



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 (ten previously recorded cultural resources in the Project Area, eight of which are historic-era built environmental resources, and two of which are indigenous archaeological isolates)
- Intensive-level pedestrian survey of the Project Area (neither previously recorded archaeological resource relocated, but one newly recorded indigenous archaeological site and five newly recorded indigenous archaeological isolates identified)

### CEQA Implementation

DWR, as the lead agency under CEQA, 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. If the Tribe wishes to engage in formal government-to-government consultation with DWR for the proposed Project under AB 52 and PRC §21080.3.1, please respond within 30 calendar days of this notice in writing with the Tribe's designated Point of Contact(s) for consultation to DWR Office of Tribal Affairs Executive Manager Anecita Agustinez at [tribalpolicyadvisor@water.ca.gov](mailto:tribalpolicyadvisor@water.ca.gov) and DWR Environmental Planning Lead Marea Bell at [marea.bell@water.ca.gov](mailto:marea.bell@water.ca.gov).

If a written request for consultation under AB 52 (PRC §21080.3.1) is not received by DWR within 30 calendar days, DWR will proceed with consultation under its *Tribal Engagement Policy* and the California Natural Resources Agency *Tribal Consultation Policy* to work collaboratively with the Tribe. This notification does not limit the ability of the Tribe to submit information to DWR. (PRC §21080.3.2.)

If the Tribe has any questions or needs additional information, please contact DWR Environmental Planning Lead Marea Bell at (916) 882-2945 or [marea.bell@water.ca.gov](mailto:marea.bell@water.ca.gov), or DWR Office of Tribal Affairs Executive Manager Anecita Agustinez at (916) 216-8637 or [tribalpolicyadvisor@water.ca.gov](mailto:tribalpolicyadvisor@water.ca.gov).

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

Respectfully,

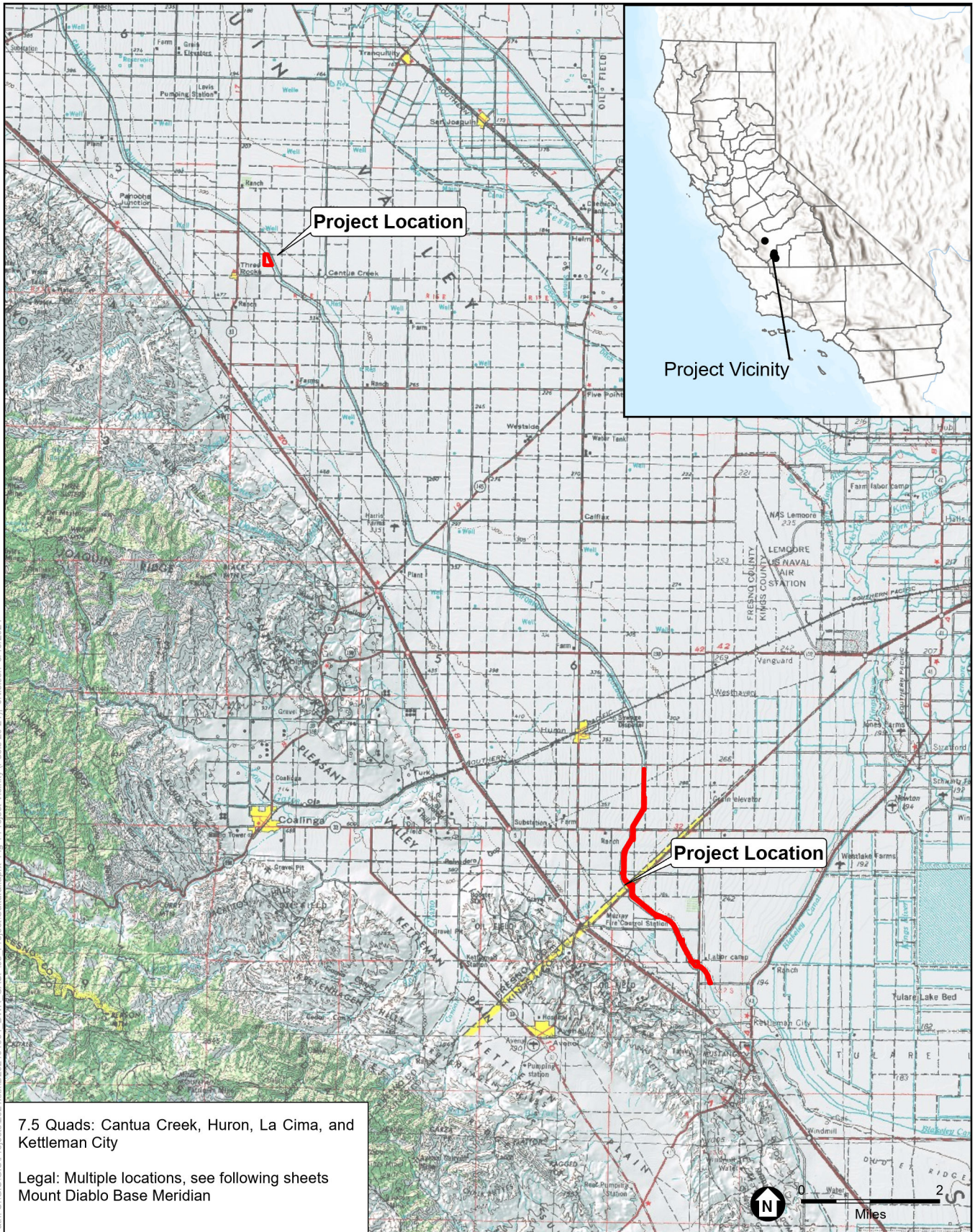
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Attachment 1. Project Vicinity Map  
Attachment 2. Project Location Map





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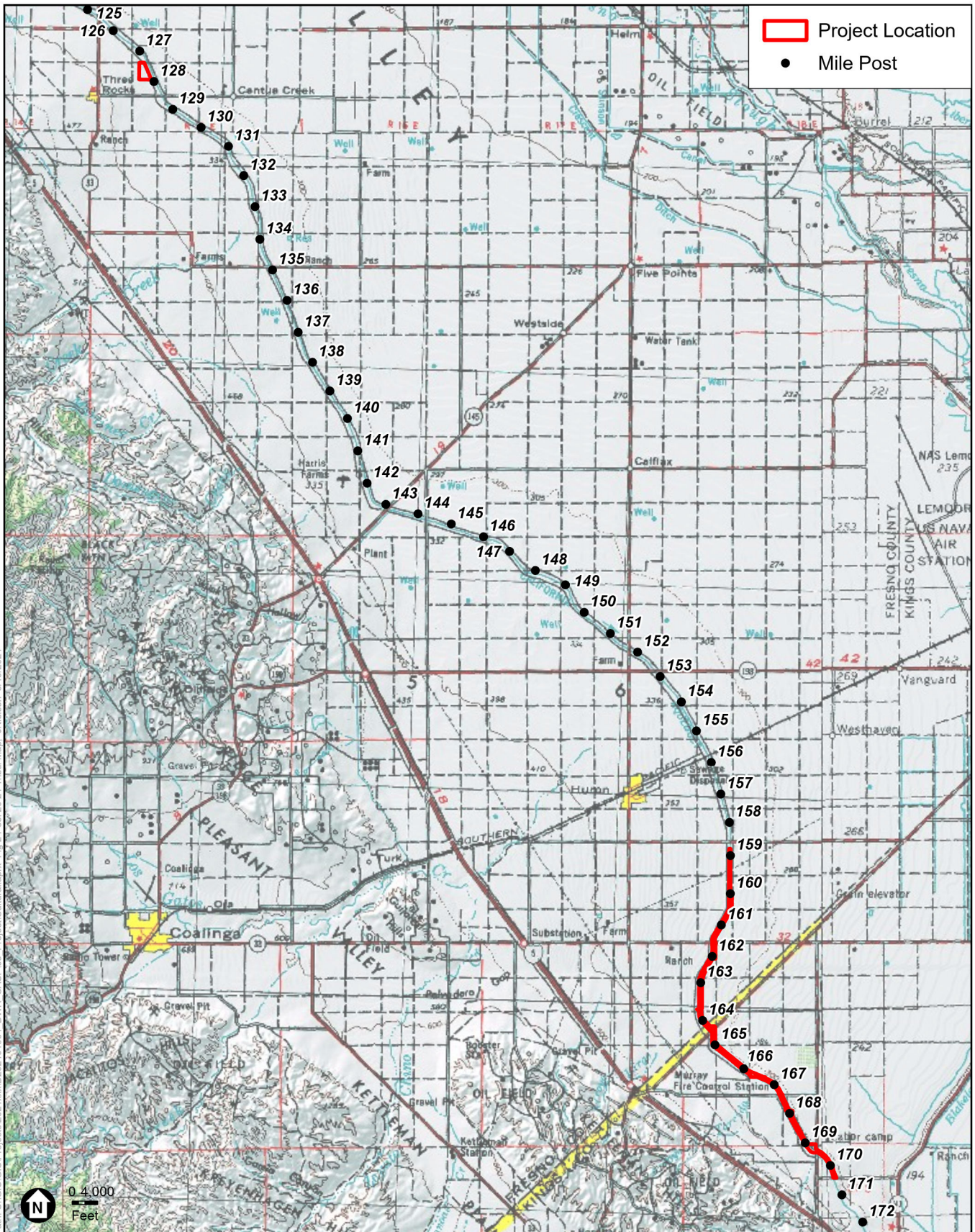
SOURCE: ESRI; DWR, 2024.

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**Figure 1**  
Project Vicinity







SOURCE: USGS; DWR, 2024.

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**Figure 2**  
Project Location

