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Genesis Solar Energy Project - Docket Number 09-AFC-8

Docket Clerk:

Included with this letter is one hard copy and one electronic copy of the *Revisions to* the *Jurisdictional Waters at the Genesis Solar Energy Project.*

Sincerely,

Emily Festger (for Tricia Bernhardt) Project Manager/Tetra Tech EC

cc: Mike Monasmith /CEC Project Manager



March 13, 2010

Ms. Magdalena Rodriquez California Department of Fish and Game Inland Deserts Region 3602 Inland Empire Blvd. Suite C220 Ontario, CA 91764

SUBJECT: Revisions to Jurisdictional Waters for the Genesis Solar Energy Project

Dear Ms. Rodriguez,

On February 17, 2010, you attended a field visit to the Genesis Solar Energy Project, primarily to evaluate tortoise habitat. During that site visit, you walked a portion of the Plant Site (project footprint) and took the opportunity to look at any water features (e.g., drainages, washes) you encountered. You evaluated a few of the delineated drainages in the *Jurisdictional Waters and Wetlands Report* for the Genesis Solar Energy Project (submitted in January 2010) to see if you agreed with the assessment. Additionally, you took note of water features that were not included in the report, but felt met the criteria for state waters, and should thus be included in the delineation report and impact calculations.

Genesis Solar, LLC (Genesis Solar) understands that your assessment is based only on the areas that you walked and that it is not a complete verification of the delineated drainages within the Project area. However, based on your field visit, you have determined that most of the western portion of the Plant Site is flat with low channels that exhibit a sheet flow pattern, as well as short narrow channels that come in and out of existence.

Per your request, Genesis Solar has revised the appropriate table and figures to depict the drainages you delineated in the field on February 17, 2010. Specifically, updates have been made to Appendix C. Washes and Microphyllous Vegetation Directly Impacted by Project Facilities and Map Sheets 2, 4, 5, 11, and 12 of the Jurisdictional Waters and Wetlands Report submitted in January 2010. The added drainages result in an additional 7.80 acres of permanent impact, 0.00 acres of temporary impact, 2 additional impacted trees (ironwood trees), and 0.00 acres of microphyll vegetation areas. The area permanently impacted by the Project is now 72.64 acres.

Genesis Solar understands that by incorporating the additional drainages that you delineated in the field, and by adjusting the impact calculations, that CDFG will find the waters delineation for the Genesis Solar Energy Project satisfactory and complete.



Revisions to Jurisdictional Waters Genesis Solar Energy Project March 13, 2010

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at me at 303.980.9509 (office) or 714.478.7171 (cell), or Tricia Bernhardt at 303.980.3727 (office) or 720.320.8382 (cell).

Sincerely,

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Attachment

Appendix C. Washes and Microphyll Vegetation Directly Impacted by Project Facilities

Map ID	Location*	Average Bed Width (ft)	Average Bank Height (in.)	Delineated Length (ft)	Temporary Impact (acres)	Permanent Impact (acres)	Impact Area (acres)**	No. of Trees > 4" in Diameter Associated with Washes)	No. of Directly Impacted Trees	Directly Impacted Microphyll Vegetation Areas (acres)	Notes
1	Plant Site	10	6	909	n/a	0.21	0.21	0	0	0.07	Verified by field survey; Acreages of microphyll vegetation areas calculated using GIS
2	Plant Site	5	6	3886	n/a	0.45	0.45	0	0	0.00	Verified by field survey
3	Plant Site	3	6	2879	n/a	0.20	0.20	0	0	0.00	Verified by field survey
4	Plant Site	18	6	5388	n/a	2.23	2.23	0	0	0.00	Verified by field survey; Old road
5	Plant Site	7	6	214	n/a	0.03	0.03	0	0	0.00	Verified by field survey
6	Plant Site	8	6	451	n/a	0.08	0.08	0	0	0.00	Verified by field survey
7-10	Plant Site	8.5 (average for washes 7-10)	6	1400	n/a	20.91	20.91	IW(1), PV (1)	IW(1), PV (1)	0.04	Based on aerial; Acreages calculated using GIS; Contains field verified washes 7-10
11	Plant Site	3	6	1238	n/a	0.09	0.09	0	0	0.00	Verified by field survey
12	No Longer in Project Area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No Longer in Project Area; Verified by field survey
13	No Longer in Project Area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No Longer in Project Area; Verified by field survey
	T-line	7 (average			0.00	0.00	0.00		0	0.00	Based on aerial; Acreages calculated
14-19	Gas Line	for washes	11	1474	0.42	0.00	0.42	IW (1)	0	0.00	using GIS; Contains field verified
	Access Road	14-19)			1.48	0.44	1.92		0	0.00	washes 14-19
20	No Longer in Project Area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No Longer in Project Area; Verified by field survey
21	No Longer in Project Area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No Longer in Project Area; Verified by field survey
22	No Longer in Project Area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No Longer in Project Area; Verified by field survey
23	No Longer in Project Area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No Longer in Project Area; Verified by field survey
	T-line	52 (average			0.47	0.00	0.47		22	0.47	Based on aerial; Acreages calculated
24-26	Gas Line	for washes	13	12971	1.64	0.00	1.64	PV (832)	67	1.64	using GIS; Contains field verified
2120	Access Road	24-26)	10	12771	10.10	3.05	13.16	1 7 (002)	181	13.16	washes 24-26; Tree count based on aerial
27	No Longer in Project Area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No Longer in Project Area; Verified by field survey
28	No Longer in Project Area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No Longer in Project Area; Verified by field survey
29	No Longer in Project Area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No Longer in Project Area; Verified by field survey
	T-line	5 (average			0.06	36.26	36.32		0	0.00	Based on aerial, no field verification;
30	Gas Line	of several		1507	0.64	0.00	0.64	0	0	0.00	Acreages calculated using GIS; Man-
	Access Road	washes)			2.52	0.77	3.29		0	0.00	made borrow pit

Appendix C. Washes and Microphyll Vegetation Directly Impacted by Project Facilities

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	Transmission Line				0.06	0.00	0.06		5	0.06	Based on aerial, no field verification; Acreages calculated using GIS; tree
31	Access Road	297		862	0.47	0.13	0.59	HM (50)	17	0.59	count based on aerial - species
	Gas Line				0.00	0.00	0.00		0	0.00	determination based on data from biological resource survey data
61-63	Plant Site	1.5 - 2.5		1,902	0.00	3.500	3.50	IW (2)	2	0.00	Washes 61-63 are treated as one area of connected small drainages; acreages calculated using GIS; based on February 2010 CDFG field survey
64-66	Plant Site	1.5 - 2.5		1,910	0.00	4.200	4.200	IW (1)	1	0.00	Washes 64-66 are treated as one area of connected small drainages; acreages calculated using GIS; based on February 2010 CDFG field survey
67	Plant Site	1.50		1,082	0.00	0.040	0.040	0	0	0.00	Based on February 2010 CDFG field survey
68	Plant Site	1.50		478	0.00	0.020	0.020	0	0	0.00	Based on February 2010 CDFG field survey
69	Plant Site	2 - 2.5		458	0.00	0.030	0.030	0	0	0.00	Based on February 2010 CDFG field survey
70	Plant Site	2		141	0.00	0.006	0.006	0	0	0.00	Based on February 2010 CDFG field survey
71	Plant Site	1		204	0.00	0.004	0.004	0	0	0.00	Based on February 2010 CDFG field survey
				Total	17.86	72.64	90.49	888	298	16.03	

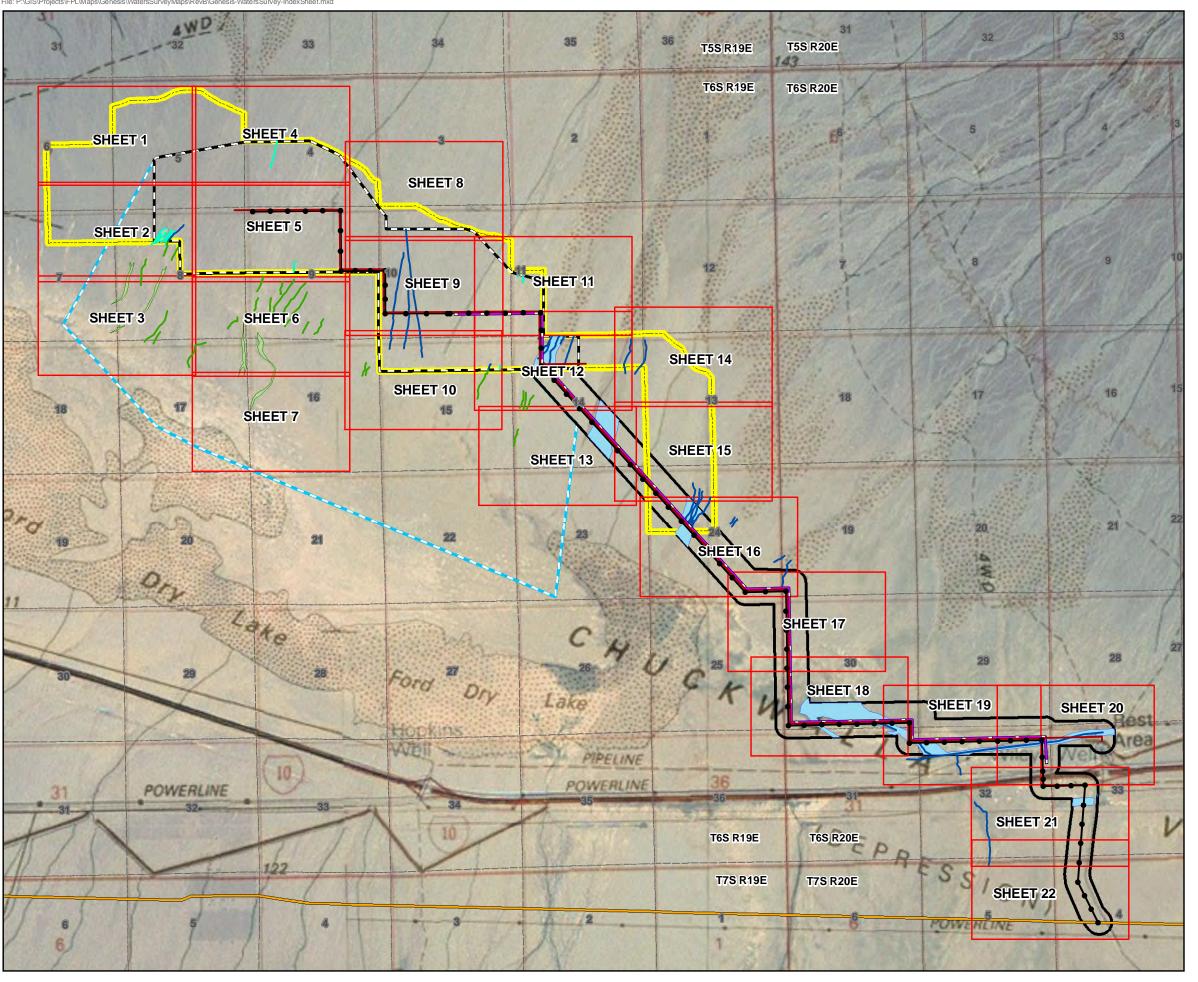
IW - Ironwood

PV - Palo Verde

HM - Honey Mesquite

^{*} Includes washes within 500 ft. survey buffer area

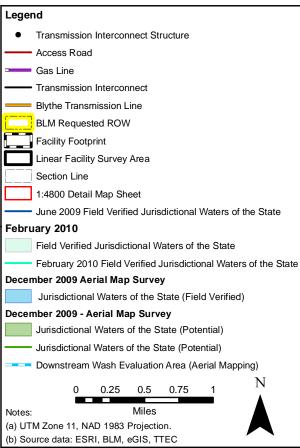
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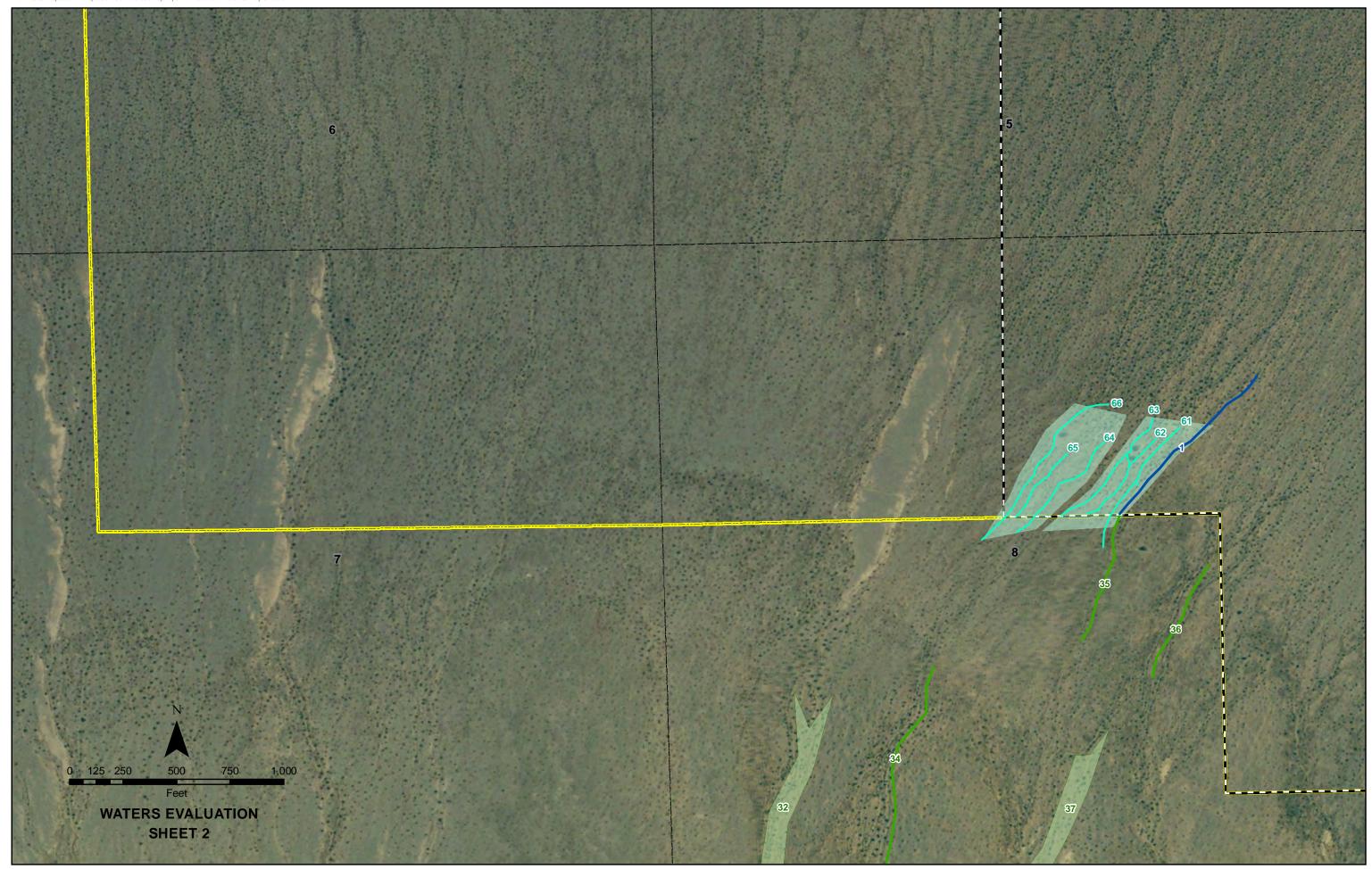
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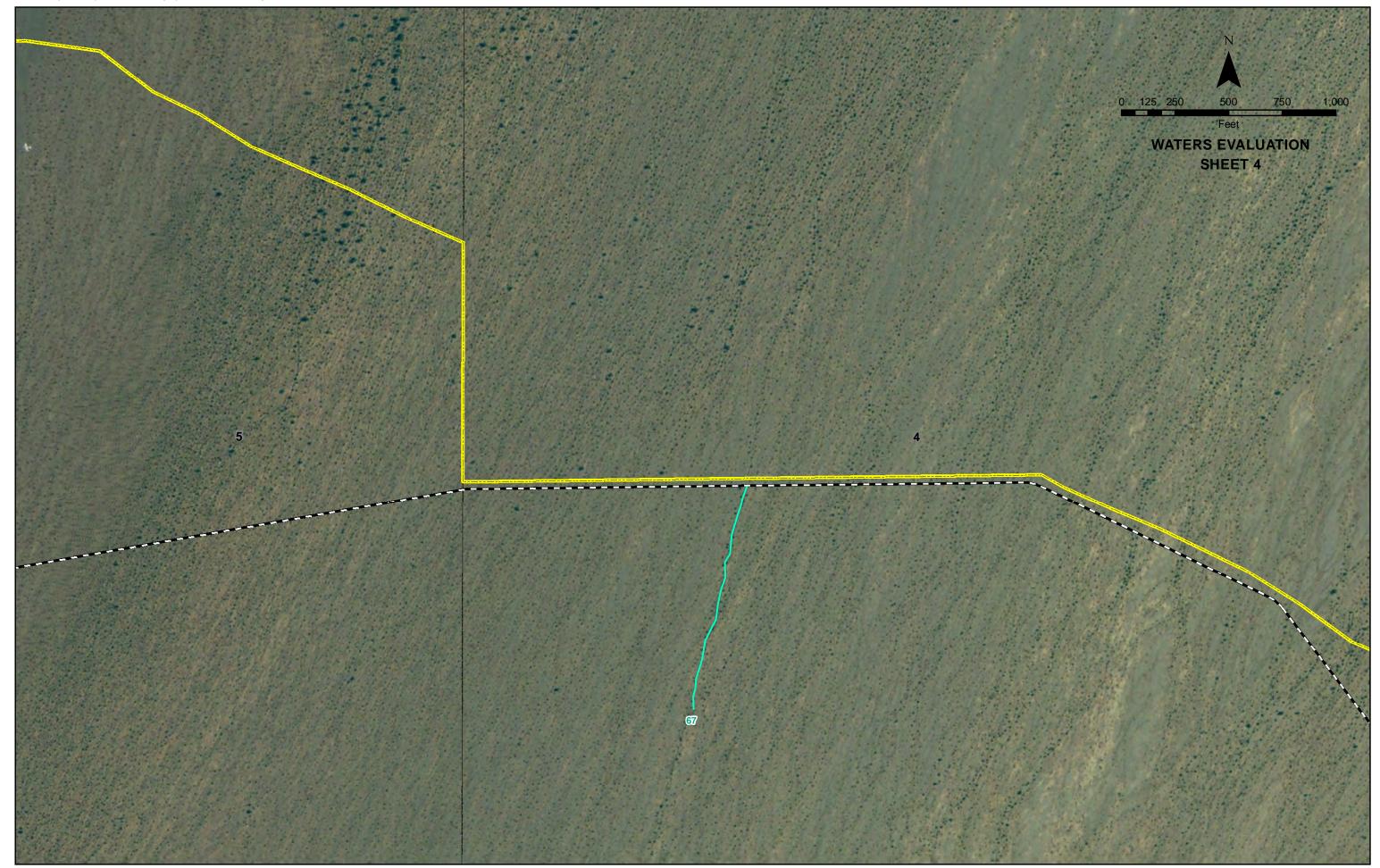


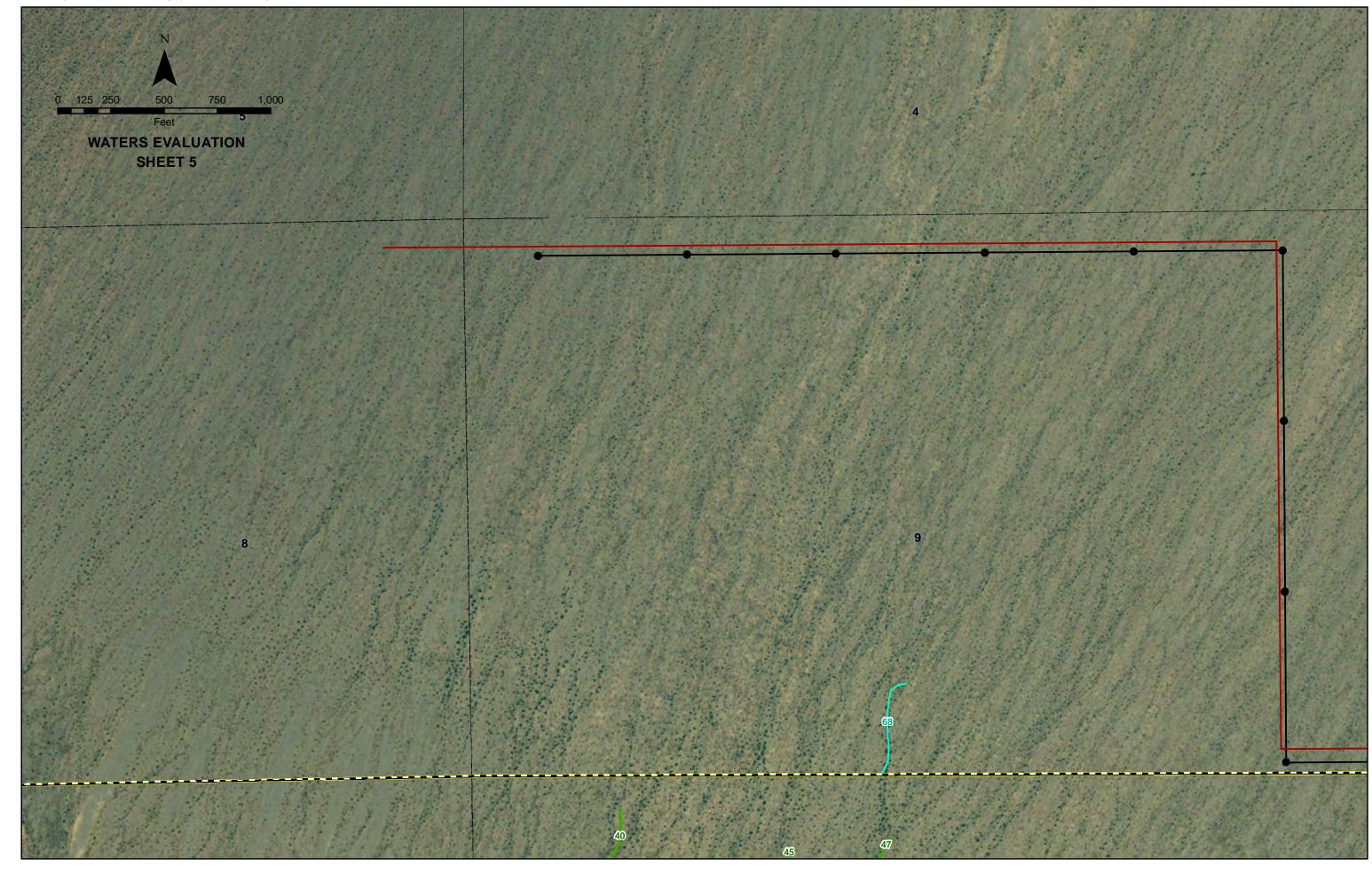


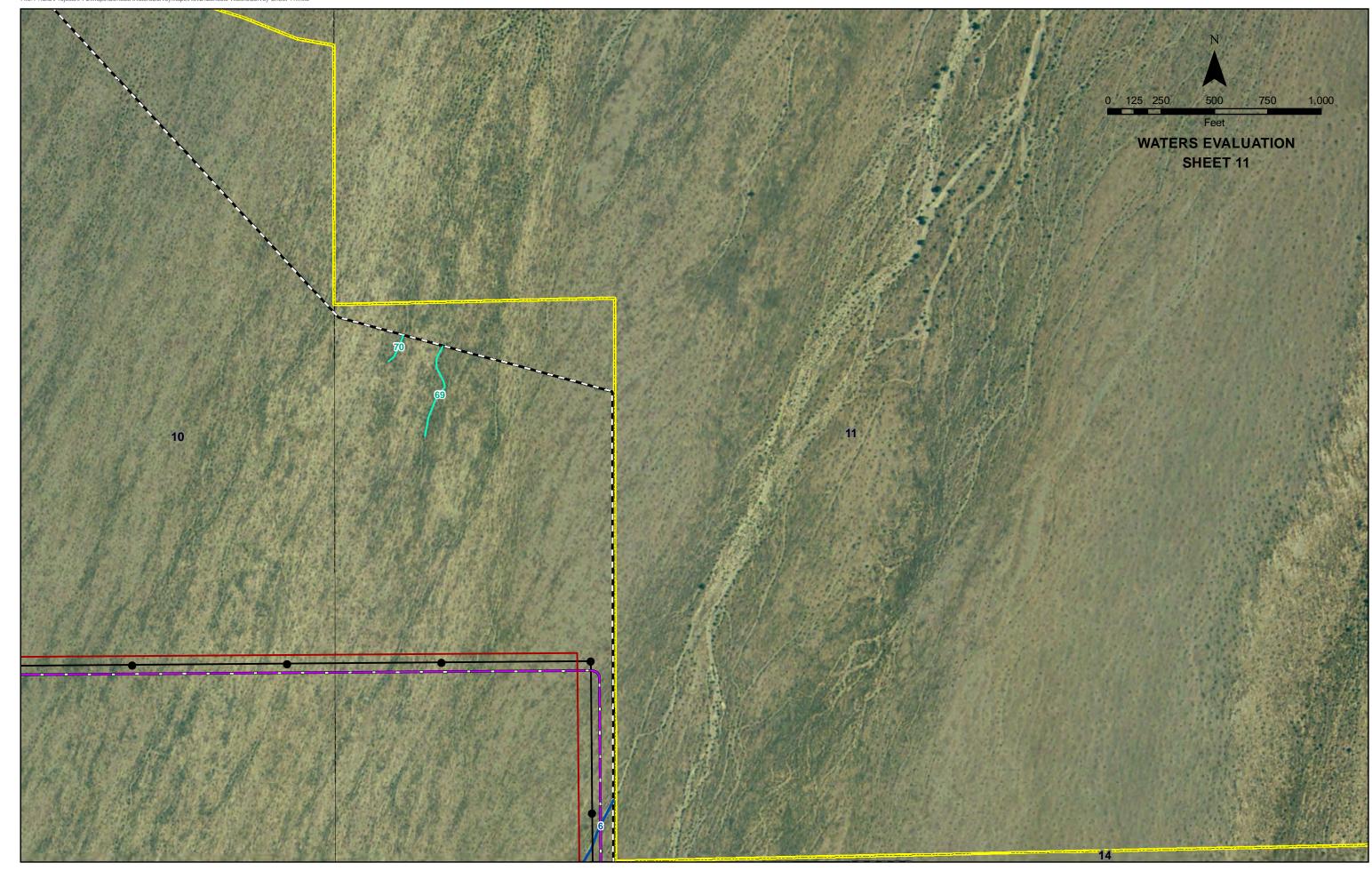
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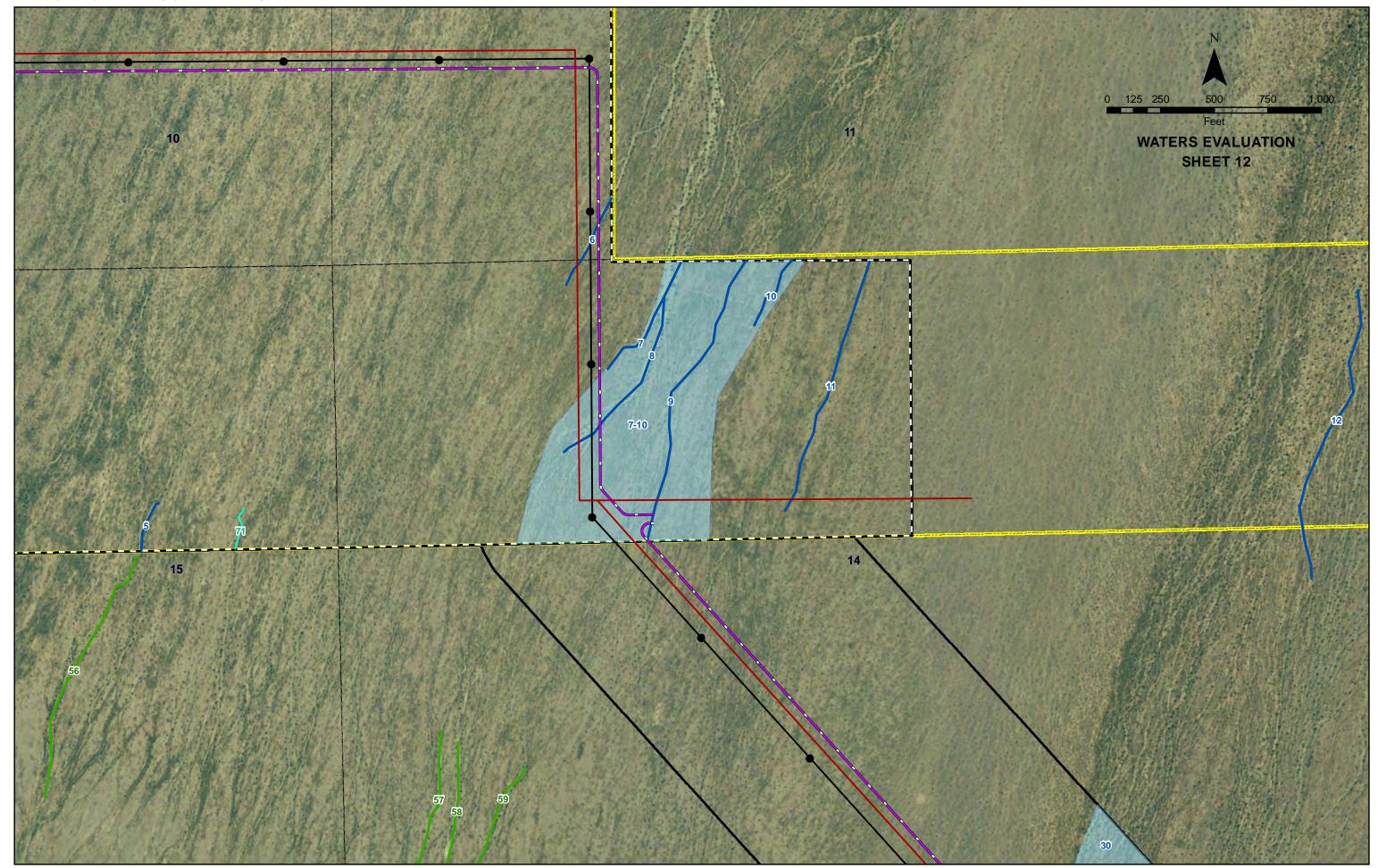














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The documents have been sent to both the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

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