



Luis Canal's delivery capability and reliability, as well as increased maintenance, repair, and energy costs.

This project is part of a larger CASP program, comprised of short-term (interim) actions and long-term corrective actions aimed to repair the San Luis Canal and the California Aqueduct. Additional information about the program and projects can be found here: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Engineering-And-Construction/Subsidence>

#### Cultural Resources Investigations To-Date

Cultural resources investigations completed to date for the Project include the activities listed below. An *Archaeological and Architectural Resources Inventory Report* is currently being prepared for the project.

- California Native American Heritage Commission Sacred Lands File search request (no sacred sites identified)
- Records searches of the California Historical Resources Information System for the Project Area and vicinity (six previously recorded cultural resources in the Project Area, all of which are historic-era built environmental resources)
- Intensive-level pedestrian survey of the Project Area (no archaeological resources identified)

#### CEQA Implementation

DWR is the lead agency under the CEQA and is proposing to prepare an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project. As part of the cultural resources review of the Project under CEQA, we are writing to provide the Tribe an opportunity to submit any information the Tribe is willing to share about cultural resources or Tribal cultural resources as defined in California Public Resources Code (PRC) §21074, that may be near the proposed Project Area shown in Attachments 1 and 2. We understand that the locations of these resources are sensitive and resource locations will not be disclosed in public documents and will be kept confidential as provided for under California Government Code §6254.10.

Because the Project is being jointly proposed by DWR and Reclamation, it is subject to federal environmental regulations, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA). Reclamation is the lead federal agency for NEPA/NHPA purposes.

#### Conclusion

DWR is committed to working collaboratively with the Tribe to properly account for and manage resources important to the Tribe consistent with DWR's *Tribal Engagement Policy* and the California Natural Resources Agency's *Tribal Consultation Policy*. We welcome any recommendations regarding the appropriate management or treatment of resources, including Tribal cultural resources, that occur within or near the Project Area. This notification does not limit the Tribe's ability to submit information regarding the identification or significance of Tribal cultural resources, the significance of the Project's potential impact on tribal cultural resources, or any appropriate mitigation measures (PRC §21080.3.2(c)(1)).

If the Tribe has any questions or needs additional information, please contact DWR Project Manager Marea Bell at (916) 882-2945 or [marea.bell@water.ca.gov](mailto:marea.bell@water.ca.gov) or DWR

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Information on the CASP Tribal Engagement activities can also be found here <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Engineering-And-Construction/Subsidence/TribalEngagement>.

Respectfully,

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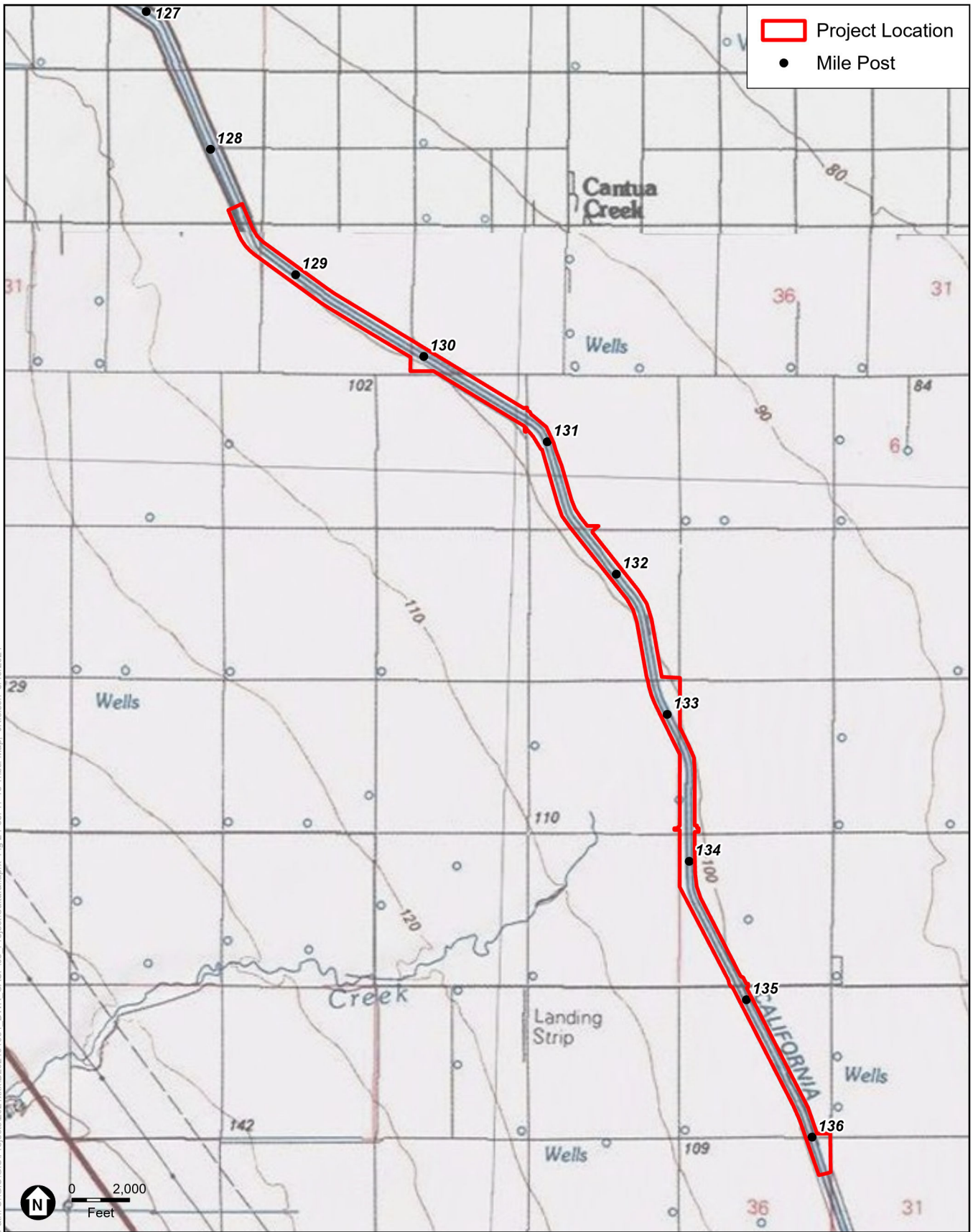
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Attachment 1. Project Vicinity Map  
Attachment 2. Project Location Map









SOURCE: USGS; DWR, 2024.

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**Figure 2**  
Project Location

