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*Subject: Newell Creek Pipeline Improvement Project*

To Whom it May Concern:

Dudek has been retained by the City of Santa Cruz Water Department to conduct a cultural resources study for the Newell Creek Pipeline Improvement Project (Proposed Project). The Newell Creek Pipeline (NCP) conveys untreated water from the City's Felton Diversion to Loch Lomond Reservoir for storage and also conveys impounded water from Loch Lomond to the to the Graham Hill Water Treatment Plant (GHWTP) by way of the Felton Booster Pump Station (FBPS) located at the intersection of Graham Hill Road and East Zayante Road. The NCP is located in the Santa Cruz Mountains in the unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County, except for the portion of the NCP that extends onto the GHWTP property, which is located within the City of Santa Cruz (City), but is surrounded by unincorporated lands (see Figure 1 enclosed). The Santa Cruz Water Department is proposing to address the identified deficiencies in existing pipeline conditions, as well as provide improved access for maintenance and repair. The Proposed Project consists of replacement of 8.75 miles of the existing NCP with a new 24- inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC), ductile iron or high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipeline. The pipeline generally would be installed within existing road pavement, road right-of-way (ROW), and/or existing SCWD easements. The Proposed Project would improve long-term reliability of the SCWD water supply infrastructure between Loch Lomond Reservoir and the GHWTP such that it can continue to function as an integral part of the City's overall water supply system.

As part of our study, we are consulting all regional historical organizations to determine if there are any known historic or cultural resources that may be affected by the Proposed Project. Your efforts in this process will provide invaluable information for the proper identification and treatment of such resources. If you have any information regarding known cultural resources in the Proposed Project area, please feel free to contact me via phone or email (listed below), or you can contact Doug Valby, Associate Civil Engineer with the City of Santa Cruz Water Department, by phone at (831) 212-5501 or by email at [dvalby@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:dvalby@cityofsantacruz.com). All comments, emails, or letters received will be included in the reports generated by this study. Thank you for your time regarding our request.

Sincerely,



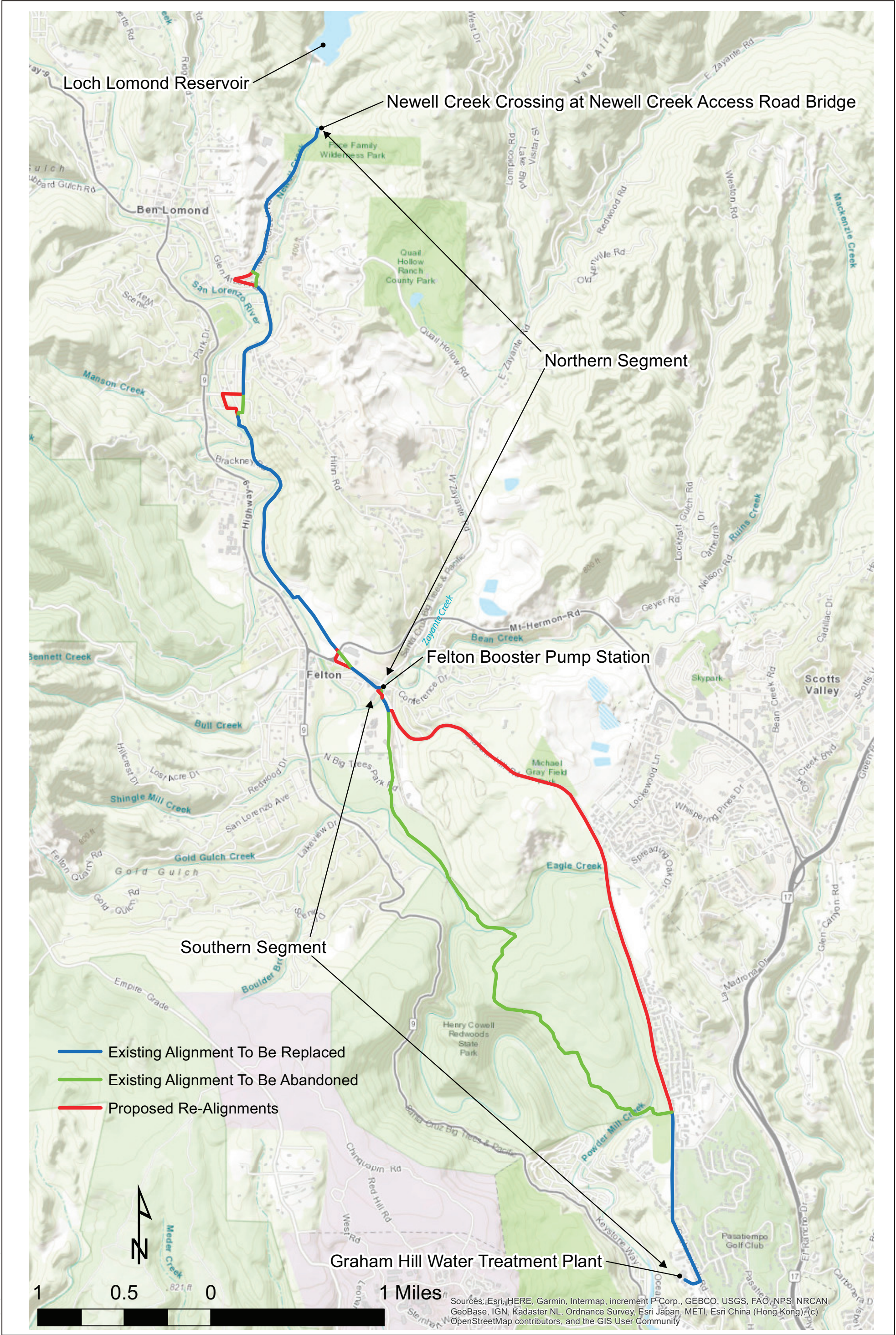
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## Enclosure

Figure 1. Proposed Newell Creek Pipeline Improvement Project Overview



SOURCE: City of Santa Cruz Water Department 2020