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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

December 6, 2024

PROJECT TITLE: Nuevo Road Bridge No. 56C-0004 Reconstruction
Work Order# ZC60092B Task Code #Z1001

PROJECT SPONSOR: County of Riverside Transportation Department

PROJECT LOCATION: Community of Nuevo

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Riverside Transportation Department is proposing to conduct a geotechnical investigation to evaluate subsurface soils and conditions to support the design of bridge reconstruction and widening of the existing Nuevo Road Bridge over a portion of the San Jacinto River (Bridge #56C-0004). The project is located in the unincorporated community of Nuevo, approximately three (3) miles east of the City of Perris (see Attachment A – Regional Location Map).

Six geotechnical borings would be drilled on or adjacent to the alignment of the existing Nuevo Road Bridge and within the County of Riverside right-of-way. Access will be along established dirt road and/or existing highway. No grading will be done to access the boring locations. The boreholes would be drilled using a truck-mounted rotary-wash drilling system equipped with a five-inch diameter drill bit attached to hollow steel rod. Each borehole would be drilled to a maximum depth of 80 feet below the existing grade. Locations of each boring location is shown on the attached Boring Location Plan (Attachment B).

The proposed project will include but is not limited to the following:

- The boreholes would be drilled to a maximum depth of 80 feet.
- Plastic sheeting will be put beneath equipment in the work area prior to the start of drilling to contain any spills.
- All drilling fluid and cuttings will be contained within the borehole or within a mud tank used for circulating the drilling fluid.
- After completion, all cuttings and drilling fluids will be placed into 55-gallon drums and transported for offsite testing.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This proposed project is subject to compliance with the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) Area. In accordance with Section 7 of the Western Riverside County MSHCP, exploratory boring is necessary along the existing paved roadway (Nuevo Road).

If tree and/or vegetation removal takes place during the typical migratory bird breeding season (February 1 – September 1), a preconstruction nesting survey will be conducted pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 and California Fish and Game Code Sections 3500, 3503, 3503.5, 3513, and 3800. A pre-construction burrowing owl survey will be needed prior to start of construction to ensure no impacts to burrowing owls that may be present within the area.

In the event archaeological or paleontological resources are encountered during construction activities all work within a 60-foot radius will stop and the County will immediately be informed.

The Riverside County Transportation Department has found that the above-described project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), based on the following:

Section 15306 – Information Collection (Class 6 exemption). The project would include drilling (*exploratory*) geotechnical borings (e.g., basic data collection) within six small areas. The geotechnical investigation would be temporary, occurring over a five-day period and the project would not result in a serious or major disturbance to any environmental resource.

By: Lisa Ann Wadley, PMP, Associate Transportation Planner

Signed: Jan Bulinski
Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager



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DATE: December 6, 2024

TO: Josefina Castillo-Avila, ACR Technician III

FROM: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager *JB*

RE: **Project Name: Nuevo Road Bridge No. 56C-0004 Reconstruction**
W.O.#ZC6-00092B Task Code # Z1001

The County of Riverside Transportation Department is requesting that you post the attached Notice of Exemption per County Implementing Resolution No. 82-213, Division 11, Section 205C. Attached you will find an authorization to bill by journal voucher in the amount of \$50.00 for your posting fee.

After posting, please return the document to Mail Stop #2136, Attention: Lisa Wadley. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Wadley at lwadley@rivco.org.

Attachment

cc: file

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CLERK & RECORDER

**AUTHORIZATION
TO BILL
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-
537280-20000-3130500000 ZC60092B Z1001

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.#ZC60092B, Task Code Z1001

AMOUNT: \$50.00

DATE: December 6, 2024

AGENCY: County of Riverside Transportation Department

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO ISSUE A VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT OF ALL FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager

Signature: *Jan Bulinski*

Presented by: Lisa Ann Wadley, PMP, Associate Transportation Planner

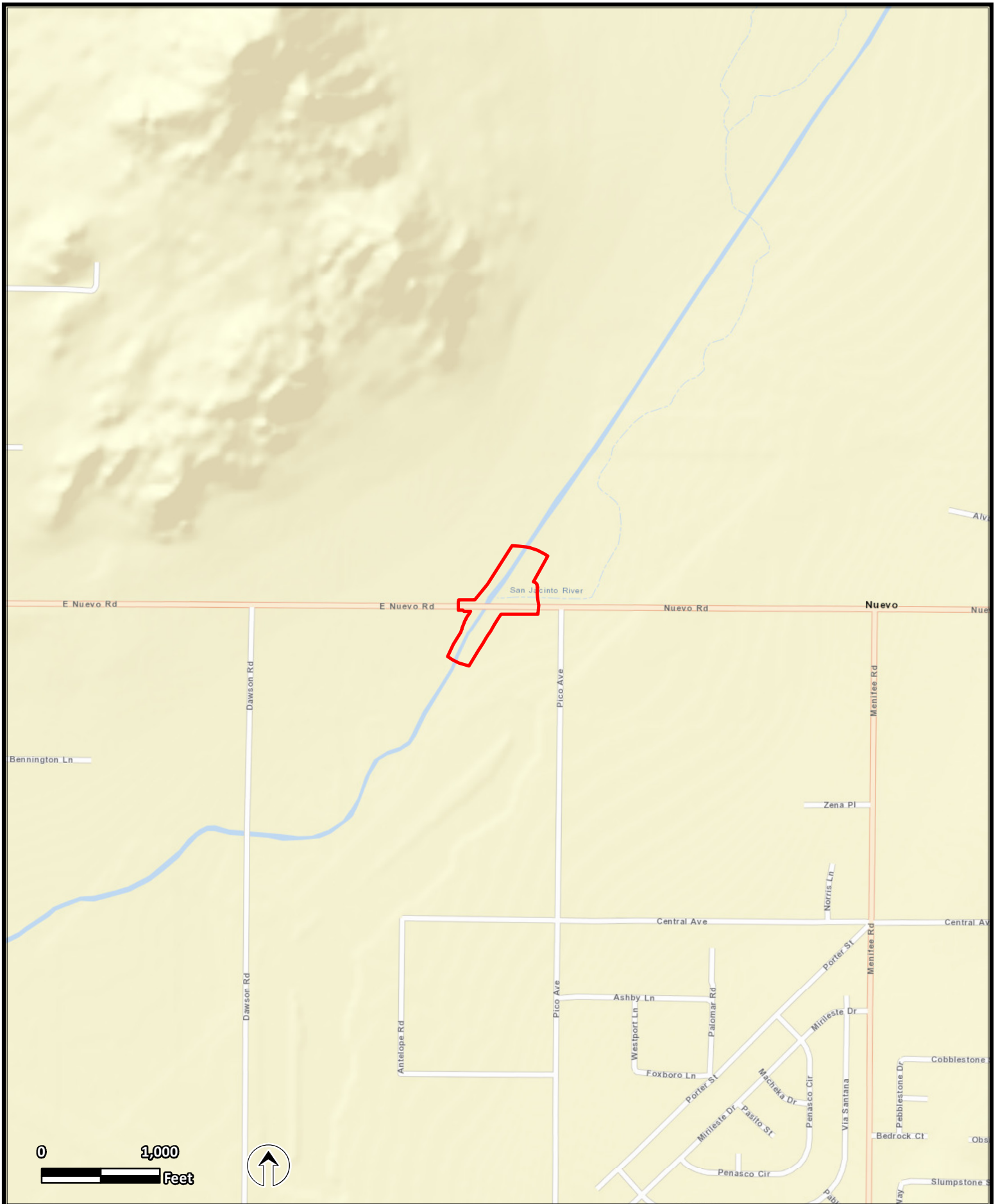
-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: -

DATE: -

RECEIPT # (S) -

Attachment A
Project Location

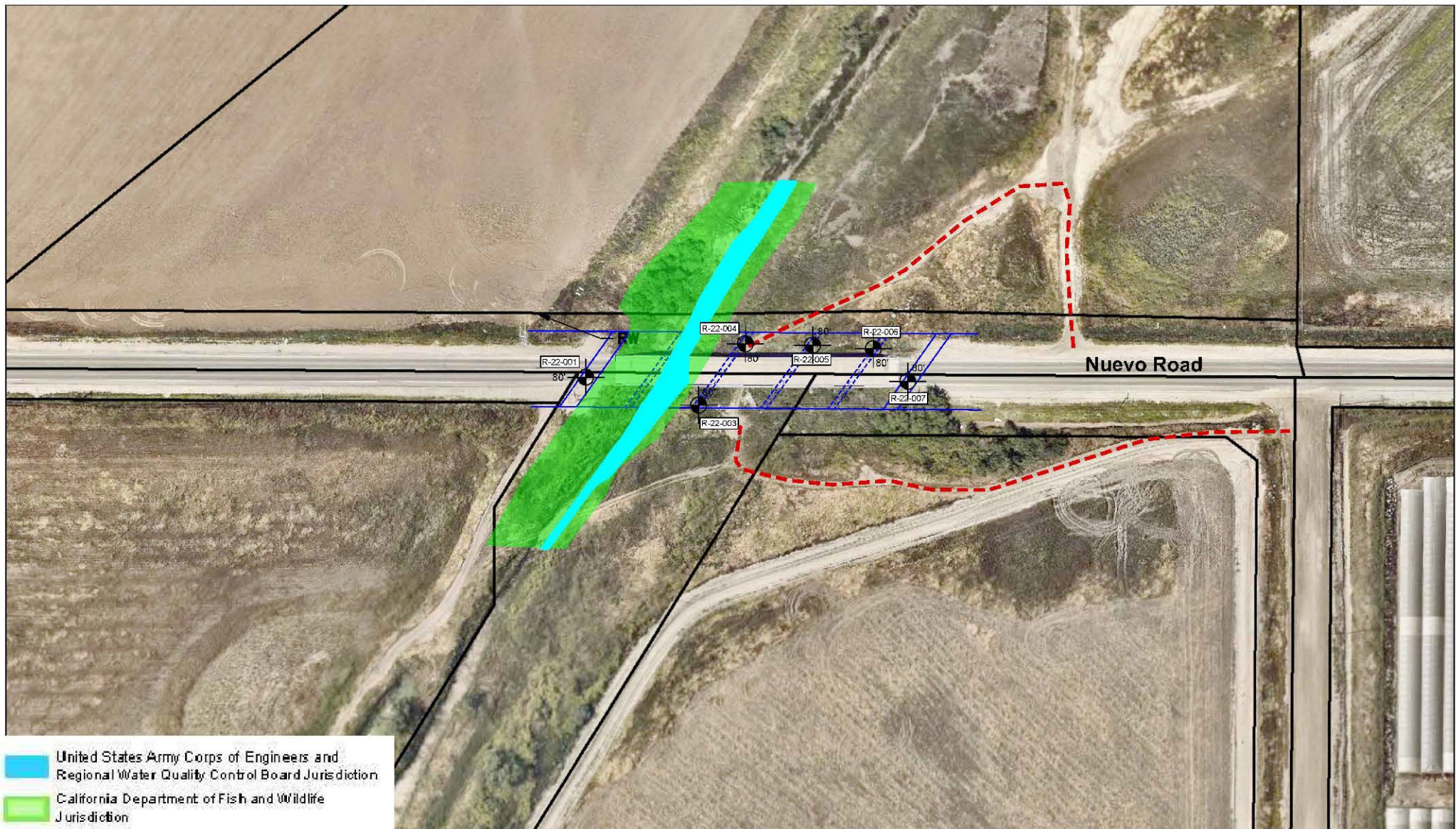


Source: ESRI 2023

ATTACHMENT A. PROJECT LOCATION

Nuevo Road Bridge Replacement Project

Attachment B
Geotechnical Field Investigation Work Plan



United States Army Corps of Engineers and
Regional Water Quality Control Board Jurisdiction

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Jurisdiction

R-22-001 Location of Geotechnical Boring
"R" - Rotary Wash Boring
Depth (ft)

Proposed Access Path



Earth Mechanics, Inc.
Geotechnical and Earthquake Engineering

Nuevo Road Bridge
Boring Location Plan