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Honorable Chairperson Julie Lynn Tumamait-Stennsleie
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RE: Puente Power Project (15-AFC-01) - Invitation to Participate in California Energy Commission Tribal Consultation

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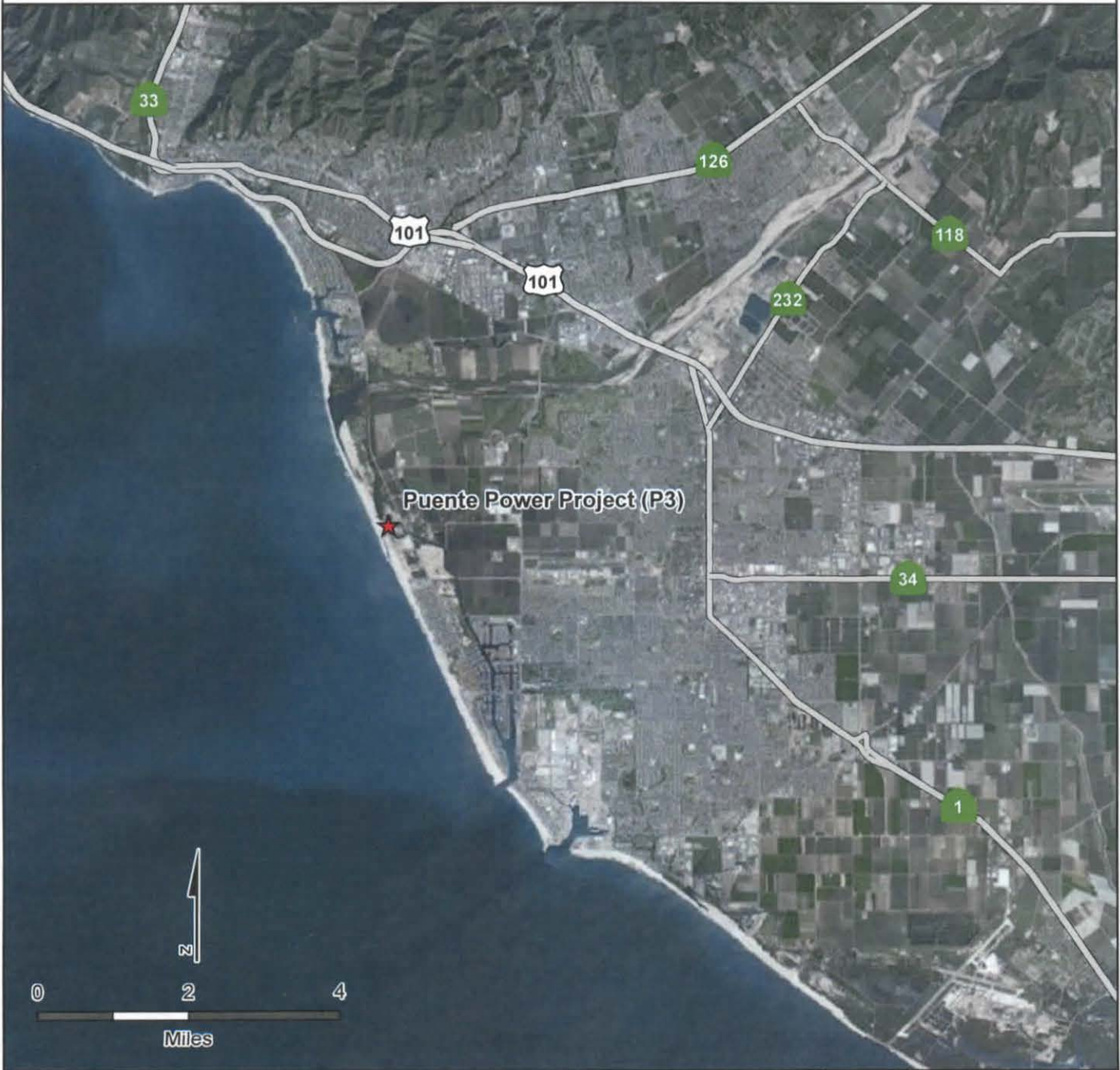
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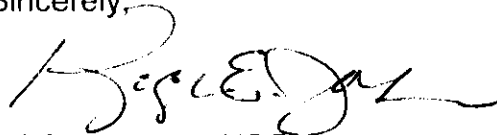
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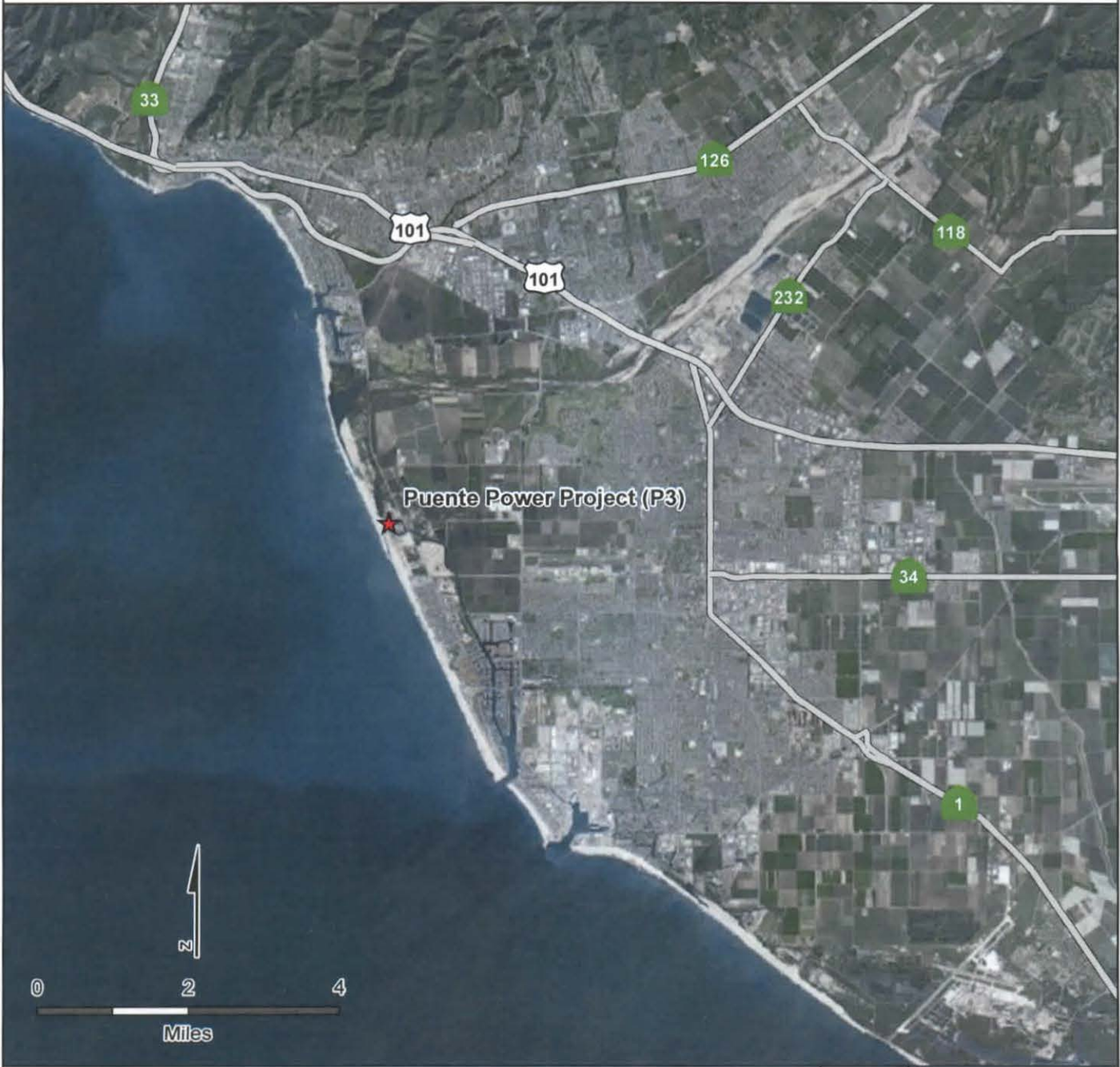
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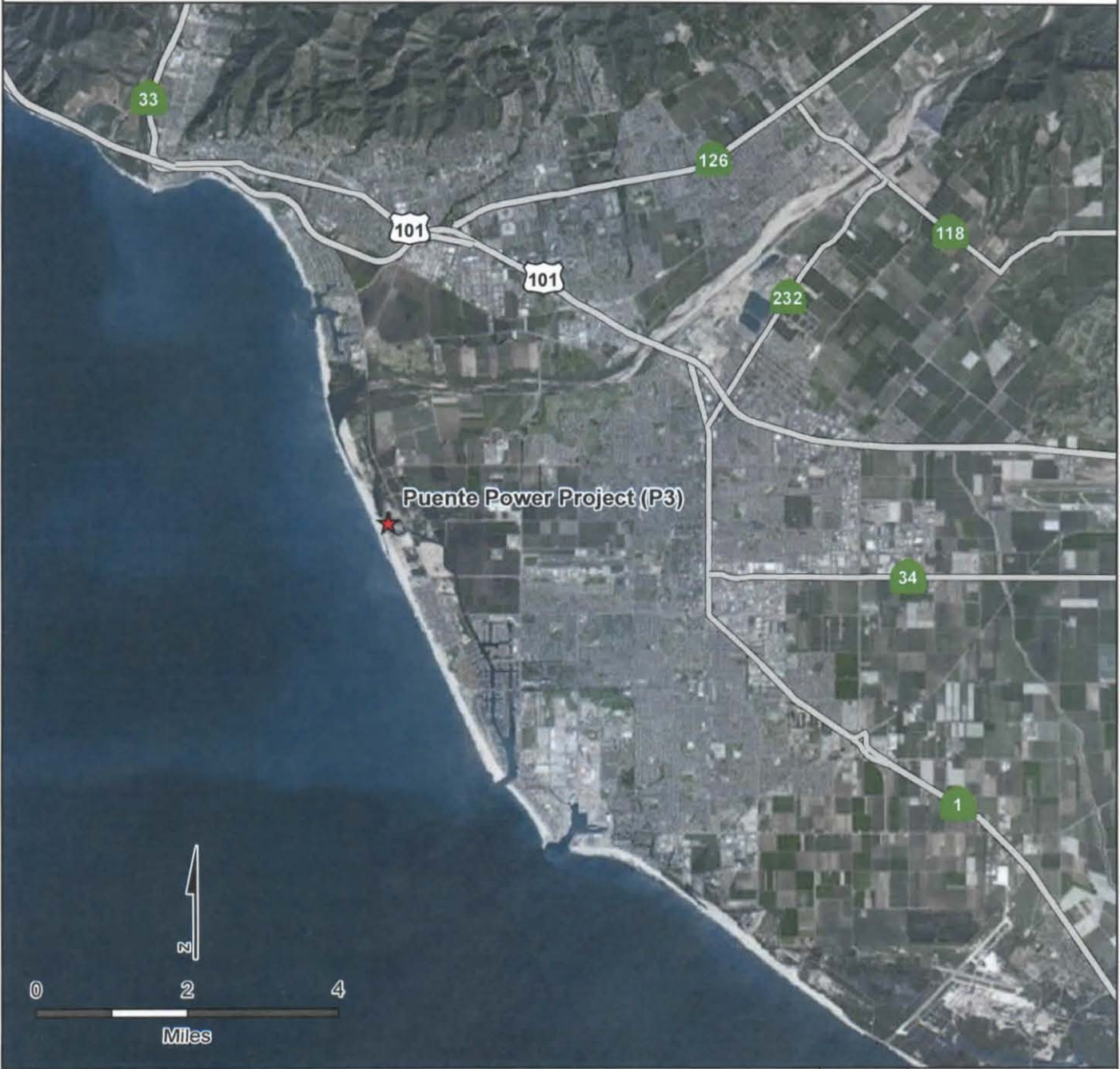
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