 South Range 27 East South 00°00'00" East, 7920.00 feet to the northwest corner of the south half of said Section 26;

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208. Thence (Course 208) along the northerly line of said south half North 90°00'00" East, 5342.26 feet to the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of Section 25 of said Township 26 South Range 27 East;

209. Thence (Course 209) along the westerly line of said northwest quarter North 00°00'00" East, 2633.94 feet to the southwest corner of Section 24 of said Township 27 South Range 27 East;

210. Thence (Course 210) along the westerly line of said Section 24 North 00°00'00" East, 5283.01 feet to the southeast corner of Section 14 of said Township 26 South Range 27 East;

211. Thence (Course 211) along the southerly line of said Section14 North 89°58'02" West, 5342.26 feet to the southwest corner of said Section 14;

212. Thence (Course 212) along the westerly line of said Section 14 North 00°39'06" West, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of the south half of said Section 14;

213. Thence (Course 213) along the northerly line of said south half North 89°20'54" East, 5289.57 feet to the westerly line of said Section 13;

214. Thence (Course 214) along said westerly line North 00°39'06" West, 2640.00 feet to the southwest corner of the southwest quarter of Section 12 of said Township 26 South Range 27 East

215. Thence (Course 215) along the southerly line of said southwest quarter North 89°20'54" East, 2646.60 feet to the southeast corner of said southwest quarter;

216. Thence (Course 216) along the easterly line of said southwest quarter North 00°39'06" West, 2640.00 feet to the northeast corner of said southwest quarter;

217. Thence (Course 217) along the northerly line of said southwest quarter South 89°20'54" West, 2647.59 feet to the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of said Section 12;

218. Thence (Course 218) along the westerly line of said northwest quarter and the westerly line of Section 1 of said Township 26 South Range 27 East North 00°40'26" West, 7911.76 feet to the southeast corner of Parcel 4 of said Parcel Map 1324;

219. Thence (Course 219) along the southerly line of Parcels 1,2,3, and 4 of said Parcel Map 1324 South 89°26'54" West, 5284.64 feet to the southwest corner of said Parcel 1;

220. Thence (Course 220) along the westerly line of said Parcel 1 North 00°00'00" East, 2636.98 feet to the southwest corner of Parcel 1 of said Parcel Map 1323;

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221. Thence (Course 221) along the westerly line of said Parcel 1 of said Parcel Map 1323 North 00°00'00" East, 2636.99 feet to the southwest corner of Section 26 of said Township 26 South Range 27 East;

222. Thence (Course 222) along the westerly line of said Section 26 North 00°02'36" West, 5280 feet to the southwest corner of Section 23 of said Township 26 South Range 27 East;

223. Thence (Course 223) along the westerly line of said Section 23 North 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southwest corner of the west half of the northwest quarter of said Section 23;

224. Thence (Course 224) along the southerly line of said west half North 90°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the southeast corner of said west half;

225. Thence (Course 225) along the easterly line of said west half North 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northerly line of said Section 23;

226. Thence (Course 226) along said northerly line North 90°00'00" East, 3964.00 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Together with Area 9B described herein.

Except therefrom Areas 9C, 9D, 9E, 9F, 9G, 9H, 9I, 9J, 9N, 9O and 9P described herein.

Area 9B (Inclusion):

Section 11 and the southeast quarter and the south half of the northeast quarter of Sections 2 in Township 26 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855,

Area 9C (Exception):

The portion of Section 20 in Township 27 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855, being a portion of Highway 65 as shown on the Right of Way CALTRANS Map Route 65, District 6, dates February 1, 1951, sheet 21 of 25, more of less describes as follows:

Commencing at the east quarter corner of said Section 20,

1. Thence (Course 227) along the southerly line of the northeast quarter of said Section 20 North 90°00'00" West, 1916.99 feet to the **Point of Beginning**;

2. Thence (Course 228) leaving said southerly line North 01°04'20" East, 2626.86 feet to the northerly line of said Section 20;

3. Thence (Course 229) along said northerly line South 89°43'12" East, 110.02 feet;

4. Thence (Course 230) leaving said northerly line South 01°04'21" West, 2626.32 feet to the southerly line of said Section 20;

5. Thence (Course 231) along said southerly line North 90°00'00" West, 110.02 feet to the **Point of Beginning**;

Area 9D (Exception):

That portion of Section 14, in Township 27 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855, being
Parcels 1 of Parcel Map No. 8265 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed June 5, 1987, in Book 34, Page 118 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County,

Commencing at the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of said Section 14,

1. Thence (Course 232) along the easterly line of said northwest quarter South 00°32'49" East, 770.00 feet,

2. Thence (Course 233) leaving said westerly line North 89°27'11" West, 440 feet to the northeast corner of said Parcel 1 and to the **Point of Beginning**

3. Thence (Course 234) along the easterly line of said Parcel 1 South 00°32'49" West, 380.00 feet to the southeast corner of said parcel 1;

4. Thence (Course 235) along the southerly line of said Parcel 1 North 89°27'11" West, 200.00 feet to the southwest corner of said Parcel 1;

5. Thence (Course 236) along the westerly line of said Parcel 1 North 00°32'49" East, 380.00 feet to the northwest corner of said Parcel 1;

6. Thence (Course 237) along the northerly line of said Parcel 1 South 89°27'11" East, 200.00 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Area 9E (Exception):

That portion of the north half of section 20, in Township 27 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855, being Parcel 1 of the Certificate of Compliance, Lot Line Adjustment No. 19-15, recorded March 17, 2016, Lot Line Adjustment No. 19-16, as Document Number 000216032771 of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Kern, State of California, more or less describes as follows:

Commencing at the west quarter corner of said Section 20, being the southwest corner of Parcel 2 of said Certificate of Compliance,

1. Thence (Course 238) North 60°35'45" East, 351.15 feet to the beginning of curve to the right having a radius of 115.00 feet, from which a radial line bears North 66°58'44" East and to the **Point of Beginning**;

2. Thence (Course 239) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 110°51'49" a distance of 222.52 feet to the beginning of a reverse curve to the left having a radius of 480.00 feet;

3. Thence (Course 240) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 22°19'36" a distance of 187.04 feet;

4. Thence (Course 241) North 01°12'24" East, 237.37 feet;

5. Thence (Course 242) North 89°08'26" East, 228.77 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 70.00 feet;

6. Thence (Course 243) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 57°11'24" a distance of 69.87 feet;

7. Thence (Course 244) North 31°57'02" East, 88.87 feet;

8. Thence (Course 245) North 37°28'44" East, 88.76 feet;

9. Thence (Course 246) North 89°49'54" East, 185.67 feet;

10. Thence (Course 247) North 87°32'56" East, 215.91 feet;

11. Thence (Course 248) South 04°34'24" East, 65.36 feet;

12. Thence (Course 249) South 86°28'25" East, 78.07 feet;

13. Thence (Course 250) South 13°48'36" East, 33.00 feet to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 110.00 feet, from which a radial line bears South 44°50'51" East;

14. Thence (Course 251) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 62°19'41" a distance of 119.66 feet to the beginning of a reverse curve to the right having a radius of 60.00 feet;

15. Thence (Course 252) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 72°58'30" a distance of 76.42 feet;

16. Thence (Course 253) South 55°47'58" West, 78.63 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 120.00 feet;

17. Thence (Course 254) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 53°20'27" a distance of 111.72 feet;

18. Thence (Course 255) South 02°27'31" West, 114.45 feet to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the right having a radius of 435.00 feet, from which a radial line bears North 62°24'44" West;

19. Thence (Course 256) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 29°14'59" a distance of 222.07 feet;

20. Thence (Course 257) South 89°10'44" West, 343.05 feet;

21. Thence (Course 258) South 82°33'25" West, 143.50 feet;

22. Thence (Course 259) North 35°22'23" West, 84.85 feet;

23. Thence (Course 260) North 89°58'00" West, 94.06 feet;

24. Thence (Course 261) South 54°58'58" West, 68.88 feet to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the right having a radius of 190.00 feet, from which a radial line bears North 07°28'51" West;

25. Thence (Course 262) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 53°41'44" a distance of 178.06 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Area 9F (Exception):

The west half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter and the south half of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 26 in Township 25 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

Area 9G (Exception):

The east half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 12 in Township 26 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

Area 9H (Exception):

The southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 17 in Township 26 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

Area 9I (Exception):

That portion of Section 30 in Township 26 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855, more or less describes as follows;

Beginning at the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of said Section 30,

1. Thence (Course 263) along the southerly line of said northwest quarter South 89°59'59" West, 2206.98 feet to the westerly line of said northwest quarter;

2. Thence (Course 264) along said westerly line North 00°00'00" East, 1579.52 feet;

3. Thence (Course 265) leaving said westerly line North 90°00'00" East, 2206.98 feet to the easterly line of said northwest quarter;

4. Thence (Course 266) along said easterly line South 00°00'00" East, 1579.51 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Area 9J (Exception):

The southwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 14 in Township 27 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

AREA 9K (Exception):

The east half and the northwest quarter of Section 4 in Township 27 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855,

AREA 9L (Exception):

The northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, in Township 26 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

AREA 9M (Exception):

The southeast quarter of Section 24, in Township 26 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

Containing 11,862.4 Acres more or less

The above-described parcels of land is graphically shown on Exhibit B, being 16 pages, and attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The numbers enclosed in parenthesis above, shown as (#), are course numbers for the courses of this legal description and shown on Exhibit B, attached hereto.

End of Description

Clayton L. Bradshaw, P.L.S. 8298
Date Signed: October 1, 2025



EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 10

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

That portion of Section 16 in Township 26 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855, being Parcel 3 of the Certificate of Compliance Parcel Map Waiver No.488 recorded February 23, 1984, in Book 5633, Page 1979 of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Kern, State of California, more or less describes as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of said Section 16,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the easterly line of said Section 16 South 00°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Section 16;
2. Thence (Course 2) along the southerly line of said Section 16 North 90°00'00" West, 4096.35 feet to the easterly line of State Route 65 as shown in the CALTRANS District 6 Kern 65 Right of Way Map dated April 23, 1951 sheets 9 and 10 of 27;

Thence along said easterly line the following 3 courses:

3. Thence (Course 3) North 11°26'30" East, 2260.36 feet, and to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 4945.00 feet;
4. Thence (Course 4) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 10°32'00" a distance of 909.10 feet;
5. Thence (Course 5) North 21°58'30" East, 2367.05 feet to the northerly line of said Section 16;s
6. Thence (Course 6) along said northerly line North 90°00'00" East, 2501.21 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Containing 417.3 Acres more or less

The above-described parcel of land is graphically shown on Exhibit B, being two pages, and attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The numbers enclosed in parenthesis above, shown as (#), are course numbers for the courses of this legal description and shown on Exhibit B, attached hereto.

End of Description

Clayton L. Bradshaw, P.L.S. 8298
Date Signed: October 1, 2025



EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 11

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

Area 11A:
The northeast quarter of Section 5, in Township 27 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859.

The west half and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 4,in Township 27 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859.

The northeast quarter of Section 8, in Township 27 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859.

Section 9, in Township 27 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859.

The southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, the west half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 15, in Township 27 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859.

Section 16, in Township 27 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859.

The east half and the east half of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 21, in Township 27 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859.

The west half of the northwest quarter of Section 27, in Township 27 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859.

The east half of the east half of Section 28, in Township 27 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859.

Together with Area 11B, described herein.

Except therefrom Areas 11C, 11D, and 11E, described herein.

Containing 2683.4 acres more or less

Area 11B (Inclusion):

The west 56.66 acres of the southwest quarter of Section 15, in Township 27 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859, more or less describes as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of said Section 15,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the westerly line of said Section 15 North 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of said Section 15;

2. Thence (Course 2) along the northerly line of said southwest quarter North 90°00'00" East, 1000.90 feet;

3. Thence (Course 3) leaving said northerly line South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southerly line of said Section 15;

4. Thence (Course 4) along said southerly line North 90°00'00" West, 1000.90 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Area 11C (Exception):

That portion of the northeast quarter of Section 21, in Township 27 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859.

Beginning at the southwest corner of said northeast quarter,

1. Thence (Course 5) along the westerly line of said northeast quarter North 00°00'00" East, 520.00 feet;

2. Thence (Course 6) leaving said westerly line North 90°00'00" East, 40.00 feet;

3. Thence (Course 7) South 00°00'00" East, 470.00 feet;

4. Thence (Course 8) North 90°00'00" East, 240.00 feet;

5. Thence (Course 9) South 00°00'00" East, 50.00 feet to the southerly line of said northeast quarter;

6. Thence (Course 10) North 90°00'00" West, 280.00 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Area11D (Exception):

That portion of Sections 4 and 5, in Township 27 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859, within Famoso Road, more or less describes as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of said Section 5,

1. Thence (Course 11) along the westerly line of said northeast quarter South 00°00'00" East, 302.45 feet to the **Point of beginning** and to the beginning of a non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 2200.00 feet, from which a radial line bears North 40°15'20" East;

2. Thence (Course 12) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 11°50'46" a distance of 454.86 feet;

3. Thence (Course 13) South 61°03'49" East, 164.67 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 1000.00 feet;

4. Thence (Course 14) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 14°19'26" a distance of 250.00 feet;

5. Thence (Course 15) South 41°17'04" East, 948.02 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 600.00 feet;

6. Thence (Course 16) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 42°58'19" a distance of 450.00 feet;

7. Thence (Course 17) South 81°53'56" East, 1452.05 feet;

8. Thence (Course 18) South 79°54'03" East, 323.10 feet;

9. Thence (Course 19) South 77°47'08" East, 543.19 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 5000.00 feet;

10. Thence (Course 20) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 08°14'01" a distance of 718.52 feet;

11. Thence (Course 21) South 62°59'45" East, 580.30 feet to the easterly line of the northwest quarter of said Section 4;

12. Thence (Course 22) along said easterly line South 00°00'00" East, 67.34 feet;

13. Thence (Course 23) leaving said easterly line North 62°59'45" West, 607.43 feet to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 4940.00, from which a radial line bears South 20°24'30" West;

14. Thence (Course 24) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 08°11'38" a distance of 706.47 feet;

15. Thence (Course 25) North 77°47'08" West, 542.08 feet;

16. Thence (Course 26) North 79°54'03" West, 320.94 feet;

17. Thence (Course 27) North 81°53'56" West, 1449.79 feet to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the right having a radius of 660.00 feet, from which a radial line bears North 05°51'12" East;

18. Thence (Course 28) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 42°51'44" a distance of 493.74 feet;

19. Thence (Course 29) North 41°17'04" West, 945.12 feet to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 940.00 feet, from which a radial line bears South 43°05'20" West;

20. Thence (Course 30) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 14°09'09" a distance of 232.19 feet;

21. Thence (Course 31) North 61°03'49" West, 164.40 feet to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the right having a radius of 2260.00 feet, from which a radial line bears North 28°24'59" East;

22. Thence (Course 32) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 10°33'47" a distance of 416.65 feet to the westerly line of the northeast quarter of said Section 5;

23. Thence (Course 33) along said westerly line North 00°00'00" East, 77.88 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Area 11E (Exception):

The north half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the northeast of Section 9 in Township 27 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 185

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Date Signed: October 1, 2025



EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 12

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

The south half of the northwest quarter of Section 12, in Township 27 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

The east half of the northeast quarter of Section 12, in Township 27 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

Containing 160 Acres more or less

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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 13

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

The portion of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 31 in in Township 27 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855, being Parcels A and B of Parcel Map No. 10884 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed September 4, 2002, in Book 52, Page 133 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, more or less describes as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 31,

1. Thence (Course 1) North 01°08'49" East, 30.00 feet to the northerly line of Merced Avenue as shown on said Parcel map and to the **Point of Beginning**;

2. Thence (Course 2) along said northerly line North 89°38'49" West, 660.89 feet to the easterly line of said Parcel A;

3. Thence (Course 3) continuing along said northerly line North 89°38'50" West, 660.89 feet to the westerly line of said Parcel A;

4. Thence (Course 4) along said westerly line North 01°08'19" East, 1291.58 feet to the northwest corner of said Parcel A;

5. Thence (Course 5) along the northerly line of said Parcel A South 89°41'16" East, 661.00 feet to the northwest corner of said Parcel B;

6. Thence (Course 6) along the northerly line of said Parcel B South 89°41'42" East, 661.00 feet to the northeast corner of said Parcel B;

7. Thence (Course 7) along the easterly line of said Parcel B South 01°08'49" West, 1292.60 to the **Point of Beginning.**

Containing 40.1 Acres more or less

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11. Thence (Course 11) South 81°47'41" West, 50.00 feet;

12. Thence (Course 12) North 08°12'19" West, 100.00 feet;

13. Thence (Course 13) North 81°47'41" East, 50.00 feet;

14. Thence (Course 14) North 08°12'19" West, 239.89 feet to the southeast corner of Parcel 3 as described on said Grant Deed;

15. Thence (Course 15) along the easterly line of said Parcel 3 North 08°12'19" West, 332.81 feet to the southeast corner of Parcel 2 as described in said Grant Deed;

16. Thence (Course 16) along the easterly line of said Parcel 2 North 08°12'16" West, 332.89 feet to the northeast corner of said Parcel 2;

17. Thence (Course 17) along the northerly of said Parcel 2 North 89°10'23" West, 136.20 feet to the northerly most corner of Parcel 1 as described on said Grant Deed;

18. Thence (Course 18) along the easterly line of said Parcel 1 South 46°29'56" West, 942.34 feet to the southerly line of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of said Section 17;

19. Thence (Course 19) along said southerly line North 89°14'15" West, 652.93 feet to the easterly line of Parcel 1-09 for Cowel Distribution Canal Purposed as described in the document recorded May 17, 1974 in Book 4841, Page 1312 of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of said County;

Thence along said easterly line the following 11 courses:

20. Thence (Course 20) North 02°24'54" East, 692.29 feet;

21. Thence (Course 21) North 65°34'15" West, 300.35 feet;

22. Thence (Course 22) South 24°25'45" West, 10.00 feet to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the right having a radius of 130.00 feet, from which a radial line bears North 24°25'45" East;

23. Thence (Course 23) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 86°20'34" a distance of 195.91 feet;

24. Thence (Course 24) North 20°46'20" East, 202.81 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 270.00 feet;

25. Thence (Course 25) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 67°55'17" a distance of 320.07 feet;

26. Thence (Course 26) North 47°08'57" West, 964.89 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right having a radius of 130.00 feet;

27. Thence (Course 27) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 112°40'03" a distance of 255.63 feet;

28. Thence (Course 28) North 65°31'06" East, 159.46 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 170.00 feet;

29. Thence (Course 29) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 64°13'48" a distance of 190.57 feet;

30. Thence (Course 30) North 01°17'18" East, 47.37 feet to the southerly line of said Lerdo Highway;

31. Thence (Course 31) along said southerly line North 90°00'00" East, 3301.74 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Containing 1206.8 Acres more or less

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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 16

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

Area 16A:

That portion of Sections 2, 11, 12,13, 14, 23, 25 and 26, in Township 28 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4. 1855, and Parcels 1,2, and 3 of Parcel Map No. 8911 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed January 22, 1990, in Book 39, Page 157 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, more or less describes as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of said Section 2,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the easterly line of said southeast quarter South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest quarter of said Section 12;

2. Thence (Course 2) along the northerly line of said northwest quarter North 90°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northeast corner of said northwest quarter;

3. Thence (Course 3) along the easterly line of said northwest quarter South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southeast corner of said northwest quarter;

4. Thence (Course 4) along the southerly line of said northwest quarter North 90°00'00" West, 2640.00 feet to the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of said Section 11;

5. Thence (Course 5) along the easterly line of said southeast quarter South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of the west half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of said Section 13,

6. Thence (Course 6) along the northerly line of said west half North 90°00'00" East, 660.00 feet to the northeast corner of said west half;

7. Thence (Course 7) along the easterly line of said west half South 00°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the northerly line of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of said Section 13;

8. Thence (Course 8) along said northerly line North 90°00'00" East, 660.00 feet to the northeast corner of said southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of said Section 13;

Area 16A Continued:

9. Thence (Course 9) along the easterly line of said southwest quarter South 00°00'00" East, 1320.00 to the southeast corner of said southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of said Section 13;

10. Thence (Course 10) along the southerly line of said southwest quarter North 90°00'00" West, 1320.00 feet to the northeast corner of the east half of the southeast quarter of said Section 14;

11. Thence (Course 11) along the northerly line of said east half North 90°00'00" West, 1320.00 feet to the northwest corner of said east half;

12. Thence (Course 12) along the westerly line of said east half South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northerly line of the northeast quarter of said Section 23,

13. Thence (Course 13) along the northerly line of said northeast quarter North 90°00'00" West, 1320.00 feet to the northwest corner of said northeast quarter;

14. Thence (Course 14) along the westerly line of said northeast quarter South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of said Section 23;

15. Thence (Course 15) along the northerly line of said southeast quarter North 90°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northeast corner of said southeast quarter;

16. Thence (Course 16) along the easterly line of said southeast quarter South 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of said Section 25;

17. Thence (Course 17) along the northerly line of said Section 25 South 89°26'41" East, 1652.99 feet;

18. Thence (Course 18) leaving said northerly line South 01°11'26" West, 2649.39 feet;

19. Thence (Course 19) North 89°21'55" West, 712.11 feet to the center line of Granite Road as shown on said Parcel Map and to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the right having a radius of 2800.00 feet, from which a radial line bears North 61°43'19" West;

Thence along said centerline the following 4 courses:

20. Thence (Course 20) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 25°44'44" a distance of 1258.16 feet;

Area 16A Continued:

21. Thence (Course 21) South 54°01'25" West, 1052.79 feet to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 3400.00 feet, from which a radial line bears South 35°59'05" East;

22. Thence (Course 22) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 15°35'43" a distance of 925.44 feet;

23. Thence (Course 23) South 42°53'46" West, 556.05 feet to the southerly line of the southeast quarter of said Section 26;

24. Thence (Course 24) along said southerly line North 89°16'09" West, 973.56 feet to the southwest quarter of said southeast quarter;

25. Thence (Course 25) along the westerly line of said southeast quarter North 01°12'43" East, 1321.88 feet to the southeast corner of the north half of the southwest quarter of said Section 26;

26. Thence (Course 26) along the southerly line of said north half North 90°00'00" West, 2640.00 feet to the westerly line of said Section 26;

27. Thence (Course 27) along said westerly line North 00°00'00" East, 3960.00 feet to the southwest corner of said Section 23;

28. Thence (Course 28) along the westerly line of said Section 23 North 00°00'00" East, 5280.00 feet to the northwest corner of said Section 23;

29. Thence (Course 29) along the northerly line of said Section 23 North 90°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of said Section 14;

30. Thence (Course 30) along the easterly line of said southwest quarter North 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of said Section 14;

31. Thence (Course 31) along the southerly line of said northwest quarter North 90°00'00" West, 2640.00 feet to westerly line of said Section 14;

32. Thence (Course 32) along said westerly line North 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the southwest corner of said Section 11:

33. Thence (Course 33) along the westerly line of said Section 11 North 00°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 11:

Area 16A Continued:

34. Thence (Course 34) along the southerly line of said northwest quarter of said southwest quarter North 90°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the southeast corner of said northwest quarter of said southwest quarter;

35. Thence (Course 35) the easterly line of said northwest quarter of said southwest quarter North 00°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the northeast corner of said northwest quarter of said southwest quarter;

36. Thence (Course 36) along the northerly line of said northwest quarter of said southwest quarter North 90°00'00" West, 1320.00 feet to the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of said Section 11;

37. Thence (Course 37) along the westerly line of said northwest quarter North 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of said northwest quarter;

38. Thence (Course 38) along the northerly line of said northwest quarter South 89°18'35" East, 1977.49 feet;

39. Thence (Course 39) leaving said northerly line South 00°41'25" West, 2640.00 feet;

40. Thence (Course 40) South 89°18'35" East, 280.00 feet;

41. Thence (Course 41) North 00°41'25" East, 2640.00 feet to said northerly line;

42. Thence (Course 42) along said northerly line South 89°18'35" East, 519.96 feet to the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of said Section 2;

43. Thence (Course 43) along the westerly line of said southeast quarter North 00°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the northwest corner of said southeast quarter;

44. Thence (Course 44) along the northerly line of said southeast quarter North 90°00'00" East, 2640.00 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Except therefrom Areas 16B and 16C as described herein.

Containing 2335.1 Acres more or less

AREA 16B (Exception)**:**

The east half of the northeast quarter and the south half of the south half of the south half of northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 26, in Township 28 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4. 1855.

AREA 16C (Exception)**:**

That portion of the southwest quarter of Section 11, in Township 28 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4. 1855, being Parcel 1 of Parcel Map No. 7967 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed April 6, 1988, in Book 35, Page 163 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, more or less describes as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Section 11,

1. Thence (Course 45) along the westerly line of said section 11 North 00°34'00" West, 257.07 feet;

2. Thence leaving said westerly line (Course 46) South 89°26'00" East, 80.00 feet to the southwest corner of said parcel 1 and to the **Point of Beginning**;

3. Thence (Course 47) along the westerly line of said Parcel 1 North 00°34'00" East, 400.00 feet to the northwest corner of said Parcel 1;

4. Thence (Course 48) along the northerly line of said parcel 1 South 89°26'00" East, 250.00 feet to the northeast corner of said Parcel 1;

5. Thence (Course 49) along the easterly line of said Parcel 1 South 00°34'00" West, 400.00 feet to the southeast corner of said parcel 1;

6. Thence (Course 50) along the southerly line of said parcel 1 North 89°26'00" West, 250.00 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

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Clayton L. Bradshaw, P.L.S. 8298
Date Signed: October 1, 2025



EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 17

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

Area 17A:
The north half and the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 6, in Township 28 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859.

Containing 448.7 Acres more or less

Area 17B:
That portion of Sections 1, in Township 28 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4. 1855, more or less describes as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 1,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the easterly line of said Section 1 North 00°00'00" East, 3540 feet to the **Point of Beginning**;

2. Thence (Course 2) leaving said easterly line North 90°00'00" West, 1480.00 feet;

3. Thence (Course 3) North 00°00'00" East, 295.00 feet;

4. Thence (Course 4) North 90°00'00" East, 1480.00 feet to said easterly line;

5. Thence (Course 5) along said easterly line South 00°00'00" East, 295.00 feet to the **Point of Beginning**.

Containing 10.0 Acres more or less

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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 18

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

That portion of Section 1, in Township 28 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4. 1855, more or less describes as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 1,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the Southerly line of said Section 1 North 90°00'00" West, 2220.00 feet;

2. Thence (Course 2) leaving said southerly line North 00°00'00" East, 295.00 feet to the **Point of Beginning**;

3. Thence (Course 3) North 90°00'00" West, 296.00 feet;

4. Thence (Course 4) North 00°00'00" East, 590.00 feet;

5. Thence (Course 5) North 90°00'00" East, 296.00 feet;

6. Thence (Course 6) South 00°00'00" East, 590.00 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Containing 4.0 Acres more or less

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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 19

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The east half of the southeast quarter of Section 12, in Township 28 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

Containing 80 Acres more or less

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LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR
CLAYTON L. BRADSHAW
No. 8298
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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 21

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The southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 22, in Township 28 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

Containing 40 Acres more or less

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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 22

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The west 9 acres of the north half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 17, in Township 28 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859, more or less describes as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said section 17,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the northerly line of said southwest quarter of said southwest quarter North 90°00'00" East, 594.00 feet;

2. Thence (Course 2) leaving said northerly line South 00°00'00" East, 660.00 feet;

3. Thence (Course 3) North 90°00'00" West, 594.00 feet to the westerly line of said southwest quarter of said southwest quarter;

4. Thence (Course 4) North 00°00'00" East, 660.00 feet to the **Point of Beginning**

Containing 9 acres more or less.

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EXHIBIT A
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AREA 23

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The southeast quarter of Section 17, in Township 28 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859

Containing 160 Acres more or less

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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 24

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That portion of the northwest quarter of Section 16, in Township 28 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859, as described in the Grant Deed recorded June 22, 2016 as Document Number 216082323 of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder in the County of kern, State of California, more of less described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of said northwest quarter,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the easterly line of said northwest quarter North 00°00'00" East 1315.52 to the northeast corner of the south half of said northwest quarter;

2. Thence (Course 2) along the northerly line of said south half North 90°00'00" West, 198.00 feet to the **Point of Beginning**;

3. Thence (Course 3) leaving said northerly line South 00°00'00" East, 660.00 feet;

4. Thence (Course 4) North 90°00'00" West, 1254.00 feet;

5. Thence (Course 5) North 00°00'00" East, 660.00 feet to the northerly line of said South half;

6. Thence (Course 6) along said northerly line North 90°00'00" East, 1254.00 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Containing 19 acres more or less.

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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 25

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

The south half of the northeast quarter, the south half of the north half of the northeast quarter, and the north half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 15, in Township 28 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859.

Containing 125 Acres more or less

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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 26

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

The north half of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 15, in Township 28 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859.

Containing 5 Acres more or less

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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 27

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

The northeast quarter of Section 11, in Township 28 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on May 3, 1859.

Containing 160 Acres more or less

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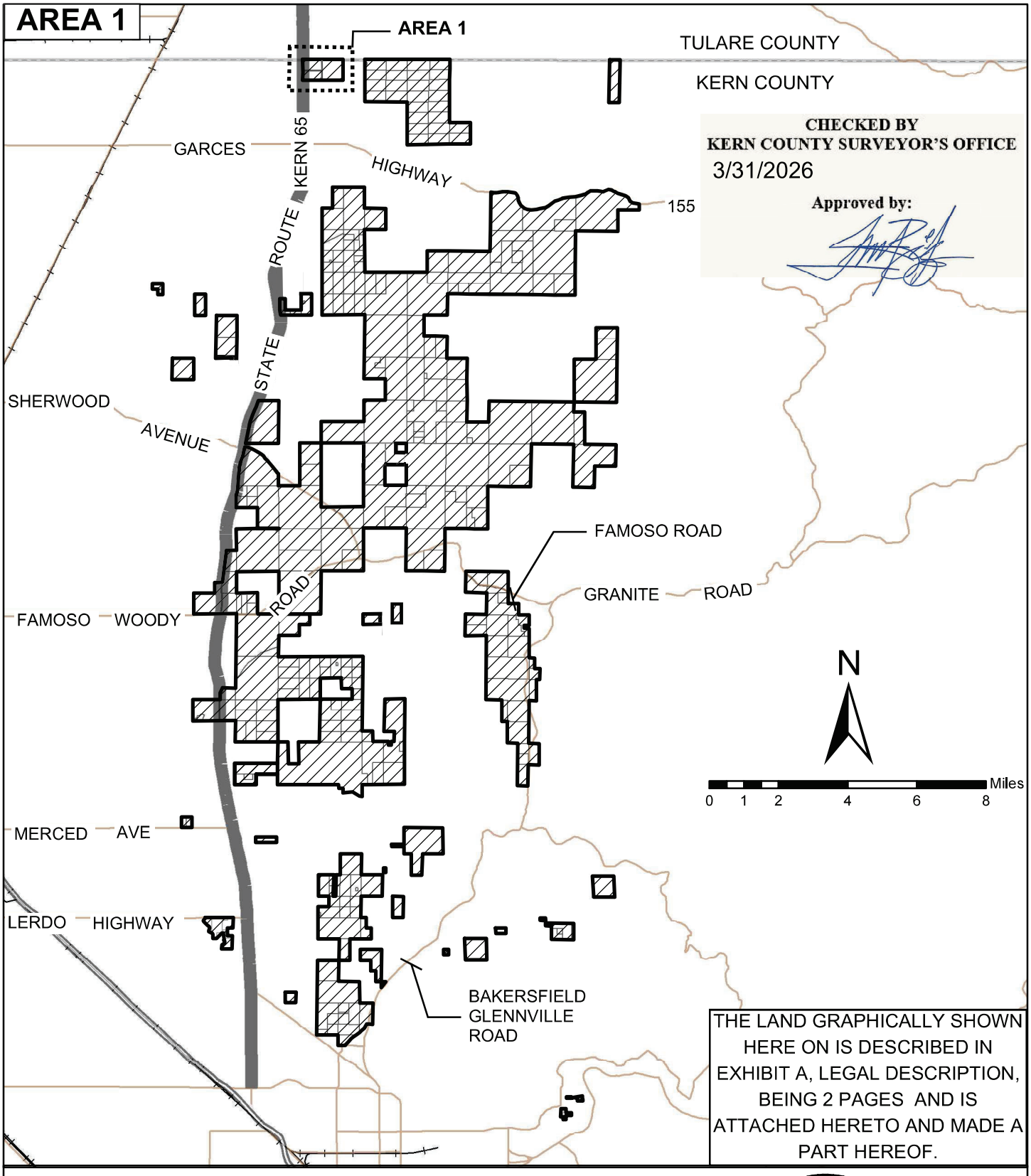
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Date Signed: October 1, 2025

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KERN COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

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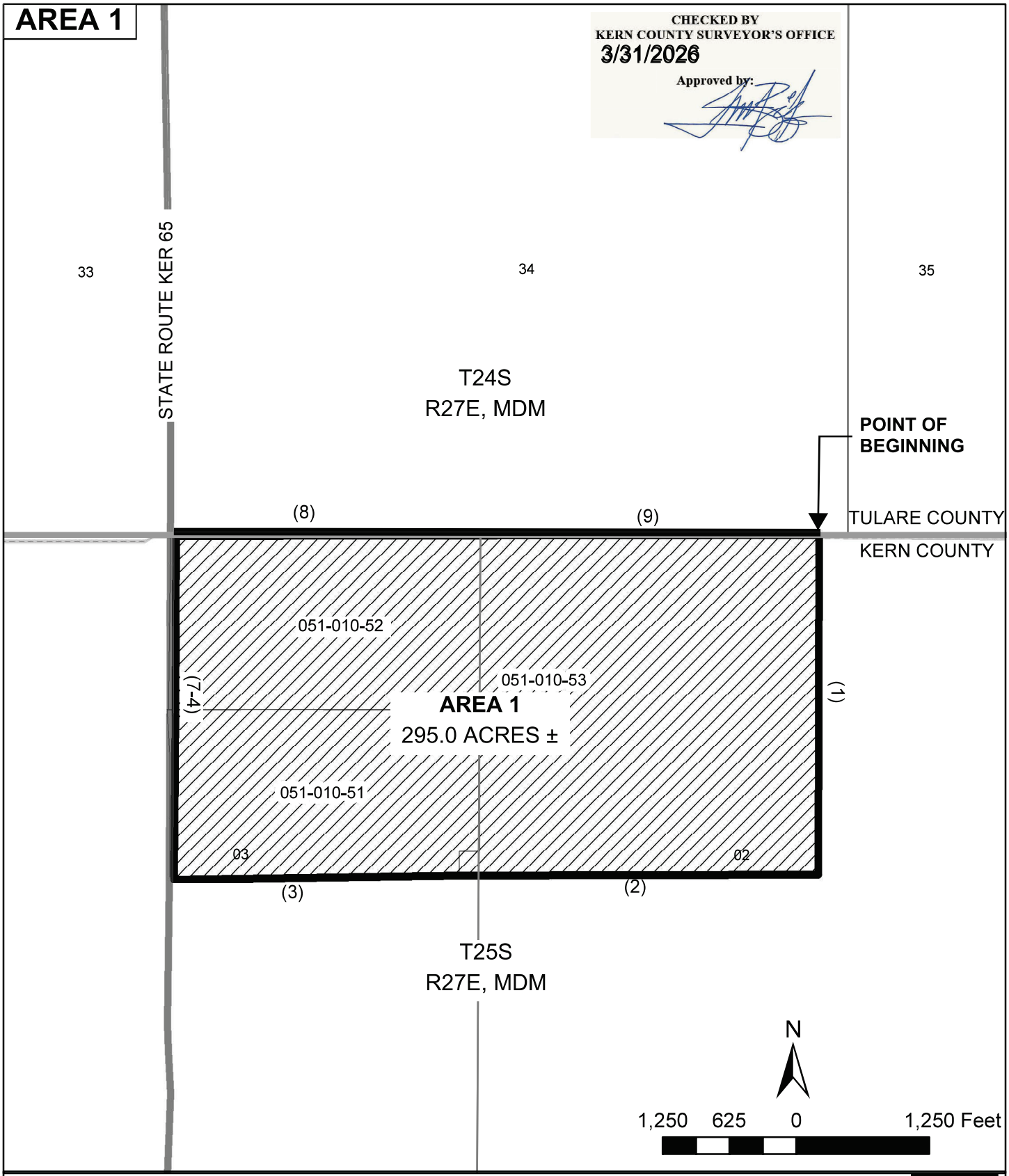
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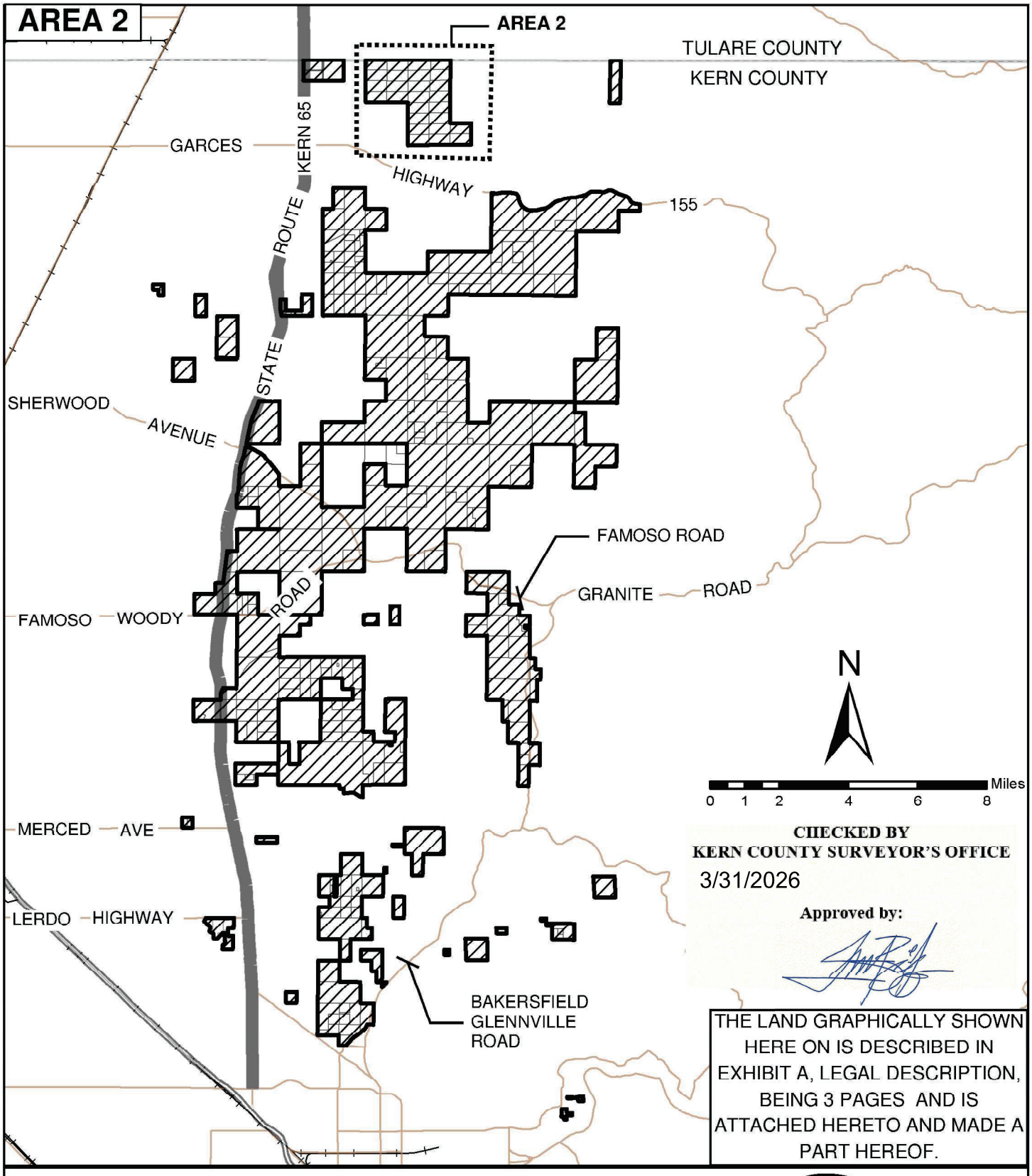


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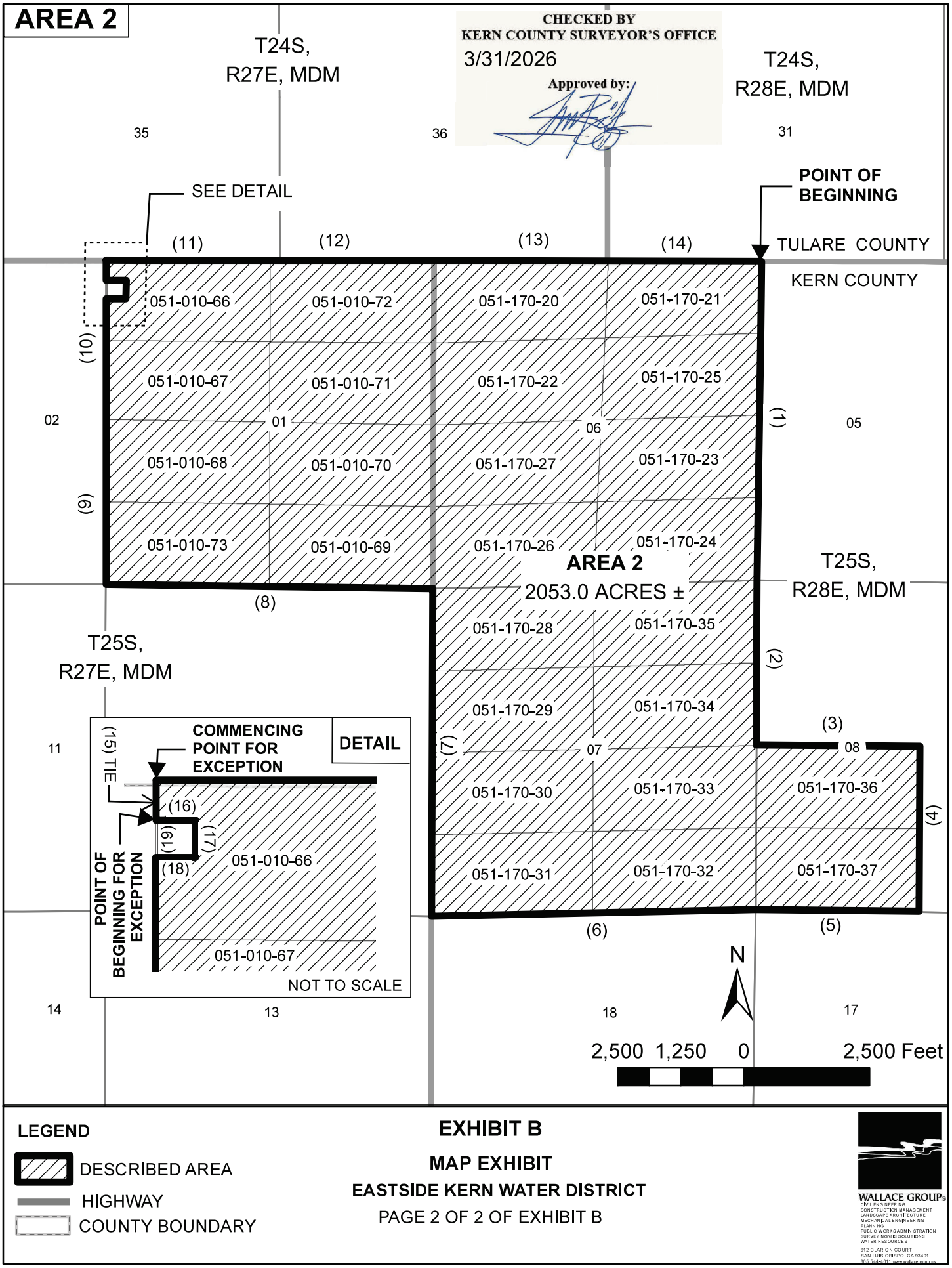
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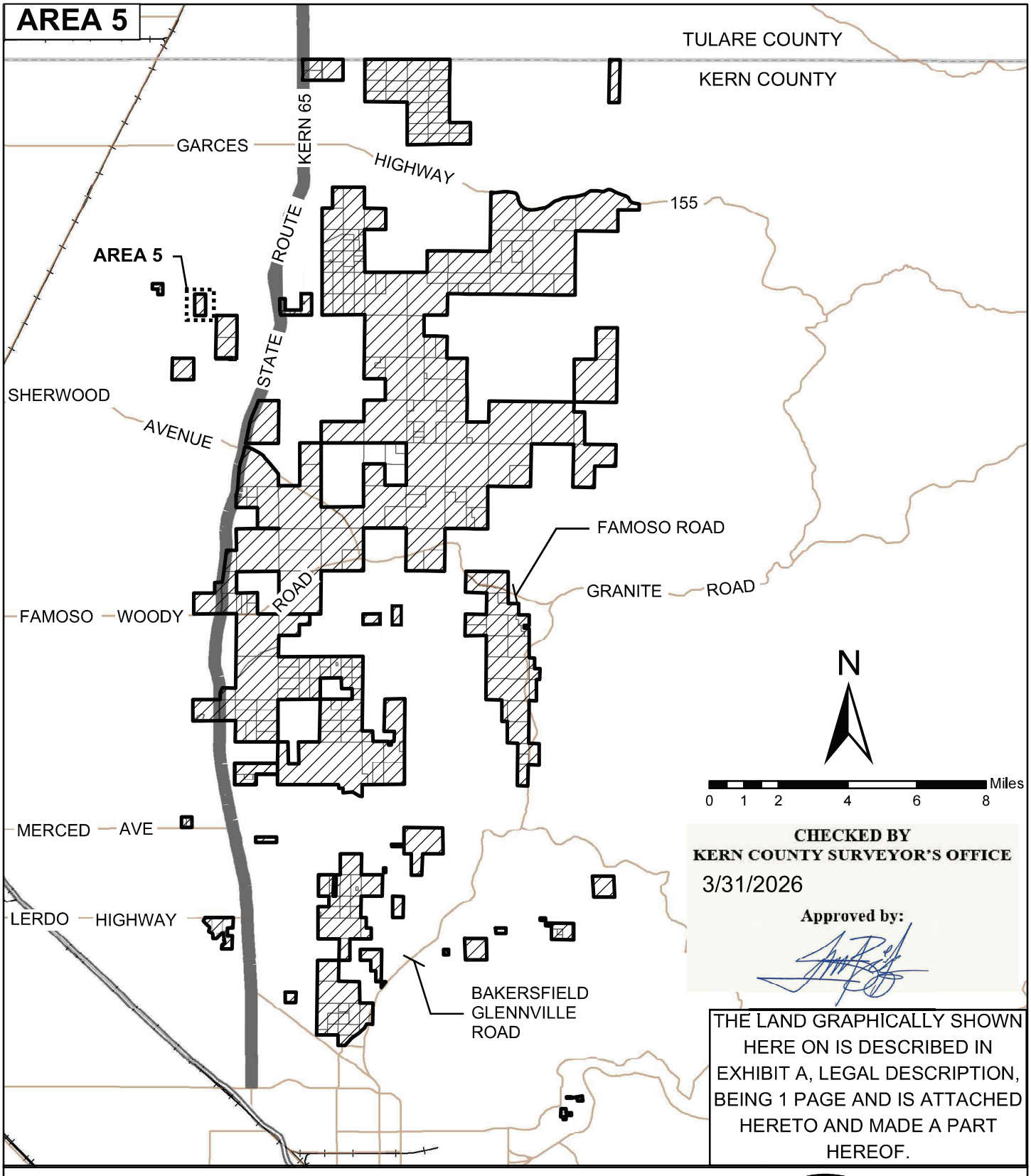
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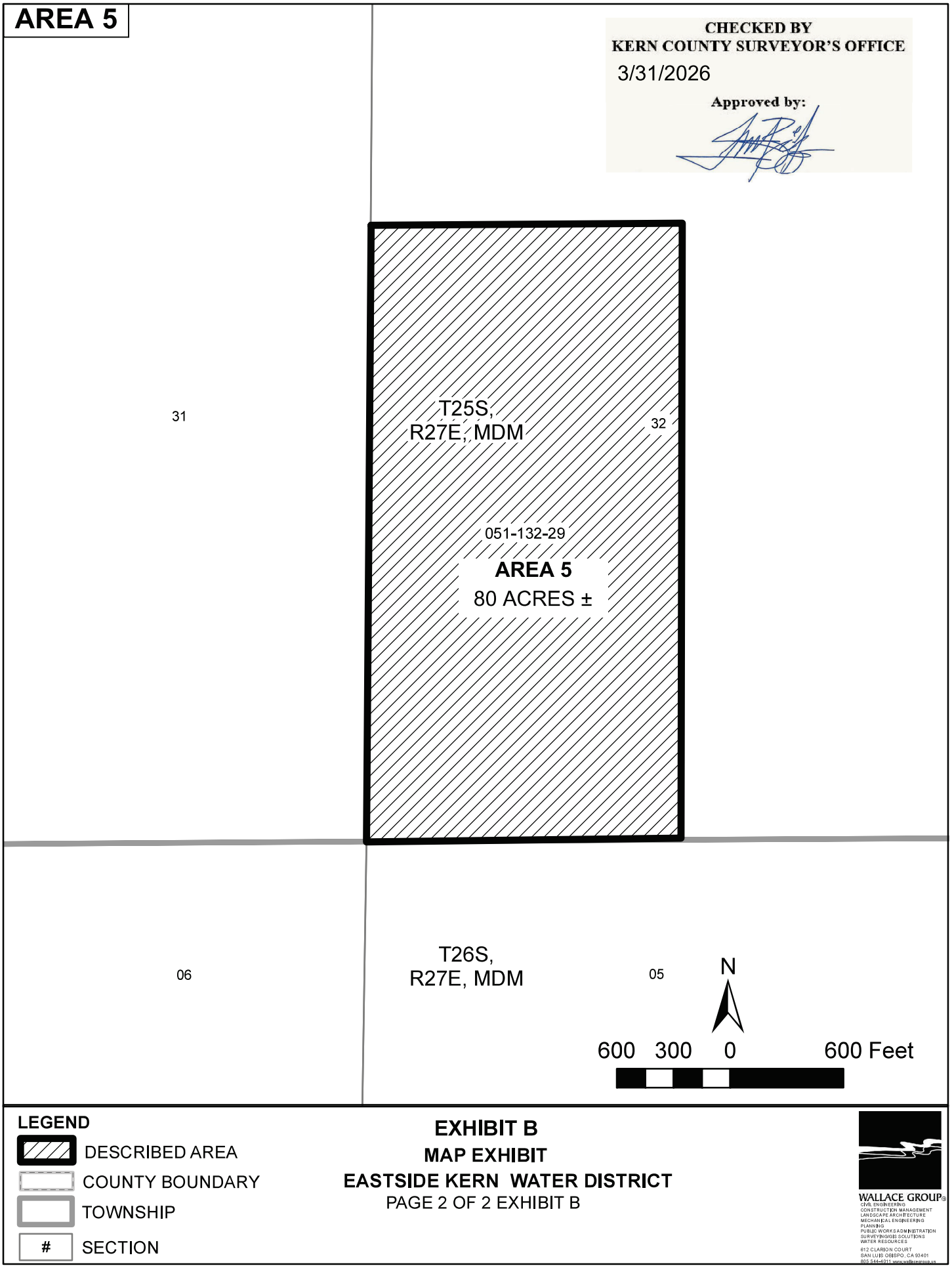


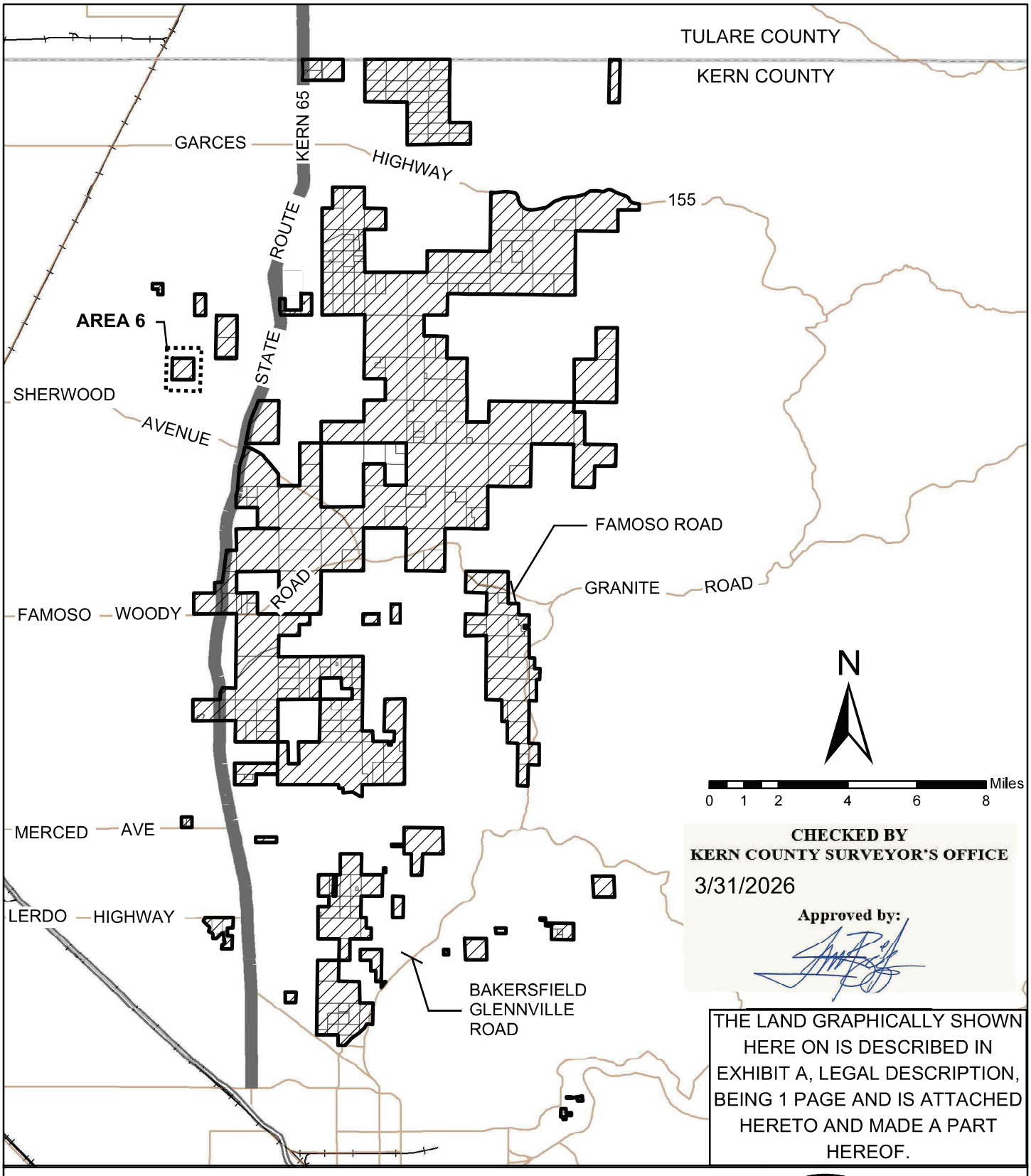
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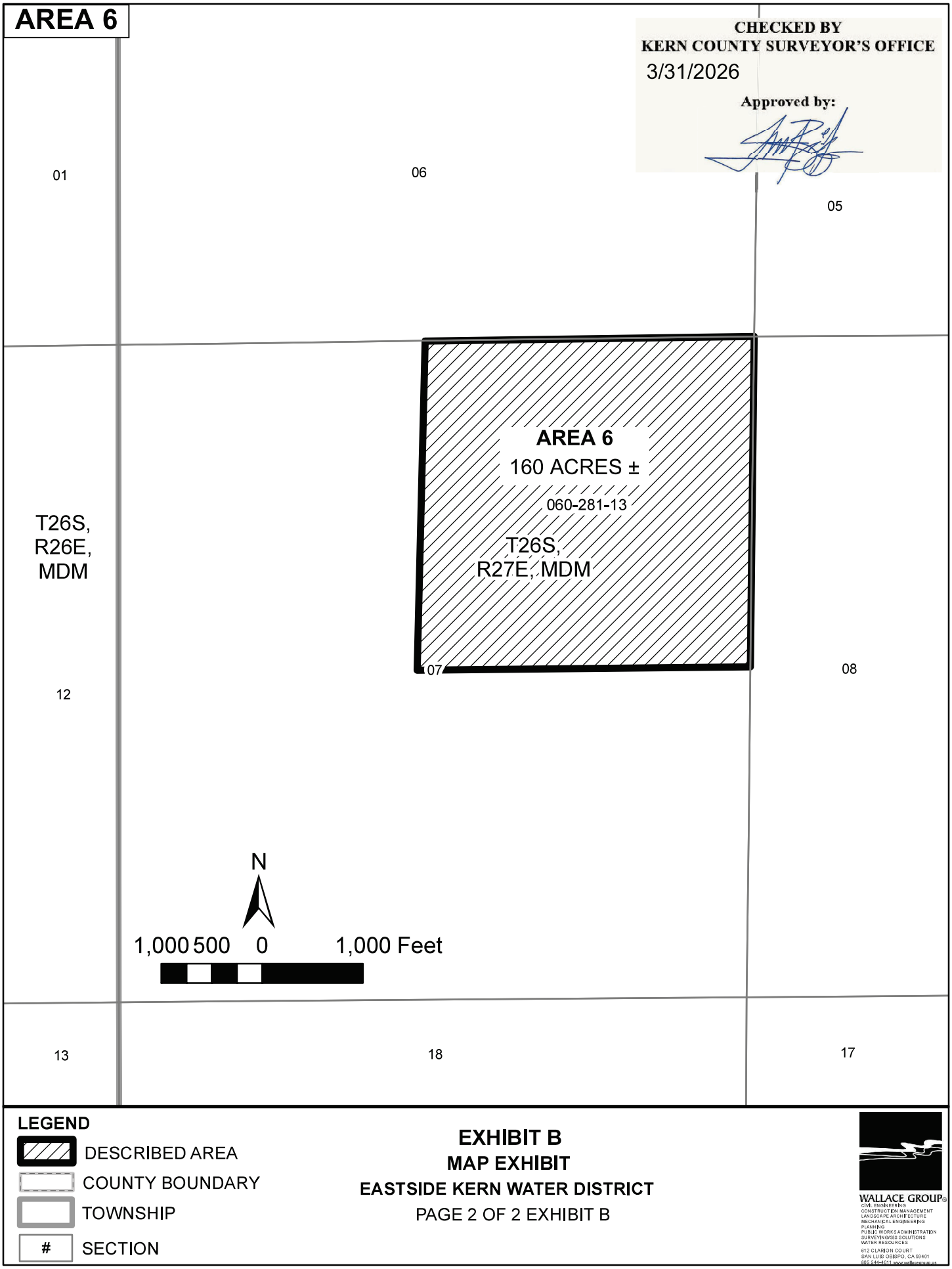


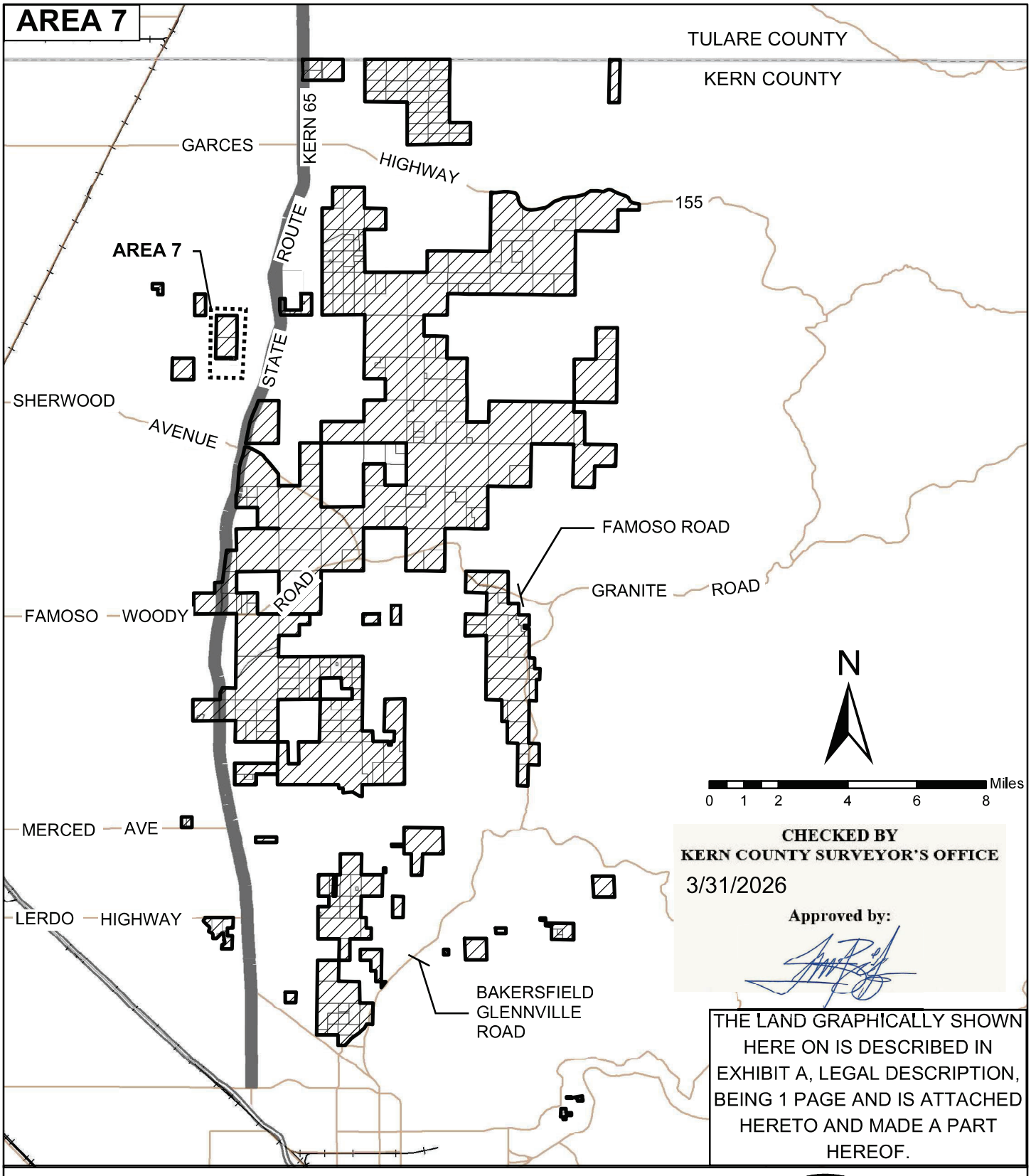
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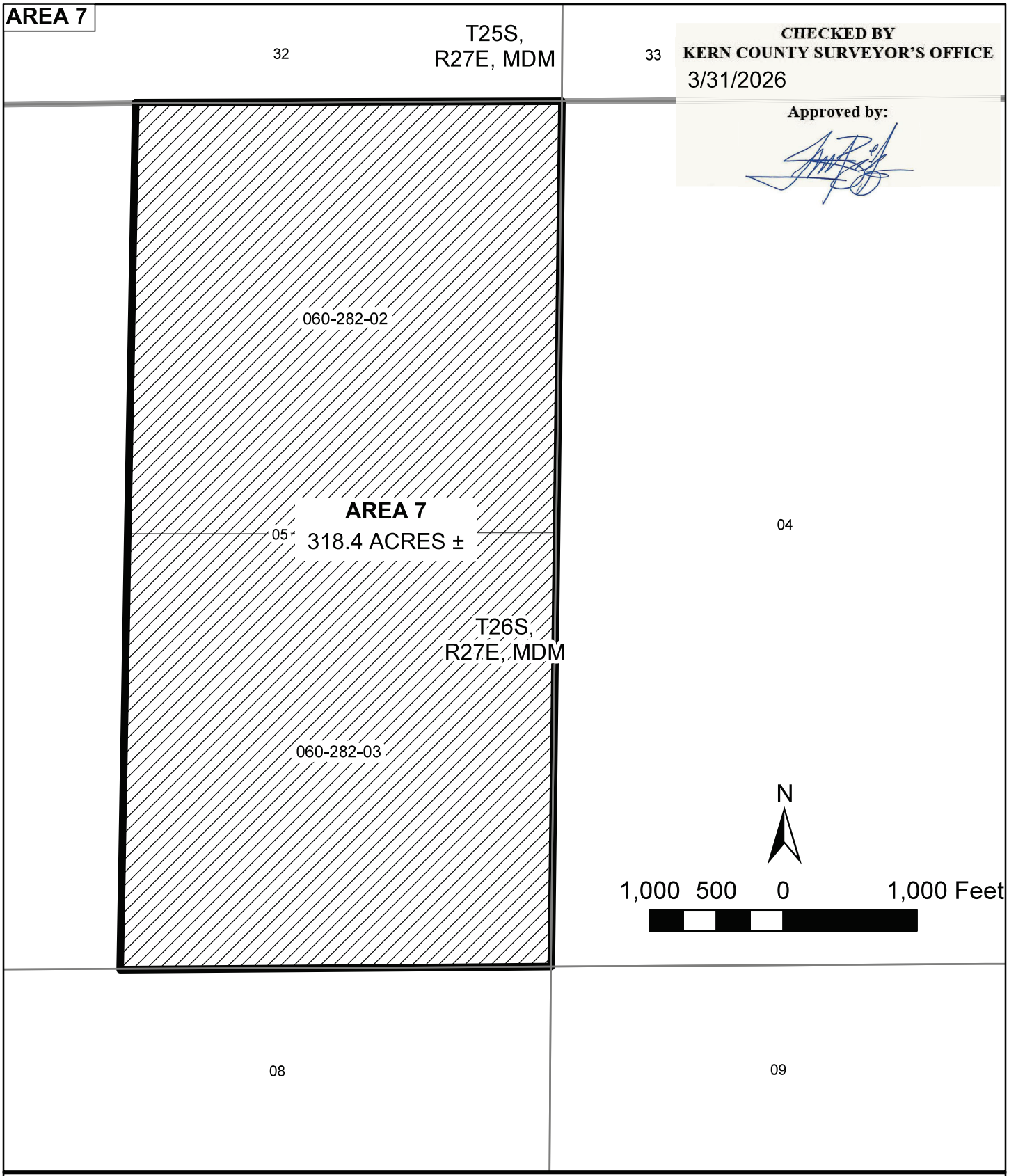
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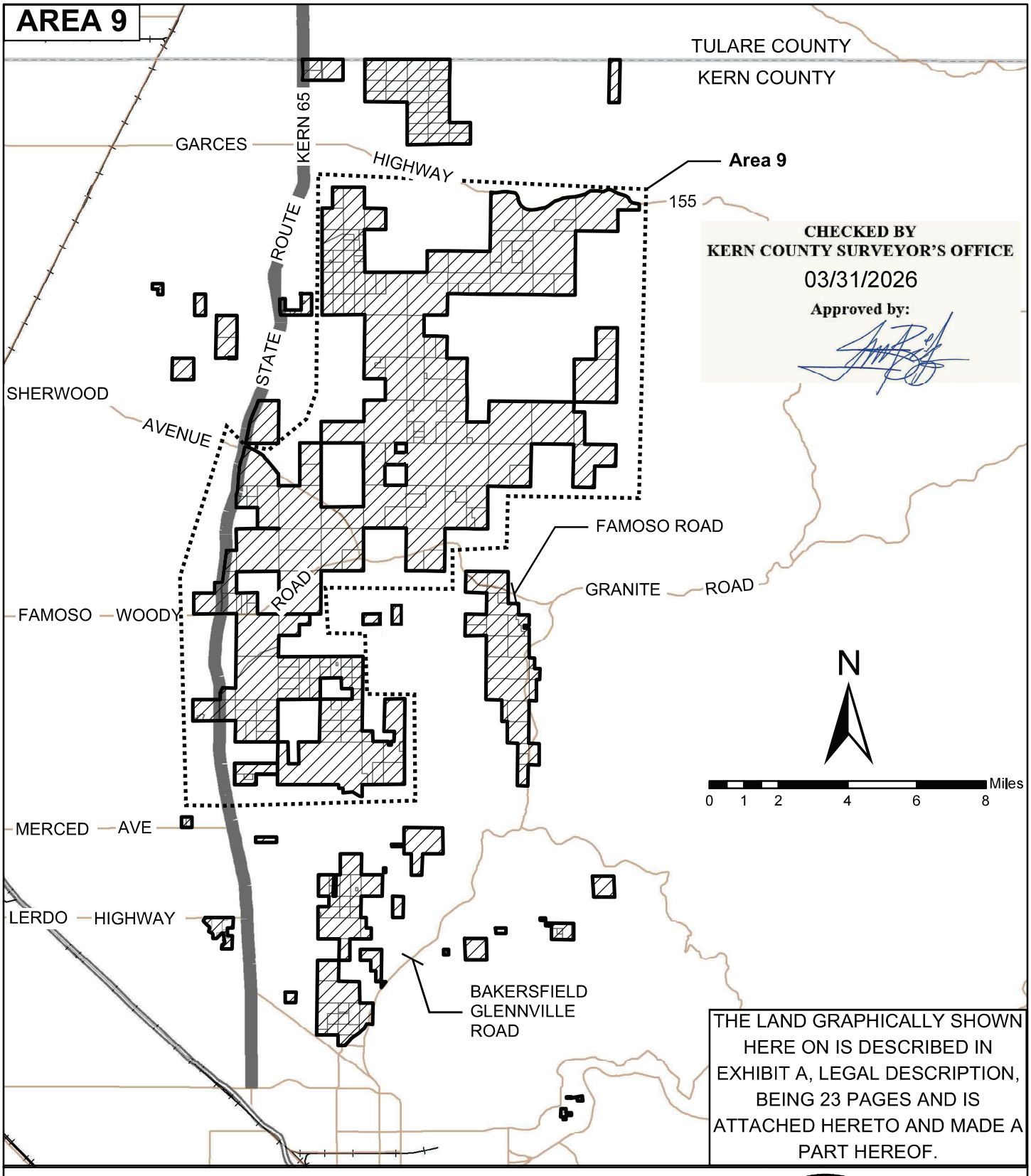
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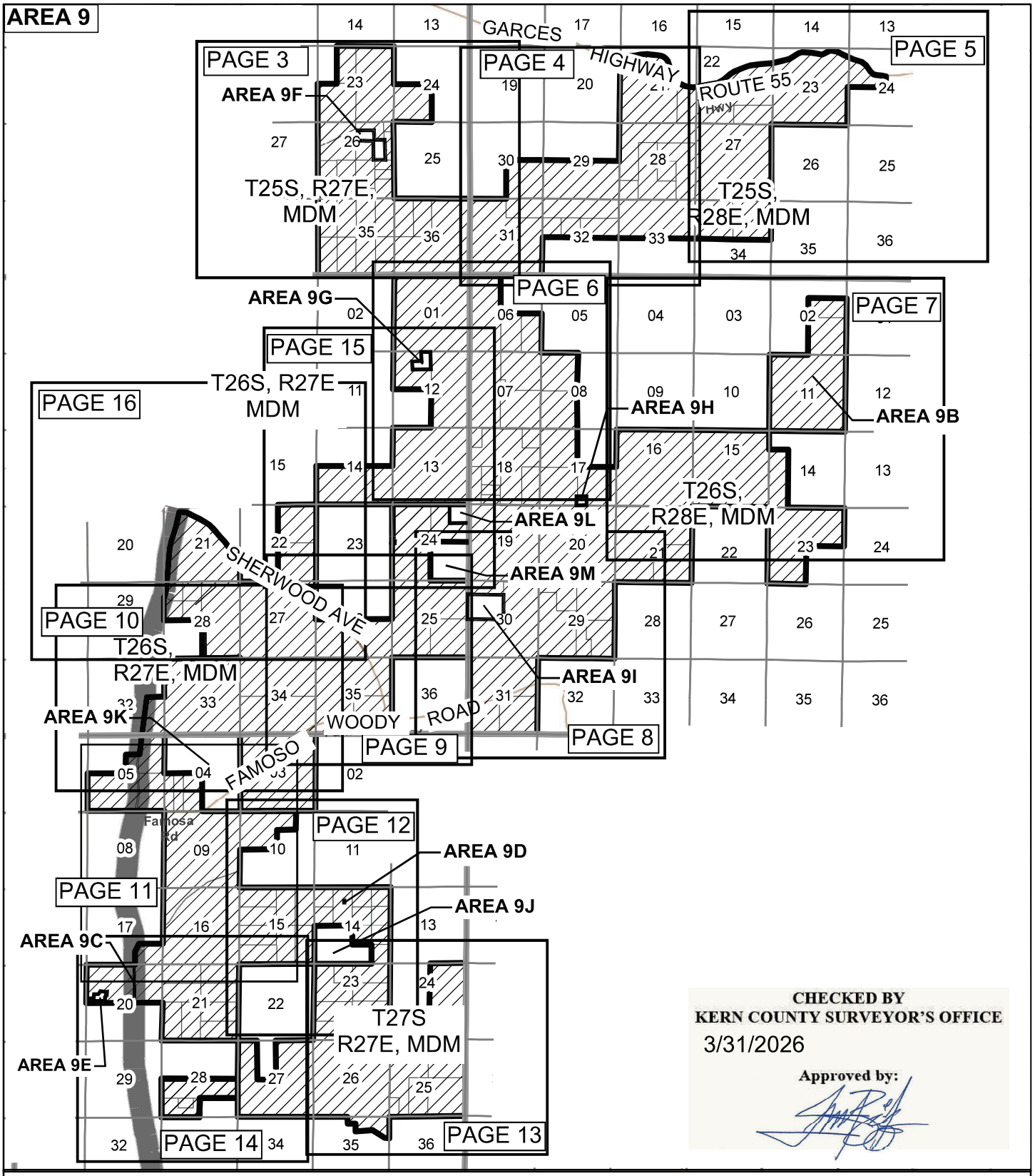
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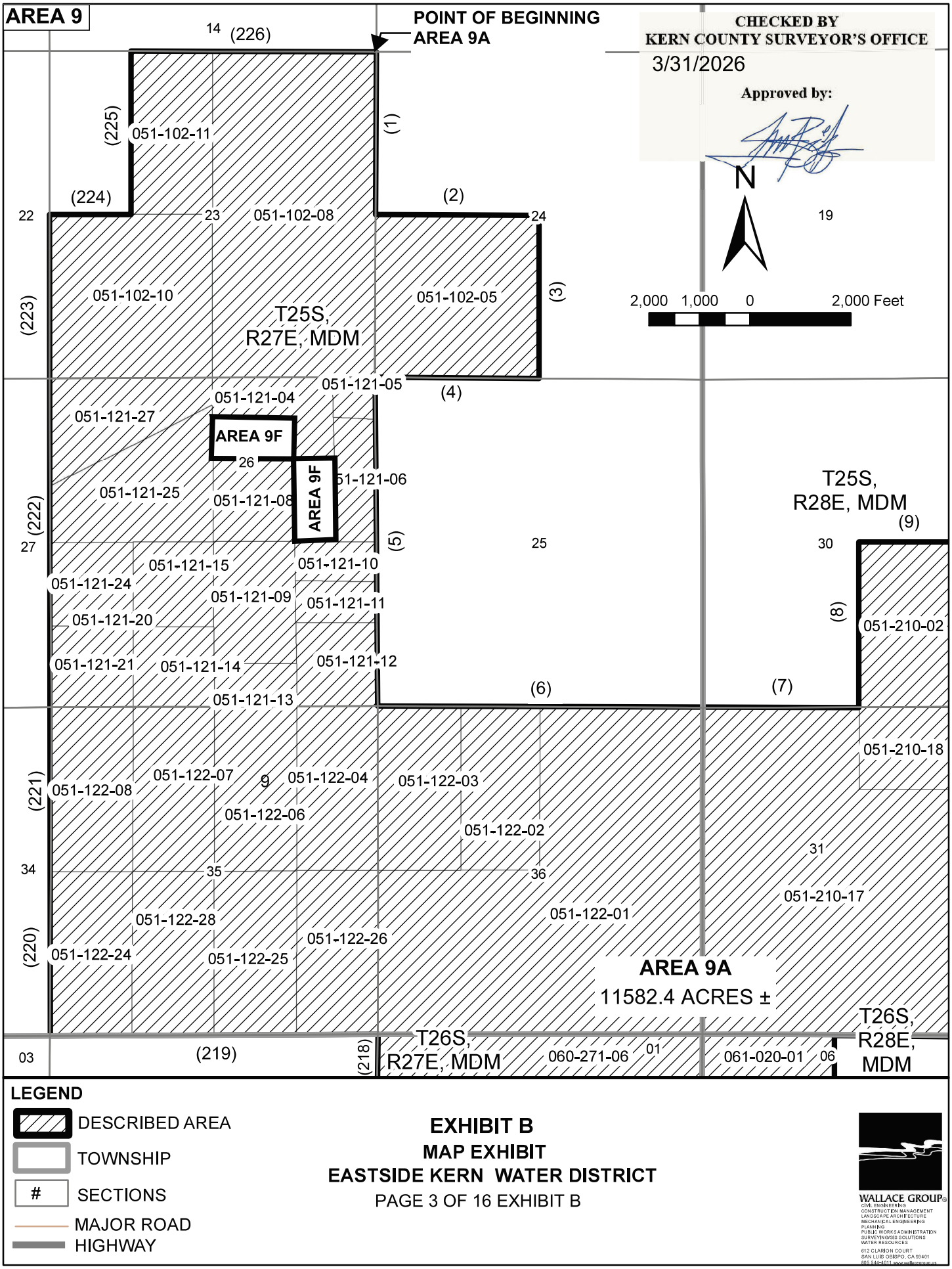
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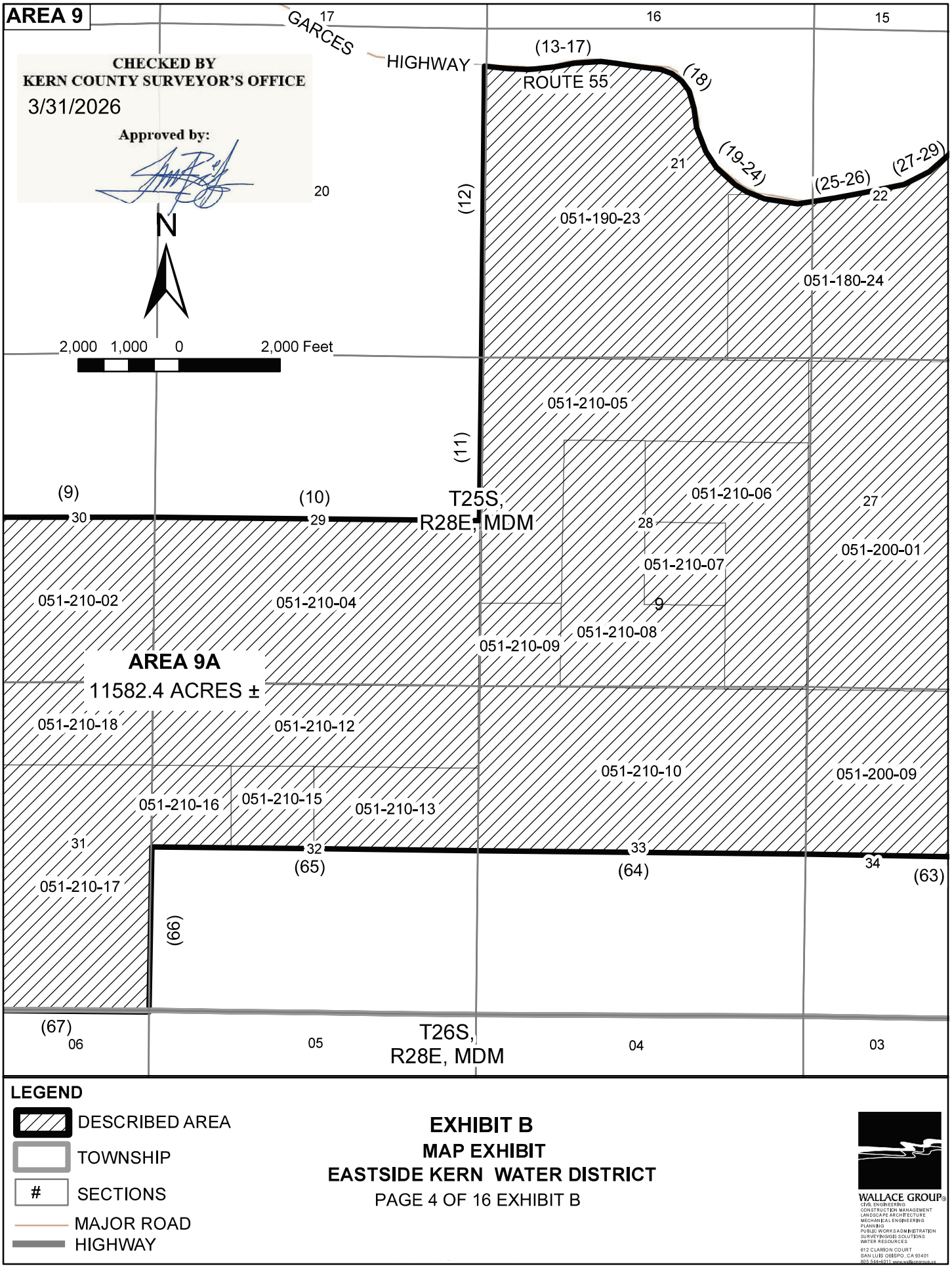
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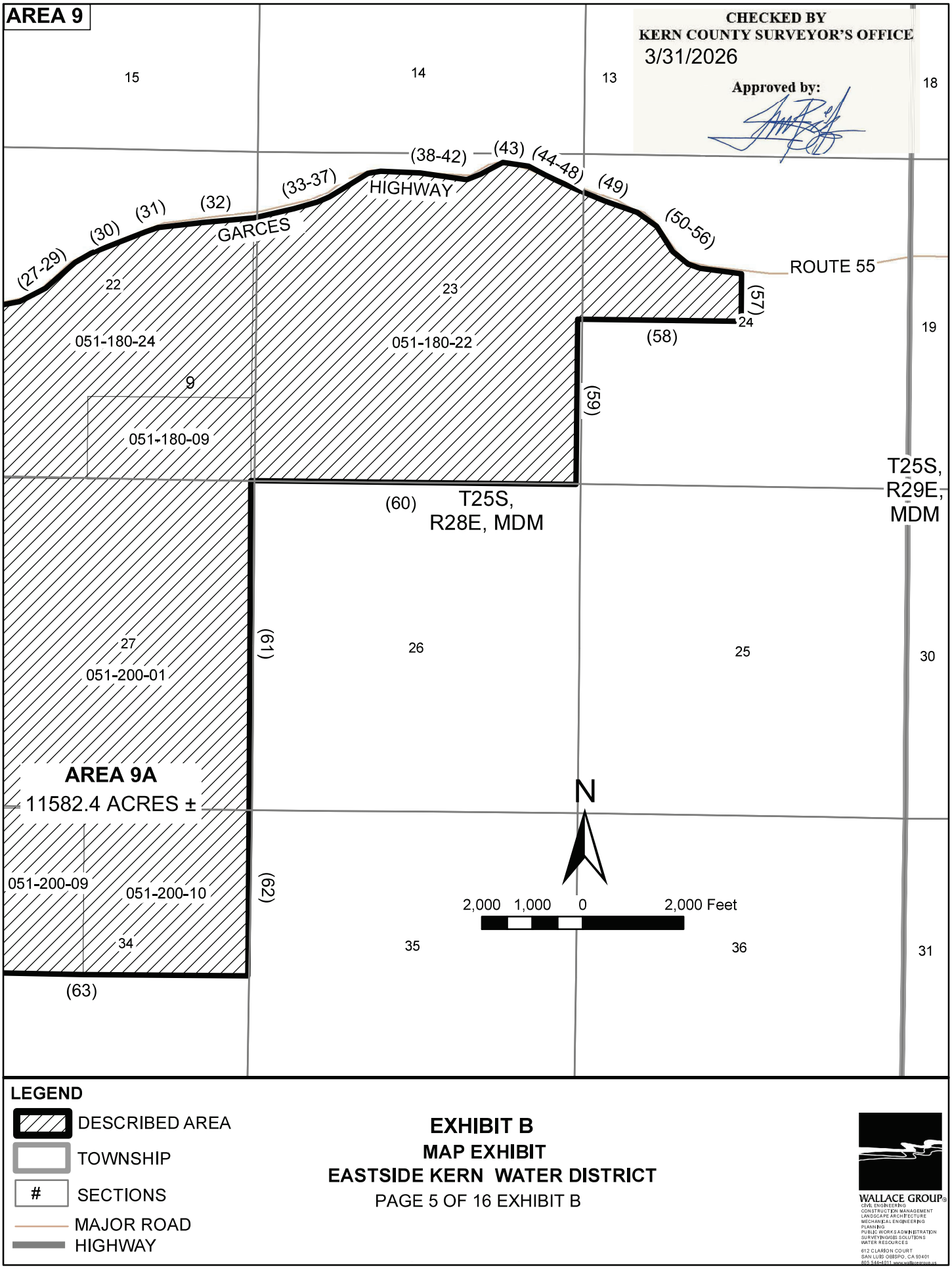
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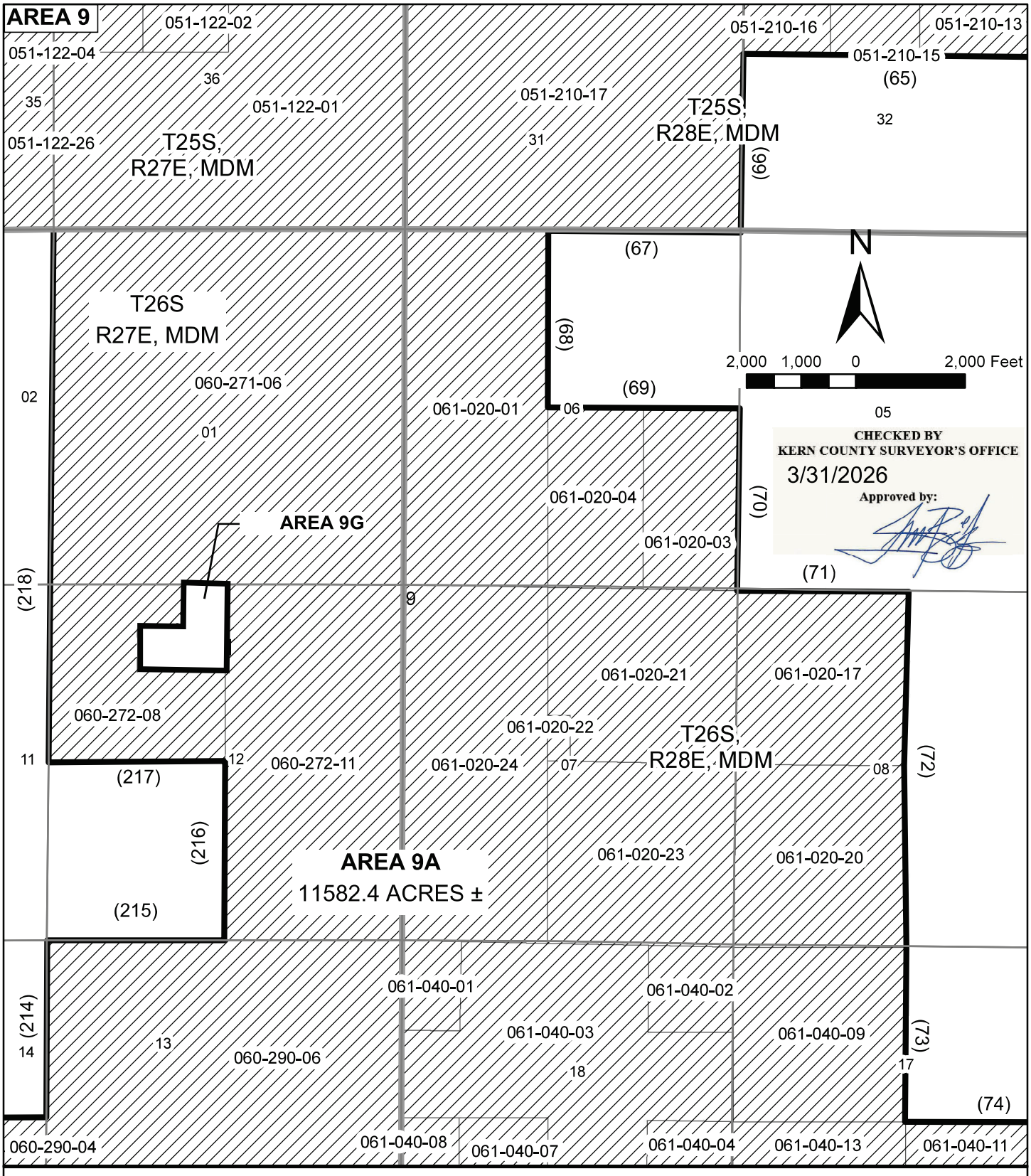
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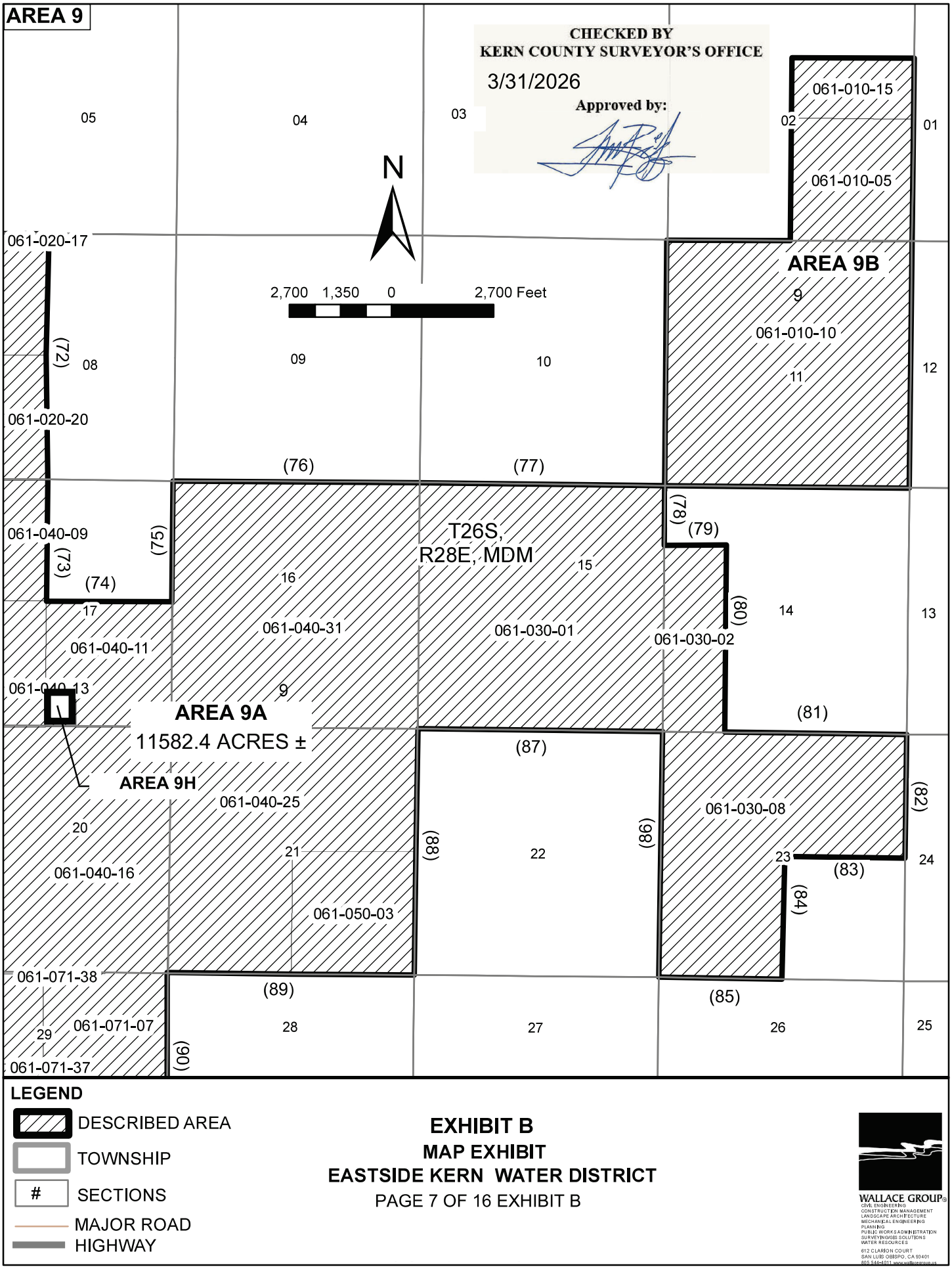


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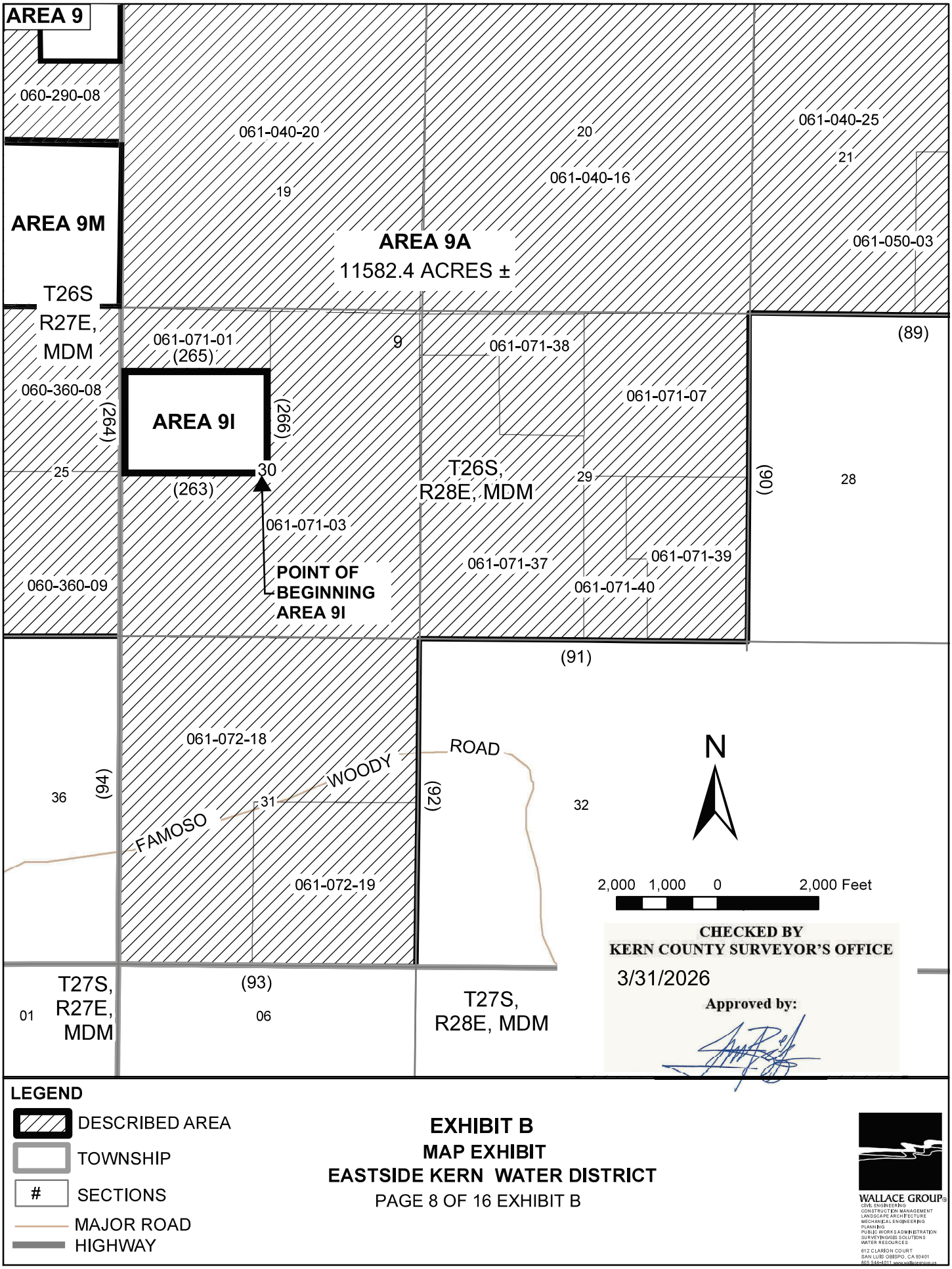
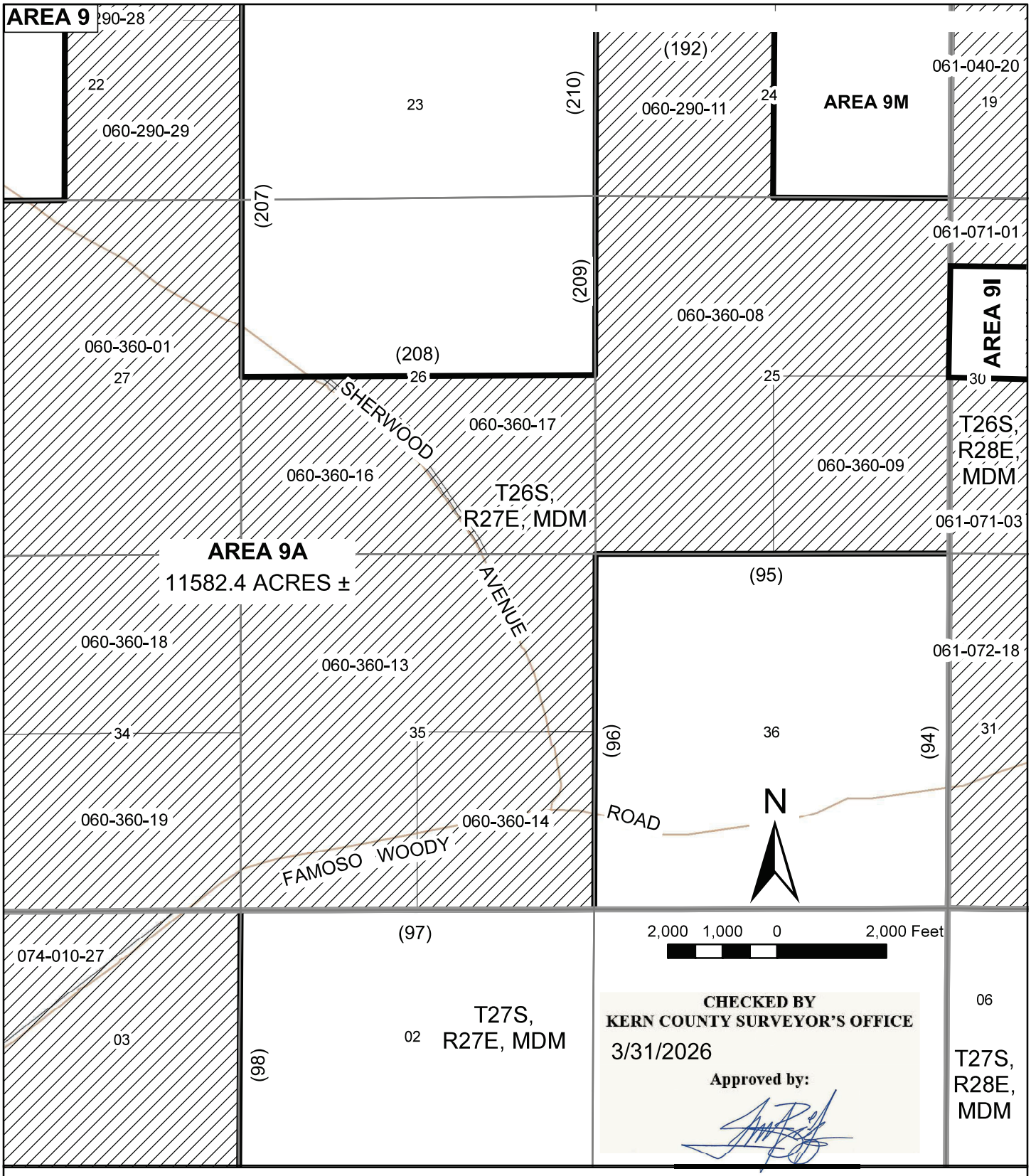


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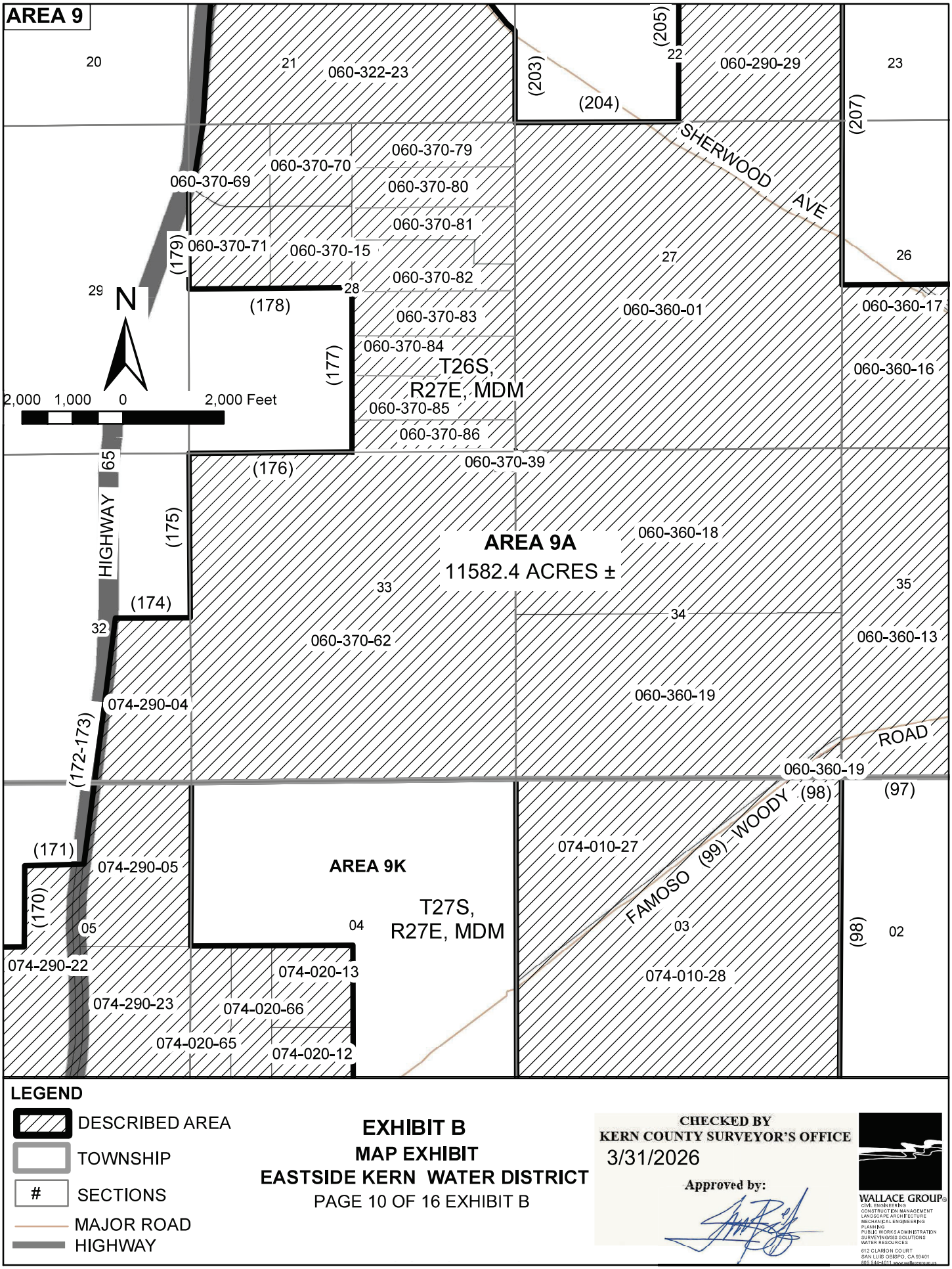


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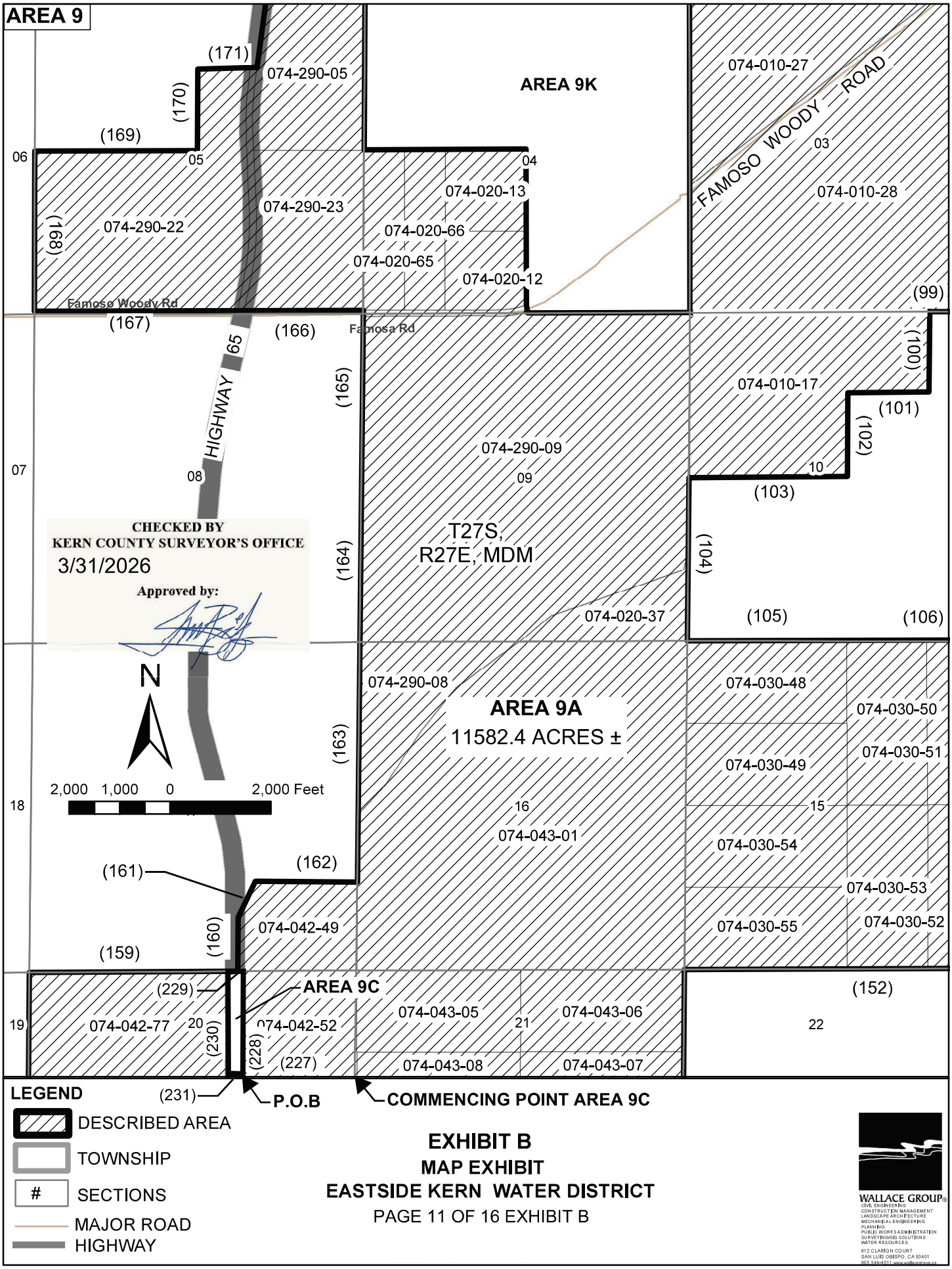


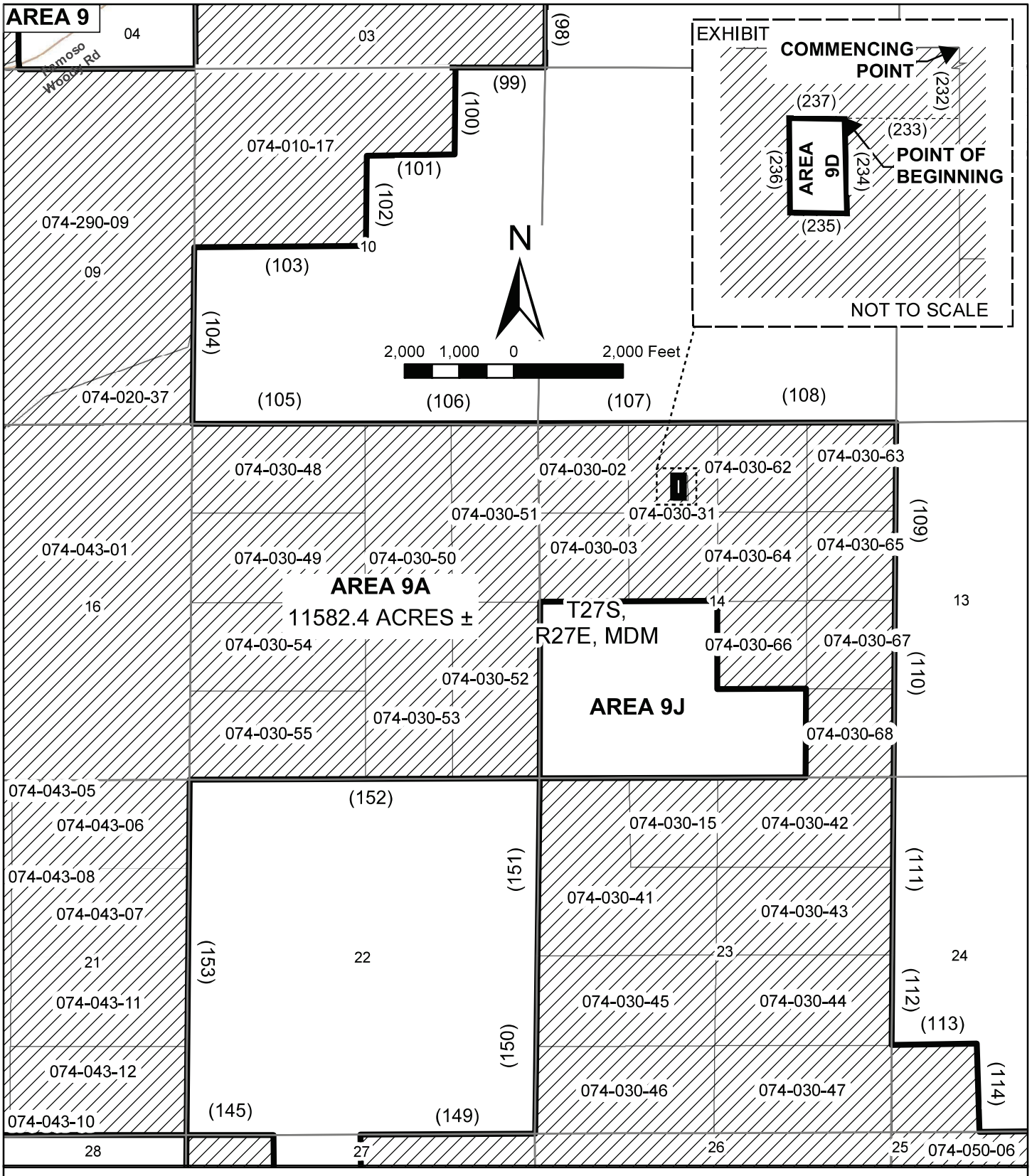
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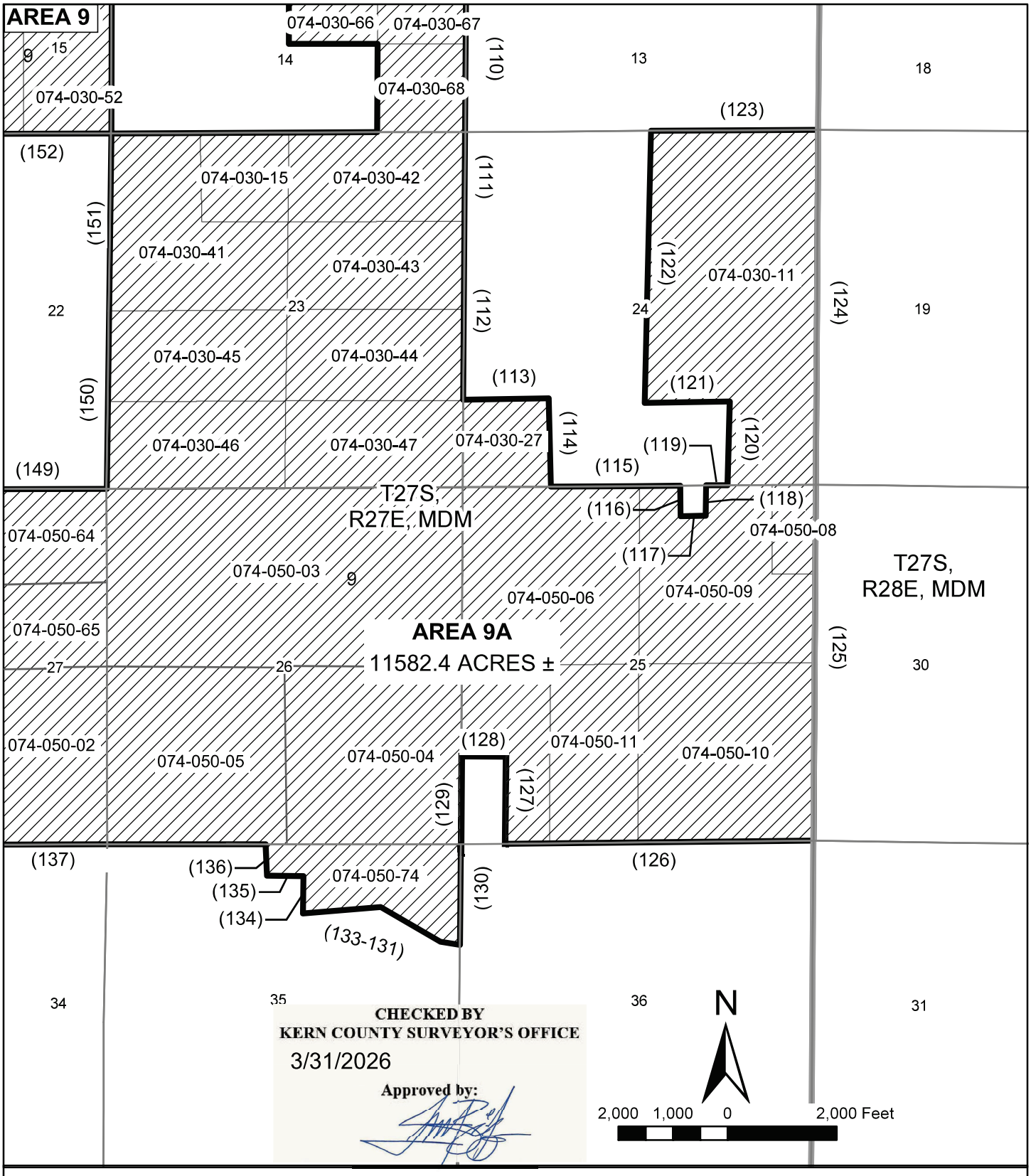
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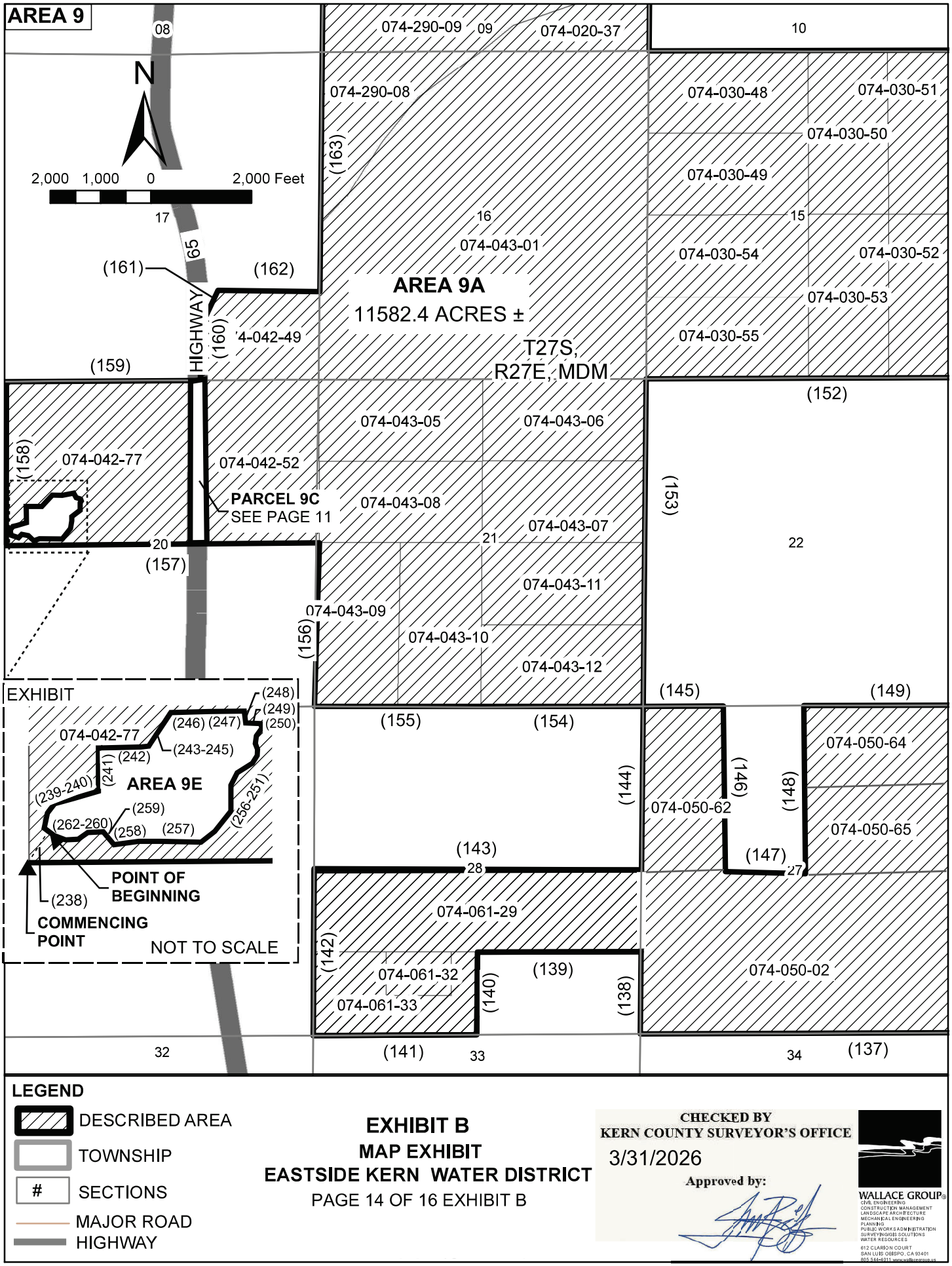
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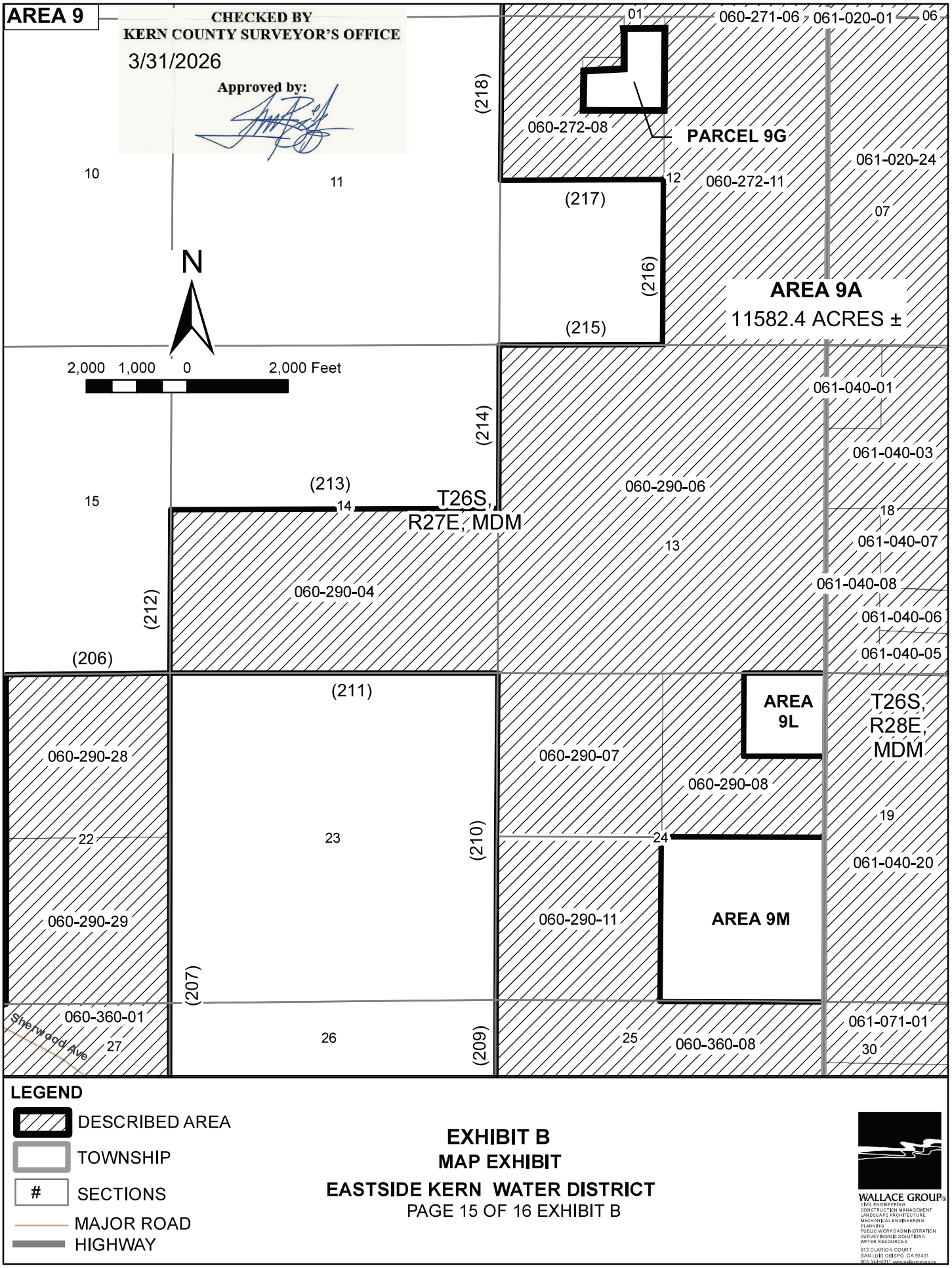
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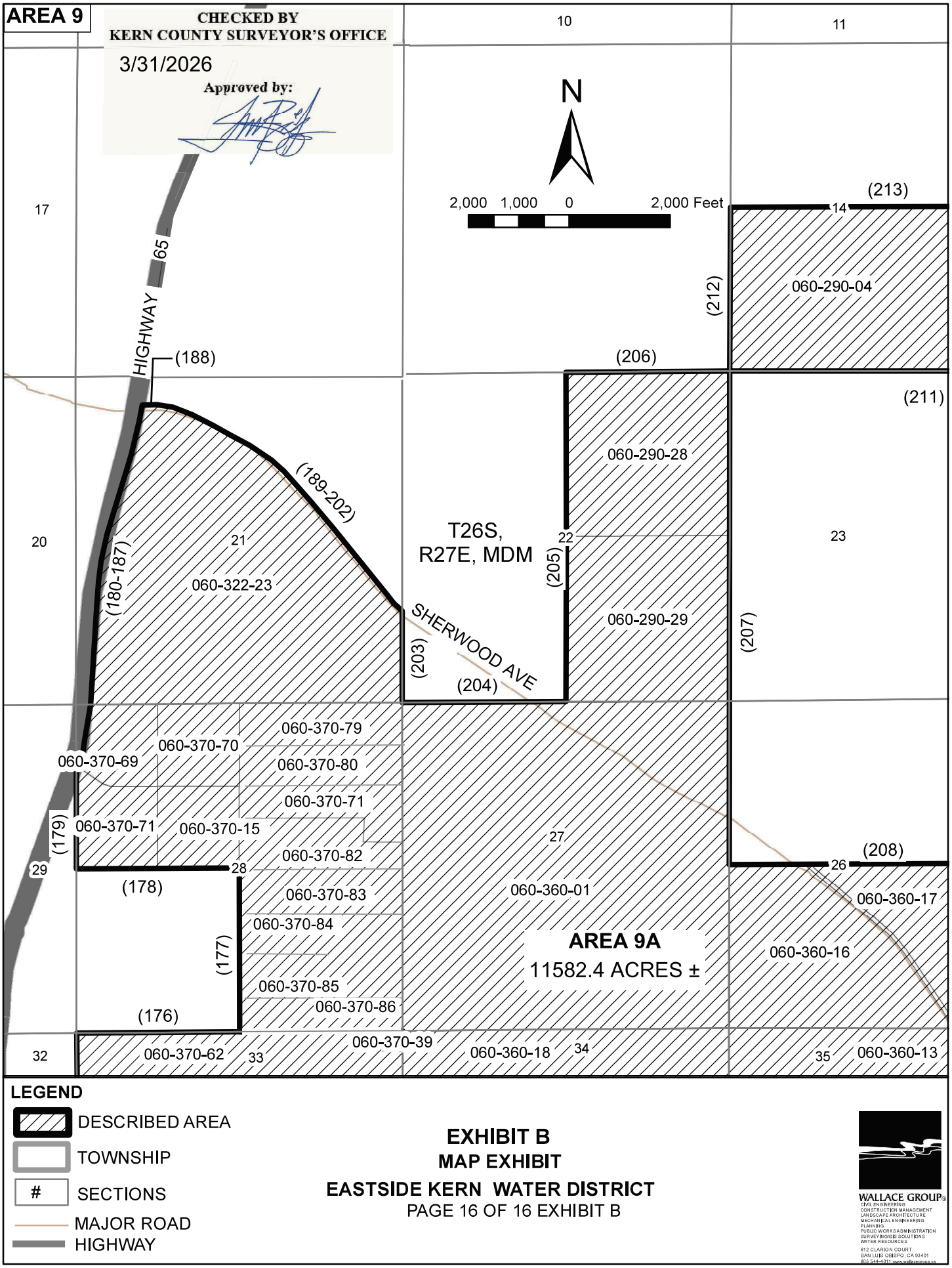
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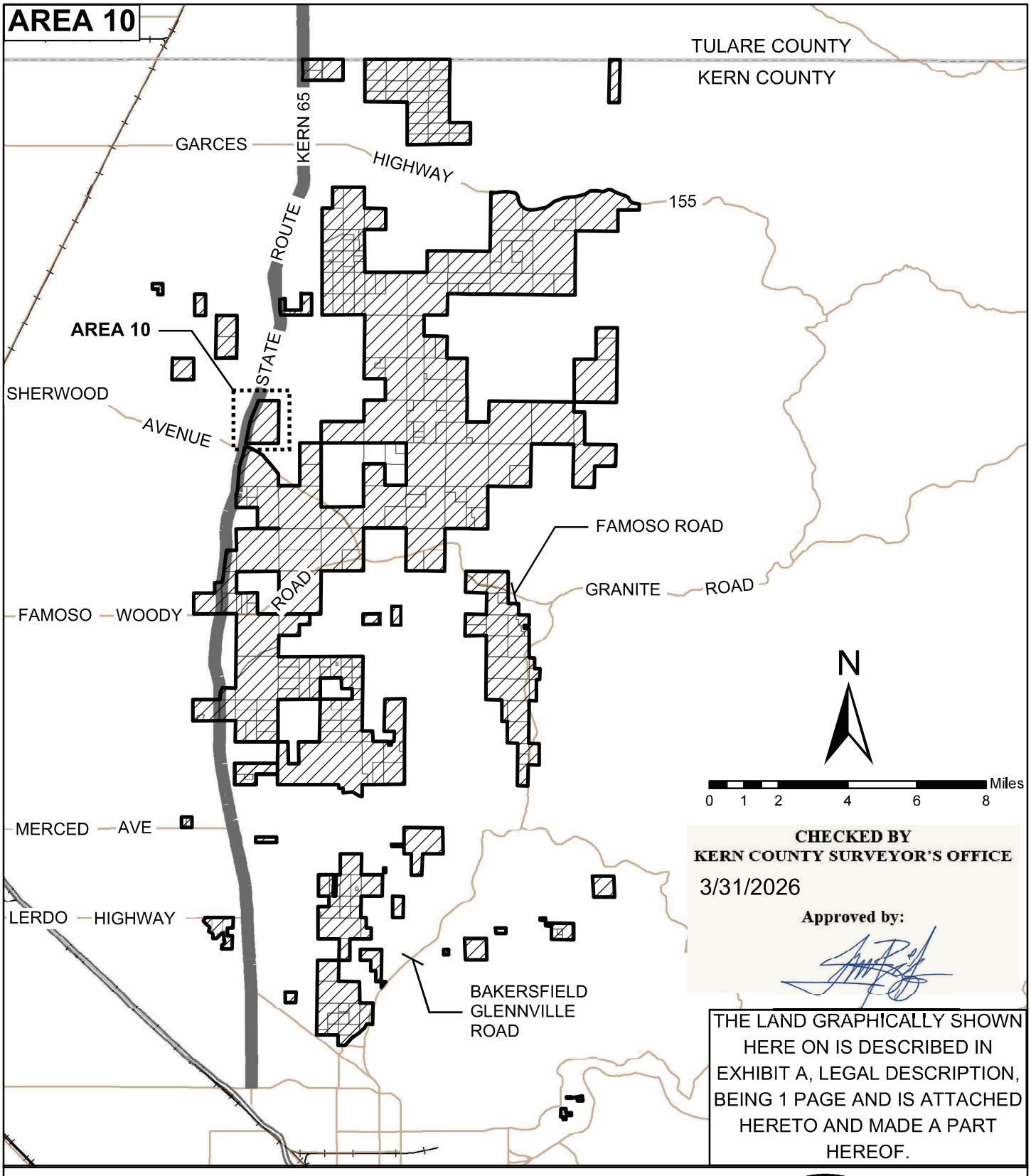


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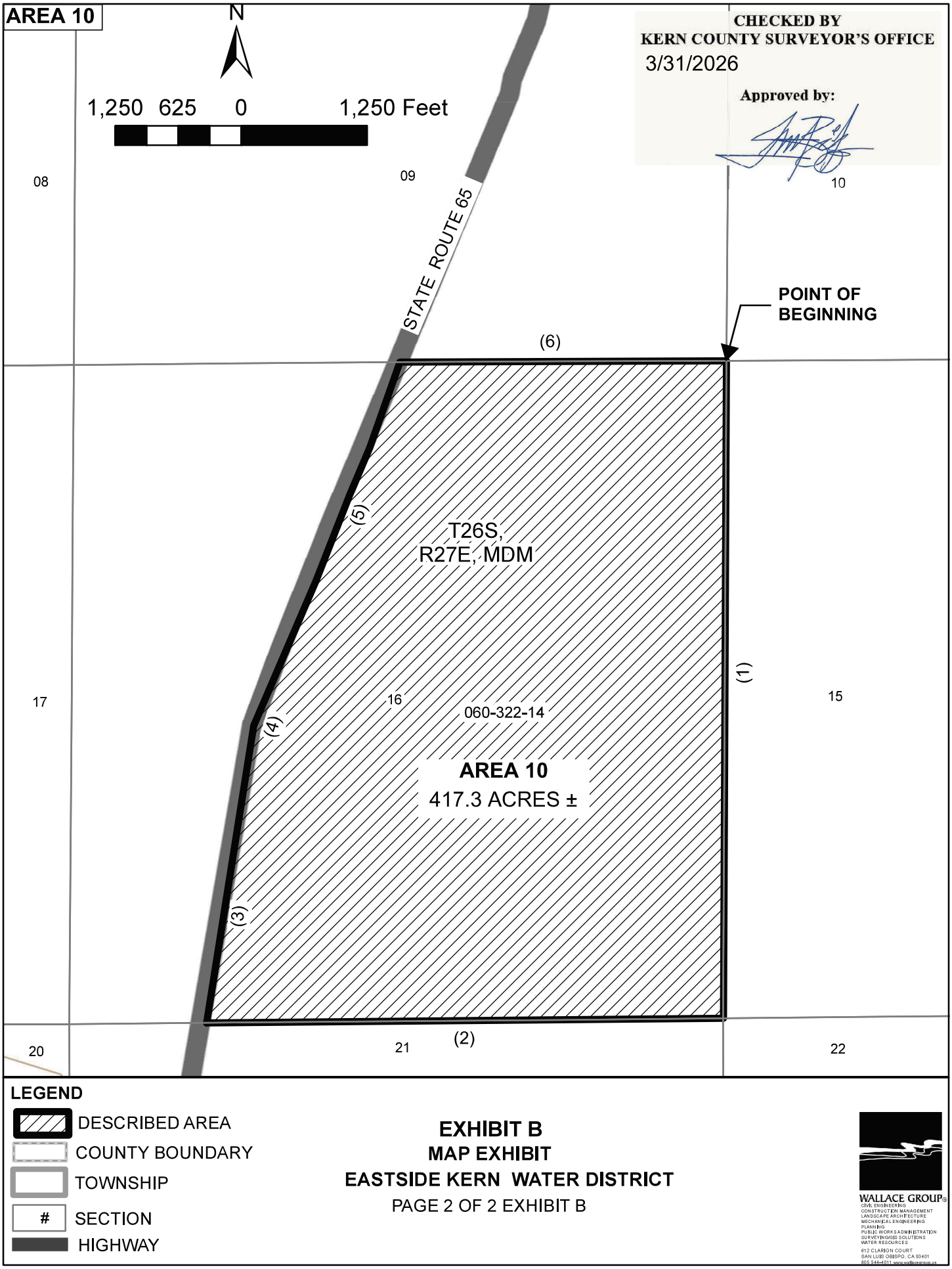
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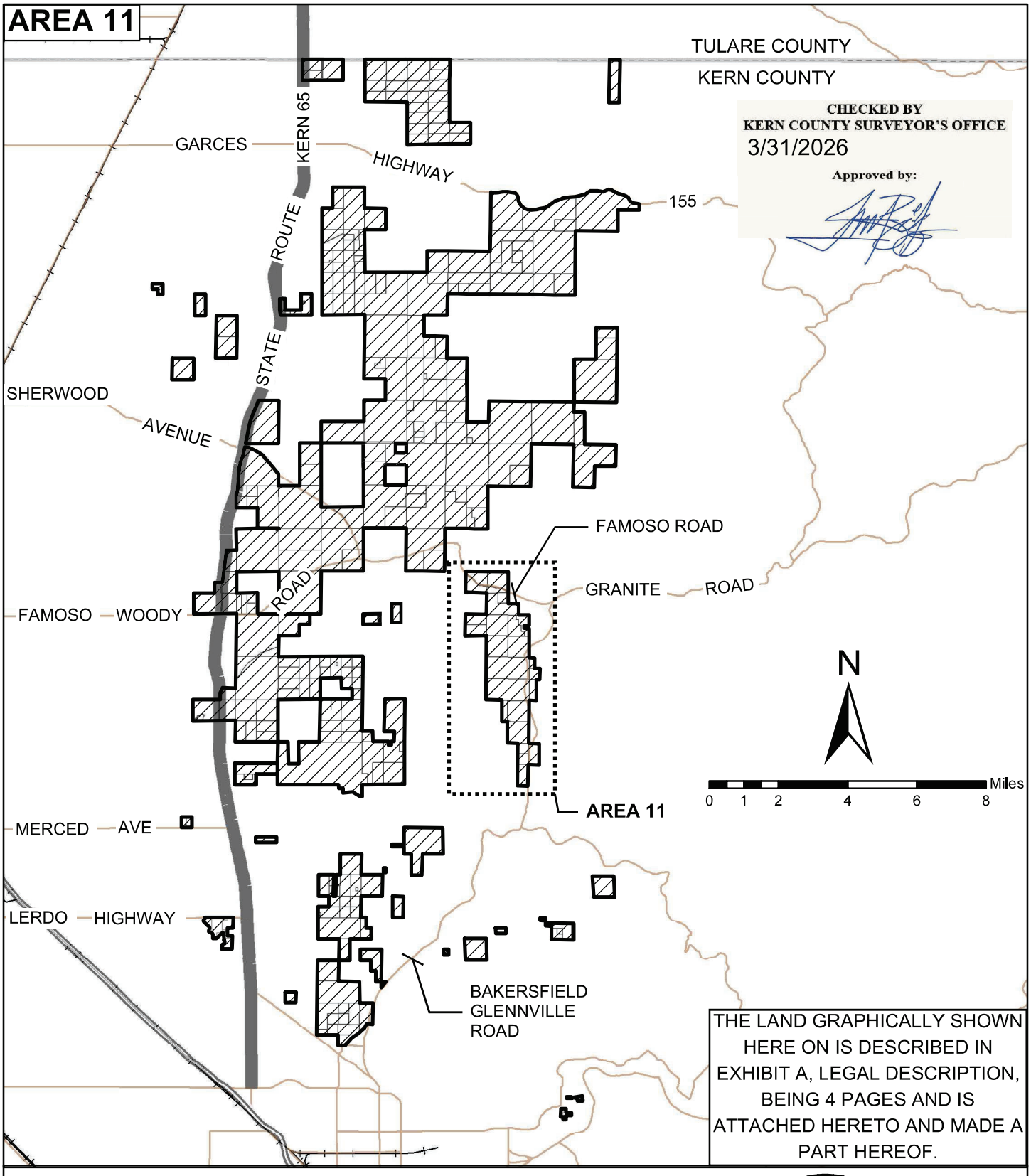


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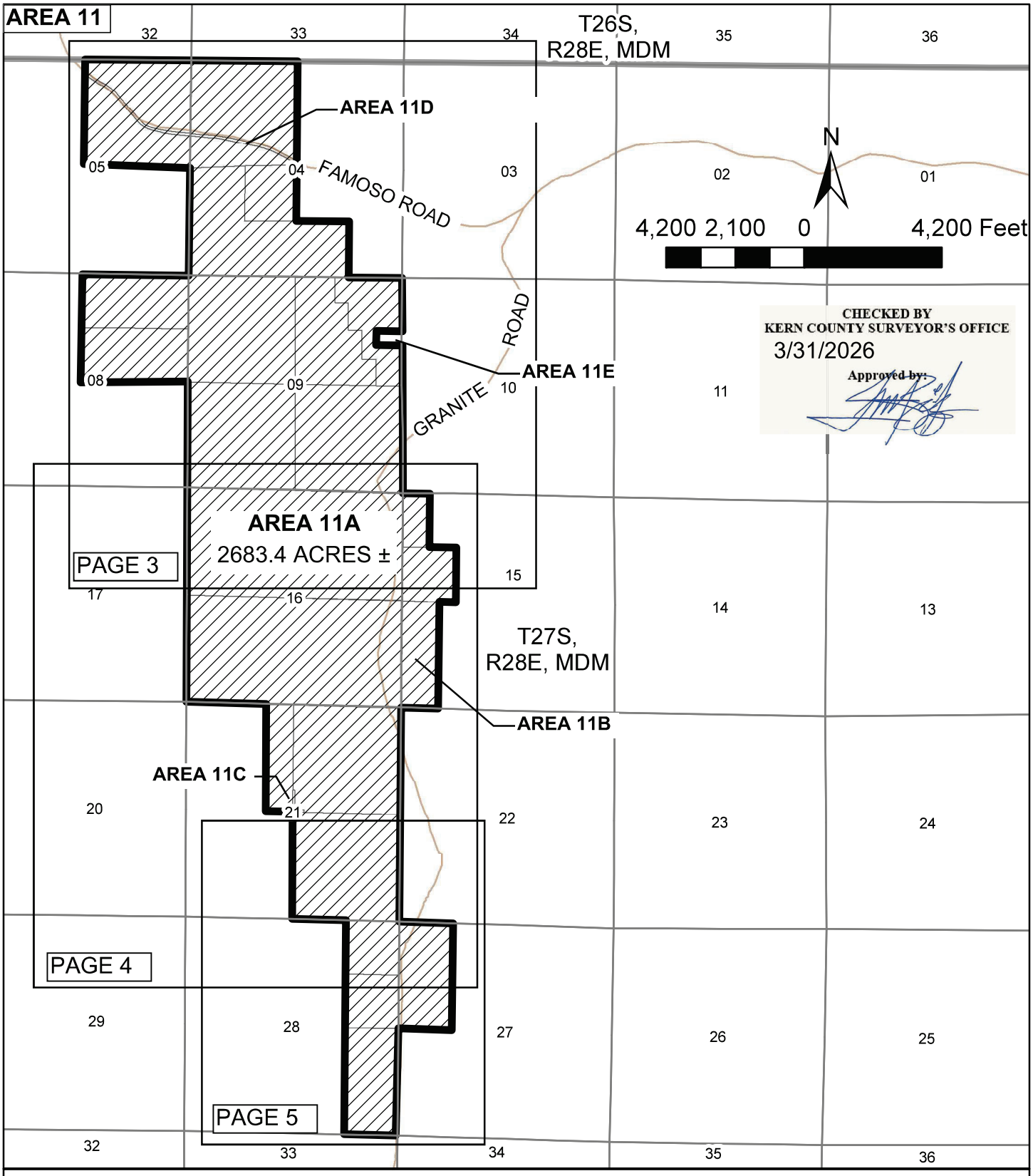
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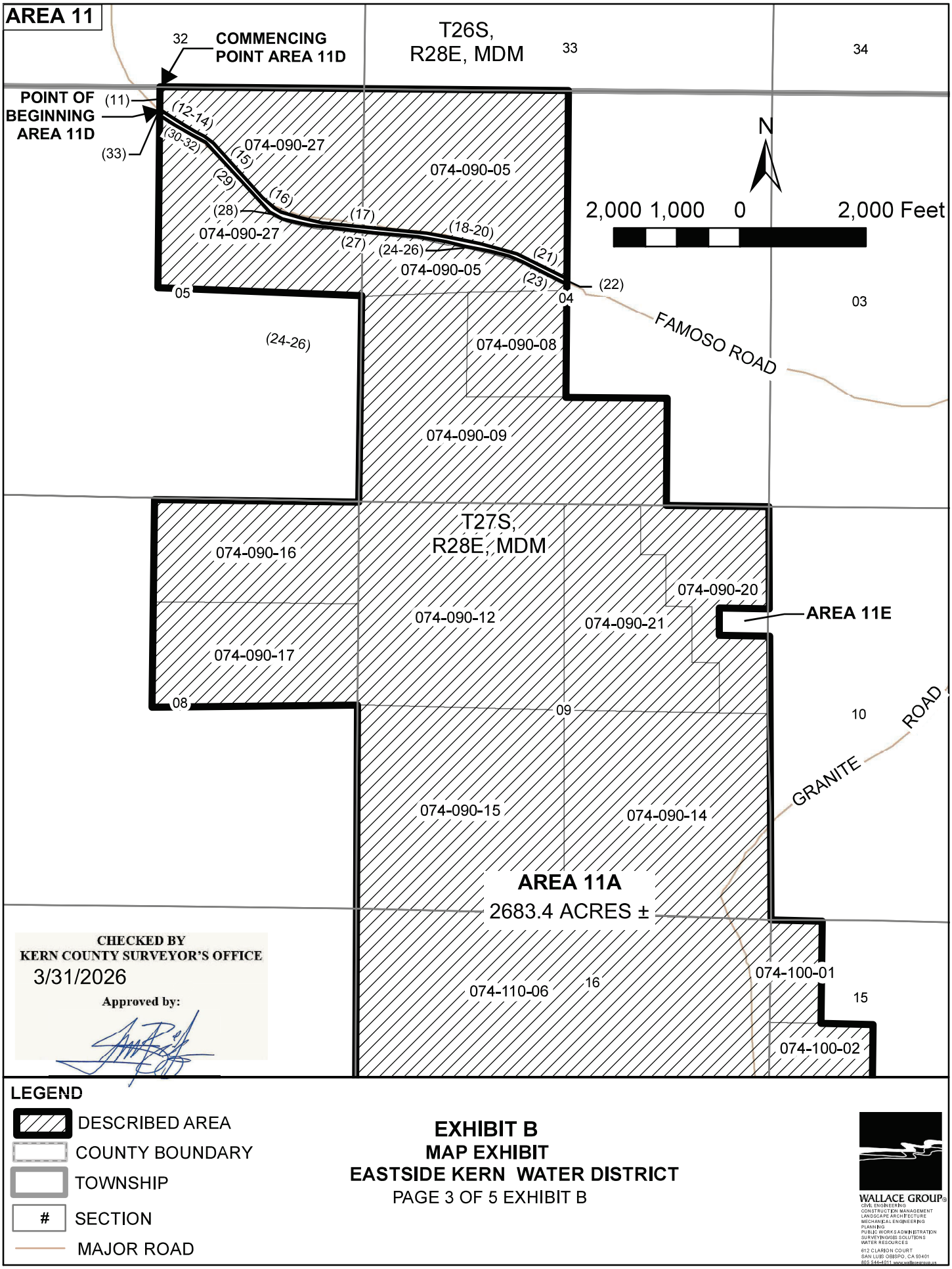
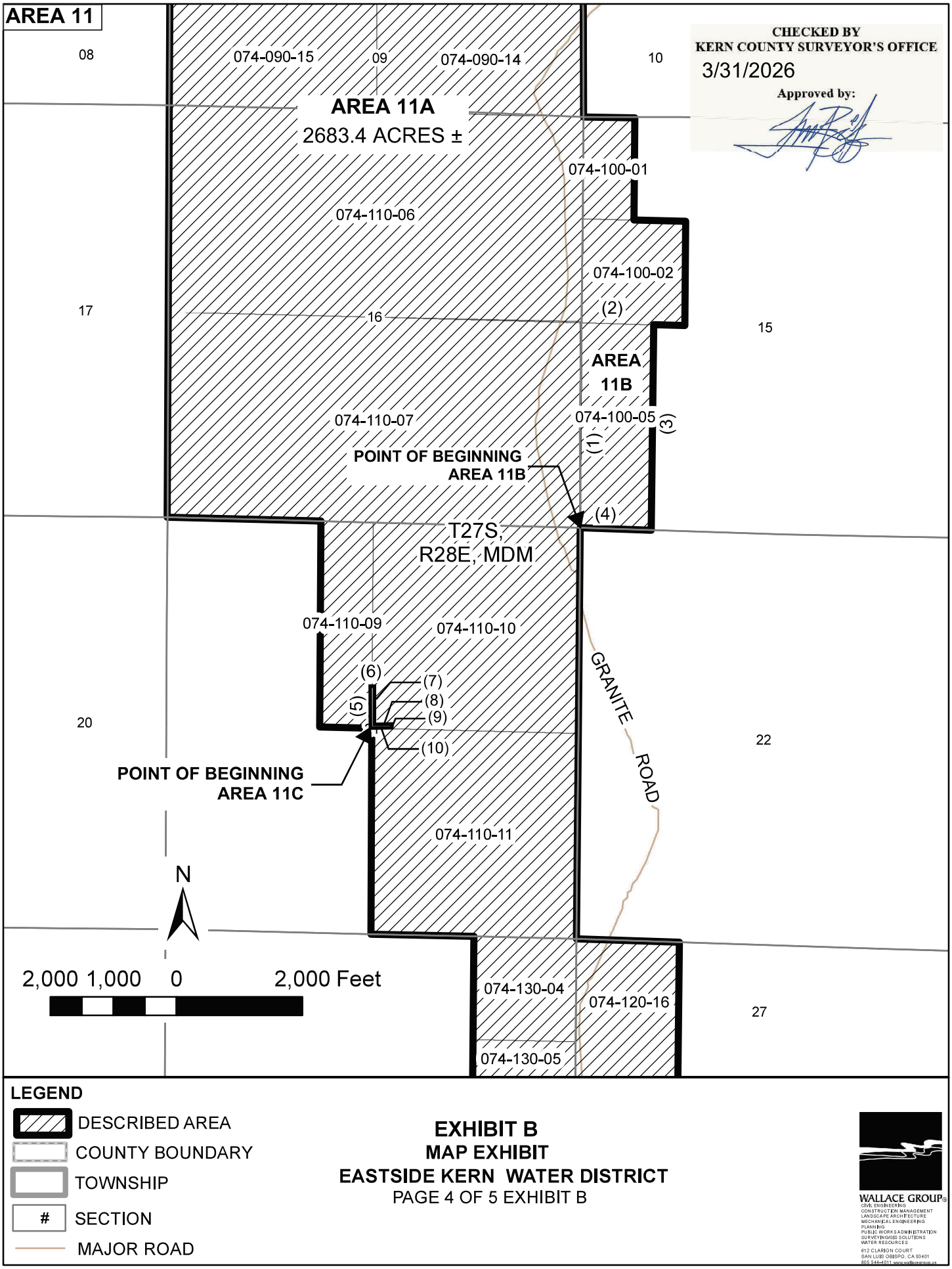


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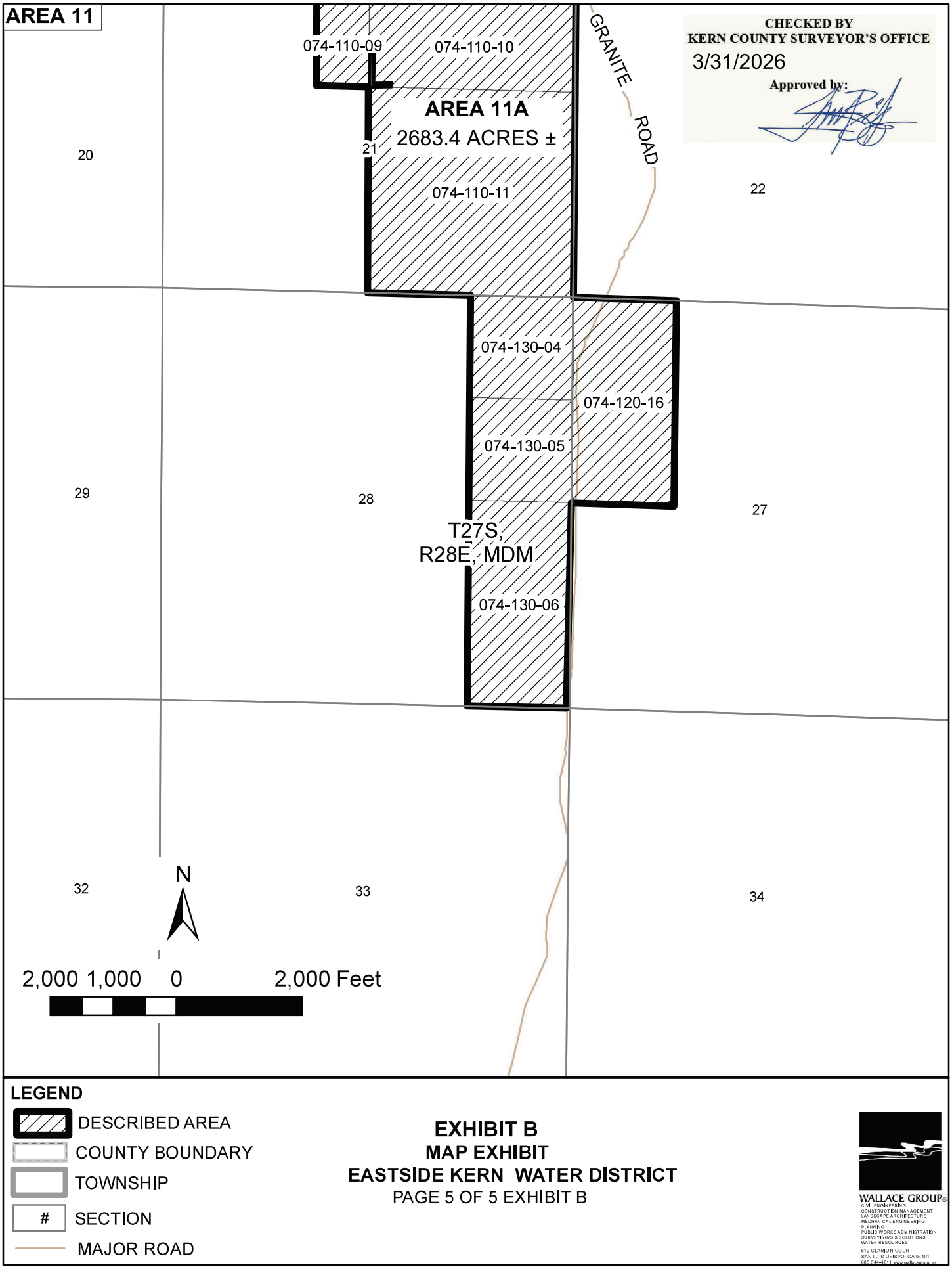


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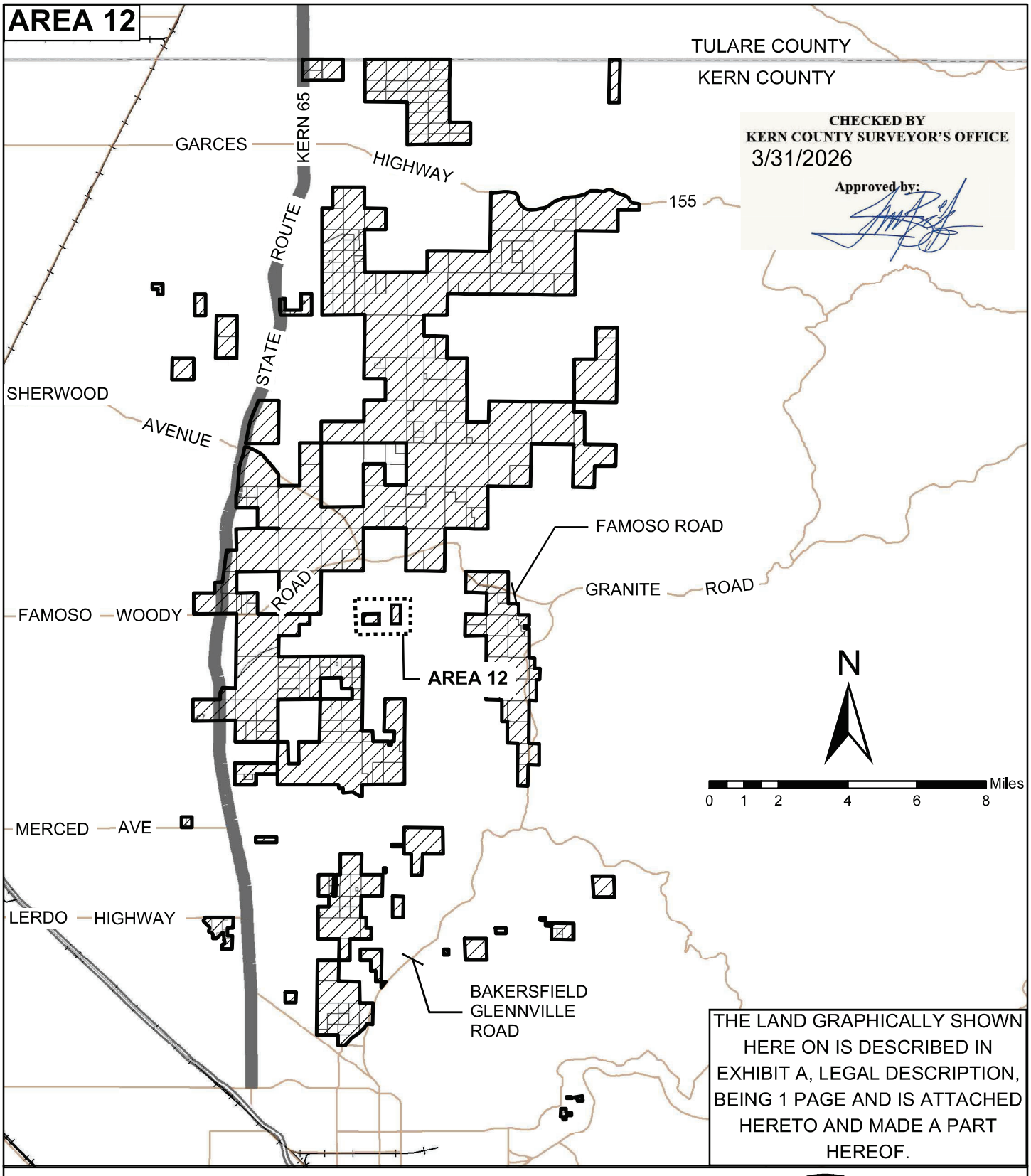


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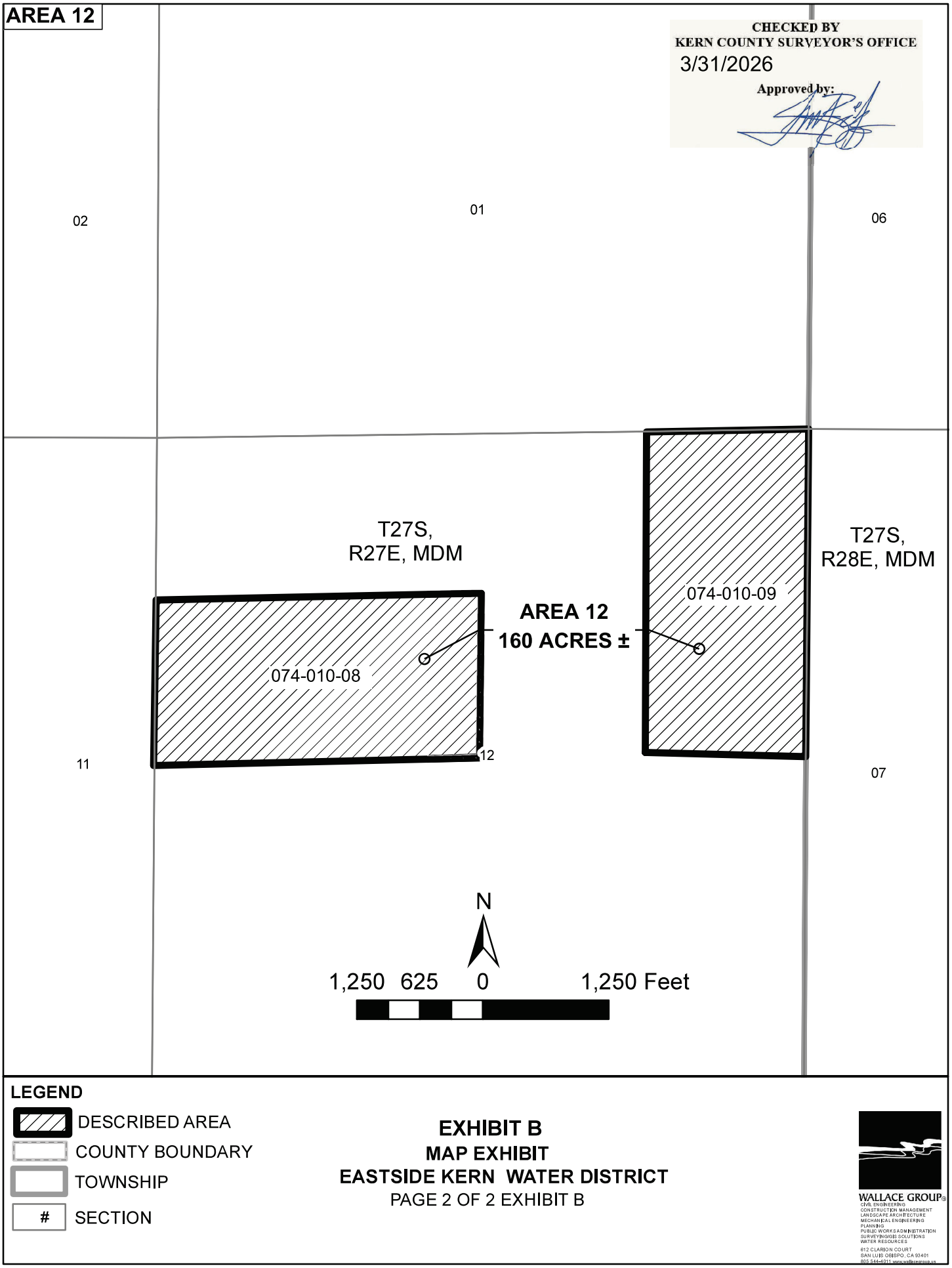


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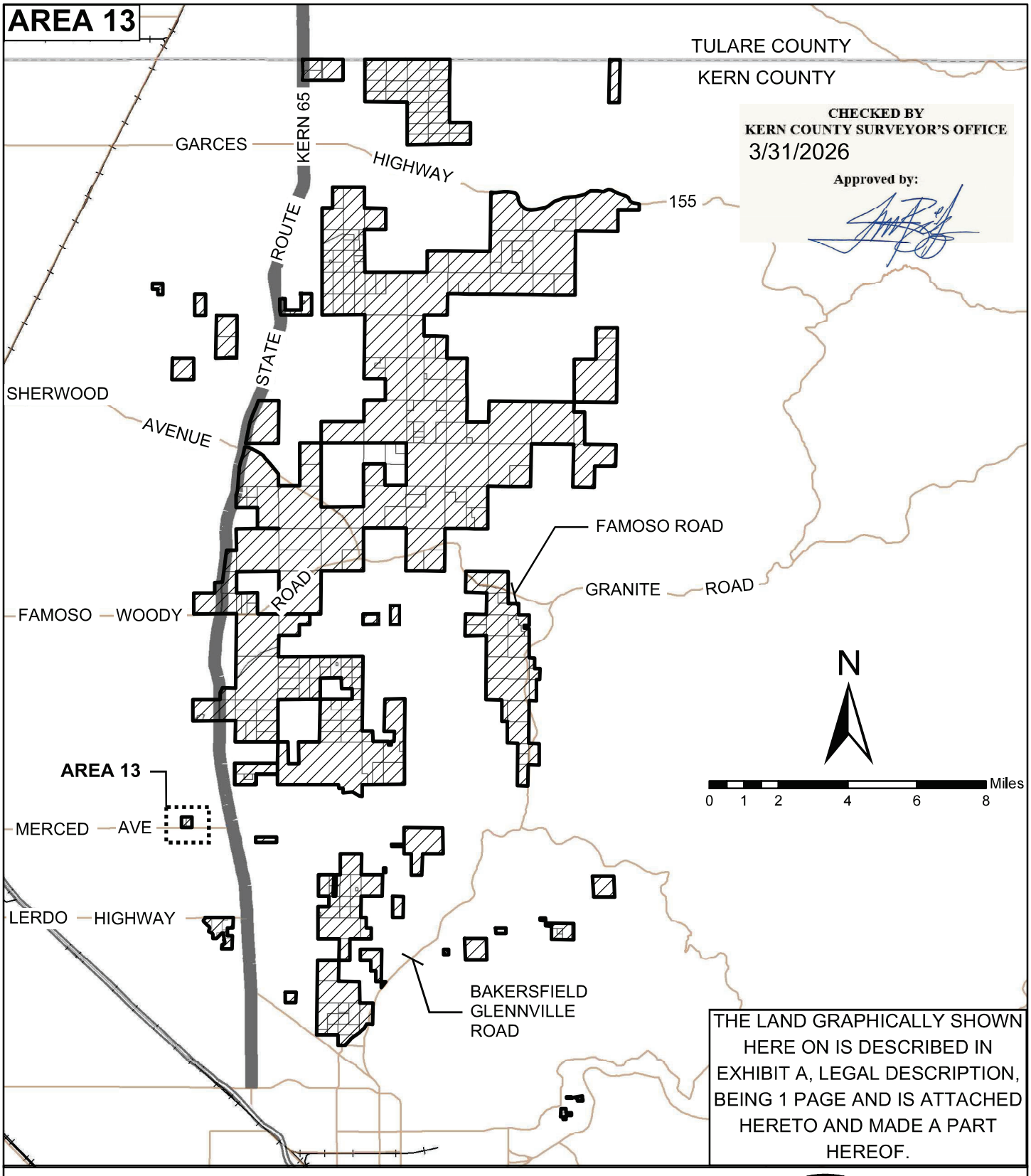


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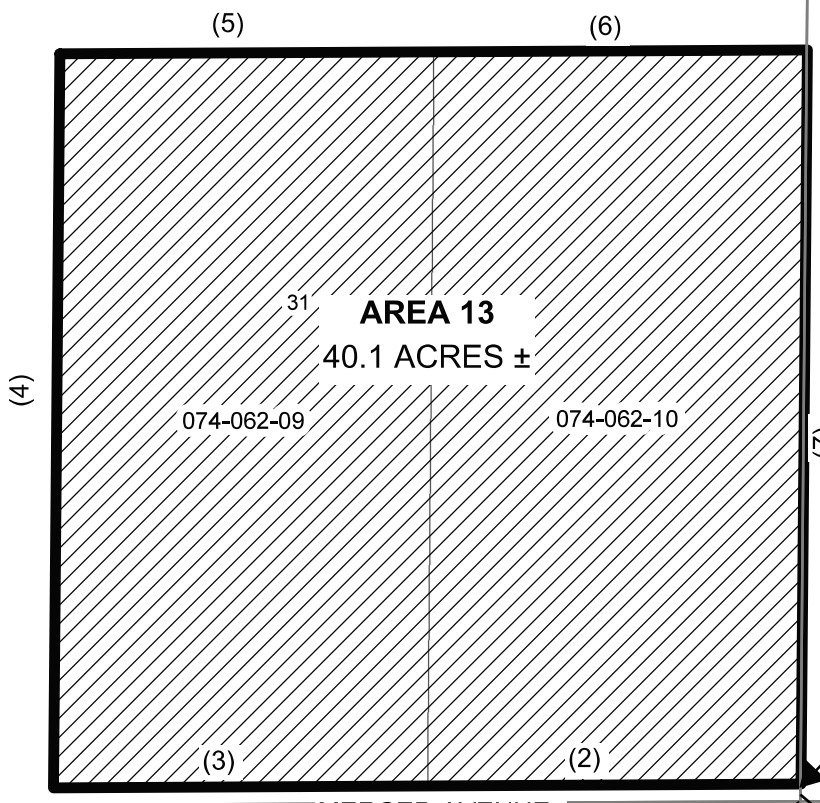
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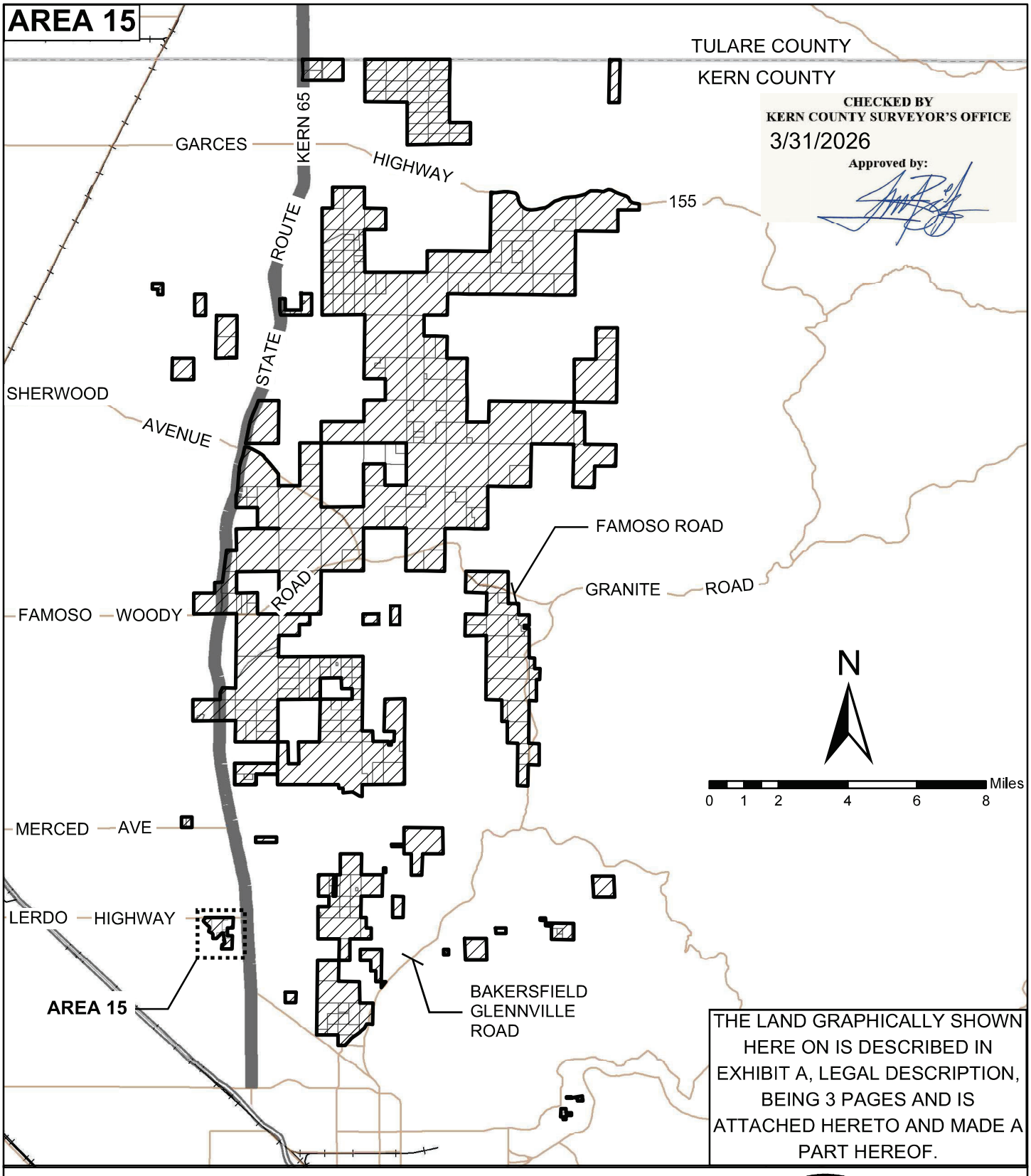


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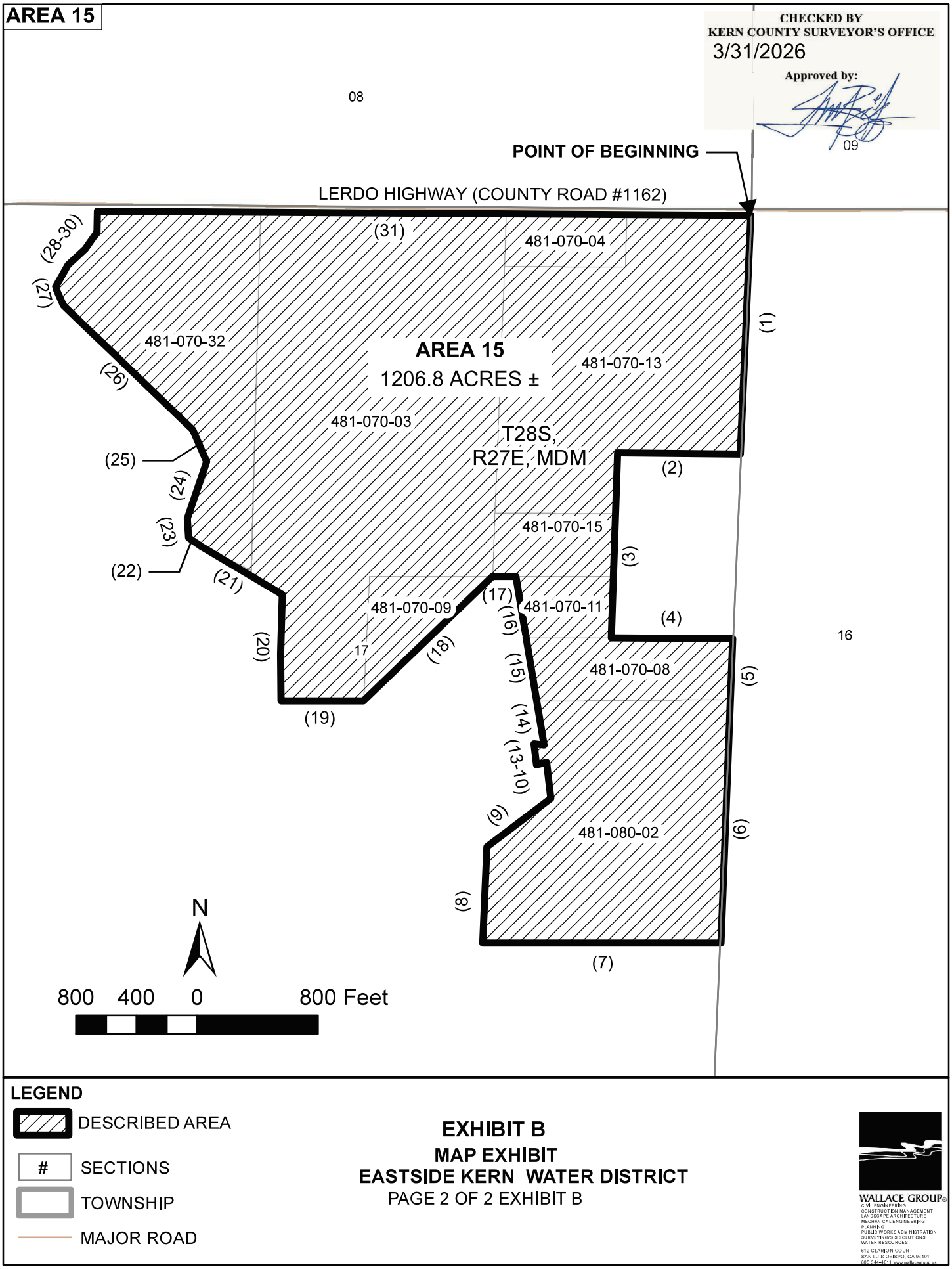
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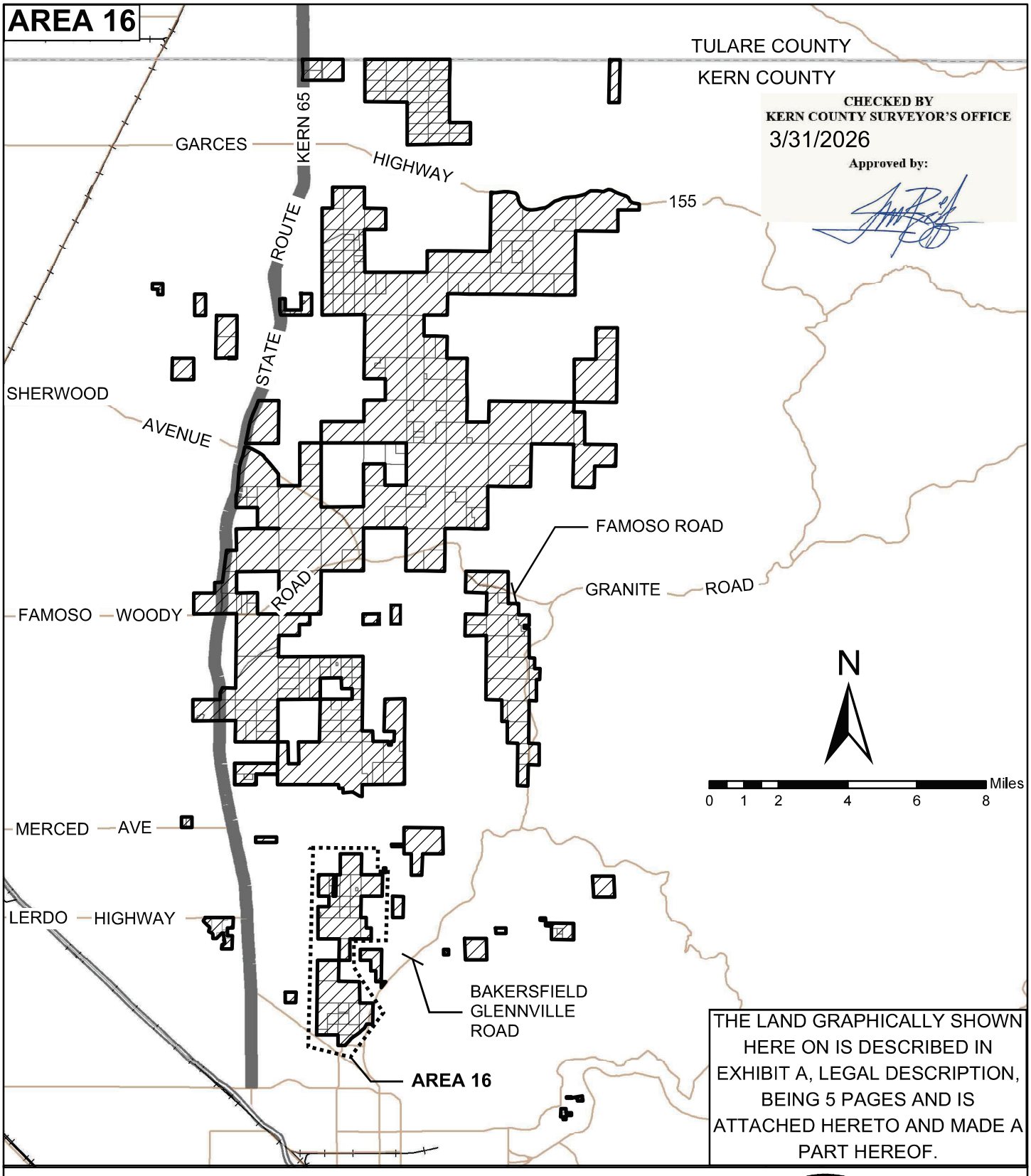


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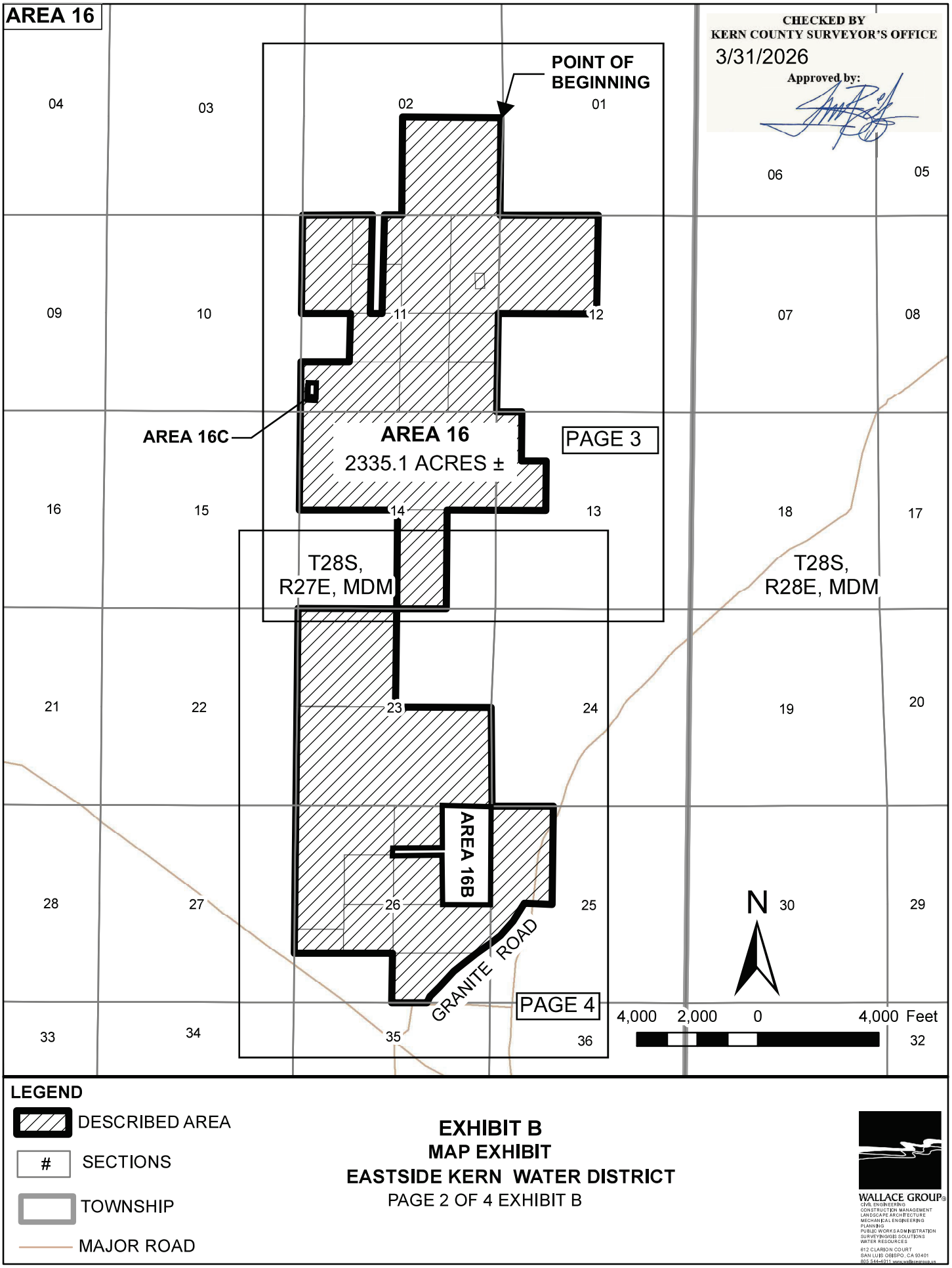
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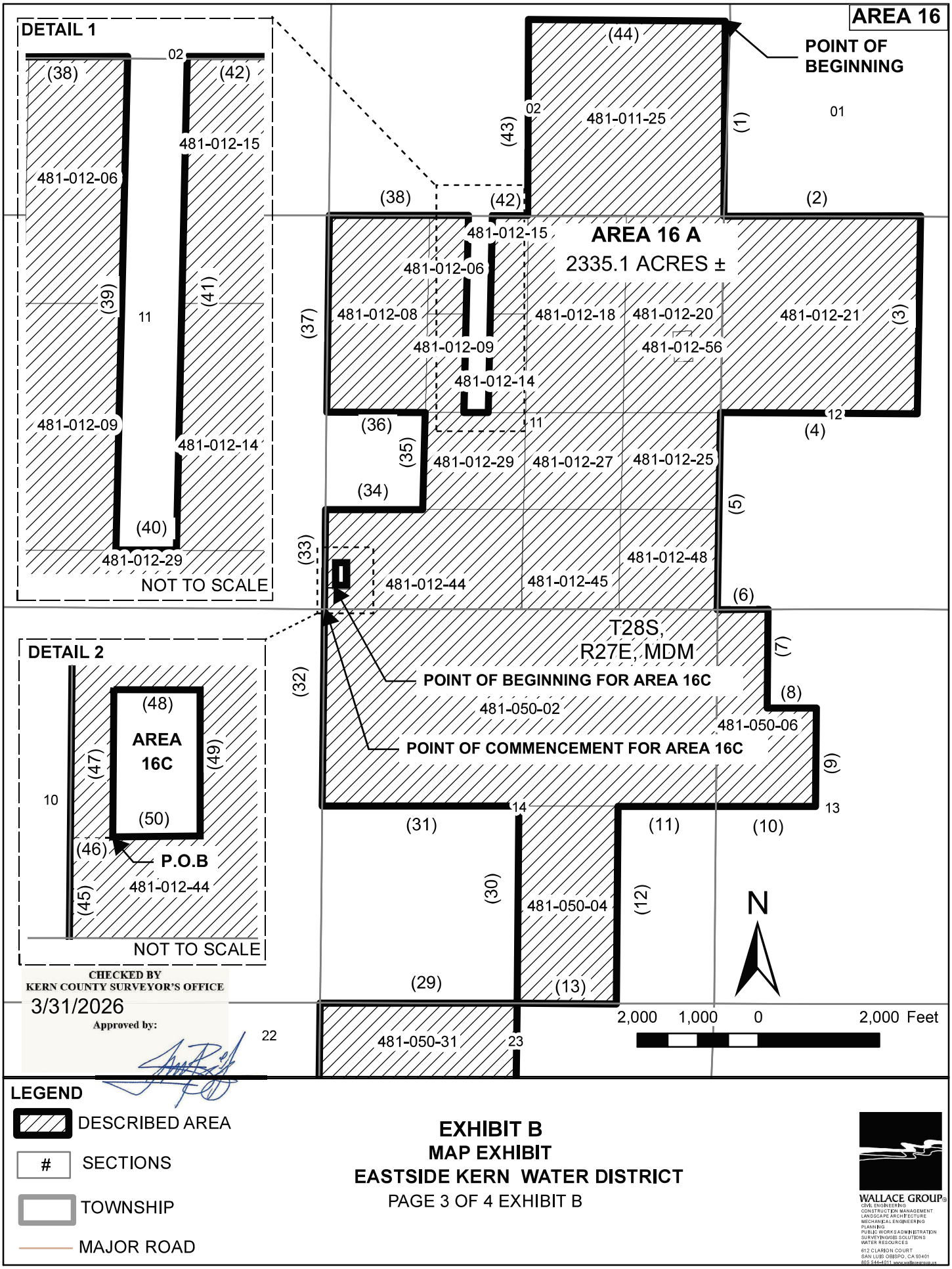
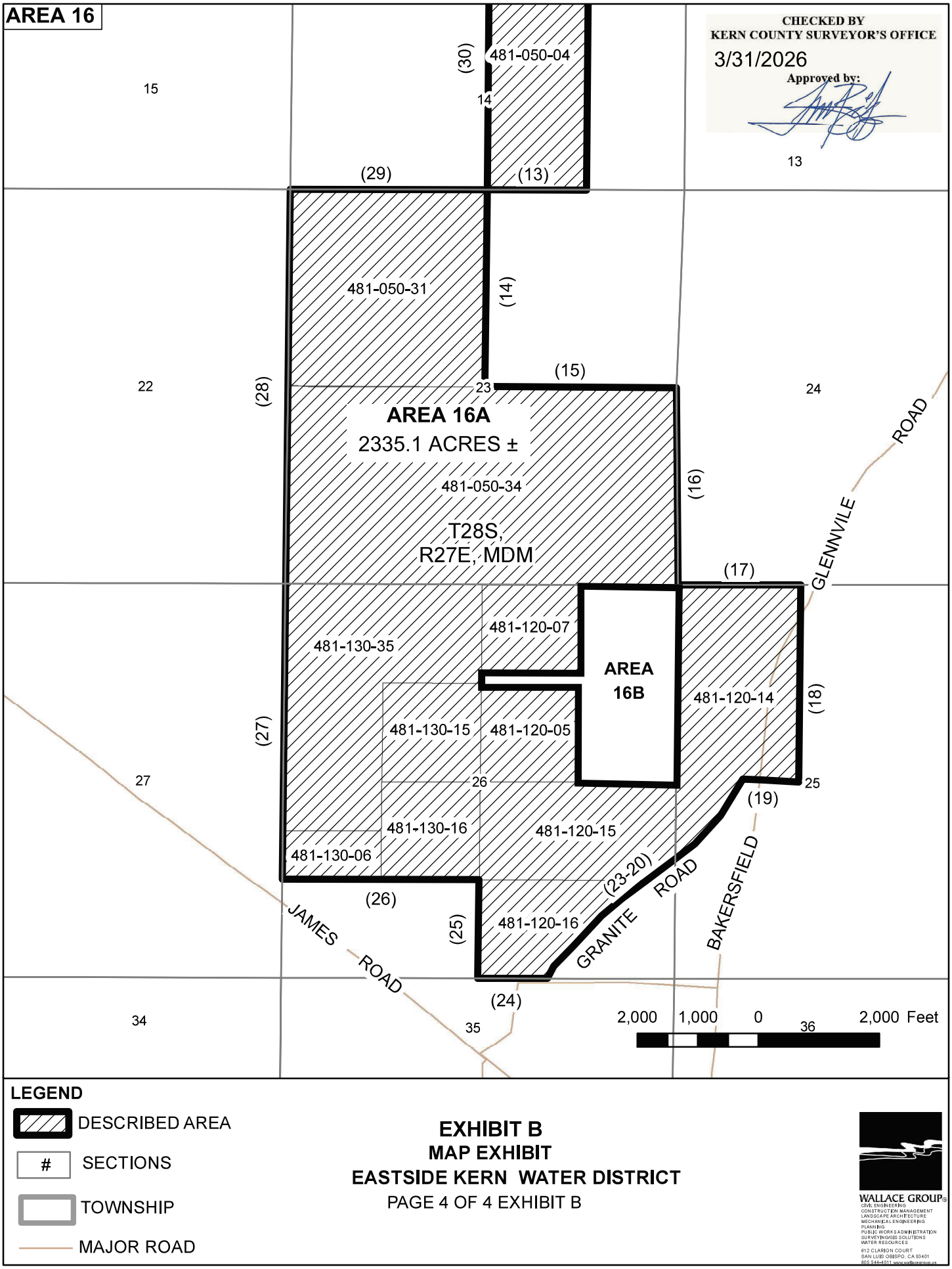


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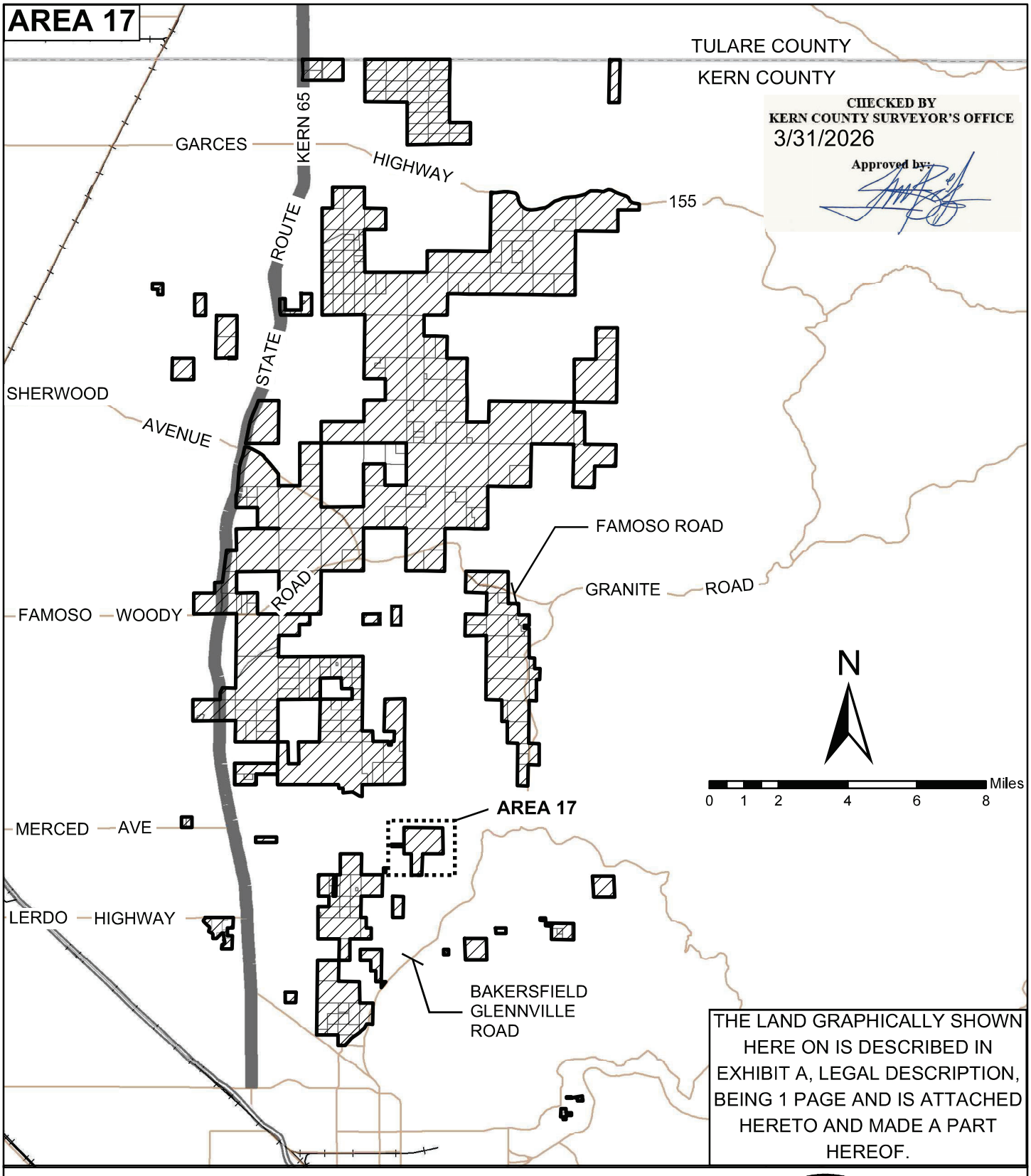


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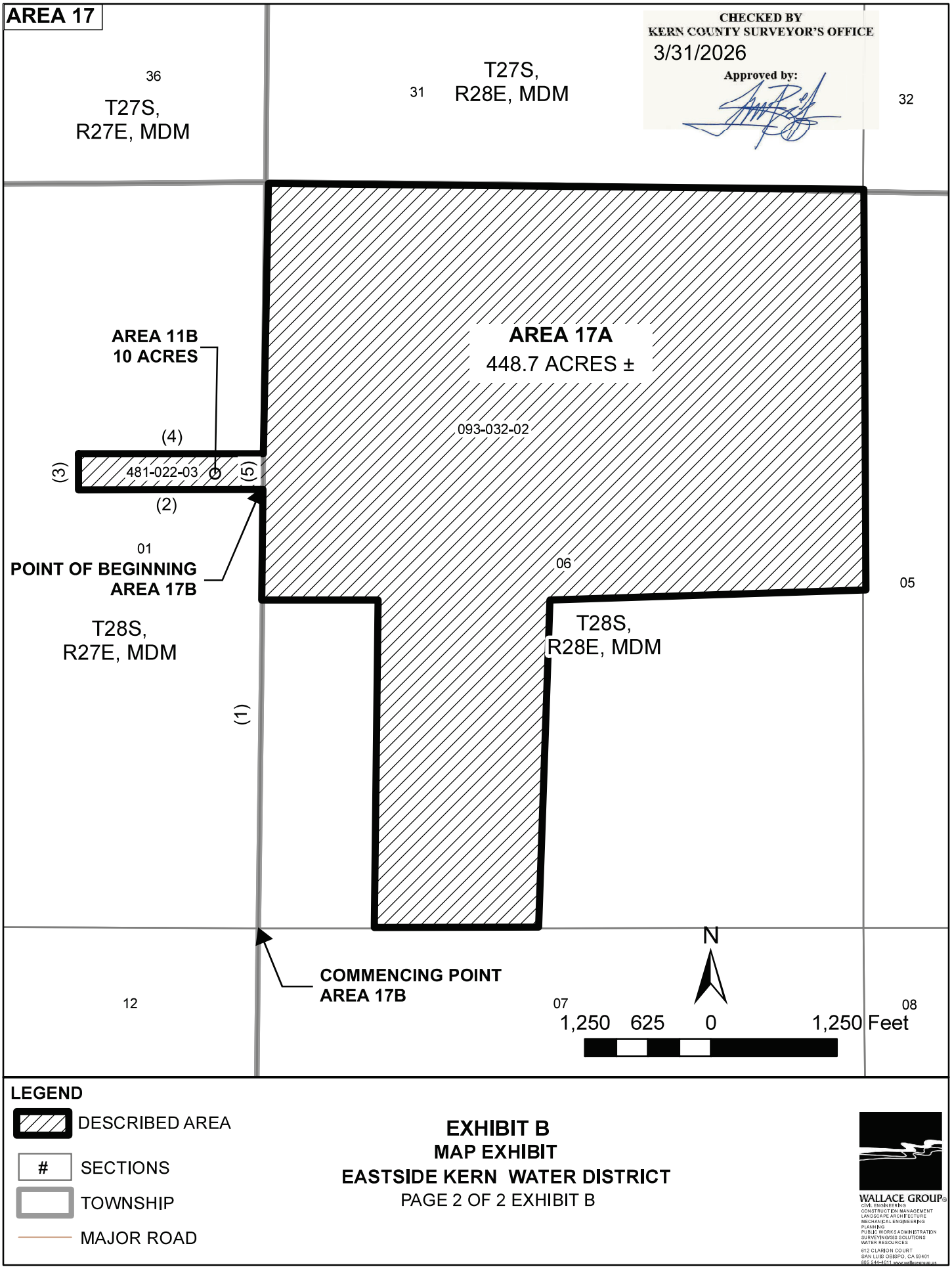
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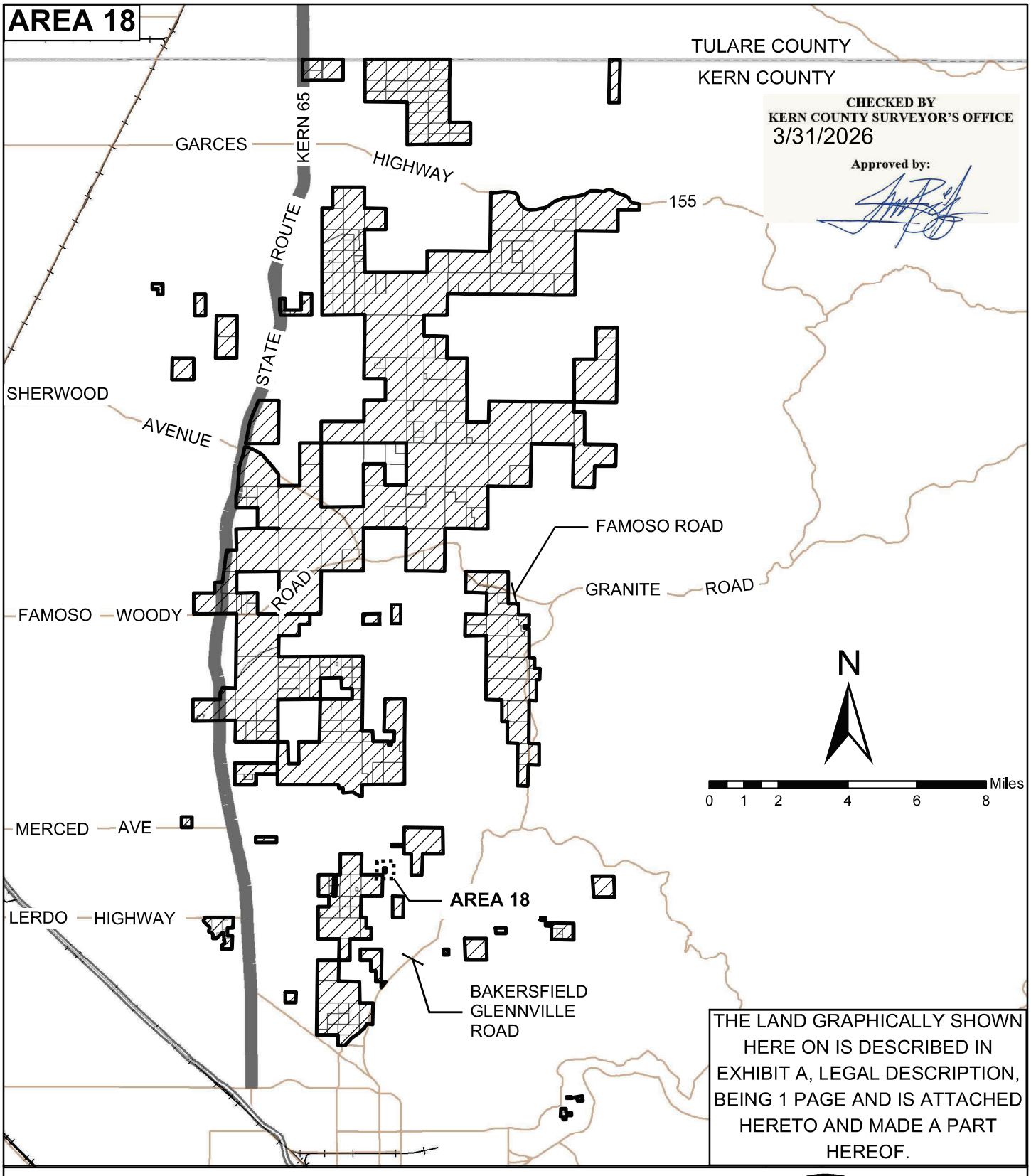


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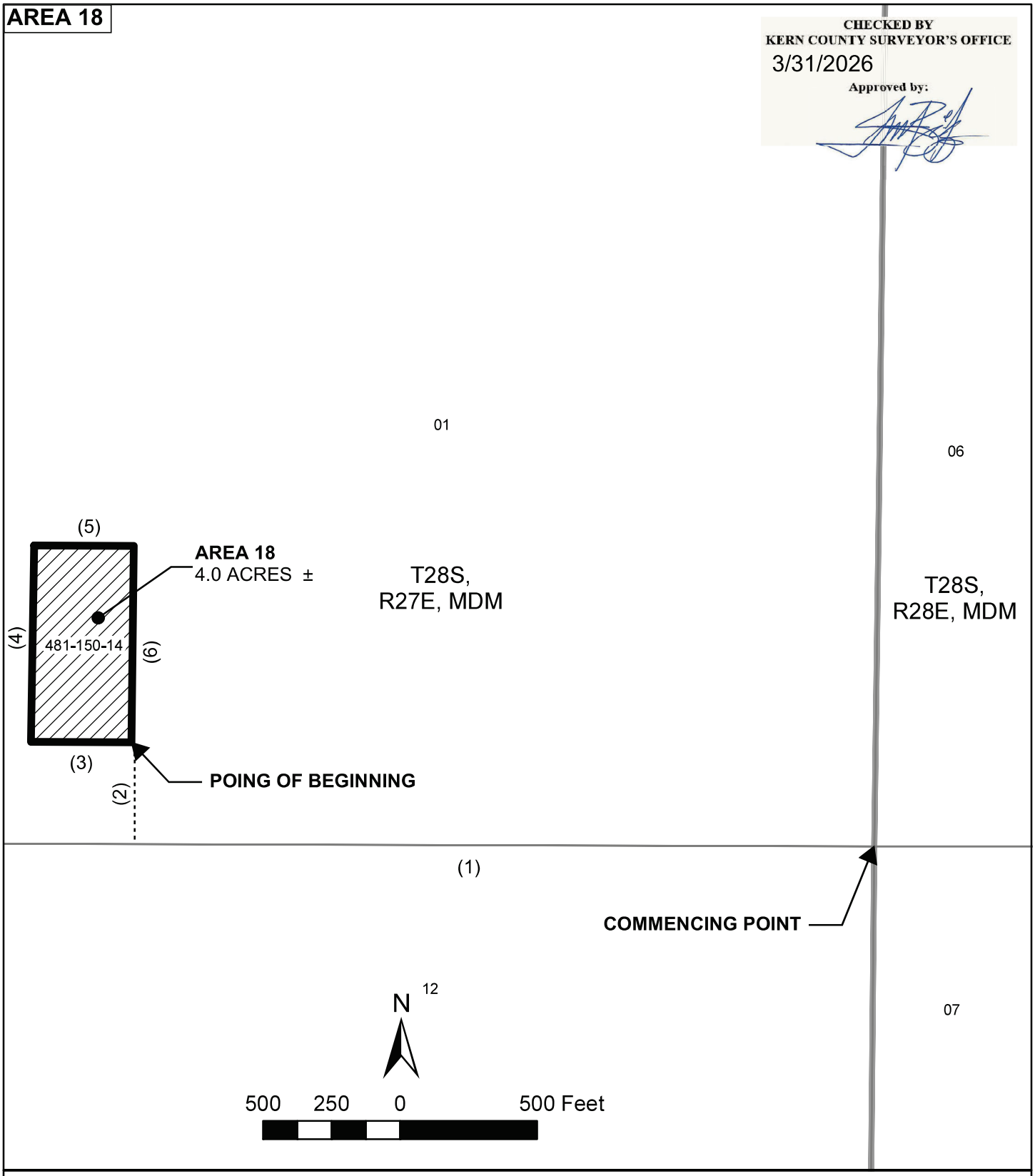
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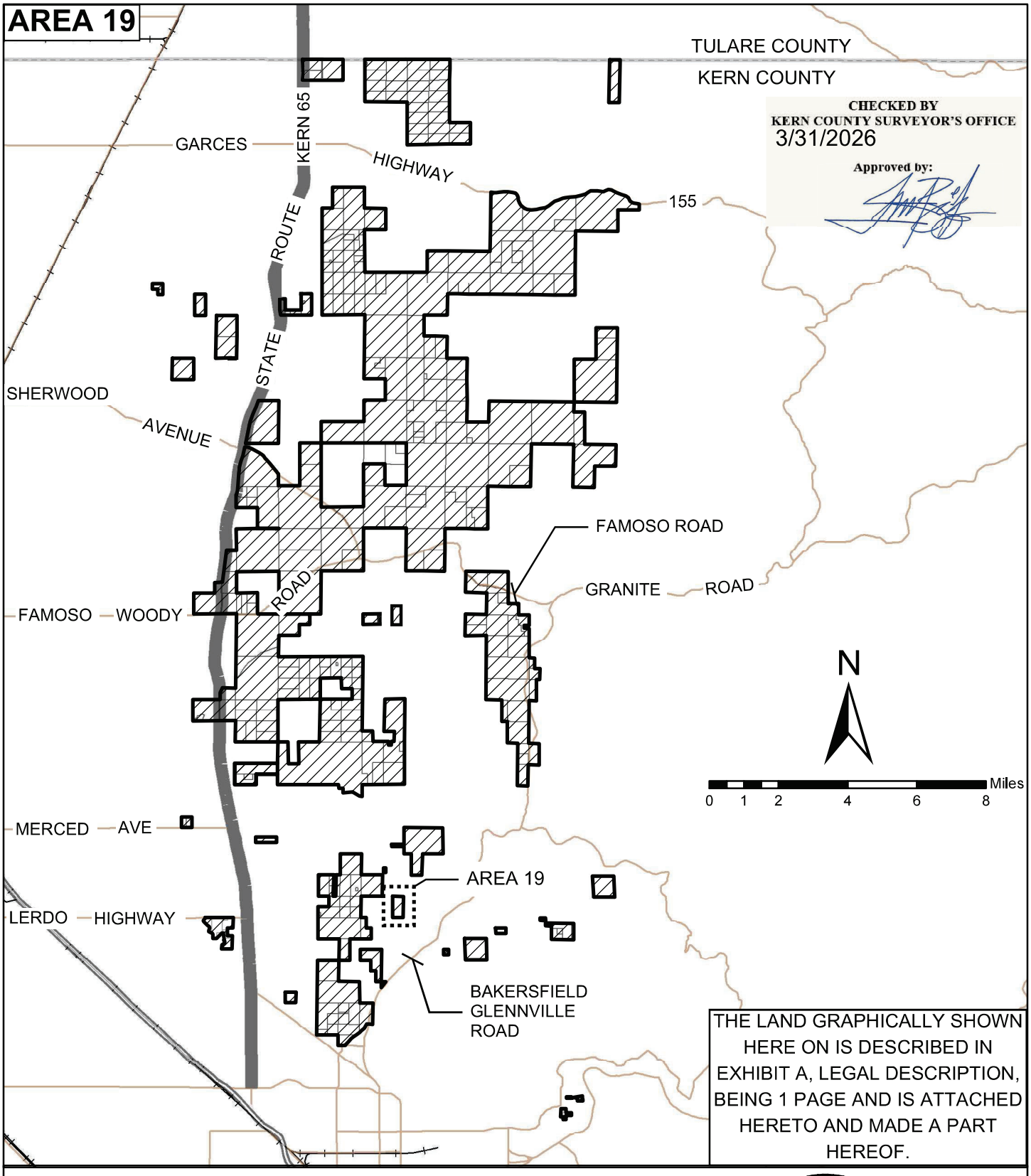


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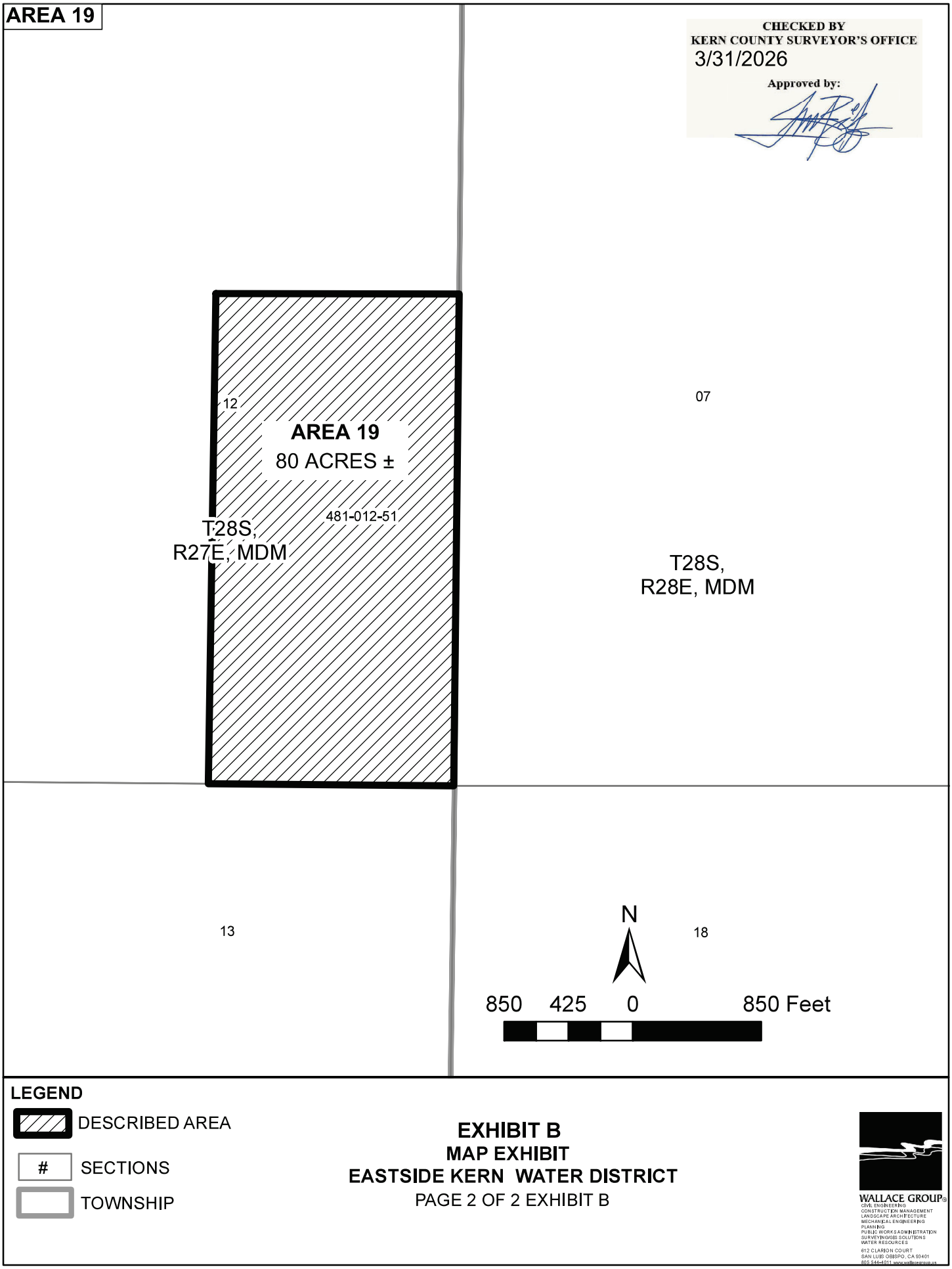
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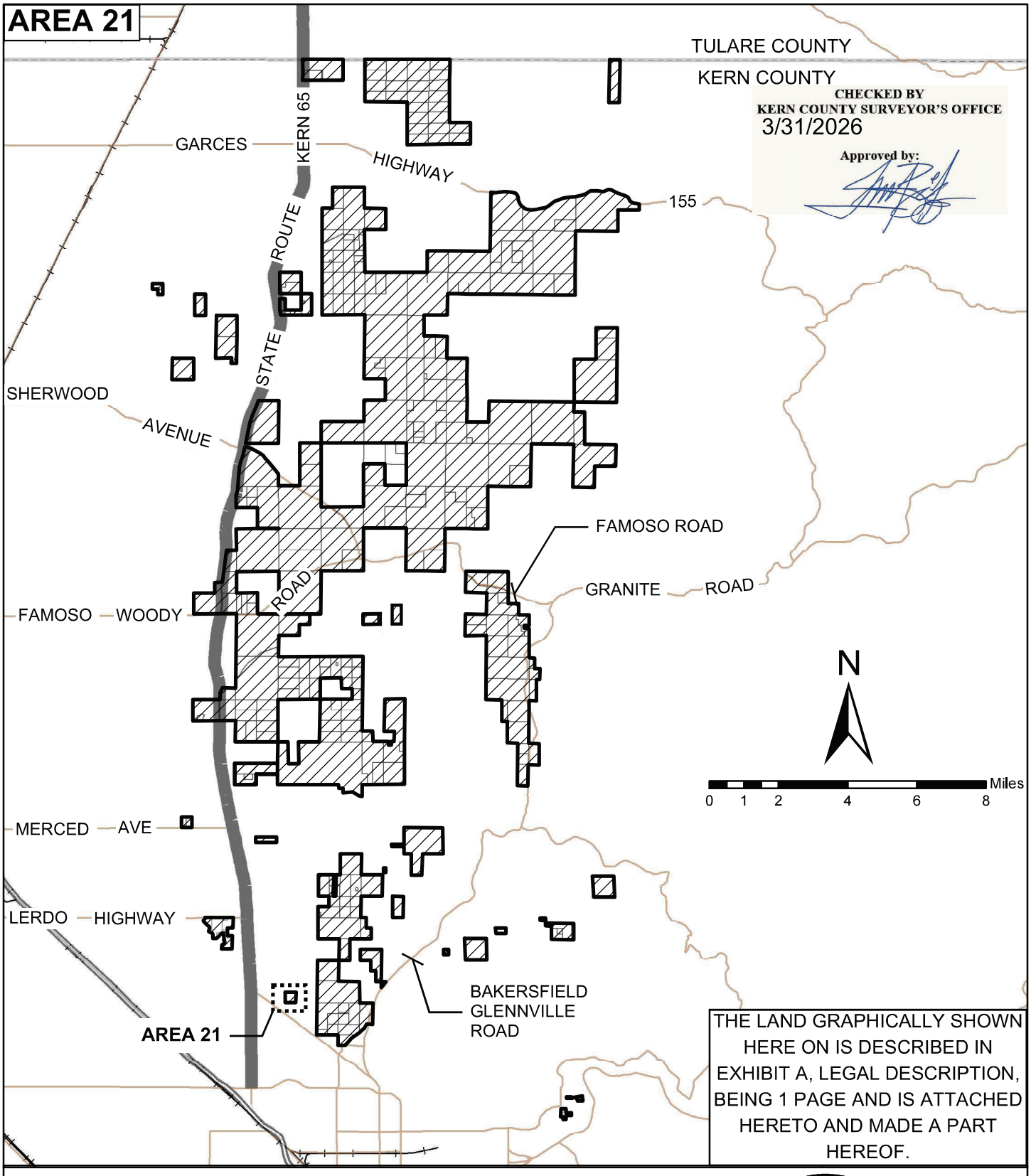


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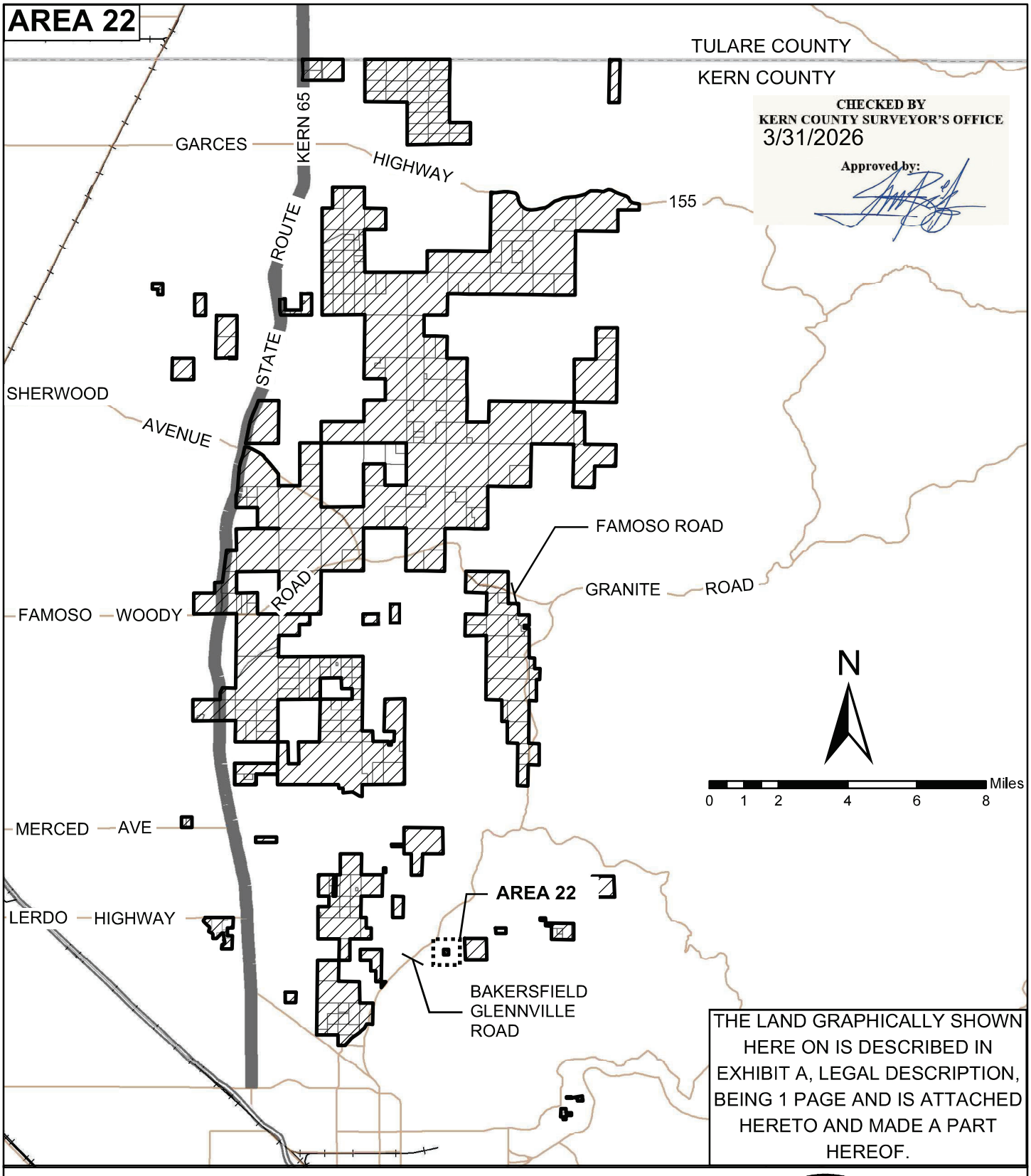


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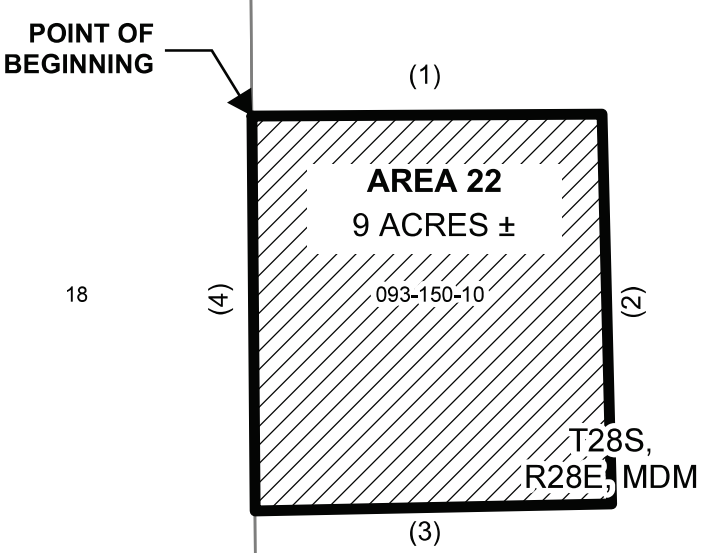
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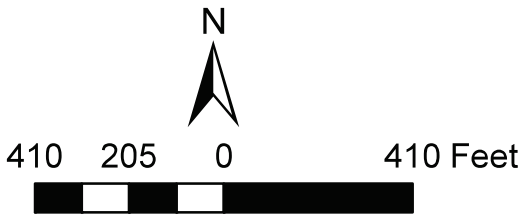
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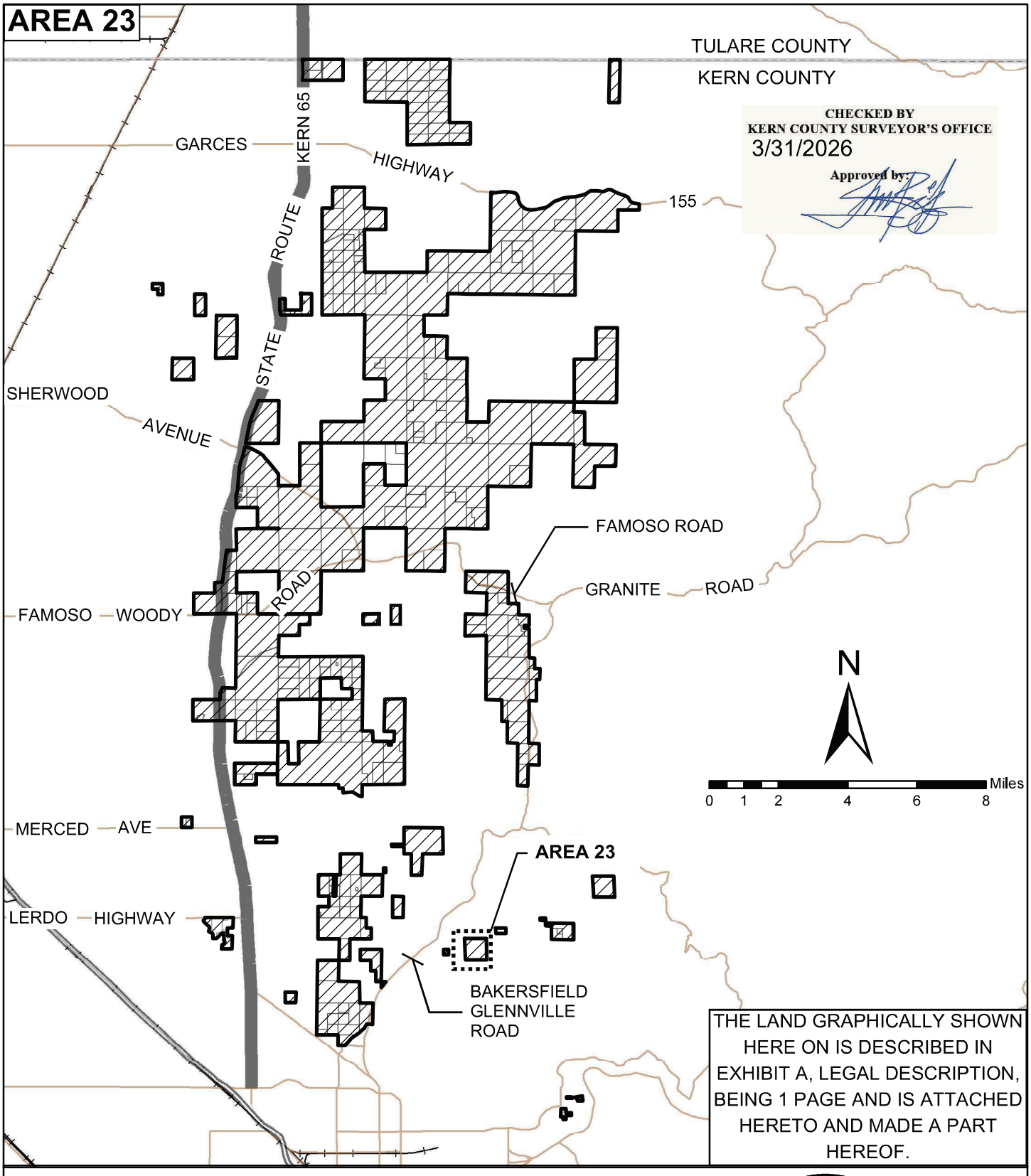


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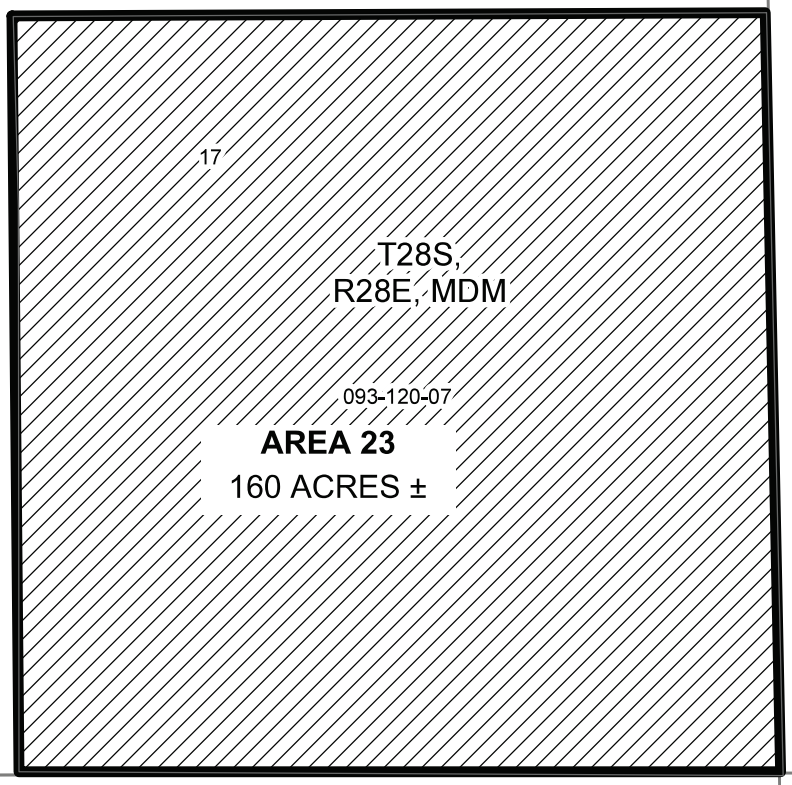
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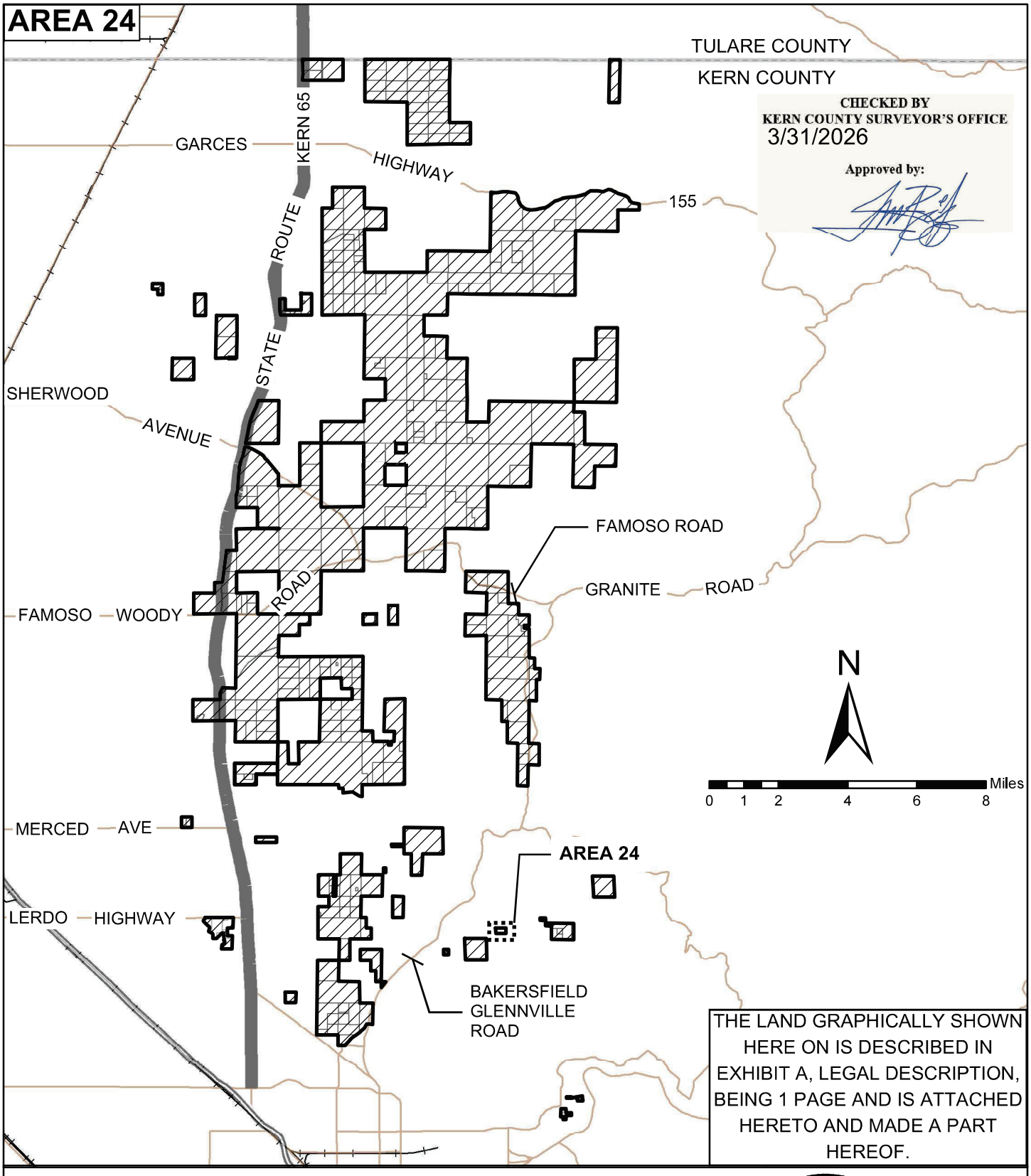


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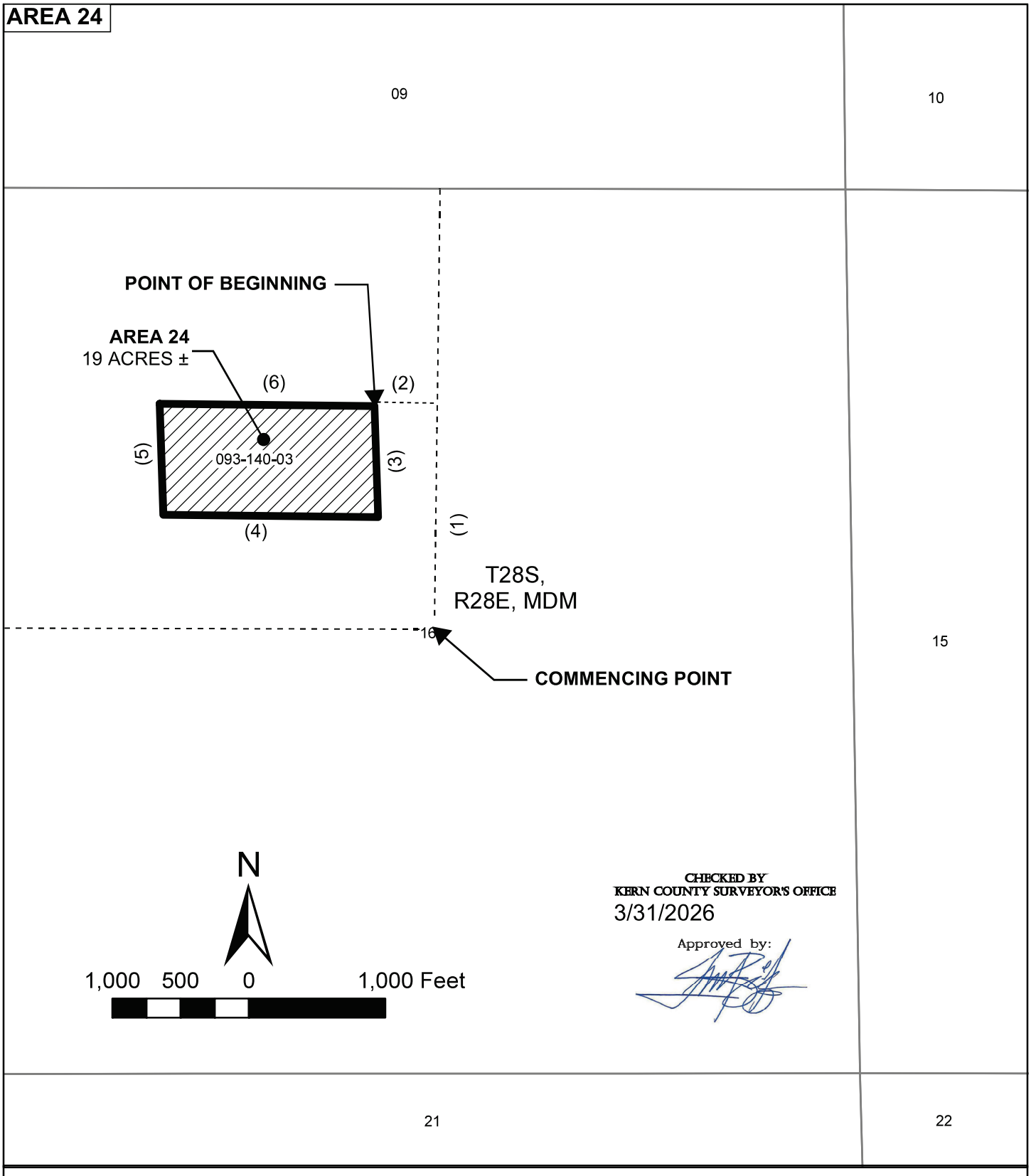
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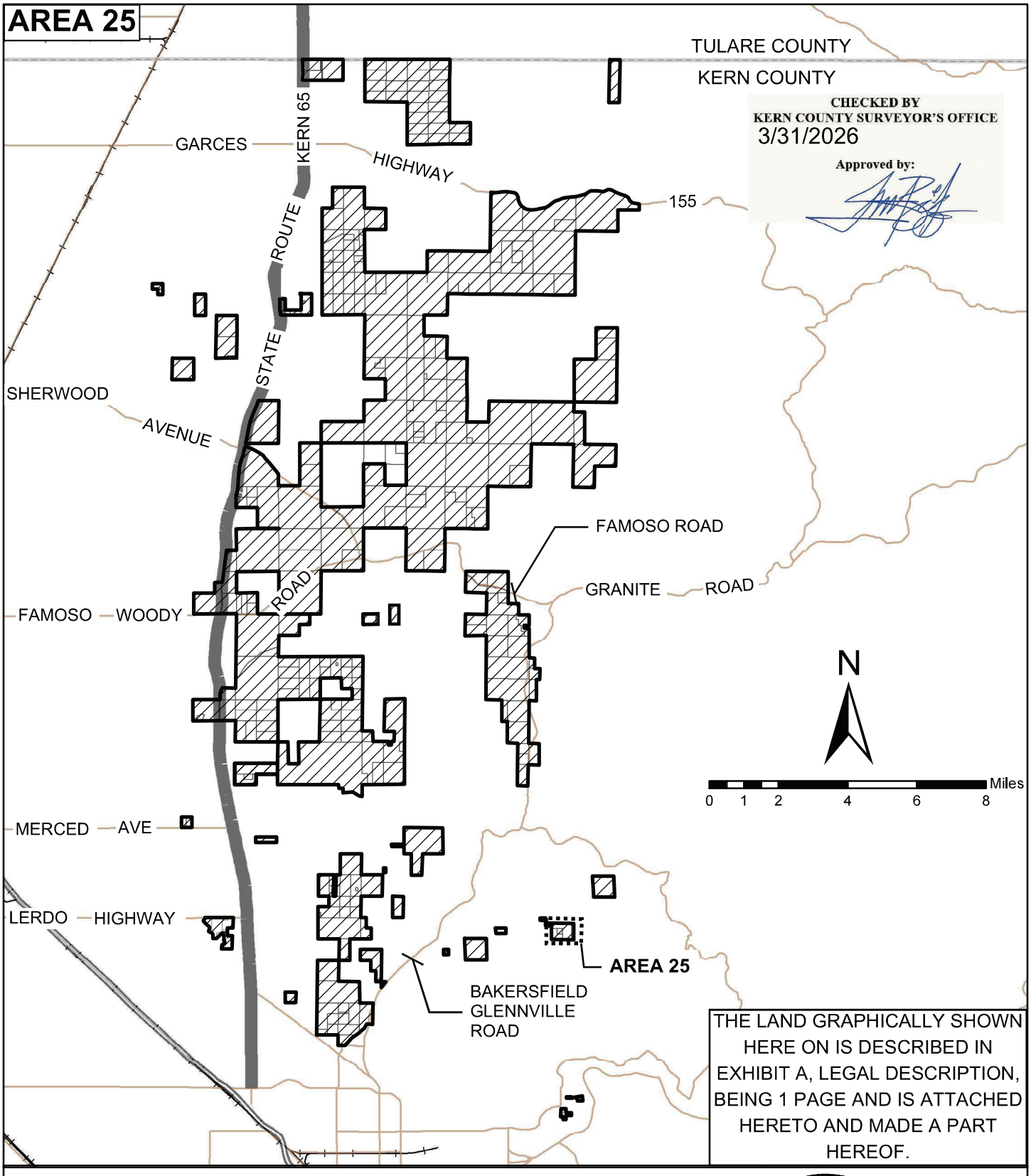


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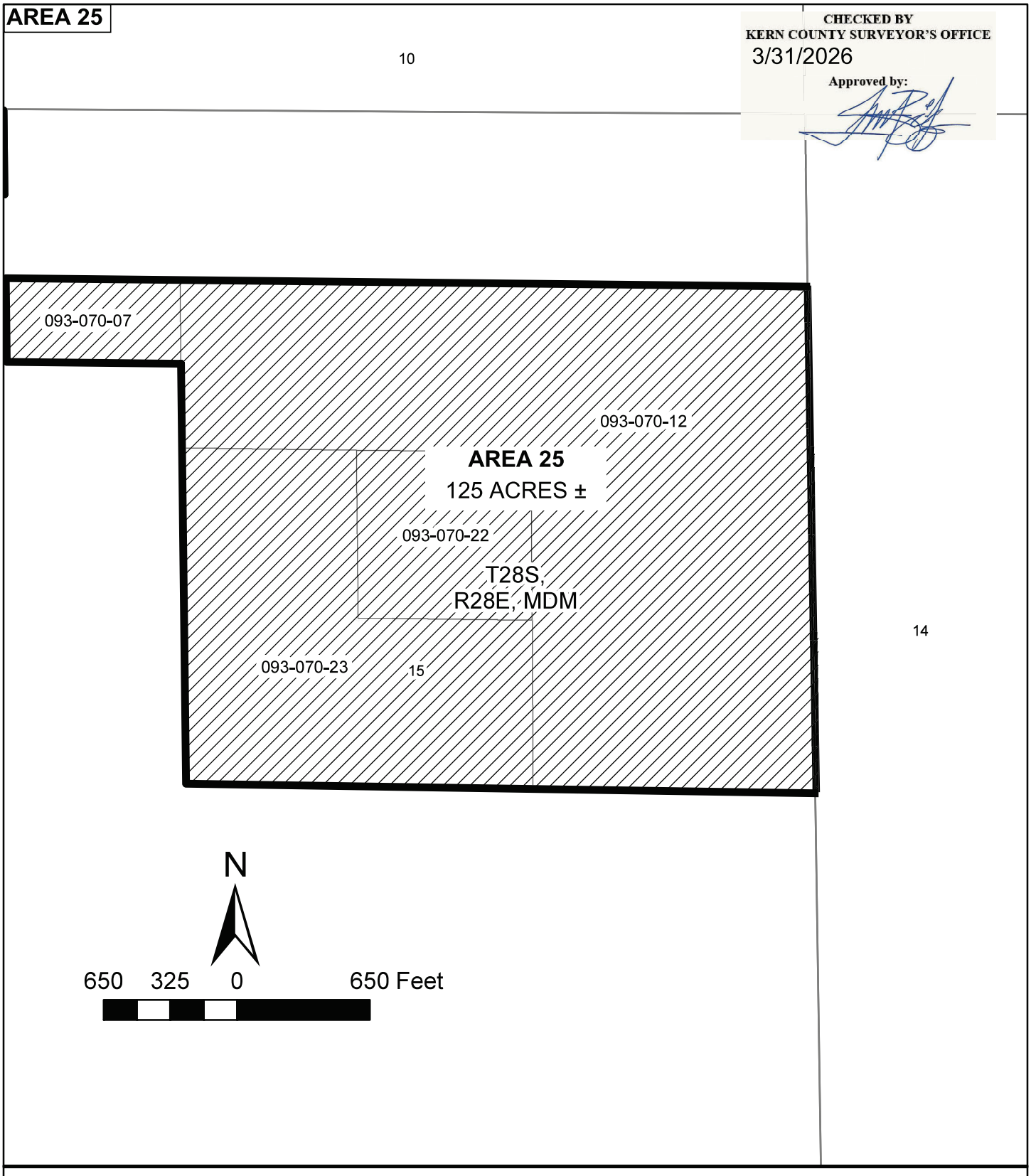
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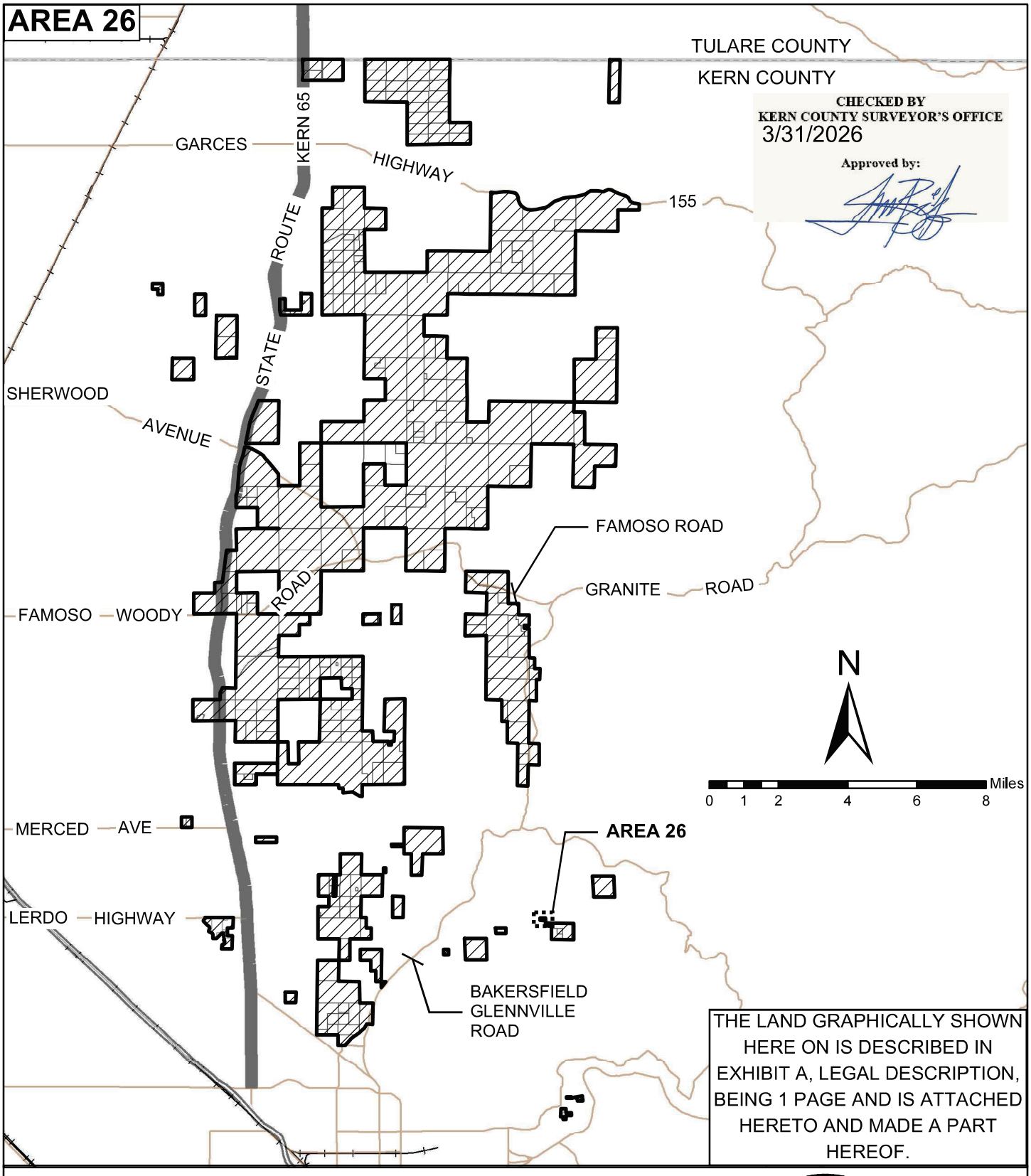


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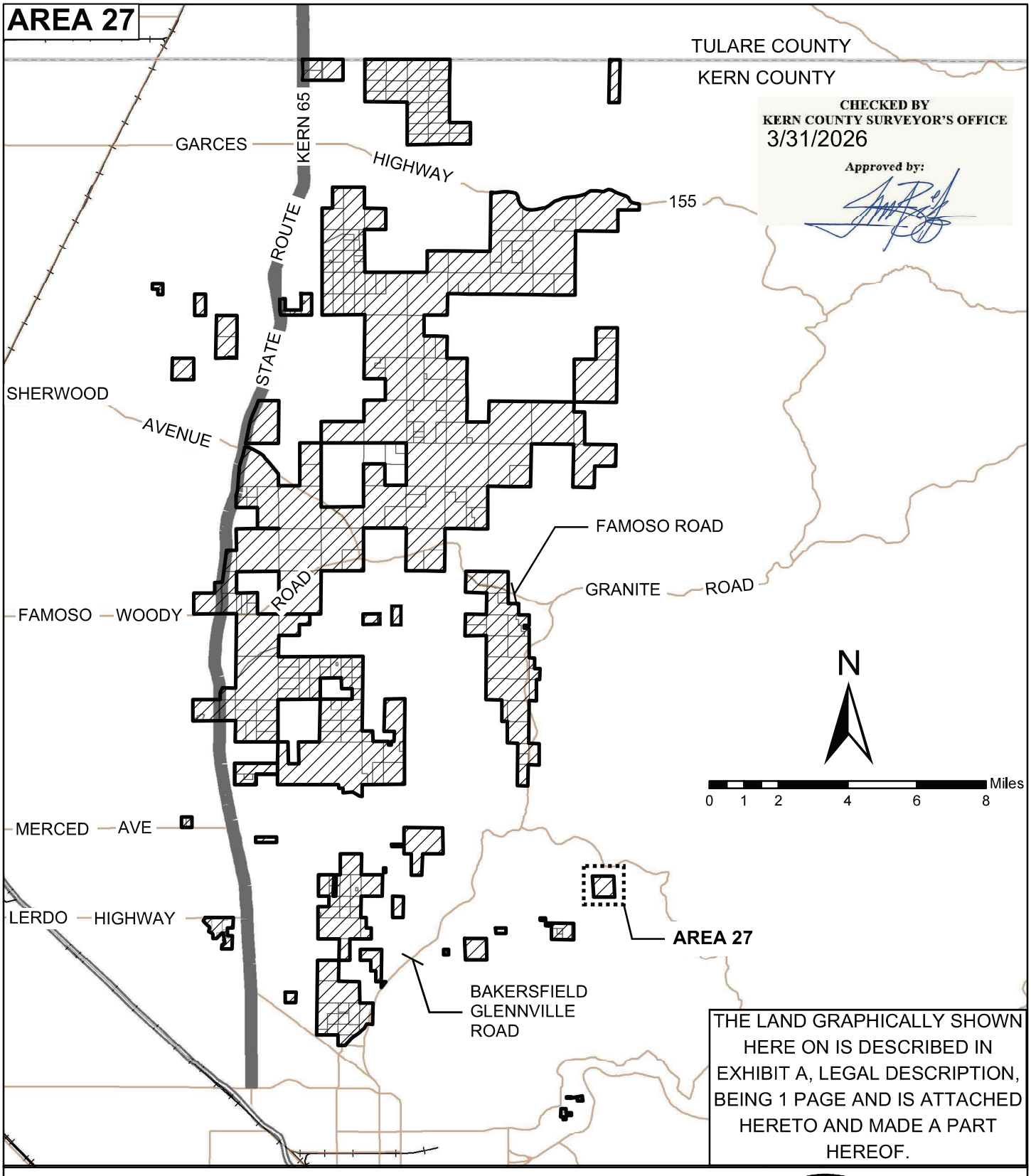


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Landowner Petition in Support of the Formation of the Eastside Kern Water District, a California Water District

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IN SUPPORT OF
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- I personally affixed hereto the date of my signing this petition and the Assessor's Parcel Number(s), or a description sufficient to identify the location of my land.

Name of Signer	Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Date Signed	Official Use
Sign _____ Name/Title: Winthrop B. Pescosolido Owner: County Line Ranch Area: **One**	051-010-51; 051-010-52; 051-010-53	11/6/25	

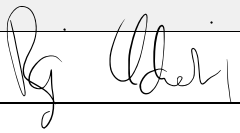
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Sign  Name/Title: Raj Udeshi , Member / Manager Owner: Farmclub LLC Area: **Two**	051-010-66; 051-010-67; 051-010-68; 051-010-73; 051-170-21; 051-170-23; 051-170-24; 051-170-25; 051-170-28; 051-170-29; 051-170-30; 051-170-31; 051-170-32; 051-170-33; 051-170-34; 051-170-35; 051-170-36; 051-170-37	11.8.25	
Sign Name/Title: Owner: Salmons LLC Area: **Two**	051-170-20; 051-170-22; 051-170-27; 051-170-26		
Sign Name/Title: Owner: Arius Farms LLC Area: **Two**	051-010-69		

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Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Salmons LLC Area: **Two**	051-170-20; 051-170-22; 051-170-27; 051-170-26		
Sign _____ Name/Title: Hajir Dadgostar, Partner Owner: Arius Farms LLC Area: **Two**	051-010-69	11/12/25	

Sign Houshang Dadgostar Yassaman Dadgostar Name/Title: Owners Owner: Houshang Dadgostar and Yassaman Dadgostar Revocable living Trust Area: **Two**	051-010-70; 051-010-71; 051-010-72	11/7/25	

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Name of Signer	Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Date Signed	Official Use
Sign Mark Coelho Name/Title: Mark Coelho, EVP Owner: US Horticulture Farmland LLC Area: **Five**	051-132-29	12/11/25	

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Part IVb: LANDOWNER PETITION
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THE FORMATION OF THE
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AREA 6

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Name of Signer	Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Date Signed	Official Use
Sign _____ Name/Title: Jeffrey A Yurosek, Manager Owner: Jay LLC Area: **Six**	060-281-13	11/13/25	

Area 7

Part IVb: LANDOWNER PETITION
IN SUPPORT OF
THE FORMATION OF THE
EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT, A CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT
AREA 7

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Sign _____ Name/Title: Joseph Ipe (President) Owner: Kern Fruit & Nuts LLC Area: **Seven**	060-282-03	12/18/2025	
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Jay LLC Area: **Seven**	060-282-02		

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Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Kern Fruit & Nuts LLC Area: **Seven**	060-282-03		
Sign _____ Name/Title: Jeffrey A. Yurosek, Manager Owner: Jay LLC Area: **Seven**	060-282-02	11/13/25	

Area 9

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Sign [signature] Name/Title: Mike Eckmeier / Principal Print Cohagen Land & Cattle Co, LLC Area: Nine	051-122-01; 051-122-02; 051-122-03; 051-122-04; 051-122-06; 051-122-07; 051-122-08; 051-122-24; 051-122-25; 051-122-26; 051-122-28; 051-180-09; 051-180-22; 051-180-24; 051-190-23; 051-200-01; 051-200-09; 051-200-10; 051-210-02; 051-210-04; 051-210-05; 051-210-06; 051-210-07; 051-210-08; 051-210-09; 051-210-10; 051-210-12; 051-210-13; 051-210-15; 051-210-16; 051-210-17; 051-210-18; 060-271-06; 060-272-08; 060-272-11; 060-290-04; 060-290-06; 060-290-28; 060-290-29; 061-010-10; 061-020-01; 061-020-03; 061-020-04; 061-020-17; 061-020-20; 061-020-21; 061-020-22; 061-020-23; 061-020-24; 061-030-01; 061-030-02; 061-040-01; 061-040-02; 061-040-03; 061-040-04; 061-040-05; 061-040-06; 061-040-07; 061-040-08; 061-040-09; 061-040-11; 061-040-13;	10/17/2025 10/17/2025	

	061-040-16; 061-040-20; 061-040-31; 061-071-03		
Sign _____ Name/Title: Winthrop B. Pescosolido Print Canyon Ranch Area: **Nine**	051-102-05	11/6/25	
Sign _____ Name/Title: Winthrop B. Pescosolido Print Cameo Ranches Area: **Nine**	051-102-08; 051-102-11	11/6/25	
Sign _____ Name/Title: Winthrop. B. Pescosolido Print Kern Ranch Area: **Nine**	051-102-10; 051-121-04; 051-121-05; 051-121-06; 051-121-08; 051-121-09; 051-121-10; 051-121-11; 051-121-12; 051-121-13; 051-121-14; 051-121-15; 051-121-20; 051-121-21; 051-121-24; 051-121-25; 051-121-27	11/6/25	
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Jay LLC Area: **Nine**	060-322-23; 060-360-18; 060-360-19; 060-370-39; 060-370-62; 074-010-17		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Famoso Hills Ranch Area: **Nine**	060-360-01; 074-290-08; 074-290-09		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Reina Properties Area: **Nine**	060-360-16; 074-010-27; 074-030-48;074-030-49; 074-030-50; 074-030-51; 074-030-52; 074-030-53; 074-030-54; 074-030-55; 074-042-52; 074-043-05; 074-043-06; 074-043-07; 074-043-08; 074-043-09; 074-043-10; 074-043-11; 074-043-12; 074-290-04; 074-290-05		

	061-040-16; 061-040-20; 061-040-31; 061-071-03		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Canyon Ranch Area: **Nine**	051-102-05		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Cameo Ranches Area: **Nine**	051-102-08; 051-102-11		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Kern Ranch Area: **Nine**	051-102-10; 051-121-04; 051-121-05; 051-121-06; 051-121-08; 051-121-09; 051-121-10; 051-121-11; 051-121-12; 051-121-13; 051-121-14; 051-121-15; 051-121-20; 051-121-21; 051-121-24; 051-121-25; 051-121-27		
Sign Jeffrey A Yurosek Name/Title: Jeffrey A Yurosek, Manager Print Jay LLC Area: **Nine**	060-322-23; 060-360-18; 060-360-19; 060-370-39; 060-370-62; 074-010-17	11/13/25	
Sign Jeffrey A Yurosek Name/Title: Jeffrey A Yurosek, Manager Print Famoso Hills Ranch Area: **Nine**	060-360-01; 074-290-08; 074-290-09	11/13/25	
Sign Jeffrey A Yurosek Name/Title: Jeffrey A Yurosek, Manager Print Reina Properties Area: **Nine**	060-360-16; 074-010-27; 074-030-48;074-030-49; 074-030-50; 074-030-51; 074-030-52; 074-030-53; 074-030-54; 074-030-55; 074-042-52; 074-043-05; 074-043-06; 074-043-07; 074-043-08; 074-043-09; 074-043-10; 074-043-11; 074-043-12; 074-290-04; 074-290-05	11/13/25	

Sign Name/Title: Jeffrey A. Yurosek, Manager Print BJL Farming LLC Area: **Nine**	074-010-28; 074-030-11; 074-030-27; 074-050-02; 074-050-03; 074-050-04; 074-050-05; 074-050-09; 074-050-11; 074-050-62; 074-050-64; 074-050-65; 074-050-74	11/13/25	
Sign Name/Title: Jeremy J. Yurosek, Manager Print JY Farming LLC Area: **Nine**	074-010-08; 074-010-09	11/18/25	
Sign Name/Title: Jeffrey A. Yurosek, Manager Print Homewood MT Partners LLC Area: **Nine**	074-043-01	11/13/25	
Sign Name/Title: Print Marshall Family Trust Area: **Nine**	060-290-07; 060-290-08; 061-071-01		
Sign Name/Title: Print Hall Terry A & Denise D Area: **Nine**	060-290-11		
Sign Name/Title: Print Michael Peter Cannon Area: **Nine**	060-360-08; 061-030-08; 061-040-25; 061-071-07 061-071-37; 061-071-38; 061-072-18		

Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print BJL Farming LLC Area: **Nine**	074-010-28; 074-030-11; 074-030-27; 074-050-02; 074-050-03; 074-050-04; 074-050-05; 074-050-09; 074-050-11; 074-050-62; 074-050-64; 074-050-65; 074-050-74		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print JY Farming LLC Area: **Nine**	074-010-08; 074-010-09		
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Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Marshall Family Trust Area: **Nine**	060-290-07; 060-290-08; 061-071-01		
Sign Terry A. Hall Denise D. Hall Name/Title: Terry A. Hall – owner ~~Denise D. Hall – owner~~ Print Hall Terry A & Denise D Area: **Nine**	060-290-11	10/26/2025 10/26/2025	
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Michael Peter Cannon Area: **Nine**	060-360-08; 061-030-08; 061-040-25; 061-071-07 061-071-37; 061-071-38; 061-072-18		

Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print BJL Farming LLC _____ Area: **Nine**	074-010-28; 074-030-11; 074-030-27; 074-050-02; 074-050-03; 074-050-04; 074-050-05; 074-050-09; 074-050-11; 074-050-62; 074-050-64; 074-050-65; 074-050-74		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print JY Farming LLC _____ Area: **Nine**	074-010-08; 074-010-09		
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Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Marshall Family Trust _____ Area: **Nine**	060-290-07; 060-290-08; 061-071-01		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Hall Terry A & Denise D _____ Area: **Nine**	060-290-11		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Michael Peter Cannon _____ Area: **Nine**	060-360-08; 061-030-08; 061-040-25; 061-071-07 061-071-37; 061-071-38; 061-072-18	10/31/2025	

Sign Alleson Bixler Name/Title: Alleson Bixler, Trustee Print Bixler Real Estate Trust Area: **Nine**	060-360-09; 060-360-14; 061-050-03; 061-072-19	11/3/25	
Sign Name/Title: Print Lugo Edward A III & Benita Area: **Nine**	060-360-17		
Sign Name/Title: Print Jaspar Dee & Gail Area: **Nine**	060-370-15; 060-370-69; 060-370-70; 060-370-79; 060-370-80; 060-370-83; 060-370-84; 060-370-85; 060-370-86; 074-020-12; 074-020-13; 074-020-65		
Sign Name/Title: Print Cowboy Prop LLC Area: **Nine**	074-020-66		
Sign Name/Title: Print Jaspar Family Trust Area: **Nine**	074-290-23		
Sign Name/Title: Print Lucas Michael & Cattrina Area: **Nine**	060-370-71		

Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Skaggs C&R Family Trust Area: **Nine**	060-370-82		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Willow Springs Ranch LLC Area: **Nine**	061-010-05; 061-010-15		
Sign _____ Chad Hathaway Name/Title: Managing member Print Devils Den LLC Area: **Nine**	061-071-39; 061-071-40; 074-061-32; 074-061-33	10/20/25	
Sign _____ Chad Hathaway Name/Title: Managing member Print Hathaway Farming LLC Area: **Nine**	074-042-77	10/20/25	
Sign _____ Name/Title: TRUSTEE Chad Hathaway Print Hathaway C&L Family Trust Area: **Nine**	074-061-29	10/20/25	
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Berry Petroleum Company LLC Area: **Nine**	074-030-02; 074-030-03; 074-030-15; 074-030-30; 074-030-41; 074-030-42; 074-030-43; 074-030-44; 074-030-45; 074-030-46; 074-030-47; 074-030-62; 074-030-63; 074-030-64; 074-030-65; 074-030-66; 074-030-67; 074-030-68		

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Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Willow Springs Ranch LLC Area: **Nine**	061-010-05; 061-010-15		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Devils Den LLC Area: **Nine**	061-071-39; 061-071-40; 074-061-32; 074-061-33		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Hathaway Farming LLC Area: **Nine**	074-042-77		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Hathaway C&L Family Trust Area: **Nine**	074-061-29		
Sign _____ Name/Title: Raymond Rodriguez, VP HSE Print Berry Petroleum Company, LLC Area: **Nine**	074-030-02; 074-030-03; 074-030-15; 074-030-31; 074-030-41; 074-030-42; 074-030-43; 074-030-44; 074-030-45; 074-030-46; 074-030-47; 074-030-62; 074-030-63; 074-030-64; 074-030-65; 074-030-66; 074-030-67; 074-030-68	11/19/25	

Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Taylor Steve & Jody Area: **Nine**	074-042-49		
Sign _____ Name/Title: Lance Burton / Attorney in Fact Print Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Area: **Nine**	074-050-06; 074-050-10		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Hernandez, Ivonne Jacqueline Area: **Nine**	074-050-08		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print Macfarlane Land & Farm Area: **Nine**	074-290-22		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Print SBC Tower Holdings LLC Area: **Nine**	074-290-23		

Area 10

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Sign _____ Name/Title: Jeffrey A. Yunsek, Manager Owner: Reina Properties LLC Area: **Ten**	060-322-14	11/13/25	

Area 11

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Sign Valerie Riley Name/Title: Director Land Owner: California Resources Petroleum Corporation Area: **Eleven**	074-090-16; 074-090-17; 074-090-27; 074-100-01; 074-100-02; 074-100-05; 074-110-09; 074-110-10; 074-110-11; 074-120-16; 074-130-04; 074-130-05; 074-130-06		
Sign Valerie Riley Name/Title: Director Land Owner: OSO Rojo LLC Area: **Eleven**	074-090-05; 074-090-08; 074-090-09		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Carlson Family Trust Area: **Eleven**	074-090-12; 074-090-14; 074-090-15; 074-090-20; 074-090-21		

Sign Robert H Poe Name/Title: ROBERT POE / OWNER Owner: Poe Rober H Area: **Eleven**	074-110-06	10/28/25	
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Rice, Robert J et al Area: **Eleven**	074-110-06		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Stoliker, Veva M Living Trust Area: **Eleven**	074-110-06		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Manion Family Trust Area: **Eleven**	074-110-07		

Area 12

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Name of Signer	Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Date Signed	Official Use
Sign [signature] Name/Title: Jeffrey A. Yurosek, Manager Owner: BJL Farming, LLC Area: **Twelve**	074-010-08; 074-010-09	11/13/25	

Area 13

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Sign Rick McPhee Name/Title: Rick McPheeters/owner Owner: McPheeters Rick & Linda Family Trust Area: **Thirteen**	074-062-09	10/21/25	
Sign /owner Name/Title: Jon Borda /owner Owner: Borda Jon M & Dawn Area: **Thirteen**	074-062-10	10/21/25	

Area 15

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Name of Signer	Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Date Signed	Official Use
Sign _____ Name/Title: Jerola Anderson Manager Owner: Petro Capital Resources, LLC Area: **Fifteen**	481-070-03; 481-070-04; 481-070-32; 481-070-13; 481-070-15; 481-070-09; 481-070-11; 481-070-08; 481-080-02; 481-011-25	12/19/25	

Area 16

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Name of Signer	Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Date Signed	Official Use
Sign Valerie Ruby Name/Title: Director Land Owner: California Resources Petroleum Corp Area: **Sixteen**	481-011-25; 481-012-08; 481-012-18; 481-012-20; 481-012-25; 481-012-27; 481-012-29; 481-012-44; 481-012-45; 481-012-56; 481-050-02; 481-050-04; 481-050-06; 481-050-31; 481-050-34; 481-120-05; 481-120-07; 481-120-14; 481-120-15; 481-120-16; 481-130-06; 481-130-15; 481-130-16; 481-130-35		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Kern Enterprises Area: **Sixteen**	481-012-06; 481-012-09; 481-012-14; 481-012-15		

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Sign _____ Name/Title: Eugene J. Voiland Manager Owner: Kern Enterprises Area: **Sixteen**	481-012-06; 481-012-09; 481-012-14; 481-012-15	10/28/25	

Sign  Name/Title: Owner Owner: Hein Martin & Kathryn Family Trust Area: **Sixteen**	481-012-21		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Chevron USA, Inc. Area: **Sixteen**	481-012-48		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: High Sierra Ltd a Texas LTG Area: **Sixteen**	481-012-56		

Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Hein Martin & Kathryn Family Trust Area: **Sixteen**	481-012-21		
Sign _____ Name/Title: Lance Burton / Attorney in Fact Owner: Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Area: **Sixteen**	481-012-48		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: High Sierra Ltd a Texas LTG Area: **Sixteen**	481-012-56		

Area 17

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Sign  Name/Title: Lance Burton / Attorney in Fact Owner: Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Area: **Seventeen**	093-032-02		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Beinn Properties LLC Area: **Seventeen**	481-022-03		

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Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Chevron USA Inc. Area: **Seventeen**	093-032-02		
Sign Sean McKee Name/Title SEAN MCKEE - MANAGER Owner: Beinn Properties LLC Area: **Seventeen**	481-022-03, 074-050-12	10-27-25	

Area 18

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Name of Signer	Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Date Signed	Official Use
Sign _____ Name/Title: Lance Burton / Attorney in Fact Owner: Chevron U.S.A. Inc. Area: **Eighteen**	481-150-14		

Area 19

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IN SUPPORT OF
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EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT, A CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT
AREA 19

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Name of Signer	Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Date Signed	Official Use
Sign  Name/Title: Owner Owner: Hein Martin & Kathryn Family TR Area: **Nineteen**	481-012-51		

Area 21

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AGEND

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Name of Signer	Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Date Signed	Official Use
Sign Valerie Riley Name/Title: Director Land Owner: California Resources Petroleum Corp Area: **Twenty One**	481-050-38		

Area 22

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Part IVb: LANDOWNER PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THE FORMATION OF THE EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT, A CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT AREA 22

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Name of Signer	Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Date Signed	Official Use
Sign [signature] Name/Title: Cameron Miller, Agent Owner: Edythe Miller Trust Area: **Twenty Two**	093-150-10	11/21/25	

Area 23

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Name of Signer	Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Date Signed	Official Use
Sign _____ Name/Title: Raymond Rodriguez, VP HSE Owner: Berry Petroleum Company, LLC Area: **Twenty Three**	093-120-07	11/19/25	

Area 24

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Name of Signer	Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Date Signed	Official Use
Sign _____ Name/Title: Cameron Miller, Mgr Owner: Edythe Miller Trust Area: **Twenty Four**	093-140-03	11/21/25	

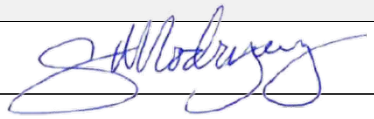
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Sign  Name/Title: Raymond Rodriguez, VP HSE Owner: Berry Petroleum Company, LLC Area: **Twenty Five**	093-070-07	11/19/25	
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Pace Diversified, Corp Area: **Twenty Five**	093-070-12; 093-070-22		
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Dark Rock LLC Area: **Twenty Five**	093-070-23		

Part IVb: LANDOWNER PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THE FORMATION OF THE EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT, A CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT AREA 25

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Name of Signer	Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Date Signed	Official Use
Sign _____ Name/Title: _____ Owner: Berry Petroleum Company LLC Area: **Twenty Five**	093-070-07		
Sign _____ Name/Title: Dwayne Roach. President Owner: Pace Diversified, Corp Area: **Twenty Five**	093-070-12; 093-070-22	10/28/25	
Sign _____ Name/Title: D Roach. Managing Member Owner: Dark Rock LLC Area: **Twenty Five**	093-070-23	10/28/25	

Area 26

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AREA 26

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Name of Signer	Assessor's Parcel Number(s)	Date Signed	Official Use
Sign _____ Name/Title: Raymond Rodriguez, VP HSE Owner: Berry Petroleum Company, LLC Area: **Twenty Six**	093-070-02	11/19/25	

Area 27

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AREA 27

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Sign _____ Name/Title: Raymond Rodriguez, VP HSE Owner: Berry Petroleum Company, LLC Area: **Twenty Seven**	093-010-13	11/19/25	

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning & Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk, County of Kern
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

FROM: Kern Local Agency Formation Commission
5300 Lennox Ave Suite 303
Bakersfield CA 93309
Contact: Blair Knox
Phone: 661-716-1076

Lead Agency: Kern Local Agency Formation Commisssion
5300 Lennox Avenue, Suite 303
Bakersfield CA 93309
(661) 716-1076

Contact: **Blair Knox, Executive Officer**

Phone: **(661) 716-1076**

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): **N/A**

Project Title:

Eastside Kern Water District, A California Water District: Formation and Sphere of Influence Determination

Project Location (include county): ***KERN***

22 non-contiguous areas located South of Famoso Road, east/west of Highway 65

Project Description:

Its primary function would be to provide a local governmental structure for groundwater management, regulatory compliance, representation in SGMA-related proceedings, and participation in basin-wide coordination

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: **Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)**

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: **Blair Knox, Executive Officer**

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ *Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);*
- ☐ *Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080 (b)(3); 152969(a));*
- ☐ *Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));*
- ☒ *Categorical Exemption.- State Type & Section:* **General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))**
- ☐ *Statutory Exemptions. State Code:* **Public Resources Code (Sec. 21080 (b)(8))**

Reasons why project is exempt:

The District formation involves no construction, land alteration, development, or other physical changes to the environmental. The action is purely administrative in nature, establishing a governance structure for groundwater management.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER _____

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kern LAFCo

FROM: Eastside Water Management Area, Inc. (Dan Raytis)

DATE: October 3, 2026

RE: Formation of the Eastside Kern Water District — procedural steps and timeline from LAFCo's completeness determination

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I. Purpose, Scope and Background

This memorandum outlines the procedural steps and timeline to form the Eastside Kern Water District ("EKWD" or the "District"), a California water district, beginning at the point at which the Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCo") executive officer has determined that the application and supporting materials submitted by Eastside Water Management Area, Inc. ("EWMA") are complete and acceptable for filing, and running through formation and the seating of the initial board of directors, as well as the recording of the certificate of completion. It does not address the petition, notice-of-intent, or application-content requirements that precede the completeness determination; those steps are substantially complete at this time.

Two statutory schemes operate together when a special district in California is formed. In this case, the District's principal act is the California Water District Law, Water Code § 34000 et seq. (the "principal act") under which EWMA has applied to form the District. Layered over the principal act is the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, Government Code § 56000 et seq. (the "Reorganization Act" or "CKH"). CKH provides the "sole and exclusive authority and procedure" for changes of organization, and it directs that proceedings to form a district "shall be conducted as authorized by the principal act of the district proposed to be formed, except that the commission shall serve as the conducting authority and the procedural requirements of [CKH] shall apply and shall prevail in the event of conflict with the procedural requirements of the principal act of the district." (Gov't Code § 56100). Where a conflict exists, "the commission shall specify the procedural requirements that apply." (Gov't Code § 56100). As a practical matter, LAFCo — not the county Board of Supervisors — conducts the proceedings, and where the Water Code and CKH diverge, LAFCo resolves the conflict and states the governing procedure.

The relevant facts of the EKWD proposal shape its formation and several of the steps below:

- The proposed District comprises 24 non-contiguous areas totaling approximately 40,000 acres south of Famoso Road, east and west of Highway 65.
- The affected territory is uninhabited — fewer than 12 registered voters reside within its boundaries (Gov. Code § 56079.5).

- The petition and application are proceeding under Water Code § 34153 — signatures of the holders of title to a majority of the assessed value of land within each non-contiguous area — not on unanimous landowner consent.
- EKWD will be a landowner-voter district: the right to vote runs with land ownership rather than voter residence. A seven-member elected board will be elected at large, with no division or zone seats.

NOTE: CEQA and environmental review. Although this memorandum is directed to the CKH and Water Code procedural steps, the formation is also subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, which proceeds on a parallel track that LAFCo administers as part of the standard formation process. LAFCo is the lead agency for the formation (Pub. Res. Code § 21067), and where LAFCo is the lead agency the 30-day completeness determination in Government Code § 56658(c) does not apply; the environmental determination therefore relates to both the completeness determination and LAFCo's determination on the merits. EWMA is proceeding on the assumption that a Notice of Exemption is the appropriate CEQA vehicle. A facially valid Notice of Exemption commences a 35-day statute of limitations (Pub. Res. Code § 21167(d)), and a timely reconsideration request tolls that period (Gov't Code § 56895(d)). The environmental determination must precede or accompany LAFCo's action on the merits.

II. From Certificate of Filing to the Commission Hearing: Substantive Review and Timeline

A. **Issuance and effect of the certificate of filing.** When the executive officer accepts the application for filing, the officer then issues a certificate of filing to the applicant, which "shall specify the date upon which the proposal shall be heard by the commission." (Gov't Code § 56658(f)). Issuance of the certificate starts the substantive-review clock.[1]

B. **Setting the commission hearing — a mandatory 90-day outer limit.** Following issuance of the certificate of filing, the executive officer "shall proceed to set the proposal for hearing and give published notice." (Gov't Code § 56658(h)). The hearing date "shall be not more than 90 days after issuance of the certificate of filing or after the application is deemed to have been accepted, whichever is earlier," and this deadline "is mandatory." This deadline is mandatory, but its mandatory character comes from Government Code § 56106 — which

[1]Although this memorandum begins at the completeness determination, the property tax exchange under Revenue and Taxation Code § 99 precedes the certificate of filing. Upon filing and before issuing the certificate, the executive officer notices the county assessor and auditor (Rev. & Tax. Code § 99(b)), and the certificate of filing may not issue until the affected agencies present tax-exchange resolutions (Rev. & Tax. Code § 99(b)(6); Gov't Code § 56658(d)(1)). On a formation, the auditor assigns the allocation determined under Government Code § 56810 (Rev. & Tax. Code § 99(a)(3)). That process appears satisfied here through the County Administrative Office determination; it is only noted because a later amendment to the proposal could, theoretically, reopen the negotiation window.

makes the division's time limits directory "except for notice requirements and the requirements of subdivision (h) of Section 56658 and subdivision (b) of Section 56895" — not from any "mandatory" language in section 56658(h) itself. (Gov't Code § 56106). LAFCo therefore must hear the EKWD proposal within 90 days of the certificate. By contrast, the 35-day resolution deadline (§ 56880), the 35-day protest-hearing setting period (§ 57002(a)), and the continuance limits (§§ 56666, 57050) are directory under section 56106, while the published, posted, and mailed notice requirements and the 30-day reconsideration period (§ 56895(b)) are mandatory.

C. **The executive officer's report and recommendation.** LAFCo staff must review the application and "prepare a report, including his or her recommendations." (Gov't Code § 56665). The report "shall be completed not less than five days prior to the date specified in the notice of hearing," and copies are furnished to the applicant, affected agencies, and affected cities. (Gov't Code § 56665). The report evaluates the proposal against the statutory review factors below and against the plan for providing services EWMA submitted.

D. **Factors LAFCo must consider.** In reviewing the proposal, LAFCo must consider a non-exclusive list of factors, including factors relating to population, land area and land use, assessed valuation, topography, and likely growth; the need for and cost and adequacy of the governmental services; effects on adjacent areas and the effects on maintaining the physical and economic integrity of agricultural lands; conformity with LAFCo policies and spheres of influence; comments of affected agencies; the entity's ability to provide the services, "including the sufficiency of revenues for those services…", "[t]imely availability of water supplies adequate for projected needs…," any comments from landowners within the affected territory, etc. (Gov't Code § 56668). Because the proposal is a formation, LAFCo must also determine "whether existing agencies can feasibly provide the needed service or services in a more efficient and accountable manner," and, if a new single-purpose agency is deemed necessary, the commission shall consider whether it should be reorganized with related single-purpose agencies. (Gov't Code § 56886.5).[2]

III. Notice of the Commission Hearing

A. **Publication and posting.** The executive officer gives notice of the commission hearing by publication and by posting (Gov't Code § 56660). Publication of a hearing notice is made one time (per § 6061) and "shall be commenced at least 21 days prior to the date specified in the notice for the hearing." (Gov't Code § 56154). Posted notice shall be on or near the doors of the meeting room of the commission or upon any official bulletin board used for the purpose of posting public notices by, or pertaining to, the commission. (Gov't Code §56158). The notice shall be posted for no less than 5 days; for hearings, posting shall

[2] EWMA's Feasibility Study/MSR is directed at these findings.

commence at least 21 days prior to the date specified in the notice of hearing and shall remain posted until the hearing. (Gov't Code § 56159).

B. **Mailed notice — recipients.** The executive officer must also give mailed (or, where available, emailed) notice of the hearing to: each "affected" local agency[3]; the proponents; any person who has requested special notice; each city within three miles of the exterior boundaries of the territory proposed to be formed into a new district; the affected county; and all landowners within the affected territory (using first class mail addressed to the most recent assessment roll per § 56157(d)). (Gov't Code § 56661).

C. **Mailed notice to landowners within 300 feet of the district.** Notice is not limited to landowners inside the proposed boundaries. Government Code § 56157(d) requires that mailed notice be addressed to each person to whom land within the affected territory is assessed on the most recent assessment roll and to all landowners within 300 feet of the exterior boundary of the property that is the subject of the hearing, at least 21 days prior to the hearing. (Gov't Code § 56157). Mailed notice must be sent first class, postage prepaid (Gov't Code § 56155), at least 21 days before the hearing (Gov't Code § 56156).

IV. The Commission's Determination: Approval, Conditions, or Disapproval

A. **Conduct of the hearing.** The hearing is held on the noticed date and "may be continued from time to time but not to exceed 70 days from the date specified in the original notice." (Gov't Code § 56666(a)). At the hearing, LAFCo hears and receives any oral or written protests, objections, or evidence, and considers the executive officer's report and the plan for providing services. (Gov't Code § 56666(b)).

B. **Factors LAFCo must consider.** See above, II.D.

C. **LAFCo's dispositional authority.** LAFCo has the power "[t]o review and approve, with or without amendment, wholly, partially, or conditionally, or disapprove" the proposal, consistent with its adopted, written policies. (Gov't Code § 56375(a)(1)). Any approval may be made subject to terms and conditions in the resolution making determinations,[4]

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[3] "Affected local agency" means any local agency that contains, or would contain, or whose sphere of influence contains or would contain, any territory for which a change of organization is proposed or ordered (i.e., overlap), either singularly or as part of a reorganization or for which a study is to be reviewed by the commission. (**Gov't Code § 56014**).

[4] Section 56886 conditions may include, as applicable, the levying or fixing of assessments. (§ 56886(b)). A LAFCo condition under section 56886 does not itself supply assessment authority, however; the section frames the levying or fixing of assessments as a condition "for the purpose of providing for any payment" and, in subdivision (t), addresses the continuation of charges "previously authorized," so it attaches conditions to authority the district otherwise holds rather than granting a stand-alone levy. Any assessment the District later imposes must independently satisfy article XIII D (engineer's report, proportional special-benefit findings, mailed notice, and an assessment-ballot proceeding), and any

although those conditions may not "directly regulate land use [or] property development...." (Gov't Code § 56886). Because the Commission may approve with amendment, a reduced territory is a possible outcome; if the Commission removes one or more areas, petition sufficiency under Water Code § 34153 (a majority of the assessed value within each non-contiguous area) and the two-mile non-contiguity test may require re-examination for the territory as amended, along with consistency with the environmental record and the published and mailed notices.

D. **The resolution making determinations — 35-day deadline.** "At any time not later than 35 days after the conclusion of the hearing, the commission shall adopt a resolution making determinations approving or disapproving the proposal, with or without conditions." (Gov't Code § 56880). If LAFCo disapproves, "no further proceedings shall be taken." (Gov't Code § 56880). That statement should be read together with Government Code § 56884, which governs the time for reapplication following a disapproval.[5]

Illustrative timeline from Complete Application to LAFCo Hearing

Step	Governing section	Timing
Certificate of filing issued; application deemed filed	Gov. Code § 56658	Day 0
Published notice of commission hearing commenced	Gov. Code § 56154	≥ 21 days before hearing
Mailed notice to landowners in territory and within 300 ft	Gov. Code §§ 56157, 56661	≥ 21 days before hearing
Executive officer's report completed	Gov. Code § 56665	≥ 5 days before hearing
Commission hearing on the proposal	Gov. Code § 56658	≤ 90 days after certificate (mandatory)
Hearing continuances (if any)	Gov. Code § 56666	≤ 70 days from original noticed date
Resolution making determinations (approve/disapprove)	Gov. Code § 56880	≤ 35 days after hearing concludes

groundwater extraction charge must satisfy article XIII C/Proposition 26 and the Water Code § 10730 et seq. procedure. An article XIII D assessment-ballot proceeding is conducted by the District and weighted by proportional financial obligation, not by the county elections official; it is a property-owner proceeding, cannot be consolidated with the formation or board election, and cannot occur until the board is seated.

[5] "No similar proposal involving the same or substantially the same territory shall be initiated for one year after the date of adoption of the resolution terminating proceedings." (§ 56884(a)(2)).

V. Protest Proceedings

A. **Protest proceedings follow approval.** [6] After LAFCo adopts its resolution making determinations, protest proceedings are conducted under Part 4 of CKH (§ 57000 et seq.). (Gov't Code § 57000). Because CKH serves as the conducting authority and its procedural requirements prevail (Gov't Code § 56100), the protest process governs.

Setting the protest hearing, and the intervening reconsideration period. Within 35 days after adoption of the resolution making determinations, the executive officer sets the proposal for protest hearing and gives notice; the hearing may not be held before the reconsideration period in Government Code § 56895(b) has expired; and the hearing date must fall not less than 21 and not more than 60 days after notice is given. (Gov't Code § 57002(a)). Any person or affected agency may, within 30 days of adoption of the resolution, file a written request for reconsideration; that 30-day deadline is mandatory notwithstanding section 56106, the executive officer may take no further action until the Commission acts on a timely request, and a timely request tolls both the Part 4 deadlines and the CEQA limitations period (Pub. Res. Code § 21167) while the request is pending. (Gov't Code § 56895).

1. *Notice of the protest hearing.* The executive officer gives notice of the protest hearing by publication and posting and by mailed notice as prescribed by Government Code § 57025: mailed notice to all landowners owning land within the affected territory and, because the territory is uninhabited, to each affected city, affected district, and affected county, the proponents, and persons requesting special notice, all consistent with Government Code §§ 56155–56157. (Gov't Code § 57025). The 300-foot surrounding-landowner radius does not apply to the protest-hearing mailing: section 56157's 300-foot requirement applies only "in the case of commission proceedings as defined in Section 56028," and section 56028 limits that term to Part 3 proceedings, whereas the protest hearing is a Part 4 proceeding. (Gov't Code §§ 56157, 56028).
2. *Conduct of the protest hearing.* The hearing is held on the noticed date and "may be continued from time to time but not to exceed 60 days from the date specified for the hearing in the notice." LAFCo's resolution is summarized, and LAFCo hears and receives oral and written protests from those landowners who received notice; a written protest may be withdrawn any time before the hearing concludes. (Gov't Code § 57050).
3. *Who may protest, and how protest value is measured.* In uninhabited territory, "any owner of land" may file a written protest before the hearing concludes; each protest must state

[6] The consent-based waiver of protest proceedings is not available here — not only because of the level of landowner consent (which was not 100%), but also because the waiver does not reach a water district formation at all. Government Code § 56662 (and the parallel post-approval waiver in § 56663, which § 57002(d) cross-references) applies only to a proposal for an annexation, a detachment, a reorganization consisting solely of annexations or detachments, or the formation of a county service area. (Gov't Code §§ 56662, 56663). The formation of a California water district is outside both statutes regardless of consent; unanimous landowner consent would not make the waiver available. In any event, unanimous consent was not obtained here.

whether it is filed by a landowner or registered voter and contain the information required for a petition. Undated signatures, or signatures dated before publication of the notice, are disregarded. (Gov't Code § 57051). Upon conclusion of the hearing, LAFCo "shall determine the value of written protests filed and not withdrawn," measured in the same manner as petition sufficiency. (Gov't Code § 57052). For a landowner-voter district, that measurement is made against the county assessment roll: the executive officer compares the protesting owners to those shown on the most recent assessment roll and ascertains both the total number of landowners and the total assessed value of land, and the number of landowners and assessed value represented by the protesters. (Gov't Code § 56708; Gov't Code § 56710). Consistent with this, for a landowner-voter formation, LAFCo separately determines "the number of owners of land and the assessed value of their land," using the last equalized assessment roll. (Gov't Code § 56375(f)).

B. **Outcomes of a Protest Hearing for a landowner-voter district formation.** After valuing the protests, LAFCo must take one of the following actions:[7]

1. **Terminate** the proceedings if a majority protest exists. For uninhabited territory, a majority protest is landowners owning "50 percent or more of the assessed value of the land within the territory." (Gov't Code § 57078).
2. **Order formation subject to a confirmation election.** Absent a majority protest, the conducting authority must "forthwith call and give notice of an election … for the purposes of determining whether or not [the District] shall be formed and electing persons to fill the offices," and the District is declared formed only if a majority of the votes cast favor formation. (Water Code §§ 34400, 34500).

C. **Application to EKWD.** If landowner protests reach 50 percent or more of the assessed value of the land within the territory, LAFCo must terminate the proceedings. (Gov't Code § 57078). If protests are below that majority-protest level, LAFCo orders the formation subject to the confirmation election required by the principal act. (Water Code §§ 34400, 34500).

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[7] The outcome of a protest hearing on a water district formation is not governed by the three-tier landowner-voter structure in Government Code § 57091(b) (terminate on a majority protest; order subject to an election at intermediate thresholds; or order the formation without any election below those thresholds). This is because § 57091 applies only "for purposes of Section 57075," and § 57075 reaches only a change that "consists solely of annexations, detachments, the exercise of new or different functions or class of services or the divestiture" of such powers. A formation is none of those, so neither § 57075 nor the § 57091(b) thresholds apply to it, and there is no "order without an election" option for a formation. What governs a formation is § 57078's majority-protest termination standard, which applies "in the case of any reorganization or change of organization," together with the confirmation election that the principal act independently requires (Water Code §§ 34400, 34500) — a substantive condition of formation that CKH preserves rather than displaces. That single election both decides formation and elects the initial directors.

VI. Formation Election and Electing (or Otherwise Seating) the Initial Seven-Member, At-Large Board

Because a formation election is required unless a majority protest terminates the proceedings (see Part V.B–D), a formation/director election will be held. This Part sets out the mechanics of the election. As detailed in Part VI.C, the election is a stand-alone special election that Kern County may conduct entirely by mailed ballot and may not place on a regularly scheduled general-election date. (Elec. Code § 10502; Gov't Code § 57126).

A. LAFCo orders the election; the three-layer framework. In any resolution ordering formation subject to voter confirmation, LAFCo "shall determine that an election will be held …[w]ithin the territory of each …district ordered to be …formed." (Gov't Code § 57118). LAFCo then informs the Board of Supervisors and the county elections official and requests that the Board direct the election; the Board, "within 45 days of receipt of the notification," directs the elections official to call, provide for, give notice of, and fix a date for the special election and to provide for the conduct and canvass of returns. (Gov't Code § 57000). Because the District does not yet exist, references in the principal act to the district's board of directors and clerk/secretary "shall be deemed to mean the …board of supervisors and the …elections official." (Gov't Code § 57127). A CKH landowner-voter special election is "governed by the general elections provisions of the principal act …relating to the qualifications of voters, the manner of voting, the form of the ballot, the duties of precinct and election officers, the canvassing of returns, and all other particulars," and may be conducted wholly by mailed ballot. (Gov't Code § 57126).

The detailed mechanics of the election process come from three layers, as follows: (1) the Water District Law's formation-election provisions (Water Code §§ 34400–34425) and landowner-voting provisions (Water Code §§ 35000 et seq.); (2) the Uniform District Election Law ("UDEL"), which the Water District Law adopts (Water Code § 34055) and to which Water Code § 34424 routes any point the Water Code leaves open (Water Code § 34424); and (3) the general Elections Code, which supplies residual defaults such as plurality election (e.g., Elec. Code § 15452). One wrinkle governs sequencing: the UDEL "shall not apply to the election of elective officers of the district upon formation of the district, except as to the term of office of the officers." (Elec. Code § 10502). So, at the formation election, the conducting authority prescribes the nomination procedure and the UDEL supplies term rules.

B. Nomination mechanics.

1. *Director eligibility.* Every director must be (a) a holder of title to land within the District, (b) the legal representative of such a titleholder, or (c) a representative designated in writing by such a titleholder. (Water Code § 34700).

2. *Nomination at the formation election.* When County elections calls the formation election, it "shall …prescribe the procedure for nominating candidates for the offices to be filled at that election." (Water Code § 34403). Because the UDEL does not itself govern the officer election "upon formation" (Elec. Code § 10502), this prescribed procedure is the operative nomination rule for the initial board; in practice, the County elections official may adopt a declaration-of-candidacy process modeled on the UDEL, conformed to landowner

qualifications. All seven seats being at large, each candidate declares for the office of "director" district-wide.

a. *Nomination at a general district election (the UDEL track).* The following UDEL calendar is illustrative only. It does not govern the officer election upon formation (Elec. Code § 10502(d)), and it is offered solely as a reference model that the county elections official may adapt when prescribing the nomination procedure under Water Code § 34403. Because a UDEL-style calendar runs on a roughly 125-day track while the balance of the proceeding runs in 30-, 35-, and 90-day increments, the lead time it implies should be accounted for in scheduling.

   i. **Day 125 — secretary's notice of offices.** The district secretary delivers a notice to the county elections official listing the offices to be filled (and any unexpired-term seats) and stating who pays for any statement of qualifications. (Elec. Code § 10509).

   ii. **Day 113 — declaration forms available.** Declaration-of-candidacy forms are obtained from the county elections official. (Elec. Code § 10510).

   iii. **Day 88, 5 p.m. — filing deadline.** Completed declarations must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the 88th day before the election (personal delivery or certified mail received by the deadline). No candidate may withdraw after that time, and no person may file for more than one office or term at the same election. (Elec. Code § 10510).

   iv. **Form and contents.** The declaration is executed under penalty of perjury; the candidate declares candidacy for the named office, requests placement on the ballot, gives a residence address, and may state a ballot occupational designation conforming to Elections Code § 13107. (Elec. Code § 10511).

b. **Uncontested at-large slate — appointment in lieu of election**. If, by 5 p.m. on the 83rd day before a general district election, "the number of persons who have filed a declaration of candidacy for director at large does not exceed the number of offices of director at large to be filled," and no petition for an election (10 percent of the voters or 50 voters, whichever is smaller) is presented, the elections official certifies the facts and the supervising authority may appoint the candidates who filed; if no one files, the supervising authority appoints any qualified person, who serves "exactly as if elected." (Elec. Code § 10515). This uncontested-slate mechanism is measured against the seven at-large seats: appointment in lieu of election is available only if the number of at-large candidates does not exceed the seats and no election petition is filed (Elec. Code § 10515). Section 10515 is by its terms keyed to a general district election and the 83rd day before it, so whether the appointment-in-lieu mechanism is available at a formation election (rather than a general district election) would turn on the nomination procedure the elections official prescribes under Water Code § 34403.

C. Election Mechanics

1. *Call, notice, and publication.* After the LAFCo decision and order, LAFCo — the conducting authority — informs the Board of Supervisors and the county elections official and requests that the Board direct the election; the Board, within 45 days, directs the elections official to call, give notice of, and conduct the election. (Gov't Code § 57000; Water Code § 34400). The notice must contain the date and hours of the election; the place of the polls; a description of the District's boundaries; the name of the proposed District; the offices for which candidates are to be elected; and a statement that all voters and legal representatives of voters may vote in person or by proxy. (Water Code § 34401). Notice is published once a week for at least three weeks before the election in a newspaper of general circulation in each affected county. (Water Code § 34402).

2. *Who conducts the election; all-mailed ballots and a stand-alone election date.* County conduct of a landowner-voter district election is discretionary: the provisions requiring the county elections official to conduct elections apply to resident-voter districts and, "at the discretion of the county elections official, may apply to landowner voting districts." (Elec. Code § 10502(a)). The mandatory-conduct duty in section 10502(b) — which also houses the all-mailed-ballot option and the bar on holding the election "on the same date as a regularly scheduled election" — is triggered by a resolution of the district's governing body requesting assistance and agreeing to reimburse the county, and no such resolution can exist before the District is formed. The operative authority for conducting the EKWD confirmation election wholly by mailed ballot is therefore Government Code § 57126(b), under which a CKH landowner-voter special election "may be conducted wholly by mailed ballot on any date other than an established election date," read together with the section 57127 substitution of the Board of Supervisors and elections official for the not-yet-existing district board and secretary. (Gov't Code §§ 57126, 57127). An all-mailed ballot is preferable given the small number of voters. The election is set on its own date and may not be consolidated with the statewide general election, consistent with its character as a special election called after the boundary order. (Water Code § 34400; Gov't Code § 57000).

3. *Who may vote, and how votes are weighted.* Each voter "shall have one vote for each dollar's worth of land to which he or she holds title," measured by the last equalized district assessment book, or the county assessment roll where no district assessment yet exists. (Water Code § 35003). For a new district with no assessment book of its own (like the EKWD), "each voter shall be entitled to cast one vote for each acre owned by the voter within the district," with sub-acre holdings rounded to one vote and fractions rounded to the nearest full acre. (Water Code § 35003). The ballot is prepared by the county elections official under the UDEL in the prescribed statutory form. (Water Code § 35106). At least 35 days before the election, the district secretary (here, the elections official standing in under § 57127) delivers to the county elections official a list of qualified voters stating, for each voter, "the manner in which the votes are to be distributed." (Elec. Code § 10525). The ballot for a landowner-voter district must show the "Number of votes entitled to cast." (Water Code § 35106).

4. *Voting by proxy.* Because § 34401 authorizes proxy voting (Water Code § 34401), a proxy is valid only if in writing, executed by the person or legal representative entitled to the votes, acknowledged or certified under Code of Civil Procedure § 2015.5, specific to the identified election, and on a form specified by the county elections official; it is revocable until the proxy casts the ballot. (Water Code § 35005).

5. *Canvass, declaration, and ties.* The declaration deadline depends on when the election is held. UDEL's canvass and declaration dates are keyed to the November general district election: the canvass commences no later than the first Thursday after that election, and the county elections official declares the elected candidates no later than the Monday before the first Friday in December. (Elec. Code §§ 10547, 10551) Those dates do not govern the EKWD formation election, which is a stand-alone special election held on its own date rather than at a general district election (see Part VI.C). For an EKWD election, the county elections official canvasses and certifies the results within 30 days after the election, after which the results are declared. (Elec. Code § 15372) If a tie makes it impossible to determine which candidate was elected, the tie is broken by lot; the candidate so chosen qualifies and serves as though elected. (Elec. Code § 10551)

6. *Determining the winners — at-large plurality.* The result is "determined and declared as nearly as may be" under Water Code Part 4 and the UDEL. (Water Code § 34424). Under the UDEL, "[i]f there are two or more persons to be elected to an elective office, those candidates equal in number to the number to be elected who receive the highest number of votes for the office shall be declared elected." (Elec. Code § 10551). [COMMENT 14] Section 10551 is the operative provision for the at-large, multi-seat plurality result (and, above, for the tie-break by lot), with the general Elections Code plurality rule (Elec. Code § 15452) serving only as a residual default. For a seven-member at-large board, the seven candidates with the highest vote totals are elected.

7. [COMMENT 9] *Taking office and initial terms.* The authority for seating the initial board is the principal act: when a majority of the votes cast favor formation, LAFCo (standing in the board's place under § 57127) declares the territory formed and "shall issue certificates of election to the persons elected to district offices." (Water Code § 34500). The directors so elected take office upon qualification when formation is effective, so the new District has a functioning board without waiting until the December date on which new directors are ordinarily seated; to the extent the precise seating date is not fixed by statute, it should be confirmed in the resolution and order. Their initial terms are measured by a December benchmark that UDEL preserves for term of office (Elec. Code § 10502): directors elected at the formation election hold office until the first Friday in December of the next following odd-numbered year (if the district is formed in an odd year) or the second next following odd year (if formed in an even year) (Elec. Code § 10505), after which the District joins the regular November-odd-year general district election cycle. Directors elected at the first general district election "classify themselves by lot into two classes, as nearly equal in number as possible," the larger class (4) serving four-year terms and the smaller class (3) two-year terms (Elec. Code § 10505).

VII. Completion of Formation

Recording and the certificate of completion. The change of organization (i.e. the formation of a new district) is completed under the completion provisions of Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg, culminating in the executive officer's execution and recording of a certificate of completion that fixes the District's boundaries and effective date; the Water Code contains a parallel step under which recording the order declaring the district formed completes the formation. Other state and local filings will accompany completion, including recordation with the Kern County Recorder, and filing the statements of boundaries with the State Board of Equalization and the county assessor.

A. **Completion deadlines.** If a certificate of completion is not filed within one year after LAFCo approves the proposal, the proceeding is deemed terminated unless the Commission authorizes an extension before the year expires; the one-year period is tolled only while a court order enjoining or restraining the proceedings is in effect. (Gov't Code § 57001). If a confirmation election is held, two further deadlines run from the election and are not subject to the section 57001 extension: the effective date fixed in the terms and conditions may be no later than nine months after the election (Gov't Code § 57202), and the executive officer must record the certificate of completion no later than 90 days after the election (Gov't Code § 57203). The effective date should be stated and distinguished from the date of the election canvass.

B. **State Board of Equalization filing and the tax-roll deadline.** LAFCo prepares and submits the statement of boundary change to the State Board of Equalization (and the county auditor and assessor). (Gov't Code §§ 54900, 54902). The statement must be filed on or before December 1 of the year immediately preceding the year in which assessments or taxes are to be levied; missing that deadline delays the District's ability to place any charge on the roll by a full year. EWMA provides the filing fee, which LAFCo transmits with the paperwork. EWMA is not expected to request any charges be put on the County roll; therefore, missing the December 1 deadline is inconsequential.

C. **Election costs.** As conducting authority, LAFCo pays the Elections Division directly and is reimbursed by EWMA for the full amount; the obligation is one of reimbursement to LAFCo, not direct payment to the county. The certificate of completion is executed and recorded by LAFCo only after LAFCo has received final payment of all expenses incurred, including County Surveyor, Assessor, and Elections charges.

VIII. Post-Formation: SGMA / GSA Eligibility

Formation does not by itself confer Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") status; it confers eligibility to seek that designation. A GSA must be a local agency, and a local agency "may decide" to become a GSA only after a Government Code § 6066-noticed public hearing (Water Code § 10723), after which it files notice with the Department of Water Resources; the decision takes effect — and exclusivity attaches — only 90 days after DWR posts the notice, subject to resolution of any overlapping claim. (Water Code §§ 10723, 10723.8). Because there is

no local agency, governing board, or standing to file the § 10723.8 notice until the certificate of completion is recorded and formation is effective, the designation process cannot begin before formation is complete, and nothing in the formation proceeding is conditioned on its outcome. Until DWR recognizes the District as the exclusive GSA for the territory, the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority remains the GSA. The steps that would follow formation — relinquishment of the Authority's designation over the territory, completion of the § 10723.8 designation process, and any related amendments and transition arrangements — involve parties the Commission does not control and are addressed separately from this procedural roadmap.

FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT

FOR THE FORMATION OF EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT

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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Feasibility Study Report ("Report") has been prepared to evaluate and document the legal, financial, operational, and administrative feasibility of forming the proposed Eastside Kern Water District ("District" or "EKWD") pursuant to the California Water District Act (Cal. Water Code §§ 34000-38501) and specifically Water Code Section 34153. The proposed District would encompass nearly 40,000 acres of land within Kern County, California, in the vicinity of Highway 65 north of Bakersfield.

The primary purpose of the proposed District is to provide groundwater management services in order to comply with the State of California's sustainability mandate (through the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") within a portion of the Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Basin No. 5-022.14) (the "Subbasin"), which has been designated as critically overdrafted by the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR").

Based on the analysis contained in this Report, the formation of the Eastside Kern Water District is determined to be feasible and necessary for the following key reasons:

1. The proposed District will provide stable, long-term groundwater management services, primarily for SGMA compliance purposes, for approximately 40,000 acres of land that currently lacks permanent representation through a public agency;

2. The proposed District boundaries encompass non-contiguous areas with portions within two miles of each other, satisfying the requirements of Water Code Section 34153;
3. Holders of title of more than a majority of the assessed value of land within each of the noncontiguous areas proposed to be included within the District have expressed support for the formation of the proposed District by signing the petition, thereby exceeding the minimum statutory requirements;
4. The proposed District will operate with an estimated annual budget of $400,000-$550,000, funded through a combination of property assessments based on a uniform rate per acre and fees/charges for groundwater pumping on a per-acre-foot basis;
5. The proposed governance structure will include a 7-member board of directors with equal voting rights, ensuring equitable representation;
6. The proposed District will contract for essential professional services including hydrogeological, legal, and administrative support;
7. The formation of a new District was determined to be more feasible than annexation into adjacent water districts after thorough analysis of alternatives; and
8. Preliminary consultation with Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCo") has yielded positive feedback regarding the proposed formation.

As is discussed more fully below, formation of the District would improve the long-term structure of local government in Kern County more than it would complicate it. The existing EWMA SGMA compliance arrangement has provided important interim coverage for lands that otherwise lack permanent public-agency representation, but this structure was not intended to serve indefinitely as the primary governance mechanism for these lands. EWMA is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation, not a public agency, and therefore lacks direct voting authority within the Joint Powers Authority structure that currently overlies EWMA lands. By contrast, the proposed District would create a durable, locally accountable public agency with clear authority to manage groundwater, fund SGMA compliance, adopt necessary rules, regulations and charges, coordinate with other GSAs, and provide direct representation to the landowners who are funding and affected by groundwater management decisions.

Although the proposal would add a new special district, this added agency would simplify, rather than fragment, long-term groundwater management and governance. The alternatives, such as continued reliance on the temporary Joint Powers Authority structure, County-led management, or annexation into adjacent district(s), would either continue an interim arrangement, depend on agencies that have not assumed long-term responsibility, or create greater financial, operational, boundary, and governance complications. The proposed District is narrowly focused on groundwater management and SGMA compliance; it does not initially propose water delivery, infrastructure development, or overlapping service functions. Its boundaries reflect willing landowners with common groundwater-management needs, and its contract-based administrative model is designed to minimize overhead while providing a stable platform for long-term compliance. On balance, the formation would replace a temporary and indirect structure with a permanent, focused, locally governed public agency, which is a net improvement to Kern County's local government structure.

II. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

A. Purpose of the Feasibility Study

This Feasibility Study has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Water Code and the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Cal. Gov't Code §§ 56000 et seq.) to evaluate the viability, necessity, and public benefit of forming the proposed Eastside Kern Water District. The Study provides a comprehensive analysis of the legal, financial, operational, and governance aspects of the proposed District to inform landowners, local agencies, and the Kern County LAFCo in their evaluation and decision-making processes.

B. Geographic and Hydrologic Setting

The proposed District would be located within Kern County, California, in a rural area north of Bakersfield. The lands encompassed by the proposed District boundaries lie within the Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin No. 5-22.14), as defined by DWR Bulletin 118. The Subbasin has been designated as critically overdrafted, requiring accelerated compliance with SGMA requirements.

The District area is characterized by rolling hills, predominantly used for irrigation, grazing and industrial purposes (primary oil field production). Current land uses rely mostly on groundwater, with some recent development of oilfield produced-water supply projects by private landowners in a portion of the District. Most of the water within the District is pumped from two principal aquifers, the Santa Margarita Formation and the Olcese Sand; these aquifers consist of deeper consolidated units in the east-northeastern portions of the Subbasin. However, a small portion of groundwater is pumped from the upper alluvial layer (i.e. Continental Deposits), and a small amount from the Pyramid/Vedder formation (a deeper confined aquifer).

C. Current Groundwater Management Framework

The Eastside Water Management Area, Inc. ("EWMA") was organized (and continues to operate) as a non-profit mutual benefit corporation in 2018 by willing landowners. The landowners within the EWMA boundaries banded together by contract in order to organize themselves for the purposes of managing groundwater in the area and to comply with the requirements of SGMA. The lands within the proposed District include most of the lands within the EWMA, with minor exceptions for parcels that did not meet the distance limitations of the Water Code to be non-contiguous areas of the District (i.e., each area must be within 2 miles of another area). The specific boundaries of the proposed District are depicted and described in the **Appendix A** to this Report.[1]

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[1] There are also seven areas that do meet the distance limitations but which are only presently included within the rproposed sphere of influence due to difficulties in obtaining the required number of signatures. The areas within the proposed Sphere of Influence are described and depicted in **Appendix B**.

Groundwater management within the proposed District boundaries is currently covered for SGMA compliance purposes through EWMA's participation in the Kern Non-Districted Land Joint Powers Authority ("KNDLA"). KNDLA serves as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") by contract with the Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) for various areas within the Subbasin that are not currently covered by a water district or other public agency (i.e., the County) that has assumed primary responsibility for permanently managing groundwater resources and ensuring SGMA compliance. Instead, all of the other GSA's in the Subbasin have formed the Joint Powers Authority that provides such coverage and will oversee groundwater management on such lands until such time as a permanent structure is developed. Since EWMA is a non-profit corporation and not a public agency, it participates in the KNDLA as an Associate Member; as such, EWMA's representatives may not serve on the KNDLA Board of Directors, and it has no vote on KNDLA's Board matters.

The KNDLA was established by contract as an interim solution for SGMA compliance. KNDLA is intended to be a temporary solution until such time as the landowners within undistricted areas organize themselves to provide groundwater management services (or until another agency or the County assumes primary responsibility for groundwater management over such lands for SGMA purposes). According to KNDLA's Joint Exercise of Power Agreement, "[t]he Members are committed to transitioning, prior to the termination of this Agreement, SGMA implementation over Non-districted Land to the owners of those lands who have historically extracted groundwater for use on those lands, the County of Kern, or another appropriate agency." Members of KNDLA are also authorized to withdraw from membership, which could create instability in the groundwater management of the lands within KNDLA, including EWMA.

A more local, permanent public agency is needed to provide long-term groundwater management services and implement sustainability measures for those lands currently outside of a water district. The formation of the EKWD would provide this local, permanent structure for nearly 40,000 acres, allowing for more direct local control and representation in groundwater management decisions and to ensure sustainable groundwater management of the lands within its portion of the Subbasin.

D. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Context

SGMA, enacted in 2014, requires the formation of GSAs and the development and implementation of GSPs for all medium and high-priority groundwater basins in California. For critically overdrafted basins like the Kern County Subbasin, GSPs were required to be submitted to DWR by January 31, 2020, and sustainability must be achieved by 2040.

The State Water Resources Control Board recently determined that the updated 2025 Final Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for the Kern County Subbasin addressed previous deficiencies and returned oversight of the subbasin to the Department of Water Resources. The 2025 Final GSP is currently being implemented. The proposed District would continue participation in the existing GSP and would be responsible for managing groundwater use and implementing SGMA compliance measures within its boundaries. The proposed District would be responsible for managing and stabilizing groundwater conditions and use within its area of the Subbasin, thereby benefitting the entire Subbasin's efforts to comply with SGMA and, more specifically, avoiding the development of undesirable results in and around its boundaries. It is anticipated that the proposed District would become a GSA with clear authority to permanently

implement management actions, such as the implementation of rules and regulations including groundwater allocations, pumping limitations, and the implementation of fees and charges or penalties imposed on groundwater pumping, in an effort to achieve sustainability in and around its boundaries, thereby ensuring compliance with SGMA and avoiding undesirable results.

III. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND FRAMEWORK

A. California Water Districts Act

The proposed Eastside Kern Water District would be formed pursuant to Division 13 of the California Water Code (Sections 34000-38501), known as the California Water District Act. This act provides the legal framework for the formation, governance, powers, and operations of water districts in California.

Specifically, Water Code Section 34153 authorizes the formation of a water district by the holders of title to a majority in area of land susceptible to irrigation from a common source. Section 34153 states:

> "The holders of title to a majority in area of land susceptible to irrigation from a common source and by the same system of works may propose the formation of a district under the provisions of this division."

The area of a water district need not be contiguous if the boundary of each of the portions of the proposed district is within two miles of the boundary of another portion of the proposed district. When a district is proposed to be formed from noncontiguous areas, the petition shall be signed by the holders of title of a majority of the assessed value of land within each of the noncontiguous areas proposed to be included within the district. (Water Code § 34153).

The proposed District meets these requirements, as evidenced by the signatures on the petition of more than a majority of the assessed value of land within each of the noncontiguous areas.

B. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code Sections 10720 et seq.) provides the regulatory framework for groundwater management in California. SGMA requires the formation of GSAs for all high-priority groundwater basins and the development and implementation of GSPs to achieve groundwater sustainability.

As a local public agency with water management responsibilities, the proposed District would be eligible to serve as a GSA under SGMA Section 10723(a), which states, in relevant part:

> "[A]ny local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin may decide to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that basin."

Upon formation, the District would have the option to either:

1. Become a GSA for its the area within its boundaries;
2. Join an existing GSA through a Joint Powers Agreement or other legal arrangement; or
3. Continue to participate in the existing GSA structure through the KNDLA.

It is anticipated that the proposed EKWD would elect to become a GSA for the area within its boundaries. This would be in furtherance of KNDLA's commitment "to transitioning…SGMA implementation over Non-districted Land to the owners of those lands who have historically extracted groundwater for use on those lands…or another appropriate public agency." It is also anticipated the proposed District would continue to participate as a member of the KNDLA along with all of the other GSA's in the Subbasin until such time as the Joint Powers Agreement structure is no longer necessary.

C. Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act

The formation of the proposed District is subject to the provisions of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Sections 56000 et seq.), which governs the formation and reorganization of local governmental agencies in California.

Government Code Section 56653 requires that a plan for providing services be submitted with any proposal for formation of a new district. This Feasibility Study serves as the plan for providing services and includes the information required by Section 56653, as applicable, including:

1. An enumeration and description of the services to be provided;
2. The level and range of those services;
3. An indication of when those services can feasibly be extended to the affected territory;
4. An indication of any improvement or upgrading of structures, roads, sewer or water facilities, or other conditions the new district would impose or require within its boundaries;
5. Information with respect to how those services will be financed; and
6. Any additional information required by the LAFCo Executive Officer.

D. California Environmental Quality Act

The California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) ("CEQA") requires public agencies (including LAFCo) to analyze and disclose the potential environmental impacts of their actions.

The formation of the proposed District is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15307 of the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 15300, et seq), which exempts "actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law…to assure the maintenance…of natural resources where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment." In addition, it is exempt from CEQA in that the action is not a "project" because it does not have a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Similarly, the formation involves primarily organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Based

on the matters set forth herein, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

These exemptions apply for the following specific reasons:

1. The District formation is an administrative and regulatory action authorized by the California Water District Law (Water Code § 34000 et seq.) to assure the maintenance of groundwater resources pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code § 10720 et seq.).

2. The District formation involves no construction, land alteration, development, or other physical changes to the environment. The action is purely administrative in nature, establishing a governance structure for groundwater management.

3. The express purpose of the District is to provide groundwater management services that implement SGMA, which was enacted to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins throughout California. The formation of the District will directly contribute to the protection of groundwater resources by establishing a local agency with the authority to reduce groundwater overdraft, address subsidence, protect water quality, and ensure long-term sustainability of the groundwater basin.

4. The District formation will enhance environmental protection by creating a public agency specifically charged with implementing groundwater sustainability measures, preventing adverse environmental impacts associated with long-term groundwater overdraft, and protecting the long-term viability of the groundwater basin.

5. The District formation does not involve any exceptions to the categorical exemptions under CEQA.

E. Other Applicable Laws and Regulations

In addition to the primary legal authorities discussed above, specifically the California Water Code (including the Water District Act and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act) the formation and operation of the proposed District would be subject to various other laws and regulations, including but not limited to:

1. California Proposition 218 (California Constitution Article XIII C and D), which governs the imposition of property-related fees and assessments;

2. California Proposition 26, which governs when government-imposed fees, charges, or levies are treated as “taxes” requiring voter or supermajority approval;

3. The Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Sections 54950 et seq.), which requires open meetings for local government bodies; and

4. The California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250 et seq.), which provides for public access to government records.

IV. NEED AND JUSTIFICATION FOR DISTRICT FORMATION

A. SGMA Compliance Requirements and Deadlines

The Kern County Subbasin has been designated as critically overdrafted by DWR, requiring accelerated compliance with SGMA requirements. For critically overdrafted basins, GSPs were required to be submitted by January 31, 2020, and sustainability must be achieved by 2040.

SGMA compliance for the lands within the proposed District boundaries is currently overseen by the KNDLA, which is designed to provide a voluntary and interim mechanism for achieving SGMA compliance. It does not provide the landowners within the proposed District with any representation on the KNDLA Board of Directors or a vote on KNDLA decisions. While this arrangement has been sufficient for initial GSP development and implementation, a more local, permanent governance structure has always been acknowledged and is needed for long-term, permanent groundwater management and SGMA compliance.

The formation of the Eastside Kern Water District would provide stable, long-term groundwater management and a governance structure for SGMA compliance, ensuring that landowners within the District boundaries have direct representation in groundwater management decisions and a dedicated entity focused on their specific needs and interests.

B. Current Groundwater Conditions and Management Challenges

The Subbasin faces several groundwater management challenges, including:

1. **Critically Overdrafted Status**: The Subbasin has been designated critically overdrafted by DWR, indicating that long-term extraction exceeds long-term recharge, which can lead to undesirable results, including declining groundwater levels, land subsidence, degraded water quality, declining groundwater storage and impacts to interconnected surface waters.

2. **Accelerated Compliance Timeline**: Due to its critically overdrafted status, the Subbasin is subject to an accelerated SGMA compliance timeline, with sustainability required by 2040.

3. **Complex Hydrogeology**: The Subbasin's complex hydrogeology requires specialized technical expertise for effective management and localized monitoring.

4. **Multiple Stakeholders over Large Area**: The Subbasin includes numerous stakeholders with diverse interests, requiring coordinated management approaches covering a large area (1.78-million acres).

5. **Limited Surface Water Supplies**: The region has limited access to surface water supplies, increasing reliance on groundwater and complicating groundwater sustainability efforts.

C. Benefits of Local Control and Representation

The formation of the Eastside Kern Water District would provide several benefits related to local control and representation:

1. **Direct Representation**: Landowners within the District boundaries would have direct representation through the elected board of directors, ensuring their interests are considered in groundwater management decisions.
2. **Focused Attention**: As a dedicated entity focused solely on the groundwater management needs of its service area, the District would provide more targeted attention to local groundwater management issues than is possible through larger regional entities covering different portions of the Subbasin.
3. **Local Decision-Making**: Decisions regarding groundwater management strategies, funding mechanisms, and implementation approaches would be made at the local level, with direct input from affected landowners.
4. **Accountability**: The District's board of directors would be directly accountable to landowners within the District boundaries and other GSAs in the basin, promoting responsive and responsible governance.
5. **Tailored Solutions**: The District would develop and implement groundwater management solutions tailored to the specific needs and conditions of those lands within its area of the Subbasin, including lands within neighboring GSAs.

D. Long-term Sustainability Goals

The proposed District would manage groundwater with the primary goal of achieving groundwater sustainability within its boundaries by 2040, as required by SGMA for critically overdrafted basins. This would involve:

1. **Implementing the Existing GSP**: Implementation of the projects and management actions outlined in the existing Kern County Subbasin GSP, including demand management strategies (such as a combination of allocations, limits, and pumping fee structures) designed to achieve sustainability and to eliminate overdraft within the District boundaries.
2. **Monitoring and Reporting**: Conducting regular monitoring of groundwater conditions and reporting to landowners, other GSAs, and DWR.
3. **Adaptive Management**: Adjusting management strategies as needed based on monitoring results and changing conditions in order to avoid undesirable results, such as the lowering of groundwater levels in the area.
4. **Coordination with Adjacent Entities**: Working collaboratively with adjacent water districts, municipalities, and other stakeholders to ensure coordinated Subbasin-wide management.
5. **Developing Sustainable Funding Mechanisms**: Establishing stable, long-term funding mechanisms to support ongoing and future groundwater management and SGMA compliance activities.

The formation of the Eastside Kern Water District represents a proactive approach to addressing these long-term sustainability goals through a dedicated local agency with the authority and resources to implement effective groundwater management strategies to stabilize and improve groundwater conditions in the area.

V. PROPOSED SERVICE AREA AND BOUNDARIES

A. Description of Proposed Boundaries – See Appendices A and B

The proposed Eastside Kern Water District would encompass approximately 40,000 acres of land within Kern County, California, in the vicinity of Bakersfield. The proposed boundaries include non-contiguous areas with portions within two miles of each other, satisfying the requirements of Water Code Section 34153. The specific boundaries of the proposed District are depicted and described in the **Appendix A**.

The proposed District boundaries have been carefully delineated to include lands that:

1. Share common groundwater management needs and challenges;
2. Have voluntarily contracted with EWMA to fund SGMA compliance;
3. Are currently managed for SGMA compliance through the EWMA and KNDLA;
4. Have provided support for District formation; and
5. Can be effectively and efficiently served by the proposed District.

The proposed boundaries are not arbitrary. They reflect landowners that share a common groundwater management interest and common SGMA compliance need. The District is being formed primarily to provide a durable local public-agency structure for groundwater management and SGMA compliance; it includes the vast majority of irrigated lands in the area as well as a significant amount of unirrigated lands whose landowners understand the need for groundwater management services and SGMA compliance, even on lands where the present use do not currently depend on groundwater supplies. The relevant service relationship between the lands within the proposed District is hydrogeologic, operational, and regulatory rather than purely geometric. The included lands are part of the same groundwater-management setting, are subject to the same SGMA compliance pressures, and are presently participating in coordinated groundwater management and compliance activities through EWMA and KNDLA structures.

The proposed noncontiguous configuration is also a logical and efficient boundary for the service to be provided. SGMA requires local agencies to define the area they intend to manage, and DWR guidance makes clear that groundwater management authority, including fees and regulatory requirements, operates within the boundaries of the local agency. Accordingly, the proposed District should include the lands that have demonstrated a present need for the service, that have already funded and participated in SGMA compliance efforts, and that have affirmatively supported district formation. Requiring inclusion of intervening or surrounding lands solely to create a visually contiguous map would expand the District's jurisdiction, financial obligations, and regulatory reach to lands that have not requested inclusion and are not part of the EWMA's existing coordinated program. That would be less, not more, consistent with the state policies favoring logical boundaries and efficient service delivery.

The proposed boundary reflects an extensive outreach process, including using the tax roll to conduct outreach to more than 100,000 acres and other public outreach efforts (e.g., workshops, mailers, stakeholder meetings) that invited landowners to participate. The resulting configuration encompasses the set of willing participants identified through that process. It is anticipated that additional landowners may seek inclusion in the proposed District during the LAFCo formation proceedings or in the future as SGMA implementation proceeds, which can be addressed through LAFCo processes and annexation mechanisms, ensuring continued alignment between participation, benefits, and costs.

B. Compliance with Water Code Section 34153 Requirements

Water Code Section 34153 authorizes the formation of a water district by the holders of title to a majority in area (and, in the case of noncontiguous area, by assessed value) of land susceptible to irrigation from a common source and by the same system of works. The proposed District boundaries comply with this requirement in the following ways:

1. **Majority Support**: More than a majority of landowners by area (and assessed value) within the proposed boundaries have expressed support for District formation, exceeding the majority requirement.

2. **Common Source / System of Works**: The lands within the proposed boundaries rely on groundwater from the Kern County Subbasin as a common source of water and are supplied by groundwater wells within the boundaries.

3. **Non-Contiguous Areas**: Water Code Section 34153 explicitly authorizes non-contiguous areas to be included within a water district. The proposed District boundaries include non-contiguous areas, with each portions being within two miles of another portion, which is consistent with the formation requirements and has been accepted in previous water district formations in California, specifically in the SGMA context.

C. Relationship to Existing Local Agency Boundaries & Alternatives Considered

The proposed District boundaries have been developed in a manner that avoids unnecessary duplication of services and ensures efficient and effective governance. The relationship of the proposed boundaries to existing local agencies is as follows:

1. **Adjacent Water Districts**: Some portions of the proposed boundaries abut but do not overlap with the boundaries of Cawelo Water District and Kern Tulare Water District. The proposed District's boundaries span both of these Districts, with lands in the north part of the District adjacent to Kern Tulare and lands in the south part of the District adjacent to Cawelo.

2. **Municipalities**: The proposed boundaries do not include any incorporated cities or towns.

3. **County Service Areas**: The proposed boundaries may overlap with certain County Service Areas, but these entities do not provide groundwater management services that would duplicate the proposed District's functions.

4. **Special Districts**: It does not appear that the proposed boundaries overlap with any special districts providing other services (e.g., fire protection districts, cemetery districts), but these types of entities provide services unrelated to water management that would not duplicate the proposed District's functions.

In 2016, the County of Kern filed a notice electing to be the GSA for all of the lands within the Subbasin (including the lands within the proposed District). Ultimately, the County withdrew its notice, leaving the Subbasin to be managed by multiple GSAs. Thereafter, the Kern Groundwater Joint Powers Authority (KGA) was formed, which provided GSA coverage for large areas of the Subbasin (including the non-districted lands), while other areas of the Subbasin become covered by individual water districts (and, in some cases, groups of public agencies, like the Kern River GSA). Ultimately, the Kern County Water Agency, through its participation as a "Jurisdictional Member" in the KGA, provided the public agency overlap through which the EWMA lands were covered for SGMA purposes. Over time, withdrawals from KGA and realignments among participating agencies led to a reformulation of the GSA governance approach for undistricted lands, resulting in the KGA being reformulated as the current KNDLA.

Neither the County nor KCWA has assumed, or indicated any willingness to assume, primary long-term responsibility for SGMA compliance on non-districted lands within the EWMA. Given the institutional missions, funding models/limitations, expertise, and regional priorities of those agencies, there is no realistic prospect that they will shift to assuming the primary responsibility for long-term SGMA implementation for these lands. KNDLA was expressly structured and understood to be an interim or temporary solution to ensure continuity of SGMA coverage while locally affected landowners evaluate and implement a durable alternative. KNDLA's joint powers agreement contemplates transitioning SGMA implementation for non-districted lands to the landowners or a locally organized entity with direct accountability to the groundwater extractors and property owners benefiting from, and funding, groundwater management and SGMA programs. While KNDLA has successfully provided interim coverage, it was neither designed nor intended to serve indefinitely as the primary and permanent SGMA implementing entity for non-districted EWMA lands. Establishing a permanent, landowner-governed district is the most administratively efficient and equitable method to carry SGMA responsibilities forward, align incentives, and support sustained compliance across future planning horizons.

After SGMA was enacted, and prior to formation of EWMA, several landowners within the proposed District explored the opportunity for coverage with nearby water districts, including Cawelo Water District and Kern Tulare Water District. Cawelo Water District is a California Water District that provides surface water to its landowners through contracts with the Kern County Water Agency for California State Water Project water, as well as contracts with other agencies for other surface supplies. A small portion of Cawelo's boundaries are adjacent to some lands in the southern area of EWMA. Kern Tulare Water District is a California Water District that provides surface water to its landowners through contracts with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for Central Valley Project supplies, as wells as contracts with other agencies for Kern River supplies. A small portion of Kern Tulare's boundaries are adjacent to some lands within the northern area of EWMA.

After exploration, it was determined that neither district was a suitable agency for providing groundwater management and SGMA coverage for the lands within the EWMA. Both districts

are surface-water service providers, with water supply portfolios that include State Water Project/Central Valley Project and other supplies, and with governance, infrastructure, and rate structures oriented around delivery of imported and developed surface water. Only limited boundary segments are adjacent to EWMA lands, and in many locations the EWMA parcels are separated by non-contiguous tracts or by distances that limit operational integration with either district. Annexations fees would also be largely unfeasible, especially given that most of the lands with the EWMA are not irrigated (i.e., lands used for grazing and resource development). The annexation of the EWMA lands into either Kern Tulare or Cawelo would create financial, governance and management complications for both the existing landowners within those districts and the landowners within the EWMA, especially given the differences in access to surface water supplies and existing water supply systems. Additionally, SGMA was only enacted in 2015 and the Kern GSP was just recently approved by the State Water Resources Board in 2025; as such, no particular agency has significantly more expertise in providing SGMA services than the others. Therefore, the annexation of the proposed District lands into either of the nearby water districts is not deemed to be a feasible alternative to the formation of a water district.

D. Land Use and Development Patterns

The lands within the proposed District boundaries are predominantly characterized by agriculture, grazing, resource production, and some rural residential uses, and vacant lands. There is not sufficient development within the proposed District to discern a development pattern. Future land use and development within the proposed District boundaries are expected to remain largely consistent with the present.

The formation of the proposed District is not expected to alter existing land use or development patterns, as the District's primary function would be groundwater management and SGMA compliance rather than to develop a new water supply to support new development. It is unlikely the new water supplies will be secured to an extent that would support material new development within the proposed District.

VI. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

A. Board of Directors Composition and Selection

The proposed Eastside Kern Water District would be governed by a seven-member Board of Directors, as authorized by the California Water District Act. The Board composition and selection process would be as follows:

1. **Number of Directors**: Seven (7) directors, elected at large.

2. **Qualifications**: In accordance with Water Code Section 34700, directors would be holders of title to land within the District or designated representatives of holders of title to land within the District.

3. **Election Process**: Directors would be elected by landowners within the District in accordance with Water Code Sections 35003, under which each voter is generally entitled to cast one vote for each acre owned by the voter within the District.

4. **Terms of Office**: Directors would serve four-year terms, with terms staggered so that approximately half of the Board is elected every two years.

5. **Initial Board**: The initial Board of Directors would be elected at the same election at which the formation of the District is decided, as provided in Water Code Section 34423.

6. **Vacancies**: Vacancies on the Board would be filled in accordance with Water Code Section 34707.5, either by appointment by the remaining Board members or by special election.

B. Administrative Structure and Staffing

The proposed District would operate with a lean administrative structure focused on efficient and cost-effective operations. The administrative structure and staffing would be as follows:

1. **Executive Director**: The District would contract with an Executive Director to oversee day-to-day operations, implement Board policies, and serve as the primary point of contact for the District.

2. **Contract Services**: Rather than maintaining a large staff, the District would contract for essential professional services, including:

   – Hydrogeological services for groundwater monitoring and technical analysis

   – Legal services for compliance with applicable laws and regulations

   – Administrative services for record-keeping, financial management, and other administrative functions

3. **Office Location**: The District's official address would be 5016 California Avenue, Suite 3, Bakersfield, CA 93309, which would serve as the primary location for District business and records.

4. **Future Staffing**: As the District's needs evolve, the Board may consider hiring additional staff or expanding contract services to ensure effective operations.

This administrative structure is designed to minimize overhead costs while ensuring that the District has access to the professional expertise needed for effective SGMA compliance.

C. Powers and Duties of the District

The proposed District would have the powers and duties authorized by the California Water District Act and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, with a primary focus on SGMA compliance. These powers and duties would include:

1. **Groundwater Management**: Authority to manage groundwater resources within the District boundaries, including monitoring, reporting, and implementing sustainability measures. Sustainability measures would include the implementation of rules and regulations, projects and management actions specified in the GSP (or as developed thereunder), including groundwater allocations and other demand

management tools designed to bring about long-term sustainability and to minimize groundwater overdraft.

2. **Property Acquisition**: Authority to acquire property, water rights, and facilities necessary for District operations.

3. **Contracts and Agreements**: Authority to enter into contracts and agreements with other entities for services, joint projects, and other purposes related to District operations.

4. **Financial Powers**: Authority to incur debt and impose assessments, fees, and charges to fund District operations and to encourage demand management, subject to applicable legal requirements (i.e., Propositions 218 and 26).

5. **Regulatory Compliance**: Authority to take actions necessary to comply with SGMA and other applicable laws and regulations.

6. **Litigation**: Authority to initiate and defend legal actions related to District operations and interests.

7. **Policies and Procedures**: Authority to adopt policies and procedures for District governance and operations.

The District's exercise of these powers would initially be focused on groundwater management and SGMA compliance and would not initially extend to any water supply or distribution services unless specifically authorized by subsequent Board action and in compliance with applicable legal requirements.

D. Transparency and Accountability Measures

The proposed District would implement robust transparency and accountability measures to ensure responsible governance and operations. These measures would include:

1. **Open Meetings**: All Board meetings would be conducted in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, ensuring public access and participation, including participation by other GSAs in the Subbasin.

2. **Public Records Access**: District records would be accessible to the public in accordance with the California Public Records Act.

3. **Financial Reporting**: The District would prepare and publish regular financial reports, including annual budgets and audited financial statements.

4. **Website**: The District would maintain a website providing access to meeting agendas, minutes, financial information, and other District documents and information.

5. **Landowner Communications**: The District would maintain regular communication with landowners through the distribution of Board Agendas and packets, newsletters, email updates, and other outreach methods.

6. **Annual Reports**: The District would prepare and publish annual reports summarizing activities, accomplishments, challenges, and future plans, and other reports specifically required by SGMA and the Kern GSP.

7. **Performance Metrics**: The District would track performance metrics to assess effectiveness in achieving SGMA compliance and other District goals.

8. **Local Coordination**: The District would coordinate with all other GSAs so that its implementation is consistent with Subbasin-wide GSP efforts.

These transparency and accountability measures would ensure that all landowners and other stakeholders have access to information about District operations and opportunities to participate in District governance.

VII. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AND FUNDING PLAN

A. Estimated Annual Operating Budget

The proposed Eastside Kern Water District is projected to operate with an annual budget ranging from $400,000 to $550,000 (subject to inflationary pressures), focused on basic groundwater management services and SGMA compliance activities. The estimated, initial annual operating budget (which is based upon the EWMA's adopted 2026 budget) is detailed below:

1. **Administrative Costs**: $200,000
    a. Contract Executive Director: $150,000
    b. Administrative services: $27,500
    c. Office expenses (including notices, mailers, etc): $2,500
    d. Insurance: $10,000
    e. Audit and accounting services: $10,000
2. **Professional Services**: $100,000
    a. Hydrogeological/Engineering services: $60,000
    b. Legal services: $40,000
3. **Groundwater Management Services / SGMA Compliance Activities**: $70,000
    a. Groundwater monitoring: $20,000
    b. Reporting to DWR: Included within Contract Executive Director Services
    c. GSP implementation measures: $50,000 (includes contribution to Subbasin-wide SGMA implementation efforts)
4. **Contingency Reserve**: $110,000 (Groundwater Well Mitigation & Operations Reserve)
5. **Total Estimated Annual Budget**: $480,000

This budget represents a conservative estimate based on the District's primary focus on groundwater management and SGMA compliance. The actual budget may vary based on specific needs and circumstances, and would be subject to annual review and approval by the Board of Directors.

B. Property Assessment Methodology

The proposed District would fund its baseline operations through property assessments or fees based on a uniform rate per acre, consistent with the benefit-received principle. This proposed assessment methodology would be as follows:

1. **Assessment Basis**: Assessments would be based on acreage, with a uniform rate per acre applied to all lands within the District boundaries.

2. **Calculation Formula**: The annual assessment rate would be calculated by dividing the total budget by the total acreage within the District:

Assessment Rate $(/acre) = TotalBudget(\$)$ *÷ Total District Acreage (acres)*

3. **Example Calculation**: Based on assumed annual budget range of $400,000 to $550,000 and the total District acreage of 40,000 acres, the assessment rate would range from $10.00 to $13.75 per acre per year.

4. **Proposition 218 / 26 Compliance**: All assessments would be imposed in compliance with the requirements of California Proposition 218 (or Proposition 26, as applicable), including the preparation of an engineer's report (or other supporting documentation), justification of benefits received (if required), notice to property owners, and a property owner protest process.

5. **Collection Method**: Assessments would be collected by direct billing from the District, providing an efficient and reliable collection mechanism.

The proposed annual special assessment would be imposed upon all assessable lands within the District because the activities funded by the assessment confer special benefits on those lands as real property. The assessment funds the District's groundwater management activities, including monitoring, technical studies, annual reporting, periodic evaluation, legal compliance, and related groundwater-management activities necessary to manage the Subbasin sustainably and to comply with the requirements of SGMA. These activities protect lands within the District from the undesirable results identified in SGMA, including chronic groundwater-level decline, loss of groundwater storage, degraded groundwater quality, and land subsidence. The funded activities therefore preserve the condition, utility, and long-term reliability of lands within the District that overlie, rely upon, or are affected by the managed groundwater basin.

For these purposes, current irrigation status is not the controlling measure of benefit. Irrigated lands benefit directly through improved protection of agricultural water supply and basin conditions. Lands that are not presently irrigated also benefit because they retain present and future interests in the groundwater basin and are protected by the groundwater management from conditions that can impair land use and water reliability, including water-quality degradation, subsidence, nearby well impacts, and loss of long-term groundwater availability. SGMA

expressly does not adjust or create water rights. It also expressly requires consideration of overlying groundwater-right holders, domestic well owners, local land use planning agencies, environmental users, and other beneficial users of groundwater, demonstrating that the benefits of groundwater management extend beyond current irrigators alone.

For the baseline SGMA costs funded here, acreage is a reasonable measure of proportional special benefit because the funded activities are undertaken on an areawide basis for all lands within the District, and each acre receives the same basic benefit of groundwater management, basin governance, planning, monitoring, and compliance. Acreage is also objective, stable, and readily verifiable from assessor records, making it an administratively efficient and predictable allocation method. To the extent the District later seeks to recover costs that are more directly tied to groundwater extraction or to a distinct land class, those costs may be assigned through a separate class, rate component, or other lawful funding mechanism so that the overall allocation remains proportional to benefits received (see discussion of Other Sources of Revenues - Fees/Charges below).

The proposed baseline assessment methodology ensures that costs are allocated equitably based on the proportional benefit received by each acre of land within the District.

C. Other Sources of Revenue – Fees/Charges

In addition to a baseline per-acre assessment, the District and/or its GSA may utilize a suite of groundwater-related fees and charges to fund groundwater management, SGMA compliance, and programs/management actions. Potential tools include groundwater extraction (pumping) fees and volumetric charges; regulatory fees for SGMA administration; well registration and permitting fees; metering and data-reporting fees; replenishment and mitigation fees; penalties for noncompliance; and project-specific charges. Authority for such fees and charges derives from SGMA and other Water Code provisions.

Revenues from such fees and charges may be used to fund groundwater management activities; SGMA compliance and administration; development and operation of monitoring networks; data management and modeling; GSP implementation; projects and management actions (e.g., recharge, conveyance, demand management); mitigation of potential undesirable results; acquisition of water supplies; enforcement; and reasonable reserves.

The design of fees and charges must comport with Proposition 218 and Proposition 26, including distinguishing assessments (benefit-based, requiring an engineer's report), property-related fees (for services to property, subject to procedural requirements), and regulatory fees (to defray reasonable costs of regulation and program administration). Charges should be reasonably related to the burdens imposed or benefits received, with documentation of cost-of-service, benefit nexus, and allocation methodologies maintained in the administrative record.

Pumping-based fees may allocate variable and demand-driven costs to active extractors, allowing the District to reduce the baseline per-acre assessment when volumetric revenues cover a portion of groundwater management and SGMA costs, thereby promoting efficiency for non-irrigated or low-water-use lands. The District may apply tiered volumetric structures aligned with allocations and management objectives, while maintaining a modest baseline assessment to recover fixed costs.

D. Start-up Costs and Initial Funding

The formation of the proposed District would require certain start-up costs before regular assessments can be collected. These costs have already been assessed through the EWMA. In 2022, the EWMA membership approved an amendment to its bylaws that allows the EWMA to fund activities relating to the formation and administration of the proposed District. The EWMA currently has sufficient restricted funds to cover the anticipated formation costs. This funding approach ensures that the proposed District can cover necessary formation costs while establishing a sustainable long-term funding mechanism through property assessments.

E. Long-term Financial Projections

Long-term financial projections for the proposed District have been developed based on anticipated groundwater management service needs, SGMA compliance requirements and other factors. These projections cover a 20-year period, corresponding to the SGMA timeline for achieving groundwater sustainability in critically overdrafted basins.

Key elements of the long-term financial projections include:

1. **Revenue Projections**: Based on the proposed assessment methodology and assuming stable acreage within the District boundaries, annual revenue is projected to range from $400,000 to $550,000, adjusted for inflation over time.

2. **Expense Projections**: Expenses are projected to increase at an average annual rate of 3% to account for inflation and potentially increasing SGMA compliance requirements.

3. **Reserve Fund**: The District would establish and maintain a reserve fund to provide for contingencies and unexpected costs.

4. **Capital Improvements**: No capital improvements are anticipated at this time, as the focus would be solely on groundwater management and SGMA compliance rather than infrastructure development.

5. **Financial Sustainability**: The projections indicate that the proposed assessment methodology would provide sufficient revenue to fund District operations over the 20-year projection period, assuming no significant changes in SGMA requirements or other factors.

These long-term projections demonstrate the financial feasibility and sustainability of the proposed District over the SGMA compliance timeline.

E. Fiscal Impact on Landowners and Other Agencies

The formation of the proposed District would have fiscal impacts on landowners within the District boundaries. These impacts have been analyzed as follows:

1. **Impact on Landowners**:

   – Annual assessments ranging from $10.00 to $13.75 per acre, based on the estimated budget range.

- For a 100-acre parcel, annual assessments would range from $1000 to $1,375.
- These costs are considered reasonable in relation to the benefits of SGMA compliance and local control and are generally in line or lower than what is assessed for these purposes in other areas of the Subbasin.

2. **Impact on Other Agencies**:
   - No fiscal impact on Kern County, as the District would be self-funded through assessments
   - No anticipated fiscal impact on adjacent water districts or other local agencies
   - The formation and operation of the proposed District could reduce costs to KNDLA, its participants, and potentially the County and/or the Kern County Water Agency
3. **Cost-Benefit Analysis**:
   - The costs of District formation and operation are outweighed by the benefits of local control, focused attention on area-specific needs, and long-term groundwater sustainability
   - The alternative of non-compliance with SGMA would potentially result in state intervention and significantly higher costs to landowners.

Based on the foregoing, the fiscal impacts of District formation are reasonable and proportional to the benefits that would be provided.

VIII. SERVICE PLAN AND SCOPE OF OPERATIONS

A. Primary Services and Functions

The proposed Eastside Kern Water District would focus primarily on groundwater management services and SGMA regulatory compliance within its boundaries. Specific groundwater services and functions to be provided include:

1. **Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting**: Collecting, analyzing, and reporting data on groundwater conditions within the District boundaries, including groundwater levels, quality, and extraction volumes.
2. **GSP Implementation**: Implementation of the projects and management actions outlined in the existing Kern County Subbasin GSP, including demand management strategies (such as a combination of allocations, groundwater markets, and pumping fee structures) designed to achieve sustainability.
3. **Coordination with Other Agencies**: Working collaboratively with other GSAs, water districts, and regulatory agencies to ensure coordinated basin-wide groundwater management, and localized coordination with GSAs/other Districts to ensure implementation of GSP requirements.

4. **Landowner Education and Outreach**: Providing information and resources to landowners regarding groundwater management, SGMA requirements, and District activities.

5. **Regulatory Compliance**: Ensuring compliance with the District's rules and regulations and all applicable laws and regulations related to groundwater management, including SGMA, CEQA, and others.

The District would not initially provide water supply, treatment, or distribution services, although these functions could potentially be added in the future if deemed necessary, beneficial and feasible by the Board of Directors and in compliance with applicable legal requirements. The District could serve to facilitate projects developing produced water for landowners willing and able to participate in such projects, which would improve groundwater conditions.

B. Level and Range of Services

The initial level and range of groundwater services to be provided by the proposed District is anticipated as follows, subject to changing needs, conditions and/or GSP requirements:

1. **Groundwater Monitoring**: Regular (currently semi-annual) monitoring of groundwater levels and quality at designated monitoring wells within the District boundaries, with additional monitoring as required by the GSP or regulatory agencies.

2. **Data Management**: Maintenance of a comprehensive database of groundwater data, including historical and current information on groundwater levels, quality, and extraction volumes.

3. **Annual Reporting**: Preparation of district information and coordination with the Subbasin GSAs for the submittal of annual reports to DWR and other regulatory agencies as required by SGMA and other applicable laws.

4. **GSP Updates**: Participation in the preparation of required five-year periodic evaluation updates to the Kern County Subbasin GSP.

5. **Landowner Assistance**: Provision of technical assistance and information to landowners regarding groundwater management and SGMA compliance.

These services would be provided at a level sufficient to ensure compliance with SGMA requirements and to make progress toward achieving groundwater sustainability by 2040.

C. Professional Services Contracts

The proposed District would contract with qualified professionals for essential services rather than maintaining a staff. The anticipated professional services contracts include:

1. **Hydrogeological Services**: Contract with a qualified hydrogeologist or hydrogeological consulting firm for groundwater monitoring, data analysis, and technical support for SGMA compliance.

2. **Legal Services**: Contract with a law firm experienced in water law, SGMA, and special district governance for legal advice and representation.

3. **Administrative Services**: Contract for administrative support, including record-keeping, financial management, and other administrative functions.

4. **Other Technical Consultants**: As needed, contracts with other technical consultants for specialized services related to SGMA compliance and groundwater management.

These professional services contracts would be procured in a manner that ensures cost-effectiveness and quality of services.

IX. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND CEQA COMPLIANCE

A. CEQA Compliance Strategy

The formation of the proposed Eastside Kern Water District is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). The proposed CEQA compliance strategy is as follows:

1. **Lead Agency**: Kern County LAFCo would serve as the lead agency for CEQA purposes, as it has the principal responsibility for approving the District formation.

2. **Potential Exemption**: The District formation likely qualifies for exemptions under CEQA Guidelines for the following reasons:

   The formation of the proposed District is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15307 of the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 15300, et seq), which exempts "actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law…to assure the maintenance…of natural resources where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment." In addition, it is exempt from CEQA in that the action is not a "project" because it does not have a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Similarly, the formation involves primarily organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Based on the matters set forth herein, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. These exemptions apply for the following specific reasons:

   - The District formation is an administrative and regulatory action authorized by the California Water District Law (Water Code § 34000 et seq.) to assure the maintenance of groundwater resources pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code § 10720 et seq.).

   - The District formation involves no construction, land alteration, development, or other physical changes to the environment. The action is purely administrative in nature, establishing a governance structure for groundwater management.

- The express purpose of the District is to provide groundwater management services that implement SGMA, which was enacted to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins throughout California. The formation of the District will directly contribute to the protection of groundwater resources by establishing a local agency with the authority to reduce groundwater overdraft, address subsidence, protect water quality, and ensure long-term sustainability of the groundwater Subbasin.
- The District formation will enhance environmental protection by creating a public agency specifically charged with implementing groundwater sustainability measures, preventing adverse environmental impacts associated with long-term groundwater overdraft, and protecting the long-term viability of the groundwater Subbasin.
- The District formation does not involve any exceptions to the categorical exemptions under CEQA.

3. **Alternative CEQA Documents**: If LAFCo determines that an exemption is not applicable, one of the following CEQA documents would be prepared:
   - Negative Declaration (ND)
   - Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
   - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
4. **Timing**: The CEQA process would be completed concurrently with the LAFCo application process, with final CEQA determination made prior to LAFCo's decision on the District formation.

The appropriate CEQA compliance approach would be determined in consultation with Kern County LAFCo during the pre-application and application processes.

B. Potential Environmental Effects

Based on preliminary analysis, the formation of the proposed District is not expected to result in any environmental effects. The potential environmental effects of District formation include:

1. **Direct Effects**: The District formation itself would not involve any physical changes to the environment, as it is an administrative and governance action.
2. **Indirect Effects**: The District's future activities related to groundwater management and SGMA compliance could potentially include projects or management actions with environmental effects, but these would be:
   - Subject to separate CEQA review at the time they are proposed
   - Designed to improve groundwater sustainability, which generally has positive environmental effects

- Implemented in accordance with the Kern County Subbasin GSP
- Adopted in accordance with the requirements of CEQA and Brown Act transparency requirements, thereby ensuring public participation in the development and implementation of projects and mitigation measures designed to minimize significant impacts on the environment (related to water and otherwise)

3. **Cumulative Effects**: The District formation, in combination with other GSAs and water management entities in the region, is expected to have beneficial cumulative effects on groundwater sustainability.

4. **Growth-Inducing Effects**: The District formation is not expected to induce growth, as its primary purpose is groundwater management and SGMA compliance rather than to develop a new water supply that could be used to support new development.

This preliminary analysis suggests that the District formation would not have significant adverse environmental effects and will qualify for a CEQA exemption.

C. Mitigation Measures

If the CEQA analysis identifies potential significant environmental effects from the District formation, appropriate mitigation measures would be developed to reduce these effects to less-than-significant levels. However, based on the preliminary analysis, significant effects requiring mitigation are not anticipated.

If future District activities (after formation) require mitigation measures, these would be developed and implemented as part of the CEQA review for those specific activities that are considered and adopted in accordance with Brown Act requirements.

X. LANDOWNER SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

A. Summary of Landowner Outreach and Engagement

Extensive landowner outreach and engagement have been conducted to inform landowners about the proposed District formation and to gauge support. These efforts include:

1. **Regular EWMA Meetings**: Monthly EWMA Board meetings (which are open to all members) have included regular discussions about the proposed District to provide landowners with information about the proposed District formation, SGMA requirements, and the benefits of local control for groundwater management.

2. **Individual Consultations**: Individual consultations were conducted with major landowners.

3. **Circulation of Petition:** The petition to form the proposed District was mailed to all landowners within its boundaries; several follow-up conversations were held as a result of this mailing. These outreach and engagement efforts have resulted in a high level of landowner awareness and understanding of the proposed District formation, as is evident by the numbers of signatures obtained on the petition.

B. Documentation of Landowner Support

Landowner support for the proposed District formation has been documented through the following methods:

1. **Amendment to EWMA Bylaws**: As noted above, the EWMA bylaws were amended in 2022 in order to provide a specific mechanism for funding the formation of the prosed District; of those voting, the amendment received near unanimous support.

2. **Petition Signatures**: A petition supporting District formation has been signed by landowners representing over 80% of the total acreage within the proposed District boundaries, exceeding the majority requirement under Water Code Section 34153.

3. **Meeting Attendance and Feedback**: Attendance at informational meetings and feedback provided during these meetings demonstrated strong landowner interest and support for the District formation.

This documentation demonstrates that the proposed District formation has the support of a substantial majority of landowners within the proposed boundaries, both in terms of number of landowners and percentage of total acreage.

XI. ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS

A. Alternatives Considered

In accordance with Government Code Section 56653, alternatives to forming the proposed Eastside Kern Water District were considered and evaluated. These alternatives include:

1. **Status Quo**: Continuing to rely on the KNDLA for SGMA compliance without forming a new district.

2. **Annexation into Adjacent Water Districts**: Annexing the lands within the proposed District boundaries into one or more adjacent existing water districts.

3. **Formation of a Different Type of District**: Forming a different type of special district, such as a Community Services District or a County Water District, rather than a California Water District. This alternative is not further explored in detail below because it was determined that the benefits, burdens and requirements of forming a different type of district would be largely the same as the proposed California Water District from a LAFCo perspective.

4. **Individual Landowner Compliance**: Each landowner individually addressing SGMA compliance requirements without a coordinated governance structure. This alternative is not further explored in detail below because individual landowner SGMA compliance does not appear to be a legally available option. All SGMA compliance requires a coordinated governance structure.

5. **County-Led Compliance**: Requesting that Kern County assume responsibility for SGMA compliance for the lands within the proposed District boundaries. This option is discussed below as a part of the status quo discussion.

Each of these alternatives was evaluated based on legal feasibility, administrative efficiency, cost-effectiveness, local control, and ability to achieve SGMA compliance.

B. Evaluation of Status Quo

The alternative of continuing to rely on the existing groundwater management framework through the EWMA's participation in the KNDLA was considered and it was ultimately determined to be less desirable than forming a new district as a permanent governance solution.

As is more fully discussed in Section II.C. and V.C., above, neither the County nor KCWA has assumed, or indicated any willingness to assume, primary long-term responsibility for SGMA compliance on non-districted lands within the EWMA. Given the institutional missions, funding models/limitations, expertise, and regional priorities of those agencies, there is no realistic prospect that they will shift to primary SGMA implementation for the lands within the EWMA (or KNDLA). KNDLA was expressly structured and understood to be an interim or temporary solution to ensure continuity of SGMA coverage while locally affected landowners evaluate and implement a durable alternative. KNDLA's joint powers agreement contemplates transitioning SGMA implementation for non-districted lands to the landowners or a locally organized entity with direct accountability to the groundwater extractors and property owners benefiting from, and funding, groundwater management and SGMA programs.

Although the current EWMA/KNDLA/KCWA arrangement has provided necessary SGMA coverage for lands that otherwise lack permanent representation through a public agency, the arrangement was created as a temporary solution and does not provide EWMA landowners with direct voting authority or a permanent governance platform. The status quo therefore remains viable as a transitional mechanism, but it does not resolve the underlying institutional need for a durable local public agency with clear authority, accountability, stable funding, and direct representation for long-term groundwater management. Therefore, the status quo is determined to be less favorable than formation of a new district with respect to permanence, direct representation, regulatory clarity, and long-term risk management.

C. Evaluation of Annexation Alternative

The alternative of annexation into adjacent water districts was given particular consideration but was ultimately determined to be too complex and less desirable than forming a new district. A summary of the evaluation of this alternative is as follows:

1. **Adjacent Districts Considered**: The following adjacent water districts were considered for potential annexation:

   – Cawelo Water District

   – Kern Tulare Water District

2. **Complexity Factors**:

   – Different assessment structures and rates in existing districts

   – Varying levels of debt and financial obligations

   – Different governance structures and representation models

   – Diverse water management priorities and approaches

   – Potential resistance from existing district constituents

   – Annexation fees

3. **LAFCo Considerations**:

   – Multiple annexation proceedings would be required for non-contiguous areas

   – Each annexation would require separate LAFCo approval

   – Potential for inconsistent decisions and outcomes

   – Complexity of issues with piecemeal assumption of jurisdiction from the KNDLA; each annexation could require boundary adjustment processing by DWR

4. **Landowner Preferences**:

   – Many landowners expressed preference for a new district focused specifically on local needs

   – Concerns about being minority stakeholders in larger existing districts

   – Desire for direct representation in groundwater management decisions

As is more fully discussed in Section V.C., above, annexation into either Kern Tulare or Cawelo was explored and it was determined that neither district was a suitable agency for providing groundwater management and SGMA coverage for the lands within the EWMA. Both districts are surface-water service providers, with water supply portfolios that include State Water Project/Central Valley Project and other supplies, and with governance, infrastructure, and rate structures oriented around delivery of imported and developed surface water. Only limited boundary segments are adjacent to EWMA lands, and in many locations the EWMA parcels are separated by non-contiguous tracts or by distances that limit operational integration with either district. Annexations fees would also be largely unfeasible, especially given that most of the lands with the EWMA are not irrigated (i.e., lands used for grazing and resource development). In addition, the noncontiguous boundaries of the lands within the EMWA could lead to the need for multiple LAFCo annexation proceeding into either or both of the nearby districts. The annexation of the EWMA lands into either Kern Tulare or Cawelo would create financial, governance and management complications for both the existing landowners within those districts and the landowners within the EWMA, especially given the differences in access to surface water supplies and existing water supply systems. It could also create the need for

multiple LAFCo proceedings. Based on these factors, annexation into adjacent water districts was determined to be more complex, potentially more costly, and less aligned with landowner preferences than forming a new district.

C. Comparative Analysis of Alternatives

A comparative analysis of all alternatives was conducted based on multiple criteria. The results of this analysis are summarized below:

1. **Legal Feasibility**:

– Formation of new district: High feasibility under Water Code Section 34153.

– Status quo: Moderate feasibility but potential long-term limitations and complications.

– Annexation: Low feasibility due to procedural and political complexities.

– Different district type: Feasible but unnecessary.

– Individual compliance: Not feasible due to SGMA requirements.

– County-led compliance: Low feasibility due to dependence on County willingness to undertake and resolve complexities and fund SGMA compliance.

2. **Administrative Efficiency**:

– Formation of new district: High efficiency with focused purpose and structure.

– Status quo: Moderate efficiency but limited local control.

– Annexation: Low efficiency due to integration challenges.

– Different district type: Feasible but unnecessary.

– Individual compliance: Not feasible due to SGMA requirements.

– County-led compliance: Low feasibility due to lack of necessary County staffing.

3. **Cost-Effectiveness**:

– Formation of new district: High cost-effectiveness with tailored structure.

– Status quo: Moderate cost-effectiveness due to limited control over costs.

– Annexation: Variable cost-effectiveness depending on existing district rates.

– Different district type: Feasible but unnecessary.

– Individual compliance: Not feasible due to SGMA requirements.

– County-led compliance: Moderate cost-effectiveness but potential for higher costs

4. **Local Control**:

– Formation of new district: Very high local control with dedicated board.

– Status quo: Minimal local control through KNDLA participation.

– Annexation: Low local control as minority stakeholders.

– Different district type: High local control but unnecessary.

– Individual compliance: Not feasible due to SGMA requirements.

– County-led compliance: Very low local control with county-wide governance.

5. **SGMA Compliance Capability**:

– Formation of new district: High capability with focused purpose.

– Status quo: Moderate capability but potential long-term limitations.

– Annexation: High capability through established districts but potential short-term limitations due to complexity with annexation and implementation procedures.

– Different district type: Moderate to high capability but unnecessary.

– Individual compliance: Not feasible due to SGMA requirements.

– County-led compliance: Low capability due to lack of County staffing and competing priorities.

Based on this comparative analysis, the formation of a new California Water District was determined to be the most favorable alternative across all criteria.

D. Rationale for Selected Alternative

The formation of the Eastside Kern Water District was selected as the preferred alternative for the following reasons:

1. **Focused Purpose**: A new district can be formed with the specific purpose of groundwater management and SGMA compliance, ensuring focused attention on this regional priority.
2. **Direct Representation**: A new district provides direct representation for landowners within the proposed boundaries through an elected board of directors.
3. **Tailored Structure**: A new district can be structured to meet the specific needs and circumstances of the lands within the proposed boundaries.
4. **Cost Control**: A new district allows for local control over budgeting, assessments, and expenditures, promoting cost-effectiveness.
5. **Landowner Support**: A new district has garnered strong support from landowners.

6. **Long-term Stability**: A new district provides a stable, long-term governance structure for ongoing SGMA compliance.
7. **Legal Feasibility**: Formation of a new district under Water Code Section 34153 is legally feasible and has been successfully implemented in other areas under similar circumstances.
8. **LAFCo Feedback**: Preliminary consultation with Kern County LAFCo has yielded positive feedback regarding the proposed formation.

These factors, combined with the comparative analysis of alternatives, provide a strong rationale for proceeding with the formation of the Eastside Kern Water District as the preferred alternative for achieving SGMA compliance and local control of groundwater management.

XII. IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE AND LAFCo PROCESS

A. Pre-Application Consultation Summary

Preliminary consultation with Kern County LAFCo and the County of Kern has been conducted to discuss the proposed District formation and to obtain guidance on the application process. This consultation included:

1. **Initial Meeting**: Initial meetings with LAFCo staff were held to introduce the concept of forming the Eastside Kern Water District and to discuss general requirements and procedures.
2. **Follow-up Discussions**: Several follow-up discussions were held with LAFCo staff to address specific questions and to refine the formation approach based on LAFCo guidance.
3. **Preliminary Feedback**: LAFCo staff provided positive preliminary feedback regarding the proposed formation, noting that:
   - The formation appears to be consistent with LAFCo policies and state law.
   - The proposed boundaries appear reasonable and appropriate.
   - The focus on groundwater management and SGMA compliance addresses a clear public need.
4. **Application Guidance**: LAFCo staff provided specific guidance on application requirements, including:
   - Required documentation and supporting materials.
   - Development of the Legal Description.
   - Fee schedule and payment procedures.
   - Noticing and public hearing requirements.
   - Protest proceeding procedures.

This pre-application consultation has been valuable in shaping the formation approach and in ensuring that the formal application will address all LAFCo requirements and concerns.

B. LAFCo Application Requirements

The formal application to Kern County LAFCo for formation of the Eastside Kern Water District will include all required components, as required by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act and LAFCo policies:

1. **Application Form**: Completed LAFCo application form with all required information.
2. **Plan for Services**: This Feasibility Study serves as the Plan for Services required by Government Code Section 56653, including:
   - Description of services to be provided
   - Level and range of services
   - Financing approach
   - Timing of service delivery
   - Alternative analysis
3. **Boundary Map and Legal Description**: Detailed map and legal description of the proposed District boundaries, prepared by a licensed surveyor or engineer and previously approved by the County and LAFCo.
4. **CEQA Documentation**: Appropriate CEQA documentation as determined through consultation with LAFCo staff.
5. **Landowner Petition**: Petition signed by landowners representing more than a majority of the assessed value of land within each of the noncontiguous areas proposed to be included within the District have expressed support for the formation, as required by Water Code Section 34153.
6. **Filing Fees**: Payment of required LAFCo filing fees has been made.
7. **Additional Documentation**: Any additional documentation requested by LAFCo staff during the application process.

All application materials will be prepared in accordance with LAFCo requirements and submitted on or around the target date of February 1, 2026.

C. Implementation Timeline

The implementation timeline for formation of the Eastside Kern Water District is expected to 6-9 months from acceptance of the application materials. This timeline is subject to adjustment based on LAFCo and County processing times, potential landowner protests, and other factors that may affect the formation process. Once implemented, the District will be prepared to immediately begin providing the services, as it is already largely providing these services through its participation in KNDLA.

XIII. REGULATORY COMPLIANCE FRAMEWORK

A. SGMA Compliance Requirements and Deadlines

As a local agency formed primarily for groundwater management and SGMA compliance, the proposed Eastside Kern Water District would be responsible for SGMA requirements, including the following:

1. **GSA Formation or Participation**: Upon formation, the District could either:
   - Become a GSA for its service area by submitting a GSA formation notice to DWR;
   - Join an existing GSA through a Joint Powers Agreement or other legal arrangement; or
   - Continue to participate in the existing GSA structure through the KNDLA.
2. **GSP Implementation**: The District would be responsible for implementing the portions of the Kern County Subbasin GSP applicable to its service area, including:
   - Groundwater monitoring and data collection.
   - Implementation of projects and management actions to avoid undesirable results.
   - Annual reporting to DWR.
   - Coordination with other GSAs in the Subbasin.
3. **Sustainability Achievement**: As part of a critically overdrafted basin, the District would need to contribute to achieving groundwater sustainability by 2040, with measurable objectives and interim milestones as specified in the GSP.
4. **Five-Year GSP Updates**: The District would participate in the required five-year updates to the Kern County Subbasin GSP, with the first update due in 2025 and subsequent updates every five years thereafter.
5. **Annual Reports**: The District would contribute to or prepare annual reports to DWR on GSP implementation progress, due by April 1 each year.

The District's formation and operational plans have been developed with these SGMA requirements and deadlines in mind to ensure full compliance.

B. State Water Resources Control Board Oversight

The State Water Resources Control Board ("SWRCB") has oversight authority related to SGMA implementation and groundwater management. The proposed District would interact with the SWRCB, as necessary, in the following ways:

1. **Intervention Authority**: The SWRCB has authority to intervene in basins where local agencies fail to comply with SGMA requirements. The District's formation and operations are designed to ensure compliance and avoid state intervention.

2. **Water Rights Administration**: The SWRCB administers water rights in California, which may affect groundwater management in the Subbasin. The District would coordinate with the SWRCB on water rights issues as needed.

3. **Water Quality Regulation**: The SWRCB regulates water quality, which may intersect with groundwater management. The District would ensure that its groundwater management activities comply with applicable water quality regulations.

4. **Reporting Requirements**: The District may be subject to certain reporting requirements to the SWRCB, particularly if state intervention occurs or if water quality issues arise.

The District would maintain awareness of SWRCB policies and requirements and would coordinate with the SWRCB as needed to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations.

C. Department of Water Resources Reporting and Oversight

The Department of Water Resources plays a central role in SGMA implementation and oversight. The proposed District would interact with DWR in the following ways:

1. **GSA Formation Notification**: If the District becomes a GSA, it would submit the required notification to DWR within 30 days of the decision to become a GSA.

2. **GSP Implementation Reporting**: The District would contribute to or prepare annual reports to DWR on GSP implementation progress, due by April 1 each year.

3. **GSP Updates**: The District would participate in the required five-year updates to the Kern County Subbasin GSP, which must be submitted to DWR for review and approval.

4. **Monitoring Network**: The District would coordinate with DWR regarding monitoring network requirements and data submission.

5. **Technical Assistance**: The District may seek technical assistance from DWR for groundwater management activities, including use of DWR's technical resources and guidance.

6. **Grant Funding**: The District may apply for grant funding through DWR's SGMA implementation grant programs to support groundwater management activities.

The District would maintain regular communication with DWR and would ensure compliance with all DWR reporting and oversight requirements.

D. Local Agency Coordination Requirements

The proposed District would need to coordinate with various local agencies for effective groundwater management and SGMA compliance. These coordination requirements include:

1. **Other GSAs in the Subbasin**: The District would coordinate with other GSAs in the Kern County Subbasin to ensure consistent implementation of the basin-wide GSP and to avoid undesirable results.

2. **Kern County**: The District would coordinate with Kern County on various matters, including:

   - Land use planning that may affect groundwater management if requested.
   - Well permitting and regulation.

3. **Adjacent Water Districts**: The District would coordinate with adjacent water districts on boundary issues, shared resources, and regional groundwater level issues and management strategies.

4. **Kern County Water Agency**: The District would coordinate with the Kern County Water Agency on regional water management issues and potential supplemental water supply opportunities.

5. **KNDLA**: The District would coordinate with the KNDLA during the transition of SGMA compliance responsibilities for lands within the District boundaries. Thereafter, the District would continue its membership in KNDLA along with other GSAs in the Subbasin.

6. **Kern County LAFCo**: The District would maintain communication with LAFCo regarding any future boundary changes or service modifications.

This coordination would be formalized through memoranda of understanding, joint powers agreements, or other appropriate legal mechanisms as needed.

XV. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Summary of Feasibility Findings

Based on the comprehensive analysis presented in this Feasibility Study, the formation of the Eastside Kern Water District is determined to be feasible and necessary. Key findings supporting this conclusion include:

1. **Legal Feasibility**: The proposed District formation complies with all applicable legal requirements, including the California Water District Act and the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.

2. **Financial Feasibility**: The proposed assessment methodology would generate sufficient revenue to fund District operations, with an estimated annual budget of $400,000 to $550,000 for groundwater management services and SGMA compliance activities.

3. **Operational Feasibility**: The proposed governance structure and administrative approach would provide effective and efficient management of District operations, groundwater management services, and SGMA compliance activities.

4. **Landowner Support**: The number of landowners supporting the proposed District formation exceeds the majority requirement under Water Code Section 34153.

5. **Public Benefit**: The proposed District would provide clear public benefits through improved groundwater management, local control and representation, and progress toward groundwater sustainability.

6. **Alternative Analysis**: Formation of a new district was determined to be more feasible and beneficial than alternatives such as annexation into adjacent water districts or continued reliance on the KNDLA.

7. **LAFCo Considerations**: Preliminary consultation with Kern County LAFCo has yielded positive feedback regarding the proposed formation.

These findings collectively demonstrate that the formation of the Eastside Kern Water District is feasible from legal, financial, operational, and governance perspectives.

B. Recommendations for Proceeding with Formation

Based on the feasibility findings, the following recommendations are made for proceeding with the formation of the Eastside Kern Water District:

1. **Proceed with LAFCo Application**: Submit a formal application to Kern County LAFCo for formation of the Eastside Kern Water District.

2. **Continue Landowner Outreach**: Maintain regular communication with landowners within the proposed boundaries to address questions and concerns and to maintain support for District formation.

3. **Finalize Formation Documentation**: Complete and submit all required documentation for the LAFCo application, including boundary maps, legal descriptions, CEQA documentation, and landowner petitions.

4. **Develop Transition Plan**: Develop a detailed plan for transitioning SGMA compliance responsibilities from the KNDLA to the new District upon formation.

5. **Identify Initial Board Candidates**: Identify potential candidates for the initial Board of Directors to ensure a smooth transition to District governance upon formation approval.

6. **Monitor Formation Funding**: Ensure funding the formation process, including LAFCo fees, legal costs, and other formation expenses remain available.

7. **Coordinate with Regulatory Agencies**: Maintain communication with DWR, SWRCB, and other regulatory agencies regarding the formation process and SGMA compliance plans, as necessary.

8. **Develop Initial Policies and Procedures**: Begin development of essential policies and procedures for District operations, with a focus on demand management strategies, to enable prompt implementation upon formation approval.

Implementation of these recommendations would facilitate an efficient and effective formation process, leading to the establishment of a well-prepared and capable local agency for SGMA compliance.

C. Critical Success Factors

Several critical success factors have been identified for the formation and operation of the proposed District. These factors include:

1. **Maintaining Landowner Support**: Continued support from a majority of landowners is essential for both LAFCo approval and successful District operations.
2. **Effective Governance**: Establishing an effective and cohesive Board of Directors with a clear understanding of roles, responsibilities, and objectives.
3. **Sustainable Funding**: Implementing a stable and sufficient funding mechanism through property assessments or charges to support ongoing operations.
4. **Professional Expertise**: Securing qualified professional services for hydrogeological, legal, and administrative functions.
5. **Regulatory Compliance**: Maintaining strict compliance with all GSP and SGMA requirements and other applicable laws and regulations.
6. **Stakeholder Coordination**: Establishing effective coordination with other GSAs, local agencies, and stakeholders in the Subbasin.
7. **Adaptive Management**: Implementing an adaptive management approach that responds to changing conditions and new information.
8. **Transparent Operations**: Maintaining transparent operations and open communication with landowners and other stakeholders.

Attention to these critical success factors would enhance the likelihood of successful District formation and effective long-term operations.

D. Long-term Vision and Goals

The long-term vision for the Eastside Kern Water District is to serve as an effective, efficient, and responsive local agency for groundwater management, ensuring sustainable groundwater resources for current and future generations. Specific long-term goals include:

1. **Groundwater Sustainability**: Achieve groundwater sustainability within the District boundaries by 2040, as required by SGMA for critically overdrafted basins.
2. **Cost-Effective Operations**: Maintain cost-effective operations that provide value to landowners while ensuring adequate funding for necessary activities.

3. **Local Control**: Preserve local control of groundwater management decisions, avoiding state intervention through proactive compliance with SGMA requirements.

4. **Stakeholder Satisfaction**: Achieve high levels of satisfaction among landowners and other stakeholders through responsive governance and effective management.

5. **Adaptive Capacity**: Develop the capacity to adapt to changing conditions, including regulatory changes and evolving best practices in groundwater management.

6. **Regional Leadership**: Establish the District as a respected and influential participant in regional water management discussions and decisions.

7. **Organizational Excellence**: Achieve excellence in governance, administration, and technical functions through continuous improvement and best practices.

These long-term goals would guide District operations and decision-making beyond the initial formation and establishment phase.

E. Conclusion

In summary, the formation of the Eastside Kern Water District would improve the long-term structure of local government in Kern County more than it would complicate it. The current EWMA/KNDLA framework has served an important transitional purpose by ensuring that lands outside an existing water district remain covered for SGMA compliance. However, that arrangement is inherently interim and indirect. EWMA is not a public agency, does not have voting authority within KNDLA, and cannot provide the same level of permanent accountability, regulatory authority, or direct landowner representation that a locally governed public agency can provide.

The proposed District would replace that temporary structure with a focused, durable, and legally recognized local agency whose purpose is limited primarily to groundwater management and SGMA compliance. It would provide a direct governance link between the landowners who fund and are affected by groundwater management decisions and the public agency responsible for implementing those decisions. The District's proposed seven-member board, open-meeting obligations, public-records requirements, annual reporting, financial transparency, and landowner communication measures would add accountability and public-agency discipline to an area that currently depends on a less direct institutional structure.

Formation of a new District is the least complicated long-term alternative. Continuing the status quo would preserve an interim arrangement that does not resolve the need for permanent local representation. County-led management does not appear realistic or aligned with the County's present priorities, funding or staffing. Annexation into adjacent district(s) would likely create greater financial, operational, boundary, and governance complications because those districts are primarily surface-water service providers with different infrastructure, rate structures, service histories, and constituent interests. By contrast, the proposed District is tailored to the specific groundwater-management needs of the EWMA lands and avoids imposing new responsibilities on existing districts or expanding jurisdiction to landowners who have not sought inclusion.

The District's proposed service and fiscal structure further support the conclusion that it would simplify long-term governance. The District would not initially provide direct water service to landowners, construct new infrastructure, or assume unrelated municipal functions. Its role would be limited to groundwater management services, including monitoring, reporting, GSP implementation, landowner outreach, coordination with other GSAs, and adoption of lawful funding and regulatory measures needed for SGMA compliance. The proposed contract-based staffing model and estimated annual budget provide a practical mechanism for funding required services without creating a large bureaucracy.

On balance, the formation of the Eastside Kern Water District would create a more coherent and accountable local government structure for groundwater management in this portion of the Subbasin. While any new public agency adds a formal governmental entity, this proposal does so for a narrow and necessary purpose: to convert a temporary and indirect SGMA compliance arrangement into a permanent, locally controlled public agency with clear authority, stable funding, and direct accountability. For that reason, the proposed formation should be viewed as a net improvement to the long-term structure of local government in Kern County.

XVI. APPENDICES

A. Proposed District (Boundary Map & Legal Description)

B. Additional Areas within Proposed Sphere of Influence (Maps & Legal Descriptions)

C. Landowner Support Documentation - See Completed Petition Filed with Application

KERN COUNTY / Auditor Controller

Aimee X. Espinoza
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK

July 2, 2026

Kern County Administrative Office
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Bakersfield, CA 93301

Re: Eastside Kern Water District Annexation, LAFCO Proceeding No. 1847

In accordance with Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, a jurisdictional change is being processed that affects the above-mentioned service area. To our knowledge, there is no exchange of property tax revenue from this annexation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (661) 868-3515.

Sincerely,
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By _____

Corina Camarillo
Property Tax Division

REPORT OF KERN COUNTY ASSESSOR

Jon Lifquist, Assessor-Recorder

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Proceeding No. 1847
In the Matter of: Eastside Kern Water District

Date: 6/23/2026
By: Yesenia Sifuentes
GIS Tech II

1. The number of assessment parcels within subject territory is: 289
2. Subject territory is within the following Tax Rate Area(s): *NEXT TAB*
3. Assessed valuation: (**Attach Sheet** Breakdown) Secured: $ 65,293,644 Unsecured: $ 43,518
4. Do the subject territory boundaries correspond with lines of ownership in the last equalized assessment roll? ☑ YES ☐ NO
   a. List APN of non-corresponding parcels:
5. Do the subject territory boundaries correspond with lines of ownership in the current assessment roll being prepared? ☑ YES ☐ NO
   a. List APN of non-corresponding parcels:
6. Do the subject territory boundaries correspond with Tax Rate Area boundaries? ☑ YES ☐ NO
   a. List APN of non-corresponding TRA's:
7. Identify all incorporated cities who's city limit boundary is within three (3) miles of subject territory:
   (If none, please enter word "NONE") None
8. Please **ATTACH SHEET** identifying all local *agencies* within, or partially within, the boundaries of the subject territory. (Including cities, special districts, school districts and county service areas)
9. Please **ATTACH SHEET** identifying the *parcels within* the subject territory:
   Include: Assessee name, billing name, APN, ATN, TRA, roll type, assessed values and exemptions
10. Please **ATTACH SHEET** identifying the surface *owners within* the subject territory:
    Include: Assessee name, billing name, and billing address
11. Please **ATTACH SHEET** identifying property *owners outside* the subject territory, within 300 feet:
    Include: Assessee name, billing name, and billing address
12. Additional requested information:

13. Please provide comments or recommendations:
    Approximately 17,561 A.C. within the 3-mile buffer of the outside notification
    list lie outside Kern County's jurisdiction and were not included in this report.

    NOTE: The above comments are advisory only. The Assessor's Office does not require any particular remedy for these issues; they are reported here as a notice to LAFCO and the applicant that minor inconsistencies have been discovered in the proposal.

PROCEEDING No. 1847 Date: June 23, 2026

In the matter of: Eastside Kern Water District
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Total Assessed Value for Annexation
Before Exemptions: $65,337,162

Breakdown of Value per TRA:

TRA	Secured AV	Unsecured AV	Subv Exmpt AV	NonSubv Exmpt AV
056-041	$70,227	$0	$0	$0
057-001	$989,312	$0	$7,000	$0
057-003	$604,625	$0	$0	$0
059-000	$445,754	$0	$0	$0
059-001	$407,665	$0	$0	$0
065-001	$16,258,173	$0	$0	$0
065-002	$5,181	$0	$0	$0
065-006	$642,528	$0	$0	$0
065-007	$11,958,688	$0	$0	$0
065-008	$703,822	$0	$0	$0
065-010	$977,180	$0	$0	$0
065-012	$1,327,561	$0	$0	$0
065-013	$6,088,502	$0	$0	$0
091-001	$5,849,551	$0	$0	$0
091-002	$99,213	$0	$0	$0
091-008	$1,594,030	$0	$0	$0
091-017	$5,547,338	$43,518	$7,000	$0
091-018	$10,186,803	$0	$0	$0
091-020	$87,166	$0	$0	$0
091-022	$24,677	$0	$0	$0
091-023	$122,294	$0	$0	$0
121-001	$887,366	$0	$0	$0
121-009	$415,988	$0	$0	$0

KERN COUNTY / ASSESSOR RECORDER

Laura Avila
Kern County Assessor-Recorder

Memorandum

TO: Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
Attention: Janelle Austin

Date: June 23, 2026

FROM: Laura Avila, Kern County Assessor-Recorder
by: Yesenia Sifuentes, GIS Tech II

SUBJECT: Jurisdictional Changes
RE: Eastside Kern Water District
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Here is a copy of our report to LAFCO RE: Proceeding No. 1847 together with a report to you showing the breakdown of both Secured & Unsecured AV per TRA . Also included & itemized, are any Exemption Values, if applicable.

Values are Gross, unless noted.

If you require any additional information, please let us know.

Eastside Kern Water District

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NAME & ADDRESS INSIDE SUBJECT TERRITORY

ASSE_NAME	IN_CARE_OF	ADDR_BILL2
ARIUS FARMS LLC		ENCINO CA 91436
ARMAND JEAN LOUIS & CANDICE ANN ARMAND 2002		SAN CARLOS CA 94070-4744
BEINN PROPERTIES LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308-3707
BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY LLC	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	BAKERSFIELD CA 93311-8957
BIXLER REAL ESTATE TRUST	BIXLER ALLESON F TTEE	CAMDEN ME 04843-1717
BJL FARMING LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308
BORDA JON M & DAWN		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308-9523
CALIFORNIA RESOURCES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	3RD FLOOR ATTN TAX DEPT	SANTA CLARITA CA 91355-4910
CALIFORNIA RESOURCES PETROLEUM CORPORATION	TAX DEPARTMENT	SANTA CLARITA CA 91355-4910
CAMEO RANCHES	SEQUOIA ORANGE CO	EXETER CA 93221
CHEVRON USA INC	CHEVRON PROPERTY TAX DEPT	BAKERSFIELD CA 93302-1392
COHAGEN LAND & CATTLE CO LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308-9654
COUNTY LINE RANCH		EXETER CA 93221
COUNTY LINE RANCH		EXETER CA 93221
COWBOY PROP LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308
DADGOSTAR HOUSHANG & YASSAMAN REV LIV TR	DADGOSTAR HOUSHANG & YASSAMAN TTEES	LOS ANGELES CA 90025
DARK ROCK LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93314-7612
DEVILS DEN LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308
DEVILS DEN LLC	HATHAWAY CHAD J	BAKERSFIELD CA 93308
FAMOSO HILLS RANCH LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308-6812
FARMCLUB LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93309
HALL TERRY A & DENISE D		BAKERSFIELD CA 93312
HATHAWAY C&L FAMILY TRUST	HATHAWAY CHAD J & LINDSEY TTEES	BAKERSFIELD CA 93308
HEIN MARTIN & KATHRYN FAMILY TR	HEIN MARTIN H & KATHRYN V TRS	VISALIA CA 93277-9445
HERNANDEZ IVONNE JAQUELINE		BAKERSFIELD CA 93307-9428
HOMEWOOD MOUNTAIN PARTNERS LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308-6812
JASPAR DEE & GAIL		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308
JASPAR FAMILY TRUST	JASPAR DORSEY E JR & GAIL M TRS	BAKERSFIELD CA 93308

JAY LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308-6812
JY FARMING CO LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308-6812
KERN FRUITS & NUTS LLC		SAN DIEGO CA 92107-4229
KERN RANCH		EXETER CA 93221
LAWRENCE DE ROUVRAY AMY	BOWLES FARMING CO INC	LOS BANOS CA 93635-9514
LUCAS MICHAEL & CATTRINA		BAKERSFIELD CA 93390
LUGO EDWARD A III & BENITA		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308
MACFARLANE LAND & FARM CO	SMITH DONALD G	BAKERSFIELD CA 93308
MANION FAMILY TRUST	MANION JOHN H & CECILIA V TRUSTEES	PASADENA CA 91107-5418
MARSHALL FAMILY TRUST	TAYLOR GREGORY SUCTR	HANFORD CA 93230
MC PHEETERS RICK & LINDA FAMILY TRUST	MC PHEETERS RICK A & LINDA C TRUSTEES	BAKERSFIELD CA 93308-9523
MICHAEL PETER CANNON		LOS BANOS CA 93635-9514
OSO ROJO LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93311
PACE DIVERSIFIED CORP		BAKERSFIELD CA 93314-7612
PETRO CAPITAL RESOURCES LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308-7089
PETRO CAPITAL RESOURCES LLC	PETROTECH	BAKERSFIELD CA 93309-1190
PETRO CAPITAL RESOURCES LLC	PETROTECH INC	BAKERSFIELD CA 93309-1190
POE ROBERT H		SCOTTSDALE AZ 85262-3575
REINA PROPERTIES LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308
RICE ROBERT J ET AL		BAKERSFIELD CA 93380
SALMONS LLC		LOS ANGELES CA 90035
SKAGGS C&R FAMILY TRUST	SKAGGS CURTIS M & REBECCA A TRUSTEES	BAKERSFIELD CA 93312
STOLIKER VEVA M LIVING TR	STOLIKER CORA G	TOCOMA WA 98411
TAYLOR STEVE & JODY		BAKERSFIELD CA 93314
US HORTICULTURE FARMLAND LLC	ORBIS	CHARLOTTE NC 28273
VEDDER CO L P		CARPINTERIA CA 93013-3107
WILLOW SPRINGS RANCH LLC		PIXLEY CA 93256

KERN COUNTY / Administrative Office

Nancy Anderson
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

July 7, 2026

Blair Knox
Executive Officer
Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission
5300 Lennox Ave, Suite 303
Bakersfield, CA 93309

FORMATION OF EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT,
LAFCO PROCEEDING NO. 1847

A formation for the Eastside Kern Water District has been filed with the Local Agency Formation Commission and is assigned LAFCo Proceeding No. 1847. It has been determined that there will be no transfer of service responsibilities with any other local agencies currently serving the area involved and accordingly that there should be no exchange of property tax revenues.

Therefore, please find attached Resolution No. 2011-119 adopted by the Kern County Board of Supervisors on May 10, 2011. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (661) 868-3159.

Sincerely,



Thomas Brown
Chief Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs Officer
Kern County Administrative Office

cc: Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of: **Resolution No. 2011-119**

EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES
UPON LOCAL AGENCY JURISDICTIONAL CHANGE
FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS WITHOUT TRANSFER OF
SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES

I, KATHLEEN KRAUSE, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, do hereby certify that the following resolution, proposed by Supervisor Watson, seconded by Supervisor McQuiston, was duly passed and adopted by said Board of Supervisors at an official meeting hereof this 10th day of May, 2011, by the following vote, to wit

AYES: **McQuiston, Scrivner, Maggard, Watson, Goh**

NOES: **None**

ABSENT: **None**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS KERN COUNTY, CA

KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Kern, State of California
Karen L Wiens
Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION

Section 1. WHEREAS:

(a) Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 99, the Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission is required to submit a Notice of Filing of LAFCO Proceeding for local agency jurisdictional changes for special districts and the Kern County Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, is required to notify the governing bodies of the local agencies involved in the area of the proposed annexation by letter, and

(b) The aforesaid Section 99 provides that in the event a jurisdictional change would affect the service area or service responsibility of one or more special districts, the board of supervisors of the county or counties in which the districts are located shall negotiate any exchange of property tax revenues on their behalf; and

(c) The County Administrative Officer, representing the Board of Supervisors, has examined the Notice of Filings and the Kern County Auditor-Controller's letter regarding the jurisdictional changes for the special districts and has found that there will be no transfer of service responsibilities with any other local agencies currently serving the area involved and accordingly that there should be no exchange of property tax revenues;

Section 2. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, as follows:

1. When a determination is made by the County Administrative Officer on behalf of the Kern County Board of Supervisors that that there will be no transfer of service responsibilities with any other local agencies currently serving the area involved and accordingly that there should be no exchange of property tax revenues; then

2. The County Administrative Officer on behalf of the Board of Supervisors is directed to inform the Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission and the Kern County Auditor-Controller of the aforesaid determination by transmittal to them of a copy of this resolution.

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See above
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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Certificate of Filing

In the Matter of:	Proceeding No. 1847 & 1848
Eastside Kern Water District, A California Water District: Formation and Sphere of Influence Determination	

I, Blair Knox, Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Kern, hereby certify that:

A proposal referenced and described above has been submitted to me and it has been found that:

- the proposal was initiated by Landowner Petition;
  (G.C. §56700) and (Water Code § 34153)
- the proposed territory has been found to be uninhabited;
  (G.C. §56079.5)
- all application contents as prescribed by law are presented;
  (G.C. §56652)
- all affected agencies have been notified; and
  (G.C. §56658)

It has been established that the application contains the information and data requested and required by this Commission and has been **accepted** for filing on 26 October, 2026 (G.C. §56651)

Date of Hearing: Wednesday, 18 November, 2026

Time of Hearing: 5:15 PM

Place of Hearing: Kern Council of Governments (KernCOG)
1401 19th Street Suite #300
Bakersfield, CA 93301

This Certificate of Filing is issued pursuant to California Government Code §56658 (f). All time requirements for processing and consideration of this application specified by state law and the rules and regulations of this Commission shall become effective on the date of issuance of this certificate.

Blair Knox Digitally signed by Blair Knox
Date: 2026.10.26 11:12:17 -07'00'

Blair Knox, Executive Officer

KTWD
KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT

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April 20, 2026

Submitted via DWR SGMA Portal

Paul Gosselin
Deputy Director of Sustainable Groundwater Management
California Department of Water Resources
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Kern County Subbasin Amended GSP Comments – Eastside Water Management Area

Dear Mr. Gosselin,

The Kern-Tulare Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (KTWD GSA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the 2025 Amended Kern Subbasin GSP (GSP). The Kern Subbasin GSAs worked collectively to prepare the GSP, a coordinated document that addresses the deficiencies identified in DWR's Inadequate Determination and the additional recommendations provided by the State Water Resources Control Board. KTWD GSA supports and has adopted the GSP and believes that DWR should and can issue an Adequate determination following its review, and we recommend that it also includes specific corrective requirements for Eastside Water Management Area (EWMA). KTWD GSA's goal in submitting these comments is to ensure the long-term success of the subbasin plan and continued effective implementation under DWR jurisdiction.

KTWD GSA strongly recommends DWR note the lack of progress made by EWMA—a groundwater-dependent, whiteland area covering 39,420 acres on the east side of the Kern Subbasin—and its insufficient projects and management actions. KTWD GSA has significant concerns regarding EWMA's management area and its ability and willingness to sustainably manage groundwater. KTWD GSA is geographically located immediately to the west of EWMA, and KTWD GSA's sustainability is contingent on this management area becoming sustainable. It is therefore critical that EWMA is not permitted to continue to extract groundwater in an unsustainable manner. The success of the subbasin will rely heavily upon whitelands being properly managed through demand reduction actions. To date, EWMA has not adopted management actions that will bring it into sustainability and EWMA has not made meaningful progress towards arresting overdraft in its area.

Background

EWMA is "a non-profit corporation governed by a seven-member Board of Directors that is working to become a public agency and serve as the GSA for land within its boundaries. Until EWMA can serve as its own GSA, it is treated as a separate management area within the Kern Non-Districted Lands Authority (KNDLA)." –*GSP Section 10. Management Areas*

"The EWMA was formed on May 7, 2018 and implements groundwater management through a Provision of Jurisdiction Agreements with the KNDLA GSA. Additional details are provided in the Kern Non-District Lands Authority Joint Powers Agreement governance document in Appendix C-2 [of the GSP], which formally defines EWMA's roles and responsibilities as a partner to the other Kern Subbasin GSAs." *–GSP Section 3.4 Legal Authority of the GSAs*

A description of EWMA can be found in *Kern GSP Section 5. Plan Area (p. 5-8, 5-9):*

- "Encompasses 39,420 acres primarily in the East Margin HCM Area with a few non-districted parcels on the eastern edge of the North Basin HCM Area."
- "Most lands are adjacent to Kern-Tulare Water District GSA, Cawelo Water District GSA and the Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District GSA."
- "Land uses include oil/industrial (81 percent), trees (16 percent), urban and roads (7 percent) and idle land (2 percent)."
- Within KNDLA "Non-districted lands and EWMA are treated as separate management areas with regard to water budgets and Projects and Management Action (P/MAs)."

Figure 1 and **Figure 2**, extracted from the GSP, show all GSAs in the Kern Subbasin, with EWMA highlighted, as well as all land use within KNDLA, including EWMA.

I. GROUNDWATER EXTRACTIONS WITHIN EWMA IMPACT KTWD GSA

A. Thousands of groundwater-dependent acres were recently developed on KTWD GSA's eastern border

Since 2014, 3,460 acres (2,564 acres in the Kern County Subbasin and 896 acres in the Tule Subbasin) of non-districted land has been developed into permanent plantings east of KTWD GSA. These grounds are solely reliant on groundwater, and extractions are from the Santa Margarita Formation and deeper confined aquifers. **Table 1** and **Figure 3** show the development of this acreage over three time periods: prior to 2014, between January 2014 to December 2019 and from January 2020 to present.

Table 1. Development of Non-Districted Lands to the East of KTWD GSA

Year Developed	Kern (acres)	Tule (acres)	Total (acres)
Pre-2014	2,110	4,641	6,752
Jan 2014 – Dec 2019	2,255	399	2,645
Jan 2020 – Present	309	497	806
Total	**4,674**	**5,537**	**10,203**

EWMA covers approximately 4,000 acres of the 4,674 acres east of KTWD GSA.

B. Lands in EWMA are overdrafting a confined aquifer shared with KTWD

EWMA and KTWD GSA are located within the East Margin HCM Area, where older, locally significant geologic units including the Santa Margarita Formation and Olcese Sands, are present. The Santa Margarita Formation is a primary aquifer for both KTWD GSA and EWMA. The Olcese Sands are accessed by wells on the eastern edge of KTWD GSA and within EWMA.

The Santa Margarita Formation is confined above and below by impervious silt and shale layers. As stated in the GSP, the Santa Margarita Formation is a highly permeable confined aquifer that acts as a source of freshwater in the northeast portion of the subbasin. The formation is recharged from rainfall and stream seepage where the formation outcrops from the Sierra east of KTWD GSA and EWMA.

The confined aquifers of the Santa Margarita Formation and the Olcese Sands are shallow to the east and deepen to the west as shown in cross-sections A and B of the GSP. **Figure 4** displays an additional east-west cross-section long County Line Road of KTWD GSA and EWMA, and includes both the Santa Margarita Formation and the Olcese Sands aquifers, as well as the static water level of each aquifer, the extent of freshwater, and any active wells (with total depth or perforated interval information for each). As shown in **Figure 4**, most of the wells within KTWD GSA and EWMA penetrate to the Santa Margarita Formation; wells near the eastern border of KTWD GSA and within EWMA extend to the Olcese Sands.

Figure 5 is a map of all active agricultural wells within KTWD GSA. The map references the deepest aquifer penetrated by each well, as determined by the cross-sections. The map also depicts developed land with agricultural wells within EWMA that rely on the Santa Margarita Formation and the Olcese Sands aquifers. The location and the deepest aquifer penetrated by wells within EWMA was gathered from a 2021 draft report entitled "Determination of Supply Well Production from Various Formations in the EWMA" written by Schmidt and Associates on behalf of EWMA. Although the figure displays the deepest aquifer penetrated, most wells pump from multiple aquifers. The pumping percentage of individual wells varies and ranges from 30% to 81% from the Santa Margarita and 15% to 72% from the Olcese Sands based on the findings of the draft report.

With 4,000 acres of EWMA planted into permanent crops east of KTWD GSA and solely reliant on groundwater, EWMA is heavily overdrafting the Santa Margarita Formation and the Olcese Sands aquifers and directly negatively impacting KTWD GSA's groundwater supplies.

C. Impacts to the Santa Margarita Formation

Groundwater elevations in the Santa Margarita Formation have been monitored since the 1960's and KTWD has been reporting water levels via CASGEM since 2012. **Figure 6** is a hydrograph of groundwater levels for the six wells with long standing periods of record that penetrate to the Santa Margarita Formation within KTWD GSA. As discussed in the GSP and shown in **Figure 6**, groundwater levels were falling prior to the formation of the Kern-Tulare Water District (District) and recovered for a period of time once the District began importing surface water.

The groundwater aquifers shared by KTWD GSA and EWMA are now however under significant stress, with the Santa Margarita Aquifer showing clear signs of overdraft. A key piece of evidence for this is the aquifer's inability to recover its water levels; even when KTWD GSA cut its own pumping by as much as 67% between 2014 and 2020, and despite back-to-back wet years in 2023-2024, groundwater elevations

failed to rebound meaningfully. The primary driver of this decline is increased agricultural plantings and pumping within EWMA during this time period. The recent drop in KTWD's groundwater levels directly correlates with a period of increased irrigated farming and a subsequent rise in groundwater pumping within EWMA.

This impact occurs because both KTWD GSA and landowners within EWMA draw water from the same, interconnected source. Because EWMA sits "upstream" of KTWD GSA relative to the natural groundwater flow, its pumping intercepts water that would otherwise replenish the aquifer beneath KTWD GSA. The scale of this pumping is substantial; EWMA, which relies entirely on groundwater, extracts more than **double** the amount of water as KTWD GSA during droughts and **over four times** as much during years when KTWD has access to more surface water. This continuous, high-volume pumping in the EWMA—which unlike KTWD GSA, has no surface water supplies—prevents the shared aquifer from recovering and is dewatering the formation.

II. THE GSP CONTAINS NO MANAGEMENT ACTIONS OR PROJECTS TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABILITY IN EWMA

KTWD GSA and its landowners have made significant progress towards sustainability, and the SWRCB has separately determined that KTWD GSA qualifies for an exemption from fees and reporting within the Tule Subbasin because it adequately manages groundwater. Since 2015 KTWD GSA has increased surface water deliveries through $3M distribution system improvement projects, a comprehensive well registration and groundwater metering program, and implementation of an up to $175 per acre-foot groundwater extraction charge. These actions have significantly reduced groundwater pumping and increased surface water deliveries by 25% within KTWD GSA. Conversely, EWMA has implemented no projects or management actions to reduce overdraft within its area east of KTWD GSA.

A. EWMA has no meaningful projects or management actions

Within the *GSP Section 14. Projects and Management Actions Table 14-7. Eastside Water Management Area P/MA*, EWMA lists nine projects and management actions (P/MAs), not including the Kern Subbasin-wide P/MAs. Excerpted information from *GSP Table 14-7* is shown here as **Table 2**. Two of the projects focus on water supply augmentation including a Produced Water Supply Project and a Surface Runoff Capture Project with an expected completion date of 2035. The remaining seven P/MAs are mainly focused on studies, monitoring, and developing programs to trade water credits and do not have any expected benefits from a water supply augmentation standpoint. EWMA has not established any meaningful projects or implemented any management actions to reduce groundwater pumping**.** Groundwater conditions thus continue to decline and EWMA is not on a path to achieve sustainability.

Table 2. EWMA P/MAs excerpted information from GSP Table 14-7

P/MA Number	P/MA Name	Summary Description	Status	Timetable for Completion	Water Supply Augmentation (AFY)	Demand Reduction (AFY)
EWMA-1	Produced Water Supply Project	Development of oilfield produced water supplies to potentially reduce groundwater demand	Initiating Development	2035	900	0
EWMA-2	Surface Runoff Capture Project	Surface runoff capture and enhanced infiltration in impoundments	Planning	2035	3220	0
EWMA-3	Groundwater Quality Investigation	Investigation of groundwater quality by collection and analysis of water quality data supplemented by borehold geophysical data where available	Implemented	2025	0	0
EWMA-4	Local Native Yield Estimation Study	Improved estimation of local (EWMA) native yield by use of additional field-collected data and analysis	On-going	2025	0	0
EWMA-5	Aquifer-Specific Monitoring Wells Installation	Construction of aquifer-specific monitoring wells in locations with data gaps, to better understand hydraulic heads and gradients, particularly in confined bedrock units	Planning	2025	0	0
EWMA-6	Pressure Transducers Installation	Installation of pressure transducers in selected wells of the monitoring network, to collect high-resolution cost-effective data	Planning	2025	0	0
EWMA-7	Agricultural Demand Reduction	Maintain and improve 2024 Subbasin well inventory in the DMS platform with added data from field surveys, current beneficial use determinations, and coordination with Kern County EH and DWR to track new wells, etc.	Ongoing	2024-	0	0
EWMA-8	Groundwater Usage Fee Assessment	Maintain and improve existing Subbasin consumptive-use study (ITRC Metric/LandIQ) for accurate estimates of water use by parcel within GSAs.	Ongoing	2020-	0	0
EWMA-9	Transferrable Water Credit Program	Establish a system of transferrable water credits; including legal and administrative review: effects of CEQA and water law on join management of native yield	Initiating Development	2030	0	0

B. EWMA is Unreasonably Delaying Demand Reduction Actions

EWMA continues to delay demand reduction actions by citing the need for a basin-wide study that is already complete. EWMA's delay is plainly stated in the 2025 Kern County Subbasin Annual Report:

> **"Reduction in Agricultural Water Use:** Reduction of irrigated acreage, or modification irrigation techniques of crop types to reduce water usage is *still being planned*. Prior to implementing demand reduction, the sustainable yield needs to be established which is expected to be completed by the end 2025 following the completion of the basin hydrologic study. One important data gap missing in the Kern C2VSim model are the deeper aquifers that many EWMA members rely on for their water supply. These aquifers include the locally productive Santa Margarita, Olcese, and Vedder/Pyramid Hills units. Staff has communicated this model deficiency with Todd Groundwater and were informed that the model would be updated during the basin hydrologic study expected to be completed in 2026." [Emphasis added.]
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> **"Groundwater Fees:** *No progress was made* on a determination to assess fees for groundwater use to encourage reduced pumping or curtailment until the sustainable yield is established following the completion of the basin-wide hydrologic study." [Emphasis added.]
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> **"Water Transfer Credit System:** Efforts continue to establish a system of transferrable water credits in the EWMA. The EWMA previously developed an internal sustainable yield policy and, during WY 2023, started formalizing a system via draft Rules and Regulations. The EWMA expects time implement a water transfer credit system at the conclusion of the basin hydrogeologic study in 2026."
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> **"Summary of Other GSP-related Special Studies or Activities:** The EWMA Board and members directed staff to initiate formation of a water district for SGMA purposes, and in WY 2023 a surveyor was hired to prepare the mapping and legal descriptions required for the notice of petition. District formation efforts are ongoing and expected to conclude in 2026. Additionally, EWMA is actively participating in the Subbasin-wide activities in Section 9, Progress on Subbasin-wide coordination on GSP implementation."

While EWMA continues to delay demand management implementation pending unknown further study, damage to the Subbasin and KTWD GSA continues by their overdraft.

III. EWMA'S PROPOSED DISTRICT FORMATION WITHOUT BINDING DEMAND REDUCTION REQUIREMENTS POSES A THREAT TO THE SUBBASIN

EWMA has stated it will seek to form a water district. Formation of the proposed district, and the creation of its own GSA without strict groundwater pumping restrictions, would only put the Kern Subbasin and KTWD GSA at further risk. The formation of the proposed district could result in increased growth in developed land use and groundwater pumping in the proposed service area as they would not be subject to any management actions.

KTWD GSA recommends that DWR consider specific corrective actions for EWMA including:

1. A requirement to implement an immediate moratorium on the drilling of new agricultural wells.
2. A requirement that EWMA implement a mandatory well registration and automated groundwater metering program (telemetry) for all active agricultural wells within 12 months, ensuring extraction data is accurate and transparent.
3. A requirement that EWMA establish and implement a groundwater extraction fee structure within 12 months to disincentivize over-pumping and fund mitigation efforts.
4. A requirement to establish a formal mitigation program to address and compensate for the continued dewatering of the Santa Margarita and Olcese confined aquifers.
5. A requirement that EWMA submit quarterly progress reports directly to DWR detailing its progress on implementing demand reduction actions, removing its ability to hide behind delayed basin-wide studies.
6. A requirement that management actions be adopted within 6 months that reduce groundwater extractions to native yield on a straight-line path by 2040.
7. A requirement that a subsidence management plan be adopted that includes cease pumping orders when quantitative thresholds are triggered.

KTWD GSA supports the GSP and believes that an Adequate determination from DWR is appropriate and including the above corrective requirements will help ensure the long-term success of the subbasin plan. We appreciate the effort of DWR to review the GSP and are thankful for the opportunity to provide comments regarding this specific management area within the subbasin. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at vanessa@kern-tulare.com or 661-327-3132.

Sincerely,



Vanessa Yap Escobedo
District Engineer, Kern-Tulare Water District
Point of Contact, Kern-Tulare Water District GSA

cc: Jenny Holtermann, KNDLA
Taylor Blakslee, EWMA
Blair Knox, Kern County LAFCo

FIGURES

Figure 1. GSA Coverage of the Kern Subbasin displaying EWMA *(from GSP Figure 5-3)*

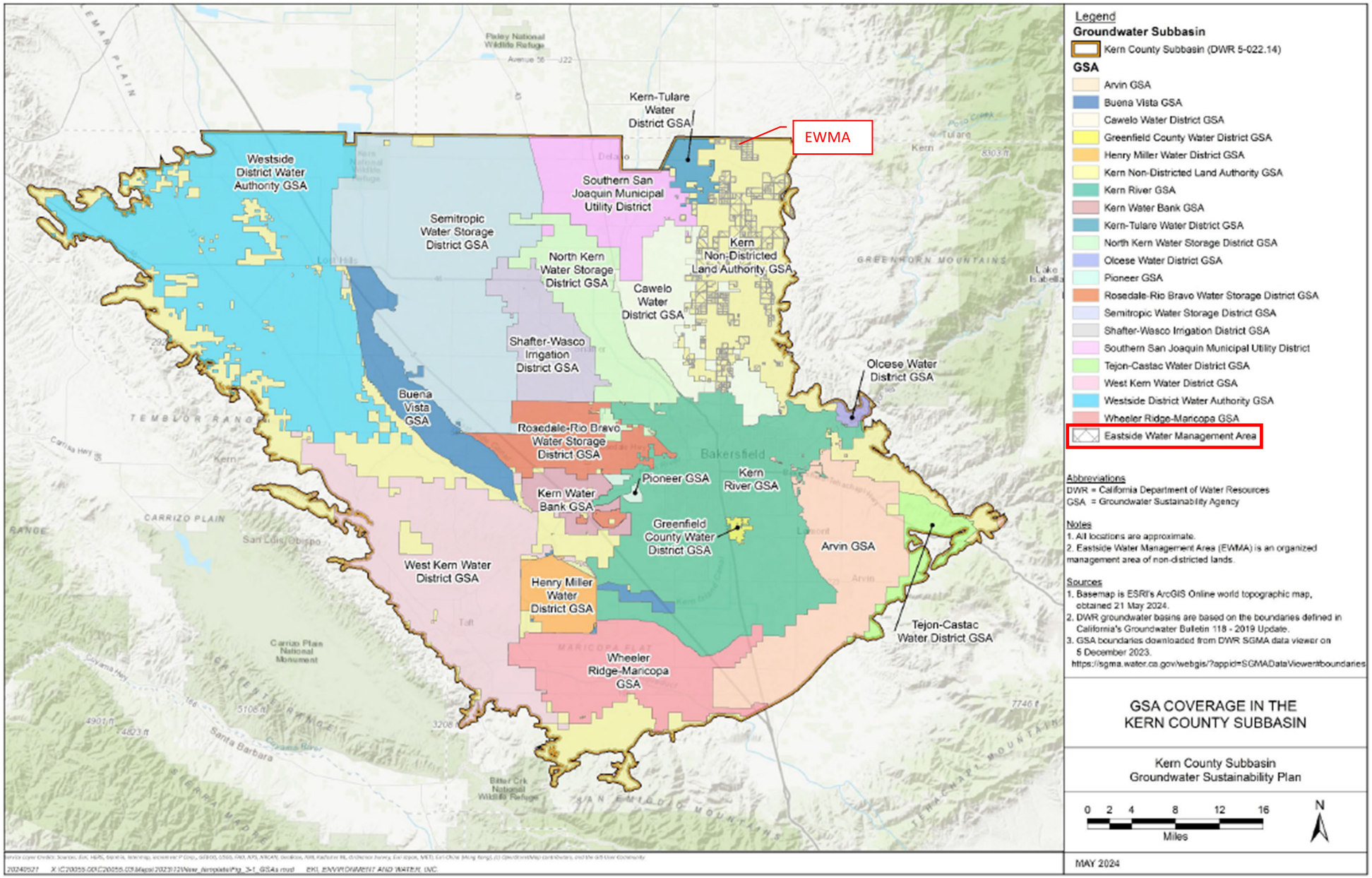


Figure 5-3. GSA Coverage of the Kern Subbasin

Figure 2. Land Use in Kern Non-Districted Land Authority *(from GSP Figure 5-5)*

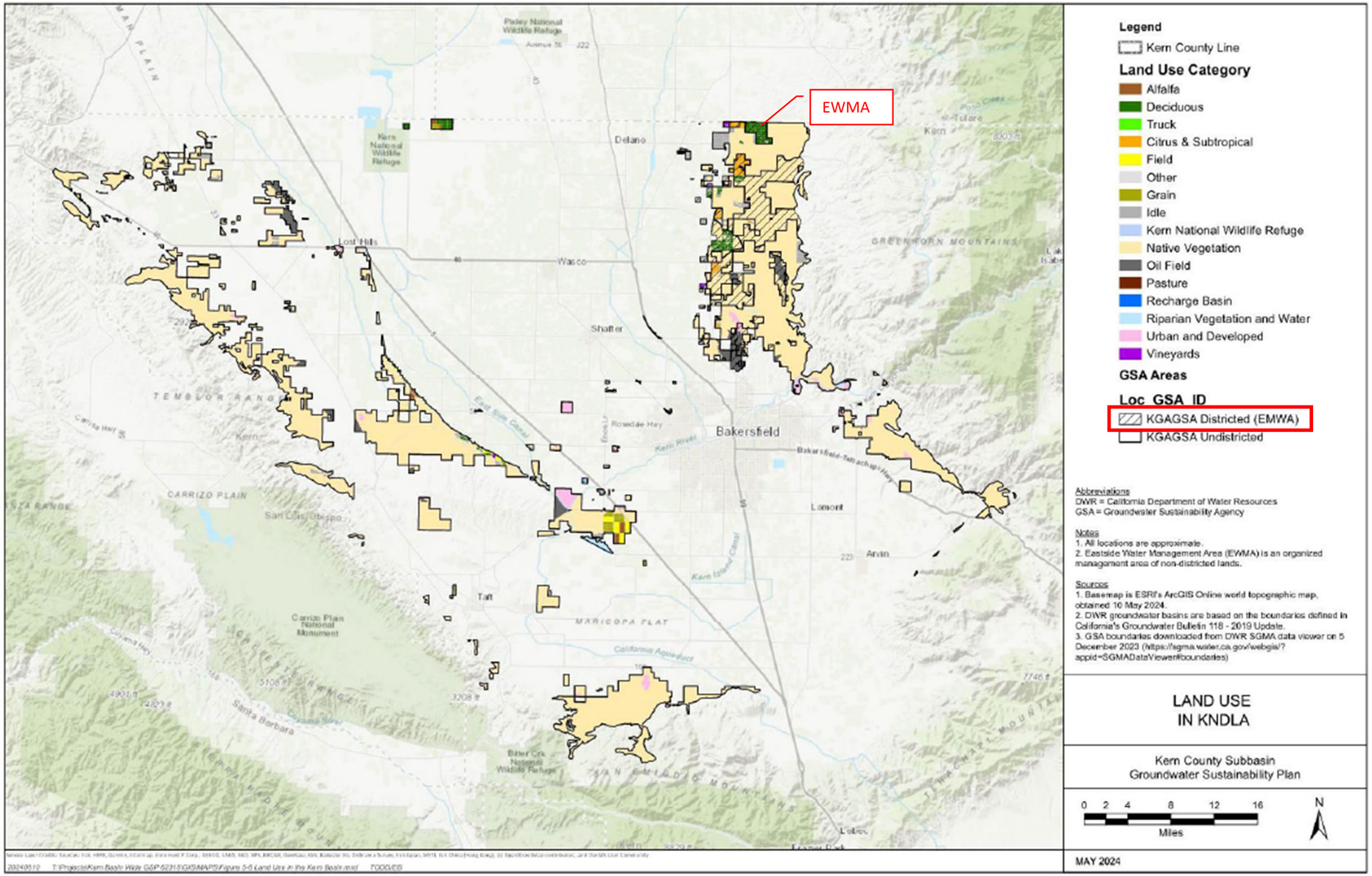
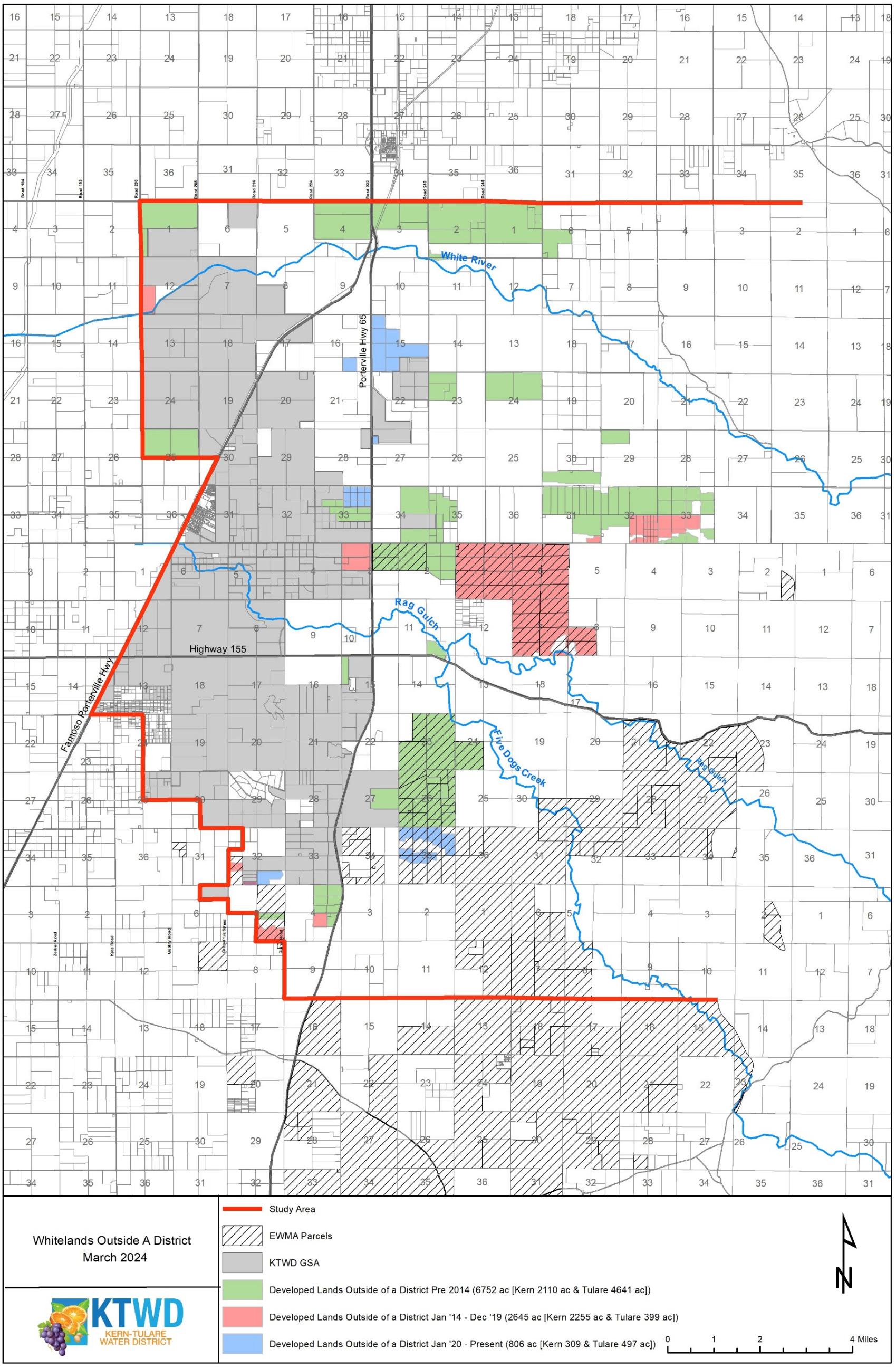

EWMA
Legend
Kern County Line
Land Use Category
Alfalfa
Deciduous
Truck
Citrus & Subtropical
Field
Other
Grain
Idle
Kern National Wildlife Refuge
Native Vegetation
Oil Field
Pasture
Recharge Basin
Riparian Vegetation and Water
Urban and Developed
Vineyards
GSA Areas
Loc_GSA_ID
KGAGSA Districted (EMWA)
KGAGSA Undistricted
Abbreviations
DWR = California Department of Water Resources
GSA = Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Notes
1. All locations are approximate.
2. Eastside Water Management Area (EWMA) is an organized management area of non-districted lands.
Sources
1. Basemap is ESRI's ArcGIS Online world topographic map, obtained 10 May 2024.
2. DWR groundwater basins are based on the boundaries defined in California's Groundwater Bulletin 118 - 2019 Update.
3. GSA boundaries downloaded from DWR SGMA data viewer on 5 December 2023 (https://sgma.water.ca.gov/webgis/?appid=SGMADataViewer#boundaries)
LAND USE IN KNDLA
Kern County Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan
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Delano
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TEMBLOR RANGE
SAN EMIGDIO MOUNTAINS
GREENHORN MOUNTAINS
Santa Barbara
San Luis Obispo
Kern
Tulare
Kern River
California Aqueduct
Kern River Canal
Rosedale Hwy
Bakersfield-Tehachapi Hwy
Caliente Creek Willow Springs Wildlife Area
Buena Vista Aquatic Recreational Area
Lokern
Elk Hills
Buttonwillow
Famoso
Semitropic
Stockdale
Rio Bravo
Oildale
Edison
Greenfield
Bear Trap Canyon
Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge
Caliente Creek
Cuyama River
Cuyama Hwy
Carrizo Plain Rd
Elk Hills Rd
Stockdale Hwy
Panama Rd
Taft Hwy
Edison Rd
Lokern Rd
Famoso Rd
Buttonwillow Rd
Semitropic Rd
Shafter Ave
Lerdo Hwy
Kern Island Canal
Friant-Kern Canal
Poso Creek
Tule River
Kern River
Kern Canyon
Isabella Lake
Lake Isabella
Kern River Park
Oil Center
Rio Bravo Park
Rio Bravo Golf Course
Rio Bravo Country Club
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Rio Bravo Ranch
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Rio Bravo Wine Tasting Room
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Figure 3. Whitelands East of KTWD GSA



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Figure 4. Cross Section along County Line Road

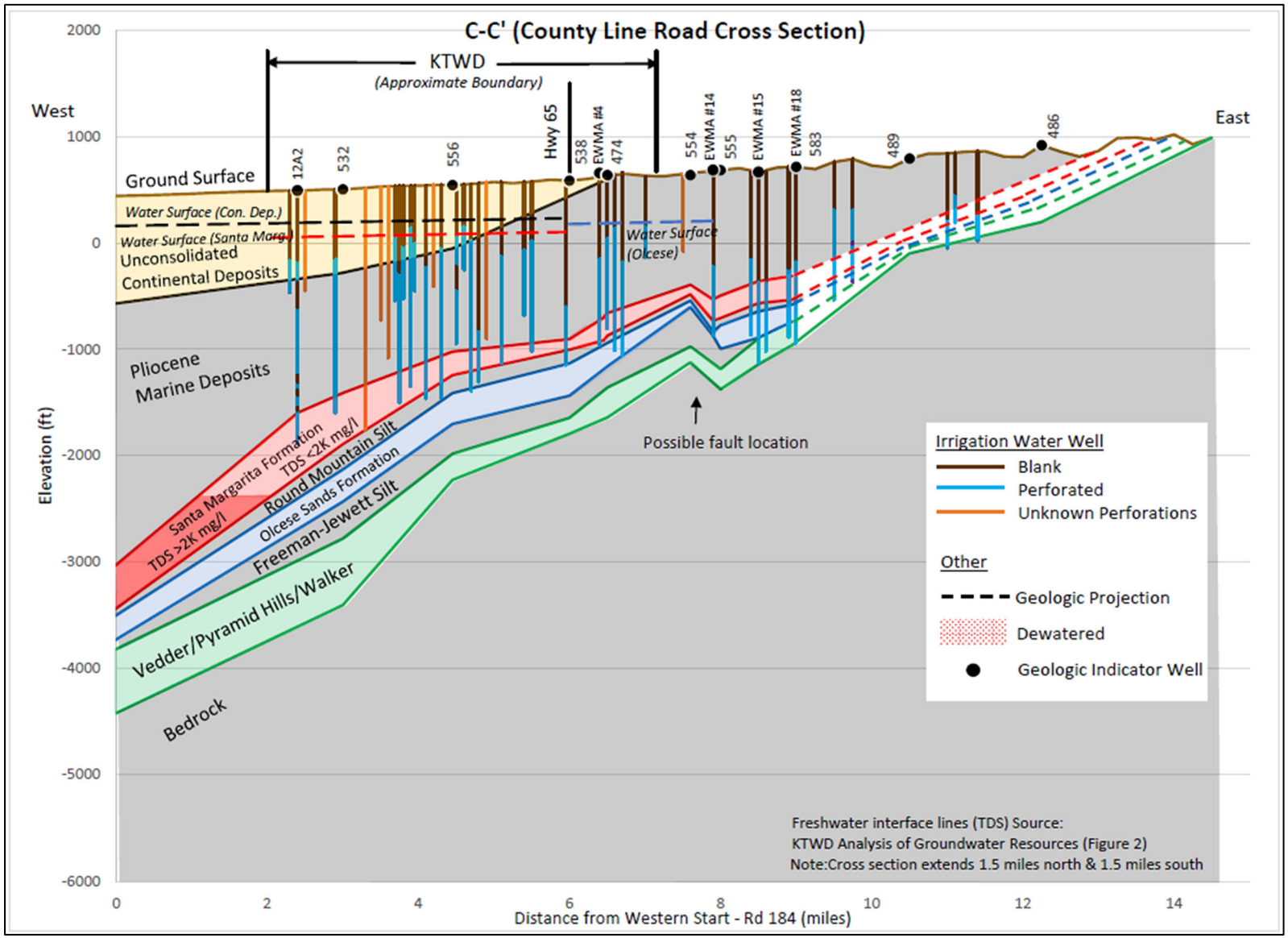


Figure 5. Deepest Aquifer Penetrated by Active Wells

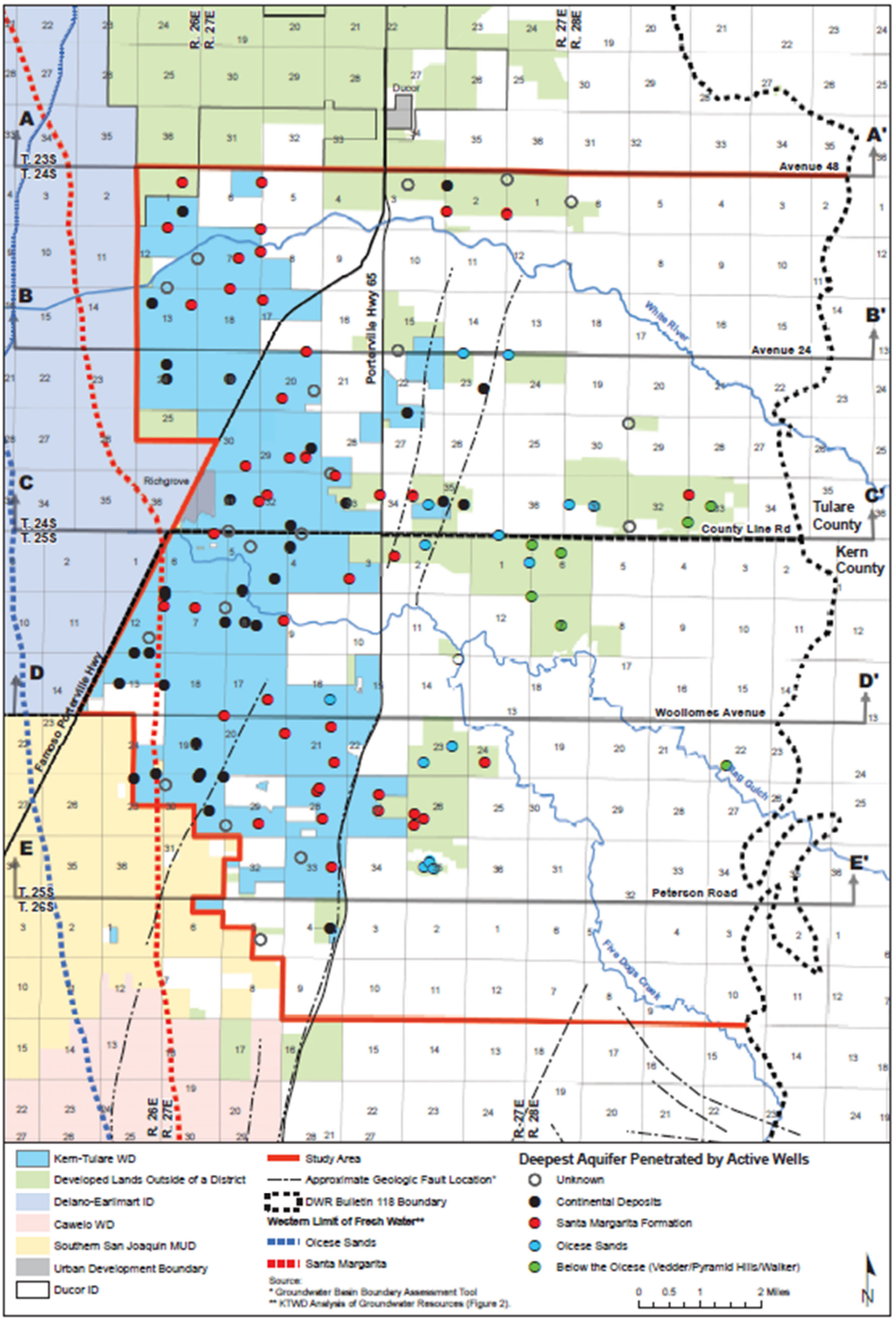
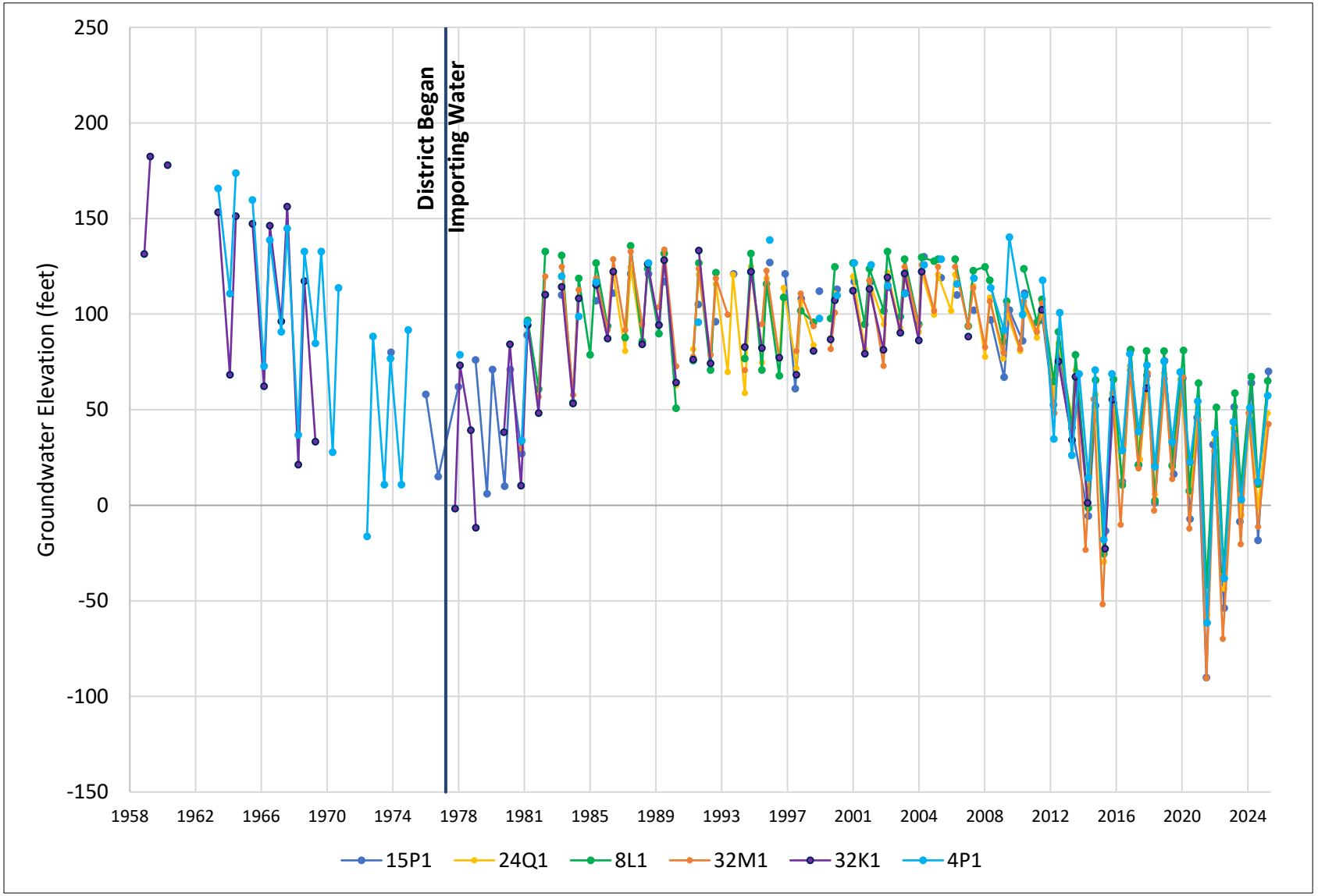


Figure 6. Historical District Groundwater Levels in the Santa Margarita Formation



FHE Mutual Water Company
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Bakersfield CA 93308
661-805-4395 · jjkratt@gmail.com

November 9, 2026

Blair Knox, Executive Officer, and Commissioners
Kern Local Agency Formation Commission
5300 Lennox Avenue, Suite 303
Bakersfield, CA 93309

Re: Proceeding Nos. 1847 and 1848, Eastside Kern Water District formation and sphere of influence determination, hearing of November 18, 2026. Comments and requested conditions of approval from FHE Mutual Water Company.

Dear Mr. Knox and Commissioners:

FHE Mutual Water Company asks the Commission to attach the conditions listed below to any approval of the Eastside Kern Water District. We do not oppose landowners organizing to bring their groundwater use into balance. Our concern is that the district would surround a drinking water system that has no vote in it and no protection from its actions.

Who we are

FHE Mutual Water Company is a nonprofit mutual that supplies drinking water and fire protection to Famoso Hills Estates. The community has 13 lots, 8 homes as of today and 22 year-round residents, and is regulated as a state small water system.

Our entire supply is one groundwater well, drilled in 2004 to 1,180 feet. We have no second source and no surface water. Water levels in the well are declining, and we have applied to the Kern Non-Districted Land Authority for help under the Kern Subbasin Well Mitigation Program.

The petition maps exclude our lots from the proposed district. We understand our land lies within Exception Area 9K of Area 9 (the east half and northwest quarter of Section 4, Township 27 South, Range 27 East), so the district would border us on all sides. Its landowners pump from the same aquifer our well depends on.

Our concerns

Groundwater levels. The district's landowners rely on groundwater for irrigation. If formation leads to more planted acreage or more pumping before new supplies arrive, our single well bears the result. Replacing or deepening it would cost more than 13 lot owners can readily absorb.

Water quality. Public reports indicate some district landowners have invested in oilfield produced water as a supply. We ask how that water would be used for irrigation or recharge near a drinking water well, and what monitoring would apply.

No representation. As excluded land we would have no vote, no board seat and no claim on district water or projects. Decisions made by our immediate neighbors would affect our supply without any formal channel for us to be heard.

Facilities and future boundaries. We ask that district pipelines, wells and recharge sites be located so they do not impair our well or system. We also ask that our land not be annexed without our written consent, whatever sphere of influence is adopted.

Clarity on the type of district. The petition and the hearing notice describe a California Water District. The Certificate of Sufficiency refers to a County Water District and cites Government Code sections 61011 and 61014. We ask the Commission to confirm which principal act applies, since it determines who votes and how the board is chosen.

Environmental review. The hearing notice states the Commission will review the environmental documentation as lead agency. We ask for a copy and ask that it evaluate effects on existing domestic wells and public water systems adjoining the district, including ours.

Requested conditions of approval

If the Commission approves the formation, we ask that it do so subject to these conditions:

1. **Domestic supply protection.** The district shall recognize FHE's well as an existing domestic and fire-protection supply and shall not take actions that impair its quantity or quality.
2. **Well mitigation.** The district shall enter a written agreement with FHE to mitigate declines in our well attributable to pumping within the district, coordinated with the Kern Subbasin Well Mitigation Program.
3. **Monitoring and data.** The district shall install or designate a monitoring well near FHE and share water-level and water-quality data with us at least twice a year.
4. **Produced water safeguards.** Before produced water is applied or recharged within one mile of FHE's well, the district shall give us notice, baseline sampling and ongoing monitoring for salinity, boron and other constituents of concern.
5. **No charges without service.** FHE lots shall not be subject to district assessments, fees or standby charges unless FHE requests and receives service.
6. **Boundaries.** FHE's land shall not be annexed to the district without the written consent of FHE and its lot owners, whether or not it lies within the sphere of influence adopted in Proceeding No. 1848.
7. **Separate purveyor.** The record shall state that FHE is an independent water purveyor and that the district acquires no right to serve, regulate or acquire FHE's system.
8. **Backup supply option.** FHE shall have the option, without obligation, to contract with the district for emergency or backup water on reasonable terms.
9. **Notice.** The district shall send FHE its board agendas and written notice of any project proposed within one mile of our well.

Request for notice

Please add FHE Mutual Water Company to the notice list for Proceeding Nos. 1847 and 1848 and include this letter in the record. We ask for written notice of every hearing, staff report and proposed resolution, and for the opportunity to speak at the hearing.

We would welcome a meeting with Commission staff and the proponents to work out these conditions before the hearing.

Respectfully,



Jerel Kratt, President
FHE Mutual Water Company

Proceeding No. 1848

EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT
Sphere of Influence Determination

Report & Presentation Documents

- Report & Recommendation
- LAFCo Resolution (DRAFT)
- SOI Supplemental to Petition
- Legal Description & Maps
- Report of Auditor
- Landowners within
- Certificate of Filing

BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of	Proceeding No. 1848
EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT:	REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
SPHERE OF INFLUENCE: ADOPTION	November 18, 2026

In the above-entitled matter the staff report and the recommendation of the Executive Officer are respectfully submitted as follows:

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

The proponents of the Eastside Kern Water District submitted an application for formation of a water district to Kern LAFCo, which was accepted for processing on March 3, 2026. The process required by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 has been followed, including notices to affected agencies and the notices and publications required by law.

This proposal is to adopt a Sphere of Influence for the proposed Eastside Kern Water District in conjunction with the formation proceeding. The proposed Sphere of Influence includes the territory within the proposed district boundaries together with Areas 3, 4, 8, 14, 20, 28, and 29, as shown in the maps and legal descriptions submitted for this proceeding. Collectively, the proposed Sphere of Influence includes all 29 mapped areas. Areas 3, 4, 8, 14, 20, 28, and 29, totaling approximately 547.5 acres, are not included within the proposed initial district boundary because the required landowner signatures were not obtained. Inclusion of these areas within the Sphere of Influence identifies them as part of the District's anticipated future service area and does not include them within the District as part of the proposed formation.

CONDITIONS RECOMMENDED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

1. The applicant has signed an agreement to actively defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission and its agents, officers, and employees from any liability or loss connected with the approval of this proceeding.
2. The Sphere of Influence shall consist of the territory within the approved district boundaries together with Areas 3, 4, 8, 14, 20, 28, and 29, as shown in the maps and legal descriptions approved by the Commission.
3. The adoption of the Sphere of Influence is contingent upon Commission approval of the formation of the Eastside Kern Water District and shall become effective only upon completion of the formation proceeding.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

LAFCo, as lead agency, has prepared a Notice of Exemption for the proposed formation and related establishment of a Sphere of Influence. Establishment of the Sphere of Influence is a planning determination and does not itself authorize construction, annexation, or the extension of service to territory outside the District boundaries.

CONSIDERATIONS

The following determinations are made using the considerations directed by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

1. **Section 56425(e)(1):**

   "The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands."

   The proposed Sphere of Influence includes rural and agricultural lands. Establishment of the Sphere of Influence will not change existing land-use designations or authorize development.

2. **Section 56425(e)(2):**

   "The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area."

   The proposed Sphere of Influence identifies the territory that may reasonably require or benefit from the groundwater management function proposed for the District. The District would not provide water service. Areas outside the initial district boundary may be considered for future annexation through a separate LAFCo proceeding.

3. **Section 56425(e)(3):**

   "The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide."

   Because the District has not yet been formed, it does not presently provide service. Its ability to provide service is addressed in the formation proceeding and supporting feasibility materials. Adoption of the Sphere of Influence is contingent upon approval of the formation.

4. **Section 56425(e)(4):**

   "The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency."

   The lands within the proposed Sphere of Influence share geographic and agricultural interests and overlie a common groundwater basin. The seven areas outside the proposed initial district boundary are included to recognize their relationship to the anticipated future service area without including them in the formation.

5. **Section 56425(e)(5):**

   "... public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection, ... the present and probable need for those public facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence."

   Establishment of the Sphere of Influence does not itself authorize municipal or industrial water service. The proposed boundaries preserve the Commission's ability to consider future service needs, including the needs of any disadvantaged unincorporated community identified in a later annexation or service proposal.

6. **Section 56425(i):**

   "When adopting, amending, or updating a sphere of influence for a special district, the commission shall establish the nature, location, and extent of any functions or classes of services provided by existing districts."

   The function of the proposed District would be limited to groundwater management within its boundaries. The District would not provide water service, and all other powers authorized under its principal act would be latent and could be activated only with Commission approval. Any authority under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act derives from the State and the applicable groundwater sustainability framework, not from this Commission. Adoption of

the Sphere of Influence does not expand the District's functions or affect the authority of existing public agencies.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that, contingent upon approval of the formation of the Eastside Kern Water District, the Commission adopt the Notice of Exemption and adopt a Sphere of Influence consisting of the territory within the approved district boundaries together with Areas 3, 4, 8, 14, 20, 28, and 29, subject to the conditions recommended by the Executive Officer. (Resolution)

Respectfully Submitted

Blair Knox, Executive Officer

BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of: **RESOLUTION OF DETERMINATION OF THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE BOUNDARY FOR EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT, A CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT**	**Resolution No. 26-XX** **Proceeding No. 1848** **Minute Book 73**

I, Blair Knox, Executive Officer, of the LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION, COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, hereby certify that the following resolution, proposed by Commissioner **XXXX**, seconded by Commissioner **XXXX**, was duly adopted by the Commission at an official meeting thereof held on the **18th day of November 2026**, by the following vote:

AYE: None

NAYE: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

_____
Blair Knox, Executive Officer

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develop and determine the Sphere of Influence for each local governmental agency within the county;

Whereas on November 18, 2026, the Eastside Kern Water District Formation ("Applicant"), was approved by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Kern County ("Commission");

Whereas, pursuant to Government code § 56425 (e), the Commission is to consider a written statement of its determinations;

Whereas, on October 28, 2026, pursuant to Government code § 56427. Notice, publication and affected local agency notification was performed;

Whereas, on November 18, 2026, pursuant to Government code § 56428. (c) upon completion of investigation of the proposed area the Executive Officer submitted a Report and Recommendation to the Commission;

Whereas, pursuant to Government code § 56046. the proposed territory is uninhabited;

Whereas, on said 18th day of November 2026, this Commission considered the filing of a Notice of Exemption as lead agency; and

Whereas, the Commission is fully advised in the premises; now therefore, be it

Resolved that the Local Agency Formation Commission, County of Kern, State of California, on behalf of its members, finds and determines as follows:

1. specific reference is hereby made to all the papers, documents, files and proceedings heretofore and now taken, had and filed in this matter with particular reference to Minute Item 11/18/26-X, as appears upon the official minutes of the proceedings of this Commission;

2. all of the proceedings heretofore and now taken and had in this matter have been and now are in all respects as required by law;

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3. the territory proposed to be adopted is uninhabited;

4. the facts set forth in the Executive Officer Report and Recommendation, presented to the Commission are true;

5. the adoption will be in the best public interest;

6. the Notice of Exemption was considered and is in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act;

7. pursuant to the authority granted by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, said territory set forth in the Adoption of Proceeding on Resolution, by Legislative body, designated as "RESOLUTION OF DETERMINATION OF THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE BOUNDARY FOR EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT", is hereby adopted subject to the following conditions: and

a. the Applicant has signed an agreement to actively defend or indemnify and hold harmless the Commission or its agents, officers, and employees, from any liability or loss connected with the approval of this proceeding.

8. the Commission authorizes and directs the Executive Officer to accept and file all documents and record any documentation required by law associated with this proceeding.

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March 3, 2026

VIA EMAIL AND SHAREFILE
Kern County LAFCo
Blair Knox
Email: eo@kernlafco.com
cc: analyst@kernlafco.org (Patty Menchaca)

Re: Eastside Kern Water District – Petition to Form California Water District
Second Supplement Adding Areas to Sphere of Influence

Blair,

This letter supplements the previous letter I sent to you dated March 3, 2026, in which I requested that six areas (Areas 3, 8, 14, 20, 28 and 29) be included in the proposed water districts' sphere of influence. I write this letter to include one additional area (Area 4) within the proposed sphere of influence. Area 4 has been withdrawn from the legal description of the proposed water district (which is in the "5 – Petition" folder within the ShareFile that we have used to produce documents to LAFCo).

Please accept the enclosed legal descriptions of the above-mentioned areas, which cover all of the lands that we are requesting be included in the sphere of influence of the proposed water district.

We appreciate your continued cooperation. Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Dan Raytis,
General Counsel

Enclosure

EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 3

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

The East half of the East half of Section 2, in Township 25 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

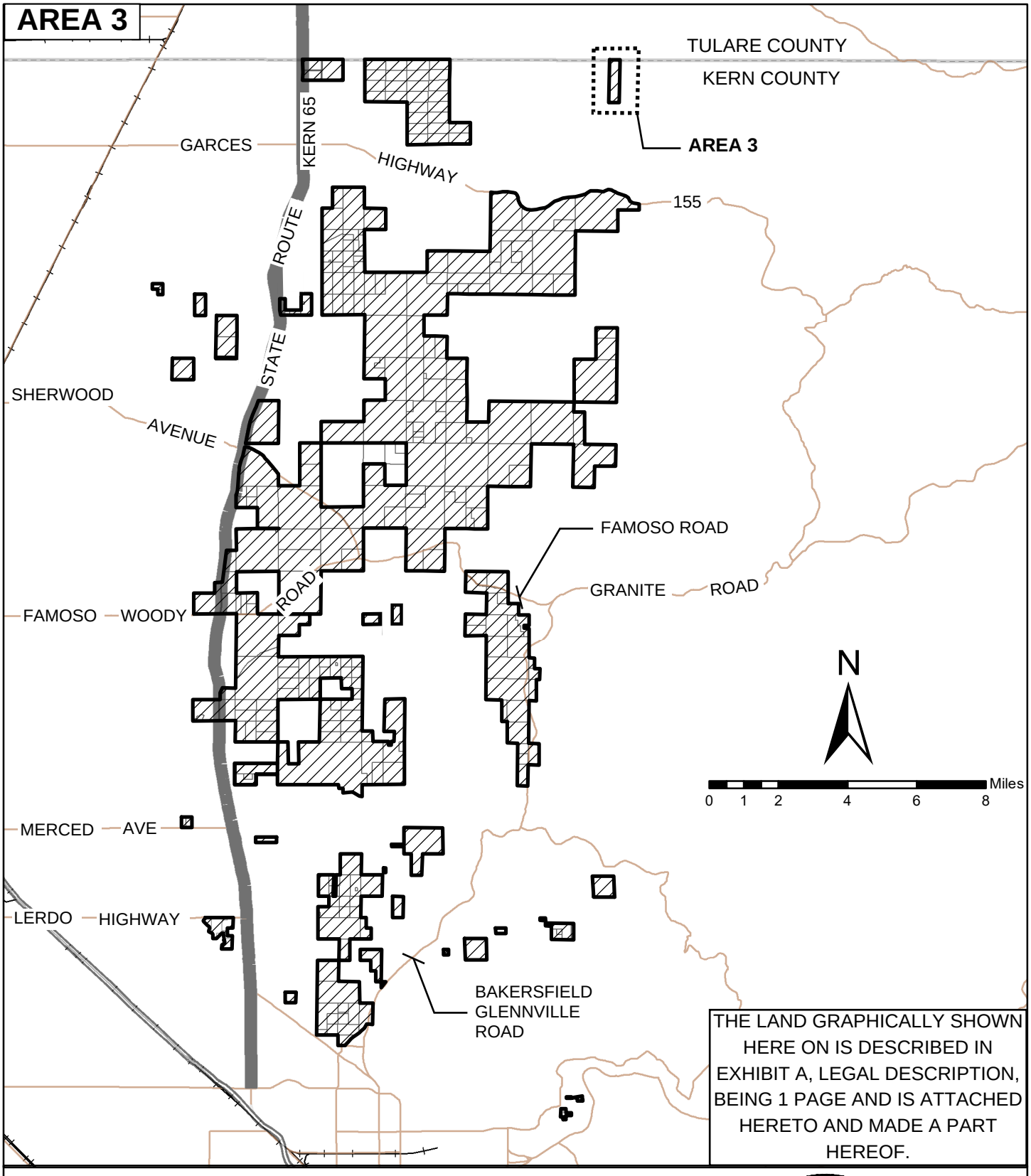
Containing 160.1 acres more or less

The above-described parcel of land is graphically shown on Exhibit B, being two pages, and attached hereto and made a part hereof.

End of Description

Clayton L. Bradshaw, P.L.S. 8298
Date Signed: October 1, 2025





THE LAND GRAPHICALLY SHOWN HERE ON IS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A, LEGAL DESCRIPTION, BEING 1 PAGE AND IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

EXHIBIT B
EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT
PAGE 1 OF 2 EXHIBIT B

LEGEND

- DESCRIBED AREAS
- TOWNSHIP
- # SECTIONS
- MAJOR ROAD
- HIGHWAY
- USA RAILROADS
- COUNTY BOUNDARY

LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR
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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 8

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

The southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter, the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter, the south half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter, and the south half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 34, in Township 25 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855, and Parcel 1 of Parcel Map 1322 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed August 14, 1973, in Book 6, Page 148 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, more or less describes as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of said Section 34,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the easterly line of northwest quarter South 00°54'43" West, 2632.32 feet to the northwest corner of said Parcel 1 and to the **Point of Beginning**;

2. Thence (Course 2) along the northerly line of said Parcel 1 North 89°23'46" East, 1314.41 feet to the northeast corner of said Parcel 1

3. Thence (Course 3) along the easterly line of said Parcel 1 South 00°02'29" West, 2636.28 feet to the southerly line of said section 34;

4. Thence (Course 4) along said southerly line South 89°25'36" West, 1318.56 feet to the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of said Section 34;

5. Thence (Course 5) continuing along said southerly line North 90°00'00" West, 2542.00 feet to the easterly line of State Route 65 as shown in the CALTRANS District 6 Kern 65 Right of Way Map dated April 23, 1951 sheet 15 of 27 and to the beginning of a non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 5055.00 feet, from which a radial line bears South 82°26'44" West;

6. Thence (Course 6) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 02°56'14" a distance of 259.14 feet;

7. Thence (Course 7) continuing along said easterly line North 10°29'30" West, 297.46 feet to the westerly line of said southwest quarter of said Section 34;

8. Thence (Course 8) along said westerly line North 00°00'00" East, 1431.61 feet to the northwest corner of said southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 34;

9. Thence (Course 9) along the northerly line of said southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 34 North 90°00'00" East, 660.00 feet to the northeast corner of said southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 34;

10. Thence (Course 10) along the easterly line of said southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 34 South 00°00'00" East, 1320.00 feet to the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said Section 34;

11. Thence (Course 11) along the northerly line of said southeast quarter and the south half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the said Section 34 North 90°00'00" East, 1980.00 feet to the westerly line of said Parcel 1;

12. Thence (Course 12) along said westerly line North 00°04'59" East, 1975.63 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Containing 138.9 Acres more or less

The above-described parcel of land is graphically shown on Exhibit B, being two pages, and attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The numbers enclosed in parenthesis above, shown as (#), are course numbers for the courses of this legal description and shown on Exhibit B, attached hereto.

End of Description



Clayton L. Bradshaw, P.L.S. 8298
Date Signed: October 1, 2025

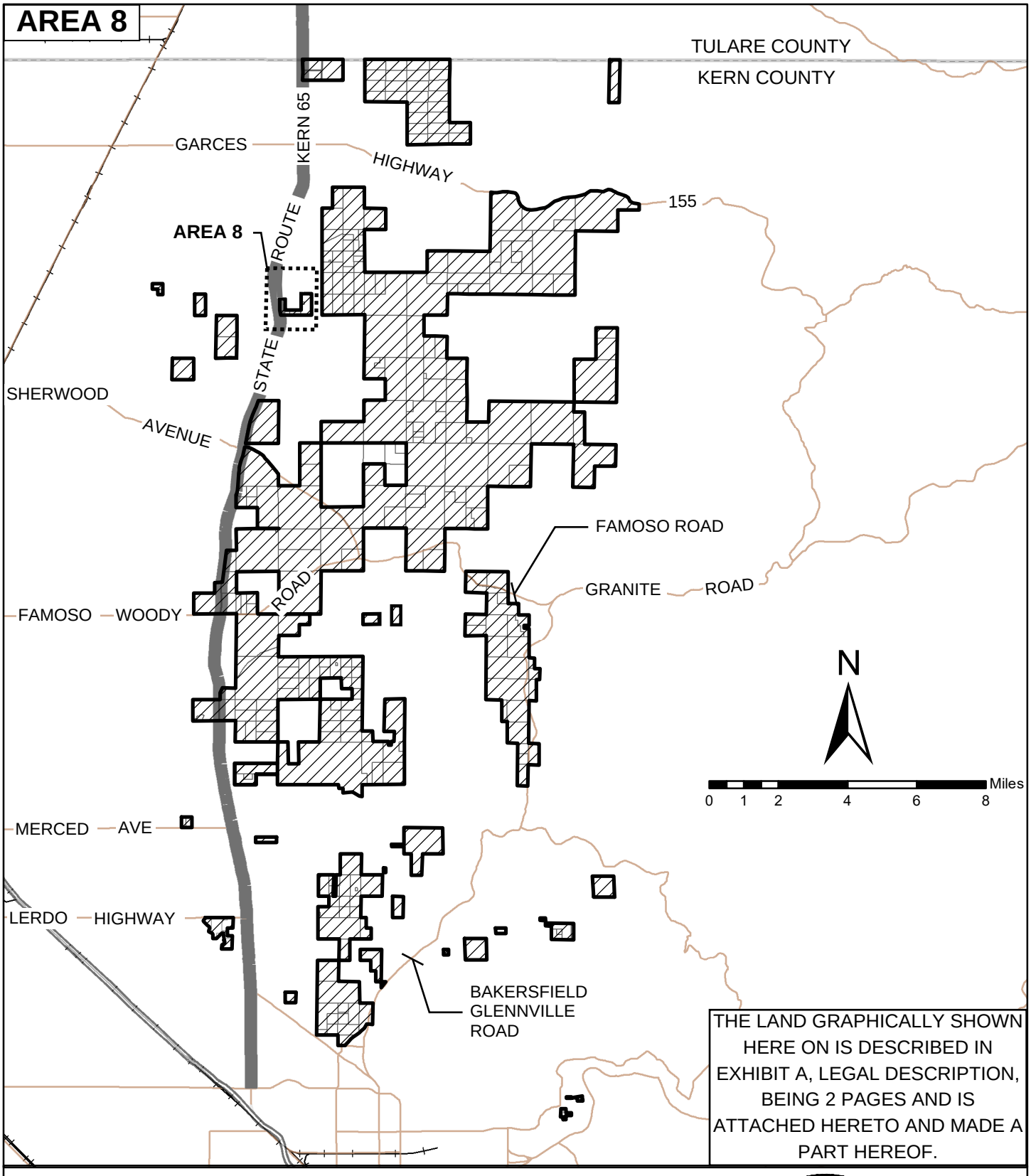


EXHIBIT B
EASTSIDE KERN WATER DISTRICT
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LEGEND

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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 14

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

That portion of Section 4 in Township 28 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855, being Parcels 3 and 4 of Parcel Map No. 6463 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed August 16, 1983, in Book 29, Page 184 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, more or less describes as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of said Section 4,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the easterly line of said Section 4, South 00°47'00" West, 1209.90 feet to the northeast corner of said Parcel 3 and to the **Point of Beginning**;

2. Thence (Course 2) along the easterly line of said Parcel 3 South 00°47'00" West, 679.00 feet to the southeast corner of said Parcel 3;

3. Thence (Course 3) along the southerly line of said Parcels 3 and 4 South 89°48'47" West, 2632.32 feet to the southwest corner of said Parcel 4;

4. Thence (Course 4) along the westerly line of said Parcel 4 North 00°53'08" East, 679.02 feet to the northwest corner of said Parcel 4;

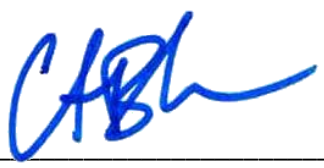
5. Thence (Course 5) along the northerly line of said Parcels 3 and 4 North 89°48'47" East, 2631.11 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Containing 41.0 Acres more or less

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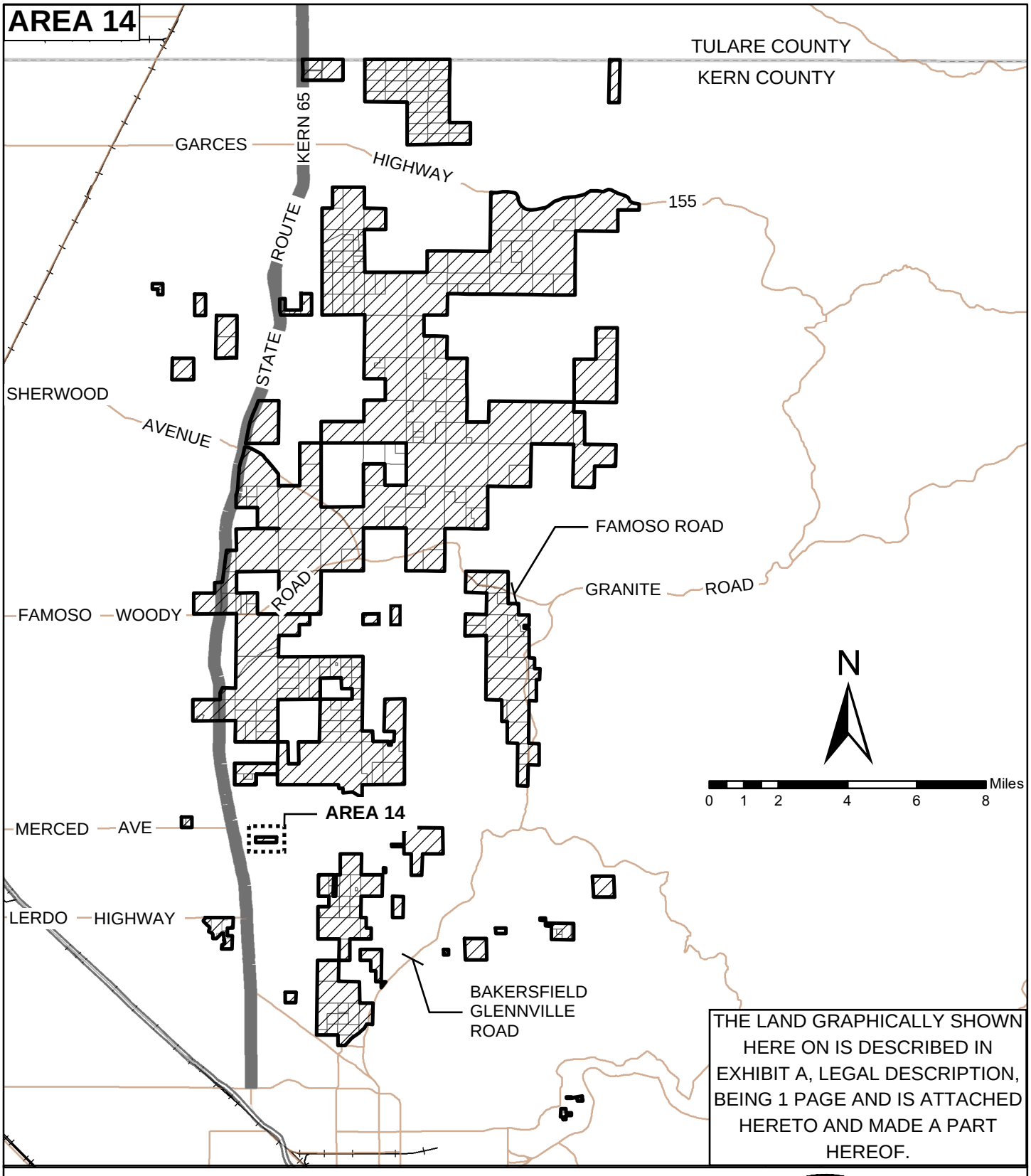
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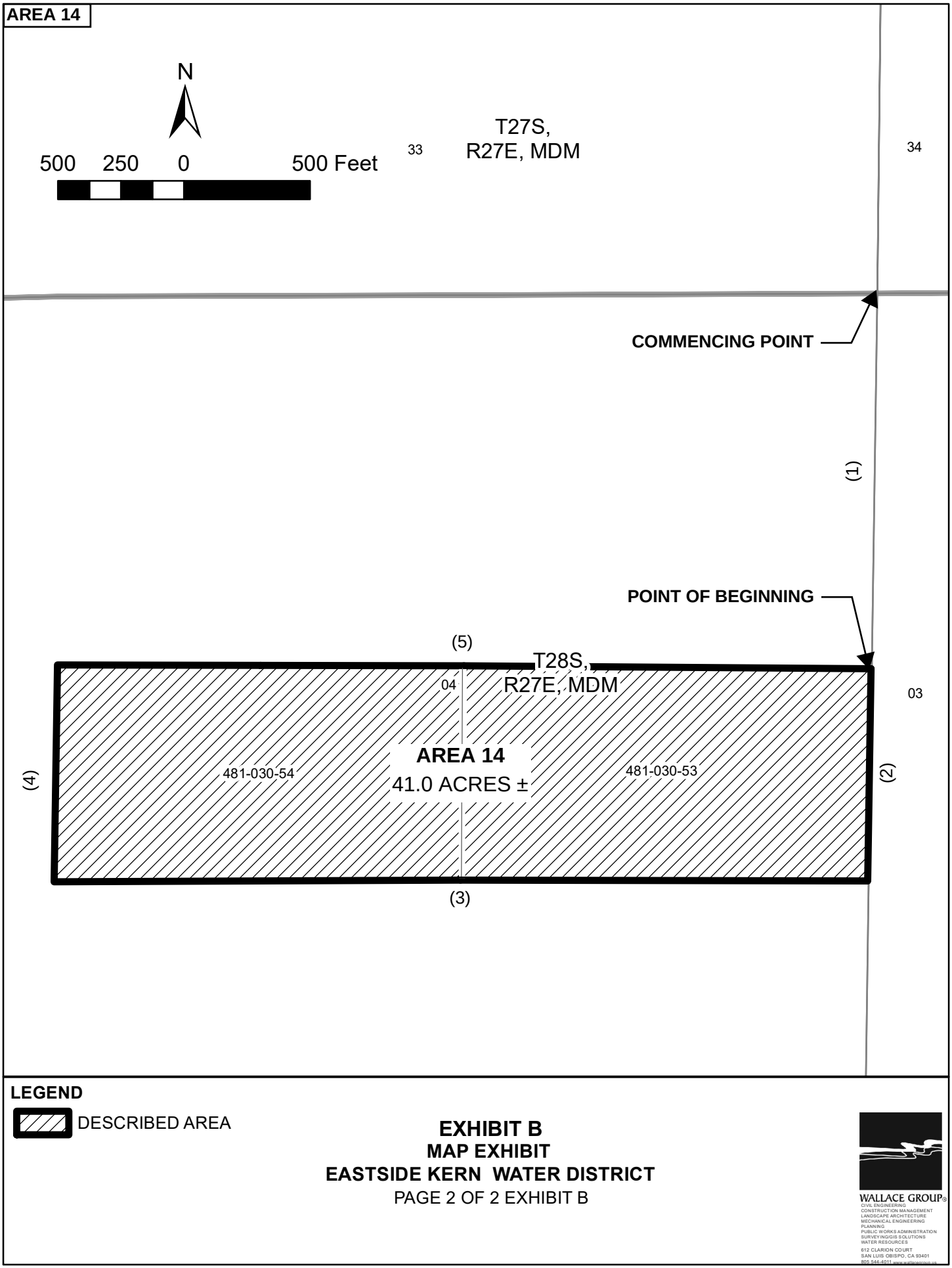
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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 20

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

Area 20A:

The south half of the southwest quarter of Section 13, in Township 28 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4, 1855.

The northeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the east half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, in Township 28 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4. 1855.

Containing 140 acres more or less.

Area 20B:

Parcel 1 of the Certificate of Compliance recorded August 26, 2005 as Document number 0205231998 of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder in the County of Kern, State of California, more or less describes as follows:

Beginning the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of said Section 24, in Township 28 South, Range 27 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on September 4. 1855,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the northerly line of said southeast quarter South 89°20'21" East, 639.46 feet to the northwesterly line of South Granite Road as shown on said Certificate of Compliance and to the beginning of non-tangent curve to the left having a radius of 12055.00 feet, from which a radial line bears South 48°09'35" East;

Thence continuing along said southerly line the following 3 courses:

2. Thence (Course 2) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 01°17'00" a distance of 270.01 feet;

3. Thence (Course 3) South 40°33'25" West, 693.92 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 3455.00 feet;

Area 20B Continued:

4. Thence (Course 4) along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 00°43'54" a distance of 44.12 feet to the westerly line of said southeast quarter;

5. Thence (Course 5) along said westerly line North 01°20'34" East, 771.66 feet to the **Point of Beginning**.

Containing 5.6 Acres more or less

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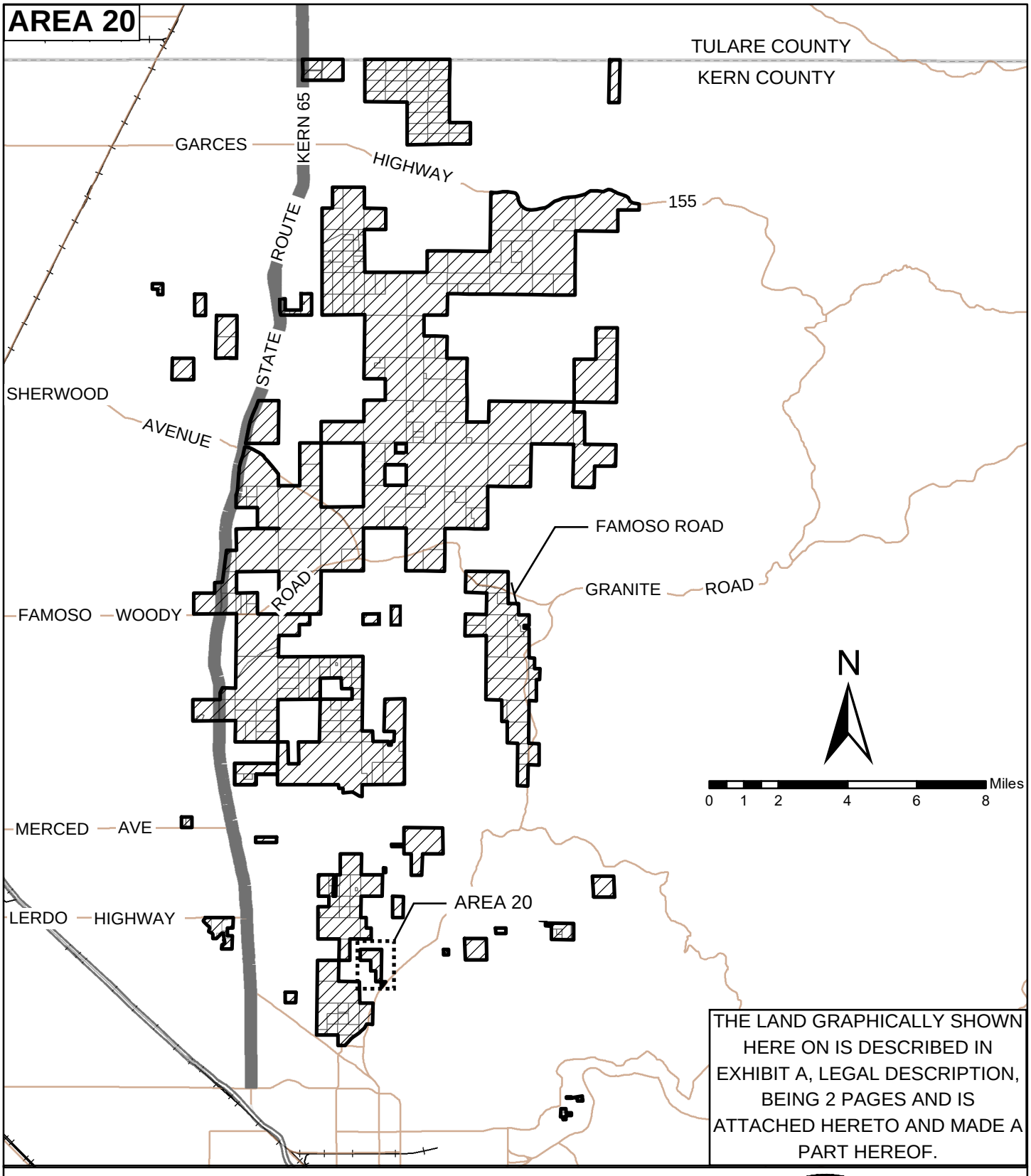


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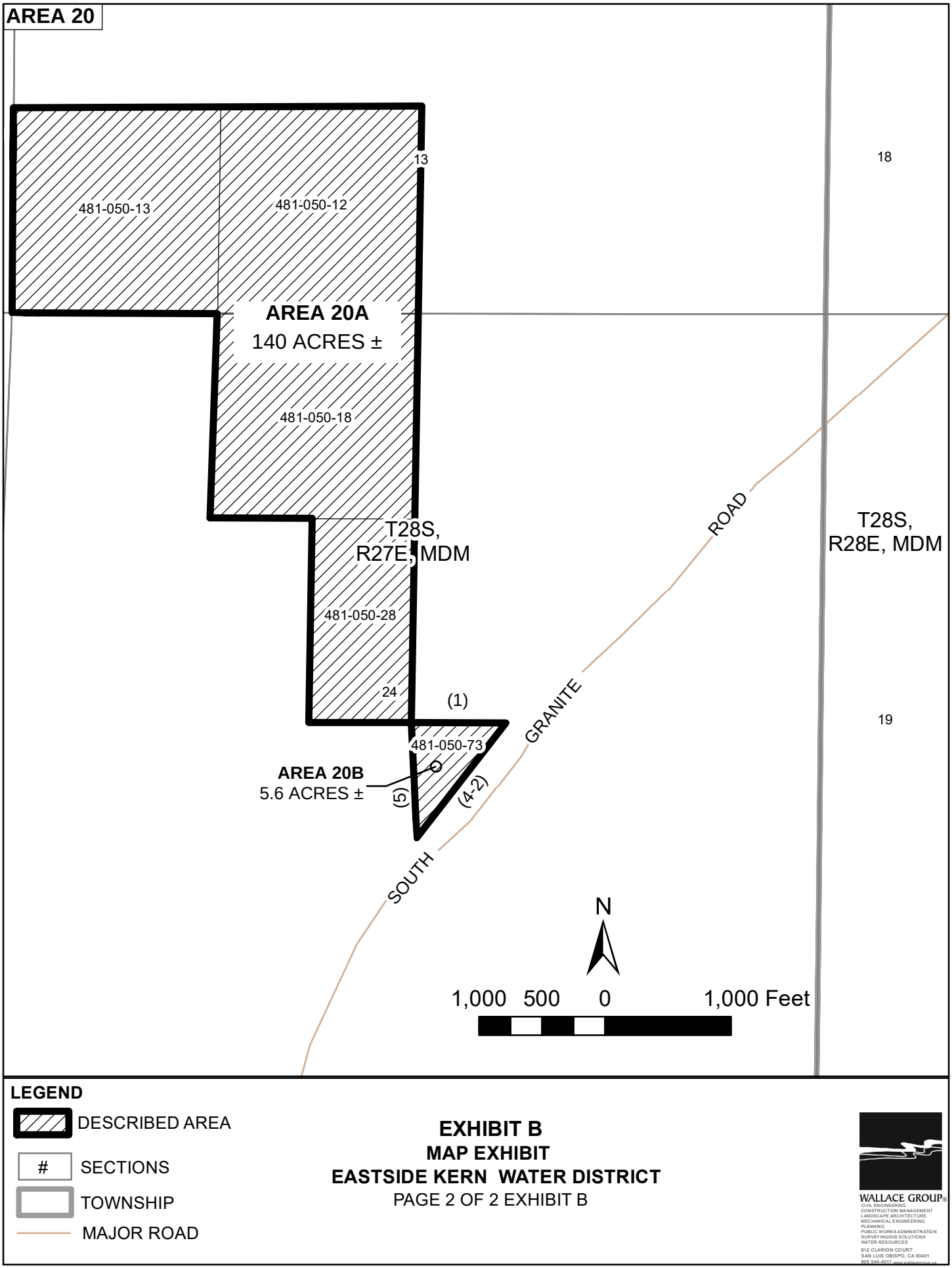
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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 28

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

That portion of the northeast quarter of Section 2, in Township 29 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on February 28, 1855, being Parcel 1 of Parcel Map No. 3630 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed January 3, 1977 in Book 17, Page 72 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, Parcel 1 of the Grant Deed recorded June 28, 2002 as Document Number 0202103623 of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of said County , and that land as described in the Grant Deed recorded May 04, 2001 as Document Number 0201061098 of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, more or less describes as follows:

Commencing at the northwest corner of said northeast quarter of said Section 2,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the westerly line of said northeast quarter South 0°46'51" West, 1273.74 feet to the westerly most corner of said Parcel 1 of said Grant deed and to the **Point of Beginning**;

2. Thence (Course 2) along the northwesterly line of said Parcel 1 of said Grant Deed North 80°33'08" East, 1342.06 feet to the north most corner of said Parcel 1 of said Grant deed;

3. Thence (Course 3) along the easterly line of said Parcel 1 of said Grant deed South 06°00'37" East, 240.00 feet to the northeast corner of said Land of said Grant Deed Document Number 0201061098;

4. Thence (Course 4) along the easterly line of said land South 06°00'37" East, 108.06 feet;

5. Thence (Course 5) continuing along said easterly line South 08°04'24" East, 90.27 feet to the northeast corner of said Parcel 1 of said Parcel Map;

6. Thence (Course 6) along the easterly line of said Parcel 1 of said Parcel map South 06°00'37" East, 108.04 feet;

7. Thence line (Course 7) continuing along said easterly South 08°04'24" East, 90.27 feet to the Southeast corner of said Parcel 1 of said Parcel Map,

8. Thence (Course 8) along the southerly line of said Parcel 1 North 89°13'09" West, 671.76 feet to the southwest corner of said Parcel 1 of said Parcel Map;

9. Thence (Course 9) along the westerly line of said Parcel 1 of said Parcel map North 00°46'51" East, 196.48 feet to the southerly line of said Land of said Grant Deed Document Number 0201061098;

10. Thence (Course 10) along said southerly line North 89°13'09" West, 26.66 feet to the southwest corner of said land;

11. Thence (Course 11) along the westerly line of said land North 00°46'51" East, 196.49 feet to the southerly line of said Parcel 1 of said Grant Deed;

12. Thence (Course 12) along said southerly line North 89°13'09" West, 704.03 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Containing 9.3 acres more or less.

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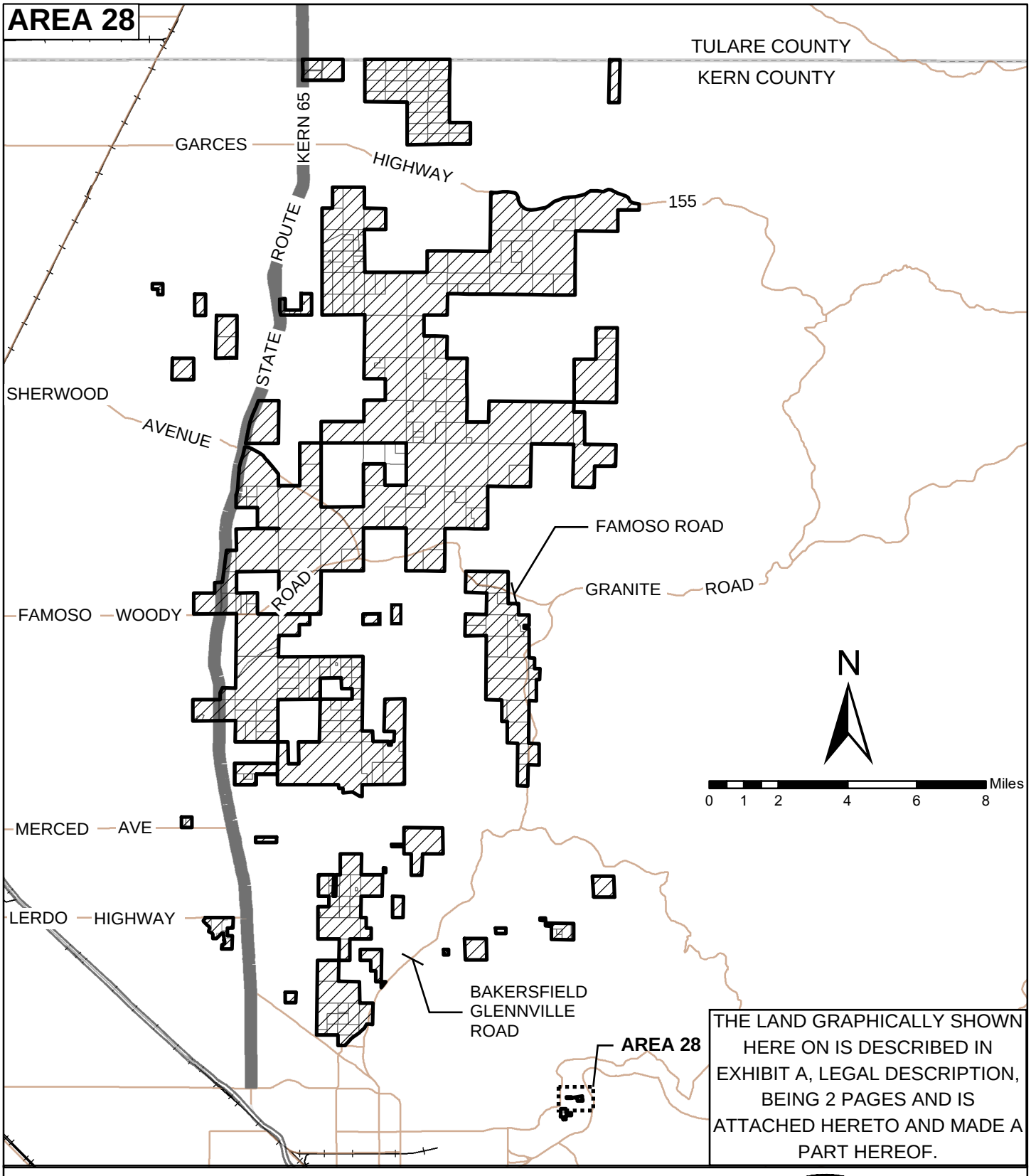


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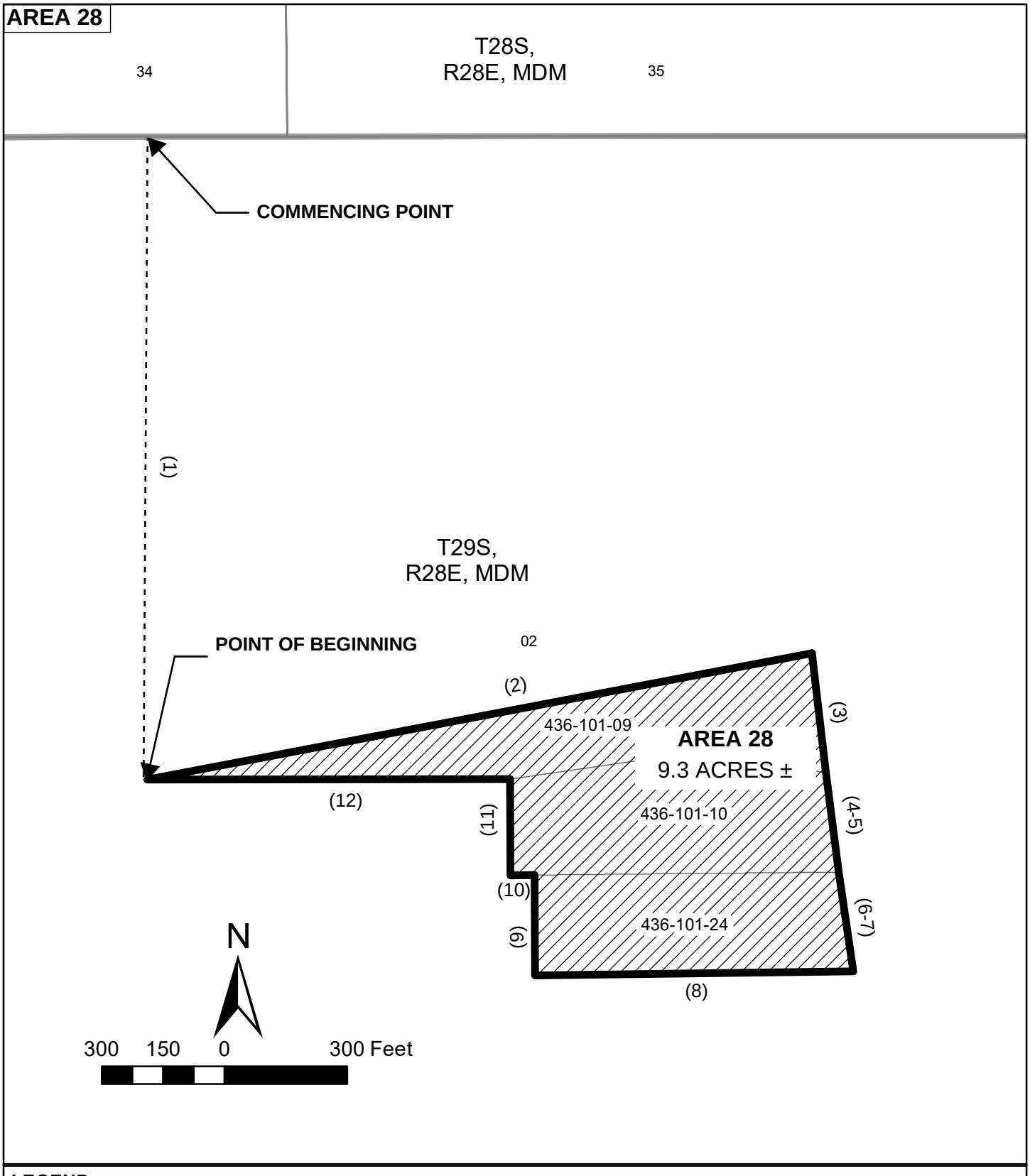
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EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
AREA 29

File no: 1769-0001 October 1, 2025

That portion of the southwest quarter of Section 2, in Township 29 South, Range 28 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian in the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Official plat thereof approved by the Surveyor General's Office on February 28, 1855, being Parcels 1,2,3 and 4 of Parcel Map No. 7493 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed April 2, 1987 in Book 34, Page 90 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, and Parcels 2 and 3 of Parcel Map No. 6614 in the Unincorporated territory of the County of Kern, State of California, according to the Map filed May 26, 1983 in Book 29, Page 126 of Parcel Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said Couty, more or less describes as follows:

Beginning at the centerline intersection of Adolphus Avenue and Mandy Street, being the northeast corner of Parcel 2 of said Parcel Map No. 7493,

1. Thence (Course 1) along the easterly line of said Parcel 2 of said Parcel Map No. 7493 South 00°43'39" West, 491.59 feet to the northwest corner of Parcel 3 of said Parcel Map No. 6614;

2. Thence (Course 2) along the northerly line of said Parcels 3 and 2 of said Parcel Map No. 6614 North 89°50'29" East, 664.11 feet to the northeast corner of said Parcel 2 of said Parcel Map No. 6614;

3. Thence (Course 3) along the easterly line of said Parcel 2 of said Parcel Map No. 6614 South 00°46'49" West, 327.96 feet to the southeast corner of said Parcel 2 of said Parcel Map No. 6614;

4. Thence (Course 4) along the southerly line of Parcel 2 and 3 of said Parcel Map No. 6614 South 89°50'29" West, 663.82 feet to the easterly line of Parcel 4 of said Parcel Map No. 7493;

5. Thence (Course 5) along said easterly line South 00°43'39" West, 504.88 feet to the southeast corner of said Parcel 4;

6. Thence (Course 6) along the southerly line of said Parcel 4 South 89°48'24" West, 333.30 feet to the southwest corner of said Parcel 4;

7. Thence (Course 7) along the westerly line of said Parcel 4 North 00°40'28" East, 330.04 feet;

8. Thence (Course 8) continuing along said westerly line and along the southerly line of Parcel 3 of said Parcel Map No. 7493 South 89°45'24" West, 330.04 feet to the southwest corner of said Parcel 3 of said Parcel Map No. 7493;

9. Thence (Course 9) along the westerly line of said Parcel 3 of said Parcel Map No. 7493 North 00°40'28" East, 995.06 feet to the northwest corner of said Parcel 3 of said Parcel Map 7493;

10. Thence (Course 10) along the northerly line of said Parcels 1, 2 and 3 of said Parcel Map 4793 North 89°50'29" East, 664.57 feet to the **Point of Beginning.**

Containing 22.7 acres more or less.

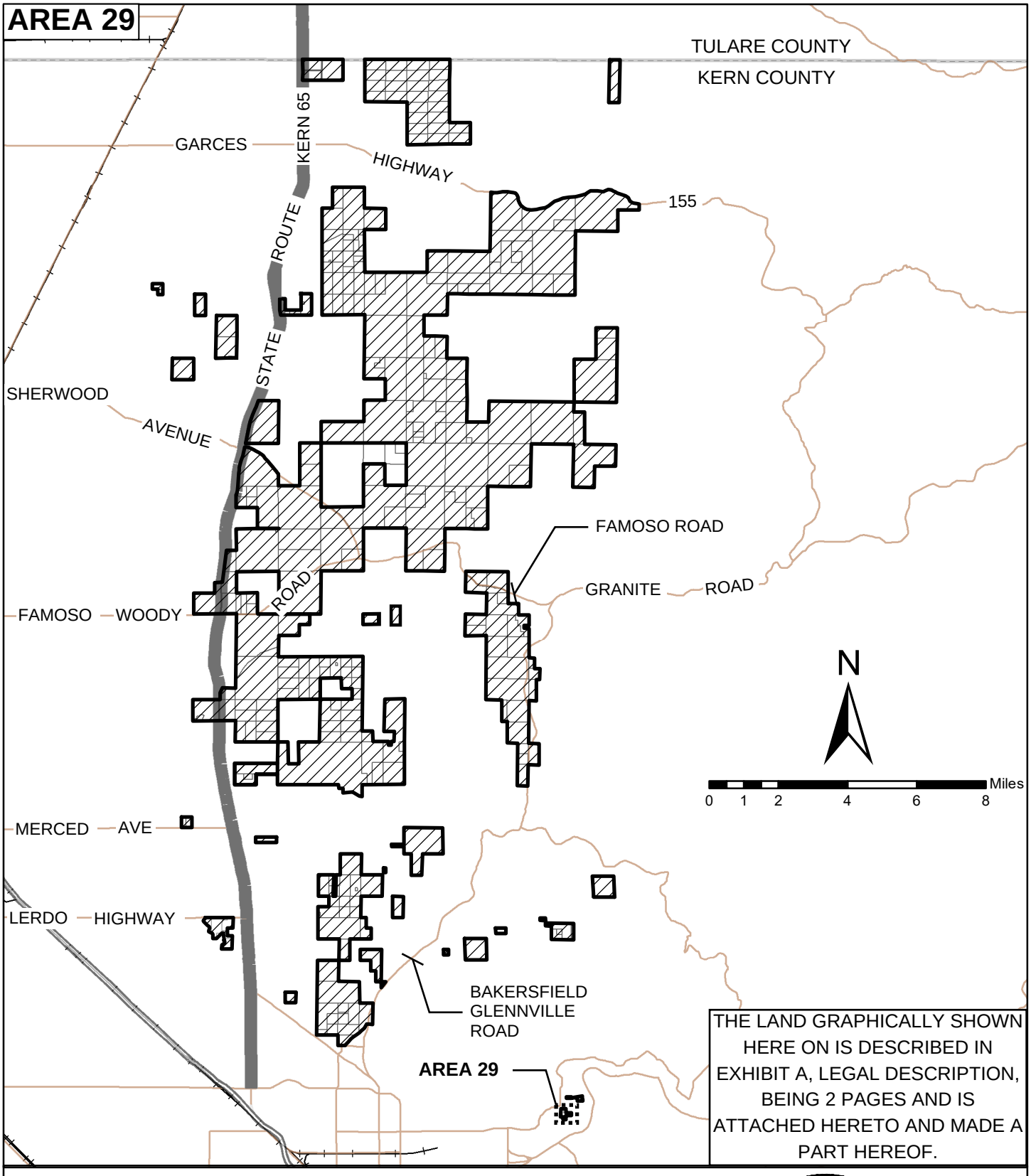
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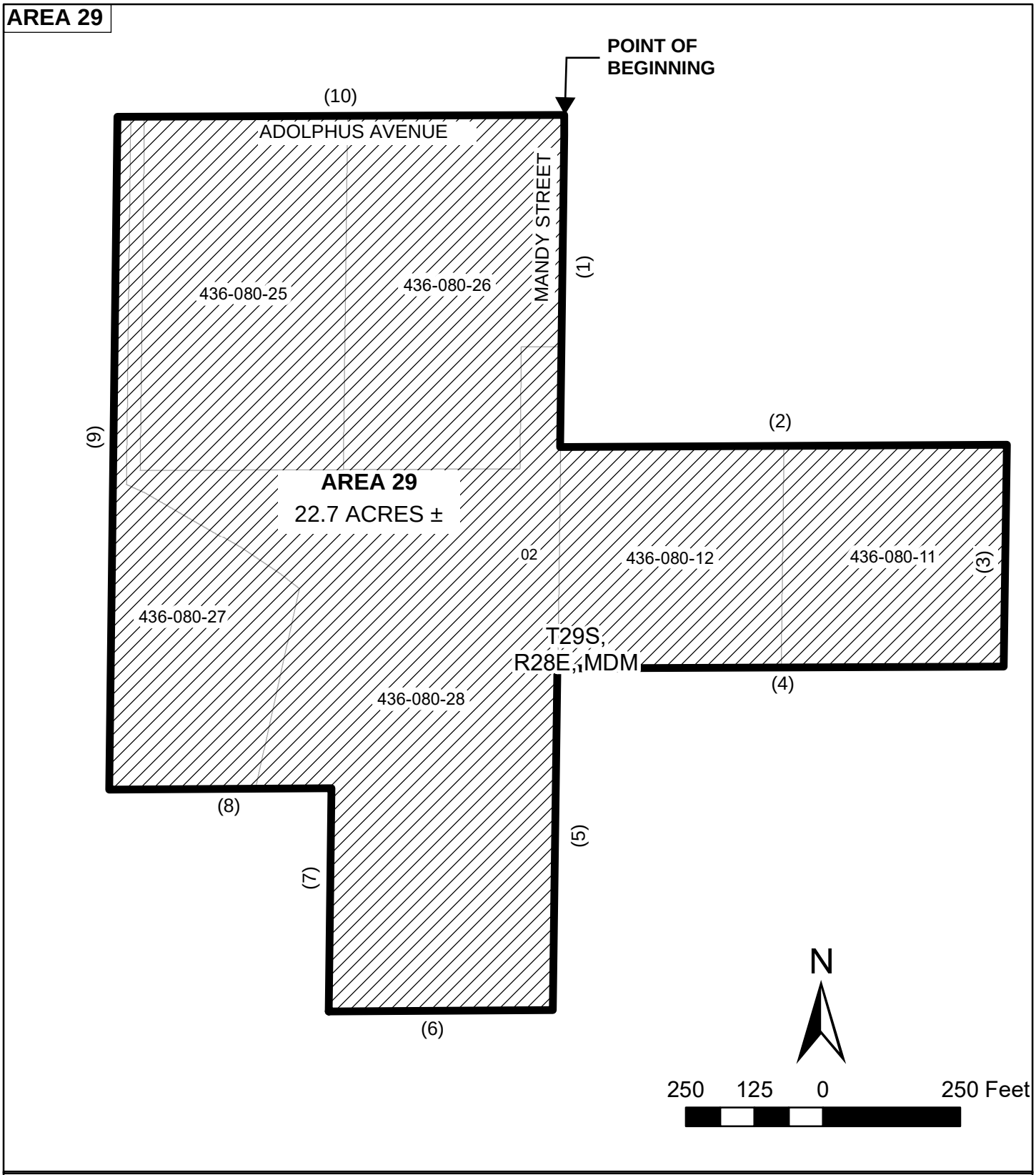
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KERN COUNTY / Auditor Controller

Aimee X. Espinoza
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK

July 2, 2026

Kern County Administrative Office
1115 Truxtun Ave., 5th Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Re: Formation of California Water District, LAFCO Proceeding No. 1848

In accordance with Section 99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, a jurisdictional change is being processed that affects the above-mentioned service area. To our knowledge, there is no exchange of property tax revenue from this annexation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (661) 868-3515.

Sincerely,
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By _____

Corina Camarillo
Property Tax Division

REPORT OF KERN COUNTY ASSESSOR

Jon Lifquist, Assessor-Recorder

Kern Local Agency Formation Commission
5300 Lennox Ave. Suite 303
Bakersfield, CA 93309
661-716-1076
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Proceeding No. 1848
In the Matter of: Formation of California Water District

Date: 6/23/2026
By: Yesenia Sifuentes
GIS Tech II

1. The number of assessment parcels within subject territory is: 44
2. Subject territory is within the following Tax Rate Area(s): 056-043, 057-003, 059-000, 065-007, 065-0
3. Assessed valuation: (**Attach Sheet** Breakdown) Secured: $ 6,122,307 Unsecured: $ 21,597,895
4. Do the subject territory boundaries correspond with lines of ownership in the last equalized assessment roll? ☑ YES ☐ NO
   a. List APN of non-corresponding parcels:
5. Do the subject territory boundaries correspond with lines of ownership in the current assessment roll being prepared? ☑ YES ☐ NO
   a. List APN of non-corresponding parcels:
6. Do the subject territory boundaries correspond with Tax Rate Area boundaries? ☑ YES ☐ NO
   a. List APN of non-corresponding TRA's:
7. Identify all incorporated cities who's city limit boundary is within three (3) miles of subject territory: (If none, please enter word "NONE") None
8. Please **ATTACH SHEET** identifying all local *agencies* within, or partially within, the boundaries of the subject territory. (Including cities, special districts, school districts and county service areas)
9. Please **ATTACH SHEET** identifying the *parcels within* the subject territory:
   Include: Assessee name, billing name, APN, ATN, TRA, roll type, assessed values and exemptions
10. Please **ATTACH SHEET** identifying the surface *owners within* the subject territory:
    Include: Assessee name, billing name, and billing address
11. Please **ATTACH SHEET** identifying property *owners outside* the subject territory, within 300 feet:
    Include: Assessee name, billing name, and billing address
12. Additional requested information:
13. Please provide comments or recommendations:
    SOI only Part 2 of L1847 report sent out on 06-23-2026.

PROCEEDING No. 1848 **Date:** June 23, 2026

In the matter of: Formation of California Water District 0

Total Assessed Value for Annexation Before Exemptions: $27,720,202

Breakdown of Value per TRA:

TRA	Secured AV	Unsecured AV	Subv Exmpt AV	NonSubv Exmpt AV
056-043	$2,377,280	$0	$7,000	$0
057-003	$1,508,588	$11,733,000	$7,000	$0
059-000	$38,811	$0	$0	$0
065-007	$227,690	$0	$0	$0
065-018	$452,854	$0	$0	$0
121-001	$1,393,633	$9,864,895	$14,000	$0
121-009	$123,451	$0	$0	$0

KERN COUNTY / ASSESSOR RECORDER

Laura Avila
Kern County Assessor-Recorder

Memorandum

TO: Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
Attention: Janelle Austin

Date: June 23, 2026

FROM: Laura Avila, Kern County Assessor-Recorder
by: Yesenia Sifuentes, GIS Tech II

SUBJECT: Jurisdictional Changes
RE: Formation of California Water District
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Here is a copy of our report to LAFCO RE: Proceeding No. 1848 together with a report to you showing the breakdown of both Secured & Unsecured AV per TRA . Also included & itemized, are any Exemption Values, if applicable.

Values are Gross, unless noted.

If you require any additional information, please let us know.

Formation of California Water District

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NAME & ADDRESS INSIDE SUBJECT TERRITORY

ASSE_NAME	IN_CARE_OF	ADDR_BILL2
BLOOMING ORCHARDS INC		VISALIA CA 93292
CALIFORNIA RESOURCES PETROLEUM CORP	3RD FLOOR ATTN TAX DEPT	SANTA CLARITA CA 91355-4910
CARVER BOWEN RANCH INC ET AL	STAR RT BOX 6	GLENNVILLE CA 93226-9602
CHEVRON USA INC	CHEVRON PROPERTY TAX DEPT	BAKERSFIELD CA 93302-1392
DELAMATER FAMILY L P		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308
DELAMATER FAMILY TRUST 1990	DELAMATER TERRY & ROXANN TTEES	BAKERSFIELD CA 93308
DELAMATER FMLY PTP		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308
ECKMANN JAMES C LIV FAMLY TR	ECKMANN DONNA RAE TTEE	BAKERSFIELD CA 93380
ELYSIUM NATURAL RESOURCES LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308-2234
GRIMES MILTON & CHERE LIV TR	GRIMES MILTON D & CHERE A TRS	BAKERSFIELD CA 93308-9715
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JEDESSA PARTNERS		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308-6812
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KERN ENTERPRISES LLC		BAKERSFIELD CA 93311-2924
MILLER BLANCA E DYNASTY TRUST	MILLER COLUNGA INC	LOS GATOS CA 95031-0385
MILLER COLUNGA INC		LOS GATOS CA 95031-0385
SAZAMA RICHARD L & STATLER REBECCA L		BAKERSFIELD CA 93308
ULUPALAKUA RANCH INC	STOCKDALE OIL & GAS INC	BAKERSFIELD CA 93309-9412

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Certificate of Filing

In the Matter of:	Proceeding No. 1847 & 1848
Eastside Kern Water District, A California Water District: Formation and Sphere of Influence Determination	

I, Blair Knox, Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Kern, hereby certify that:

A proposal referenced and described above has been submitted to me and it has been found that:

- the proposal was initiated by Landowner Petition;
  (G.C. §56700) and (Water Code § 34153)
- the proposed territory has been found to be uninhabited;
  (G.C. §56079.5)
- all application contents as prescribed by law are presented;
  (G.C. §56652)
- all affected agencies have been notified; and
  (G.C. §56658)

It has been established that the application contains the information and data requested and required by this Commission and has been **accepted** for filing on 26 October, 2026 (G.C. §56651)

Date of Hearing: Wednesday, 18 November, 2026

Time of Hearing: 5:15 PM

Place of Hearing: Kern Council of Governments (KernCOG)
1401 19th Street Suite #300
Bakersfield, CA 93301

This Certificate of Filing is issued pursuant to California Government Code §56658 (f). All time requirements for processing and consideration of this application specified by state law and the rules and regulations of this Commission shall become effective on the date of issuance of this certificate.

Blair Knox Digitally signed by Blair Knox
Date: 2026.10.26 11:12:17 -07'00'

Blair Knox, Executive Officer

AGENDA

Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission
Monthly Expenses
Month: October Year: 2026
Submitted to Accounts Payable: November 12, 2026

26-10

Date Invoiced	Date Submitted to AP	Invoice #	Name	Address	Description/ Purpose	Amount Owed	Expense Code
10/20/2026	11/12/2026	LAFCo	Crown Point Investments, Inc. c/o M.D. Atkinson Company, Inc.	1401 19th. St., Suite 400 Bakersfield, CA 93301	Lease Payment/Operating Expense	$ 3,799.53	7650
10/1/2026	11/12/2026	8574	Rival Technology, Inc.	1508 18th St., Ste. 222, Bakersfield, CA 93301	IT Services	$ 978.43	7500
10/5/2026	11/12/2026	H50540	SDRMA	PO Box 15677 Sacramento CA 95852	Insurance Premium-Medical & Ancillary	$ 3,324.55	6510
10/31/2026	11/12/2026	6335184	Shinault Baker & Company	P. O. Box 580 Bakersfield CA 93302	Payroll/Accounts Payable Svcs & Audit Support Svcs	$ 945.33	7500
10/31/2026	11/12/2026	October	Thomas Schroeter	254 H St. Bakersfield, CA 93304	Legal Services	$ 4,716.00	7500
10/31/2026	11/12/2026	109898	Bakersfield Californian	4900 California Ave Ste. 100A, Bakersfield, CA 93309	Budget Publication	$ 672.72	7600
10/21/2026	11/12/2026	901	1-Twenty One Security	3004 Boulder Ln. Bakersfield CA 93309	Security Services	$ 100.00	7500
11/9/2026	11/12/2026	3	Rebecca Wiles	700 College Ave APT #63 Bakersfield, CA 93306	HRA Accounting Administrator	$ 135.00	7500
Oct			Kern County		Journal Vouchers	$ 417.63	
10/22/2026			Credit Card Statement			$ 1,799.78	
Oct			October Payroll			$ 30,823.85	
10/21/2026			Commission Meeting Stipends			$ 728.88	
Oct			Travel Reimbursement			$ 336.87	
Oct			HRA Reimbursement			$ -	
					MONTHLY TOTAL	**$ 48,778.57**	

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Account Number: [redacted]
Unique ID: XXXX XXXX XXXX 8088
LOCAL AGNCY FORMATION CO
Statement Date: 10-22-2026

Corporate Account Summary

Previous Balance	$1,647.60
Purchases and Other Charges	$1,799.78
Cash Advances	$0.00
Cash Advance Fees	$0.00
Late Payment Charges	$0.00
Credits	$0.00 CR
Payments	$1,647.60 PY
New Balance	**$1,799.78**
Disputed Amount	$0.00

Payment Information

Amount Due $1,799.78

Payment due in accordance with your agreement with U.S. Bank.

QUESTIONS OR TO REPORT A LOST OR STOLEN CARD, CALL CUSTOMER SERVICE: **1-800-344-5696**

To overnight or courier a payment, please send to:
Corporate Payment Systems
3180 Rider Trail S, Department 790428
Earth City, MO 63045-1518

Corporate Account Activity

LOCAL AGNCY FORMATION CO
Account Number: [redacted]
Unique ID: XXXX XXXX XXXX 8088

Total Corporate Activity
$1,647.60 CR

Post Date	Tran Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
09-25	09-25	74798266268000000000294	PAYMENT - [redacted] A	1,647.60PY

New Activity

PATTY MENCHACA
Account Number: [redacted]
Unique ID: XXXX XXXX XXXX 2198

Purchases	$295.95	**Total Activity**	**$295.95**
Cash Advances	$0.00		
Cash Advances Fees	$0.00		
Credits	$0.00 CR		

Post Date	Tran Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
10-13	10-13	24692166286405647791886	AMAZON MKTPL*596DT0UU2 AMZN.COM/BILL WA	251.75
10-19	10-19	24692166292401531552379	AMAZON MKTPL*KT6LS0ZH3 AMZN.COM/BILL WA	44.20

(transactions continued on next page)

✂Payment may be made electronically or by check made payable to Corporate Payment Systems.

CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS
P.O. BOX 6343
FARGO, ND 58125-6343

[redacted]

Account Number: [redacted]
Unique ID: XXXX XXXX XXXX 8088
Amount Due: $1,799.78

Amount Enclosed $

If paying by check, include coupon with payment to address below.

CORPORATE PAYMENT SYSTEMS
P.O. BOX 790428
ST. LOUIS, MO 63179-0428

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LOCAL AGNCY FORMATION CO
BLAIR KNOX
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMM
5300 LENNOX AVENUE SUITE 303
BAKERSFIELD CA 93309-1662

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New Activity cont

Department:	00000	Total:	$295.95
Division:	00000	Total:	$295.95

BLAIR KNOX
Account Number: [redacted]
Unique ID: XXXX XXXX XXXX 2937

Purchases	$1,503.83	**Total Activity**	**$1,503.83**
Cash Advances	$0.00		
Cash Advances Fees	$0.00		
Credits	$0.00 CR		

Post Date	Tran Date	Reference Number	Transaction Description	Amount
09-28	09-25	24692166268401467856455	SQ *CLEAN BRIGHT GOSQ.COM CA	155.85
09-28	09-26	24692166269401879756631	PRIMO BRANDS/WATERSERV 800-274-5282 CA	103.96
10-02	10-01	24692166274406912719606	SPECTRUM 855-707-7328 MO	323.99
10-05	10-04	24204296277000304964210	MICROSOFT-G188277225 701-2817490 WA	100.80
10-06	10-06	24204296279000402796082	MICROSOFT-G188767427 701-2817490 WA	75.60
10-06	10-05	24323036279368121115702	M&S SECURITY SERVICES IN AR.MS@MSSECUR CA	135.00
10-09	10-08	24692166281400754751968	VZWRLSS*APOCC VISW 800-922-0204 FL	115.13
10-13	10-12	24692166285404982337364	INTUIT *QBOOKS ONLINE CL.INTUIT.COM CA	177.00
10-15	10-14	24692166287406632090663	SQ *CLEAN BRIGHT GOSQ.COM CA	155.85
10-20	10-20	24011346293100036594503	MICROSOFT#G192645182 MICROSOFT.COM WA	4.80
10-20	10-20	24692166293402385634965	SQ *CLEAN BRIGHT GOSQ.COM CA	155.85

Department:	00000	Total:	$1,503.83
Division:	09402	Total:	$1,503.83

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Kern Local Agency Formation Commission
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To: LAFCo Commissioners
From: Blair Knox, Executive Officer
Date: November 18, 2026
RE: Audit of Fiscal Year 2025-2026

In the Commission packet is a copy of the completed financial statements and independent auditor's report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, prepared by Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation. The audit presents an unmodified opinion that Kern LAFCo's financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Financial highlights:

- Government-wide net position improved by $255,300, changing from a deficit of $213,904 at June 30, 2025, to positive net position of $41,396 at June 30, 2026.
- Total revenues were $1,063,152 and government-wide expenses were $807,852.
- The General Fund balance increased by $158,455, from $505,011 to $663,466. General Fund revenues were $1,063,152 and expenditures were $1,025,164. Expenditures include $120,467 of noncash lease-inception capital outlay, offset by an equal other financing source under GASB 87.
- Program revenues increased by $211,234, reflecting higher agency contributions and increased user-fee revenue associated with application activity and complexity.
- Principal budget variances included agency contributions $53,064 below budget because prior-year surplus was used to reduce assessments, user fees $41,634 above budget because of increased application complexity and related reimbursements, and salaries and employee benefits $123,352 below budget because of unforeseen staffing changes.
- At June 30, 2026, long-term obligations included compensated absences of $125,455, a lease liability of $113,761, and a net pension liability of $721,416. Pension expense was $74,709.

CalPERS accounting:

The final audit corrected employer contribution amounts used in the CalPERS GASB 68 calculations for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. The correction decreased reported pension expense by $90,533 and is reflected in the figures above. This was an accounting correction to historical contribution data, not a current-year cash expenditure or loss.

As the Commission has discussed in prior years, CalPERS pension liability and expense are volatile and are reported with an approximately two-year lag. Accordingly, the pension figures in the 2025-2026 financial statements more closely reflect conditions from 2023-2024 than current conditions and are beginning to show the first post-COVID improvement moving through the reporting cycle. The Commission should continue to view the annual pension figures as trailing indicators rather than a measure of current-year operations.

Internal control and compliance:

The auditors did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that they considered to be material weaknesses. Their testing also disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. The internal-control review was performed to design audit procedures and did not constitute an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control.

The Commission should review the attached completed financial statements and SAS communication prepared by Brown Armstrong.

Recommendation:

Receive and file the independent audit for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
JUNE 30, 2026

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KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND MANAGEMENT
JUNE 30, 2026

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Kern Local Agency Formation Commission
Bakersfield, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (the Commission), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, and the related notes to the basic financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Commission as of June 30, 2026, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Commission and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison schedule – Governmental General Fund, cost-sharing defined benefit pension plan – schedule of the proportionate share of the net pension liability, cost-sharing defined benefit pension plan – schedule of pension contributions, and notes to the required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 9, 2026, on our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

BROWN ARMSTRONG
ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

Brown Armstrong
Accountancy Corporation

Bakersfield, California
November 9, 2026

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)
JUNE 30, 2026

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) addresses the Commission's financial results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026 using the five sections prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 103. This discussion should be read together with the basic financial statements and notes.

1. Overview of the Financial Statements

The government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities report the Commission's governmental activities using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 9 and 10 of this report.

The General Fund financial statements report near-term financial resources using the current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting. The fund financial statements can be found on pages 11 through 14 of this report.

The reconciliations explain significant differences between governmental fund balances and governmental activities, including capital assets, leases, compensated absences, and pension-related amounts. The reconciliations are presented on pages 12 and 14.

The notes explain significant accounting policies and balances. Required supplementary information includes the General Fund budget comparison and California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) pension schedules. The notes can be found on pages 15 through 27, and the required supplementary information on pages 28 through 32 of this report.

2. Financial Summary

Government-wide net position improved during 2026, and the Commission reported positive net position at year-end. The comparative statements below summarize year-over-year changes in assets, deferred resource flows, liabilities, and net position.

The Commission's financial position as of June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2025 is summarized below:

	2026	2025	Change
Current assets	$ 716,131	$ 551,882	$ 164,249
Noncurrent assets	132,212	21,860	110,352
Total assets	848,343	573,742	274,601
Deferred outflows of resources	361,981	316,087	45,894
Current liabilities	90,813	46,871	43,942
Noncurrent liabilities	894,017	949,392	(55,375)
Total liabilities	984,830	996,263	(11,433)
Deferred inflows of resources	184,098	107,470	76,628
Net position			
Net investment in capital assets	18,451	21,860	(3,409)
Unrestricted (deficit)	22,945	(235,764)	258,709
Total net position (deficit)	$ 41,396	$ (213,904)	$ 255,300

Statement of Activities: The following table compares revenue, expense, and changes in net position for fiscal years 2026 and 2025:

	2026	2025	Change
Revenues			
Program revenues	$ 1,053,255	$ 842,021	$ 211,234
General revenues	9,897	6,282	3,615
Total revenues	1,063,152	848,303	214,849
Expenses			
General government	807,852	775,163	32,689
Change in net position	255,300	73,140	182,160
Net position (deficit) - beginning of year	(213,904)	(287,044)	73,140
Net position (deficit) - end of year	$ 41,396	$ (213,904)	$ 255,300

3. Detailed Analyses

Governmental Activities – Financial Position

Total assets increased $274,601 to $848,343. Current assets increased $164,249, primarily from higher cash balances, as General Fund revenues exceeded expenditures (excluding the noncash lease inception) by $158,455. Noncurrent assets increased $110,352 to $132,212 due to recording the right-to-use office lease asset of $120,467 under the Sixth Amendment to the office lease and furniture and equipment additions of $4,298, less depreciation and amortization of $14,413.

Deferred outflows of resources increased $45,894 to $361,981, primarily due to higher pension contributions made after the measurement date ($192,139 compared with $168,493), which include a $73,000 additional discretionary payment toward the CalPERS unfunded accrued liability.

Total liabilities decreased $11,433 to $984,830. The net pension liability decreased $148,164 to $721,416 as the CalPERS plan's fiduciary net position improved from 79.91% to 84.34% of the total pension liability. The decrease was largely offset by the new lease liability of $113,761 ($38,148 due within one year) and a $22,056 increase in compensated absences.

Deferred inflows of resources increased $76,628 to $184,098, primarily due to CalPERS investment earnings in excess of the assumed rate of return and the change in the Commission's proportionate share of the net pension liability.

The Commission reported net position of $41,396 at June 30, 2026, an improvement of $255,300 from the prior-year deficit of $213,904. Net investment in capital assets decreased $3,409 to $18,451, as depreciation of $7,720 exceeded furniture and equipment additions of $4,298. Unrestricted net position improved $258,709 to $22,945.

Governmental Activities – Results of Operations

Total revenues increased $214,849 to $1,063,152:

- Contributions from governmental agencies increased $152,536 to $951,621 due to increased adopted budget.
- User fees increased $58,698 to $101,634, due to modification of dues structure and increased application complexity requiring higher dues.
- Interest income increased $3,615 to $9,897, primarily due to higher average cash balances.

Total expenses increased $32,689 to $807,852:

- Professional and specialized services increased $58,748 to $138,734, due to increased use of consultants, attorneys, and IT services.
- Salaries increased $40,132 to $401,093, as average staffing increased from four to five employees, and compensated absence costs increased. Employee group insurance decreased $9,685.
- Pension expense was $74,709. Pension expense was reduced by $90,533 for the correction of employer contribution amounts used in the CalPERS GASB Statement No. 68 calculations in prior years, and by the improvement in the plan's funded status.
- Building lease costs decreased following the lease amendment. Beginning May 2026, the lease is reported as amortization of the right-to-use asset ($6,693) and interest ($323) in accordance with GASB Statement No. 87.
- Refer to Note 5 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan, of the Commission's notes to the basic financial statements for additional information.

Because revenues exceeded expenses, net position increased $255,300 in the current year, compared with an increase of $73,140 in the prior year.

Major Fund Analysis – General Fund

The General Fund measures the near-term resources available to finance operations. In contrast, government-wide statements also recognize capital assets, lease obligations, long-term compensated absences, and deferred pension amounts.

The General Fund is the Commission's only governmental fund and its only major fund. At June 30, 2026, the General Fund reported unassigned fund balance of $663,466, an increase of $158,455 from the prior year. Revenues of $1,063,152 exceeded expenditures, excluding the noncash lease inception, by $158,455, primarily due to the increases in agency contributions and user fees. The lease inception capital outlay of $120,467 was offset by an equal other financing source and did not affect fund balance. All of the fund balance is unassigned and available for any purpose.

Expenditures exceeded appropriations by $135,627, primarily for the unbudgeted capital outlay and lease principal of $131,471 related to the office lease, which was offset by the $120,467 lease other financing source. Additional information is presented in Note 1 to the required supplementary information.

The General Fund's $158,455 increase in fund balance differs by $96,845 from the $255,300 increase in net position reported for governmental activities. As detailed on page 14, the difference arises because the fund statements report capital outlays as expenditures rather than as capital assets net of depreciation and amortization ($110,352); report lease financing as an other financing source rather than as a liability, net of principal repayments ($113,761); do not accrue the change in the long-term portion of compensated absences ($17,176); and report pension costs based on contributions made rather than on the accrual basis ($117,430).

4. Significant Capital Asset and Long-Term Financing Activity

Capital Assets – Net capital assets totaled $132,212 at June 30, 2026, an increase of $110,352 from the prior year, comprising furniture and equipment of $18,438 and a right-to-use leased building asset of $113,774. Additions consisted of the $120,467 right-to-use office lease asset recognized under the Sixth Amendment and $4,298 of furniture and equipment; there were no disposals. Lease assets are separately presented under GASB Statement No. 104. Additional information is presented in Note 3.

Long-Term Financing – At June 30, 2026, long-term obligations totaled $960,632, a decrease of $12,347, and included compensated absences of $125,455, a lease liability of $113,761 ($38,148 due within one year), and a net pension liability of $721,416. The lease liability relates to the Commission's office lease, as amended by the Sixth Amendment executed in February 2026; principal repayments during the year were $6,706. The Commission has no bonded debt. Additional information is presented in Notes 4 and 5.

5. Currently Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions

The Commission's operating contributions depend on amounts assessed to the County of Kern, cities, and special districts. The volume of applications affects user-fee revenues. Management considers anticipated assessments, application workload, staffing, and contractual lease payments during its budget process.

Contacting the Commission's Financial Management

The Commission's financial report is designed to provide the Commission, management, creditors, legislative and oversight agencies, citizens, and customers with an overview of Kern Local Agency Formation Commission's finances and to demonstrate its accountability for funds received. For additional information about this report, please contact Blair Knox, Executive Officer, at 5300 Lennox Avenue, Suite 303, Bakersfield, California 93309.

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2026

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	$	715,873
Other current asset		258
Total Current Assets		716,131
Noncurrent Assets:		
Capital assets, net (Note 3)		132,212
Total Assets		848,343
Deferred Outflows of Resources (Note 5):		
Pension contributions subsequent to the measurement date		192,139
Difference between employer's contribution and proportionate share of contributions		83,399
Differences between expected and actual experience		86,443
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		361,981
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	$	1,210,324

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION

Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$	19,358
Accrued payroll		4,840
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year:		
Compensated absences (Note 4)		28,467
Lease liability (Note 4)		38,148
Due after one year:		
Compensated absences (Note 4)		96,988
Lease liability (Note 4)		75,613
Net pension liability (Note 5)		721,416
Total Liabilities		984,830
Deferred Inflows of Resources (Note 5):		
Difference between employer's contribution and proportionate share of contributions		2,382
Change in employer's proportion		84,101
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments		97,615
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		184,098
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets		18,451
Unrestricted		22,945
Total Net Position		41,396
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION	$	1,210,324

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Governmental Activities
Primary Government:				
General Government	$ 807,852	$ 101,634	$ 951,621	$ 245,403
General Revenues:				
Interest				9,897
Change in Net Position				255,300
Net Position at Beginning of Year				(213,904)
Net Position at End of Year				$ 41,396

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL GENERAL FUND
JUNE 30, 2026

ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	$	715,873
Other current asset		258
Total Assets	$	716,131
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$	19,358
Accrued payroll		4,840
Current portion of compensated absences (Note 4)		28,467
Total Liabilities		52,665
Fund Balance (Note 1):		
Unassigned		663,466
Total Fund Balance		663,466
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	$	716,131

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2026

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Fund		$ 663,466
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different from amounts reported in the governmental fund because:		
Capital assets: In the governmental fund, only current assets are reported. In the statement of net position, all assets are reported, including capital assets and accumulated depreciation/amortization. Capital assets at year-end consist of:		
Capital assets at historical cost	$ 189,124	
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(56,912)	
Net		132,212
Long-term liabilities: In the governmental fund, only current liabilities are reported. In the statement of net position, all liabilities are reported. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:		
Compensated absences	(96,988)	
Lease liability	(113,761)	
Net pension liability	(721,416)	
Total		(932,165)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to pensions: In the governmental fund, deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to pensions are not reported because they are applicable to future periods. In the statement of net position, deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to pensions are reported.		
Deferred outflows of resources relating to pensions		361,981
Deferred inflows of resources relating to pensions		(184,098)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities		$ 41,396

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

REVENUES		
Contributions from governmental agencies	$	951,621
User fees		101,634
Interest		9,897
Total Revenues		1,063,152
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries and employee benefits		661,533
Professional and specialized services		138,734
Lease expense - buildings		35,953
SDRMA insurance		11,876
Office expense		24,799
Travel and transportation		14,723
Publications and legal notices		3,095
Special department expenditures		2,657
Debt service - principal		6,706
Capital outlay		124,765
Debt service - interest		323
Total Expenditures		1,025,164
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures		37,988
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Leases (as lessee)		120,467
Net Change in Fund Balance		158,455
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		505,011
Fund Balance, End of Year	$	663,466

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KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
RECONCILIATION OF THE CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
TO THE CHANGE IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	$	158,455
Capital outlays are reported in the governmental fund as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation or amortization expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays of $124,765 exceeded depreciation and amortization expense of $14,413 in the period.		110,352
Long-term compensated absences are reported in the statement of activities, but they do not require the use of current financial resources. Therefore, long-term compensated absences are not reported as expenditures in the governmental fund. This is the amount by which the long-term compensated absence liability changed during the year.		(17,176)
Lease financing is reported as an other financing source in the governmental fund, while repayment of lease principal is an expenditure. In the statement of net position, the lease increases long-term liabilities and principal repayments reduce them. This is the amount by which lease financing of $120,467 exceeded principal repayments of $6,706		(113,761)
Pension costs are reported in the governmental fund when employer contributions are made. However, in the statement of activities, pension costs are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting. This year, the difference between accrual basis of accounting pension costs and actual employer contributions was:		117,430
Total Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities	$	255,300

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2026

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Nature of Activities

Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) were created by State legislation in 1963. Their purpose is to provide for the orderly growth of local government and to prevent urban sprawl. LAFCOs are funded by an assessment on the operating revenue of counties, cities, and special districts. The Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (the Commission) includes representatives of the general public in addition to these entities. The Commission's responsibilities include reviewing and acting on proposals for annexations, detachments, incorporations, special district formations, consolidations, dissolutions, and other reorganizations; establishing and updating spheres of influence; preparing municipal service reviews; and reviewing out-of-agency service extensions. The Commission is governed by its own Board of Commissioners (the Board).

B. Reporting Entity

The Commission has no oversight responsibility for any other governmental entity; nor is the Commission's operation a component unit of any other governmental entity. Therefore, the reporting entity consists only of Commission operations.

C. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting, and Measurement Focus

Accounting policies of the Commission conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to state and local governments.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements display information about the Commission as a whole. These statements include separate columns for the governmental and business-type activities of the primary government. The Commission does not have business-type activities.

The government-wide financial statements consist of the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. The Statement of Net Position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Commission at year-end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function on the Commission's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department, and therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Government-wide financial statements are presented using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Under the economic resources measurement focus, all (both current and long-term) economic resources and obligations of the Commission are reported in the government-wide financial statements. *Basis of accounting* refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 33. Program revenues include charges for services and payments made by parties outside of the reporting Commission's citizenry if that money is restricted. Program revenues are netted with program expenses in the Statement of Activities to present the net cost of each program.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting, and Measurement Focus (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements

The underlying accounting system of the Commission is organized and operated on the basis of separate funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate.

Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Fund financial statements for the Commission's governmental fund are presented after the government-wide financial statements. These statements display information about the Commission's major fund, the Governmental General Fund.

Governmental Fund Types

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Measurable means that the amounts can be estimated, or otherwise determined. Available means that the amounts were collected during the reporting period or soon enough thereafter to be available to finance the expenditures accrued for the reporting period.

Assessments and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period to the extent normally collected within the availability period. Other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available when cash is received by the Commission.

Exchange transactions are recognized as revenues in the period in which they are earned (i.e., the related goods or services are provided). Locally imposed tax revenues are recognized as revenues in the period in which the underlying exchange transaction upon which they are based takes place. Imposed non-exchange transactions are recognized as revenues in the period for which they are imposed. If the period of use is not specified, revenue is recognized in the period in which it is earned. When an enforceable legal claim is not specified, revenue is recognized when an enforceable legal claim to the revenues arises or when revenue is received, whichever occurs first. Government-mandated and voluntary non-exchange transactions are recognized as revenues when all applicable eligibility requirements have been met.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the Balance Sheet. The reported fund balance (net current assets) is considered to be a measure of "available spendable resources." Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

As a result of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental fund types excludes amounts represented by noncurrent liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities.

Amounts expended to acquire capital assets are recorded as *expenditures* in the year that resources were expended, rather than as fund assets. The proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as *other financing sources* rather than as a fund liability. Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness are reported as fund expenditures.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting, and Measurement Focus (Continued)

Major Fund

The major fund of the Commission is the Governmental General Fund, which is the general operating fund of the Commission and accounts for all revenues and expenditures of the Commission.

Budget

By state law, the Commission must adopt a final budget no later than June 15. A public hearing must be conducted to receive comments prior to adoption. The Commission satisfied these requirements. The Commission may revise the budget during the year to give consideration to unanticipated income and expenditures; no amendments were made during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026. The original and final budgets are presented in the required supplementary information.

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Fund Balance

Cash

The Commission maintains a portion of its cash with the Kern County (the County) Treasurer-Tax Collector. This is an interest-bearing account. The County pools these funds with those of other agencies in the County and invests the cash. The Commission's investment in the pool is reported at fair value based on its pro rata share of the County pool (See Note 2).

The Commission also maintains two checking accounts with a single financial institution, which held the majority of its cash at June 30, 2026. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures cash balances held with this financial institution up to $250,000.

Capital Assets

The Commission's capital assets include furniture and equipment and, separately, right-to-use leased buildings reported in governmental activities. The Commission's capitalization policy applies to individually acquired assets costing $5,000 or more with an estimated useful life exceeding one year. Purchased assets are recorded at historical cost, and donated assets are measured at acquisition value in accordance with applicable GAAP. Purchased capital assets are reported as expenditures in the General Fund and as capital assets in the government-wide Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is recorded on a straight-line basis over estimated useful lives of five to fifteen years; right-to-use leased buildings are amortized over the applicable lease term.

Right-to-Use Leased Assets

Right-to-use leased assets are recorded at the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liabilities and modified by any lease payment made to the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term, less any lease incentives received from the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term along with any initial direct costs that are ancillary charges necessary to place the leased asset into service.

Right-to-use leased assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset, unless the lease contains a purchase option that the Commission has determined is reasonably certain of being exercised.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Fund Balance (Continued)

Compensated Absences

Under GASB Statement No. 101, the Commission recognizes a liability for accumulated leave that is attributable to services already rendered and is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid or settled. Liabilities are measured using pay rates in effect at the financial statement date, including qualifying salary-related payments, if applicable. The governmental fund recognizes compensated absence liabilities only to the extent the amounts are due and payable from current financial resources.

Accumulated sick leave is included only to the extent it satisfies the GASB Statement No. 101 recognition requirements based on employee leave provisions and historical utilization or settlement patterns.

Net Position

Net position is the residual of total assets and deferred outflows of resources after deducting liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. It is presented as net investment in capital assets, restricted net position, and unrestricted net position, as applicable. Net investment in capital assets includes capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, reduced by outstanding borrowings and lease liabilities attributable to the acquisition or use of those assets, subject to applicable accounting guidance.

Fund Balance

Fund balances of governmental funds are classified based on the level of constraint placed on the resources of the funds as follows:

1. Nonspendable fund balance includes amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash, such as resources that are not in spendable form (e.g., inventories and prepaids) or that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
2. Restricted fund balance includes amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers or by law.
3. Committed fund balance includes amounts constrained to specific purposes by the Commission. For this purpose, all commitments of funds shall be approved by a majority vote of the Commission. The constraints shall be imposed no later than the end of the reporting period of June 30, although the actual amounts may be determined subsequent to that date but prior to the issuance of the financial statements.
4. Assigned fund balance includes amounts which the Commission or its designee intends to use for a specific purpose. The Commission delegates authority to assign funds to the assigned fund balance to the designee and authorizes the assignment of such funds to be made any time prior to the issuance of the financial statements.
5. Unassigned fund balance includes amounts that are available for any purpose.

When multiple types of funds are available for an expenditure, the Commission shall first utilize funds from the restricted fund balance as appropriate, then from the committed fund balance, then from the assigned fund balance, and lastly from the unassigned fund balance.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Fund Balance (Continued)

Defined Benefit Pension Plan

The Commission participates in a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by CalPERS. The Commission reports its proportionate share of the net pension liability, related deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense based on the CalPERS GASB 68 accounting valuation and employer allocation. The measurement date used for fiscal year 2026 reporting is June 30, 2025. CalPERS determined the underlying liability using a June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation rolled forward to the June 30, 2025 measurement date. Pension-related deferred amounts are recognized in accordance with GASB 68 over applicable closed recognition periods, including the average expected remaining service lives for relevant experience and assumption differences and five years for investment differences. Employer contributions made after the measurement date are reported as a deferred outflow of resources.

Subsequent Events

The Commission has evaluated subsequent events through November 9, 2026, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Implementation of New Accounting Pronouncements

The Commission has adopted all current statements of GASB that are applicable. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, the Commission implemented the following new standards issued by GASB.

GASB Statement No. 103 – *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The requirements of this statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2025. The Commission implemented GASB Statement No. 103 during the year ended June 30, 2026. Implementation changed the presentation of Management's Discussion and Analysis, which is now limited to the five sections required by the statement and added a variance between the original budget and the final budget to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Governmental General Fund, together with explanations of significant variations in the Notes to Required Supplementary Information. There was no effect on the Commission's net position.

GASB Statement No. 104 – *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets.* The requirements of this statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025. The Commission implemented GASB Statement No. 104 during the year ended June 30, 2026. Implementation resulted in the separate disclosure of the right-to-use leased building in Note 3 and had no effect on the Commission's net position.

Accounting Pronouncements Recently Issued and Applicable to Future Years

The following statements, issued recently by the GASB, are effective for year-ends after June 30, 2026. Management is evaluating the impact of the implementation of these statements, if any, on the basic financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 105 – *Subsequent Events***.** The requirements of this statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2026, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged. The Commission has not yet determined the impact of implementation of GASB Statement No. 105 on the financial statements.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position or Fund Balance (Continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The net pension liability and the lease liability are considered to be significant estimates with respect to these financial statements.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents classified in the governmental activities and governmental general fund financial statements consisted of the following at June 30, 2026:

	2026
Cash in Banks	$ 641,802
Cash in Kern County Investment Pool	74,071
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 715,873
Total Interest Income	$ 9,897

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in interest rates.

Information about the sensitivity of the fair value of the Commission's investments to interest rate fluctuations is provided by the following table that shows the distributions of the Commission's investments by maturity as of June 30, 2026:

		Remaining Maturity			
Investment Type	Amount	12 Months or Less	13 to 24 Months	25 to 60 Months	More Than 60 Months
County Investment Pool	$ 74,071	$ 74,071	$ -	$ -	$ -

NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Continued)

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Presented below is the minimum rating required by (where applicable) the California Government Code or the Commission's investment policy, and the actual rating as of year-end for each investment type. The column marked "Exempt From Disclosure" identifies those investment types for which GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures—an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 3*, does not require disclosure as to credit risk.

Investment Type	Amount	Minimum Legal Rating	Exempt From Disclosure	Rating as of Year-End	
				AAA	Not Rated
County Investment Pool	$ 74,071	N/A	$ -	$ -	$ 74,071

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Commission's deposits may not be returned to it. Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, the Commission will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The California Government Code and the Commission's investment policy do not contain any legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits or investments, other than requiring a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local government units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The fair value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. The Commission complies with California Government Code Section 53638 (Public Deposit Act), in which the first $250,000 of the Commission's deposits are insured by the FDIC. Deposits of more than $250,000 insured amounts are fully collateralized by the bank by pledging identifiable U.S. Government Securities at 110%. GASB Statement No. 40 requires disclosure of deposits with financial institutions in excess of FDIC limits. At June 30, 2026, the Commission had $392,002 of deposits with its financial institutions in excess of the FDIC limits.

Investment in County Investment Pool

The Commission is a participant in the County Investment Pool. The fair value of the Commission's investment in this pool is reported in the accompanying basic financial statements at amounts based upon the Commission's pro-rata share of the fair value provided by the County for the entire County portfolio (in relation to the amortized cost of that portfolio). The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by the County, which are recorded on an amortized cost basis.

Interest earned on the pooled investments is credited to the Commission based on the Commission's average daily deposit balance during the allocation period with all remaining interest deposited with the County. The disclosures in accordance with GASB Statements, including interest rate risk, credit risk, concentration, and rating, as well as custodial credit risk disclosures for the County's Investment Pool, are included in the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The County's ACFR can be obtained either from the County's website at www.kerncounty.com or from the County's Auditor-Controller's office located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 2nd Floor, Bakersfield, California 93301.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Continued)

Fair Value Measurement

GASB Statement No. 72 improved the measuring of fair value for financial reporting purposes and enhanced disclosures about the fair value hierarchy as established by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Commission categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The Commission has the following recurring fair value measurement as of June 30, 2026:

- County Investment Pool is an uncategorized input not defined as a Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3 input.

NOTE 3 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, is shown below:

	Balance June 30, 2025	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2026
Capital assets, being depreciated/amortized:				
Furniture and fixtures	$ 64,359	$ 4,298	$ -	$ 68,657
Right-to-use leased assets:				
Building	-	120,467	-	120,467
Total capital assets, being depreciated/amortized	64,359	124,765	-	189,124
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization for:				
Furniture and fixtures	(42,499)	(7,720)	-	(50,219)
Right-to-use leased assets:				
Building	-	(6,693)	-	(6,693)
Total accumulated depreciation and amortization	(42,499)	(14,413)	-	(56,912)
Total capital assets, being depreciated/amortized, net	$ 21,860	$ 110,352	$ -	$ 132,212

Depreciation and amortization expense for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026 was $14,413, consisting of $7,720 of owned-asset depreciation and $6,693 of right-to-use building amortization.

NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A schedule of changes in long-term liabilities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, is as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2025	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2026	Due Within One Year
Compensated absences, net	$ 103,399	$ 22,056	$ -	$ 125,455	$ 28,467
Lease liability	-	120,467	(6,706)	113,761	38,148
Net pension liability	869,580	-	(148,164)	721,416	-
	$ 972,979	$ 142,523	$ (154,870)	$ 960,632	$ 66,615

NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (Continued)

Lease Liability

The Commission leases office space (Suite 303) at 5300 Lennox Avenue, Bakersfield, California, from Crown Pointe Investments, Inc. Under the Sixth Amendment to the Office Lease Agreement, the lease term was extended for 36 months, from May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2029. The lease liability and right-to-use asset were recognized at the commencement of the extended term on May 1, 2026. Monthly base rent is $3,514.53, increasing to $3,619.97 on May 1, 2027 and to $3,728.57 on May 1, 2028, and is payable at the beginning of each month. The lease includes an option to extend the term through April 30, 2031; the option period is not included in the lease term because the Commission has not determined that it is reasonably certain to be exercised. The Commission also pays its share of building operating expenses in excess of the 2023 base year. These variable payments are not included in the measurement of the lease liability and are recognized as expenditures when incurred. The lease liability was measured using a discount rate of 5.50 percent, the Commission's estimated incremental borrowing rate.

The future principal and interest requirements for the lease liability as of June 30, 2026, are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2027	$ 38,148	$ 5,305	$ 43,453
2028	40,299	3,153	43,452
2029	35,314	896	36,210
	$ 113,761	$ 9,354	$ 123,115

NOTE 5 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

CalPERS

Plan Description: All qualified permanent and probationary employees are eligible to participate in the Commission's Miscellaneous Employee Pension Plan (the Plan), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by CalPERS. Benefit provisions under the Plan are established by State statute and Commission resolution. CalPERS issues publicly available reports that include a full description of the pension plan regarding benefit provisions, assumptions, and membership information that can be found on the CalPERS website at http://www.calpers.ca.gov.

Benefits Provided: The Plan provides service retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments (COLAs), and death benefits to eligible employees. Benefits are based on years of credited service, equal to one year of full time employment. Members with five years of total service are eligible to retire at age 50 (age 52 for PEPRA members) with statutorily reduced benefits. All members are eligible for non-duty disability benefits after 10 years of service. The death benefit is one of the following: the Basic Death Benefit, the 1957 Survivor Benefit, or the Optional Settlement 2W Death Benefit. The COLAs for the Plan are applied as specified by the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL).

NOTE 5 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)

CalPERS (Continued)

The Plan's provisions and benefits in effect at June 30, 2026, are summarized as follows:

	Miscellaneous Plan	
Hire date	Prior to January 1, 2013 (Classic)	On or after January 1, 2013 (PEPRA)
Benefit formula	3% at 60	2% at 62
Benefit vesting schedule	5 years of service	5 years of service
Benefit payments	Monthly for life	Monthly for life
Retirement age	50-60	52-67
Monthly benefits, as a % of eligible compensation	2% to 3%	1% to 2.5%
Retirement employee contribution rates	7.83%	7.75%
Required employer contribution rates	18.39%	8.27%

Contributions: Section 20814(c) of PERL requires that the employer contribution rates for all public employers be determined on an annual basis by the actuary and shall be effective on the July 1 following notice of a change in the rate. Funding contributions for the Plan are determined annually on the actuarial basis as of June 30 by CalPERS. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The Commission is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of employees.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, the employer contributions made to the Plan were as follows:

Contributions - Employer	$ 192,139

Pension Liability, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

As of June 30, 2026, the Commission reported a $721,416 net pension liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of the Plan.

The Commission's net pension liability for the Plan is measured as the proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability of the Plan was measured as of June 30, 2025, and the total pension liability for the Plan used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2024, rolled forward to June 30, 2025, using standard update procedures. The Commission's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Commission's long-term share of contributions to the Plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers of CalPERS, actuarially determined. The Commission's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Plan as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, was as follows:

Proportion - June 30, 2025	0.01798%
Proportion - June 30, 2026	0.01808%
Change - Increase	0.00010%

NOTE 5 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)

CalPERS (Continued)

Pension Liability, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, the Commission recognized pension expense of $74,709. At June 30, 2026, the Commission reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Pension contributions subsequent to measurement date	$ 192,139	$ -
Differences between expected and actual experience	86,443	-
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	97,615
Differences between employer's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	83,399	2,382
Change in employer's proportion	-	84,101
Total	$ 361,981	$ 184,098

$192,139 was reported as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the measurement date and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	
2027	$ 82,335
2028	(18,410)
2029	(40,918)
2030	(37,263)
	$ (14,256)

NOTE 5 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)

CalPERS (Continued)

Pension Liability, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions: The total pension liability in the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Valuation date	June 30, 2024
Measurement date	June 30, 2025
Actuarial cost method	Entry-Age actuarial cost method
Actuarial assumptions	
Discount rate	6.90%
Inflation	2.30%
Payroll growth	3.00%
Projected salary increase	Varies by entry age and service
Investment rate of return	6.90%
Mortality (a)	Derived using CalPERS' Membership Data for all Funds. Contract COLA up to 2.30% until Purchasing Power Protection Allowance Floor on Purchasing Power applies

(a) The mortality table used was developed based on CalPERS specific data. The probabilities of mortality are based on the 2021 CalPERS Experience Study for the period from 2001 to 2019. Pre-retirement and Post-retirement mortality rates include generational mortality improvement using 80% of Scale MP-2020 published by the Society of Actuaries. For more details on this table, please refer to the CalPERS Experience Study and Review of Actuarial Assumptions report from November 2021 that can be found on the CalPERS website.

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90 percent for the Plan. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine that total pension liability.

The discount rate of 6.90 percent is unchanged from the June 30, 2024 measurement date. Consistent with paragraph 30 of GASB Statement No. 68, the discount rate is not reduced for pension plan administrative expense.

The long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major class.

In determining the long-term expected rate of return, CalPERS took into account both short-term and long-term market return expectations as well as the expected pension fund cash flows. Using historical returns of all the funds' asset classes, expected compound (geometric) returns were calculated over the short-term (first 10 years) and the long-term (11+ years) using a building-block approach. Using the expected nominal returns for both short-term and long-term, the present value of benefits was calculated for each fund. The expected rate of return was set by calculating the single equivalent expected return that arrived at the same present value of benefits for cash flows as the one calculated using both short-term and long-term returns. The expected rate of return was then set equivalent to the single equivalent rate calculated above adjusted to account for the assumed administrative expenses.

NOTE 5 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)

CalPERS (Continued)

Pension Liability, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

The table below reflects the long-term expected real rate of return by asset class. The rate of return was calculated using the capital market assumptions applied to determine the discount rate and asset allocation. The rates of return are net of administrative expenses.

Asset Class	Current Target Allocation	Real Return Years 1-10 [1,2]
Public Equity	37%	4.56%
Private Equity	17%	5.56%
Fixed Income	28%	2.53%
Real Assets	15%	3.03%
Private Debt	8%	4.93%
Strategic Leverage	-5%	1.40%
Total	100%	

(1) An expected inflation of 2.3% was used for this period.

(2) Figures are based on the 2024 Mid-Cycle Asset Liability Management Study.

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate: The following presents the Commission's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Plan, calculated using the discount rate for the Plan, as well as what the Commission's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

1% Decrease		5.90%
Net Pension Liability	$	1,135,777
Current Discount Rate		6.90%
Net Pension Liability	$	721,416
1% Increase		7.90%
Net Pension Liability	$	380,401

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position: Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued CalPERS financial reports.

Payable to the Pension Plan

At June 30, 2026, there was no outstanding amount of contributions to the Plan required for the year ended June 30, 2026.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – GOVERNMENTAL GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2026

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Variance with Original Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues					
Contributions from Governmental Agencies	$ 1,004,685	$ 1,004,685	$ -	$ 951,621	$ (53,064)
User Fees	60,000	60,000	-	101,634	41,634
Interest	-	-	-	9,897	9,897
Total Revenues	1,064,685	1,064,685	-	1,063,152	(1,533)
Expenditures					
Salaries and Employee Benefits	784,885	784,885	-	661,533	123,352
Memberships	7,100	7,100	-	1,872	5,228
SDRMA Insurance	8,500	8,500	-	11,876	(3,376)
Office Expense	35,000	35,000	-	22,927	12,073
Professional and Specialized Services	151,500	151,500	-	138,734	12,766
Publications and Legal Notices	5,000	5,000	-	3,095	1,905
Lease Expense - Buildings	45,000	45,000	-	35,953	9,047
Special Department Expenditures	2,200	2,200	-	2,657	(457)
Travel and Transportation	21,000	21,000	-	13,685	7,315
TT/Personal Vehicle Mileage	4,500	4,500	-	1,038	3,462
Debt Service - Principal	-	-	-	6,706	(6,706)
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	124,765	(124,765)
Interest Expenses	-	-	-	323	(323)
Total Expenditures	1,064,685	1,064,685	-	1,025,164	39,521
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	-	-	-	37,988	37,988
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Leases (as Lessee)	-	-	-	120,467	120,467
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-	158,455	158,455
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	505,011	505,011	505,011	505,011	-
Fund Balance at End of Year	$ 505,011	$ 505,011	$ 505,011	$ 663,466	$ 158,455

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COST-SHARING DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN
SCHEDULE OF THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
JUNE 30, 2026

Last 10 Years	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.01808%	0.01798%	0.01851%	0.01961%	0.01358%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ 721,416	$ 869,580	$ 925,524	$ 917,778	$ 250,452
Covered payroll	$ 305,981	$ 293,197	$ 277,596	$ 209,521	$ 253,410
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	235.77%	296.59%	333.41%	438.04%	98.83%
Plan's fiduciary net position	$ 3,886,705	$ 3,459,415	$ 3,274,767	$ 3,289,379	$ 2,382,878
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	84.34%	79.91%	77.97%	78.19%	90.49%

Last 10 Years	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Proportion of the net pension liability	0.01358%	0.01431%	0.01497%	0.01640%	0.01702%
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ 572,815	$ 573,044	$ 564,176	$ 613,971	$ 564,468
Covered payroll	$ 250,495	$ 235,118	$ 320,326	$ 181,412	$ 185,279
Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	228.67%	243.73%	176.13%	338.44%	304.66%
Plan's fiduciary net position	$ 1,996,581	$ 2,000,493	$ 1,964,429	$ 1,979,011	$ 1,859,176
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	77.71%	77.73%	77.69%	75.39%	75.87%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COST-SHARING DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN
SCHEDULE OF PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
JUNE 30, 2026

Last 10 Years	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
Contractually required contribution (actuarially determined)	$ 119,139	$ 117,090	$ 91,263	$ 92,321	$ 63,024
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	192,139	168,493	134,263	127,821	83,024
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ (73,000)	$ (51,403)	$ (43,000)	$ (35,500)	$ (20,000)
Covered payroll	$ 316,756	$ 305,981	$ 293,197	$ 277,596	$ 209,521
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	60.66%	55.07%	45.79%	46.05%	39.63%

Last 10 Years	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Contractually required contribution (actuarially determined)	$ 54,008	$ 23,728	$ 23,766	$ 21,345	$ 20,445
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	54,008	23,728	23,766	21,345	20,445
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Covered payroll	$ 253,410	$ 250,495	$ 235,118	$ 320,326	$ 181,412
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	21.31%	9.47%	10.11%	6.66%	11.27%

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2026

NOTE 1 – BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY INFORMATION

Budgetary Data

In accordance with California Government Code Section 56381, the Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (the Commission) adopts a proposed budget by May 1 and a final budget by June 15 for each fiscal year. Budgets are adopted for the Governmental General Fund on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available.

Expenditures are controlled on the object level for all Commission budgets. Any excess of budgeted expenditures and other financing uses over revenue and other financing sources is financed by beginning available fund balance.

Budget Variances

Original Budget to Final Budget
The Commission did not amend the original budget during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026; accordingly, there were no variances between the original and final budgets.

Final Budget to Actual

Actual revenues were $1,533, or less than 1%, below the final budget:

- Contributions from governmental agencies were $53,064 less than budgeted due to the balance of funds from 2024-2025 being applied to 2025-2026 apportionment.
- User fees exceeded the budget by $41,634 due to increased application activity.
- Interest income of $9,897 was not budgeted.

Actual expenditures were $39,521, or 4%, less than the final budget. The significant variances were:

- Salaries and employee benefits were $123,352 less than budgeted due to restructuring of staff.
- Professional and specialized services were $12,766, office expense $12,073, lease expense – buildings $9,047, and travel and transportation $7,315 less than budgeted.
- Capital outlay ($124,765), debt service principal ($6,706), and interest ($323) were not budgeted. These amounts relate primarily to the office lease recognized in accordance with GASB Statement No. 87; the $120,467 lease capital outlay was offset by an equal other financing source.

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following categories:

Appropriations Category	Excess
General Fund	
SDRMA Insurance	$ 3,376
Special Department Expenditures	457
Capital Outlay and Lease Principal	131,471
Interest Expenses	323

NOTE 2 – PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

Changes of Benefit Terms: There were no changes of benefit terms for the June 30, 2025 measurement date. Changes of Assumptions: There were no changes of assumptions for the June 30, 2025 measurement date.

NOTE 3 – PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Pre-retirement and post-retirement mortality rates include generational mortality improvement using 80 percent of Scale MP-2020 published by the Society of Actuaries.

Actuarial assumptions and methods used to set the actuarially determined contributions:

Valuation date	June 30, 2024
Measurement date	June 30, 2025
Actuarial cost method	Individual Entry-Age actuarial cost method
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll and direct rate smoothing
Asset valuation method	Fair Value
Actuarial assumptions:	
Discount rate	6.90%
Inflation	2.30%
Projected salary increase	Varies by entry age and service
Investment rate of return	6.90%

OTHER REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Board of Commissioners
Kern Local Agency Formation Commission
Bakersfield, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (the Commission), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, and the related notes to the basic financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 9, 2026.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Commission's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards.*

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Commission's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Bakersfield, California
November 9, 2026

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Board of Commissioners
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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Kern Local Agency Formation Commission (the Commission) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated June 23, 2026. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices
Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Commission are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Commission adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements,* and GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*, in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026. The implementation of these statements affected presentation and disclosure only and had no effect on beginning net position or fund balance. The application of existing policies was not changed during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026. We noted no transactions entered into by the Commission during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Commission's financial statements were:

> Management's estimates of the net pension liability and related accounts which are based on actuarial evaluations provided by an independent third party, which involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and probabilities about the occurrence of future events far into the future. We evaluated the methods, assumptions, and data used to develop the estimates of the net pension liability and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
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> Management's estimate of the lease liability and related right-to-use leased asset, which is based on the present value of the future lease payments over the lease term, discounted using the Commission's estimated incremental borrowing rate of 5.50 percent. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

The disclosure of the net pension liability and related accounts in Note 5 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan as described above.

The disclosure of the lease liability and right-to-use leased asset in Note 3 – Capital Assets and Note 4 – Long-Term Liabilities.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit
We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements
Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, the following material misstatement detected as a result of audit procedures was corrected by management:

An adjustment to the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense to correct the employer contribution amounts used in the CalPERS GASB 68 calculations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2025. The adjustment decreased pension expense by $90,533.

Disagreements with Management
For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations
We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 9, 2026.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants
In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Commission's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues
We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Commission's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Governmental General Fund, and the cost-sharing defined benefit pension plan schedules of the Commission's proportionate share of the net pension liability and of the Commission's pension contributions, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplement the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Kern Local Agency Formation Commission and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than this specified party.

BROWN ARMSTRONG
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Bakersfield, California
November 9, 2026

2026

PROCEEDING

2 SOI Amendments

3 MSR

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INTERNAL PROJECTS

1 Budget

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2027 OUTLOOK

10-16 Pre-Application Project meetings (City and District putting documents together)

6 Proceedings in Process (Received application, and/or payment, and/or map)

8 Post Process (Commission has issued a determination and are awaiting payment and/or legal waiting periods)

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Memo

To: LAFCo Commissioners
From: Blair Knox, Executive Officer
Date: November 18, 2026
Re: LAFCO Chair and Vice-Chair Appointments

The Kern LAFCo Commission selects a Chair and Vice Chair annually, with terms beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of the same year. The upcoming term will run from January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027.

While Kern LAFCo policy suggests that the sitting Vice Chair typically advances to Chair the following year, any current Commissioner may nominate themselves for either role. There is no formal policy governing the selection of the Vice Chair.

Traditionally, the Commission rotates leadership among the different types of members in the following order:

County → Public → Special District → City → County...

Following this tradition:

- The current **Vice Chair** would advance to **Chair**.
- The next **Vice Chair** would be selected from one of the three **City Counsil** representatives.

For your reference, below is a list of the most recent Chairs and Vice Chairs:

2026	
Chair	Vince Zaragoza (Public)
Vice Chair	Gary McKibbin (Sp. Dist.)
2025	
Chair	Jeff Flores (County)
Vice Chair	Vince Zaragoza (Public)
2024	
Chair	Sal Ayon (City)
Vice Chair	Scrivner/Jeff Flores (County)
2023	
Chair	Karen Sanders (Sp. Dist.)
Vice Chair	Sal Ayon (City)
2022	
Chair	Barbara Fowler (Public)
Vice Chair	Gary McKibbin (Sp. Dist.)
2021	
Chair	Zack Scrivner (County)
Vice Chair	Barbara Fowler (Public)
2020	
Chair	Willie Rivera (City)
Vice Chair	Zack Scrivner (County)
2019	
Chair	Gary McKibbin (Sp. Dist.)
Vice Chair	Liz Morris (City)

RECOMMENDATION: None

AGENDA

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To: Commissioners
From: Blair Knox, Executive Officer
Date: November 18, 2026
Subject: LAFCO Meeting Schedule for 2027

The Kern LAFCo Commission is required to adopt a meeting schedule in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code §54950 et seq.). Two meeting schedule options are presented for 2027. Option A generally follows the third Wednesday of each month, with the Commission dark in July and December. Option B generally follows the fourth Wednesday of each month, except that the February meeting would be held on the third Wednesday. Under Option B, the Commission would be dark in July and November and would meet on the second Wednesday in December.

Meetings will start at 5:15pm at Kern Council of Government (Kern COG) Conference room 1401 19th Street, Bakersfield CA 93301.

Please note that the Commission always has the discretion to call a special meeting, cancel a scheduled meeting or change locations if needed.

OPTION #A

January 20th	July - Dark
February 17th	August 18th
March 17th	September 15th
April 21st	October 20th
May 19th	November 17th
June 16th	December - Dark

OPTION #B

January 27th	July - Dark
February 17th	August 25th
March 24th	September 22nd
April 28th	October 27th
May 26th	November - Dark
June 23rd	December 8th

RECOMMENDATION: Select and approve either Option A or Option B as the 2027 Commission meeting schedule.