
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL ORDER NO. R5-2020-0048, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION OF THE WESTERN PLACER COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT, PLACER PARKWAY PHASE 1 PROJECT (WDID#5A31CR00534-040), PLACER COUNTY

On 18 June 2020, Placer County Department of Public Works (Permittee) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) General Order R5-2020-0048, Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification of the Western Placer County Habitat Conservation Plan Programmatic General Permit.

The Central Valley Water Board has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds the Placer Parkway Phase 1 Project (Project) meets the eligibility requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, General Order R5-2020-0048. You may proceed with your Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of General Order R5-2020-0048 can be found on the [Central Valley Water Board's Adopted Orders webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/5a31cr00534.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/5a31cr00534.pdf).

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of General Order R5-2020-0048. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with General Order R5-2020-0048 constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 96.20-acre Project consists of the extension of freeway access at State Route (SR) 65 with the construction of a new roadway connection west to Foothills Boulevard North. Improvements will be made to the SR 65/Whitney Ranch Parkway/Placer Parkway

interchange to create a standard L-9 interchange. Auxiliary lanes will be required on SR 65 in both directions between SR 65/Whitney Ranch Parkway/Placer Parkway interchange and the SR 65/Sunset Boulevard interchange to enhance traffic operations. Between Twelve Bridges and Placer Parkway/Whitney Ranch Parkway, the Project includes 1,400-foot northbound and 1,000-foot southbound auxiliary lanes.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include impacts to waters from construction of auxiliary lanes. The Project will temporarily impact 0.10 acre of ditch and 0.05 acre of wetland swale and permanently impact 0.02 acre of ephemeral channel, 0.02 acre of intermittent channel, 0.29 acre of ditch, 0.17 acre of depressional seasonal wetland, 1.00 acre of vernal pool, and 0.84 acre of wetland swale. Temporarily impacted areas will be restored to pre-Project condition.

PROJECT TYPE:

Roads and Highways

ADDITIONAL CONDITION:

The Applicant shall obtain coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ, as amended for discharges to surface waters comprised of storm water associated with construction activity, including, but not limited to, demolition, clearing, grading, excavations, and other land disturbance activities of one or more acres, or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project begins at SR 65 in Placer County between Sunset Boulevard and Twelve Bridges Drive and terminates 1.4 miles to the southwest at Foothills Boulevard North.

Section 3, 4, and 5, Township 11 North, Range 6 East, MDB&M

Latitude: 38°49'53.69" and Longitude: -121°18'13.17"

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Project construction is expected to begin April 2026 and end October 2027.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application from 11 July 2025 to 1 August 2025. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

COMPENSATORY MITIGATION

To mitigate for the loss of 0.02 acre of ephemeral channel, 0.02 acre of intermittent channel, 0.29 acre of ditch, 0.17 acre of depressional seasonal wetland, 1.00 acre of vernal pool, and 0.84 acre of wetland swale, the Permittee shall purchase a minimum of 1.52 vernal pool complex, 1.50 vernal pool, and 0.50 riverine with riparian credits from the Western Placer County In-Lieu Fee Program for the impacted watershed prior to

commencing construction. The Permittee shall provide evidence of purchase of In-Lieu Fee Program credits to the Central Valley Water Board prior to commencing construction. At a minimum, compensatory mitigation must achieve a ratio of 1.5:1 for permanent impacts. Compensatory mitigation must comply with the effective policy, which ensures no overall net loss of wetlands for impacts to waters of the state, at the time of Certification.

Evidence of compliance with compensatory mitigation requirements includes providing a letter from the in-lieu fee recipient. The letter must: a) be on the in-lieu fee recipient's letterhead; b) be signed by an authorized representative of the in-lieu fee recipient; c) indicate the United States Army Corps of Engineers' SPK number; d) describe the Project name and location; and e) detail the type of in-lieu fees paid for the Project's impacts.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$90,856.00 was received on 27 June 2025. The remaining application fee balance of \$2,629.00 was received on 21 August 2025.

The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), and was calculated as A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

PROJECT SPECIFIC AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES:

The proposed Project will comply with all applicable measures identified within Master Conditions on Covered Activities Checklist, submitted as Attachment 1 of the application. The Applicant will implement the Avoidance and Minimization Measures (AMMs) and construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) outlined in the County Aquatic Resource Program (CARP) document, the Habitat Conservation Program/Natural Community Conservation Program (HCP/NCCP) document, and General Order No. 5 R5-2020-0048.

WATER QUALITY MONITORING:

The Project will comply with Section XIV.B. of the Western Placer County Habitat Conservation Program/Natural Communities Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP) Programmatic General Permit (PGP).

PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with California Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this NOA, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this NOA falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Links to the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the [Water Quality Petitions Page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality) or will be provided upon request."

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Carter Cook by phone at (916) 464-4699 or by email at Carter.Cook@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters for:
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Executive Officer

Enclosure: General Order R5-2020-0048, *Waste Discharge Requirements and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification of the Western Placer County Habitat Conservation Plan Programmatic General Permit*

Attachments: Figures 1-12 –Aquatic Resource and Immediate Watershed Impacts

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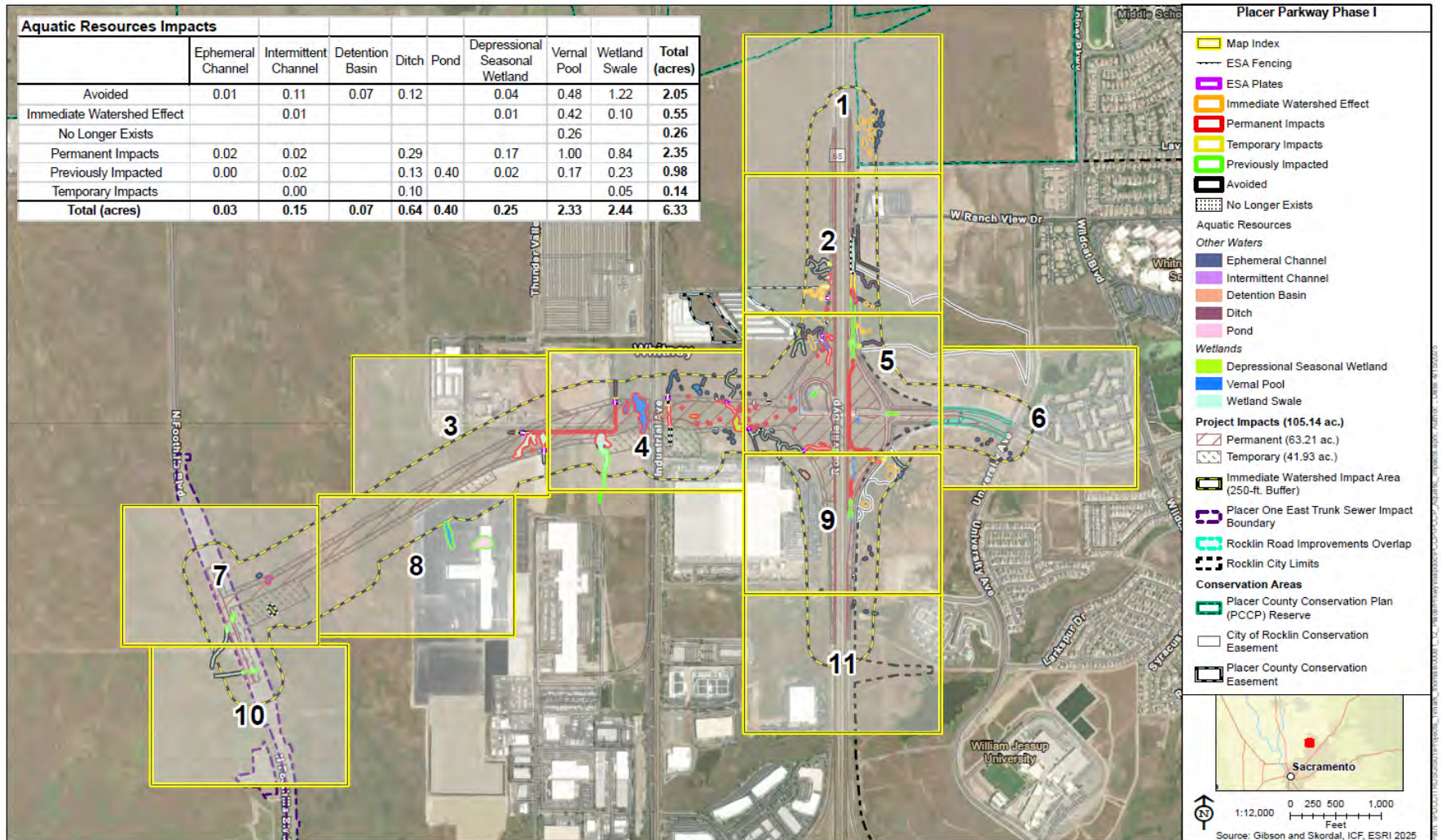
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Figure 1: Aquatic Resource and Immediate Watershed Impacts



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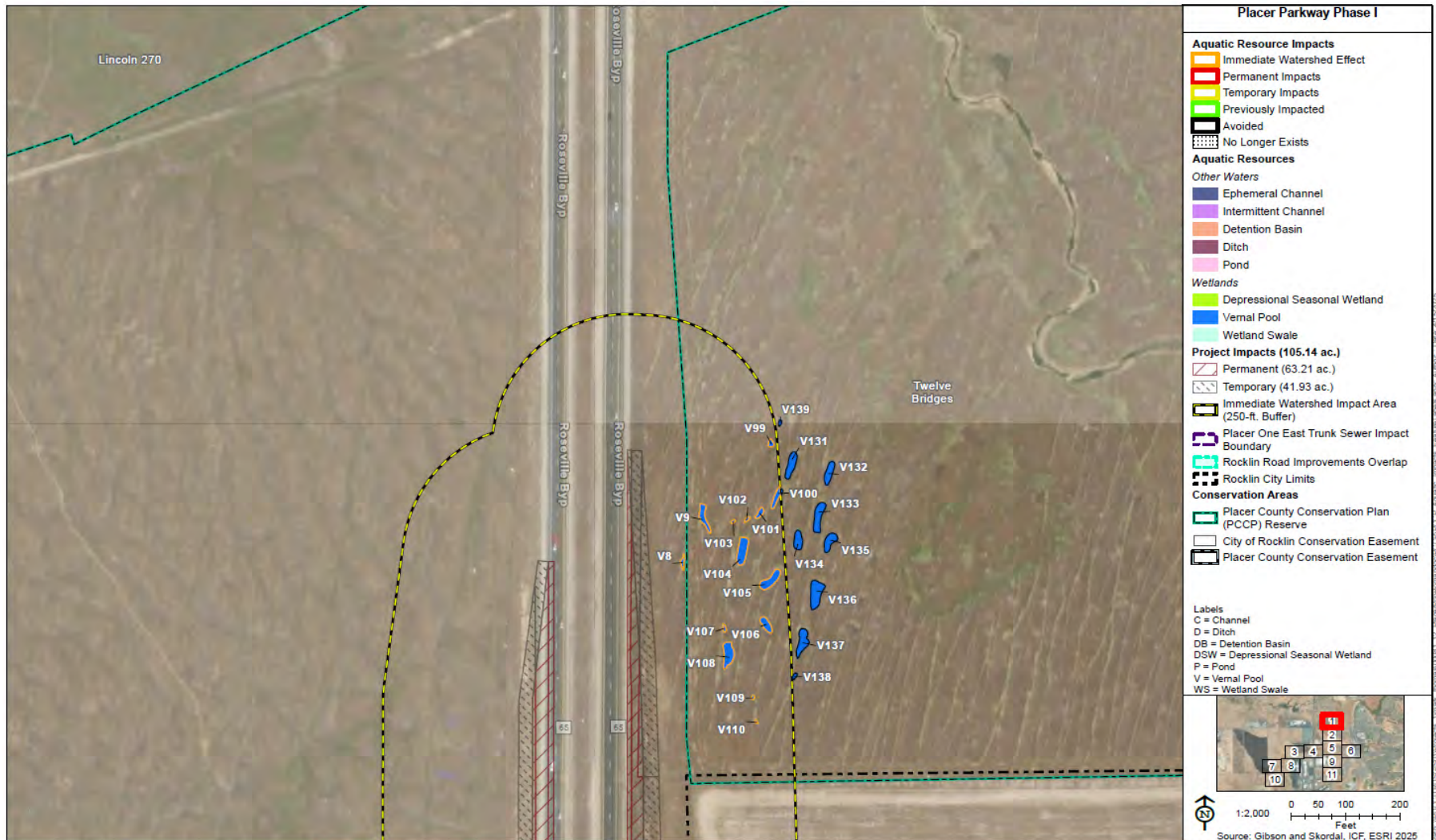


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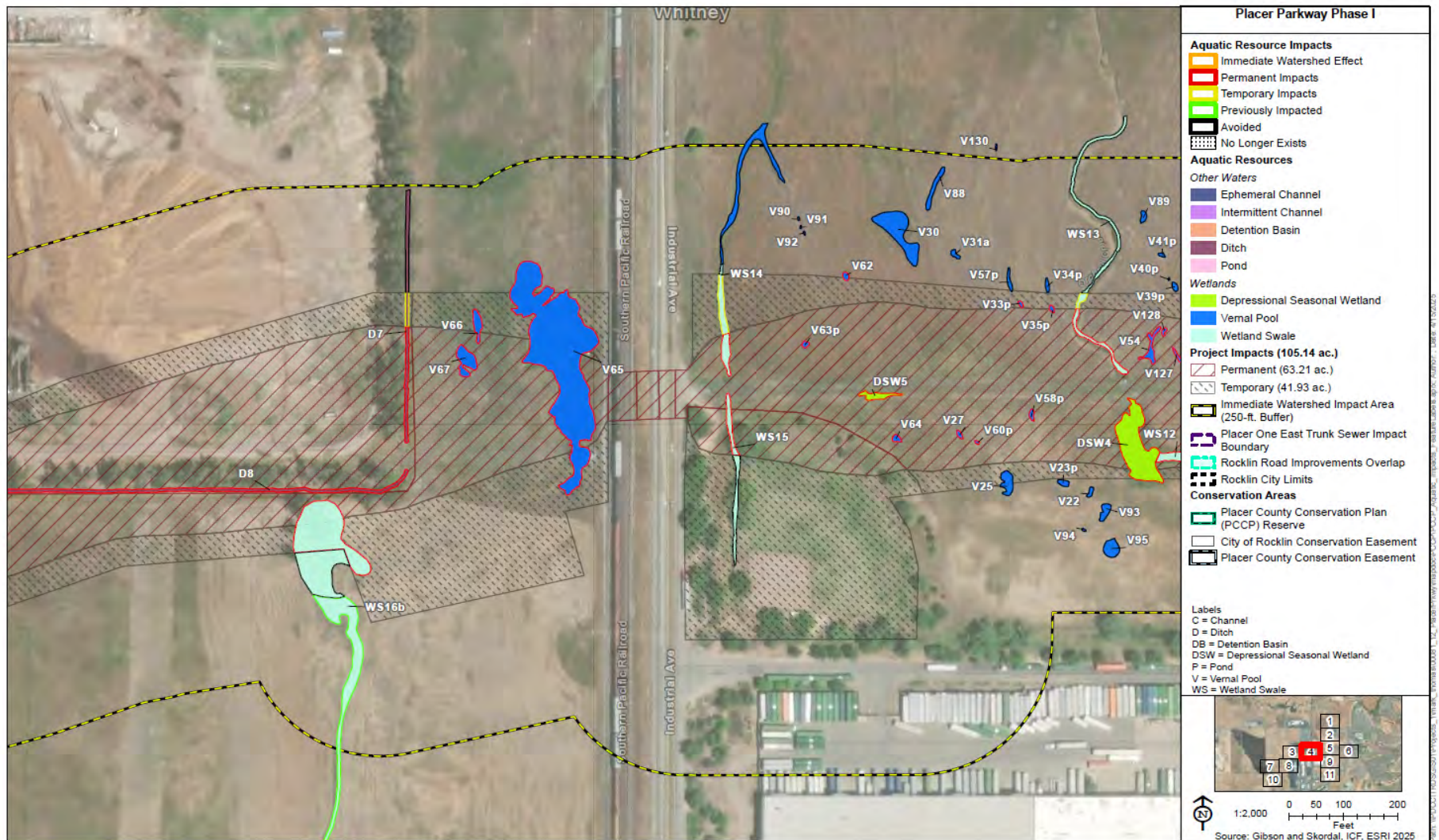


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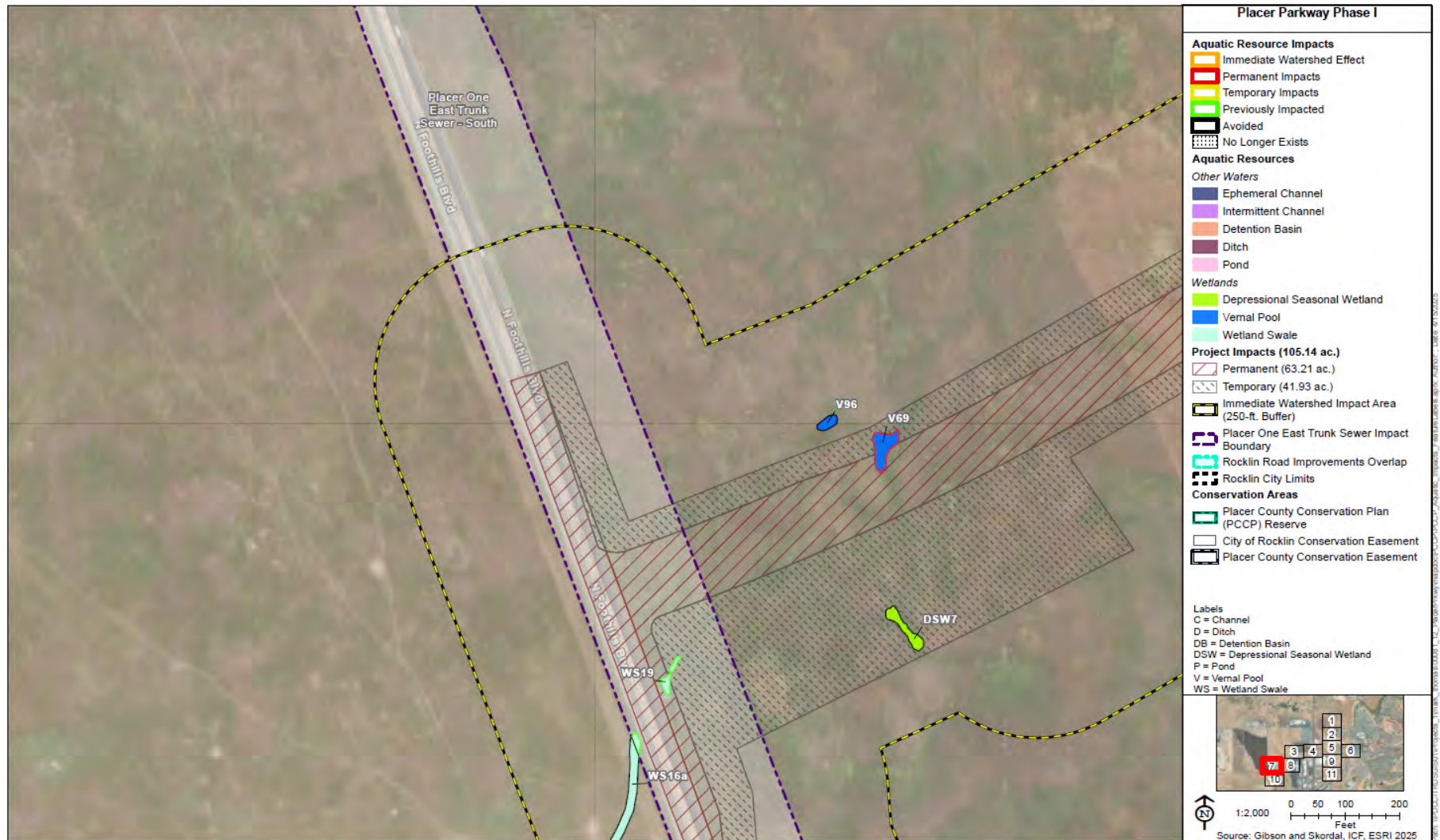


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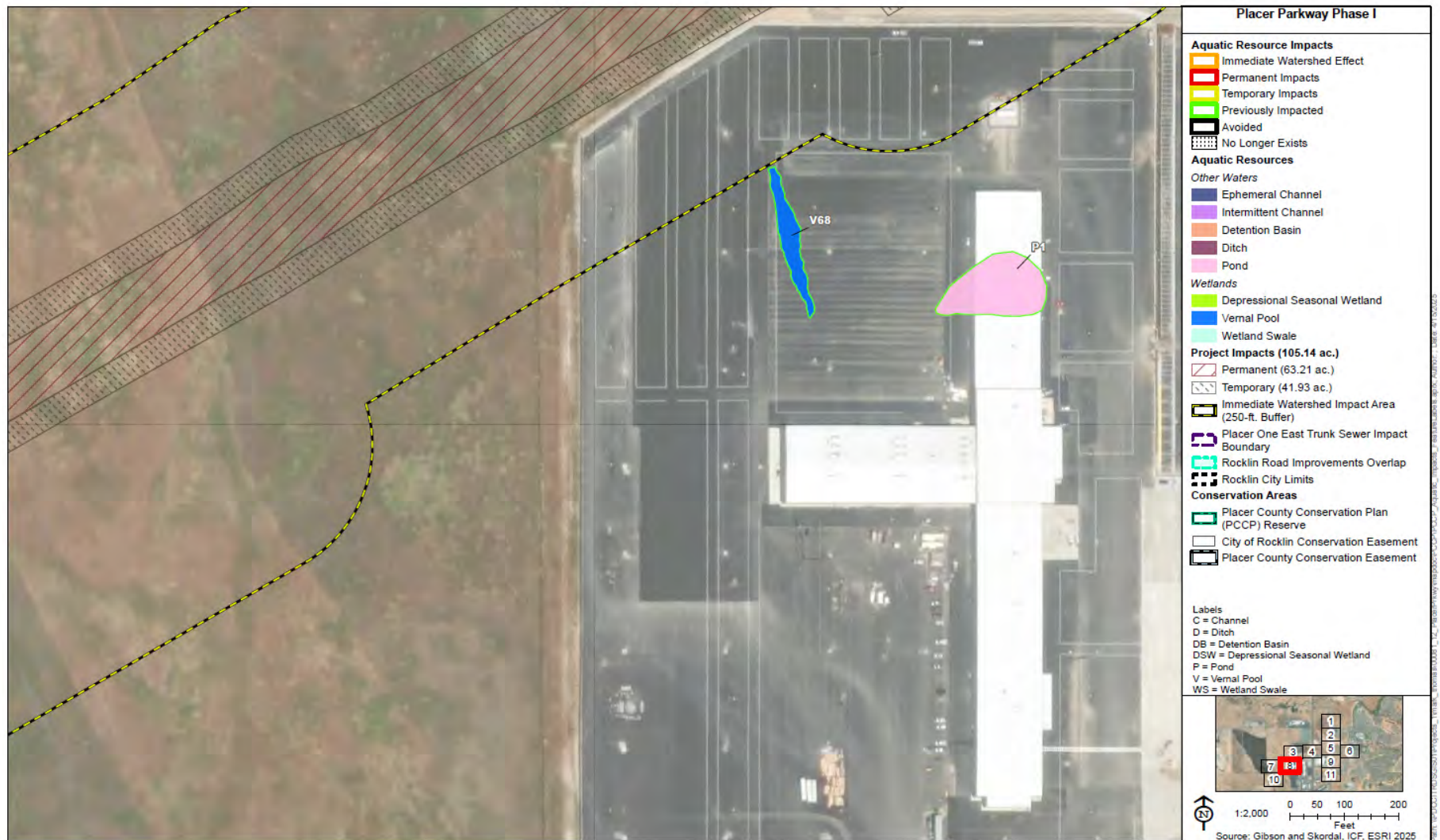


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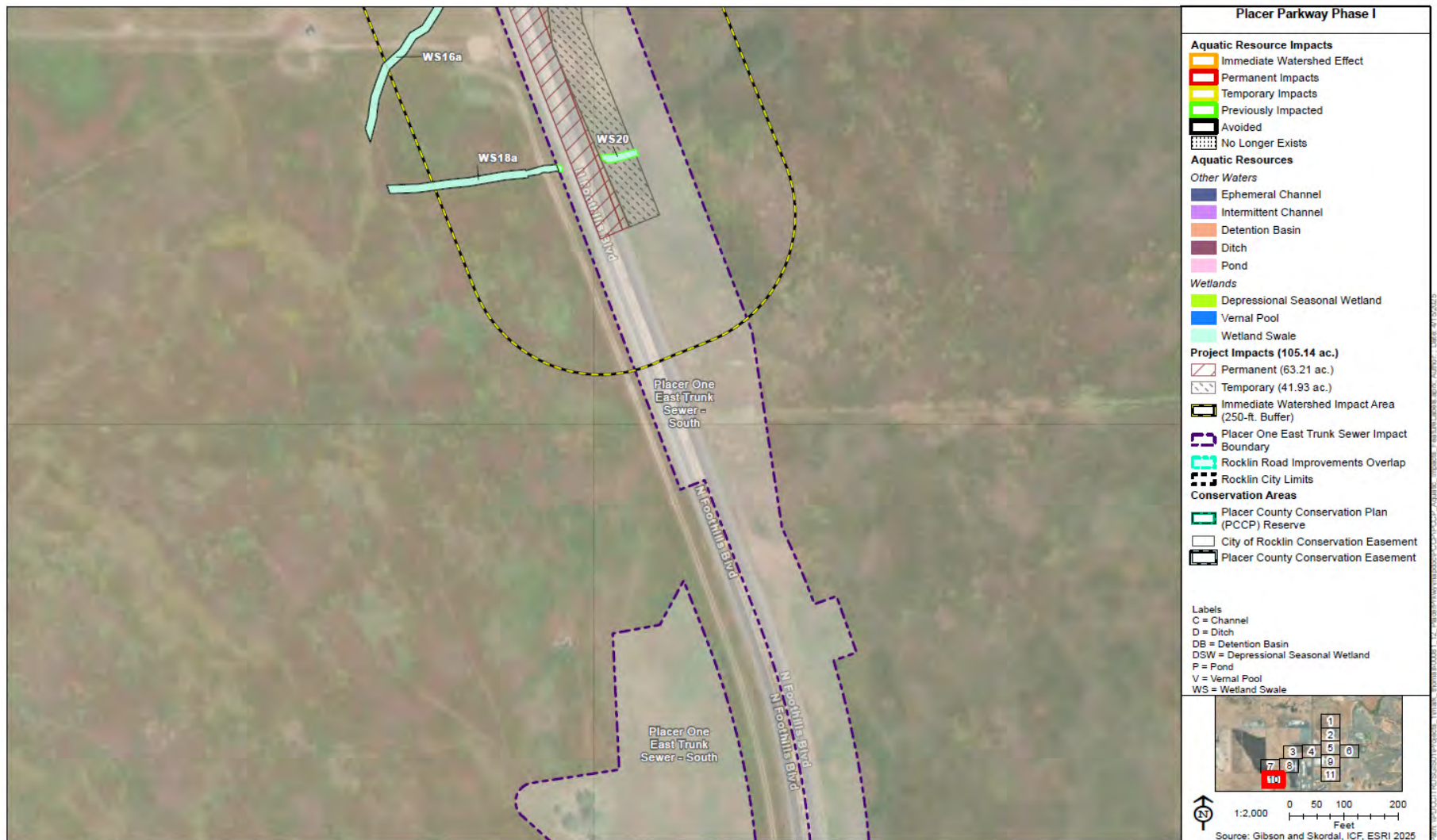


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