

# Environmental Planning for Sites

- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
  - Required for discretionary decisions by State and local governmental agencies
  - Provides decision makers and the public with information about a proposed project's effects on the environment
  - Sites Project Authority is the CEQA lead agency and will construct, own, operate and maintain the Project
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
  - Similar to CEQA, but applies to Federal agencies
  - Bureau of Reclamation is NEPA lead agency and will consider funding a portion of the Project
- Preparing a Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Revised Draft EIR)

# Why is the Authority Preparing a Revised Draft EIR?

- Value Planning Process resulted in the identification of new alternatives not previously analyzed in the 2017 Draft EIR/EIS
- Preparation of a Revised Draft EIR allows the Authority to:
  - Address changes to the project
  - Update modeling baseline
  - Update existing conditions and cumulative projects
  - Prepare an analysis that takes into consideration all of the comments received on the 2017 Draft EIR/EIS

# Environmental Impact Report Process

Sites Reservoir Project EIR Process	Schedule
Issue Notice of Preparation	February 2017
Conduct Scoping	February 2017
Prepare Draft EIR	August 2017
Public and Agency Review	August 14, 2017 – January 15, 2018
Prepare and Recirculate Revised Draft EIR	October 2021
Public and Agency Review	October – December 2021
Prepare Final EIR	January 2022 – June 2022
Review by Commenting Agencies	June 2022
Authority Decision	July 2022
File Notice of Determination	July/August 2022

# We Want Your Input

- Opportunities for Public Comments
  - Public Meetings
    - Comments accepted at each
  - Written Comments
    - Mailed or emailed to Authority or Reclamation
    - Dropped off at the Authority Office
- Comments are Best When
  - Focused on the content of the Revised Draft EIR
    - Did we miss something or miss characterize something?
    - Did we under estimate an impact? Over estimate an impact?
    - Did we miss an impact?
- Comments are responded to and addressed in the Final EIR

# Stay Tuned

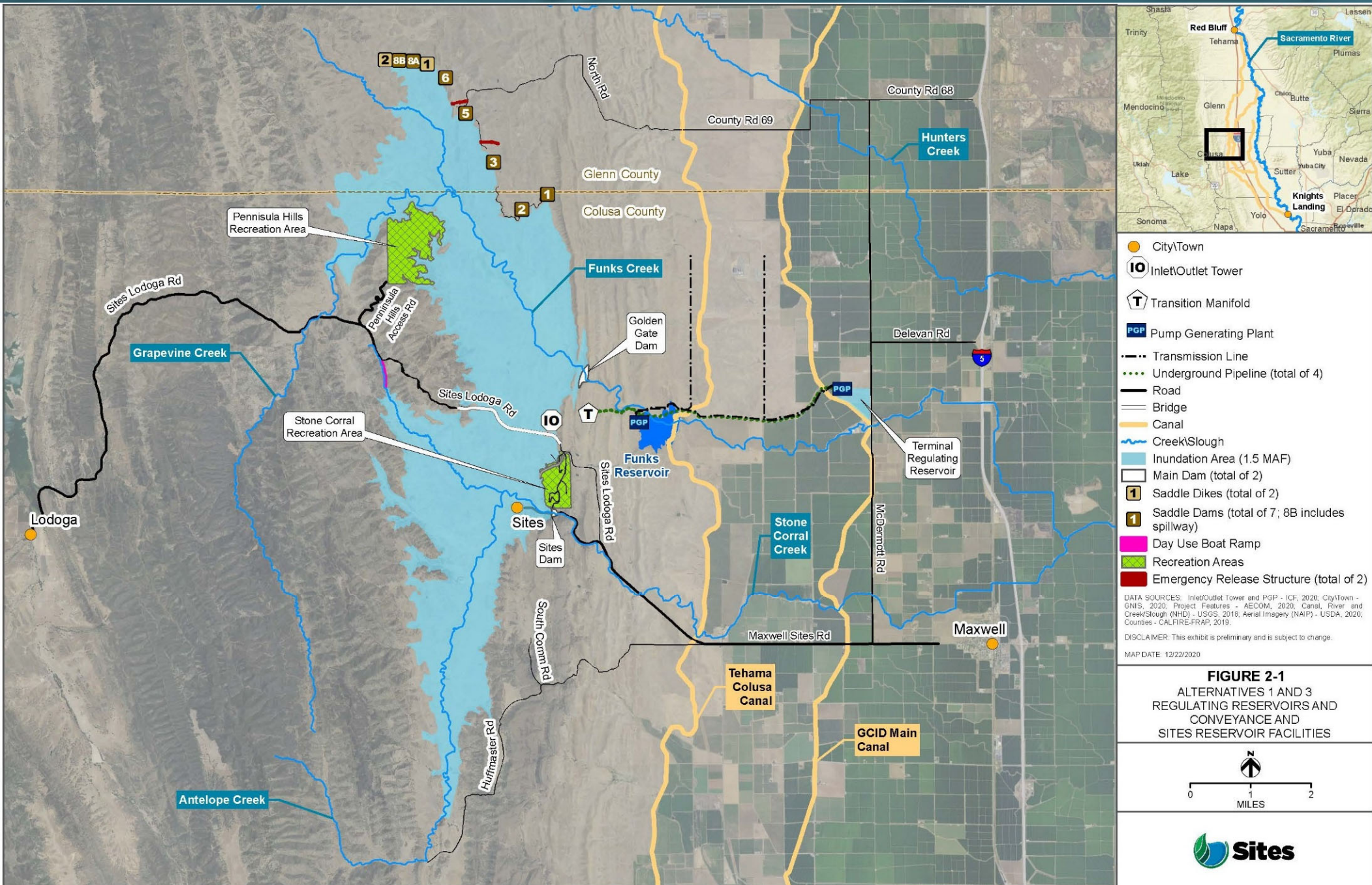
- How will I know the document is available?
  - Direct postcard mailer to landowners
  - Newspaper notices
  - E-blasts
- How can I get a copy of it?
  - Will be available on-line at Authority's website
  - Hardcopies will be available at Authority's Office, Maxwell, Colusa, and Willows libraries
- Public Review Period – mid October to mid December

**The rest are back up slides, but  
might be nice to include the  
back of the presentation in case  
we need them to answer  
questions**

# Alt 1 – Authority’s Preferred Project

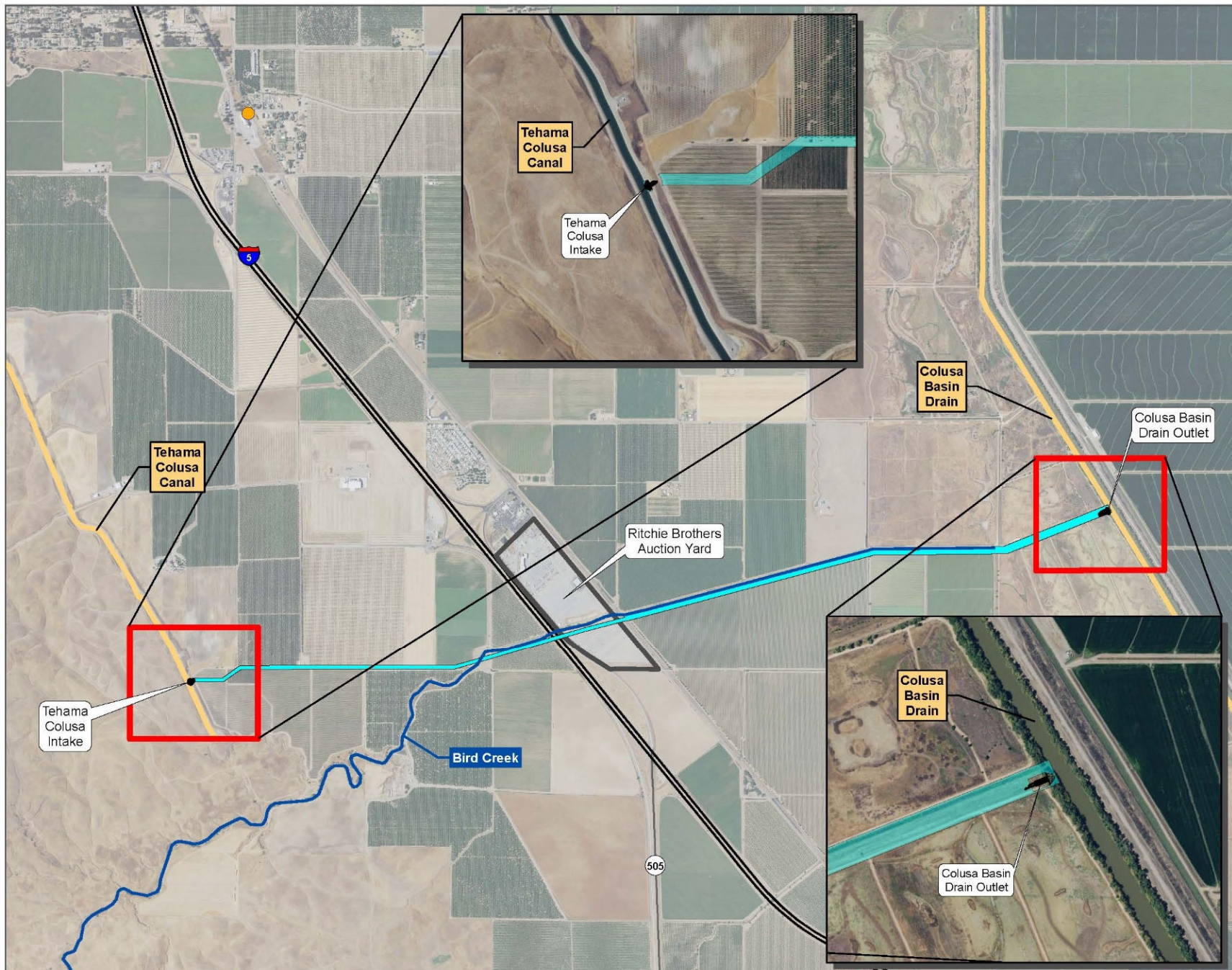
Facilities / Operations	Alternative 1
Reservoir Size	1.5 MAF
Diversion(s)	Diversion from Sacramento River into existing TC Canal at Red Bluff and the existing GCID Main Canal at Hamilton City
Conveyance Release / Dunnigan Release	Release 1,000 cfs into new pipeline to the Colusa Basin Drain
Releases into Funks and Stone Corral Creeks	Specific flow criteria to maintain flows to protect downstream water right holders and ecological function
Reclamation Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding Partner up to 7% Cost-Share</li> <li>• Operational exchanges</li> </ul>
DWR Involvement	Operational Exchanges with Oroville and use of SWP facilities South-of-Delta
Hydropower	Incidental power generation up to 40 megawatts each at Funks PGP and TRR PGP

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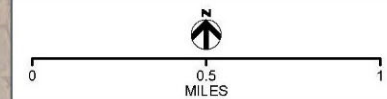


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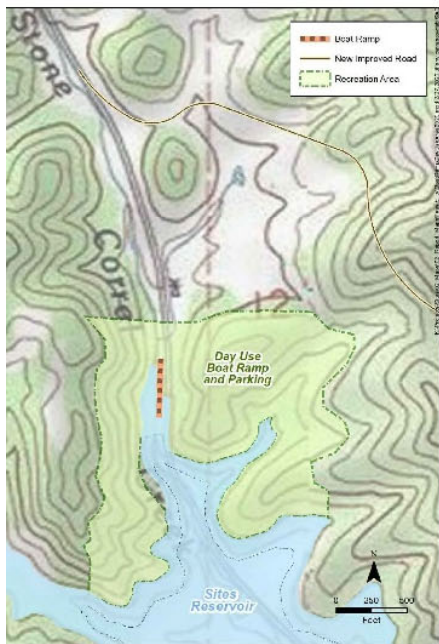
- City/Town
- Bird Creek
- Dunnigan Underground Pipeline

DATA SOURCES: City/Town - GNIS, 2020; Project Features - AECOM, 2020; Canals (NHD) - USGS, 2018; Aerial Imagery (NAIP) - USDA, 2020.  
 DISCLAIMER: This exhibit is preliminary and is subject to change.  
 MAP DATE: 12/22/2020

**FIGURE 2-2**  
 ALTERNATIVE 1 AND 3  
 CONVEYANCE TO SACRAMENTO  
 RIVER COMPONENTS



# Recreation Area Schematics



DAY USE BOAT RAMP



PENINSULA HILLS RECREATIONAL AREA



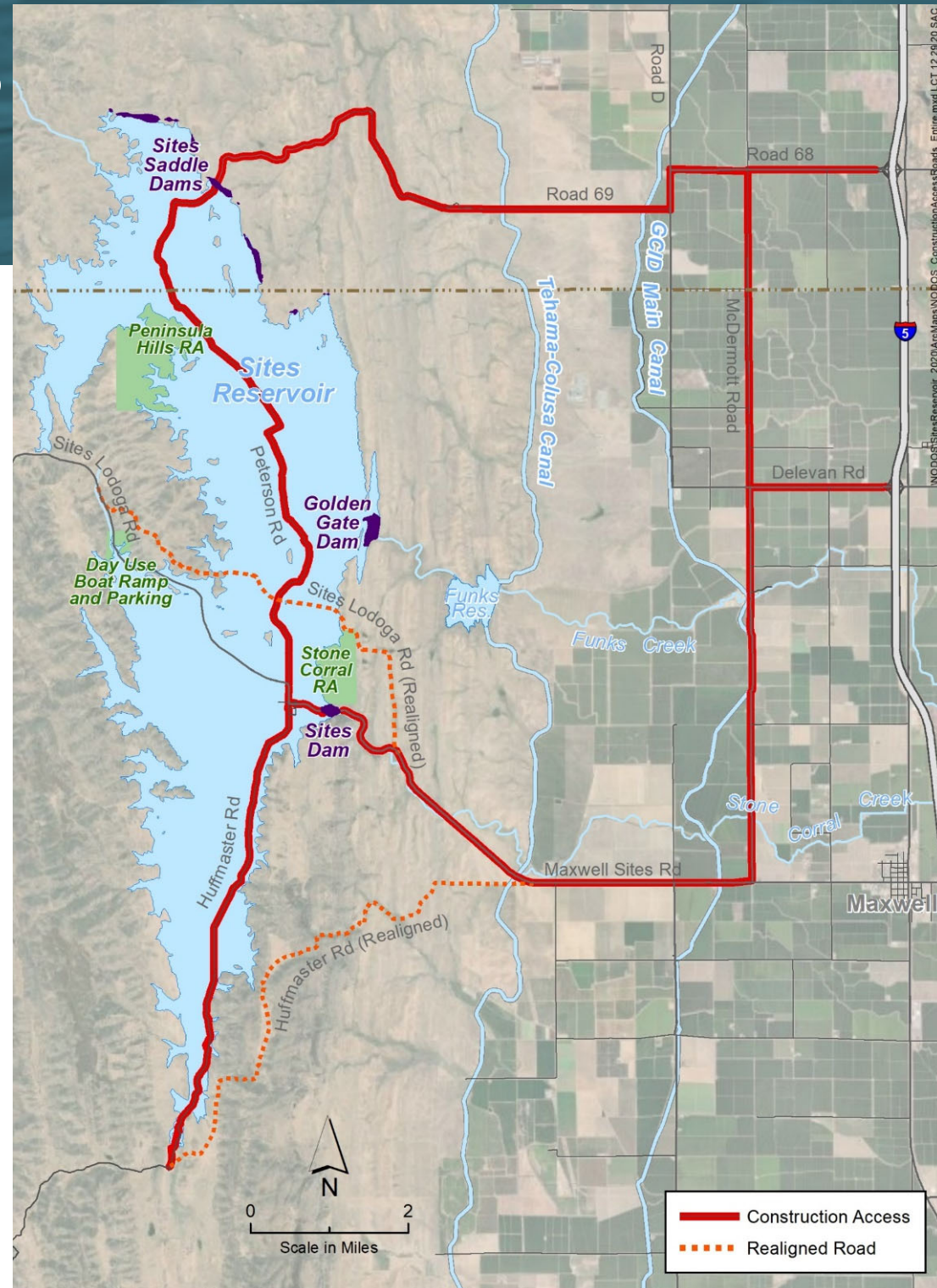
STONE CORRAL RECREATIONAL AREA

# Construction Schedule

	Description	2024				2025				2026				2027				2028				2029			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Roads and Bridges	Northern Construction Access Roads																								
	Southern Construction Access Roads																								
	Sites Lodoga Road Realignment and Bridge																								
	Huffmaster Road Alignment																								
	Process and Haul Filter Materials to Project																								
Dams and Dikes	Golden Gate Dam																								
	Sites Dam																								
	Saddle Dam 3																								
	Saddle Dam 5																								
	Minor Saddle Dams (1,2,6,8A)																								
	Saddle Dam 88 – Spillway																								
	Emergency Release Structure No. 1																								
	Emergency Release Structure No. 2																								
	Inlet Outlet Facilities																								
Reservoir Site Development	Reservoir Footprint Mitigation Actions																								
	Site Access and Staging Development																								
	Demolition and Clearing																								
Conveyance to Sacramento River	Dunnigan Pipeline – Alt 1																								
	Dunnigan Pipeline – Alt 2																								
Regulating Reservoirs and Conveyance	Funks/TRR Pipelines																								
	Funks Reservoir																								
	Funks Pumping Generating Plant																								
	TRR East Reservoir																								
	TRR East Pumping Generating Plant																								
	Transmission Powerlines																								
	Substations																								
Sacramento River Diversion and Conveyance	Red Bluff Pumping Plant Improvements																								
	GCID Improvements																								

# Construction Routes Overview

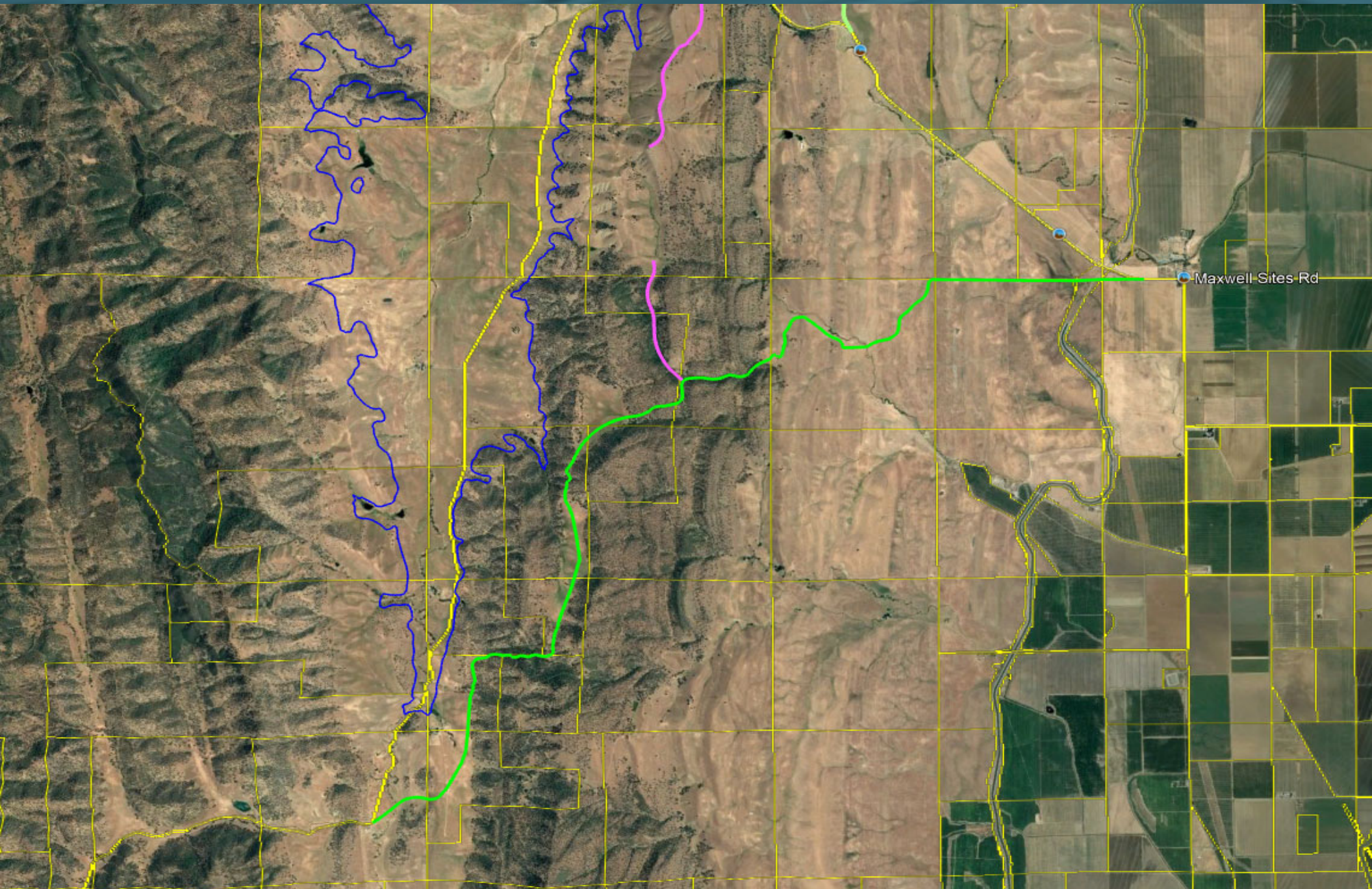
- Avoid Maxwell
- Road 68/ D/ 69/ Peterson
- Delevan/ McDermott/ Maxwell Sites/ Huffmaster



# Sites Lodoga Rd, Post Construction



# Huffmaster Road Realignment



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