

San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

DATE: November 2, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Lance Eckhart, General Manager

BY: Emmett Campbell, Director of Water Resources

SUBJECT: Authorize the General Manager to File the Notice of Completion for the Brookside East Heli-Hydrant Facility Project

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the General Manager to File the Notice of Completion for the Brookside East Heli-Hydrant Facility Project.

PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION

- October 7, 2024: Board Meeting - Approval of Resolution No. 2024-13 to Execute the American Rescue Plan Act Funding Agreement Between the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency and the County of Riverside for the Construction of Heli-Hydrant Systems
- November 18, 2024: Board Meeting - Approval of Heli-Hydrant Installation and Maintenance Agreement between San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency and Cabazon Water District
- May 5, 2025: Board Meeting - Approval of Heli-Hydrant Installation and Maintenance Agreement between San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency and High Valleys Water District
- October 20, 2025 - Approval of Heli-Hydrant Installation and Maintenance Agreement between San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency and South Mesa Water Company
- March 16, 2026 - SGPWA Granted a Public Utility Easement to Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District
- June 1, 2026 Board Meeting - Adoption of Resolution 2026-02 Awarding a Heli-Hydrant Installation Contract to Glenn Chavez Construction for \$330,980.00

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") of 2021 (H.R. 1319) into law. The \$1.9 trillion package was intended to combat the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the \$362 billion in federal fiscal recovery aid for state and local governments, \$65.1 billion was provided in direct aid to counties. The County of Riverside's (the "County") share of the ARPA funding was \$479 million, of which the first installment of \$239.9 million was received on May 10, 2021, and the second installment of the same amount was received on June 6, 2022. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

On April 30, 2024, the County's Board of Supervisors voted to allocate \$1.8 million for the construction of six Heli-Hydrants within SGPWA's service area in Riverside County, subject to the execution of a funding agreement between SGPWA and the County. SGPWA initially anticipated serving as a pass-through agency for the County's ARPA funds to its retail agencies, which would construct, own, and maintain the Heli-Hydrants using their existing infrastructure. Under the current implementation approach, SGPWA will serve as the pass-through agency for five Heli-Hydrant installations by retail agencies and will directly construct, own, and maintain one Heli-Hydrant installation.

On October 7, 2024, the SGPWA's Board of Directors voted to approve the ARPA funding agreement with the County. The County's Board of Supervisors voted to approve the ARPA agreement for the Heli-Hydrants on October 29, 2024.

The first two of the six preferred sites referenced in the ARPA funding agreement were constructed by CWD, one on the north side of the I-10 and the other on the south side of the I-10. The next two Heli-Hydrant sites were constructed by High Valleys Water District ("HVWD"). One site is in Poppet Flats, and the other is in Twin Pines. All four of these Heli-Hydrant sites have been constructed. South Mesa Water Company is constructing the fifth Heli-Hydrant site in Calimesa, which is estimated to be completed in the very near future.

The final ARPA-funded Heli-Hydrant site was constructed directly by SGPWA. The location for the final site is on the SGPWA property on Brookside Ave and Beaumont Ave. Construction for the Heli-Hydrant started in August 2026. The project is now completed.

With construction complete, staff recommends that the Board accept the Brookside East Heli-Hydrant Facility Project as complete and authorize the filing of a Notice of Completion. Filing the Notice of Completion will initiate the applicable statutory period for claims against the project and is a required step in the contract closeout process. Following completion of the remaining closeout requirements, including receipt of required documentation and expiration of the applicable statutory periods, staff will proceed with final payment and release of retention in accordance with the Contract and applicable law.

STRATEGIC PLAN NEXUS

The Heli-Hydrant Installation Coordination helps advance various aspects of the Agency's Strategic Plan, including:

- Strategic Goal 1: Align with the current and future water landscape, supporting the region's long-term needs by diversifying the local supply portfolio and advancing water sustainability.
 - ✓ Objective 9 – Sustain infrastructure investments to provide a robust regional water distribution and storage system.
- Strategic Goal 2: Ensure a reliable delivery system that advances efficiency and resiliency.
 - ✓ Objective 9 – Invest emergency infrastructure such as heli-hydrants and backup generators to improve system reliability, support wildfire response efforts, and enhance the region's overall resilience to power outages and natural disasters.
- Strategic Goal 6: Maintain, foster, and expand collaboration with local, regional, state, tribal, and federal partners to develop strategic solutions to water supply challenges and opportunities.
 - ✓ Objective 1 – Coordinate with other agencies and organizations on grants and multi-partner project opportunities.

FISCAL IMPACT

To date, approximately \$425 thousand has been expended on construction-related activities for the Brookside East Heli-Hydrant project. Approximately \$16,500 in contract retention remains outstanding and will be eligible for release following filing of the Notice of Completion, expiration of the applicable statutory period, and completion of the remaining contract closeout requirements.

ACTION

Authorize the General Manager to File the Notice of Completion for the Brookside East Heli-Hydrant Facility Project.

ATTACHMENT

Draft Heli-Hydrant Notice of Completion

Recording requested by
and when recorded mail to:

San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
1210 Beaumont Ave,
Beaumont, CA 92223
Attn: Emmett Campbell

SPACE ABOVE FOR RECORDER'S USE ONLY

(Exempt from Recording Fees per Gov. Code §§ 6103, 27383 & 27361, subd. (e).)

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Notice pursuant to Civil Code Section 9204

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY ("OWNER") THAT:

1. The undersigned is the owner of a work of improvement described as **Brookside East Heli-Hydrant Facility Project**.
2. The real property on which said work of improvement is situated is in the jurisdiction of the **San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency**, located in County of Riverside, State of California, and is described as follows: **APN: 404-010-016**
3. The full name and full address of the Owner is: San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, 1210 Beaumont Ave, Beaumont, CA 92223
4. The full name and address of the direct contractor is: Glenn Chavez Construction. – 76621 Ranchita Canyon Rd, San Miguel, CA 93451.
5. The nature or the interest or estate of the Owner in the above-described real property is: **In Fee**.
6. The date of completion of the work of improvement is: October 30, 2026.

VERIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL

I am the authorized agent of the Owner identified in the foregoing Notice of Completion. I have read said notice of completion and know the contents thereof; the same is true of my own knowledge. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date of Execution

Lance Eckhart
General Manager
San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency

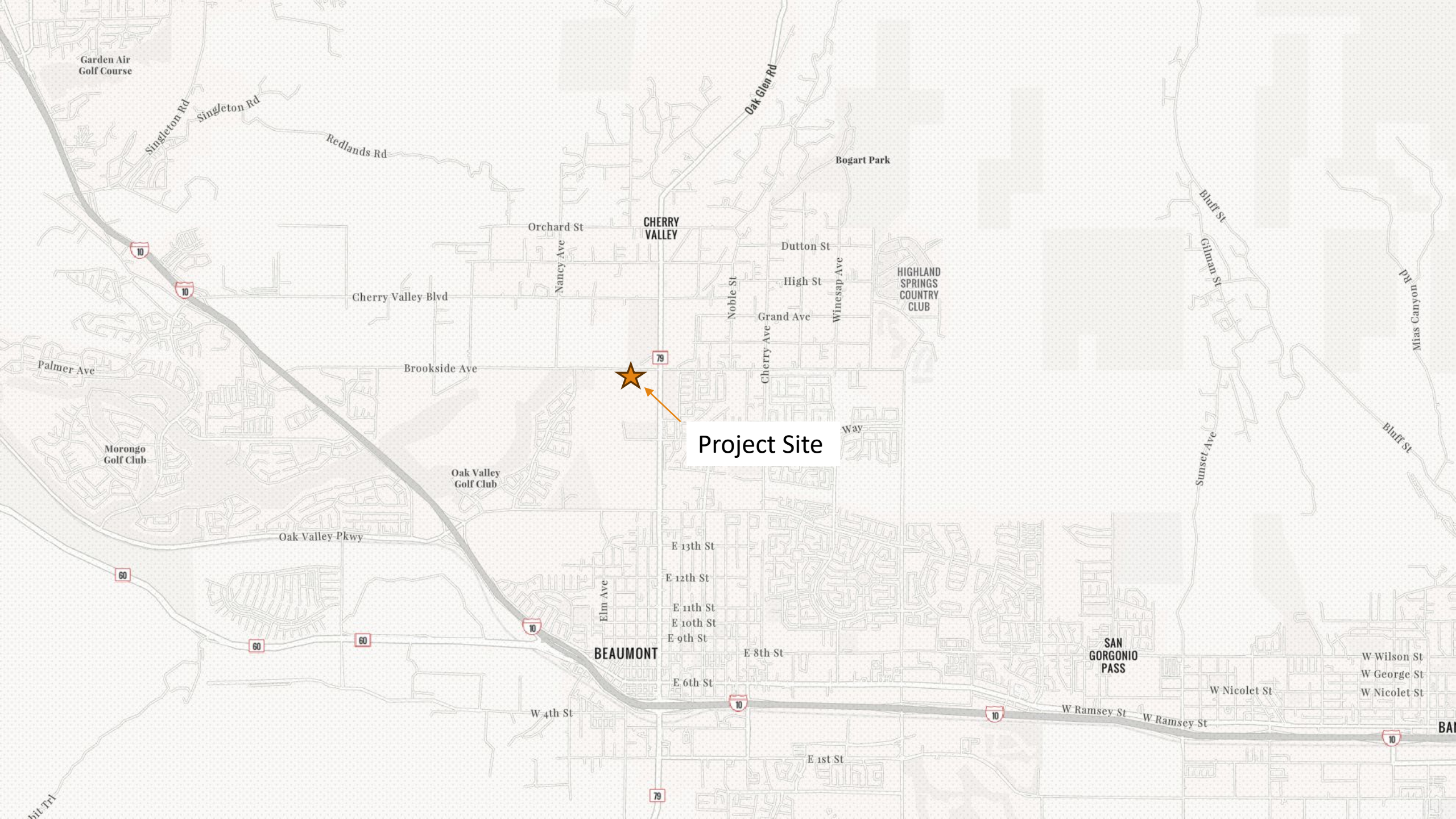
[Note: Exempt from Notarial Acknowledgement per Gov. Code, § 27287 & Civ. Code, § 9208]



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOVEMBER 2, 2026



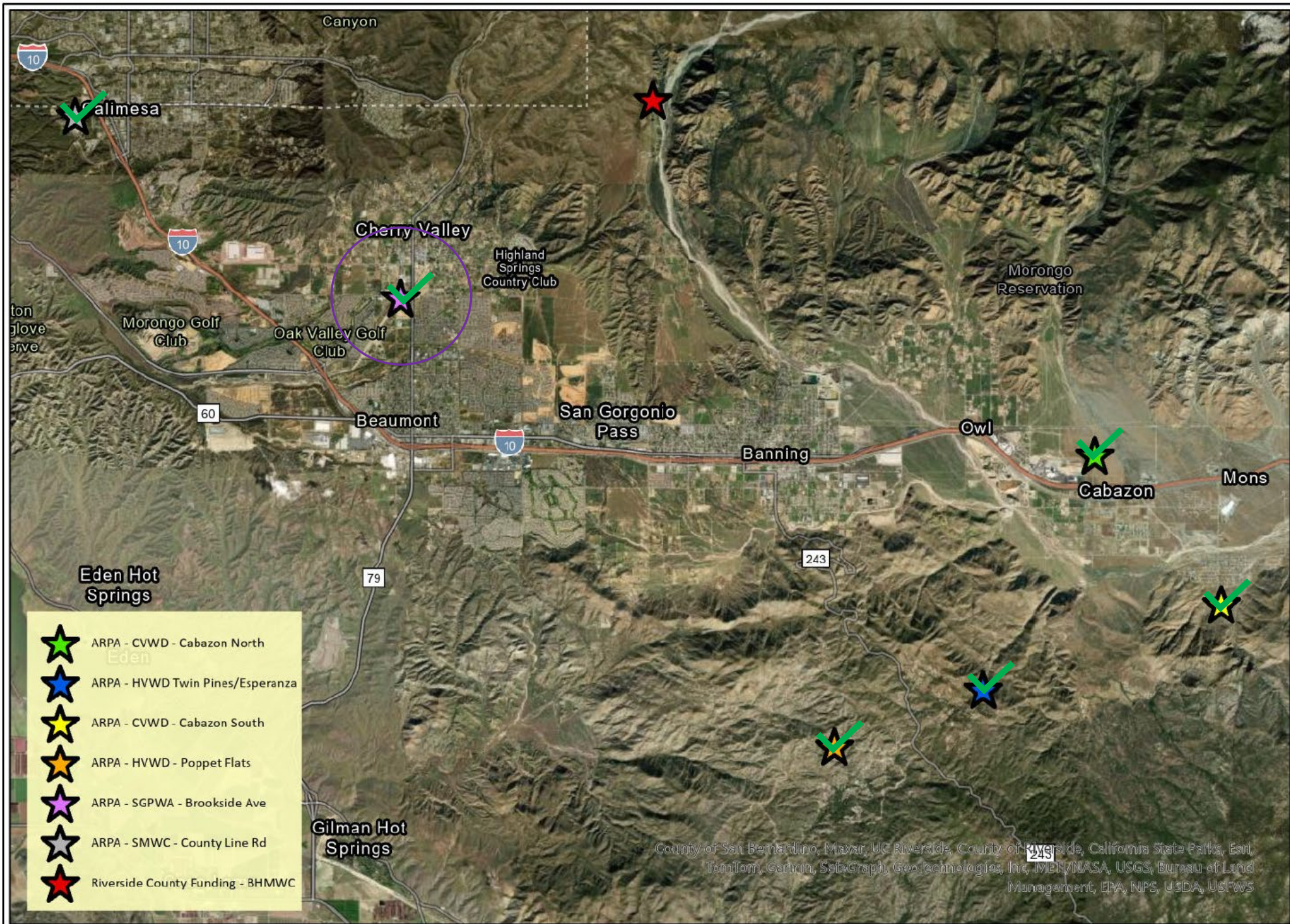
Project Site











Recommendation

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