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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION E201910000087

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of Fresno
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Fresno, CA 93721

From: Westlands Water District
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By Nina Lopez DEPUTY

Project Title: Westlands Water District Monitoring Well Installation Project

Project Location - Specific:

Refer to Figure 1: Location Map. The project is found in various locations throughout Fresno County. Moving from the northernmost site to the southernmost; Site 3 is located approximately 0.5 miles west of Shields Avenue and Douglas Avenue on the southwest corner of APN 012-110-09ST , Site 4 is located approximately one mile north of Manny Avenue and 0.5 miles west of Merced Avenue on the southwest corner of APN 028-081-66ST, Site 1 is located approximately 1.0 mile north of West Mount Whitney Avenue and Sonoma Avenue on the eastside of the road within APN 050-060-48ST, and Site 6 is found on the eastside of Palmer Avenue and Colusa Avenue within APN 050-070-17S.

Project Location - City: Various locations **Project Location - County:** Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is the installation of four monitoring wells in Fresno County and one monitoring well within Kings County. The purpose is to develop information regarding groundwater conditions within the Westlands Water District Boundaries.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Westlands Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Westlands Water District

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3) 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption (type and section number); Section 15303: New Construction, Section 15304: Minor Alterations to Land, Section 15306: Information Collection
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code number): _____

Reason why project is exempt:

The project is the installation of five monitoring wells located in Kings and Fresno counties. The installation of the wells would allow the Westlands Water District (District) to monitor and develop information regarding groundwater conditions throughout the District's boundaries. Since the project is basic data collection and research for information gathering purposes and thus is categorically exempt under Section 15306 – Information Collection. In addition, the project is also categorically exempt under Section 15303 – New Construction as it is a small groundwater monitoring facility and under Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land as the installation of the well will not disturb a large area, approximately 100x100 feet.

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Lead Agency Contact: Russ Freeman **Phone:** 559-241-6241

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Russ Freeman Title: Deputy General Manager Resources Date: 2/20/19

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☒ Signed by Applicant Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.2, Public Resources Code

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Site Photos – Westlands Water District Monitoring Well Project

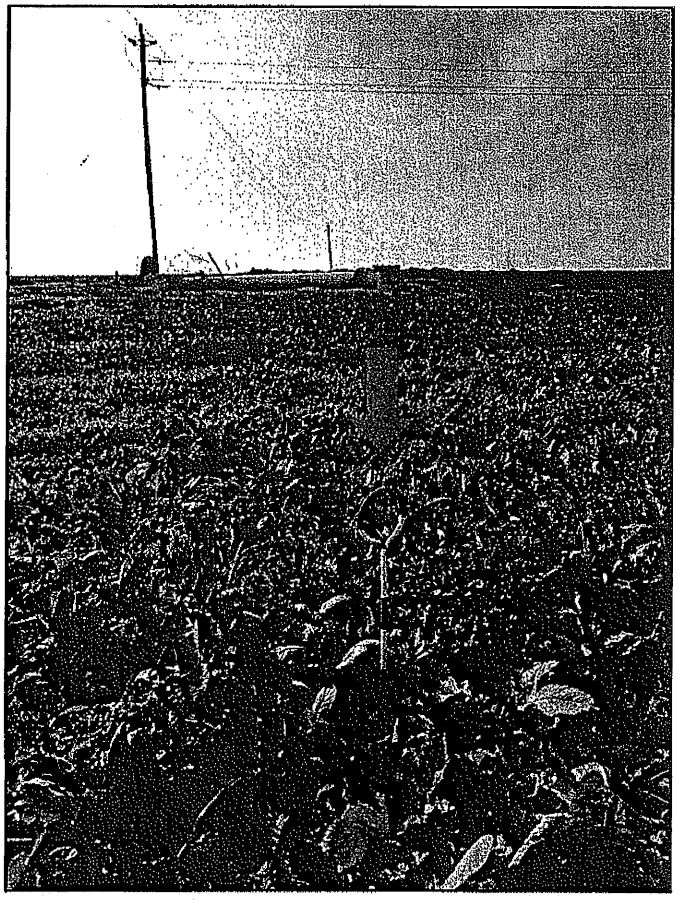


Photo 1 –

Site 1 Well Location within Fresno County marked by the red arrow.

- Standing in the field looking west.

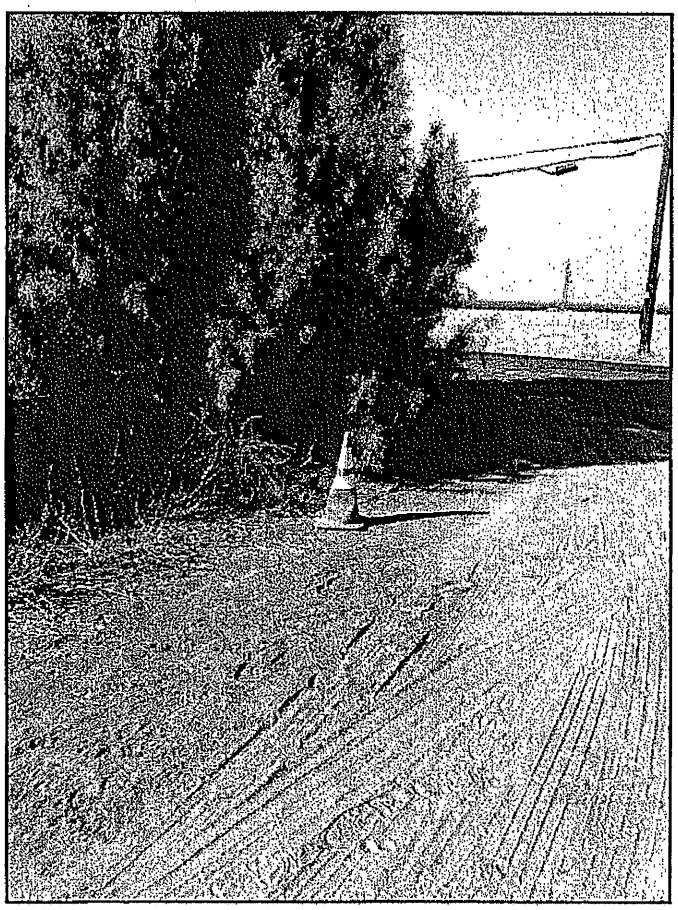


Photo 2 –

Site 2 Well Location within Kings County marked by the traffic cone.

- Standing south of Plymouth Avenue looking north.

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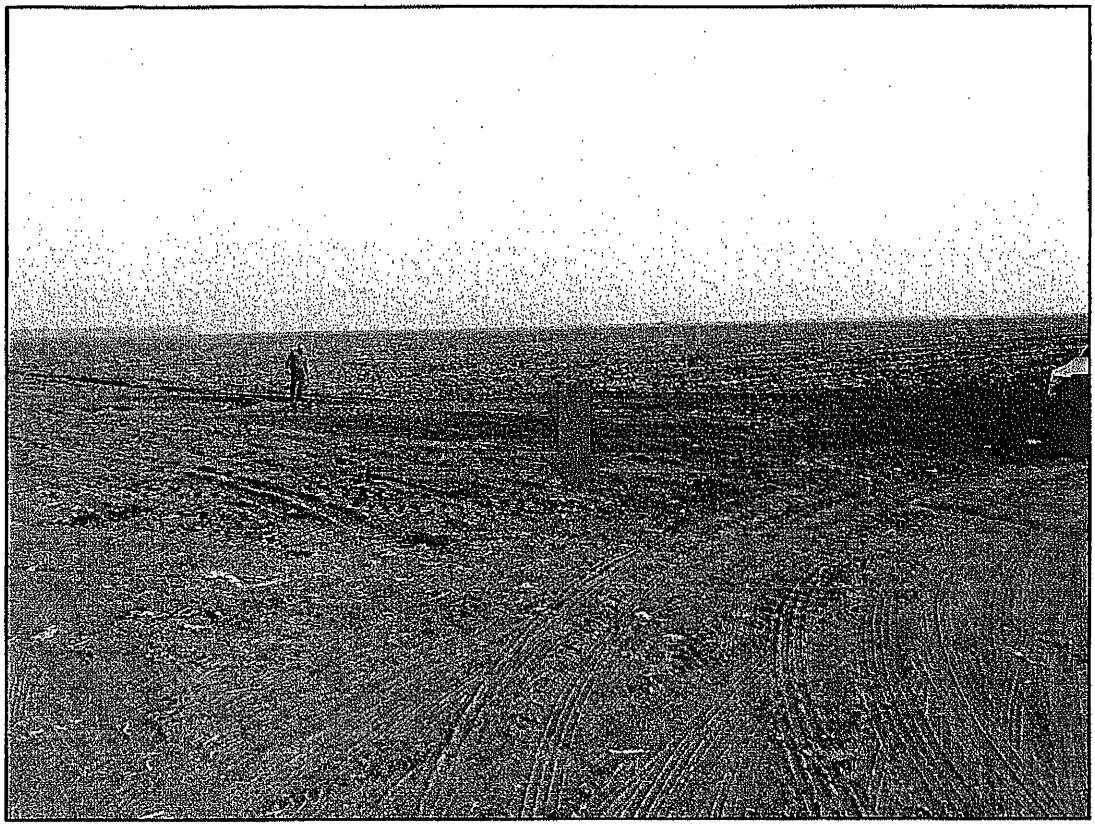


Photo 3 –

Site 3 Well Location in Fresno County marked by red arrow.



Photo 4 –

Site 4 Well Location in Fresno County marked by the red arrow.

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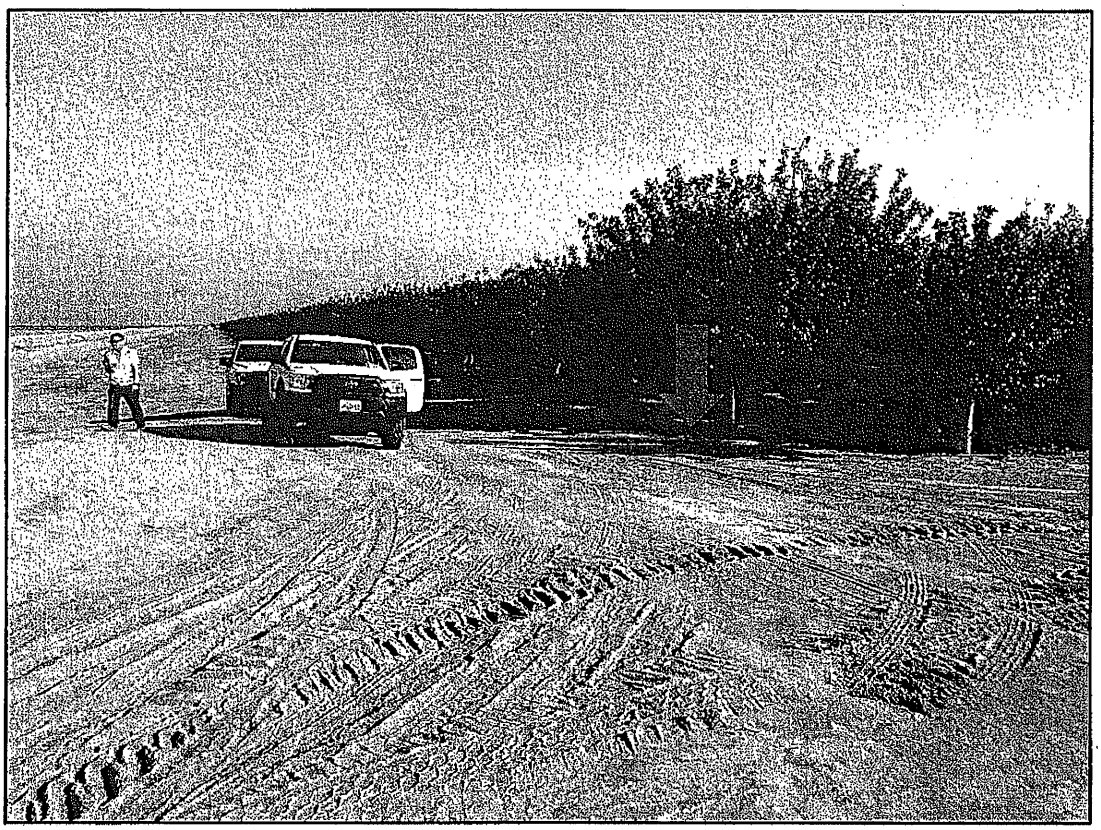
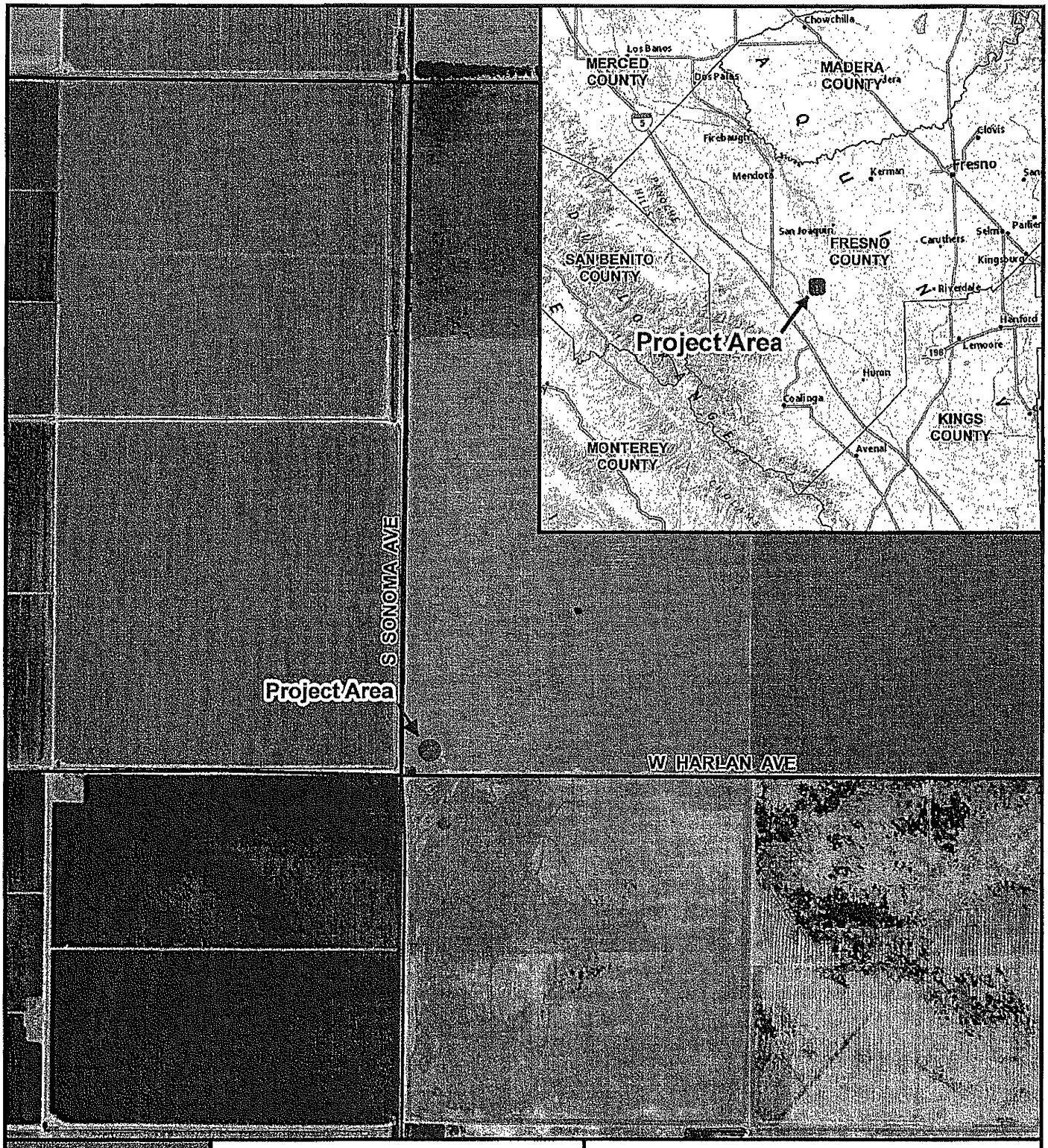


Photo 5 –

Site 6 Well Location in Fresno County marked by red arrow.

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Legend

- Proposed Well Location
- Streets

Projection
California Sp CS Zone 4

0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet

1 inch = 1,000 ft (printed at 8.5 x 11)

Imagery Source:
USGS Topo
Inset Imagery:
National Geographic

Within Section 21,
Township 17S, Range 16E,
Fresno County, CA
WESTSIDE
USGS 7.5' Quad

Map Date:	Drawn By:	NSE Project #
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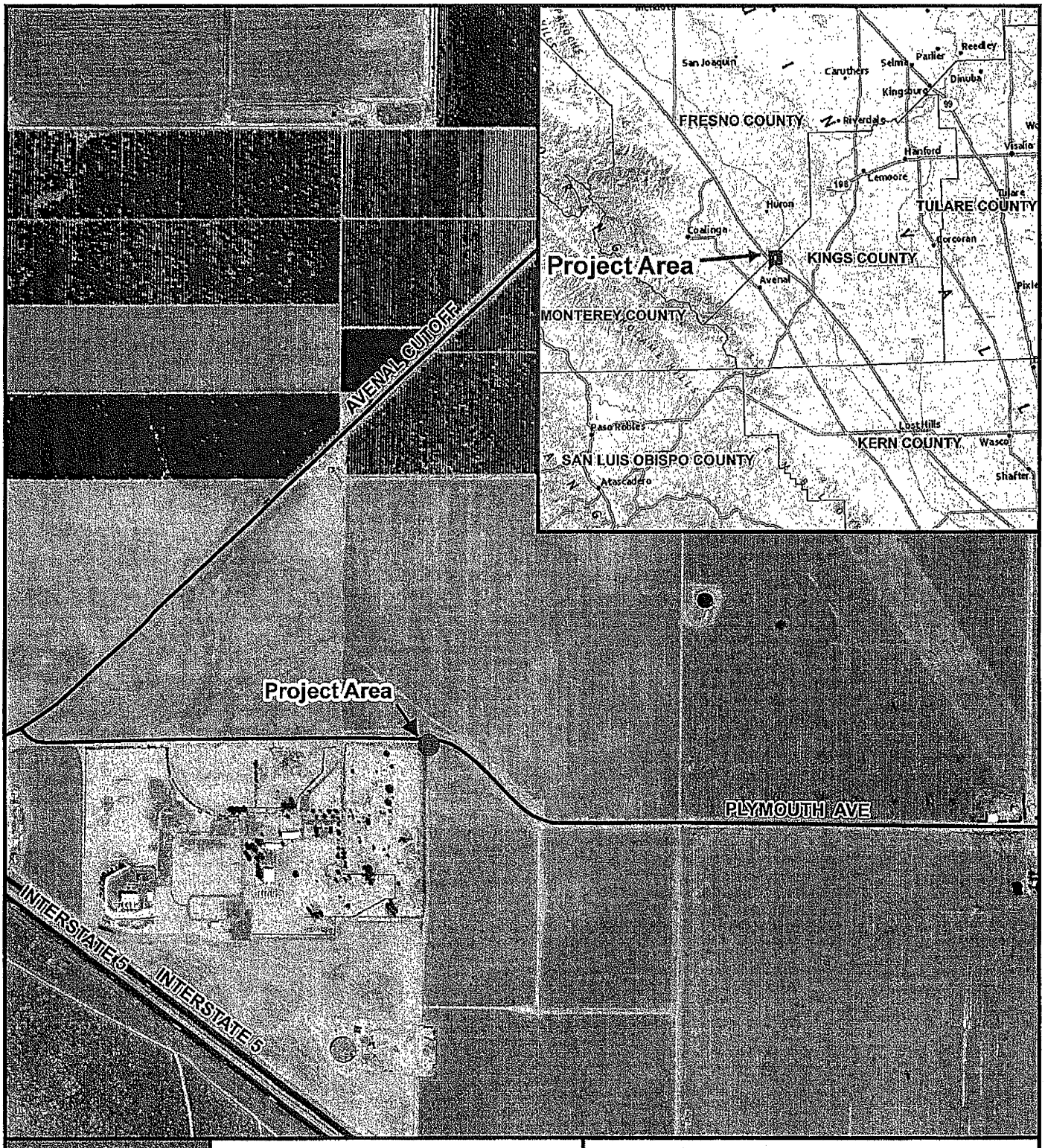
Figure 1: Location Map - Site 1

Westlands Water District - Proposed Monitoring Well Locations - Fresno County, CA -

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Within Section 25, Township 21S, Range 17E, Kings County, CA
LA CIMA
USGS 7.5' Quad

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Figure 1: Location Map - Site 2

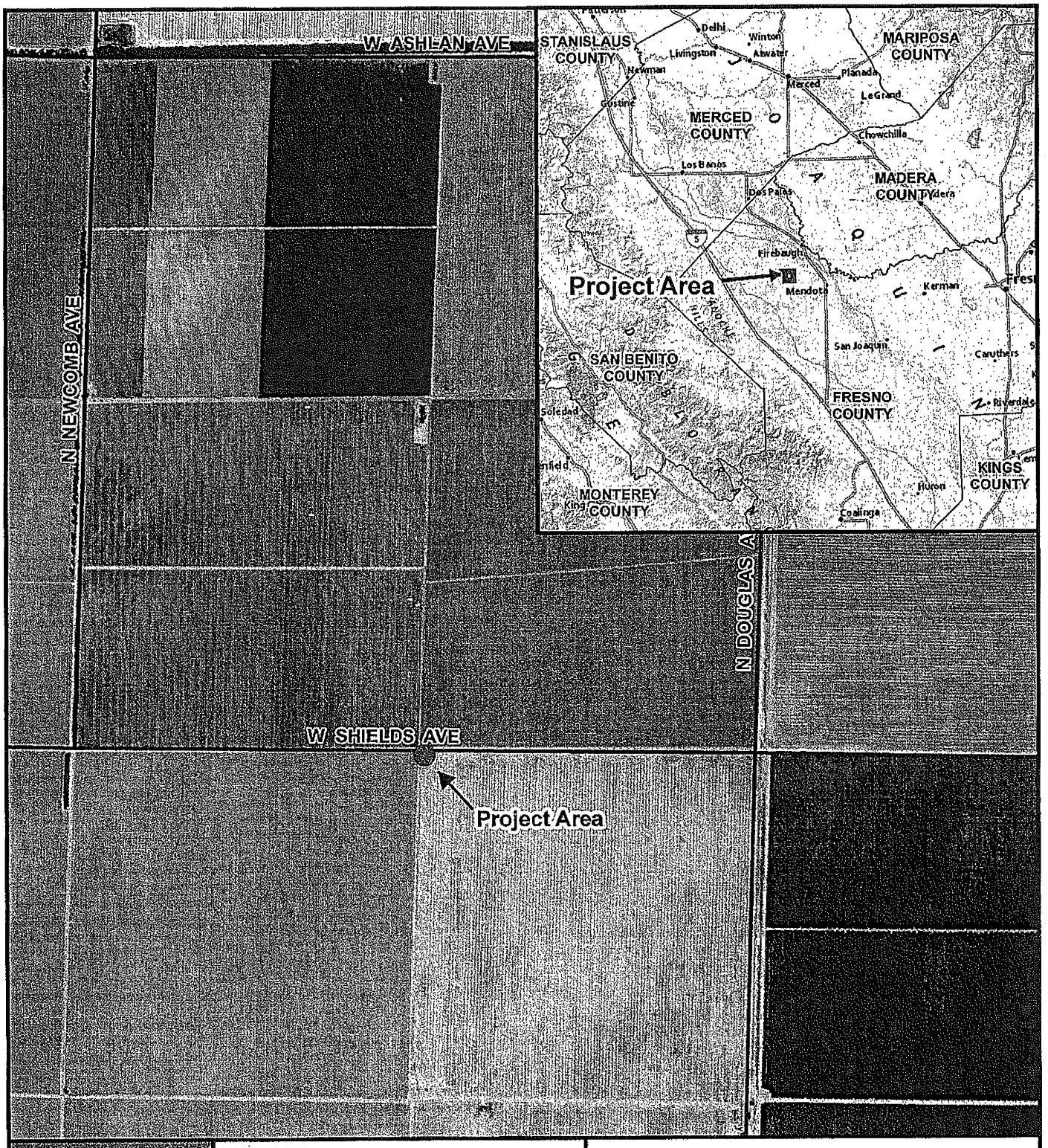
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Within Section 25, Township 13S, Range 13E, Fresno County, CA
BROADVIEW FARMS
USGS 7.5' Quad

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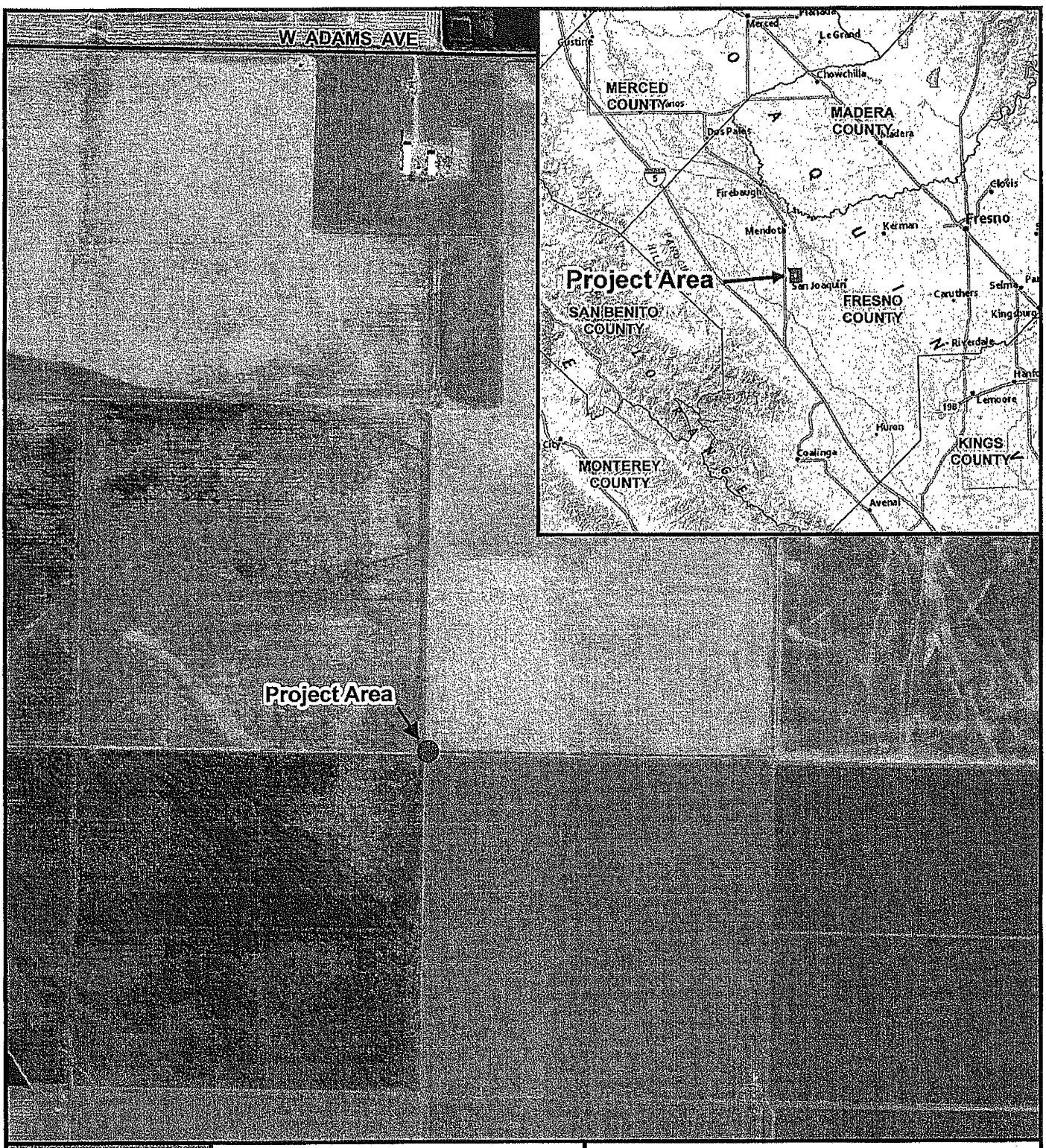
Figure 1: Location Map - Site 3

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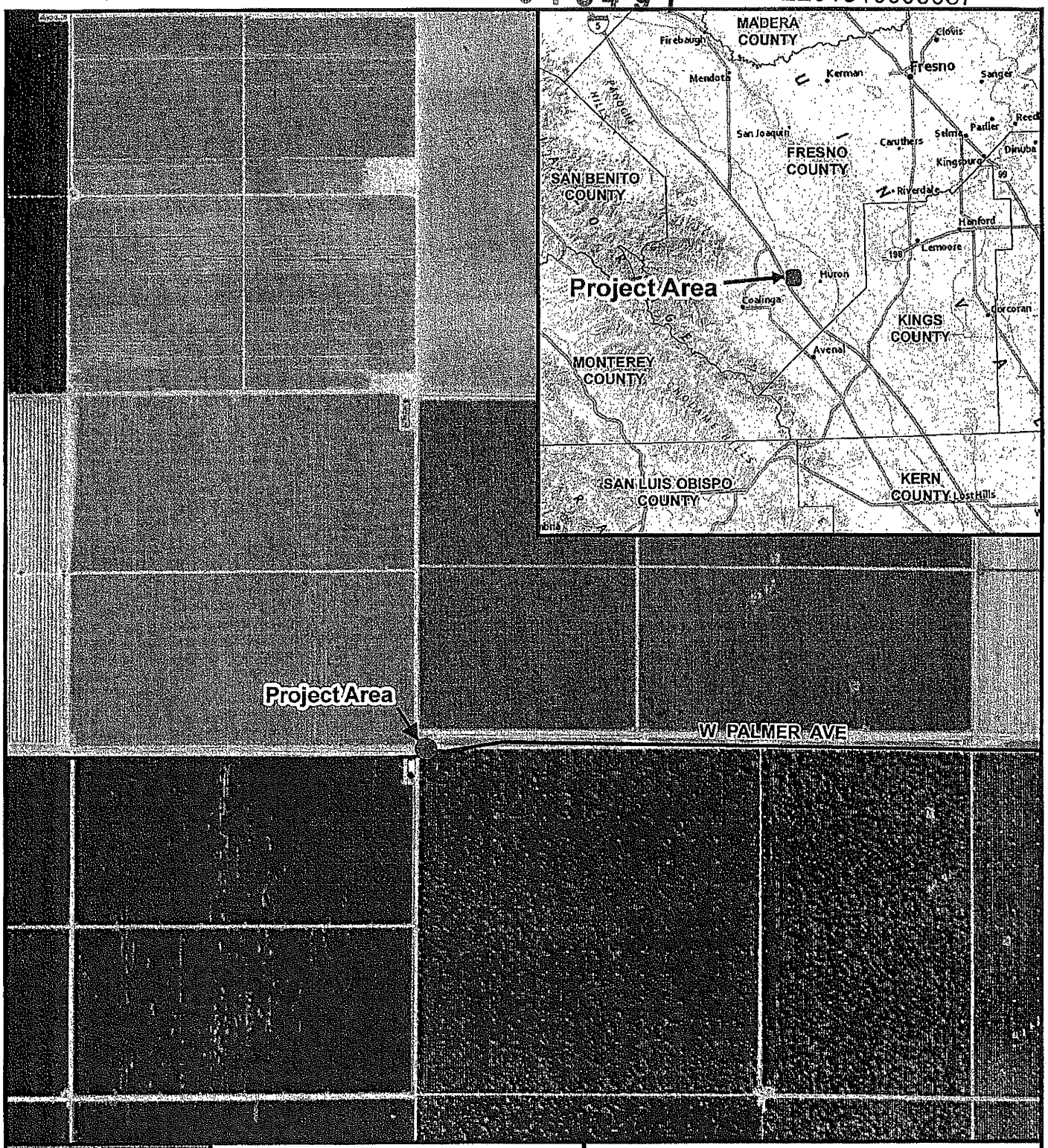
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CANTUA CREEK
USGS 7.5' Quad

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Figure 1: Location Map - Site 4

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Within Section 01, Township 20S, Range 16E, Fresno County, CA
GUIJARRAL HILLS USGS 7.5' Quad

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Figure 1: Location Map - Site 6

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