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<b>Docket Number:</b>	23-OPT-02
<b>Project Title:</b>	Darden Clean Energy Project
<b>TN #:</b>	253038-3
<b>Document Title:</b>	Appendix Q Biological Resources Assessment_Volume 3_Darden Clean Energy
<b>Description:</b>	<p>Includes a Biological Resources Assessment which analyzes the potential impacts of the proposed Darden Green Energy Project and evaluates short and long term impacts of the Project to biological resources.</p> <p>Appendix Q-1 Regulatory Framework  Appendix Q-2 Special-Status Species Evaluation Tables  Appendix Q-3 Field Forms  Appendix Q-4 Site Photographs  Appendix Q-5 Species Compendia  Appendix Q-6 San Joaquin Kit Fox Habitat Assessment  Appendix Q-7 Swainson's Hawk Nesting Survey Report  Appendix Q-8 Analysis of Project Impacts to Swainson's Hawk Foraging Habitat  Appendix Q-9 Aquatic Resources Delineation  Appendix Q-10 Aquatic Resources Representative Photographs  Appendix Q-11 Delineation Data Sheets</p>
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
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Biological Resources Assessment

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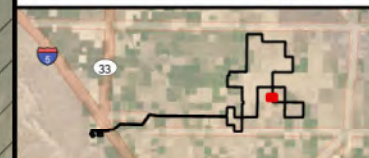
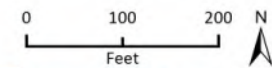
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 Non-Jurisdictional Feature

## Project Components

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
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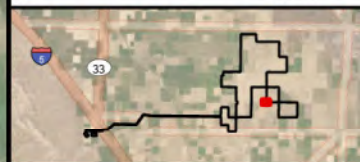
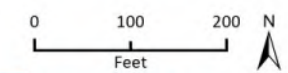
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





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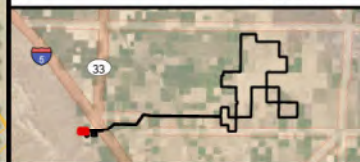
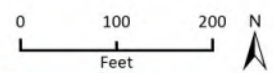




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




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  -  Gen-Tie Line ROW

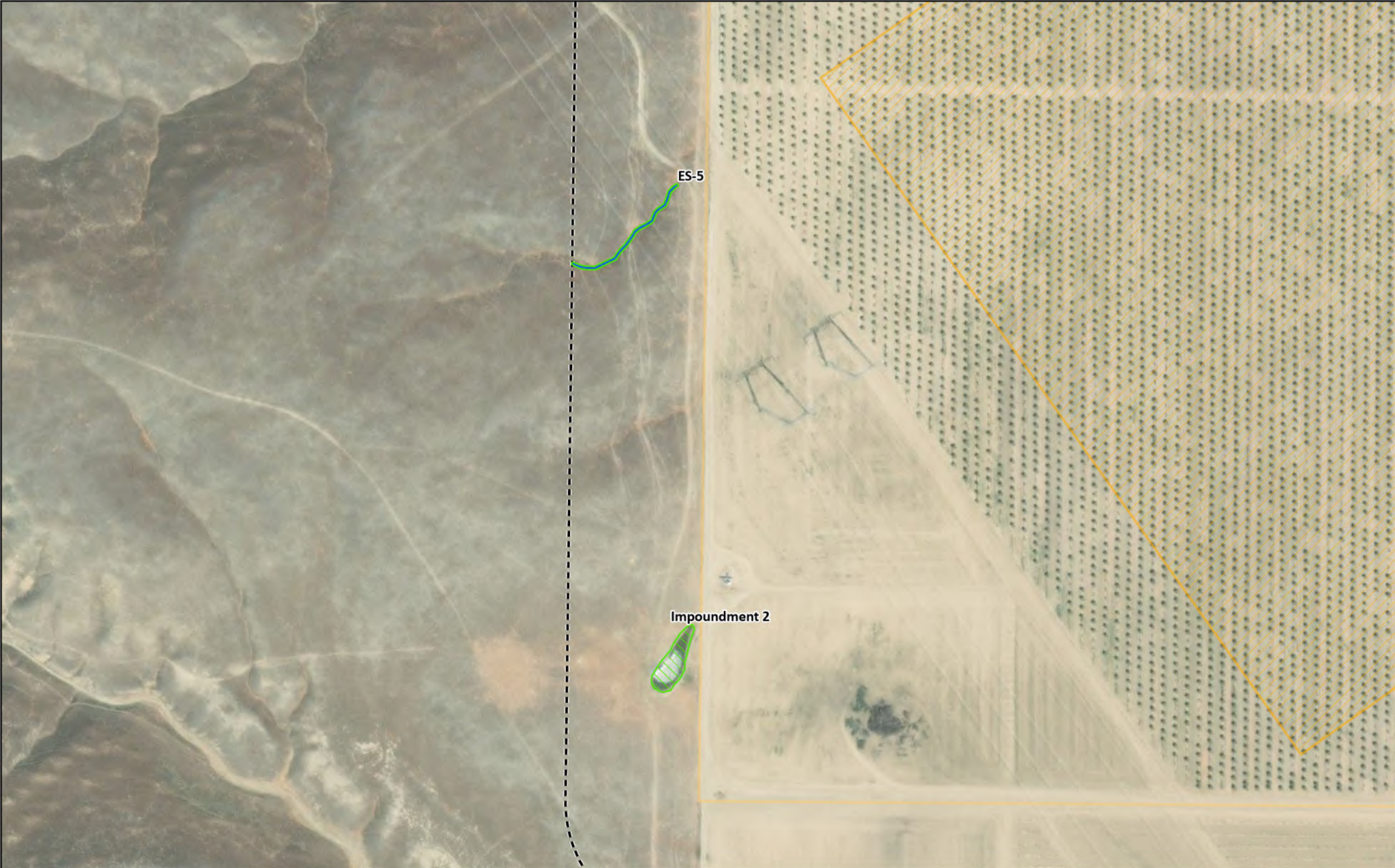





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
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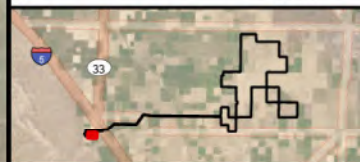
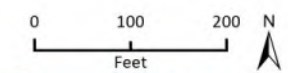
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 Green Hydrogen Facility

 Green Hydrogen Parcels





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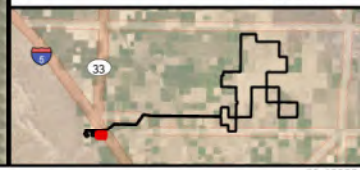
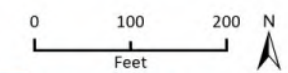
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
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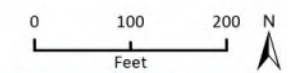
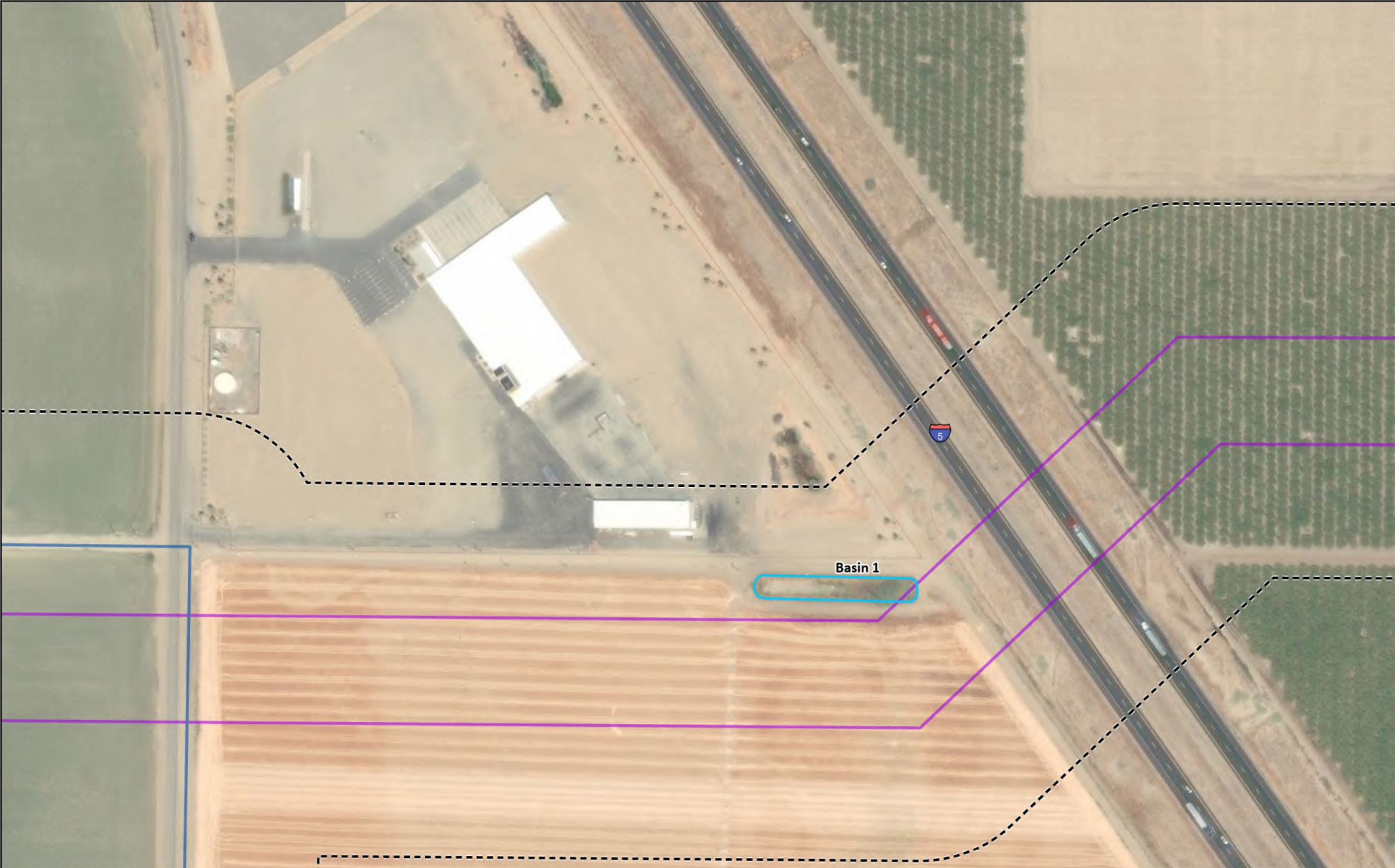
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
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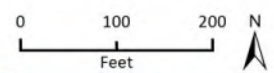
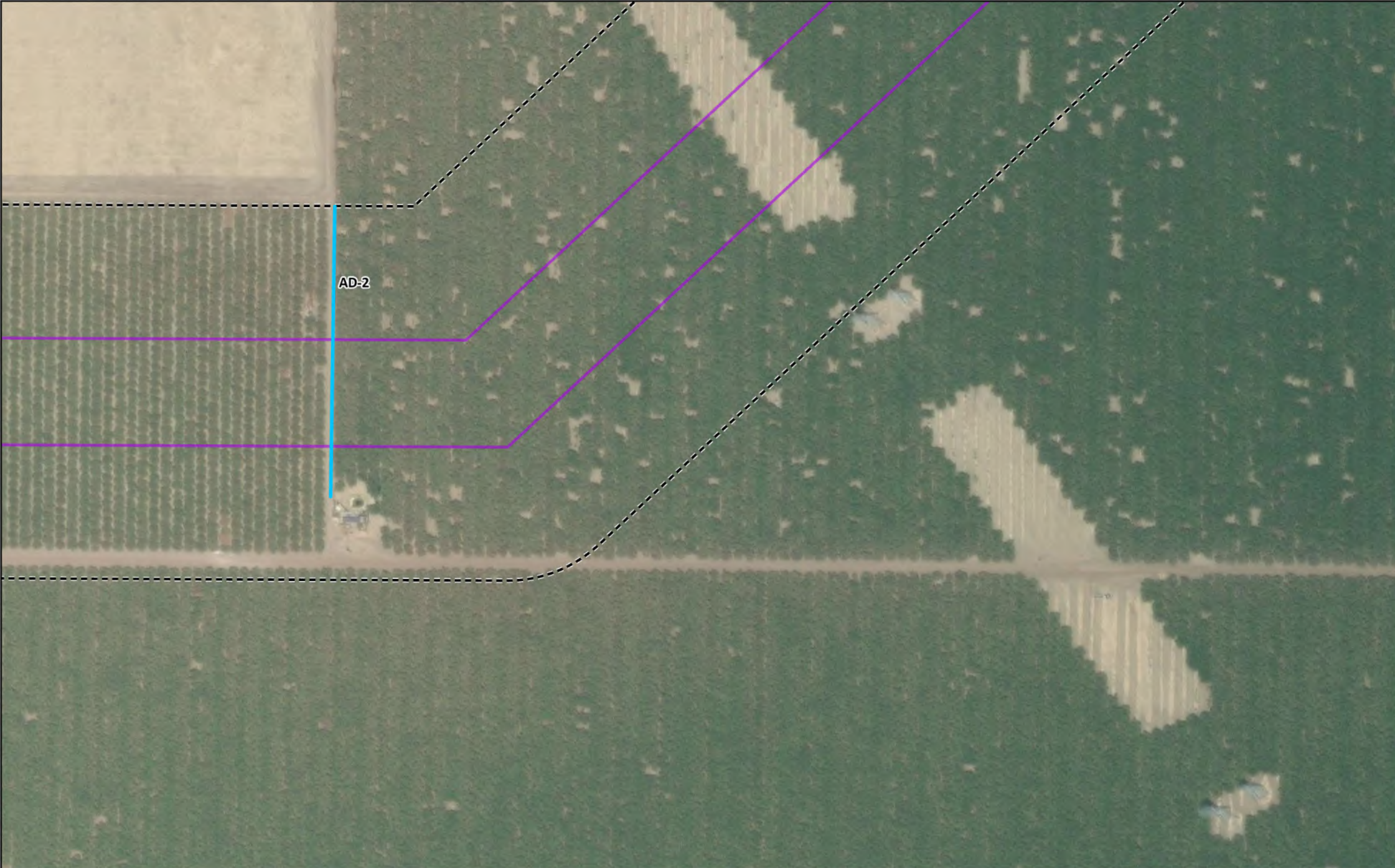
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
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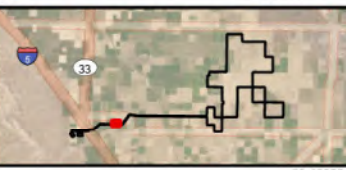
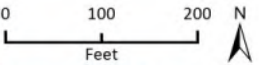
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
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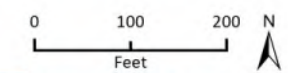
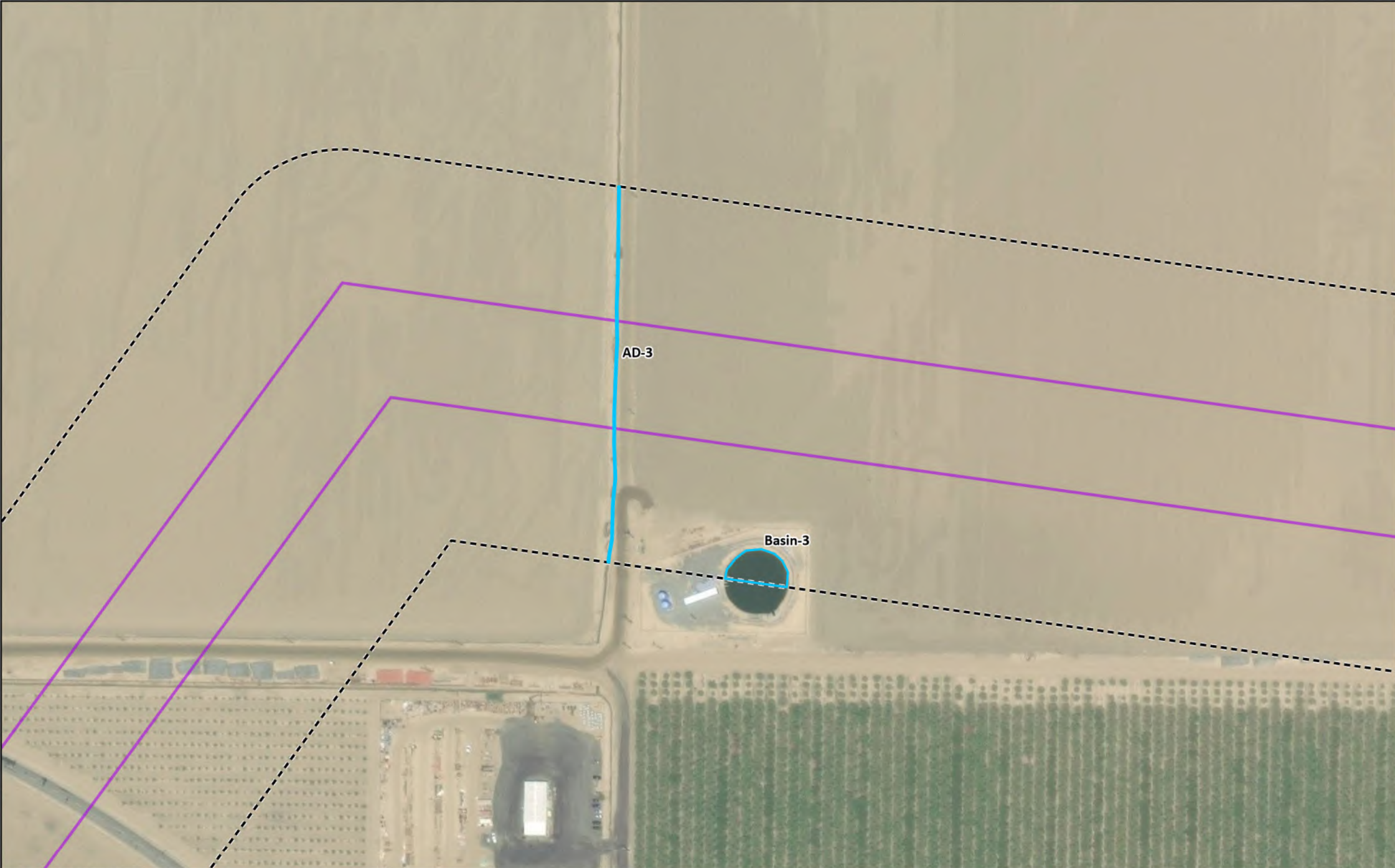
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 Gen-Tie Line ROW







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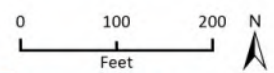
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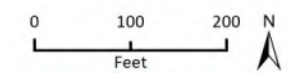
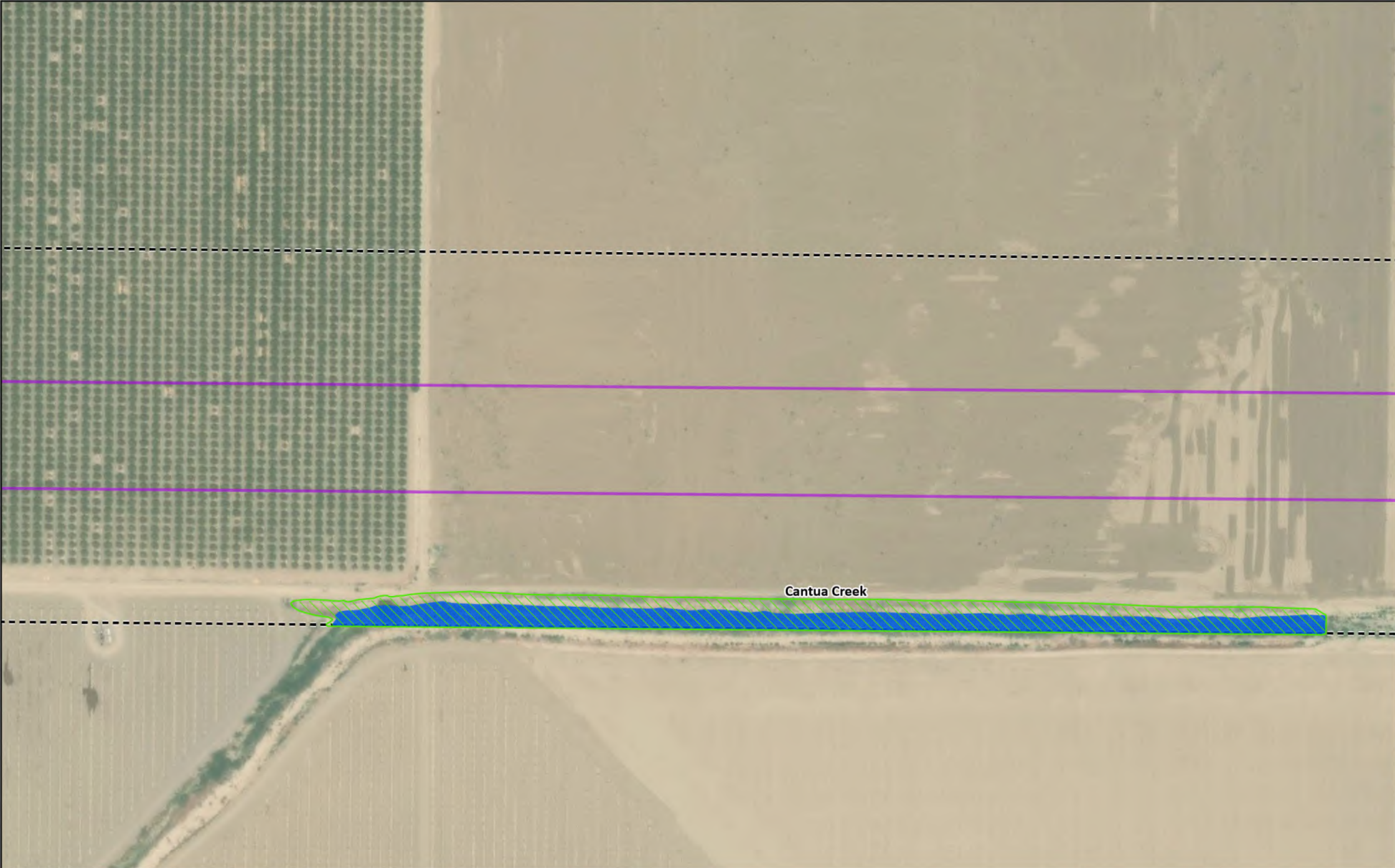
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




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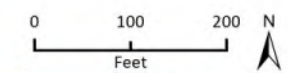


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
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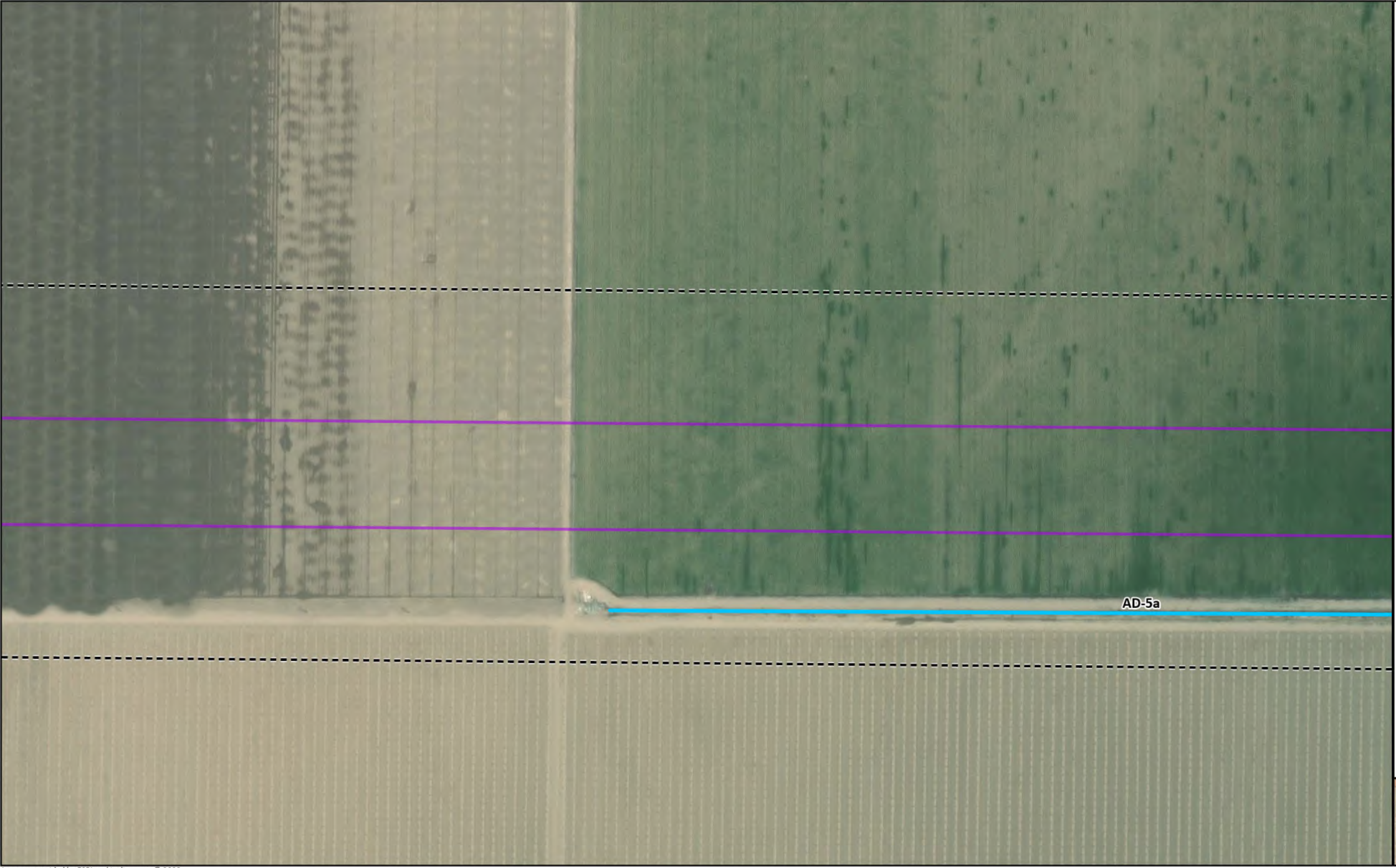
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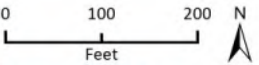
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
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
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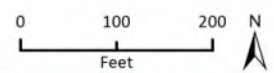
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
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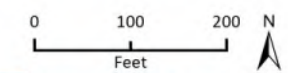
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
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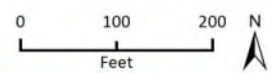
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
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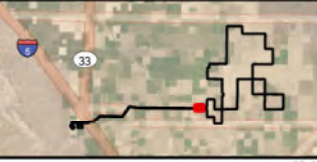
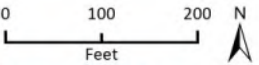
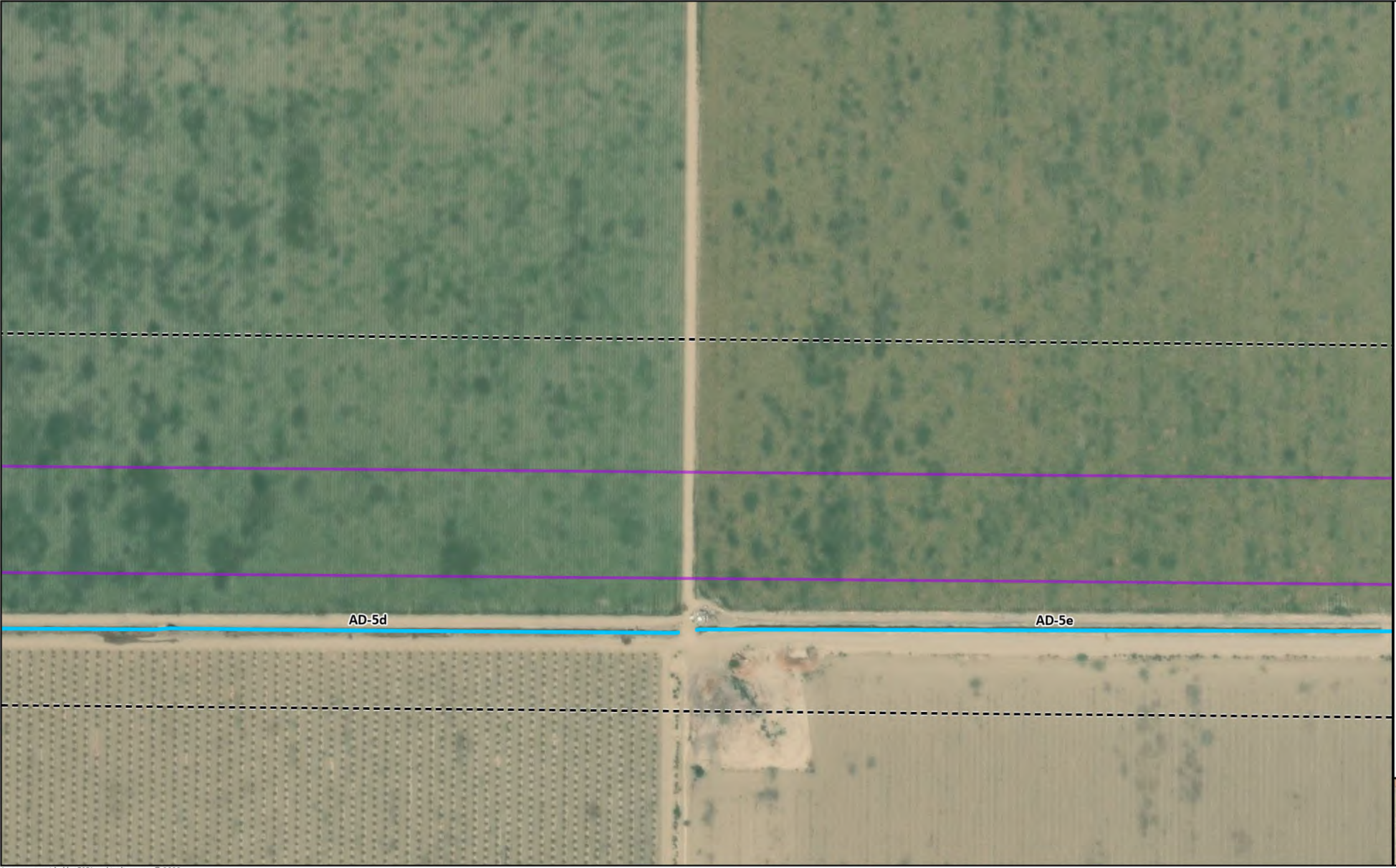
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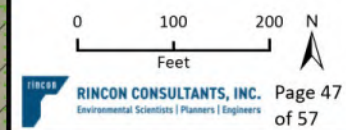
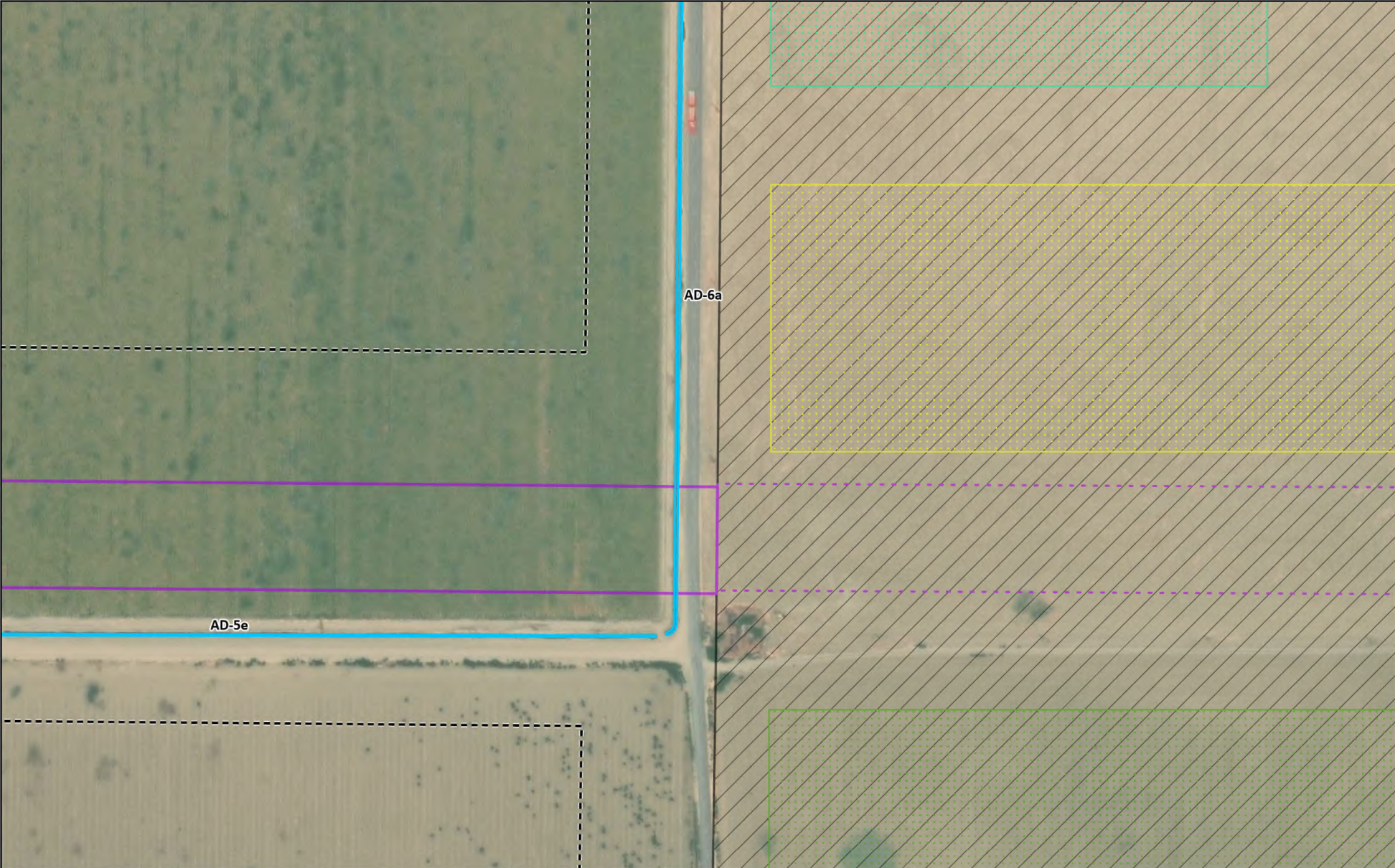




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  - Solar Facility
  - Gen-Tie Line ROW
  - Option 1**
    - Gen-Tie Line ROW Extension
  - Option 2**
    - BESS
    - Green Hydrogen Facility
    - Step-Up Substation









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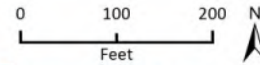
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
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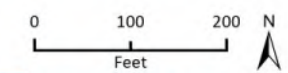
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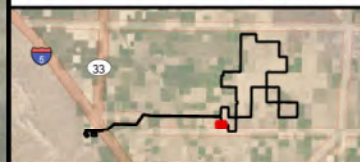
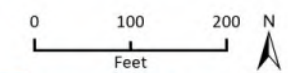
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
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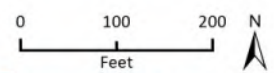
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
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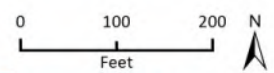
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
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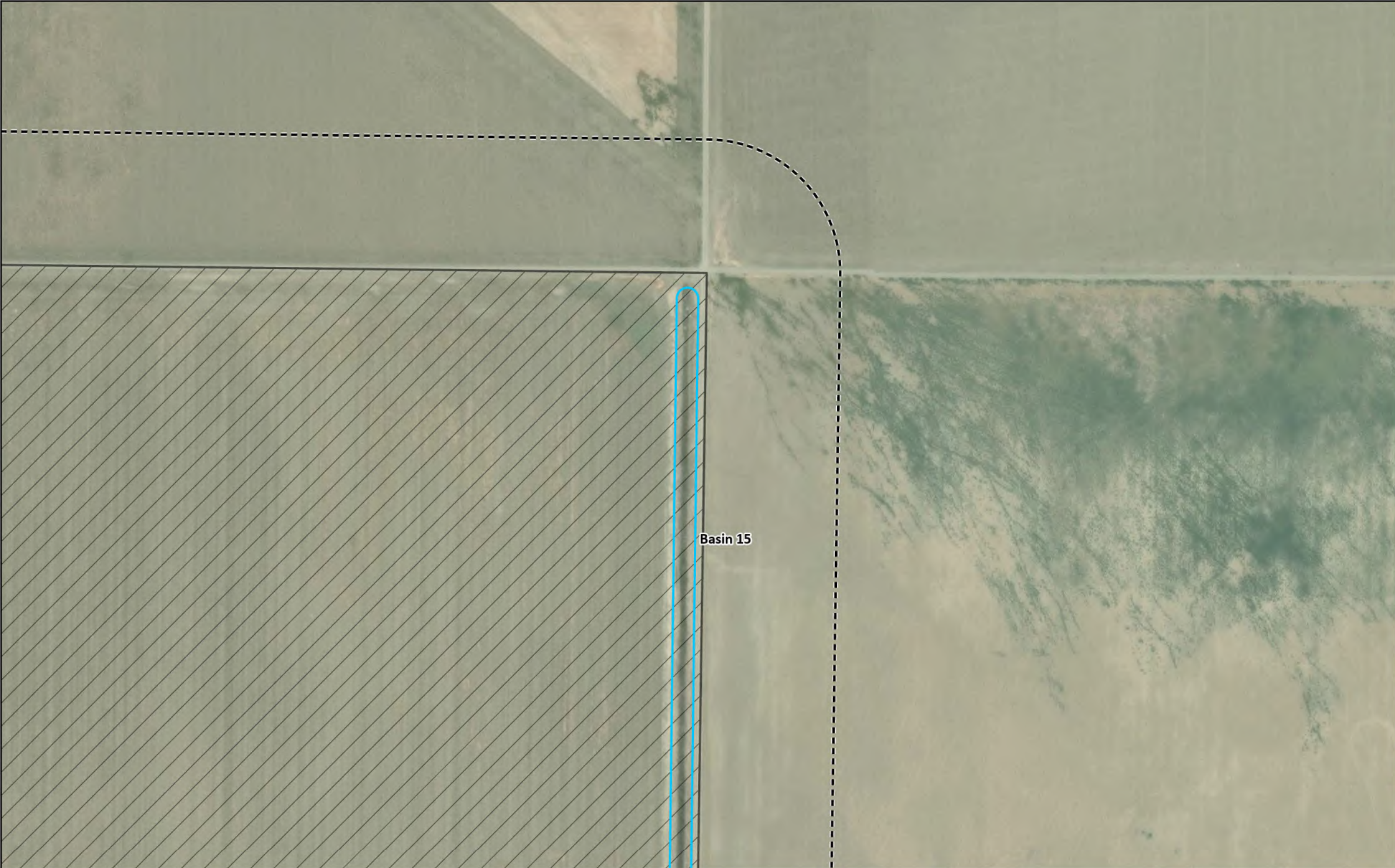
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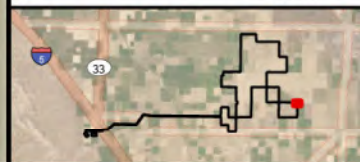
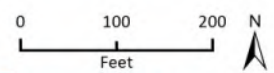
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
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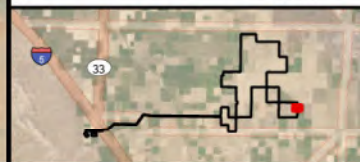
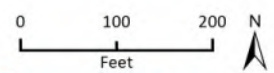
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
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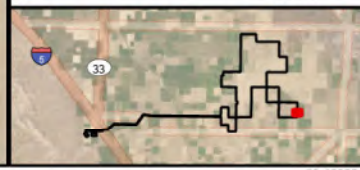
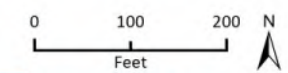
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
Basin 16






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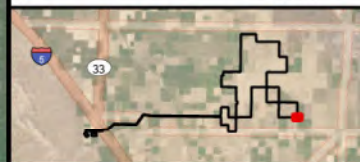
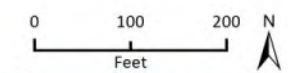
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 Jurisdictional Study Area (250-Foot Buffer)

 Non-Jurisdictional Feature

## Project Components

 Solar Facility





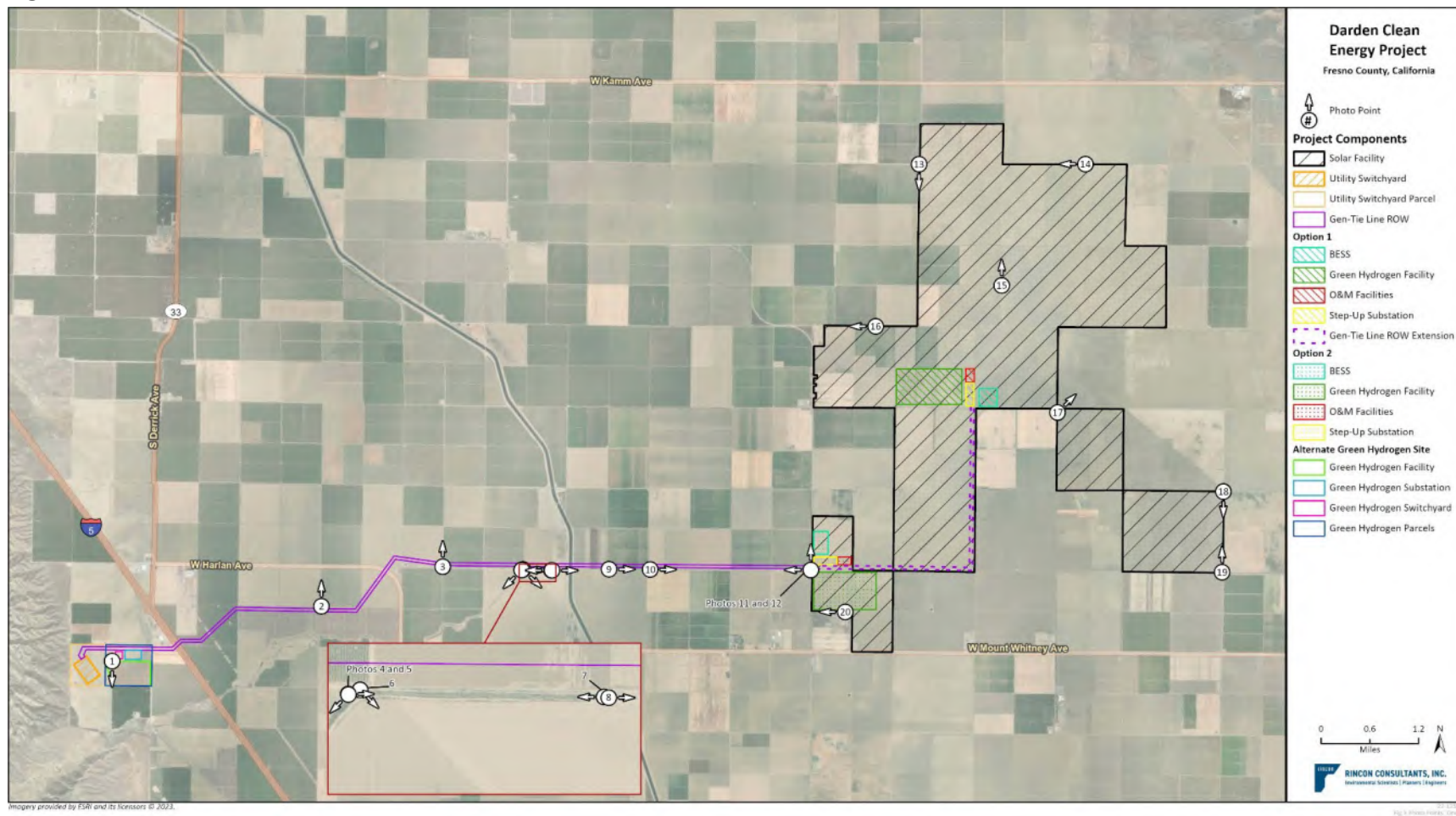
## Appendix Q-10

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Aquatic Resources Representative Photographs



Figure I-1 Photo Point Locations







**Photograph 1.** View southwest, Cantua Creek, Photo Point 6. The creek here is channelized between levees as it enters the gen-tie line ROW buffer area. Dominant hydrophytic vegetation in the channel is sandbar willow (*Salix exigua*) (FACW). Other vegetation on the banks includes annual sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*) (FACU), big saltbush (*Atriplex lentiformis*) (FACU), Russian thistle (*Salsola tragus*) (FACU), and tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*) (FAC).





**Photograph 2.** View east of Cantua Creek, on the south edge of the gen-tie line ROW buffer, Photo Point 4. The tree is a Fremont cottonwood (*Populus fremontii* subsp. *fremontii*) (FAC). An OHWM data sheet was prepared for Cantua Creek in the approximate location of this photograph and is attached in Appendix J.





**Photograph 3.** View south, Cantua Creek, Photo Point 5. Evidence of shelving indicating the OHWM. Other indicators include break in slope, scour, and sediment sorting.



**Photograph 4.** View west near the terminus of Cantua Creek, Photo Point 7. Here the creek bed meets the level of both adjacent fields, flow sinks into the ground, and the levees abruptly end.





**Photograph 5.** View east near the terminus of Cantua Creek, Photo Point 8. The line of vegetation in the center is primarily annual sunflower and Russian thistle and indicators of an OHWM as seen in Photos 1-3 are absent. The levee of the California Aqueduct is visible in the distance.





**Photograph 6.** View northeast, Basin 12, Photo Point 17. This basin is dominated by tule and cattails, with Goodding's willow (*Salix gooddingii*) (FACW) on the banks. Paired Wetland Sample Point Data Sheets SP1 (wetland) and SP2 (upland) were completed to characterize the vegetation at this basin and are attached in Appendix J. Soil pits were not dug due to inaccessible steep slopes; standing water and an abrupt change from hydrophytic to non-hydrophytic vegetation was observed. Adjacent to the west and connected via an under-road culvert is Basin 13, with a long and narrow L-shape and containing much the same vegetation. Both basins meet the three-parameter definition of a wetland with hydrophytic vegetation, presumed hydric soils, and hydrology. However, the basins are excavated in uplands and used and maintained for agricultural operations. Therefore, these basins are considered non-jurisdictional as isolated, manmade excavated features used for agriculture.





**Photograph 7.** View south, from north end of Basin 15, Photo Point 18. At this end, the basin was dry during the August survey and contained evidence of non-hydrophytic vegetation, though progressing south there appears to be a gradient of decreasing elevation where water remains longer, with evidence of dried hydrophytic vegetation such as curly dock (*Rumex crispus*) (FAC), small areas that were still saturated or had standing water with live curly dock and (*Polygonum* sp.), and a pool of standing water at the far end with several large Goodding's willows, seen in the distance in the photo. Evidence of a culvert connecting to Basin 16 to the south was not detectable and the basins show no evidence of flow. The NWI shows this basin, Basin 16, and Basin 17 (at the south end of Basin 16 and running east-west) as part of an extensive system to the east of the JSA and has these features mapped as R4SBc. However, there is no evidence these are channelized historically natural streams, no evidence they are connected, and no evidence of flow. While fallow at the time of the delineation site visit in August 2023, at the time of the reconnaissance site visit in December of 2022, the ditch and field seen on the right in the photo were barren dirt, with the exception of the Goodding's willows. As part of agricultural operations, these basins are considered non-jurisdictional.





**Photograph 8.** View north, from south end of Basin 16, Photo Point 19. Water was still present over a greater distance of this basin than Basin 16 with standing water in much of the south end. There is a small group of Goodding's willow near the center. This basin is in line with Basin 15 in Photograph 7; however, no culvert was detected and no connection could be established. As noted above, these basins were barren of vegetation in December of 2022, with the exception of the Goodding's willows. Basins 15, 16, and 17 are considered non-jurisdictional as they are for agricultural purposes.





**Photograph 9.** View south, AD-1, Photo Point 1. Typical of larger, primarily u-shape agricultural ditches with natural line on bank and slight erosion creating slope break where water enters the ditch. Average OHWM width is 8 feet. Ditch is non-jurisdictional as it is for agricultural purposes. An OHWM data sheet was prepared for this feature in the approximate location of center of this photograph and is attached in Appendix J.





**Photograph 10.** View North, AD-4, Photo Point 3. Top left of photo shows typical of v-ditch created to hold irrigation pipes. Average width at top is 3 feet. Many additional ditches of this type were not mapped as they are not intended to convey or hold water directly. They are frequently created and destroyed, do not meet the definition of waters, and would be non-jurisdictional as they are used for agricultural purposes.





**Photograph 11.** View east, AD-5, Photo Point 9. AD-5 is typical of trapezoidal ditches throughout the Project site. The average OHWM width is 3 feet, often widening somewhat at culverted crossings. By design the ditch has a bed and banks, other indicators include break in slope and natural line on bank. In some reaches the ditch is vegetated, here with Russian thistle and further west includes bearded sprangletop (*Leptochloa fusca* subsp. *fascicularis*) (NL) and other non-hydrophytic vegetation. This ditch was being actively maintained during the survey by a crew removing vegetation further to the east.





**Photograph 12.** View east, AD-5, Photo Point 10. AD-5 is on the left in the photo, parallel on the right is a pipe v-ditch with Russian thistle that has been removed to lay the pipe.



**Photograph 13.** View west, AD-5, Photo Point 12. View of typical culvert crossing of ditch AD-5. Average size of culverts is 30-inches.





**Photograph 14.** View north, AD-6, Photo Point 11. View at the intersection of West Harlan Avenue and South Sonoma Avenue. AD-6 has an average width of 5 feet and is connected to AD-5 through the culvert seen on the left. This section is also generally trapezoidal in shape, and a slope break can be seen on the bank near the center of the photo. Vegetation is Russian thistle and bearded sprangletop. AD-6 continues north along South Sonoma Avenue, within the 250 foot buffer of the Project site. AD-6 flows through a culvert into canal AC-1 approximately 0.5 miles north. AC-1 averages 40 feet in width and is connected on the north to AC-2, averaging 65 feet in width, which runs offsite. While supporting vegetation occasionally, these ditches and canals are maintained regularly and generally kept free of vegetation. An OHWM data sheet was prepared for this feature in the approximate location of the upper right of this photograph and is attached in Appendix J.





**Photograph 15.** View west, AD-8, Photo Point 16. Typical of small u-shaped ditches throughout the site. Average OHWM width is 2 feet. Non-jurisdictional as it is used for agricultural purposes.





**Photograph 16.** View east, AD-17, Photo Point 20. Ditch not currently in use for agriculture. The average width is 5 feet, approximately 80% vegetated though much of it is dead; All vegetation present is upland, primarily telegraph weed (*Heterotheca grandiflora*) (NL), annual sunflower, prickly lettuce (*Lactuca seriola*) (FACU), and big saltbush. No current hydrology and does not meet the definition of a wetland; non-jurisdictional. An OHWM data sheet was prepared for this feature in the approximate location of the upper center of this photograph and is attached in Appendix J.





**Photograph 17.** View north, AD-10, Photo Point 15. Large ditch not currently in use. Average width is 15 feet, dominated by annual sunflower and prickly lettuce. No current hydrology and does not meet the definition of a wetland; non-jurisdictional.



**Photograph 18.** View northwest, Basin 2, Photo Point 2. Typical small basin for agriculture, non-jurisdictional. Vegetation surrounding the basin is nonnative annual grass.





**Photograph 19.** View south, Basin 8, Photo Point 13. Typical larger basin in active use, average OHWM width is 45 feet, generally unvegetated.



**Photograph 20.** View south, Basin 9, Photo Point 14. Typical large basin not currently in use for agriculture. Average width is 30 ft, covered by nonnative annual grasses; this basin was unvegetated during the December 2022 reconnaissance survey. Other vegetation in similar basins include prickly lettuce and annual sunflower. No current hydrology and does not meet the definition of a wetland; non-jurisdictional.



# Appendix Q-11

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Delineation Data Sheet



# Arid West Ephemeral and Intermittent Streams OOHM Datasheet

**Project:** Darden Solar

**Project Number:** 22-12530

**Stream:** Contra Creek

**Investigator(s):** K. Asmus O. Rout

**Date:** 8/21/23

**Town:**

**Photo begin file#:**

**Time:**

**State:**

**Photo end file#:**

Y ☒ / N ☐ Do normal circumstances exist on the site?

Y ☒ / N ☐ Is the site significantly disturbed?

**Location Details:**

**Projection:**

**Datum:**

**Coordinates:**

**Potential anthropogenic influences on the channel system:**

Farming, berms

**Brief site description:**

Channel runs southwest to northeast, then east across orchard and low crop fields, eventually dissipating at the California Aqueduct

**Checklist of resources (if available):**

☒ Aerial photography

Dates:

☒ Topographic maps

☒ Geologic maps

☒ Vegetation maps

☒ Soils maps

☐ Rainfall/precipitation maps

☐ Existing delineation(s) for site

☒ Global positioning system (GPS)

☐ Other studies

☐ Stream gage data

Gage number:

Period of record:

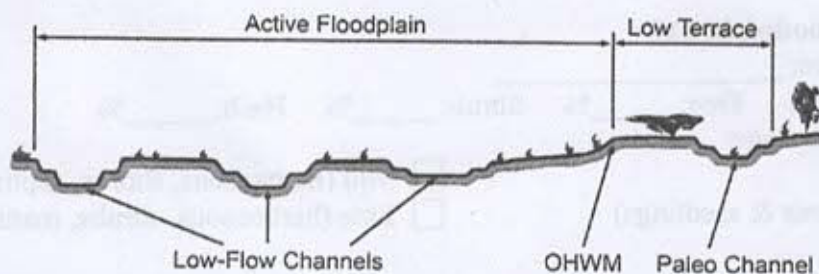
☐ History of recent effective discharges

☐ Results of flood frequency analysis

☐ Most recent shift-adjusted rating

☐ Gage heights for 2-, 5-, 10-, and 25-year events and the most recent event exceeding a 5-year event

## Hydrogeomorphic Floodplain Units



**Procedure for identifying and characterizing the floodplain units to assist in identifying the OHWM:**

1. Walk the channel and floodplain within the study area to get an impression of the geomorphology and vegetation present at the site.
2. Select a representative cross section across the channel. Draw the cross section and label the floodplain units.
3. Determine a point on the cross section that is characteristic of one of the hydrogeomorphic floodplain units.
  - a) Record the floodplain unit and GPS position.
  - b) Describe the sediment texture (using the Wentworth class size) and the vegetation characteristics of the floodplain unit.
  - c) Identify any indicators present at the location.
4. Repeat for other points in different hydrogeomorphic floodplain units across the cross section.
5. Identify the OHWM and record the indicators. Record the OHWM position via:

☒ Mapping on aerial photograph

☒ Digitized on computer

☒ GPS

☐ Other:



Project ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Cross section ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

### Cross section drawing:



### OHWM

GPS point: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Indicators:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in average sediment texture    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Break in bank slope    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in vegetation species          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Shelving</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in vegetation cover | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                      |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Floodplain unit:** ☒ Low-Flow Channel ☐ Active Floodplain ☐ Low Terrace

GPS point: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Characteristics of the floodplain unit:

Average sediment texture: silt and sand

Total veg cover: 5 % Tree: 0 % Shrub: 11 % Herb: 5 %

Community successional stage:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NA                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early (herbaceous & seedlings) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees) |

#### Indicators:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mudcracks                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil development                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ripples                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface relief                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drift and/or debris      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Sediment sorting</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presence of bed and bank | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benches                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                              |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



Project ID:

Cross section ID: 1

Date:

Time:

**Floodplain unit:**☐ Low-Flow Channel☒ Active Floodplain☐ Low Terrace

GPS point: \_\_\_\_\_

**Characteristics of the floodplain unit:**Average sediment texture: silt and sandoccasional cobble  
Some concrete slabs near top of bank/leveeTotal veg cover: 58 % Tree: 8 % Shrub: 15 % Herb: 25 %

Community successional stage:

☐ NA☐ Early (herbaceous & seedlings)☒ Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings)☐ Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees)**Indicators:**☐ Mudcracks☐ Ripples☒ Drift and/or debris☒ Presence of bed and bank☐ Benches☐ Soil development☒ Surface relief☒ Other: Erosion & scar☒ Other: Bank slough/undercut☒ Other: Bank cut**Comments:**

Cambria Creek is mapped in NWI as intermittent. Here on the site it is channelized between levees. Natural course appears to have been north into what is now an ag field. Sink is indicated in NHD and it does disappear into valley floor at east end of levees.

**Floodplain unit:**☐ Low-Flow Channel☐ Active Floodplain☐ Low Terrace

GPS point: \_\_\_\_\_

**Characteristics of the floodplain unit:**

Average sediment texture: \_\_\_\_\_

Total veg cover: \_\_\_\_\_ % Tree: \_\_\_\_\_ % Shrub: \_\_\_\_\_ % Herb: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Community successional stage:

☐ NA☐ Early (herbaceous & seedlings)☐ Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings)☐ Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees)**Indicators:**☐ Mudcracks☐ Ripples☐ Drift and/or debris☐ Presence of bed and bank☐ Benches☐ Soil development☐ Surface relief☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_**Comments:**



# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Arid West Region

Project/Site: Darden Solar City/County: Fresno County Sampling Date: 08/22/2023  
 Applicant/Owner: Intersect Power State: CA Sampling Point: SP1  
 Investigator(s): Kristin Asmus and Owen Routt Section, Township, Range: S12, T16S, R16E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Valley floor Local relief (concave, convex, none): Flat Slope (%): 0  
 Subregion (LRR): C Lat: 36.472507° Long: -120.192999° Datum: WGS 1984  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Tranquility, clay, saline-sodic, wet, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: PUBFx

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ☒ No ☐ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation ☐, Soil ☐, or Hydrology ☐ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ☒ No ☐  
 Are Vegetation ☐, Soil ☐, or Hydrology ☐ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Remarks:					

## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:	<u>1</u> (A)
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata:	<u>1</u> (B)
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:	<u>100</u> (A/B)
4. _____	_____	_____	_____		
			= Total Cover		
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)					
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b>	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	Total % Cover of:	Multiply by:
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	OBL species _____	x 1 = _____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	FACW species _____	x 2 = _____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	FAC species _____	x 3 = _____
			= Total Cover	FACU species _____	x 4 = _____
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>10x10ft</u> )					
1. <u>Typha latifolia</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>OBL</u>	UPL species _____	x 5 = _____
2. <u>Schoenoplectus actus</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>OBL</u>	Column Totals: _____	(A) _____ (B)
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	Prevalence Index = B/A = _____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b>	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dominance Test is >50%	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup>	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)	
			= Total Cover		
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)					
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b>	
			= Total Cover	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____			% Cover of Biotic Crust _____		

Remarks:

Feature is an approx. 2 acre agricultural basin with well-developed freshwater marsh with a narrow fringe of upland vegetation. Edge of wetland is visible by abrupt change in vegetation from OBL to UPL species.



## SOIL

Sampling Point: SP1

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## HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:		
Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)		Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) ( <b>Riverine</b> )
<input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Biotic Crust (B12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) ( <b>Riverine</b> )
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) ( <b>Riverine</b> )
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) ( <b>Nonriverine</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) ( <b>Nonriverine</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) ( <b>Nonriverine</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Crayfish Burrows (C8)
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
<input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3)
<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe)		<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:		
Remarks:		
Basin was full of water at the time of the survey in August.		



# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Arid West Region

Project/Site: Darden Solar City/County: Fresno County Sampling Date: 08/22/2023  
 Applicant/Owner: Intersect Power State: CA Sampling Point: SP2  
 Investigator(s): Kristin Asmus and Owen Routt Section, Township, Range: S12, T16S, R16E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Valley floor Local relief (concave, convex, none): Flat Slope (%): 0  
 Subregion (LRR): C Lat: 36.472512° Long: -120.192899° Datum: WGS 1984  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Tranquility, clay, saline-sodic, wet, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: N/A  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ☒ No ☐ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation ☐, Soil ☐, or Hydrology ☐ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ☐ No ☒  
 Are Vegetation ☐, Soil ☐, or Hydrology ☐ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Remarks:			

## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>10x10 ft</u> )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>1</u> (A)  Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>4</u> (B)  Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>25</u> (A/B)
1. <u>Tamarix parviflora</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FAC</u>	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B)  Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> ___ Dominance Test is >50% ___ Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> ___ Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain)  <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: <u>10x10ft</u> )				
1. <u>Atriplex lentiformis</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
2. <u>Helianthus annuus</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
3. <u>Salsola tragus</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>FACU</u>	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. <u>Lactuca seriola</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum <u>5</u> % Cover of Biotic Crust _____				

Remarks:

Upland paired point with SP1. Feature is an approx. 2 acre agricultural basin with well-developed freshwater marsh with a narrow fringe of upland vegetation. Edge of wetland is visible by abrupt change in vegetation from OBL to FACU species.



## SOIL

Sampling Point: SP2

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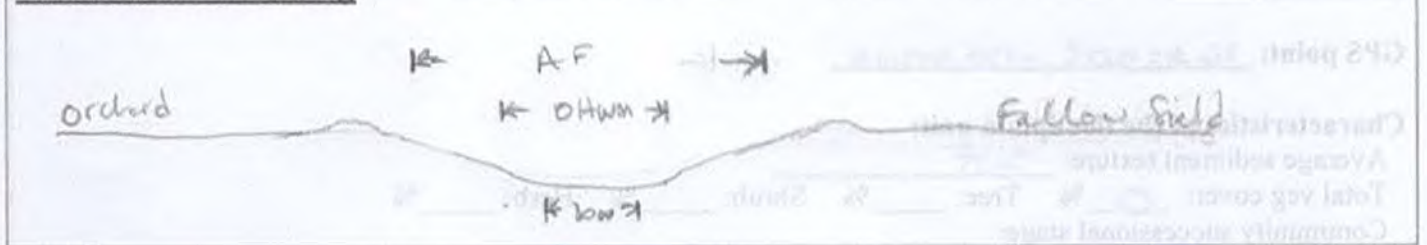
## HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:		
Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)		Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) ( <b>Riverine</b> )
<input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Biotic Crust (B12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) ( <b>Riverine</b> )
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) ( <b>Riverine</b> )
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:		
Remarks: Data point is paired upland to SP1, near top of basin sides.		



Project ID:                      Cross section ID: 3 Date:                      Time:                     

**Cross section drawing:**



**OHWM**

GPS point: 36.425018, -120.402135

**Indicators:**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in average sediment texture | <input type="checkbox"/> Break in bank slope                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in vegetation species       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Natural line on bank</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in vegetation cover         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>                    </u>            |

**Comments:**

Active agricultural ditch, wide U-shape, unvegetated

**Floodplain unit:** ☒ Low-Flow Channel ☐ Active Floodplain ☐ Low Terrace

GPS point: 36.425019, -120.402127

**Characteristics of the floodplain unit:**

Average sediment texture: silt  
 Total veg cover: 0 % Tree:              % Shrub:              % Herb:              %  
 Community successional stage:  
☒ NA ☐ Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings)  
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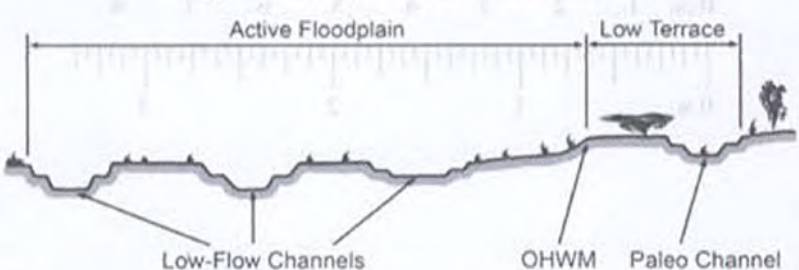
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Benches                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>                    </u> |

**Comments:**



# Arid West Ephemeral and Intermittent Streams OTHM Datasheet

<b>Project:</b> <i>Barden Solar</i> <b>Project Number:</b> <i>22-12530</i> <b>Stream:</b> <i>N/A</i> <b>Investigator(s):</b> <i>K. ASMUS</i>	<b>Date:</b> <i>8/21/2023</i> <b>Time:</b> <b>Town:</b> <i>N/A Fresno</i> <b>State:</b> <i>CA</i> <b>Photo begin file#:</b> <i>County</i> <b>Photo end file#:</b>				
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Project ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Cross section ID: 3 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Floodplain unit:** ☐ Low-Flow Channel ☒ Active Floodplain ☐ Low Terrace

GPS point: 36.4125022, -120.402146

**Characteristics of the floodplain unit:**

Average sediment texture: Silt

Total veg cover: 0 % Tree: \_\_\_\_\_ % Shrub: \_\_\_\_\_ % Herb: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Community successional stage:

- ☒ NA ☐ Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings)  
☐ Early (herbaceous & seedlings) ☐ Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees)

**Indicators:**

- ☐ Mudcracks ☐ Soil development  
☐ Ripples ☐ Surface relief  
☐ Drift and/or debris ☒ Other: trace of small berm  
☐ Presence of bed and bank ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Benches ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**Floodplain unit:** ☐ Low-Flow Channel ☐ Active Floodplain ☐ Low Terrace

GPS point: \_\_\_\_\_

**Characteristics of the floodplain unit:**

Average sediment texture: \_\_\_\_\_

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Community successional stage:

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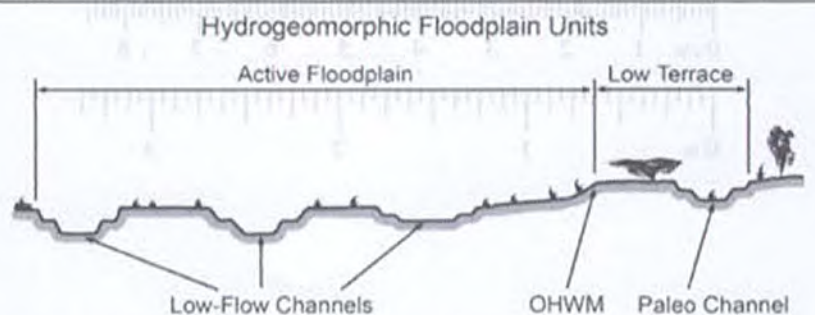
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Comments:



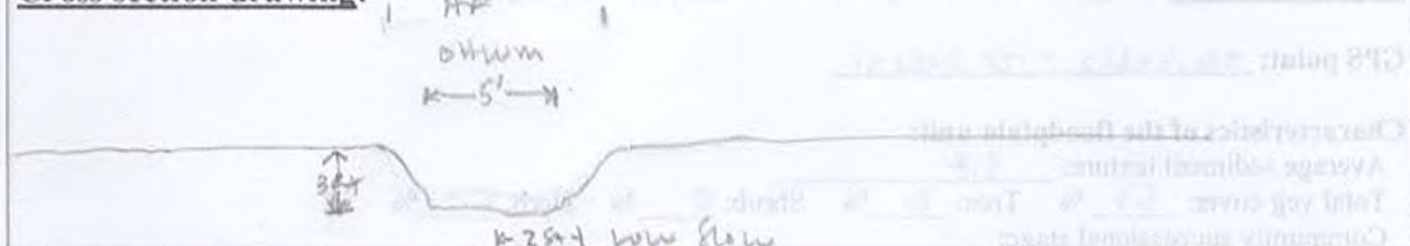
# Arid West Ephemeral and Intermittent Streams OHW M Datasheet

<b>Project:</b> Darden Solar <b>Project Number:</b> 22-12530 <b>Stream:</b> N/A <b>Investigator(s):</b> K. HENUS	<b>Date:</b> 8/22/23 <b>Town:</b> N/A <b>Photo begin file#:</b> <b>Time:</b> <b>State:</b> CA <b>Photo end file#:</b>				
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Project ID: Darden Cross section ID: 2 Date: 8/22/23 Time:

**Cross section drawing:**



**OHWM**

GPS point: 36.443649, -120.248021

**Indicators:**

- ☐ Change in average sediment texture  
☐ Change in vegetation species  
☐ Change in vegetation cover

☒ Break in bank slope

☐ Other:

☐ Other:

**Comments:**

Sediment texture is silt. Active ditch w/ some veg, trapezoidal shape  
Veg is *Leptochloa fusca* below, *Salsola tragus* above OHWM  
30% cover 40% cover

**Floodplain unit:**

☒ Low-Flow Channel

☐ Active Floodplain

☐ Low Terrace

GPS point: 36.443649, -120.248011

**Characteristics of the floodplain unit:**

Average sediment texture: silt

Total veg cover: 50 % Tree: 0 % Shrub: 0 % Herb: 50 %

Community successional stage:

☐ NA

☒ Early (herbaceous & seedlings)

☐ Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings)

☐ Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees)

**Indicators:**

☐ Mudcracks

☐ Ripples

☐ Drift and/or debris

☒ Presence of bed and bank

☐ Benches

☐ Soil development

☐ Surface relief

☒ Other: wetted channel, spring water

☐ Other:

☐ Other:

**Comments:**



Project ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Cross section ID: 2 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Floodplain unit:** ☐ Low-Flow Channel ☒ Active Floodplain ☐ Low Terrace

GPS point: 36.44852, -120.248031

**Characteristics of the floodplain unit:**

Average sediment texture: silt

Total veg cover: 50 % Tree: 0 % Shrub: 0 % Herb: 50 %

Community successional stage:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early (herbaceous & seedlings) | <input type="checkbox"/> Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees) |

**Indicators:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mudcracks                | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil development   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ripples                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Surface relief   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drift and/or debris      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Ditch dug in active agriculture</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of bed and bank | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benches                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |

Comments:

**Floodplain unit:** ☐ Low-Flow Channel ☐ Active Floodplain ☐ Low Terrace

GPS point: \_\_\_\_\_

**Characteristics of the floodplain unit:**

Average sediment texture: \_\_\_\_\_

Total veg cover: \_\_\_\_\_ % Tree: \_\_\_\_\_ % Shrub: \_\_\_\_\_ % Herb: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Community successional stage:

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Comments:



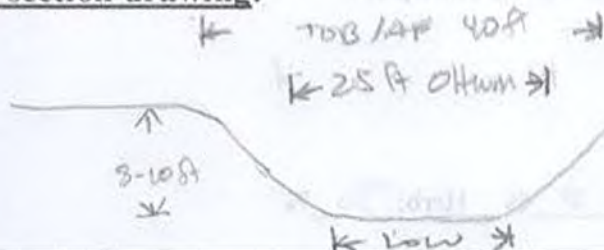
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<b>Project:</b> <i>Darlen Solar</i> <b>Project Number:</b> <i>22-12530</i> <b>Stream:</b> <b>Investigator(s):</b> <i>K. Asmus</i>		<b>Date:</b> <i>4/22/2023</i> <b>Time:</b> <b>Town:</b> <i>Yuma County</i> <b>State:</b> <i>CA</i> <b>Photo begin file#:</b> <b>Photo end file#:</b>					
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<b>Potential anthropogenic influences on the channel system:</b> <i>Active agriculture</i>							
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Project ID: 22-12530 Cross section ID: 4 Date: 08/22/23 Time:

**Cross section drawing:**



**OHWM**

GPS point: 36.458333, -120.157145

**Indicators:**

- ☐ Change in average sediment texture  
☐ Change in vegetation species  
☐ Change in vegetation cover

☒ Break in bank slope

☐ Other:

☐ Other:

**Comments:**

Basin covered in non native annual grasses, same as adjacent field to west. Grapes in field on east

**Floodplain unit:**

☒ Low-Flow Channel

☐ Active Floodplain

☐ Low Terrace

GPS point: 36.458352, -120.157114

**Characteristics of the floodplain unit:**

Average sediment texture: silt

Total veg cover: 80 % Tree: 0 % Shrub: 0 % Herb: 80 %

**Community successional stage:**

☐ NA

☒ Early (herbaceous & seedlings)

☐ Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings)

☐ Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees)

**Indicators:**

☐ Mudcracks

☐ Ripples

☐ Drift and/or debris

☐ Presence of bed and bank

☐ Benches

☐ Soil development

☒ Surface relief

☒ Other:

☐ Other:

☐ Other:

**Comments:**



Project ID: 22-12530 Cross section ID: 4 Date: 08/22/23 Time:

**Floodplain unit:** ☐ Low-Flow Channel ☒ Active Floodplain ☐ Low Terrace

GPS point: 36.458339, -120.157127

**Characteristics of the floodplain unit:**

Average sediment texture: Silt

Total veg cover: 70 % Tree: 0 % Shrub: 0 % Herb: 70 %

Community successional stage:

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☒ Early (herbaceous & seedlings) ☐ Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees)

**Indicators:**

- ☐ Mudcracks ☐ Soil development  
☐ Ripples ☐ Surface relief  
☐ Drift and/or debris ☒ Other: Top of bank of basin  
☐ Presence of bed and bank ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Benches ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

**Floodplain unit:** ☐ Low-Flow Channel ☐ Active Floodplain ☐ Low Terrace

GPS point: \_\_\_\_\_

**Characteristics of the floodplain unit:**

Average sediment texture: \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments: