



REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

501 Taft Highway
Bakersfield, California

TUESDAY, June 7, 2022

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM

12:00PM

CLOSED SESSION:

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Closed Session Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1):
 - 1. SWRCB Kern River
 - 2. Rosedale Rio Bravo Water Storage District, et al. v. Kern County Water Agency, et al.

- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation – Closed Session Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(4):
 - 1. One Matter

REGULAR SESSION:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC

- I. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Members of the public may address the Board of Directors on any matter not on the agenda, but absent extraordinary circumstances, the Board may not act on such matters. Members of the public may address items of interest that are listed on the agenda prior to the Board's decision on such items.)

- II. **MANAGER'S REPORT** (The General Manager will discuss, and the Board will consider various items and issues relating to the ongoing and future operations of the District which are of interest to the Board)
 - A. Verbal
 - B. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 17, 2022.
 - B. Sunset Groundwater Banking Project:
 - i. Review of Phase II Final Design.
 - ii. Authorization to Solicit Bids for the Construction of Phase II.

- III. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** (This item provides Board Members with an opportunity to make announcements or provide general comments.)

- IV. **ADJOURN**

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Tab II





**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

May 17, 2022

TUESDAY, May 17, 2022, 12:07PM– 2:29PM

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Palla, Kaiser, Antongiovanni, Tillema, Garone, Spitzer, and Fanucchi.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Collins and Mendonca.

STAFF PRESENT: General Manager Teglia, Water Resources Manager Mulkay, Assistant General Manager Bellue, General Counsel Iger, Controller Duncan, Hydrographer Hyatt, and Groundwater Manager Marquez.

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

CLOSED SESSION DECLARED AT 12:07PM

President Palla called to order the Closed Session of the Kern Delta Board of Directors at 12:07PM regarding the following agenda items:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Closed Session Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1):

1. SWRCB Kern River

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation – Closed Session Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(4):

1. Two Matters

Closed Session concluded at 1:00PM.

REGULAR SESSION DECLARED AT 1:02PM

President Palla called to order the Regular Session of the Kern Delta Board of Directors at 1:02PM.

Closed Session Report: District General Counsel Iger reported the following:

Item A: No reportable action.

Item B: No reportable action.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC

None.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S/C (Spitzer/Garone) (yes-7, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Directors Collins and Mendonca absent, the Board approved and authorized items II A through II C of the Consent Calendar as presented.

- A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of May 3, 2022.
- B. Approval of the April/May District Construction and Water Banking Project(s) Disbursements.
- C. Approval of the April/May District Disbursements.

III. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

A. Business & Finance Committee – May 12, 2022: District Controller Duncan provided a report from the May Business & Finance Committee Meeting.

A(i). Approval of April 2022 Financial Reports: Mr. Duncan presented the April 2022 District and Water Banking Project(s) Financial Statements, Treasurer’s Reports, and District Delinquency Report.

M/S/C (Antongiovanni/Tillema) (yes-7, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Directors Collins and Mendonca absent, the Board approved the April 2022 District and Water Banking Project(s) Financial Statements, Treasurer’s Reports, and Delinquency Report as presented.

B. Approval of Three-Year Service Agreement with Brown Armstrong for annual audit services in an amount not to exceed \$66,000 for the three-year term (\$22,000 per year): Mr. Duncan presented the three-year agreement with Brown Armstrong for the District’s annual audit. Staff and the Business and Finance Committee recommended the Board approve the agreement as presented. Note: per discussion at the Business and Finance Committee, staff will allocate any audit related costs associated with auditing the Sunset Banking Project to that fund.

M/S/C (Antongiovanni/Fanucchi) (yes-7, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Directors Collins and Mendonca absent, the Board approved the Three-Year Service Agreement with Brown Armstrong for annual audit services in an amount not to exceed \$66,000 for the three-year term (\$22,000 per year) as presented.

IV. OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS

A. & A(ii-vi). Operations and Projects Committee – May 3, 2022: Assistant General Manager Bellue briefly reported on the May Operations and Projects Committee meeting. Mr. Bellue’s update included District maintenance activities, recent encroachment permit requests, pending development projects impacting District facilities, and status updates related to both the Sunset and Old River Groundwater Banking projects. In addition, Mr. Bellue briefly discussed the status of developing a potential intertie connection between Kern Delta and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District.

A(i)(a). Approval of updated Branch 1 Canal Easement at Planz Road: Mr. Bellue provided a brief explanation of the updated Branch 1 Canal Easement at Planz Road, which was provided in the Board packet.

M/S/C (Spitzer/Fanucchi) (yes-7, no-0): By unanimous vote, with Directors Collins and Mendonca absent, the Board approved the updated Branch 1 Canal Easement as presented.

V. WATER RESOURCES REPORT

A. - A(i-ii). District Watermaster Report: Staff reviewed and discussed the water supplies of the District for the month of April and early May. Approximately 14,177 acre-feet of water was delivered in District during April. Staff also provided information related to current precipitation totals and future forecasts. The current State Water Project allocation has been reduced to 5% and the current B-120 forecast for Kern River runoff is estimated at 20%-23% of average for April through July. It was noted that the Kern River estimates will be updated weekly, and lack of precipitation will drive the river runoff forecast down. Staff also advised the Board that a revised proration letter will be sent out to District growers.

B. - B(i). Kern River Watermaster Report: The May Kern River Watermaster Report and Isabella construction update, provided by the Army Corps of Engineers, was included in the Board packet.

C. District Groundwater Manager Report: Groundwater Manager Marquez provided graphical information regarding depth to groundwater at various monitoring locations throughout the District.

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Mr. Teglia provided a brief verbal report regarding a recent discussion he had with a representative of the City of Bakersfield who was inquiring about a potential project involving the Kern Island Canal between 4th and 6th Streets. Mr. Teglia conveyed that the inquiry was related to the development of a new Senior Center in the area. Mr. Teglia reported he conveyed to the City that any project involving the Kern Island Canal will be complex and require the approval of the District

B. External Agency Report: Mr. Teglia provided verbal comments supplementing a memorandum included in the Board package which provided information on the meetings and activities of various external agencies. These agencies include, but are not limited to, the Kern County Water Agency (including the status of the Delta Conveyance Project and Contract Extension), Kern Fan Authority, Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority, Kern Groundwater Authority, Kern River Groundwater Sustainability Agency, the South Valley Water Resources Authority, the Water Association of Kern County, and the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

B(i-ii). Mr. Teglia provided a brief update regarding SGMA activities in the Kern Subbasin as well as a reminder regarding the Water Association of Kern County's 2022 Water Summit.

C. Water Banking Projects Report: Mr. Teglia provided verbal comments supplementing a memorandum included in the Board package which provided information on water banking project activity on the Kern Fan. Mr. Teglia also conveyed that the District will be recovering previously banked MET and SBVMWD water and returning regulated water back to both agencies via exchange in 2022.

VII. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

A – A(i). Board Vacancies: General Counsel Iger presented the Board with a notice of intent to appoint Directors to fill Board vacancies that will be sent to the County Elections Official as required by statute. The two Board vacancies are for Division 2 (due to the resignation of Director Kaiser, effective May 18, 2022) and Division 8 (due to the prolonged absence of Director Collins).

B. VAWC Legislative Update: the most current Valley Ag Water Coalition Legislative Update memorandum was provided to the Board.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Palla adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:29PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



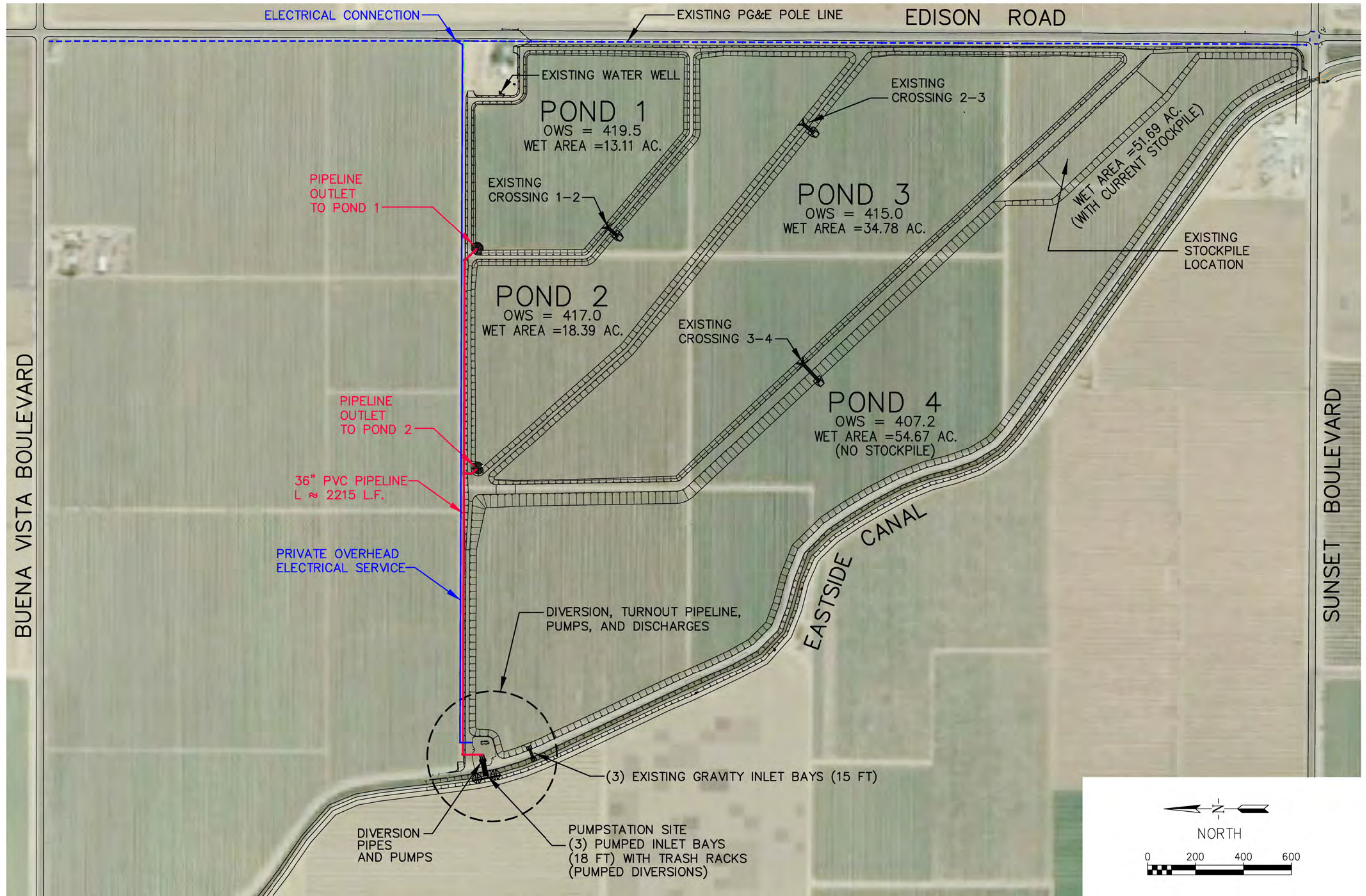
Steven Teglia, General Manager

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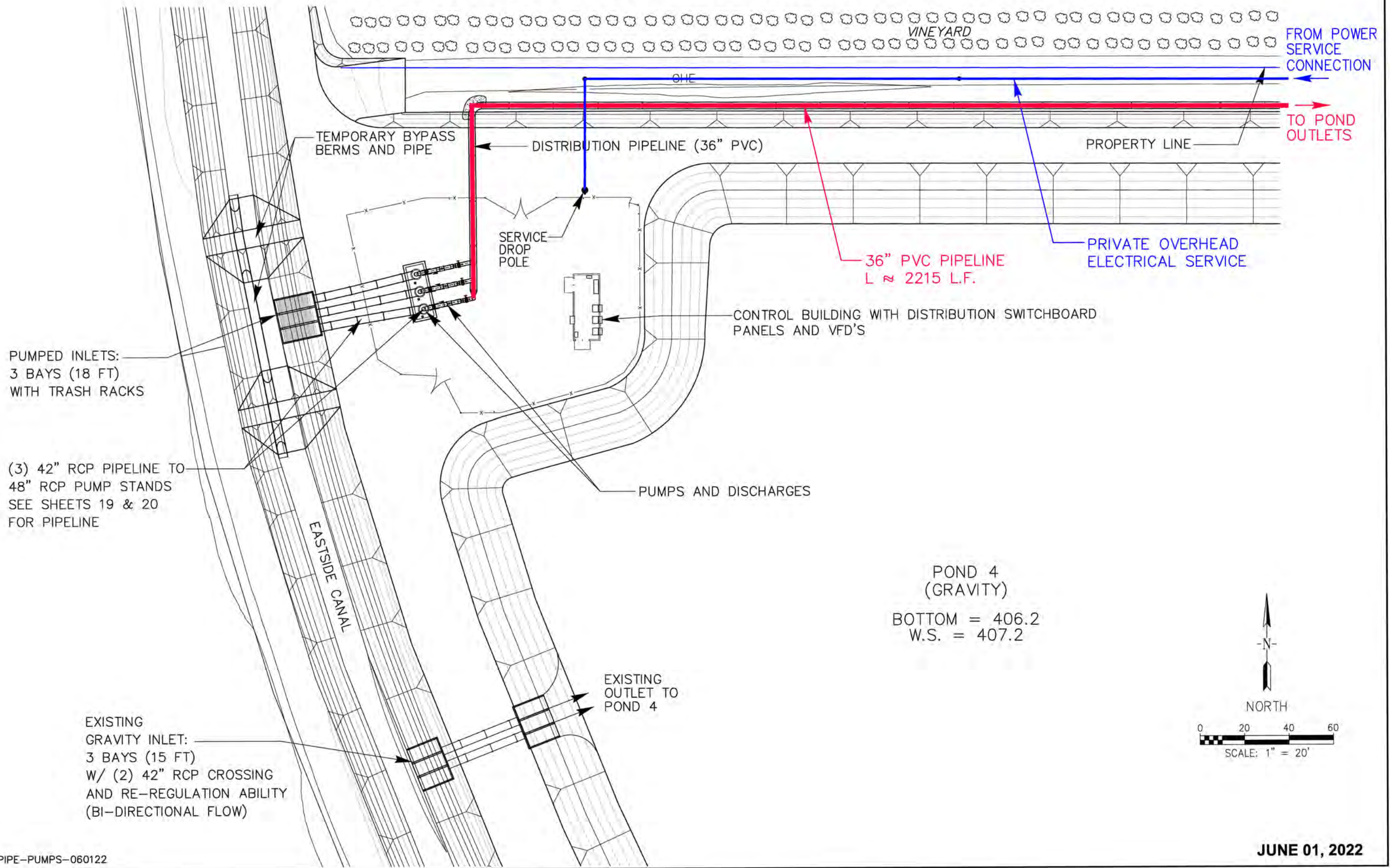


Richard Tillema, Board Secretary

SUNSET RECHARGE PUMP STATION & PIPELINE



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PUMPED INLETS:
3 BAYS (18 FT)
WITH TRASH RACKS

(3) 42" RCP PIPELINE TO
48" RCP PUMP STANDS
SEE SHEETS 19 & 20
FOR PIPELINE

EXISTING
GRAVITY INLET:
3 BAYS (15 FT)
W/ (2) 42" RCP CROSSING
AND RE-REGULATION ABILITY
(BI-DIRECTIONAL FLOW)

EASTSIDE CANAL

TEMPORARY BYPASS
BERMS AND PIPE

DISTRIBUTION PIPELINE (36" PVC)

SERVICE
DROP
POLE

CONTROL BUILDING WITH DISTRIBUTION SWITCHBOARD
PANELS AND VFD'S

PUMPS AND DISCHARGES

EXISTING
OUTLET TO
POND 4

POND 4
(GRAVITY)
BOTTOM = 406.2
W.S. = 407.2

36" PVC PIPELINE
L ≈ 2215 L.F.

PRIVATE OVERHEAD
ELECTRICAL SERVICE

PROPERTY LINE

VINEYARD

FROM POWER
SERVICE
CONNECTION

TO POND
OUTLETS

