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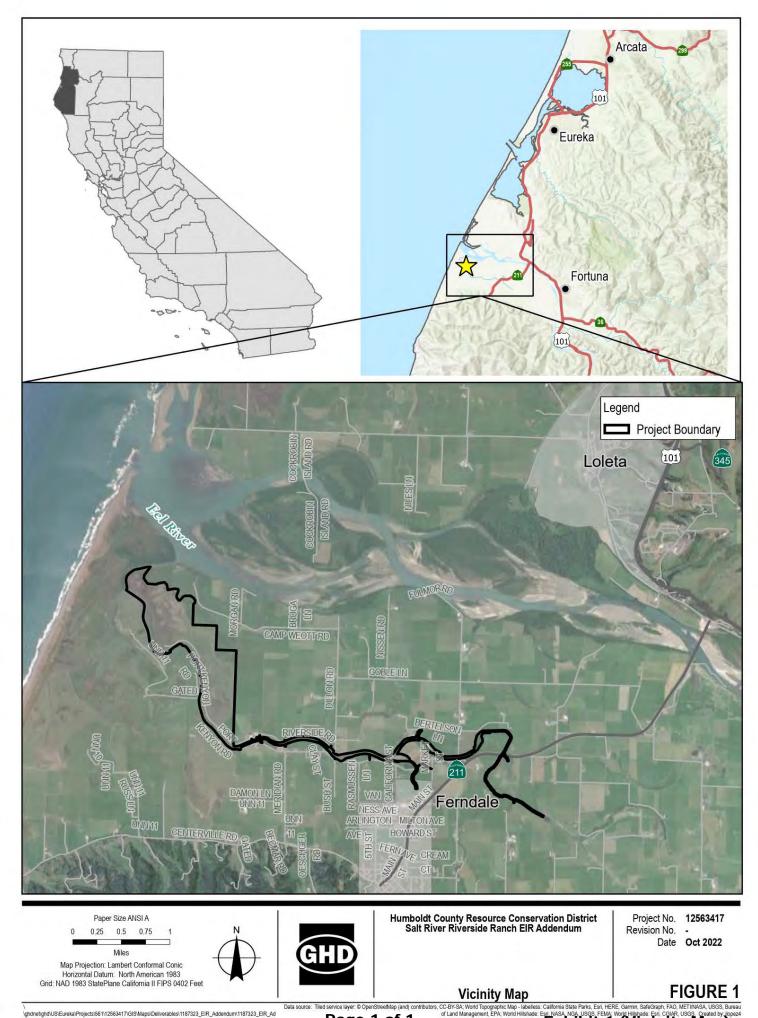
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July 13, 2023

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- Exhibit 2 Overview Map Showing Project Construction to Date
- Exhibit 3 Preliminary Plans
- Exhibit 4 Unutilized Fill Areas
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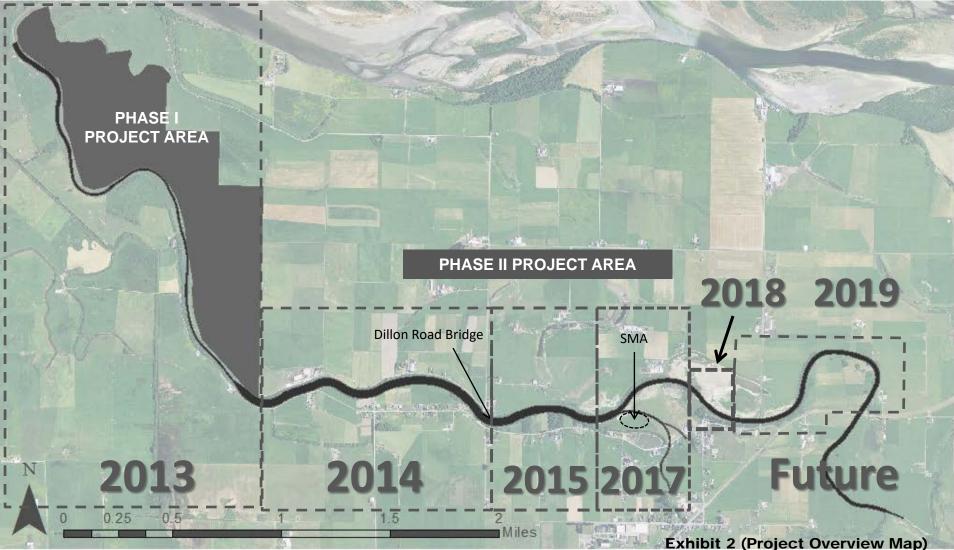


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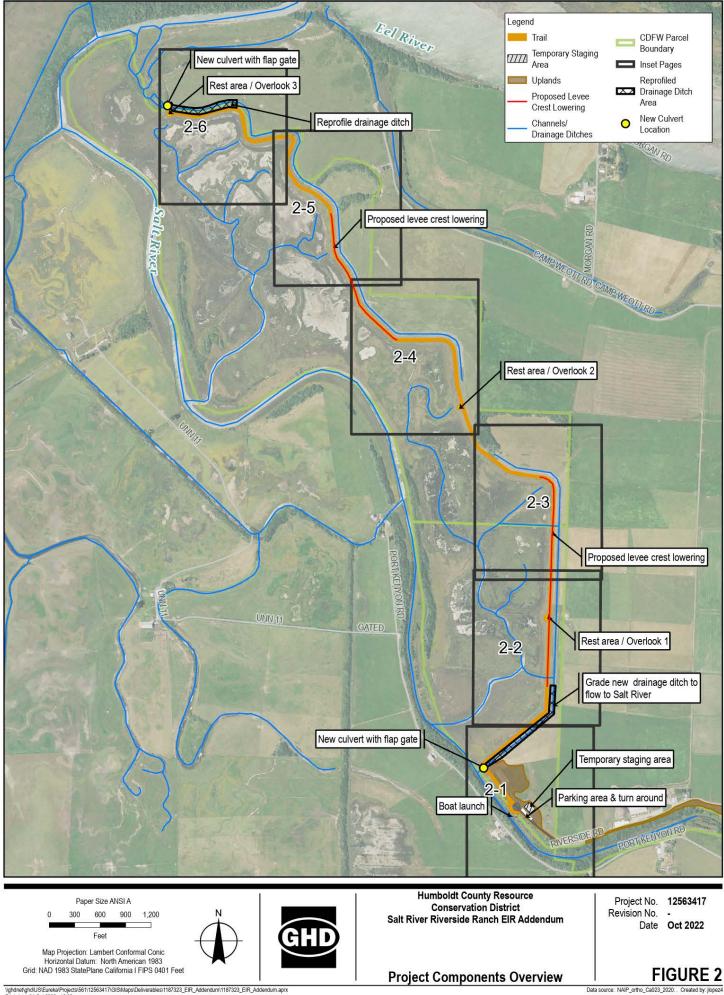
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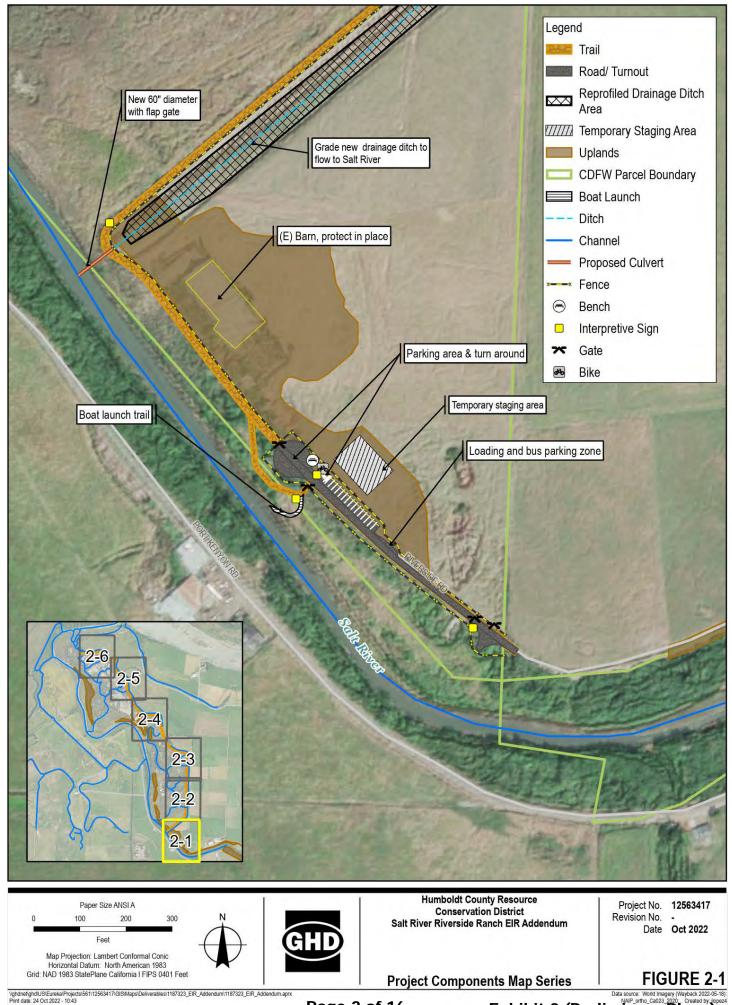
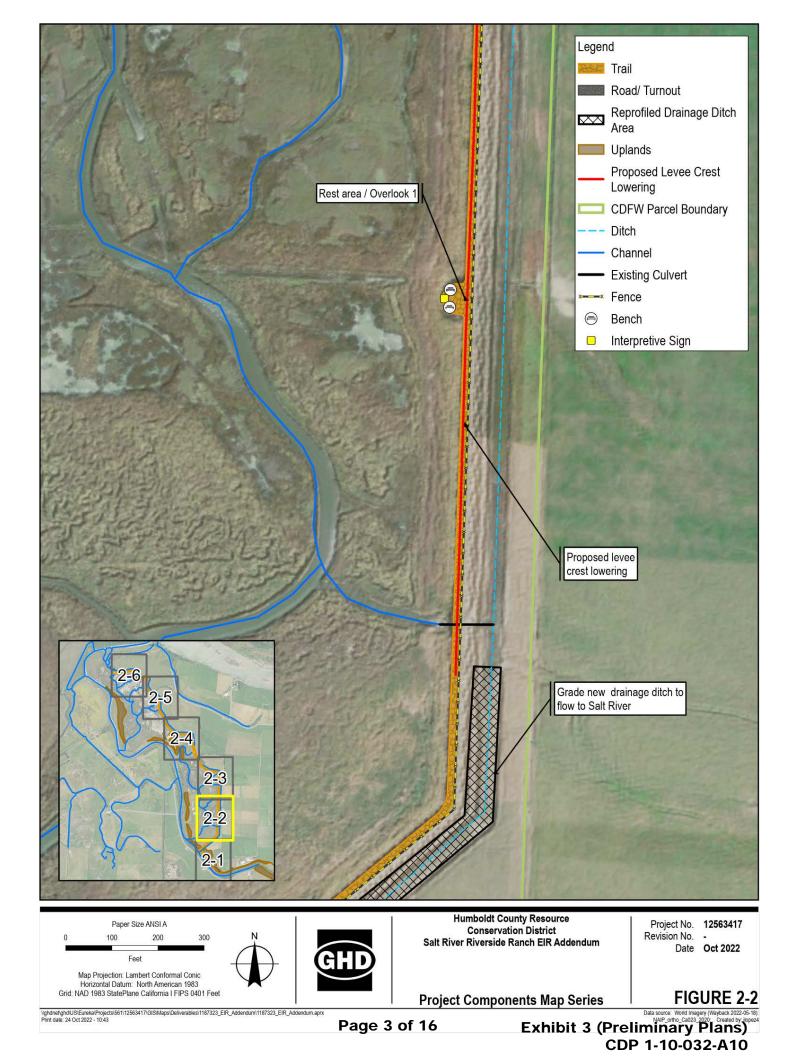
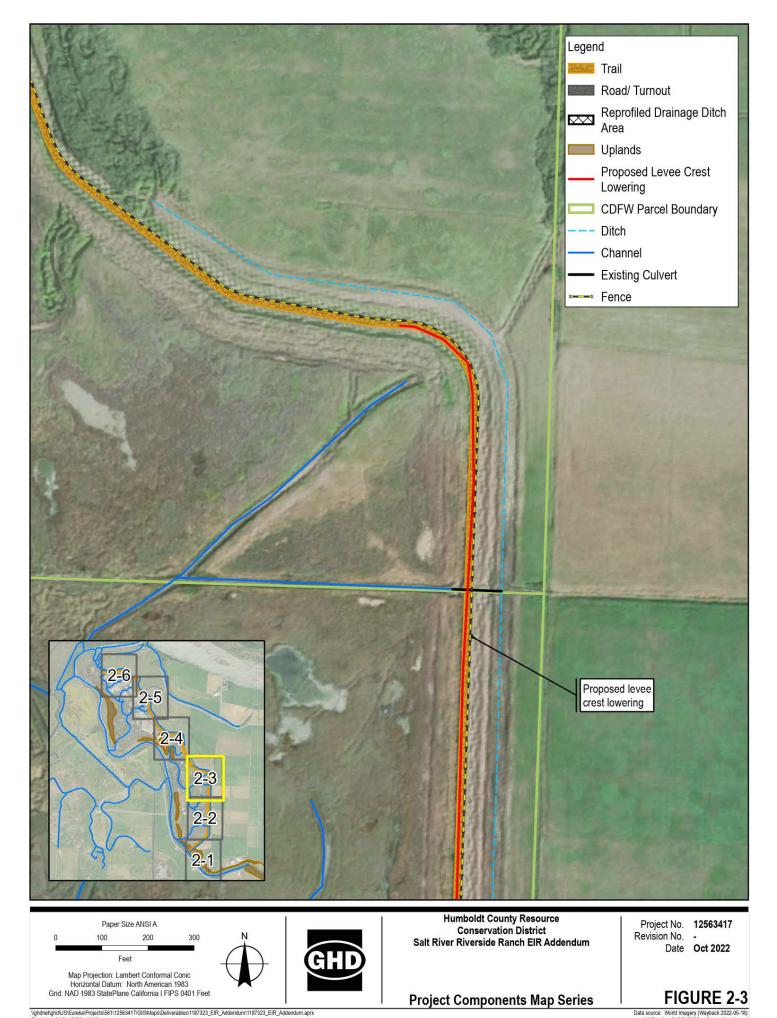


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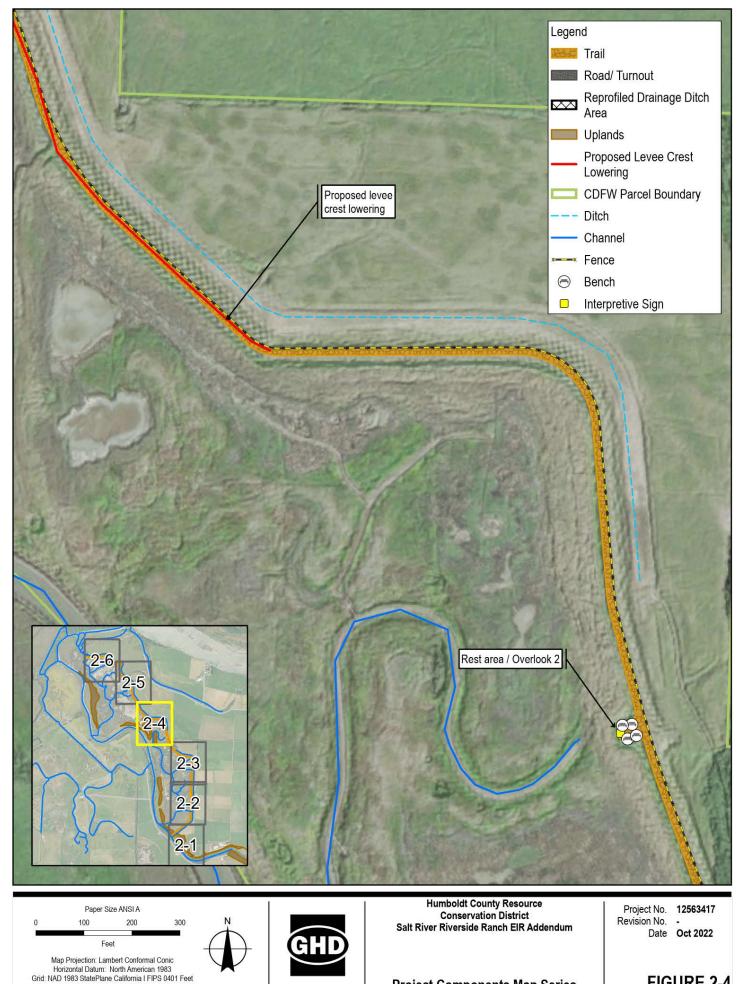




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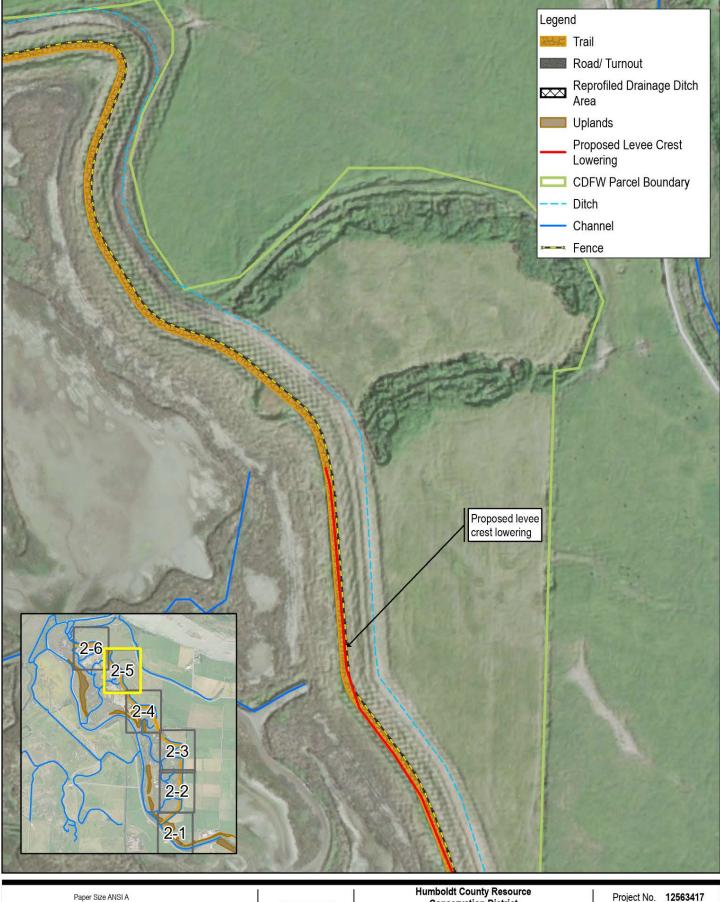
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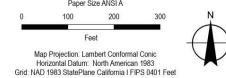
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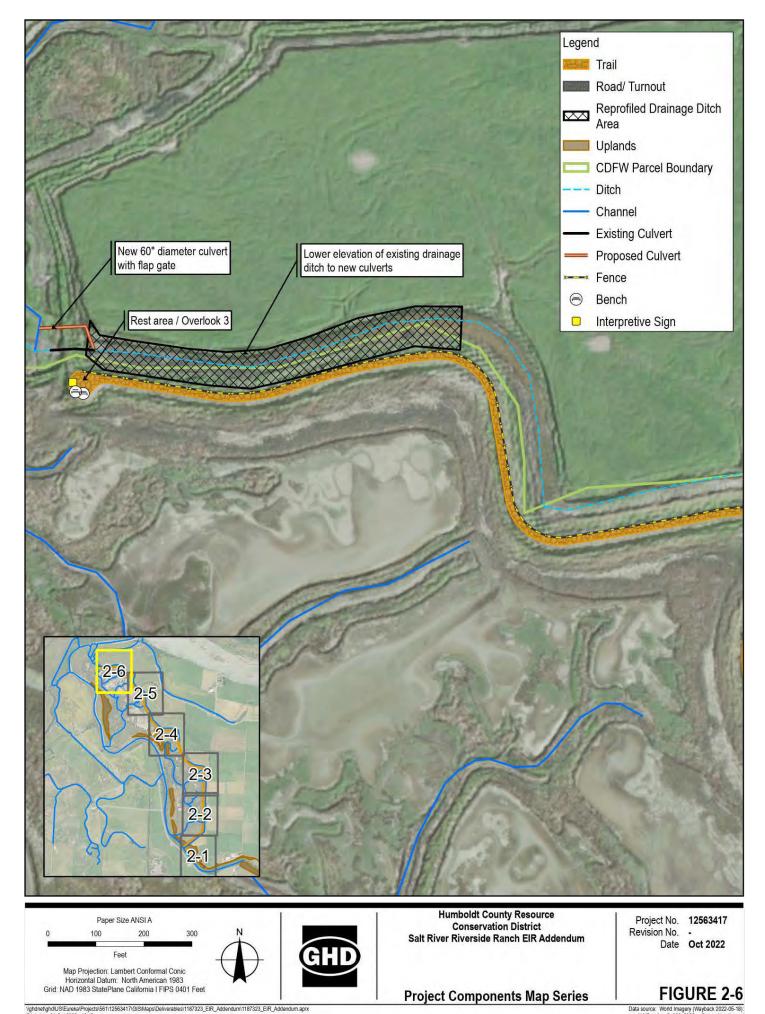
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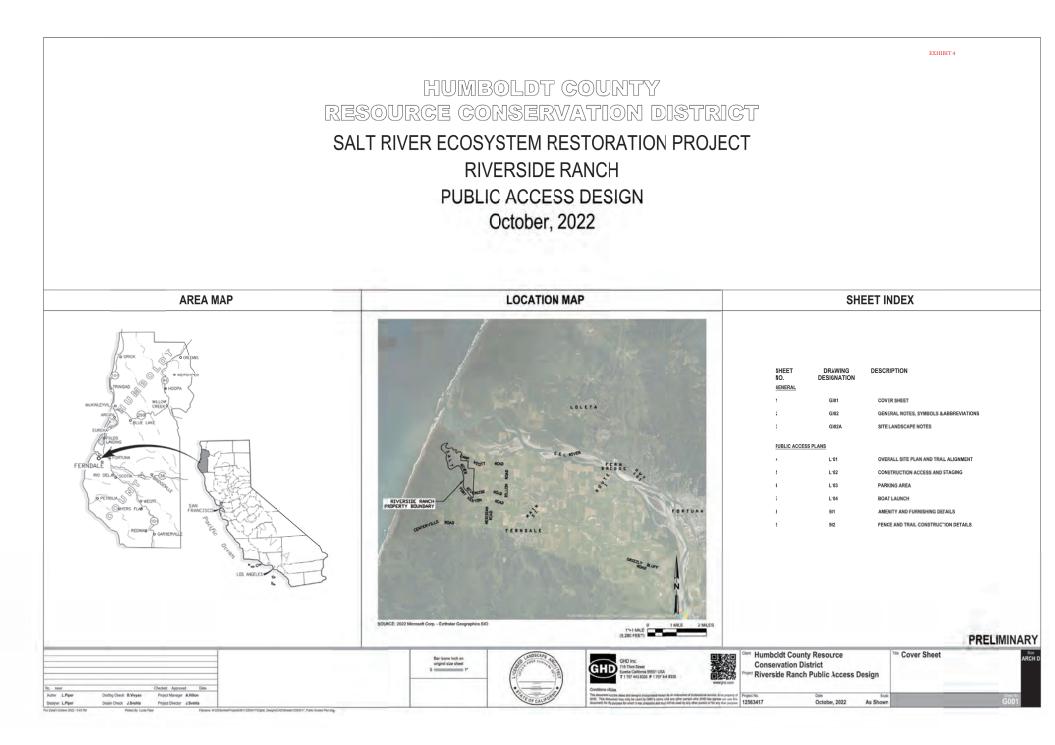
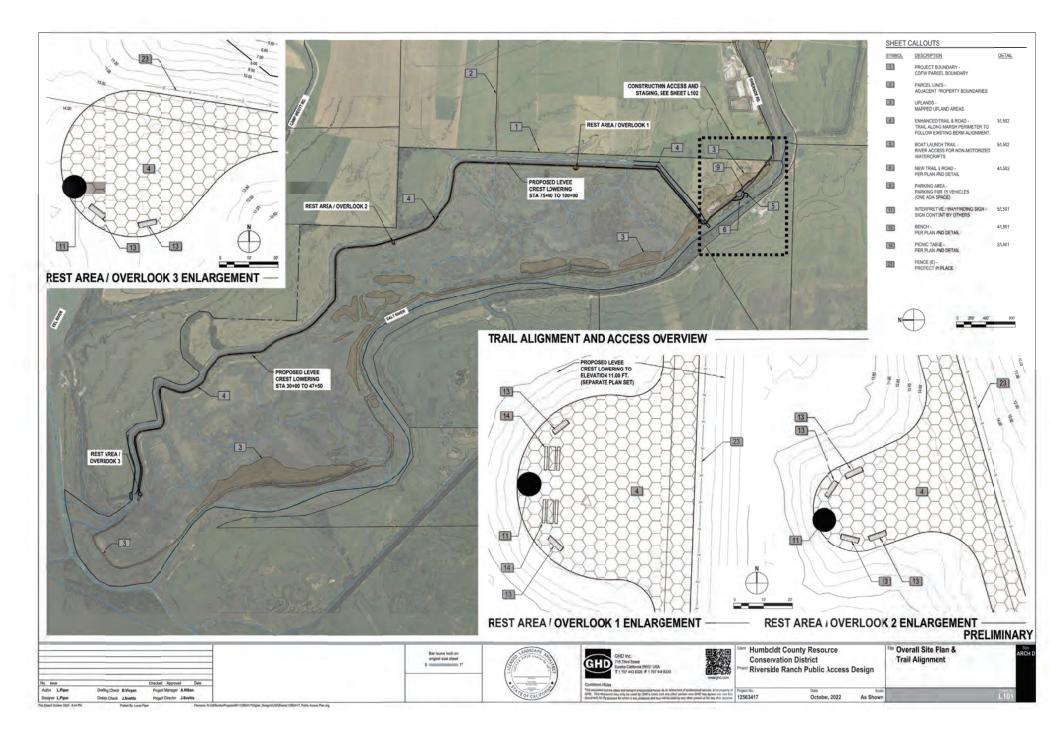
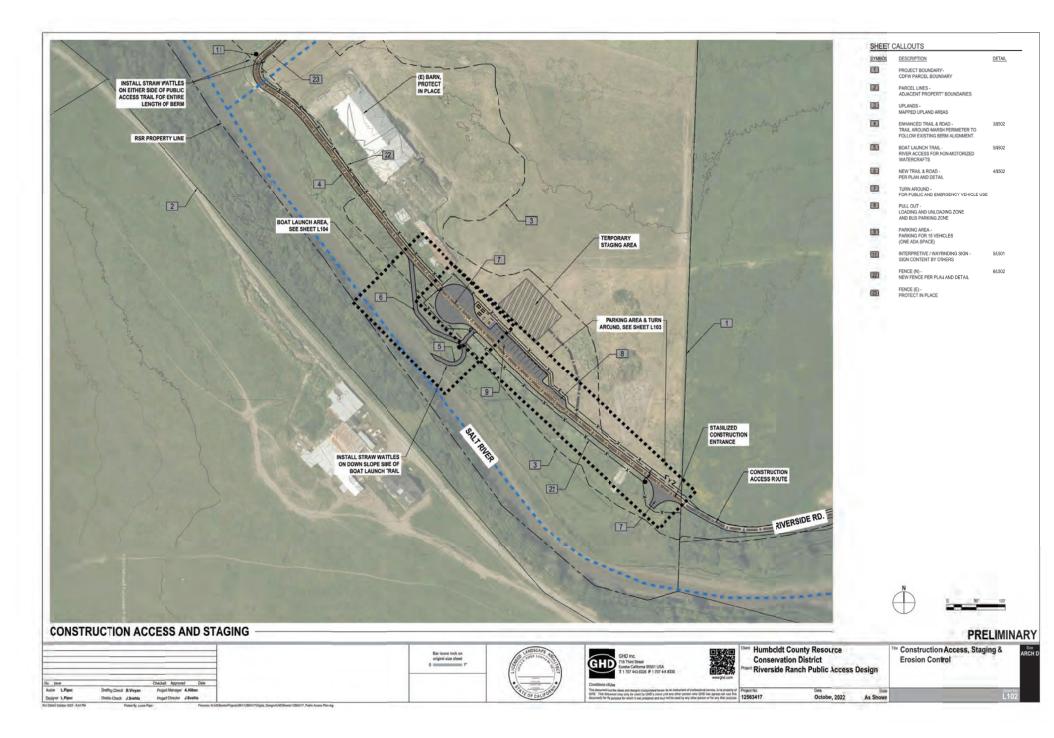


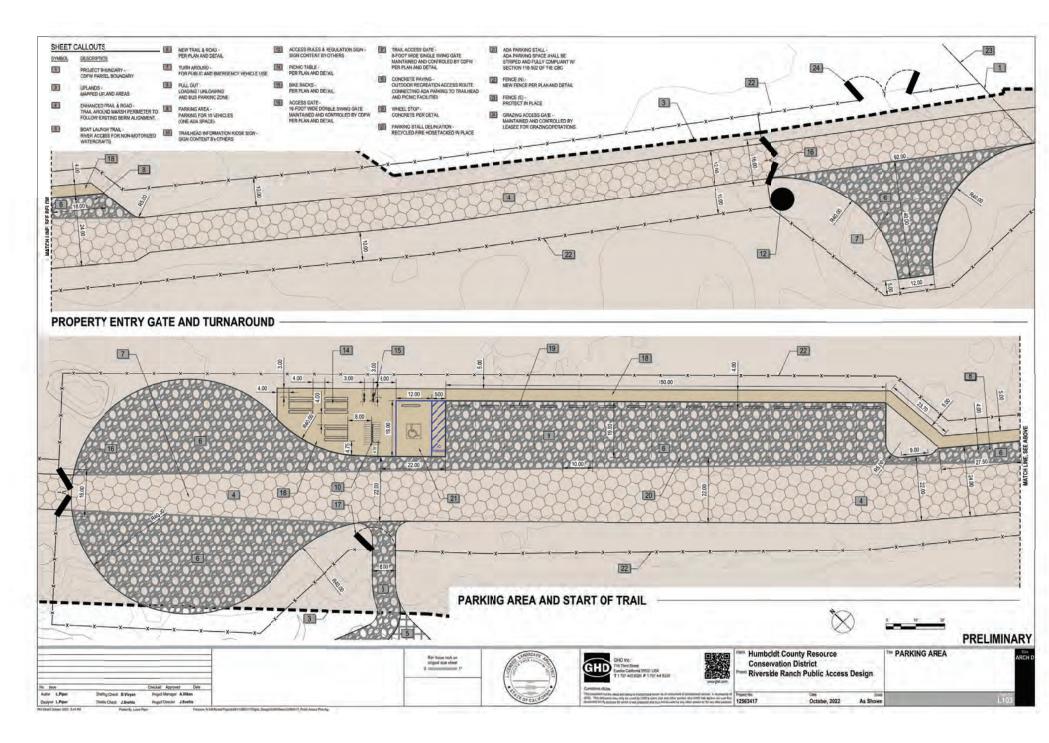
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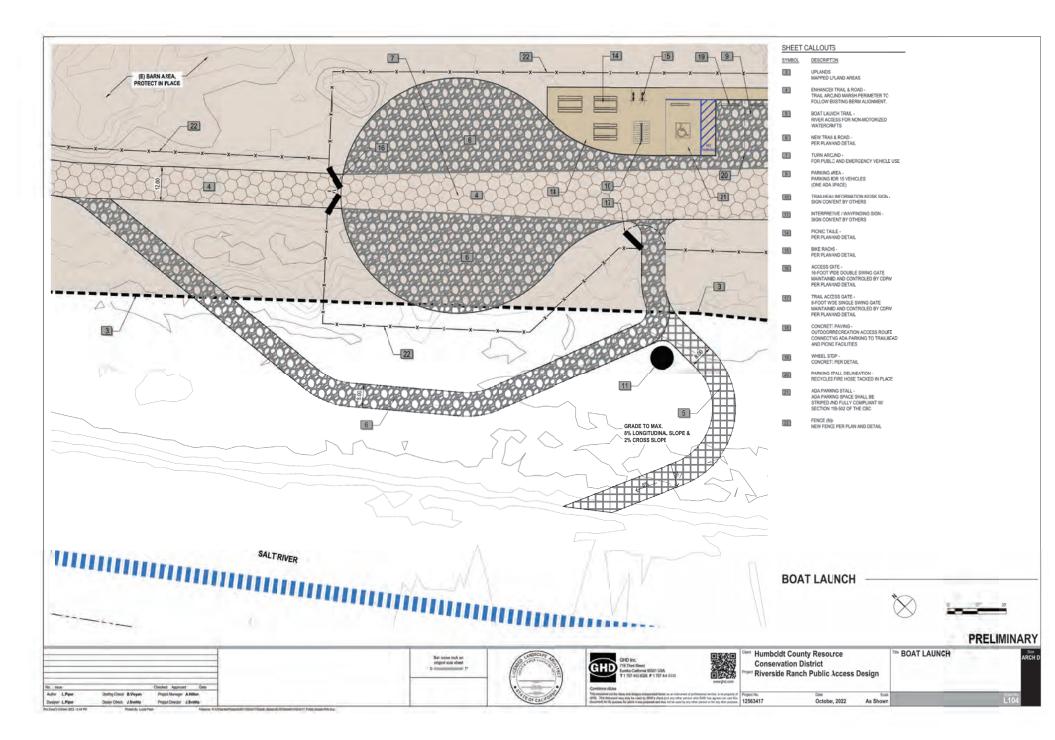
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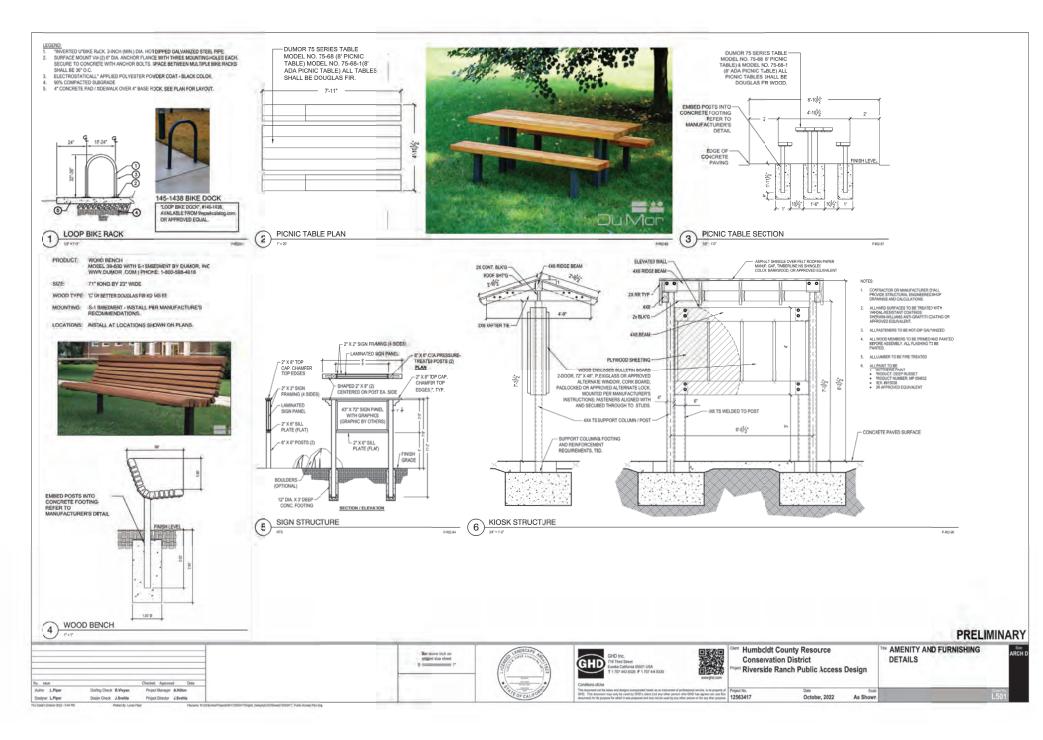
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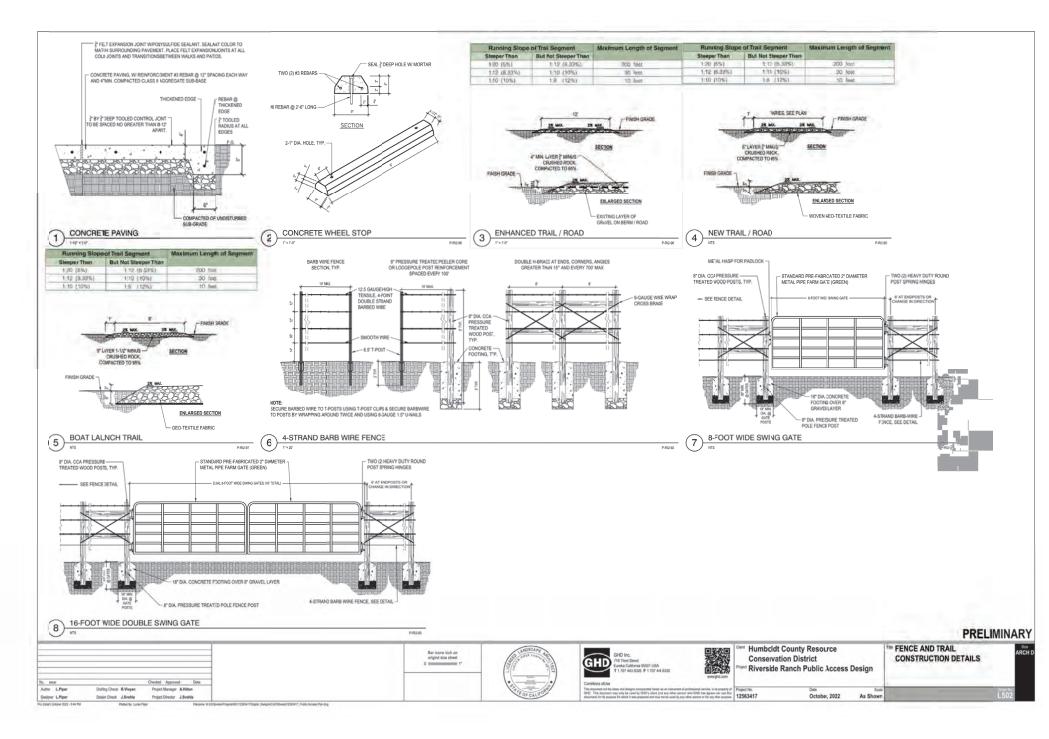
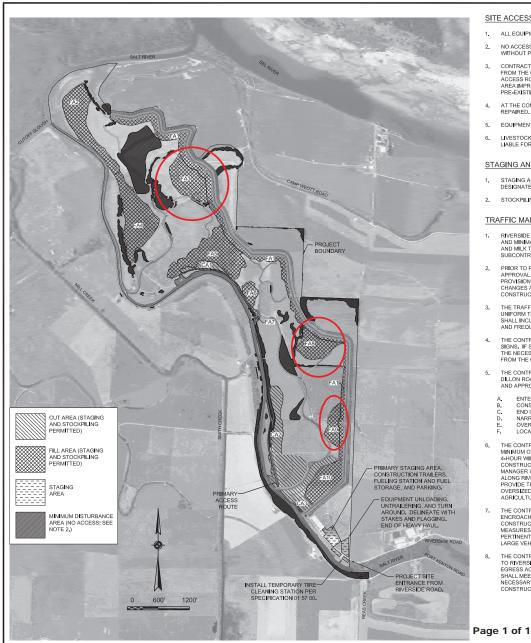


EXHIBIT 4



SITE ACCESS AND STAGING NOTES:

- ALL EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL SHALL ACCESS THE SITE VIA THE PRIMARY ACCESS ROUTE AND ENTRANCE AT RIVERSIDE RANCH ROAD. 1
- 2. NO ACCESS OR EARTHWORK WITHIN MINIMUM DISTURBANCE AREAS. VEGETATION TO BE RETAINED AND PROTECTED IN THESE AREAS. NO ACCESS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGER.
- CONTRACTOR SHALL MAKE ANY MINOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ACCESS ROAD AS DIRECTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER. PRIOR APPROVAL 3. FROM THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER REQUIRED IF CONTRACTOR WISHES TO IMPROVE ACCESS ROUTES OR STAGING AREAS. CONTRACTOR MAY LINE ACCESS ROUTES AND STAGING AREAS WITH GEOTEXTILE FABRIC AND FINISH WITH CRUSHED ROCK, PER DETAIL 2. ALL ACCESS ROADS AND STAGING AREA IMPROVEMENTS TO BE REMOVED BY CONTRACTOR UPON COMPLETION OF PROJECT AND AREAS DECOMPACTED AND RETURNED TO PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS
- AT THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER MAY REQUIRE THAT HEAVILY RUTTED SECTIONS OF ACCESS ROUTES ARE REPAIRED.
- 5. EQUIPMENT STAGING AND REFUELING PER SPECIFICATIONS.
- LIVESTOCK AND GATE CONTROL: CONTRACTOR SHALL FOLLOW ALL CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S INSTRUCTIONS ON GATE CLOSURE. CONTRACTOR 6 LIABLE FOR ALL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ANY AND ALL IMPROPER GATE CLOSURES.

STAGING AND STOCKPILING NOTES:

- STAGING AND STOCKPILING OF SOIL, WOODY DEBRIS, AND OTHER DEBRIS IS PERMITTED ONLY IN FILL AREAS FA1 FA10, CUT AREAS CA1 CA3, AND 1. DESIGNATED STAGING AREAS NEAR PROJECT ENTRANCE.
- 2. STOCKPILING OF DEBRIS, VEGETATION, AND WOOD CHIPS IS PERMITTED IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- 1. RIVERSIDE ROAD BETWEEN DILLON ROAD AND THE PROJECT SITE ENTRANCE VARIES IN WIDTH BETWEEN 10-15 FEET. WITH NO CENTERLINE STRIPE AND MINIMAL TURNOUTS, RUFERSIDE ROAD IS PRIMARLY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL RESIDENTIAL USE AND FREQUENTLY USED BY HAY AND MINIMAL TURNOUTS, RUFERSIDE ROAD IS PRIMARLY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL RESIDENTIAL USE AND FREQUENTLY USED BY HAY AND MILK TRUCKS ASSOCIATED WITH AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS ALONG RIVERSIDE ROAD. TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY, CONTRACTOR, SUBCONTRACTORS AND TRUCKERS SHALL YIELD TO ALL TRAFFIC AND NOT CAUSE TRAFFIC DELAYS ON RIVERSIDE RANCH ROAD.
- PRIOR TO RECEIVING A NOTICE TO PROCEED. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR REVIEW AND 2. APPROVAL BY THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AND THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. THE TRAFFIC PLAN SHALL CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS PRESENTED BELOW AND SHALL BE A LIVING DOCUMENT, SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AND UPDATED AS PROJECT CONDITIONS CHANGE. IF CHANGES ARE MADE TO THE TRAFFIC FLAN, CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT AND ALLOW 10 WORKING DAYS FOR PLAN REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AND THE COUNTY.
- THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE TO THE LATEST EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA MANUAL ON UNFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (MUTCD) AND ALL OTHER PERTINENT STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS. THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN з. SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE PROPOSED AVERAGE DALY TRAFFIC (ADT), DURATION OF WORK, STAGING AREAS, SIGN PLACEMENT, AND FREQUENCY OF ON-SITE MEETINGS TO BE PERFORMED TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN.
- THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TEMPORARY PLACEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND SIGNS. IF SIGNS ARE PLACED IN THE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW), THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPLYING FOR AND SECURING THE NECESSARY ELECTOR THE CONTROL AND THE START OF THE ACED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL RECEIVE PERMISSION FROM THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AND PROPERTY OWNER PRIOR TO PLACED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL RECEIVE PERMISSION
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INSTALL A TEMPORARY ADVANCE WARNING NOTIFICATION SIGN(S) ON RIVERSIDE ROAD NEAR THE INTERSECTION WITH DILLON ROAD, A RECOMMENDED LOCATION IS PROVIDED ON MAP (THIS SHEET). THE TEMPORARY SIGN(S) LOCATION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW 5. AND APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY AND SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE INFORMATION BELOW:
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 - NARROW ROAD AHEAD D.
 - OVERSIZED TRUCK TRAFFIC
 - LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY

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- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INFORM THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER A MINIMUM OF 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ANTICIPATED DATE AND 4-HOUR WINDOW OF LARGE / OVERSIZED TRUCK-TRAILER CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC ON RIVERSIDE ROAD. THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING THE RESIDENCES ALONG RIVERSIDE ROAD. THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER SHALL PROVIDE THE CONTRACTOR THE DATES AND TIMES OF LARGE / OVERSIZED VEHICLE USE ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXISTING AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES ON RIVERSIDE ROAD.
- THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING ALL TRAFFIC AND 7. ENCROACHMENT PERMITS RELATED TO THE DELIVERY AND HAULING OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES AND DEVICES. THE CONTRACTOR MUST FOLLOW ALL PERTINENT STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORTING LARGE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT TO THE PROJECT SITE.
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Executive Summary

Overview

The Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (HCRCD) is a Special District established in the County of Humboldt by popular vote in 1987. The District's function is to assist private landowners in voluntary planning, design, and in the implementation of natural resource conservation practices in Humboldt County. The HCRCD is the lead agency for multiple habitat restoration projects across coastal Humboldt County, including the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project (SEREP). The SRERP is a large restoration project consisting of excavating and restoring 7 miles of the Salt River channel and enhancing over 300 acres of a tidal estuary located in the lower Eel River Delta. Construction of the tidal estuary component of the SRERP, known as Riverside Ranch, was completed in 2013. This report presents results of a hydraulic evaluation of project elements built to accommodate the restoration project within the agricultural landscape setting of the lower Eel River Delta. Specifically, evaluation of a two-mile levee (Riverside Ranch levee) and associated ditch that was constructed along the perimeter of the estuary project within Riverside Ranch, which is owned and maintained by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

Background

The HCRCD obtained a Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) grant to retain Professional Hydraulic Engineering services to support USFWS and HCRCD. GHD and Michael Love & Associates' services were retained to work directly with USFWS who provided direction and oversight of the technical analyses in accordance to the scope of services outlined in the HCRCD solicitation. This study focuses on the following project objectives:

- Assess if the Riverside Ranch levee is causing notable flood impacts to the surrounding agricultural areas;
- Identify drainage patterns on adjoining agricultural lands;
- Develop alternatives for potential modifications to the levee/ditch system, or surrounding area to alleviate identified flood impacts

Alternative Selection

The alternative development process utilized the findings of each previous modeled alternative to improve upon the benefits. Lowering of two sections of the levee to elevation 11 feet, as shown in Alternative G1 exhibited the following benefits, listed below and quantified in Table A1:

- Minimized the difference between agricultural and estuary water levels during the peak of the Extreme Flood event by allowing flood flow on the agricultural fields to overtop the Riverside Ranch levee and flow to the estuary
- Greatest reduction in peak water levels on the agricultural fields during the Extreme Flood Level event while preventing the estuary from overtopping the Riverside Ranch levee during the Action and Flood Level events
- Reduced floodplain flow velocities and re-directed floodplain flow away from the residence adjacent to Morgan Slough during the Extreme Flood Level event

In addition to the benefits of Alternative G1, Alternative G1-G exhibited the following benefits:

- Greatest reduction in duration of flooding during the Extreme Flood Level event by 35 hours in the northern agricultural fields
- Reduced duration of flooding during the Extreme Flood Level event by 11 hours in the southern agricultural fields
- Greatest reduction in minimum water levels between precipitation events in northern agricultural fields
- Greatest reduction in maximum water levels between precipitation events in southern agricultural fields

Table A1. Selected Alternative G1-G Summary of Benefits

Metric	Northern Agricultural	Southern Agricultural
Flood Level Event: Difference in Peak Water Level	No Change	No Change
Extreme Flood Level Event: Difference in Peak Water Level	Reduced by 0.1 feet	Reduced by 1.1 feet
Extreme Flood Level Event: Change in Flood Duration	Reduced by 35 hours	Reduced by 11 hours
Precipitation Events: Maximum Water Level	Reduced by 0.1 feet	Reduced by 0.5 feet
Precipitation Events: Minimum Water Level	Reduced by 1.6 feet	Reduced by 0.1 feet

Concept Design

A conceptual design and description of components are presented below.

Simulation Concept	Description		
Sat River Slough Fel River	Levee Lowering		
Salt River Slough Fel River	Location	Crest Elev. (NAVD)	<u>Length</u>
	South	11.0 ft	2,550 ft
	North	11.0 ft	1,800 ft
	Existing Gated C		
Estuary Agricultura	Location	<u>Flow Line Elev. (NAVD)</u>	<u>Size</u>
		2.2 ft	60-inch dia.
SallBluer	2	3.7 ft	60-inch dia.
- San	3	2.8 ft	60-inch dia.
5 19 2	New Gated Culve	erts	
	Location	Flow Line Elev. (NAVD)	<u>Size</u>
M. AR.	Ā	1.6 ft	60-inch dia.
	E	1.0 ft	60-inch dia.
	New and Reprofi	led Drainage Ditches	
Laward avea Creat (11.0 # NAVD)	Location	<u>Flow Line Elev. (NAVD)</u>	<u>Length</u>
Lower Levee Crest (11.0 ft NAVD)	i (new)	Min 1.6 ft	1,500 feet
Existing Levee Crest (14.75 ft NAVI Channels	li (reprofiled)	Min 1.0 ft	800 feet

3.7 Existing Condition Model Findings

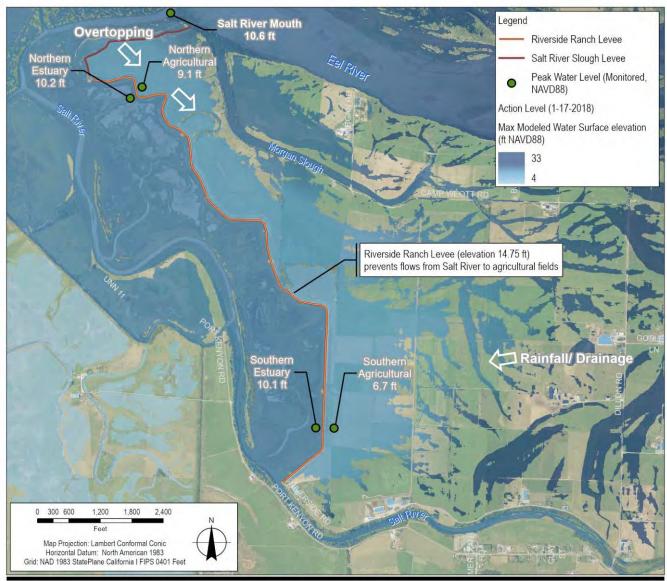
The model results showed that different flood patterns occur across the floodplain depending on the severity of flooding. Key findings regarding the floodplain flow and water levels for each of the four events are presented below. Figures presented in this section identify location of monitored water levels and show modeled water levels and inundation extent.

3.7.1 Action Level

During the Action Level event, peak water levels at Salt River Slough propagate over the Salt River Slough levee and into the northern agricultural fields (Figure 20 and Figure 16a). Local rainfall from the 191-acre drainage area contributing to the northern drainage ditch also contributes to the flooding. The Riverside Ranch levee prevents flow from the northern estuary to the northern agricultural fields. As water levels in the Eel River and estuary begin to recede, floodwaters on the agricultural side of the levee drain over the Salt River Slough levee and through the single 60-inch diameter gated culvert into the Salt River Slough. When water levels on the agricultural side of the levee fall below approximately 7.5 feet, the 60-inch diameter culvert is the only drainage outlet for remaining flood waters. The rate of drain off from the agricultural lands is dependent on Salt River Slough water levels and volume of flood water stored on the agricultural lands. Substantially more volume is stored per foot of water level between elevation 6 feet and 7.5 feet than below 6 feet.

Modeled water levels on the southern agricultural fields are lower than the northern agricultural fields during this event, suggesting limited hydrologic connectivity between the northern and southern agricultural fields at these flood levels (Figure 20 and Figure 16b). In the Action Level event, flooding of the southern agricultural fields and southern drainage ditch appears to be sourced from rainfall-runoff from the 635-acre drainage area to the east. The Riverside Ranch levee prevents water levels in the southern estuary from flowing onto the agricultural lands.

Following the storm event, receding water levels in the Salt River, near the access road, are consistently lower than the southern estuary. This is due to the lower topography in the Salt River channel compared to the tidal channels in the southern estuary.



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Figure 20 Peak water surface elevations (recorded and modeled) and floodplain flow patterns during Action Level event

3.7.2 Flood Level

Similar to the Action Level event, during the Flood Level event peak water levels in the Salt River Slough propagate over the Salt River Slough levee and flow southeasterly over the agricultural lands (Figure 21 and Figure 17a). Local rainfall from the 191-acre drainage area contributing to the northern drainage ditch and limited overtopping of the southern Eel River bank further upriver also contribute to the flooding. Peak water levels in the northern estuary and agricultural lands are similar, with the Riverside Ranch levee crest several feet above the peak water levels. As water levels in the estuary begin to recede, flood water on the agricultural lands drain over the Salt River Slough levee and through the single 60-inch diameter culvert. When water levels on northern agricultural lands recede to below approximately 7.5 feet, the 60-inch diameter culvert is the only drainage outlet. The rate of drain off on the agricultural lands is dependent on water levels in the receiving estuary and Salt River Slough and culvert capacity. Multiple tidal cycles are required to drain flood waters from the agricultural lands.

A portion of the modeled flood waters from the overtopping of the Salt River Slough levee propagate east to the southern drainage ditch and agricultural fields. Peak water levels on the southern agricultural fields are lower than the northern agricultural fields (Figure 21 and Figure 17b). The increased rainfall-runoff from the 635 acre drainage area to the east, and inflows from limited overtopping of the southern bank of the Eel River from further upriver

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Legend Salt River Mouth Overtopping 10.8 ft Salt River Slough Levee Northern Northern **Riverside Ranch Levee** 10.8 ft Peak Water Level (Monitored, 10.9 ft 0 NAVD88) Flood Level (2-15-2018) Max Modeled Water Surface elevation (ft NAVD88) 33 4 lino ertopping Riverside Ranch Levee (elevation 14.75 ft) prevents flows from Salt River to agricultural fields ainfall/ rainad Southern Southern Estuary 10.5 ft gricultural 8.3 ft 300 600 1,200 1,800 2,400 Feet Map Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic Horizontal Datum: North American 1983 Grid: NAD 1983 StatePlane California I FIPS 0401 Feet

contribute to peak water levels on the southern agricultural fields. The Riverside Ranch levee prevents peak water levels in the southern estuary from flowing onto the adjacent agricultural lands.

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Figure 21 Peak water surface elevations (monitored and modeled) and floodplain flow patterns during Flood Level event

3.7.3 Extreme Flood Level

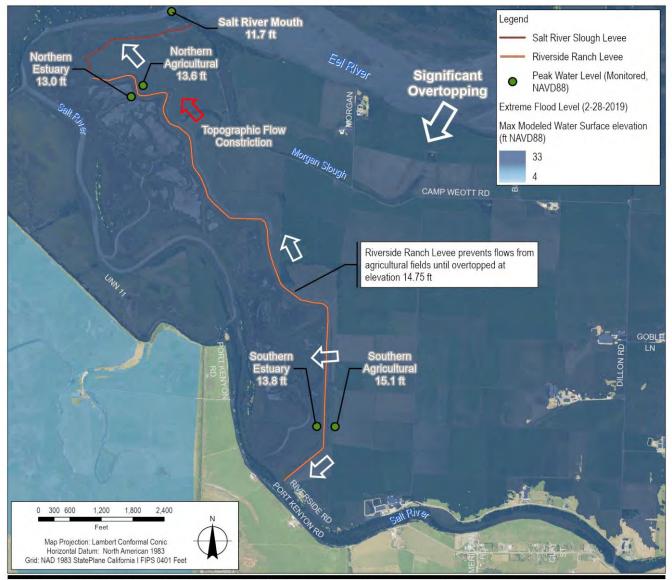
The Extreme Flood event results in different floodplain patterns compared to the Action and Flood Level events (Figure 22 and Figure 18). The Extreme Flood event results in substantial overtopping of the southern Eel River bank upriver from Morgan Slough and Morgan Road, which results in greater peak water levels on the agricultural lands compared to the estuary. This leads to overtopping of the Riverside Ranch and Salt River Slough levees, conveying flow from the agricultural lands to the estuary. At the onset of the flood event, as flood waters rise in the Eel and Salt Rivers, similar patterns as the Action and Flood Level events occur. As flood water in the Eel continues to rise and overtop the southern bank into the Study Area, floodwaters are routed westward across the broad floodplain and water levels on the agricultural lands rapidly rise, with water levels exceeding those in the estuary. The highest water levels occur on the southern agricultural fields.

Floodplain flows from the Eel River flow east to west and encounter the Riverside Ranch levee, where flow is directed south and north along the eastern side of the levee. Based on site topography and flow paths across the agricultural fields to the east, prior to construction of the Riverside Ranch levee, these floodplain flows would have

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continued in a more westerly direction to lower elevation ground and encountered what is now the historical Salt River levee. Under analyzed conditions, floodplain flows traveling north along the levee pass through a topographic constriction between Morgan Slough and the Riverside Ranch levee, where floodplain velocities increase from those in other areas of the agricultural lands and floodplain. After flowing through this topographic constriction, the floodwaters continue northerly, overtopping the Salt River Slough levee and flowing to Salt River Slough and the Eel River.

As water levels on the southern agricultural fields rise above 11 to 12 feet, some of the floodplain flows are conveyed to the south, overtopping of the levee access road at Riverside Road and flow into the Salt River. At water levels above 14.75 feet, overtopping of the Riverside Ranch levee from the agricultural lands to the estuary occurs. A small portion of the overall drainage occurs through the three 60-inch diameter culverts, as water levels are higher on the agricultural lands, however this is an insignificant fraction of the total drainage. As Eel River levels recede, water levels on the agricultural fields remain higher than in the estuary for several days due to the large volume of floodwaters stored on the agricultural lands, limited drainage pathways, and the gradual recession of water levels in the estuary.



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Figure 22 Peak water surface elevations and floodplain flow patterns during Extreme Flood Level event

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3.7.4 **Precipitation Event**

During the Precipitation event, water levels within the southern drainage ditch and southern agricultural fields can only drop to the lowest water levels and elevations of the tidal channels in the southern estuary. Floodplain drainage ponds in the lower agricultural elevations adjacent to the Riverside Ranch levee (Figure 23). Water levels reach peaks of approximately 6 feet (NAVD) during the precipitation events and 4 feet between events (Figure 19). Following the low tide, water levels within the southern ditch increase with floodplain runoff. The lowest water levels in the northern ditch are limited by the existing culvert flow line. Water levels within the northern estuary drainage channel drop to below elevation 2 feet, but the lowest water levels in the northern drainage ditch and agricultural fields do not drop below elevation 3 feet. Maximum water levels in the northern agricultural fields are similar to the southern, reaching approximately 6 feet (NAVD).

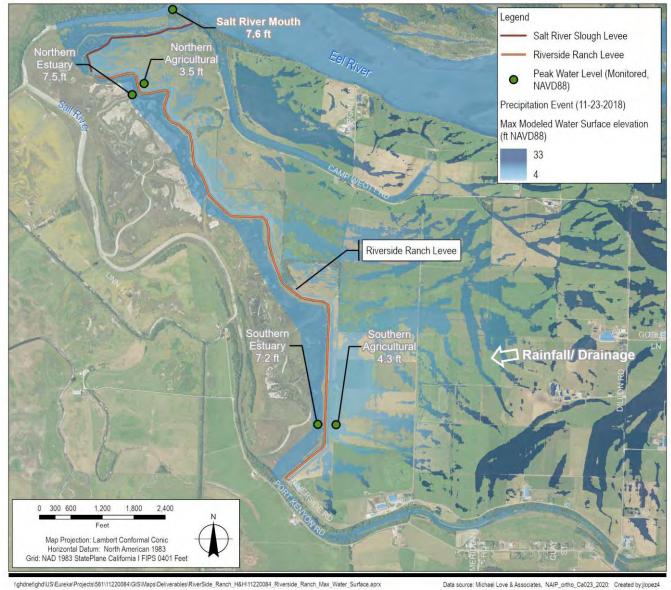


Figure 23 Peak water surface elevations and floodplain flow patterns during precipitation event.

3.8 Summary of Key Findings

The following summary of key findings is based on the analysis of water level monitoring data and existing conditions model results for the four water level simulations.

1. Peak Water Levels During Extreme Flood Level

Floodplain flows originating from the overtopping of the southern bank of the Eel River exceed the drainage capacity of the northern and southern ditches and three 60-inch culverts. The overtopping rate results in higher peak water levels on the agricultural lands than in the estuary. Peak water levels are highest on the southern agricultural fields and overtop the levee and levee access road. The elevation of the Riverside Ranch levee does not allow for the utilization of available flood storage in the estuary when water levels on the agricultural lands exceed at approximately 11 feet.

2. Flood Pattern During Extreme Flood Level (Past and Present)

Floodplain flows from the Eel River flow east to west, towards the southern half of Riverside Ranch. Based on site topography and flow paths across the agricultural fields to the east, prior to construction of the Riverside Ranch levee, these floodplain flows would have continued in a more westerly direction through Riverside Ranch before encountering what is now the historical levee, thus providing floodwater storage within the historical Riverside Ranch and overtopping of the lower-elevation levee system.

Under current conditions the floodplain flows from the Eel River encounter the southern portion of the Riverside Ranch levee, where flow is directed south and north along the eastern side of the levee. Floodplain flow to the north passes through a topographic constriction, between the levee running along Morgan Slough and the Riverside Ranch levee, where floodplain velocities increase from those in other areas of the agricultural lands. Floodplain flows continue northerly and overtop the Salt River Slough levee. Floodplain flows that are directed south, upon encountering the levee, overtop the levee access road at Riverside Road and eventually overtop the Riverside Ranch levee from the agricultural lands to the estuary.

3. Peak Water Levels During Action and Flood Level

The Riverside Ranch levee prevents peak water levels from flowing onto the agricultural lands. Flooding of the southern agricultural lands is largely due to rainfall-runoff from the 635-acre drainage area to the east. Peak water levels are more than 2 feet lower than on the northern agricultural lands.

Water levels overtopping the Salt River Slough levee, which has lower top elevations than the Riverside Ranch levee, result in the largest contribution to peak water levels on the northern agricultural lands. The Riverside Ranch levee provides the northern agricultural lands with some flood protection from the estuary at the Action Level event, but peak water levels are nearly the same on both sides of the levee during the Flood Level event.

The Action and Flood Level events occurred during high tides between 8 feet and 9 feet. The combination of these high tides and high flows on the Eel River resulted in peak estuary water levels between 10.1 feet and 10.9 feet.

4. Drainage of Agricultural Lands

Drainage of the agricultural lands is dependent on water levels, hydraulic gradient between the estuary and agricultural lands, the volume of water stored on the agricultural lands, and the capacity and flow line elevation of the drainage infrastructure. When water levels on the agricultural fields are below levee elevations (7.5 to 14.75 ft), the drainage infrastructure serves as the only means to convey flows from the agricultural lands to the estuary. If water levels in the estuary are greater than water levels on the agricultural lands, tide gates prevent flows from being conveyed to the agricultural lands and all water on the agricultural lands is stored. As estuary water levels recede below the agricultural water levels and/or the water level on the agricultural side rise above the estuary water level, tide gates open and drainage is conveyed from the agricultural lands to the estuary. The northern and southern drainage systems were designed to convey the

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10-year storm recurrence interval (KHE, 2019). When water levels on the agricultural fields are greater than approximately 7 feet, flows spread out onto the fields creating a large storage volume. This volume of water exceeds the capacity of the drainage system and multiple tidal cycles are required to drain the agricultural lands. As inboard water levels decrease below 7 feet water becomes concentrated into the existing drainage ditches. At this point the volume of water stored becomes substantially less and the drainage system is capable of draining water levels in the ditch down to the low tide elevation in a single tidal cycle. The lowest water levels are governed by the culvert flowline elevations and elevation of tidal channels in the estuary.

3.9 Hydraulic Design Objectives

Based on the key findings of the water level monitoring data and the existing conditions hydraulic model, the following hydraulic objectives were identified:

- Reduce peak water levels on adjacent agricultural lands during Eel River Extreme Flood Level
- Improve rate of drain-off between storm events from the levee ditches and agricultural fields (northern and southern)

3.10 Design Alternatives

Design alternatives were developed to evaluate potential improvements in drainage patterns associated with various modifications to the existing Riverside Ranch levee and potential addition/replacement of gated drainage culverts and associated drainage ditches. The development of design alternatives was iterative, first focusing on lowering discrete sections of the Riverside Ranch levee to better understand the effect on floodplain flow patterns and peak water levels during the Extreme Flood event, and the effect on flood protection from the Salt River Estuary during the Flood and Action Level events. The alternative development process utilized a proposed conditions hydraulic model, adapted from the existing conditions hydraulic model, to evaluate performance based on the following metrics:

- Reduction in peak water levels on agricultural lands
- Reduction in duration of flooding of agricultural lands
- Reduction in peak floodplain velocities at the topographic constriction
- Minimization of erosion potential associated with levee overtopping
- Reduction in peak water levels and duration of inundation on agricultural fields during local precipitation driven events.

Each alternative built on the information gained from previous alternatives, progressing towards an optimal alternative with respect to the project objectives, with consideration given to avoiding modifications that would not provide additional benefit.

Following the identification of an optimal alternative for the lowering of the Riverside Ranch levee, alternatives that focused on the addition of gated culverts and modifications to drainage channels were developed. These alternatives explored multiple configurations of culverts to increase drainage conveyance and decrease water levels on agricultural lands.

4. Evaluation of Design Alternatives (Concept Design)

Each alternative was developed using the existing conditions model with modifications to the existing Riverside Ranch levee, addition/modification of gated drainage culverts through the levee, and geometry of the drainage ditch. Discrete lengths of the Riverside Ranch levee were lowered to between elevation 10 and 11.5 feet to assess changes in peak water levels and flow patterns during the Flood Level and Extreme Flood Level events. Culvert structures were added and dimensions and invert elevations assigned. The various configurations are described below.

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4.1.1 Simulations and Results

Seven alternatives representing section(s) of lowered levee crest elevations and seven alternatives representing different culvert configurations were developed and simulated. A description of each alternative and resulting hydraulic performance related to the design objectives are described in Table 4 and Table 5. The simulations presented in Table 4 focus on peak water levels and floodplain flow patterns associated with lowering sections of the Riverside Ranch levee. Simulation in Table 5 focus on efficiency of drainage following peak water levels and drain-off between storm events associated with adding culverts and drainage ditch modifications. Detailed hydrographs of each modeled alternative are shown in Appendix A.

Table 4Simulation summar	v		
Simulation Concept	Description <u>Existing Conditions</u> Present conditions with typical levee crest elevation of 14.75 feet (NAVD)	Modeled Water Level FindingsFlood LevelNorthern Agricultural FieldsPeak 10.4 feet (Monitored 10.4 ft)Southern Agricultural FieldsPeak 8.4 feet (Monitored 10.1 ft)Extreme Flood LevelNorthern Agricultural FieldsPeak 13.3 feet (Monitored 13.7 ft)Southern Agricultural FieldsPeak 14.8 feet (Monitored 15.1 ft)	Modeled Flood Pattern FindingsFlood LevelLevee prevents overtopping of flow from estuary to agricultural fields. Flow travels north and south along leveeExtreme Flood LevelFloodplain velocity at residence between Morgan Slough and Riverside Ranch, 1 ft/sec. Flow travels north and south along levee. Higher peak water levels on agricultural lands than estuary.
Estuary Gale River Gale River Agricultural Gale River Call Ri	Alternative A Lower 11,500 linear feet of levee crest to 10 feet (NAVD).	Flood LevelNorthern Agricultural FieldsIncreased peak by 0.1 feetSouthern Agricultural FieldsIncreased peak by 0.4 ftExtreme Flood LevelNorthern Agricultural FieldsNo change in peak water levels. Minorreduction in water levels leading up to andfollowing peak.Southern Agricultural FieldsReduced peak by 1.1 feet. Equal water levelson both sides of levee above 10 feet.Agricultural water levels below or equal toestuary through peak and following peak.Slightly lower than existing after peak andbelow 10 feet.	Flood Level Overtopping of lowered levee areas resulting in flow from estuary to agricultural fields. Extreme Flood Level Reduced velocity by 27% between Morgan Slough and Riverside Ranch levee. Flow change from northwesterly to westerly.

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Simulation Concept	Description	Modeled Water Level Findings	Modeled Flood Pattern Findings
Simulation Concept	Description <u>Alternative B1</u> Lower 1,200 linear feet of levee crest elevation to 11.5 feet (NAVD).	Modeled Water Level Findings Flood Level Northern Agricultural Fields No change in peak Southern Agricultural Fields No change in peak Extreme Flood Level Northern Agricultural Fields Reduction of peak water levels by 0.1 feet. Similar water levels throughout storm event.	Modeled Flood Pattern Findings Flood Level No significant changes Extreme Flood Level Increased velocity by 7% between Morgan Slough and Riverside Ranch levee.
Existing Levee Crest Elevation Lower Levee Crest Elevation		<i>Southern Agricultural Fields</i> Reduced peak by 0.1 feet. Similar water levels as existing with agricultural above estuary.	
Estuary Estuary Salence Sal	Alternative B2 Lower 1,200 linear feet of levee crest elevation to 10.0 feet (NAVD).	Flood Level Northern Agricultural Fields Increased peak by 0.1 feet Southern Agricultural Fields Increased peak by 0.1 feet Extreme Flood Level Northern Agricultural Fields Reduced peak by 0.1 feet. Mathematical Fields Reduced peak by 0.1 feet. Southern Agricultural Fields Reduced peak by 0.1 feet. Southern Agricultural Fields Reduced peak by 0.1 feet. Similar water levels as existing with agricultural above estuary.	Flood Level Overtopping of lowered levee areas resulting in flow from estuary to agricultural fields. Extreme Flood Level Increased velocity by 12% between Morgan Slough and Riverside Ranch levee.

Simulation Concept	Description	Modeled Water Level Findings	Modeled Flood Pattern Findings
Salt River Stough	Alternative C Lower 4,200 linear feet of levee crest elevation to 11.5 feet (NAVD).	Flood Level Northern Agricultural Fields No change in peak	Flood Level No significant changes
Estuary Agricultural		Southern Agricultural Fields No change in peak Extreme Flood Level Northern Agricultural Fields Reduction of peak water levels by 0.1 feet. Minor reduction in water levels above 12 feet. Southern Agricultural Fields Reduced peak by 0.1 feet. Similar water levels as existing with agricultural above estuary	Extreme Flood Level Increased velocity by 18% between Morgan Slough and Riverside Ranch levee.
Existing Levee Crest Elevation Lower Levee Crest Elevation			
Satt River Slough Fel River	Alternative D Lower 1,400 linear feet of levee crest elevation to 10.0 feet (NAVD).	Flood Level Northern Agricultural Fields: No change in peak Southern Agricultural Fields	Flood Level Overtopping of lowered levee areas resulting in flow from estuary to agricultural fields.
Estuary Agricultural		Increased peak by 0.2 feet <u>Extreme Flood Level</u> <i>Northern Agricultural Fields</i> No change in peak water levels. Minor reduction in water levels above 9 feet, after	Extreme Flood Level Reduced velocity by 14% between Morgan Slough and Riverside Ranch levee.
		peak. Southern Agricultural Fields Reduced peak by 0.9 feet. Difference between estuary and agricultural water levels reduced. Agricultural water levels higher than estuary above water level 10-11 feet.	existing barn and access road.
 Existing Levee Crest Elevation Lower Levee Crest Elevation 			

Simulation Concept	Description	Modeled Water Level Findings	Modeled Flood Pattern Findings
Sall River Slough Sel River	Alternative E Lower 1,900 linear feet of levee crest elevation to 11.0 feet (NAVD).	<u>Flood Level</u> Northern Agricultural Fields No change in peak	Flood Level No changes
Estuary Agricultural SaliRiver		Southern Agricultural Fields No change in peak Extreme Flood Level Northern Agricultural Fields Reduction of peak water levels by 0.1 feet. Minor reduction in water levels above 10 feet, after peak.	Extreme Flood Level Reduced velocity by 23% between Morgan Slough and Riverside Ranch levee.
-Existing Levee Crest Elevation Lower Levee Crest Elevation		Southern Agricultural Fields Reduced peak by 1.1 feet. Difference between estuary and agricultural water levels reduced. Agricultural water levels approximately equal to estuary above elevation 10 feet.	
Sall River Slough Fer River	Alternative F Lower three sections of levee crest elevations totaling 5,400 linear feet, to 11.0 feet (NAVD).	<u>Flood Level</u> <i>Northern Agricultural Fields</i> No change in peak	Flood Level No changes
Estuary Agricultural		Southern Agricultural Fields No change in peak	Extreme Flood Level Reduced velocity by 28% between Morgan Slough and Riverside Ranch levee.
SaltRiver		Extreme Flood Level Northern Agricultural Fields Reduction of peak water levels by 0.1 feet. Minor reduction in water levels above 10 feet.	
		Southern Agricultural Fields Reduced peak by 1.0 feet. Difference between estuary and agricultural water levels reduced. Agricultural water levels approximately equal to estuary above elevation 10 feet.	
Existing Levee Crest Elevation			

Simulation Concept	Description	Modeled Water Level Findings	Modeled Flood Pattern Findings
Estuary Est	Alternative G1 Lower two sections of levee crest elevations totaling 4,300 linear feet, to 11.0 feet (NAVD).	Flood Level Northern Agricultural Fields No change in peak Southern Agricultural Fields No change in peak Extreme Flood Level Northern Agricultural Fields Reduction of peak water levels by 0.1 feet. Southern Agricultural Fields Reduced peak by 1.1 feet. Difference between estuary and agricultural water levels reduced. Agricultural water levels approximately equal to estuary above elevation 10 feet.	Flood Level No changes Extreme Flood Level Reduced velocity by 25% between Morgan Slough and Riverside Ranch levee.
Estuary Callence Callenc	Alternative G2 Lower two sections of levee crest elevations totaling 4,300 linear feet, to 10.0 feet (NAVD).	Flood Level Northern Agricultural Fields: Increased peak by 0.1 feet Southern Agricultural Fields: Increased peak by 0.3 ft Extreme Flood Level Northern Agricultural Fields: Reduced peak water levels by 0.1 feet. Minor reduction in water levels above 10 feet. Southern Agricultural Fields Reduced peak by 1.1 feet. Difference between estuary and agricultural water levels reduced. Agricultural water levels approximately equal to estuary above elevation 10 feet.	Flood Level Overtopping of lowered levee areas resulting in flow from estuary to agricultural fields. Extreme Flood Level Reduced velocity by 23% between Morgan Slough and Riverside Ranch levee.

Table 5Summary of Culvert Alternatives

Simulation Concept	Description	Extreme Flood Level	Multiple Rain Events
Simulation Concept	Description	Drainage time from peak water level to	Maximum and minimum water level at
		elevation 6 feet (within drainage ditch)	culverts between rain events
Estuary Sal River Sal River Sa	Existing Conditions Flow Line Elev. Location (feet NAVD) Size 1 2.2 60-inch dia. 2 3.7 60-inch dia. 3 2.8 60-inch dia.	Northern Agricultural Fields: 82 hours Southern Agricultural Fields: 61 hours	Northern Agricultural Fields Max: 3.5 ft Min: 3.1 ft Southern Agricultural Fields Max: 4.3 ft Min: 3.2 ft
Channels	Alternative G1 This simulation utilized the two most effective lowered sections from Extreme Flood Level and Flood Level simulations. Both sections of levee crest elevations along these were reduced to 11.0 feet. Common to all drainage alternatives. Existing Culverts Flow Line Elev. Location (feet NAVD) 1 2.2 60-inch dia. 2 3.7 60-inch dia. 3 2.8 60-inch dia.	Northern Agricultural Fields: No reduction in drainage time Southern Agricultural Fields: No reduction in drainage time	Northern Agricultural Fields Max: no reduction Min: no reduction Southern Agricultural Fields Max: no reduction Min: no reduction
Existing Levee Crest (14.75 ft NAVD) Channels	Pag	e 18 of 26	

Simulation Concept	Description	Extreme Flood Level	Multiple Rain Events
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Simulation Concept	Description	Extreme Flood Level Drainage time from peak water level to elevation 6 feet (within drainage ditch)	Multiple Rain Events Maximum and minimum water level at culverts between rain events
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Simulation Concept	Description	Extreme Flood Level Drainage time from peak water level to	Multiple Rain Events Maximum and minimum water level at
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Simulation Concept	Description	Extreme Flood Level Drainage time from peak water level to elevation 6 feet (within drainage ditch)	Multiple Rain Events Maximum and minimum water level at culverts between rain events
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4.1.2 Levee Lowering Findings

Modeling of the seven levee lowering design alternatives resulted in the following key findings, relevant to the design objectives:

Flood Elevation Riverside Ranch vs Agricultural Lands (Peak and Duration)

During the Extreme Flood Level event, under existing conditions, when significant overtopping of the levees along the Eel River inundates the northern and southern agricultural fields, water levels on the agricultural fields rise and exceed water levels in the estuary. Reducing Riverside Ranch levee elevations allows flood water on the agricultural fields to flow over the levee and into the estuary, reducing the magnitude and duration of difference between water levels, and utilizing available storage in the estuary. Alternatives A, E, F and G1 and G2 all minimize the difference in water levels by allowing flood waters on the agricultural land to flow over the levee to the estuary. Minimization of differences and duration is achieved by lowering as little as 1,900 linear feet of levee crest to 10 feet or 11 feet (NAVD).

During the Flood Level event, limited overtopping of the Eel River onto the floodplain occurs and estuary water levels are typically greater than agricultural water levels. Agricultural water levels are greater than estuary water levels after the peaks, when drainage to the estuary is limited to stormdrain infrastructure.

Agricultural Lands Peak Flood Elevation

During the Extreme Flood Level event, peak water levels on the agricultural fields can be reduced by lowering levee crest elevations and utilizing available storage in the estuary. Alternatives E, G1 and G2 exhibit the greatest reduction in peak flood elevations on both the northern and southern agricultural fields. Peak water levels are reduced by 1.1 feet on the southern agricultural fields and 0.1 feet on the northern agricultural fields. This reduction is achieved by lowering as little as 1,900 linear feet of levee crest to 10 feet or 11 feet (NAVD). Additional lowering of the levee along the northern agricultural lands does not further reduce peak water levels on agricultural lands.

Levee Overtopping from Estuary Side

During the Flood Level event, peak water levels on agricultural fields increase when levee crest elevations are lowered to 10.0 feet due to overtopping from the estuary to the agricultural lands. Lowering levee crest elevations to 11.0 feet prevent Flood Event estuary water levels from overtopping into the agricultural fields.

Flood Frequency (Action, Flood, Extreme Flood) and Extent of Inundation on Ag lands

Under existing conditions, peak water levels in the estuary reach elevation 10.1 to 10.2 feet during the Action Level event, and elevation 10.5 to 10.9 feet during the Flood Level event. Lowering levee crest elevations below 11 feet result in overtopping of the levee from the estuary side, increasing the flood frequency and extent of inundation on agricultural lands. Alternatives proposing levee crest elevations of 11 feet maintain a similar flood frequency due to overtopping of the Eel River bank during the Extreme Flood Level event prior to estuary water levels reaching elevation 11 feet.

Floodplain Velocity

On the floodplain, increased velocities occur through constrictions, where cross-section area of the available flow path is reduced. Increased velocities were noted under the existing conditions Extreme Flood Level event in the area between the Riverside Ranch levee and the levee along the western side of Morgan Slough, where a residential home is located. Velocities near the residence were reduced by lowering levee crest elevations south of the constriction. Alternatives A, F, G1 and G2 resulted in most significant reduction in velocity and change of flow path away from the residence.

Erosion Potential from Levee Overtopping

Levee overtopping can result in erosion of the crest and slope of the levee. At the time of overtopping, differential in water levels on either side of the levee is correlated with the erosion potential. Minimizing the difference

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between water levels at the time of overtopping reduces the erosion potential. All alternatives, except for Alternatives B and C, result in a water level difference less than 1 foot at the time of overtopping.

4.1.3 Culvert Findings

Using Alternative G1 for levee lowering, which best meets all of the design objectives for lowering peak water levels and floodplain velocities, seven culvert/drainage ditch configuration alternatives were modeled. Hydraulic modeling resulted in the following key findings:

Flood Duration

The duration of flooding was evaluated based on the number of hours required for water levels to fall below elevation 6 feet, the typical ground elevation of adjacent agricultural fields following the peak of the Extreme Flood Level event. Lowering of levee crest elevation does not reduce the duration of flooding, both existing conditions and Alternative G1 required 82 hours for the northern agricultural lands to drain and 61 hours for the southern agricultural lands.

Lowering of the existing northern drainage channel and installation of a new 60-inch diameter culvert, set at an elevation of 1.0 feet (NAVD) discharging to the northern estuary reduces the duration of flooding on the northern agricultural fields by 35 hours. Adding additional 60-inch diameter culverts discharging to the northern estuary do not show additional reductions in duration of flooding.

Excavation of a new drainage channel that conveys drainage to the south, and 60-inch diameter culvert, set at an elevation of 1.6 feet (NAVD) discharging directly to the Salt River at the levee access road reduces the duration of flooding on the southern agricultural fields by 11 hours. Replacing the existing southern culvert with a 10feet x 10feet flood gate reduces the duration by an additional 2 hours.

Peak and Minimum Water Levels between Precipitation Events.

Local drainage improvements were analyzed using results from the precipitation event scenario. Between the precipitation events, water levels within the northern drainage channel fall to elevation 3.1 feet and rise to 3.5 feet. In the southern drainage channel, water levels fall to elevation 3.2 feet and rise to 4.3 feet.

Lowering of the existing northern drainage ditch and adding a second 60-inch diameter gated culvert, set at an elevation of 1.0 feet (NAVD) discharging to the Salt River Slough reduces the higher water level by 0.1 feet and the lower water level by 1.6 feet. Adding additional 60-inch diameter gated culverts, discharging to the northern estuary do not show additional reductions in water levels.

Excavation of a new drainage channel that conveys drainage to the south, and 60-inch diameter gated culvert, set at an elevation of 1.6 feet (NAVD) discharging directly to the Salt River at the levee access road reduces the higher water level by 0.5 feet and the lower water level by 0.1 feet. Replacing the existing southern culvert with a 10feet x 10feet flood gate does not affect the higher water level and reduces the lower water level by an additional 0.1 feet.

5. Alternative Selection

The alternative development process utilized the findings of each previous modeled alternative to improve upon the benefits. Lowering of two sections of the levee to elevation 11 feet, as shown in Alternative G1 exhibited the following benefits, listed below and quantified in Table 6:

- Minimized the difference between agricultural and estuary water levels during the peak of the Extreme Flood event by allowing flood flow on the agricultural fields to overtop the Riverside Ranch levee and flow to the estuary
- Greatest reduction in peak water levels on the agricultural fields during the Extreme Flood Level event while preventing the estuary from overtopping the Riverside Ranch levee during the Action and Flood Level events

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• Reduced floodplain flow velocities and re-directed floodplain flow away from the residence adjacent to Morgan Slough during the Extreme Flood Level event

In addition to the benefits of Alternative G1, Alternative G1-G exhibited the following benefits:

- Greatest reduction in duration of flooding during the Extreme Flood Level event by 35 hours in the northern agricultural fields
- Reduced duration of flooding during the Extreme Flood Level event by 11 hours in the southern agricultural fields
- Greatest reduction in minimum water levels between precipitation events in northern agricultural fields
- Greatest reduction in maximum water levels between precipitation events in southern agricultural fields

Table 6 Selected Alternative G1-G Summary of Benefits

Metric	Northern Agricultural	Southern Agricultural
Flood Level Event: Difference in Peak Water Level	No Change	No Change
Extreme Flood Level Event: Difference in Peak Water Level	Reduced by 0.1 feet	Reduced by 1.1 feet
Extreme Flood Level Event: Change in Flood Duration	Reduced by 35 hours	Reduced by 11 hours
Precipitation Events: Maximum Water Level	Reduced by 0.1 feet	Reduced by 0.5 feet
Precipitation Events: Minimum Water Level	Reduced by 1.6 feet	Reduced by 0.1 feet

Alternative G1-F, the addition of a 10feet x 10feet flood gate, exhibited improvements to the reduction in flood duration by an additional 2 hours during the Extreme Flood Level event and reduction of 0.1 feet in minimum water levels between precipitation events. Alternative G1-F was not selected due to the expected increase in cost and negligible drainage improvements.

6. Concept Design

6.1 Selected Alternative

Alternative G1-G best meets the design objectives. Following selection of the design alternative, the extent of levee lowering was refined and modeled to improve hydraulics, removing the presence of erosive circulating flow patterns near the levee crest during overtopping. A conceptual design and components are presented in Table 7 and further detailed in Appendix B.

Simulation Concept	Description		
Salt River Slough Fel River	Levee Lowering		
Salt River Slough Eer River	Location	Crest Elev.(NAVD)	<u>Length</u>
	South	11.0 ft	2,550 ft
	North	11.0 ft	1,800 ft
	Existing Gated Culverts		
Estuary Agricultural	Location	Flow Line Elev. (NAVD)	<u>Size</u>
	1	2.2 ft	60-inch dia.
salialvez	2	3.7 ft	60-inch dia.
Gan	3	2.8 ft	60-inch dia.
19	New Gated Culverts		
	Location	Flow Line Elev. (NAVD)	<u>Size</u>
	A	1.6 ft	60-inch dia.
3	E	1.0 ft	60-inch dia.
	New and Reprofiled Drainage Ditches		
Lower Levee Crest (11.0 ft NAVD)	Location	Flow Line Elev. (NAVD)	<u>Length</u>
Existing Levee Crest (11.0 it NAVD)	i (new)	Min 1.6 ft	1,500 feet
-Channels	ii (reprofiled)	Min 1.0 ft	800 feet

 Table 7
 Concept Design of Selected Alternative G1-G

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6.2 Design, Permitting, Construction and Cost

The conceptual design and modeling is intended to demonstrate feasibility of the project to meet the project objectives. Additional modeling is recommended to inform final design and the development of construction documents. Design components include transition geometry from lowered levee sections to existing levee crest, extent and type of erosion control measures during overtopping events, geometry of new drainage ditches, geometry of lowered levee crest sections, culvert and tide gate structures, use or off-haul of excavated material. The final design is anticipated to incorporate reuse of excavated material for placement on the existing salt marsh plain and high marsh ecotone and to support eradication of invasive spartina. The excavated material would be placed in thin lifts above MHHW (6.5ft) while not exceeding elevation 9.0 feet such that estuarine wetland characteristics persist post-fill placement. Other sediment reuse options may exist such as placement on adjacent agricultural uplands.

6.2.1 Environmental Compliance Strategy

The project Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was completed in February 2011 (SCH # SD2007-05-6) and all necessary regulatory permits were issued prior to commencement of construction in 2013. The issued permits included a Humboldt County Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Humboldt County Grading Permit, California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement, Regional Water Quality Control Board 401 Water Quality Certification, California State Lands Commission Lease, California Coastal Commission Coastal Development Permit (CDP), U.S. Fish & Wildlife Biological Opinion (BO) for Tidewater Goby, NOAA-Fisheries Biological Opinion (BO) for Salmonids, and a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 Individual Permit. The Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is the CEQA lead agency and applicant for the project permits. The EIR and permits covered the entire Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project (Project) inclusive of Phase 1 (Riverside Ranch completed in 2013) and Phase 2. The portions of the Project that have been constructed, including Phase 1, have remained consistent with the EIR and issued permits with one Material Amendment approved for the CDP on Phase 2 of the project. The EIR and issued permits were predicated on the Habitat Mitigation & Monitoring Plan (HMMP) which documented the pre- and post-project habitat types and wetland fill/creation acreages. For the project phases constructed to date, the habitat acreages restored have generally remained consistent with the planned acreages in the HMMP, as has the wetland fill and creation associated with excavation and filling.

To remain consistent with the HMMP, it is recommended that the final design result in a no-net change in habitat type acreages specified in the HMMP. Additionally, it is recommended to avoid placement of fill on wetlands that would result in a conversion to uplands. Based on the selected alternative, both can likely be achieved by placement of the excavated soils on the spartina dominated salt marsh plain between MHHW (elevation 6.5ft) and elevation 9.0 feet such that salt marsh habitat/coastal wetland will continue to persist.

An Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) was developed for the project which included specific post-construction monitoring methods, reporting and management actions. The purpose of the AMP is to monitor the physical and biological response of the constructed project to ensure the project remains on a trajectory to achieve the project goals, and if determined necessary through the monitoring results, take management actions. Given the geomorphically dynamic system, the AMP, inclusive of the management actions specified within, were included in the EIR analysis and issued regulatory permits, thus the anticipate management actions would not require additional on continuous regulatory approvals prior to each management action. The RCD has been completing the monitoring of the constructed project phases as specified in the AMP. Through the monitoring process outlined in the AMP and the analysis described in this report, the components identified in the selected alternative (levee lowering and addition of culverts/tide gates to improve drainage) are consistent with the management actions described in Table B-1 of the AMP. However, the quantity of excavated material and proposed placement on the salt marsh plain are not explicitly cover in the AMP. Therefore, as an initial phase of the final design it is recommended the RCD inquire with each regulatory agency to determine regulatory coverage under the AMP compared to a permit amendment. Given the delay in completion of Phase 2, it is also recommended the RCD request any necessary permit extensions (i.e. 5 to 10 years) to accommodate future project completion an ongoing adaptive management. An amendment to the existing EIR or development of a supplemental EIR is also anticipated for the selected alternative. The CEQA approach can also be confirmed in consultation with the agencies as the final design effort is initiated.

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