



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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LOS ANGELES DISTRICT**

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## **APPLICATION FOR PERMIT National City CarMax Project**

**Public Notice/Application No.:** SPL-2018-00262-MER

**Project:** National City CarMax Project

**Comment Period:** January 28, 2020 to February 27, 2020

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### **Applicant**

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### **Location**

The project is located east of U.S. Interstate 805, south of California State Highway 54, north of Plaza Bonita Road and west of Sweetwater Road, within the city of National City, San Diego County, California (at: 32.659094, -117.068976).

### **Activity**

The applicant proposes to construct an approximately 15.12-acre commercial development consisting of an automobile dealership and associated infrastructure. Project related impacts to waters of the U.S. include temporary impacts to 0.452 acre (1,093) of non-wetland waters, permanent impacts to 0.273- acres (2,008 linear feet) of non-wetlands waters, and permanent impacts to 0.36 acres of wetland waters. Project related impacts will results in the permanent loss of 0.273 acres (2,008 linear feet) of non-wetland waters of the U.S. and 0.36 acres of wetland waters of the U.S. Project related impacts are associated with grading activities to facilitate construction of buildings and utilities, the relocation of existing waters onsite, and erosion control structures within waters onsite. For more information see Additional Project Information section below.

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Interested parties are hereby notified an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for the activity described herein and shown on the attached drawing(s). We invite you to review today's public notice and provide views on the proposed work. By providing substantive, site-specific comments to the Corps Regulatory Division, you provide information that supports the Corps' decision-making process. All comments received during the comment period become part of the record and will be considered in the decision. This permit will be issued, issued with special conditions, or denied under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Comments should be mailed to:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
REGULATORY DIVISION  
ATTN: Max Roseman

Alternatively, comments can be sent electronically to: [Max.E.Roseman@usace.army.mil](mailto:Max.E.Roseman@usace.army.mil)

The mission of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program is to protect the Nation's aquatic resources, while allowing reasonable development through fair, flexible and balanced permit decisions. The Corps evaluates permit applications for essentially all construction activities that occur in the Nation's waters, including wetlands. The Regulatory Program in the Los Angeles District is executed to protect aquatic resources by developing and implementing short- and long-term initiatives to improve regulatory products, processes, program transparency, and customer feedback considering current staffing levels and historical funding trends.

Corps permits are necessary for any work, including construction and dredging, in the Nation's navigable water and their tributary waters. The Corps balances the reasonably foreseeable benefits and detriments of proposed projects, and makes permit decisions that recognize the essential values of the Nation's aquatic ecosystems to the general public, as well as the property rights of private citizens who want to use their land. The Corps strives to make its permit decisions in a timely manner that minimizes impacts to the regulated public.

During the permit process, the Corps considers the views of other Federal, state and local agencies, interest groups, and the general public. The results of this careful public interest review are fair and equitable decisions that allow reasonable use of private property, infrastructure development, and growth of the economy, while offsetting the authorized impacts to the waters of the United States. The permit review process serves to first avoid and then minimize adverse effects of projects on aquatic resources to the maximum practicable extent. Any remaining unavoidable adverse impacts to the aquatic environment are offset by compensatory mitigation requirements, which may include restoration, enhancement, establishment, and/or preservation of aquatic ecosystem system functions and services.

### **Evaluation Factors**

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Factors that will be considered include conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. In addition, if the proposal would discharge dredged or fill material, the evaluation of the activity will include application of the EPA Guidelines (40 CFR Part 230) as required by Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to

determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

### **Preliminary Review of Selected Factors**

**EIS Determination**- A preliminary determination has been made an environmental impact statement is not required for the proposed work.

**Water Quality**- The applicant is required to obtain water quality certification, under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board. Section 401 requires any applicant for an individual Section 404 permit provide proof of water quality certification to the Corps of Engineers prior to permit issuance.

**Coastal Zone Management**- This project is located outside the coastal zone and preliminary review indicates it would not affect coastal zone resources. After a review of the comments received on this public notice and in consultation with the California Coastal Commission, the Corps will make a final determination of whether this project affects coastal zone resources after review of the comments received on this Public Notice.

**Essential Fish Habitat**- No Essential Fish Habitat (EFH), as defined by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, occurs within the project area and no EFH is affected by the proposed project.

**Cultural Resources**- Preliminary determinations indicate that the proposed activity will have no effect on historic properties. Therefore, the Corps will initiate consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Officer. Additionally, the Corps will contact the Native American Heritage Commission to determine the presence of sacred lands and receive a list of tribal contacts which will be consulted.

**Endangered Species**- Preliminary determinations indicate the proposed project may potentially affect federally-listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat. Therefore, the Corps will initiate consultation with the U.S. States Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

**Public Hearing**- Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearing shall state with particularity the reasons for holding a public hearing.

### **Proposed Activity for Which a Permit is Required**

**Basic Project Purpose**- The basic project purpose comprises the fundamental, essential, or irreducible purpose of the proposed project, and is used by the Corps to determine whether the applicant's project is water dependent (i.e., requires access or proximity to or siting within the special aquatic site to fulfill its basic purpose). Establishment of the basic project purpose is necessary only when the proposed activity would discharge dredged or fill material into a special aquatic site (e.g., wetlands, pool and riffle complex, mudflats, coral reefs). The basic project purpose for the proposed project is to construct a commercial development. The project **is not** water dependent.

**Overall Project Purpose-** The overall project purpose serves as the basis for the Corps' 404(b)(1) alternatives analysis and is determined by further defining the basic project purpose in a manner that more specifically describes the applicant's goals for the project, and which allows a reasonable range of alternatives to be analyzed. The applicant stated overall project purpose for the proposed project is to construct a commercial development consisting of an automobile dealership, a hotel and associated infrastructure.

### **Additional Project Information**

**Baseline information-** The project is surrounded by a residential development to the east, an existing commercial development to the south, a state highway and mixed use development to the north, and Sweetwater County Park to the west. The city of National City currently owns the project site.

**Project description-** The applicant proposes to construct a commercial development consisting of an automobile dealership and associated infrastructure. Construction of the proposed development would include the permanent discharge of approximately 1,030 cubic yards (cy) of earthen material into 0.141 acres (1,163 linear feet) of non-wetland waters of the U.S. for the purpose of conducting grading activities associated with the construction of the automobile dealership and associated infrastructure. The proposed project also includes the permanent discharge of 2,300 cy of earthen material into 0.298 acres of wetland waters of the U.S. for the purpose of conducting grading activities associated with the construction of the automobile dealership and associated infrastructure. Further, the project proposes to permanently discharge 40 cy of earthen fill material into 0.012 acre (288 linear feet) of non-wetland waters of U.S. to construct a berm along SR-54 to allow a Caltrans allow utility access alongside the existing roadway. Additionally the project proposes permanently discharge 723 cy of earthen fill material into 0.112 (392 linear feet) of non-wetland waters and 460 cy of earthen fill material into 0.057 acre of wetland the U.S. for the purpose of conducting contouring activities associated with the relocation of existing waters of the U.S. The project would also involve the permanent discharge of 52 cy of rip rap material into 0.008 acres (50 linear feet) of non-wetland waters and 40 cy of rip rap into 0.005 acres of wetland waters of the U.S. for the purpose of providing erosion protection in the proposed relocated channel. The proposed project would discharge approximately 613 cy of earthen material into 0.38- acre (890 linear feet) of non-wetland and 232 cy of earthen material into 0.144 acres of wetland waters of the U.S. for the purpose of grading and contouring the newly relocated channel. Lastly, the project would discharge approximately 60 cy of native soil into 0.073-acrs (203 linear feet) of non0wetland waters of the U.S. for the purpose of removal of inavasisv vegetation. (see attached drawings).

**Proposed Mitigation-** The proposed mitigation may change as a result of comments received in response to this public notice, the applicant's response to those comments, and/or the need for the project to comply with the 404(b)(1) Guidelines. In consideration of the above, the proposed mitigation sequence (avoidance/minimization/compensation), as applied to the proposed project is summarized below:

**Avoidance:** The applicant has stated that the project has been re-designed since initial discussions with the regulatory agencies. Specifically the project impacts to jurisdictional waters of the U.S. has been reduced by approximately 0.21-acres to avoid impacts to waters of the U.S.

**Minimization:** The applicant has stated that the project has been re-designed since initial discussions with the regulatory agencies. Specifically the project footprint was reduced to minimize impacts to waters of the U.S. Additionally, best management practices (BMP's) would be utilized.

Compensation: The project proposed to provide compensatory mitigation for project related losses of waters of the United States via on-site permittee responsible mitigation. Specifically, the project proposes to rehabilitate on-site non-wetland waters of the U.S., restore on-site non-wetland waters and to restore off-site non-wetland waters of the U.S.

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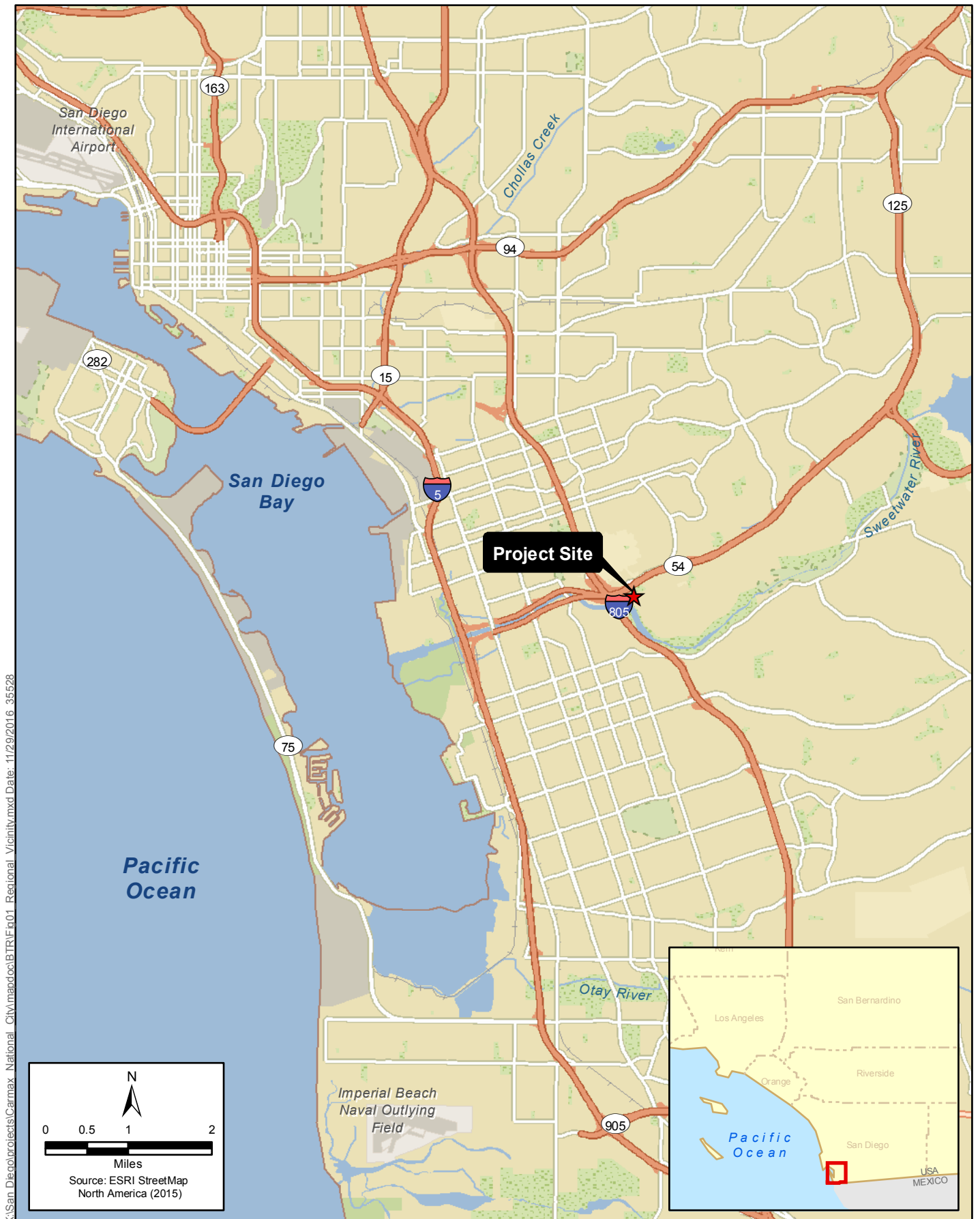
*Regulatory Program Goals:*

- To provide strong protection of the nation's aquatic environment, including wetlands.
- To ensure the Corps provides the regulated public with fair and reasonable decisions.
- To enhance the efficiency of the Corps' administration of its regulatory program.

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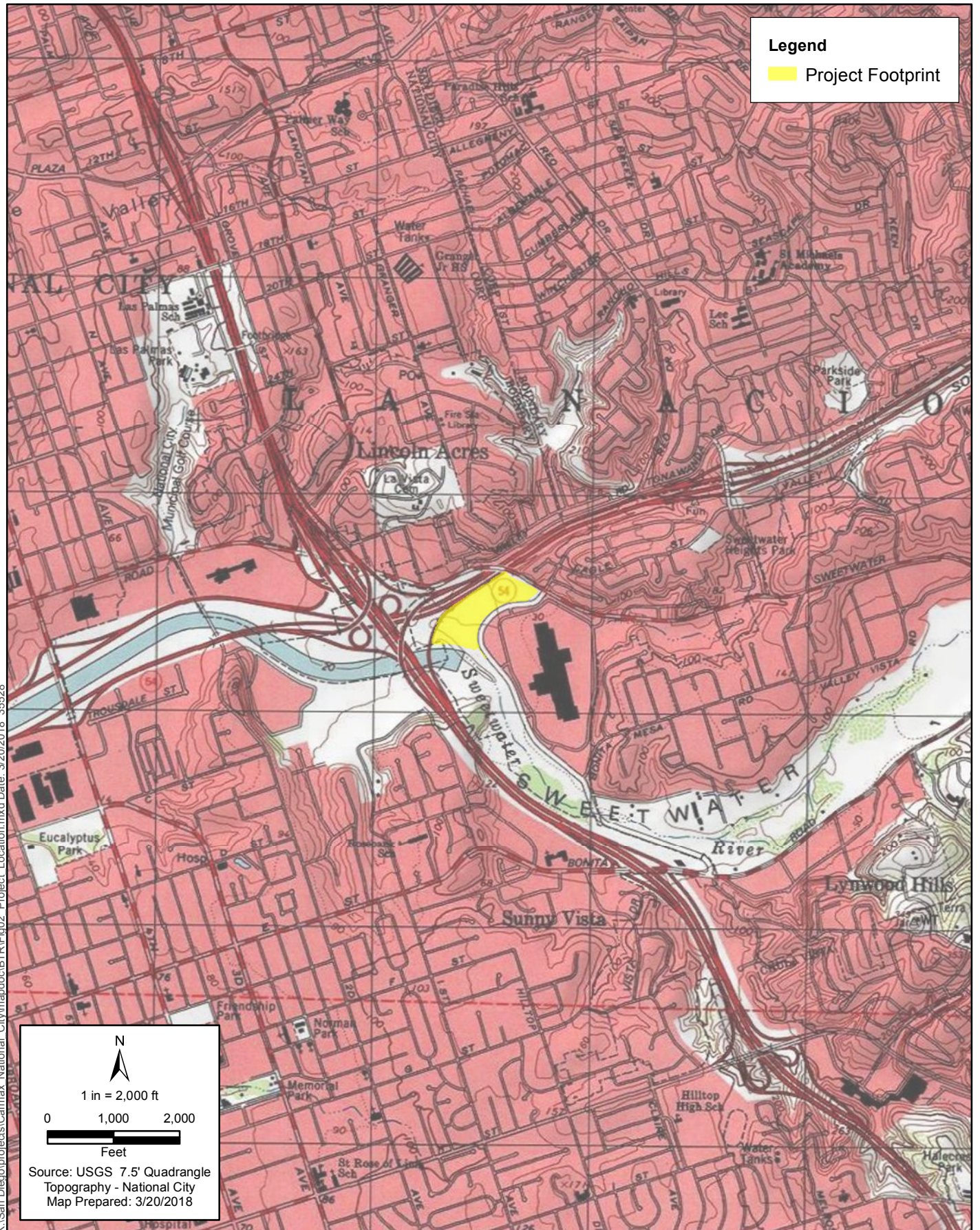
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**Figure 1**  
**Regional Vicinity Map**  
**National City CarMax Project**



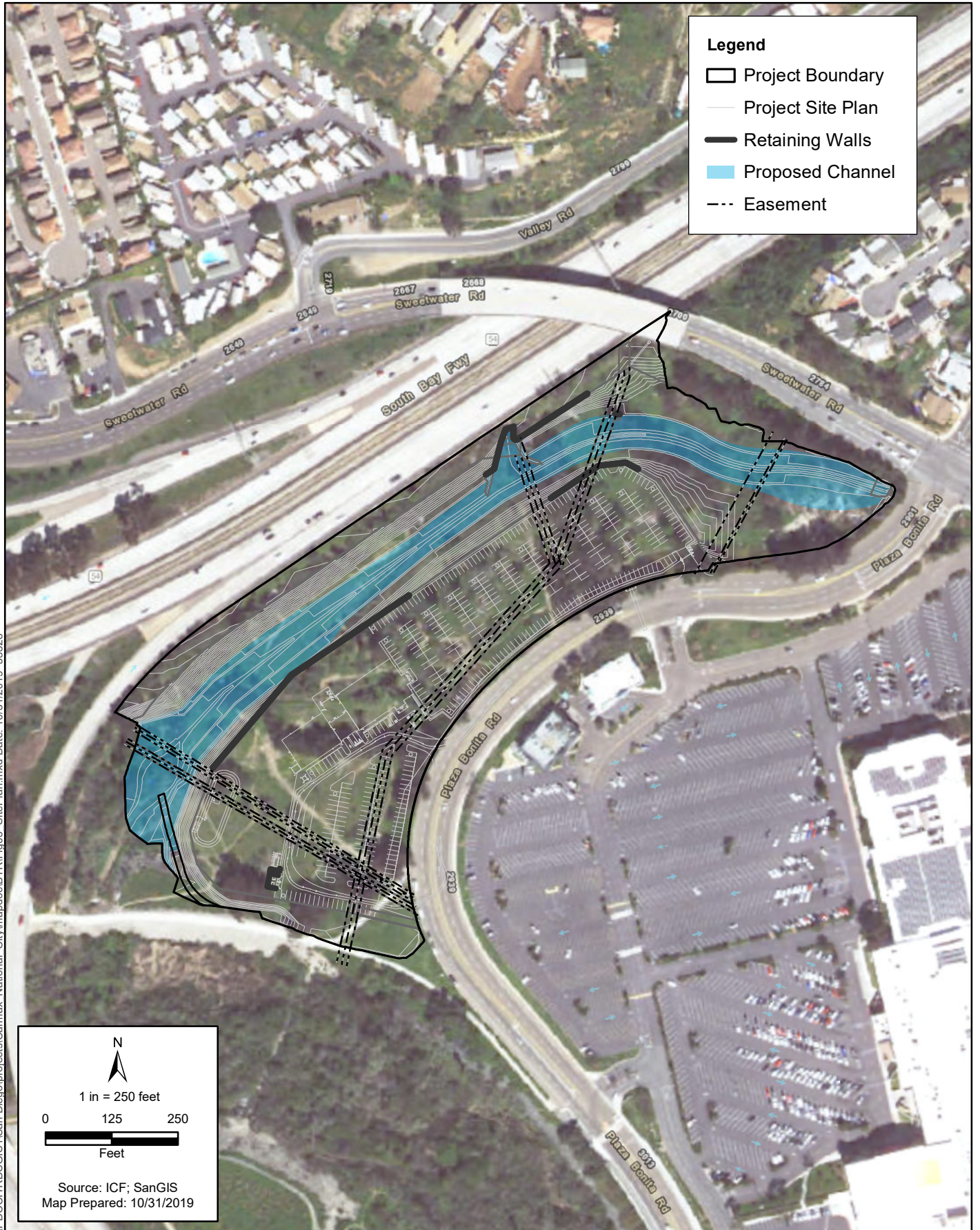


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**Figure 2**  
**Project Location**  
**National City CarMax Project**





**Figure 3**  
**Project Site Plan**  
**National City CarMax Project**



**Legend**

- Culvert

**CarMax Project**

- Temporary Impact
- Permanent Impact
- Permanent Impact - Channel Banks
- Retaining Wall

**Potential Waters of the U.S. (WoUS) and State (WoS)**

- NonWetland WoUS/WoS
- Wetland WoUS/WoS
- RWQCB Waters Only

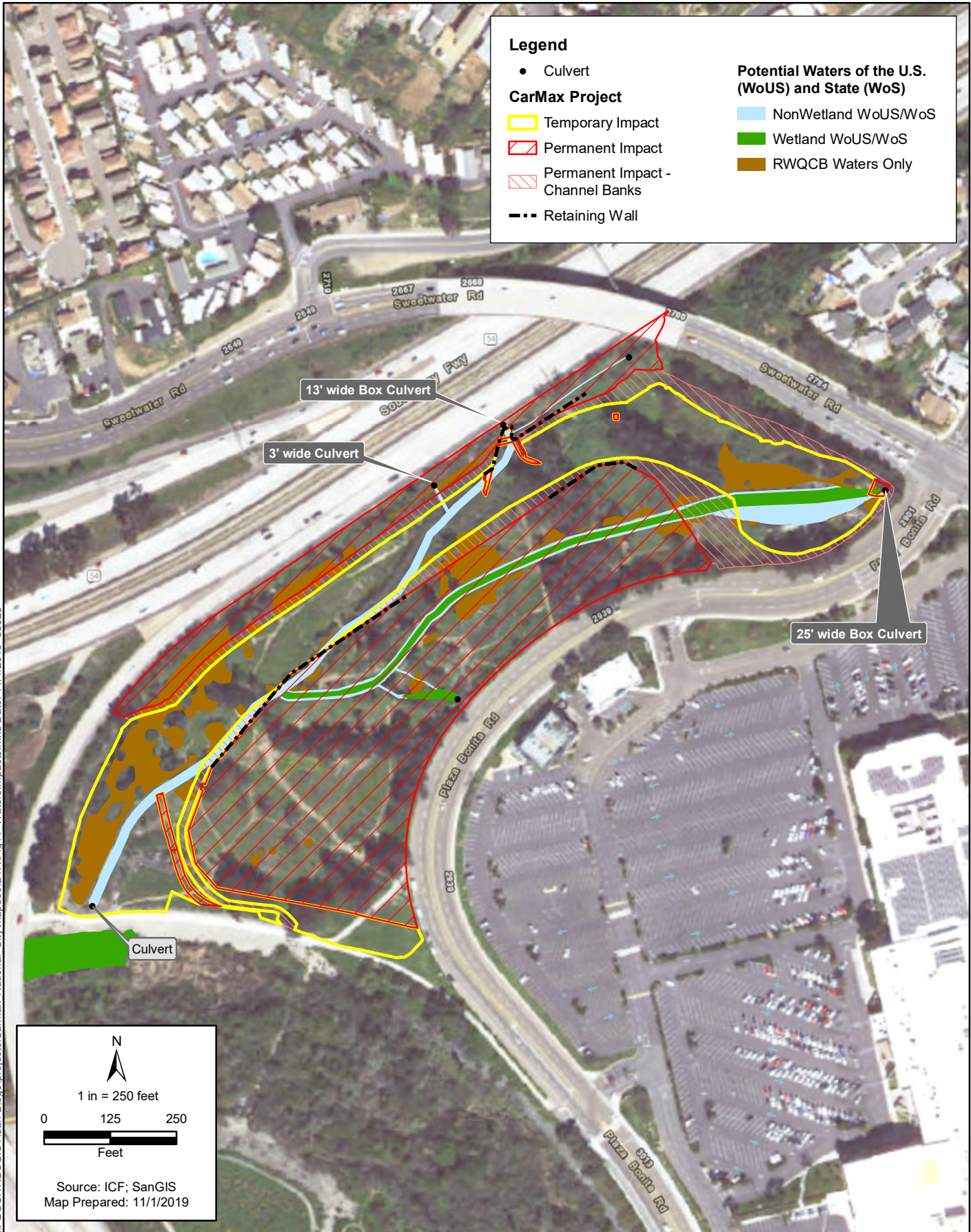
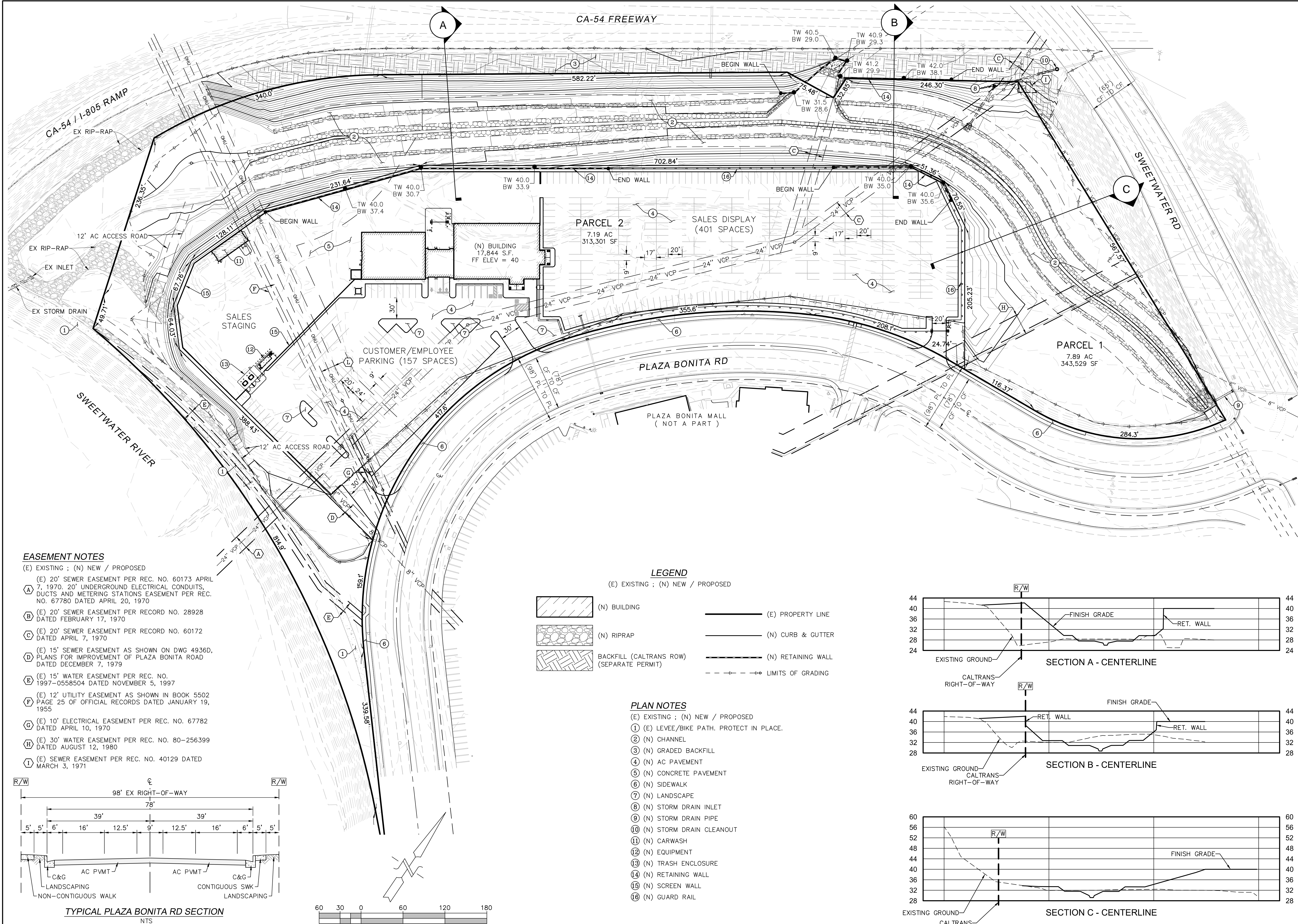


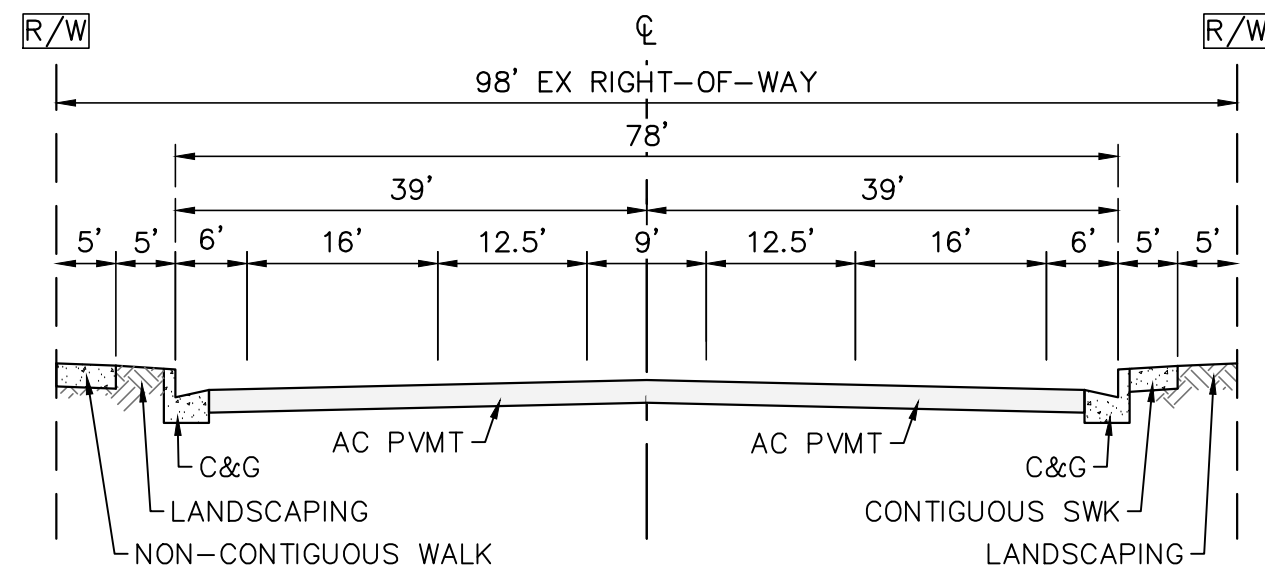
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USACE and RWQCB Jurisdictional Waters Impacts  
National City CarMax Project



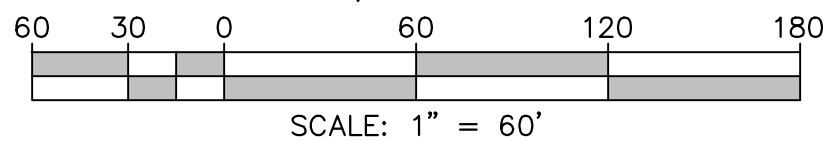


EASEMENT NOTES

- (E) EXISTING ; (N) NEW / PROPOSED
- (E) 20' SEWER EASEMENT PER REC. NO. 60173 APRIL 7, 1970. 20' UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CONDUITS, DUCTS AND METERING STATIONS EASEMENT PER REC. NO. 67780 DATED APRIL 20, 1970
- (B) (E) 20' SEWER EASEMENT PER RECORD NO. 28928 DATED FEBRUARY 17, 1970
- (C) (E) 20' SEWER EASEMENT PER RECORD NO. 60172 DATED APRIL 7, 1970
- (D) (E) 15' SEWER EASEMENT AS SHOWN ON DWG 49360, PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF PLAZA BONITA ROAD DATED DECEMBER 7, 1979
- (E) 15' WATER EASEMENT PER REC. NO. 1997-0558504 DATED NOVEMBER 5, 1997
- (F) (E) 12' UTILITY EASEMENT AS SHOWN IN BOOK 5502 PAGE 25 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS DATED JANUARY 19, 1955
- (G) (E) 10' ELECTRICAL EASEMENT PER REC. NO. 67782 DATED APRIL 10, 1970
- (H) (E) 30' WATER EASEMENT PER REC. NO. 80-256399 DATED AUGUST 12, 1980
- (I) (E) SEWER EASEMENT PER REC. NO. 40129 DATED MARCH 3, 1971



TYPICAL PLAZA BONITA RD SECTION  
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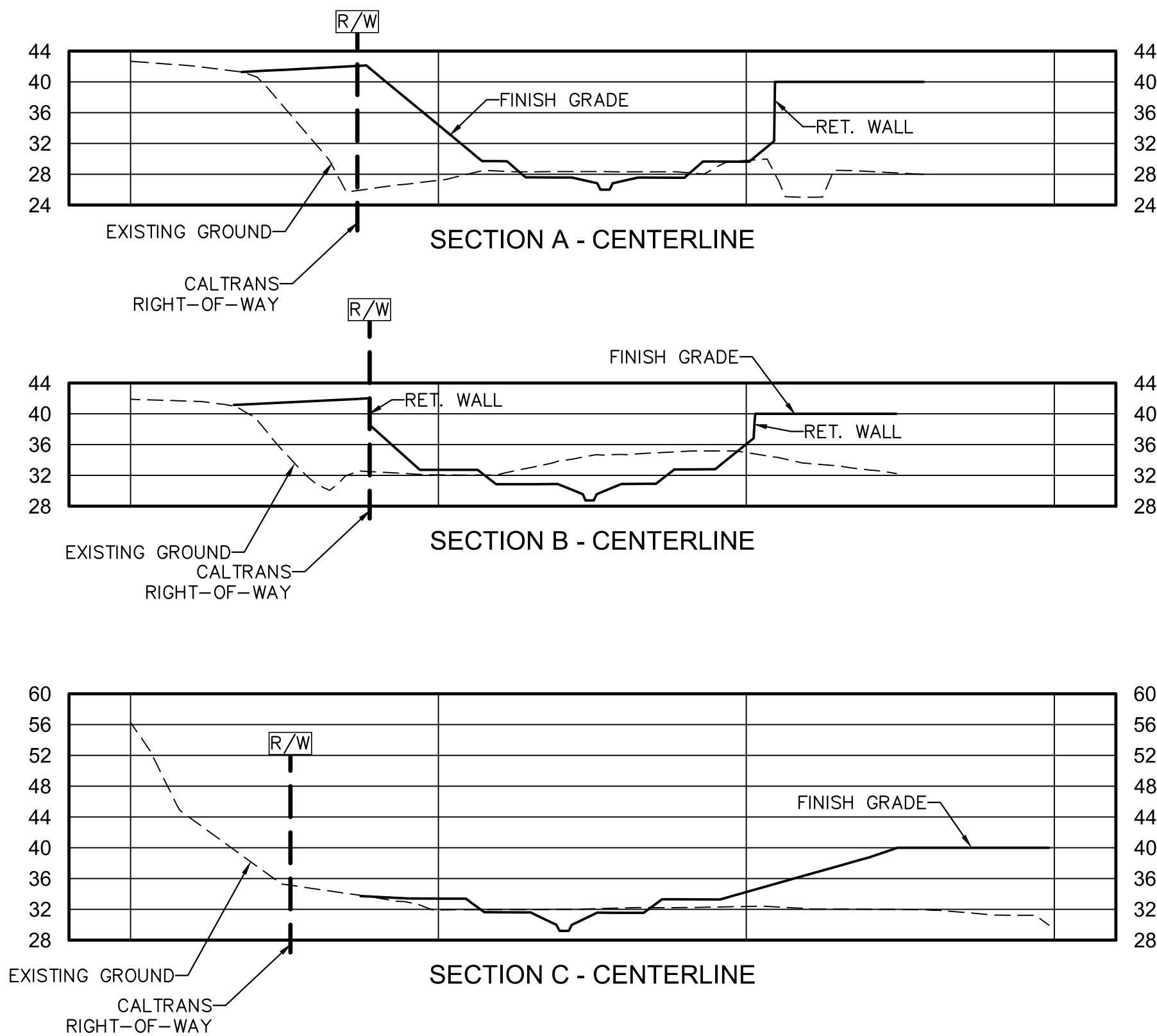
LEGEND

(E) EXISTING ; (N) NEW / PROPOSED

- (N) BUILDING
- (N) RIPRAP
- BACKFILL (CALTRANS ROW) (SEPARATE PERMIT)
- (E) PROPERTY LINE
- (N) CURB & GUTTER
- (N) RETAINING WALL
- LIMITS OF GRADING

PLAN NOTES

- (E) EXISTING ; (N) NEW / PROPOSED
- ① (E) LEVEE/BIKE PATH. PROTECT IN PLACE.
- ② (N) CHANNEL
- ③ (N) GRADED BACKFILL
- ④ (N) AC PAVEMENT
- ⑤ (N) CONCRETE PAVEMENT
- ⑥ (N) SIDEWALK
- ⑦ (N) LANDSCAPE
- ⑧ (N) STORM DRAIN INLET
- ⑨ (N) STORM DRAIN PIPE
- ⑩ (N) STORM DRAIN CLEANOUT
- ⑪ (N) CARWASH
- ⑫ (N) EQUIPMENT
- ⑬ (N) TRASH ENCLOSURE
- ⑭ (N) RETAINING WALL
- ⑮ (N) SCREEN WALL
- ⑯ (N) GUARD RAIL



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