# Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

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**SUBSEQUENT ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, MESA VERDE SPECIFIC PLAN AREA 2, AMENDMENT 2 (SCH NO.: 2004071045)**

Dear Kelly Lucia:

Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Santa Ana Water Board) staff have reviewed the response to comments document for the subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Mesa Verde Specific Plan Area 2, Amendment 2 (Project). The Project is located in the City of Calimesa, immediately west of Interstate 10, south of the Riverside and San Bernardino County line. The Project's purpose is to construct 3,650 residential units and 4.9 million square feet of building space for a business park zone. The Project activities are expected to result in the permanent loss of 0.32 acres of waters of the State.

On August 22, 2025, Santa Ana Water Board staff provided a comment letter on the subsequent EIR. We are providing the following comment to the response to comments document for your consideration:

**Comment # 1 to Response A5-6:**

According to response A5-6, the current jurisdictional delineation report prepared by Dudek biologists utilized mapped aquatic features identified during a previous jurisdictional delineation conducted by Glenn Lukos Associates on February 24, March 3 and 11, and April 7, 2014. Based on Santa Ana Water Board staff review of both delineation reports, the 2014 report identified several drainage complexes that encompassed multiple drainage features. Notably, several drainages that were previously identified and delineated as jurisdictional waters of the State do not appear to have been delineated in the Dudek jurisdictional delineation report. Although the acreage of jurisdictional waters of the State has increased from what was previously identified, it is not evident how the increase in acreage corresponds to a decrease in the drainage features. Please see Figure 1 below, which depicts drainage features

identified by Dudek[1], and Figure 2 that depicts features that were identified by Glenn Lukos Associates[2]. Santa Water Board staff recommend that the EIR incorporate additional information to reconcile the discrepancies between mapped drainage features and acreages, and further evaluation to identify potential additional impacts to water resources to ensure feasible mitigation measures are identified to reduce significant impacts to waters of the State.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Lauren Morrison via email at: Lauren.Morrison@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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[1] Biological Technical Report Mesa Verde Specific Plan Area 2 Amendment prepared by Dudek, July 2025 (pg. 288).
[2] Jurisdictional Delineation of the Mesa Verde Estates Project, a 1,500-Acre Property Located in the City of Calimesa, Riverside County and San Bernardino County, California prepared by Glenn Lukos Associates, August 2014 (pg. 33).

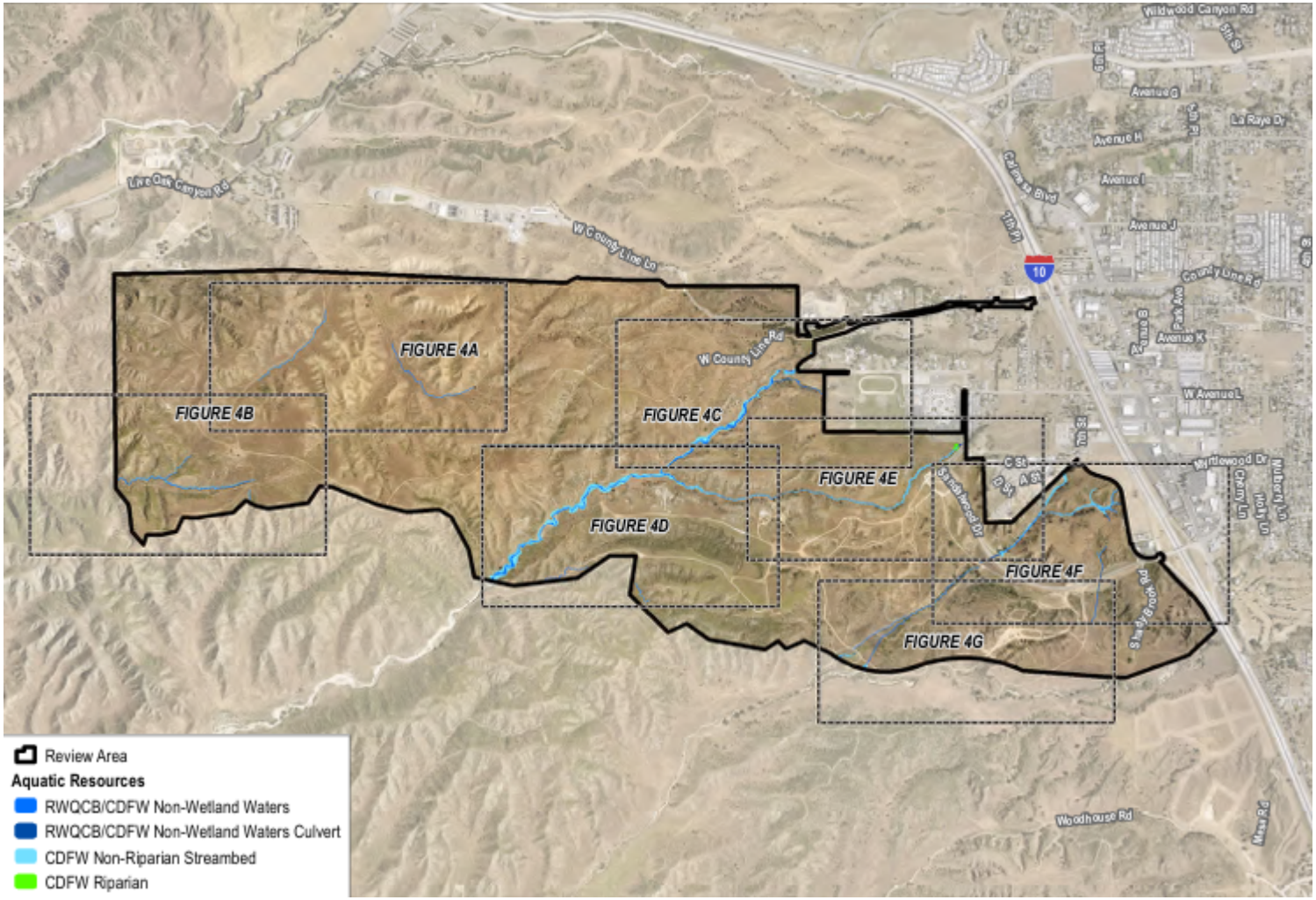



Figure 1: Waters of State identified in Dudek's 2025 Biological Technical Report (pg. 288)

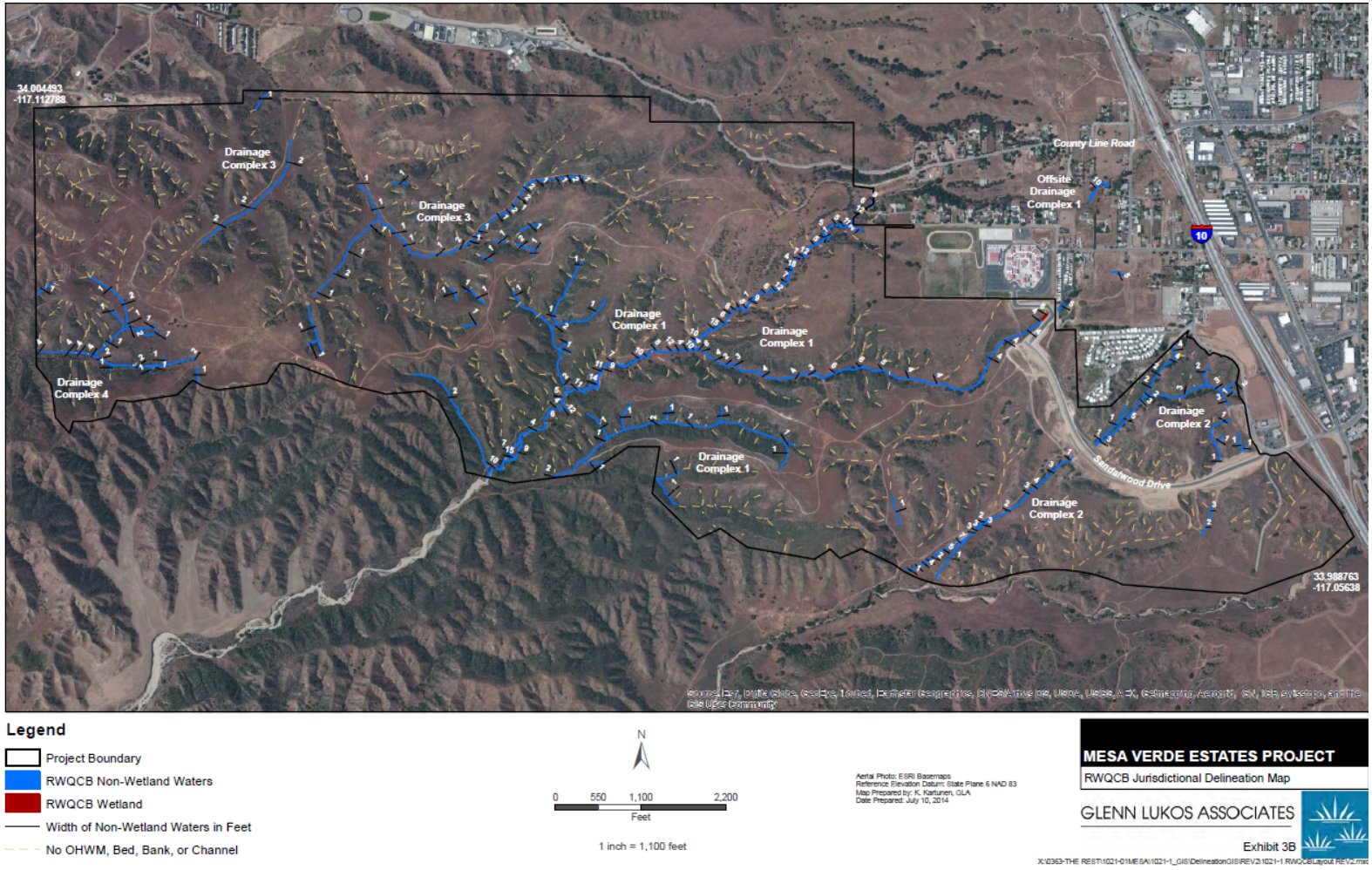



Figure 2: Waters of the State identified in the 2014 Jurisdictional Delineation Report prepared by Glenn Lukos Associates (pg. 33).