

# Environmental Minor Project Refinement Form



Project Name: West of Devers Upgrade Project Request Prepared By: Sylvia Granados

Date Approval Required: 12/29/2017 Variance Request No.: 4

Date Submitted: 12/27/2017 Location: Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District hydrants located near the intersections of: Highland Springs Avenue and Crooked Creek (TEWS #1); Oak Valley Parkway and Oak View Drive (TEWS #2), in the City of Beaumont, Riverside County.

Landowner: Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District /City of Beaumont Landowner Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Vegetative Cover/Land Use: Developed/Disturbed

Existing Sensitive Resource? NO  YES Specify: See "Biological Resources"

Modifying (check as many as apply):  
 MITIGATION MEASURE  PLAN/PROCEDURE  SPECIFICATION  
 DRAWING  PERMIT CONDITION  OTHER

Specify Source (e.g., Mitigation Measure B.5): Continued use of TEWS #1 and TEWS #2

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## Description of Change and Justification (Attach additional sheets if needed.)

Attachments:

CONSTRUCTION DRAWING  ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS  CORRESPONDENCE  OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Continued construction use of purple water hydrants located near the intersections of: Highland Springs Avenue and Crooked Creek (TEWS #1); Oak Valley Parkway and Oak View Drive (TEWS #2), in the City of Beaumont, Riverside County.

### Biological Resources:

The hydrant located along Highland Springs Avenue, on the north side of Crooked Creek Road, serves a residential housing development, in an urbanized part of Beaumont. Only occasional short-term filling of a water truck will occur at sidewalk curb, while allowing access to local land uses. No ground disturbance will occur. Due to the nature of the construction activity and absence of suitable habitats for special-status plants and special-status terrestrial wildlife, no impacts to these species are anticipated.

The hydrant is located within 500 feet of habitats presumed to be historically occupied by the least Bell's vireo (LBVI) (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) and southwestern willow flycatcher (SWFL) (*Empidonax traillii extimus*). However, construction activity at the hydrant is not expected to occur during the breeding season for these species. In addition, the activities are low impact. Therefore, no direct or indirect impacts to breeding LBVI or SWFL are anticipated. SCE will conduct focused nest location surveys as required by MM WIL-1c and consistent with the project Nesting Bird Management Plan (NBMP) beginning January 1. If a breeding territory for LBVI or SWFL is identified, SCE will implement avoidance and minimization measures consistent with MM WIL-2c, in coordination with the RCA, CDFW, and USFWS, in accordance with the NBMP.

The purple hydrant located along Oak Valley Parkway near the intersection of Oak View Drive is also on developed/disturbed land. Only occasional short-term filling of a water truck will occur, while allowing access to local land uses. No ground disturbance will occur. The water source location and vicinity does not include habitats supporting special-status plants or wildlife. No sensitive biological resources were observed during previous surveys. No impacts to sensitive biological resources are anticipated.

The hydrant locations and vicinity include suitable nesting substrates for breeding birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California Fish and Game Code. Suitable substrates include trees, shrubs, man-made structures, and the ground surface. Beginning January 1, SCE will conduct focused nest location surveys consistent with the NBMP. If active nests are found, avoidance and minimization measures will be implemented as described in the NBMP.

No tree trimming or removal is required for use of the hydrants.

Jurisdictional Waters

The hydrants and associated work areas are not located within or adjacent to any potentially jurisdictional riparian or riverine areas. Therefore, no impacts area anticipated.

Cultural Resources

The hydrant locations were covered during previous cultural surveys. Results were negative, as reported in: McLean, Roderic, Natalie Brodie, and Jacqueline Hall. 2013. *Cultural Resources Assessment and Class III Inventory, West of Devers Project, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, California*. LSA Associates, Inc. for Southern California Edison. and DeCarlo, Matthew M., Scott C. Justus, and William T. Eckhardt. 2013. *Summary Class III Cultural Resource Inventory, Proposed Southern California Edison Devers-Palo Verde 2 500kV Transmission Line Project, Riverside County, California*. ASM Affiliates for Southern California Edison and Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. Mengers, Doug. 2016. Cultural Resources Survey of Engineering Revision Areas for the Southern California Company's West of Devers Upgrade Project (WODUP), Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California. PanGIS, Inc., for Southern California Edison. Letter report on file at Eastern Information Center, Riverside, CA.

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**Resources:**

Biological    NO SENSITIVE RESOURCES PRESENT     SENSITIVE RESOURCES PRESENT     N/A

New Survey Report Attached:     YES     NO

If No, Previous Biological Survey Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cultural    NO RESOURCES PRESENT     RESOURCES PRESENT WITH PROJECT APE:     YES     NO  
 (PAVED/GRAVEL AREA AND NO GROUND DISTURBANCE)

If in APE, Previous Cultural Survey Reference: McLean, Roderic, Natalie Brodie, and Jacqueline Hall. 2013. *Cultural Resources Assessment and Class III Inventory, West of Devers Project, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, California*. LSA Associates, Inc. for Southern California Edison.

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If not in APE, attach new survey report.

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**Other Potential Impacts:** (Check any potential changes to permitted impacts and provide details below. Attach additional sheets if needed.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AIR QUALITY          | <input type="checkbox"/> LAND USE | <input type="checkbox"/> TRAFFIC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES | <input type="checkbox"/> NOISE    | <input type="checkbox"/> VISUAL  |

- CONTAMINATED SOILS
- CULTURAL RESOURCES
- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- PALEO RESOURCES
- SOCIOECONOMIC
- STORM WATER (SWPPP)

- WATER RESOURCES
- WETLANDS

NA

**CEQA and Permitting:** (Provide details for any "Yes" answer and attach additional information if needed.)

1. Will modification involve substantial changes that will require major changes to the CEQA document?  
 YES  NO
2. Will modification result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified impacts?  
 YES  NO
3. Additional agency notifications and/or permit modifications required?  YES  NO

**Conditions of Approval or Reasons for Denial:** (Attach additional information if needed.)

**Required Signatures:** (Attached email approvals may be used in lieu of signatures.)

Chief Construction Inspector or Foreman:  VARIANCE MODIFICATION IS NEEDED FOR SAFE AND EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION  
 Name: Rodney Lloyd Signature: See signature page attached Date: 12/11/2017

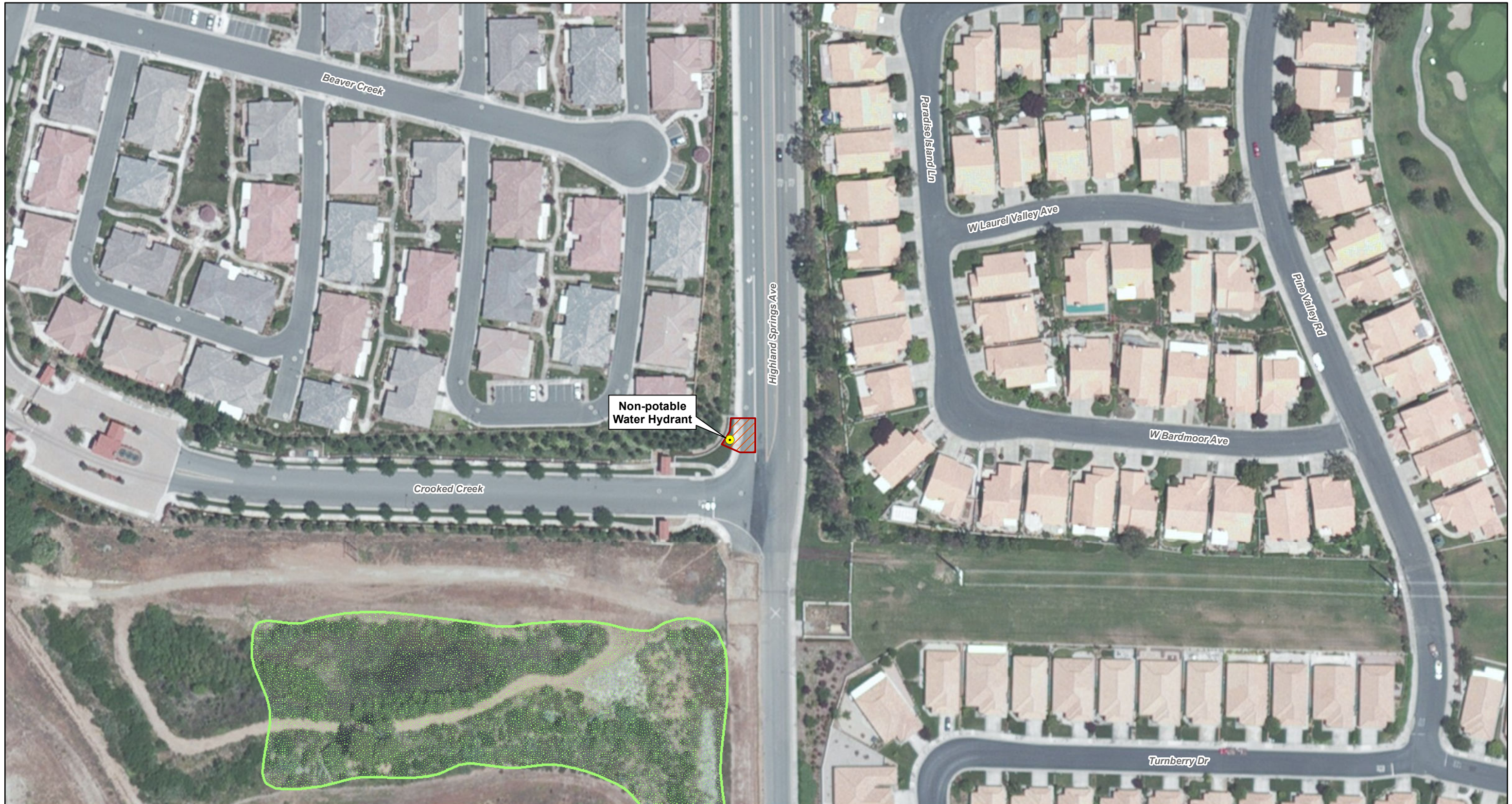
Environmental Inspector:  FIELD REVIEW COMPLETE  
 Name: Hannah Buckley Signature: See signature page attached Date: 12/11/2017

Land Agent:  CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING RIGHTS  NEW RIGHTS OBTAINED  
 Name: Anjeanette Barrett Signature: See signature page attached Date: 12/11/2017

Environmental Compliance Lead:  APPROVED  APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS (SEE CONDITIONS ABOVE)  DENIED  
 Name: Sylvia Granados Signature: See signature page attached Date: 12/11/2017




*H Buckley*  
*X*

*Sylvia Granados*  
*Anjeanette Barrett*



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**LEGEND**

-  Non-potable Water Hydrant
-  Temporary Work Space
-  Riparian Bird Habitat

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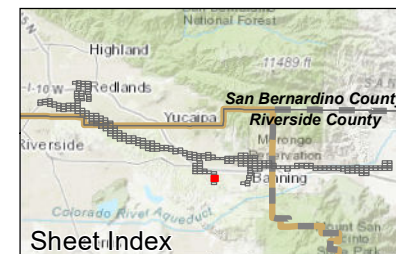
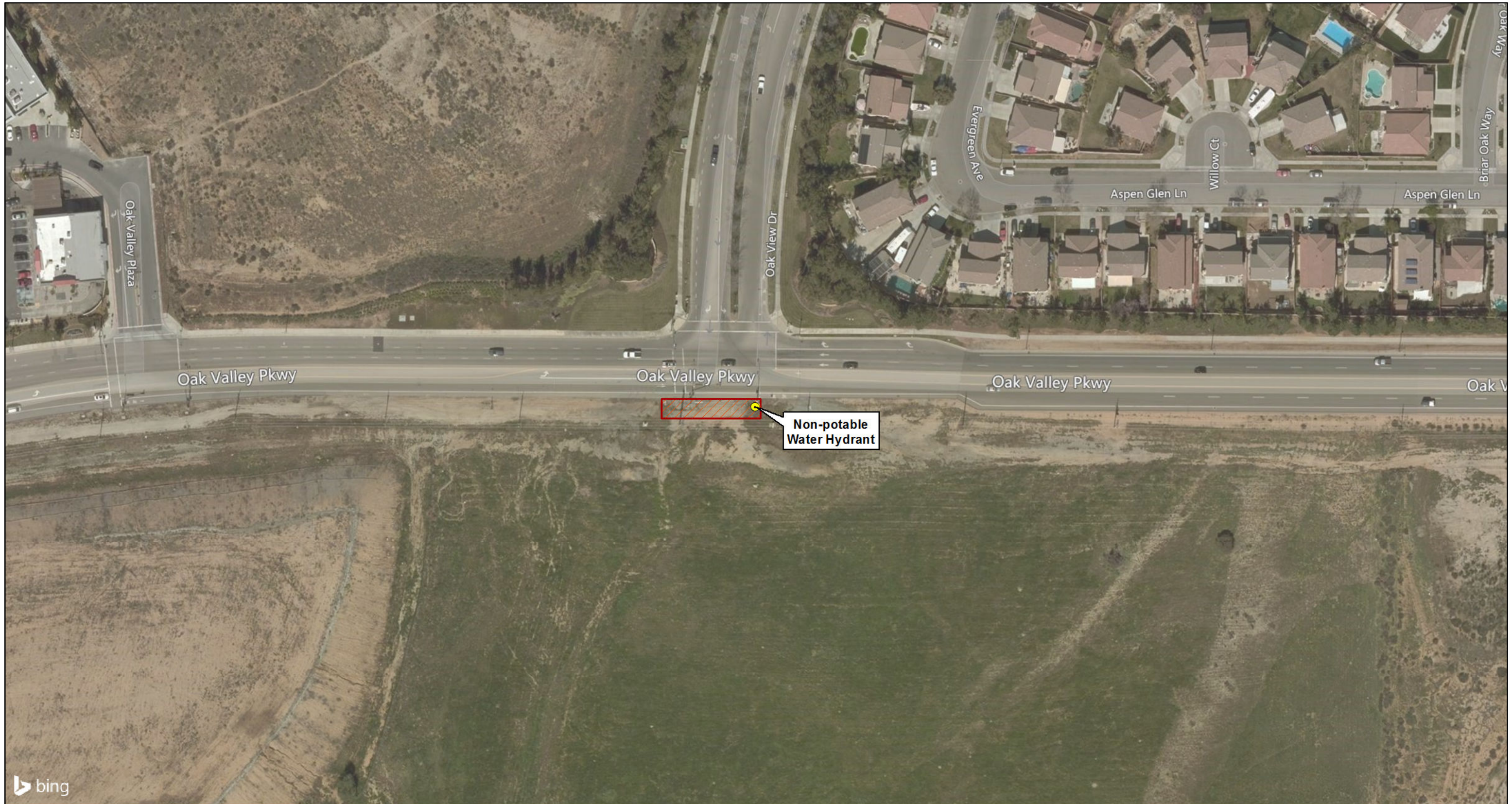


FIGURE 1

Southern California Edison  
 West of Devers Upgrade Project  
**MPR #4 - Water Source -**  
**Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District**







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**LEGEND**

-  Non-potable Water Hydrant
-  Temporary Work Space



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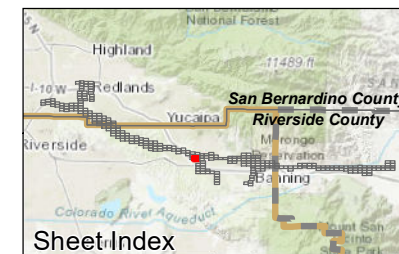


FIGURE 2

Southern California Edison  
West of Devers Upgrade Project  
**MPR #4 -**  
Oak Valley Parkway Water Source

