

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Categorical Exclusion Checklist

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District – 550.43-Acre Annexation

NCAO-CEC-16-01

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Proposed Action

The Proposed Action is annexation of four parcels, consisting of approximately 550.43 acres, into the Service Area identified in Exhibit B of Contract number 14-06-200-855A-R-1 (Contract) between the United States and Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID). A map showing the location of the GCID is shown in Figure 1A.

Article 20(c) of GCID's contract with Reclamation states "In the event lands are annexed to or detached from the area of the Contractor, as provided herein, the quantity of Project Water to be diverted may be increased or decreased, as may be appropriate, pursuant to a supplemental agreement to be executed in respect thereto". Therefore, in recognition of the looming detachment, GCID is requesting annexation to avoid any inappropriate reductions to its contract water quantities and maintain the viability of the district. However, the water quantities available to GCID under the Contract will not increase as a result of these annexations because the Contract contains a maximum volume for water delivery, to which it is held, regardless of any growth in service area acreage; GCID has met this ceiling.

The Proposed Action will provide formal approval of changes to the area identified on Exhibit B of the Contract, to include 368.9 acres of land owned by TokuHaru LLC, 100.08 acres of land owned by Harry E. and Doris A. Giesbrecht J/T, and 81.45 acres owned by John Robert Vanderbeck, et al. Locations of these properties are shown in Figures 1B, 1C and 1D. Please note the slight disparity in the net acreage requesting annexation. The acreage in the County Assessor parcel maps (554.37 acres) is slightly higher than what was used in this document. The acreages in the first paragraph was determined by a Professional Land Surveyor, deemed more current and accurate, and thus used as the reference acreage in this document.

The 368.9-acre TokuHaru LLC property currently is being farmed to rice and lies adjacent to lands that are presently supplied irrigation water from GCID. Once annexed into GCID, the owner plans to continue to plant rice on the land for the foreseeable future. The TokuHaru LLC property proposed to be annexed comprises of Glenn County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 037-370-009 & 037-390-004 and is located in Township 21 North, Range 1 West, in portions Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, and 18 (Figure 1B & Figure 2A). The approximate latitude/longitude coordinates of the property are 122°0'26.702"W, 39°41'48.155"N.

The 100.08-acre Giesbrecht property is currently being farmed to rice. It is surrounded by lands on all sides that are presently within the GCID service area. Once annexed into the GCID service area, the owner plans to continue to plant rice on the land for the foreseeable future. The Giesbrecht property proposed to be annexed is in Glenn County Assessor's Parcel Number 019-110-001 and is located in Township 20 North, Range 2 West, in portions of Section 46 (Figure 1C & Figure 2B). The approximate latitude/longitude coordinates are 122°3'38.30"W, 39°34'13.75"N.

The 81.45 acre Vanderbeck property is currently being farmed to rice. It is surrounded by lands on all sides that are presently within the GCID service area. Once part of the district the landowner intends to continue to plant rice on the land. The Vanderbeck property proposed to be

annexed is in Colusa County Assessor's Parcel Number 018-090-013 and is located in Township 14 North, Range 2 West, Section 11 (Figure 1D and Figure 2C). The approximate latitude/longitude coordinates are 122°3'19.65"W, 39°4'49.634"N.

There is minor discrepancy in the calculation of the acreage, listed in the Assessor's Parcel information (554.37 acres) versus that provided by the professional land surveyor in preparation of the legal descriptions (550.43 acres).

There are no construction activities or facilities modifications associated with this action that involve ground disturbances, land use changes or habitat modifications. The properties to be annexed previously received water from GCID facilities via non-Federal sources. These existing facilities would be used to supply the properties with Base Supply and Project Water pursuant to GCID's Settlement without any respective quantity modifications thereunto.

Exclusion Categories

Bureau of Reclamation Categorical Exclusion - 516 DM 14.5, D(3): Administration and implementation of project repayment and water service contracts, including approval of organizational or other administrative changes in contracting entities brought about by inclusion or exclusion of lands in these contracts.

Extraordinary Circumstances

Below is an evaluation of the extraordinary circumstances as required in 43 CFR 46.215.

1. This action would have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (40 CFR 1502.3). No Uncertain Yes
2. This action would have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA Section 102(2)(E) and 43 CFR 46.215(c)). No Uncertain Yes
3. This action would have significant impacts on public health or safety (43 CFR 46.215(a)). No Uncertain Yes
4. This action would have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographical characteristics as historic or cultural resources; parks, recreation, and refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); flood plains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas (43 CFR 46.215 (b)). No Uncertain Yes
5. This action would have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks (43 CFR 46.215(d)). No Uncertain Yes

6. This action would establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (e)). No Uncertain Yes
7. This action would have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (f)). No Uncertain Yes
8. This action would have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by Reclamation (LND 02-01; and 43 CFR 46.215 (g)). No Uncertain Yes
9. This action would have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated critical habitat for these species (43 CFR 46.215 (h)). No Uncertain Yes
10. This action would violate a Federal, Tribal, State, or local law or requirement imposed for protection of the environment (43 CFR 46.215 (i)). No Uncertain Yes
11. This action would affect ITAs (512 DM 2, Policy Memorandum dated December 15, 1993). No Uncertain Yes
12. This action would have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898; and 43 CFR 46.215 (j)). No Uncertain Yes
13. This action would limit access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007; 43 CFR 46.215 (k); and 512 DM 3). No Uncertain Yes
14. This action would contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act; EO 13112; and 43 CFR 46.215 (l)). No Uncertain Yes

NEPA Action Recommended

CEC – This action is covered by the exclusion category and no extraordinary circumstances exist. The action is excluded from further documentation in an EA or EIS.

Further environmental review is required, and the following document should be prepared.

EA

EIS

Environmental commitments, explanations, and/or remarks:

Figure 1A. Vicinity Map

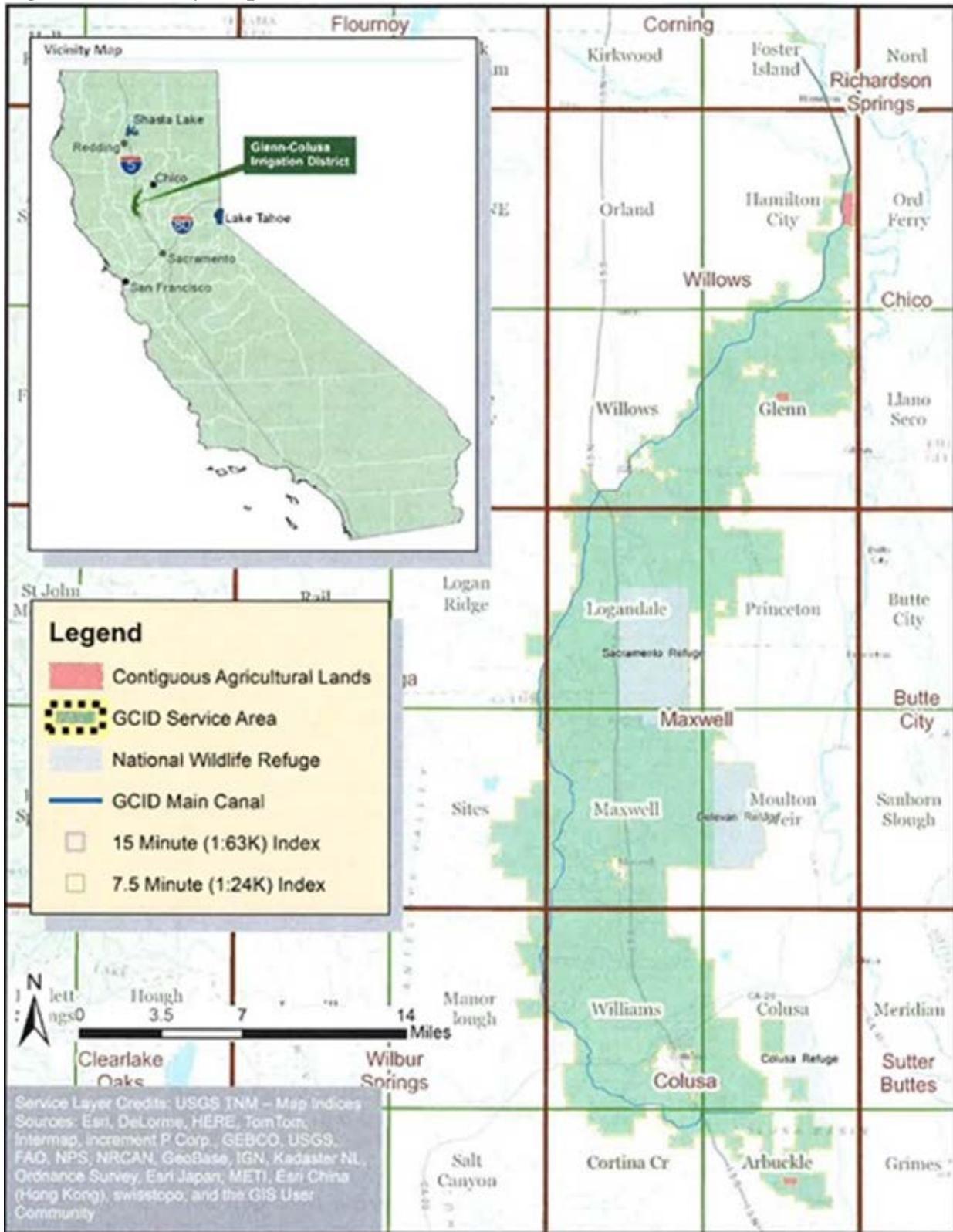


Figure 1B. TokuHaru, LCC Property - Glenn Co. APN 037-370-009 & 037-390-004 in Capay Rancho T. 21N., R.1W., M.D.M.

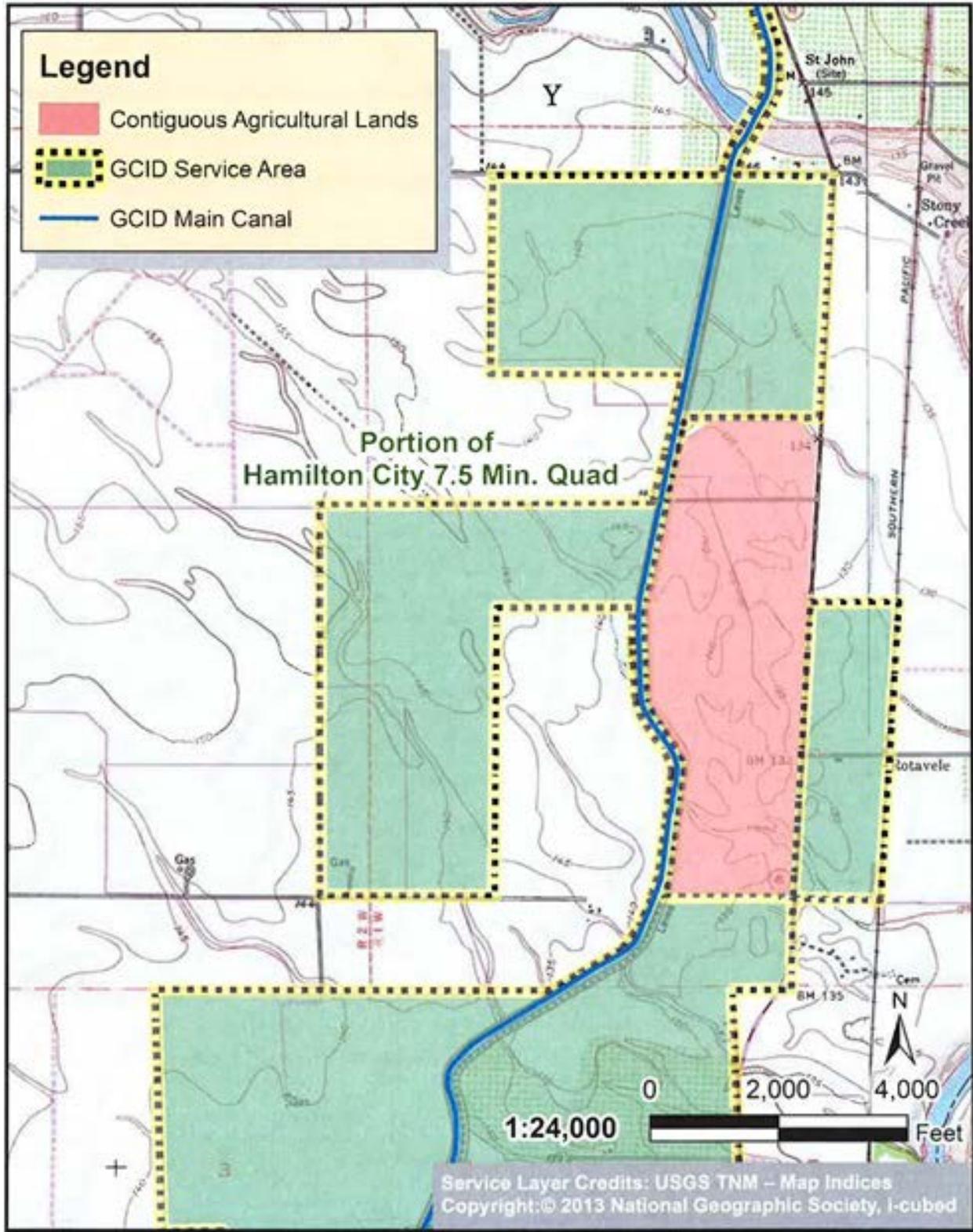


Figure 1C. Giesbrecht Property - Glenn Co. APN 019-110-001 in Section 46, Glenn Ranch Subdivision and Jacinto Rancho, T.20N.,R2W., M.D.M.

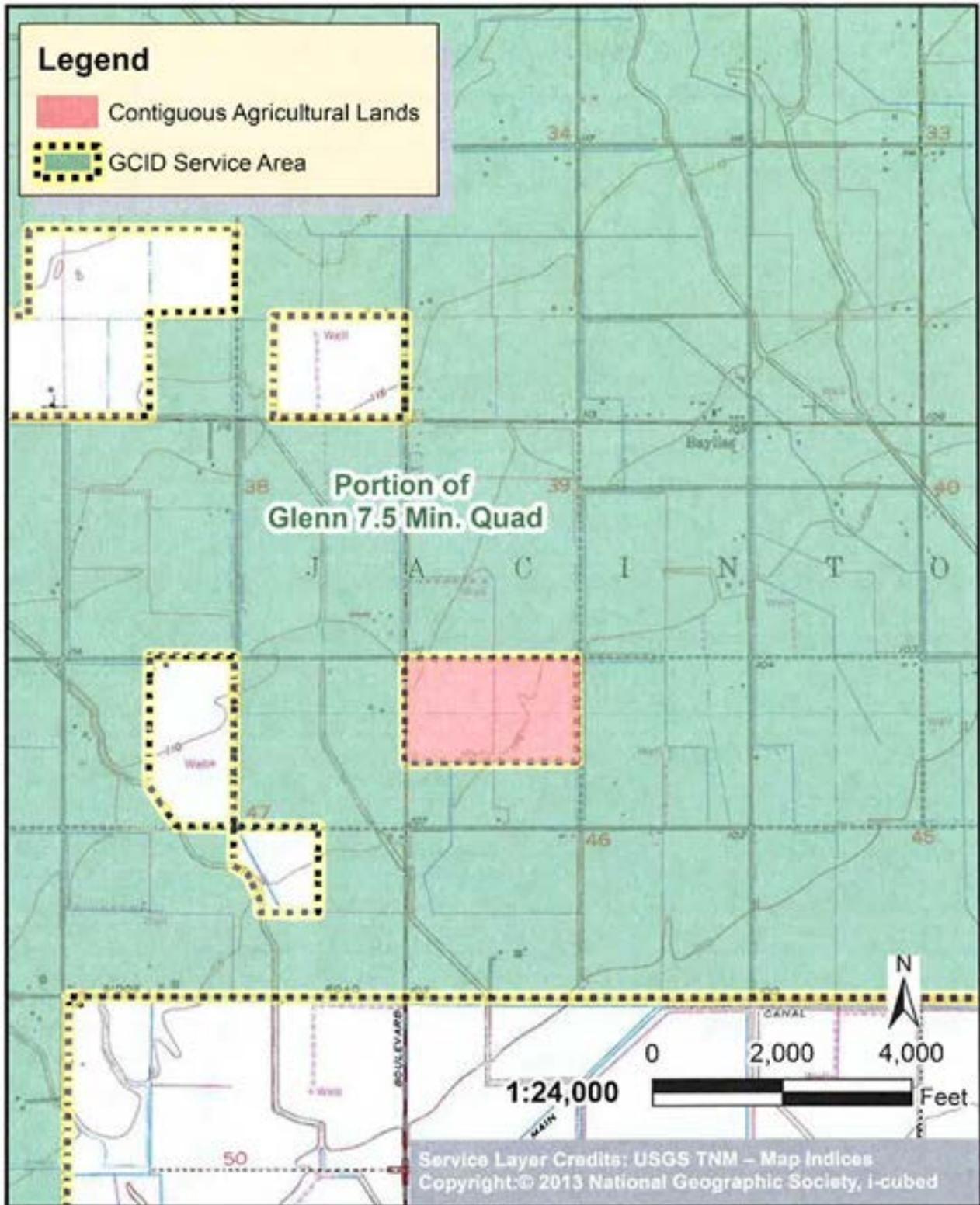


Figure 1D. Vanderbeck Property - Colusa Co. APN 018-090-013 in T. 14N., R02W., Section 11, M.D.M.

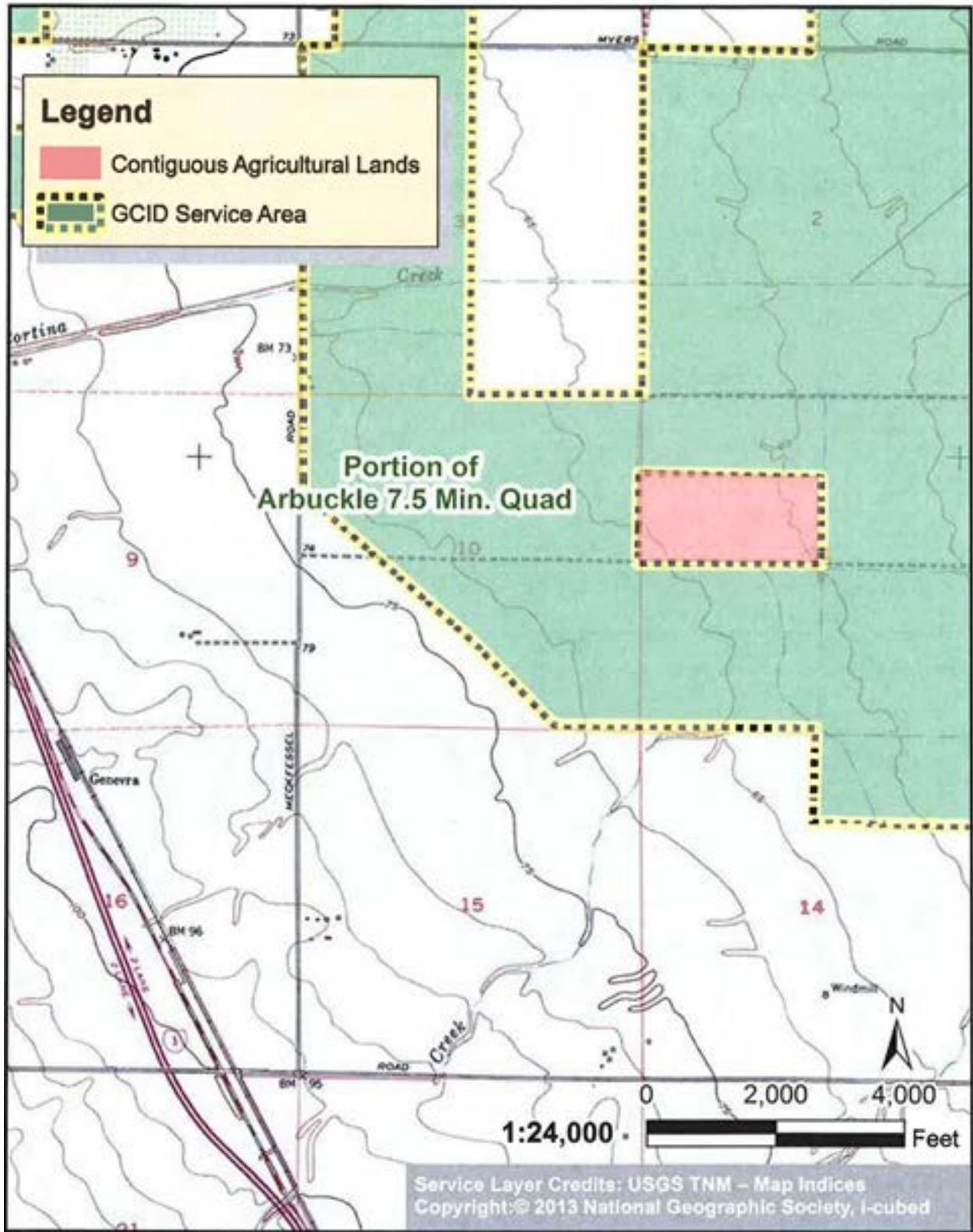




Figure 1A. TokuHaru LLC property in rice production



Figure 2B. Giesbrecht property in rice production



Figure 2C. Vanderbeck property in rice production

Attachment 1. ITA concurrence.



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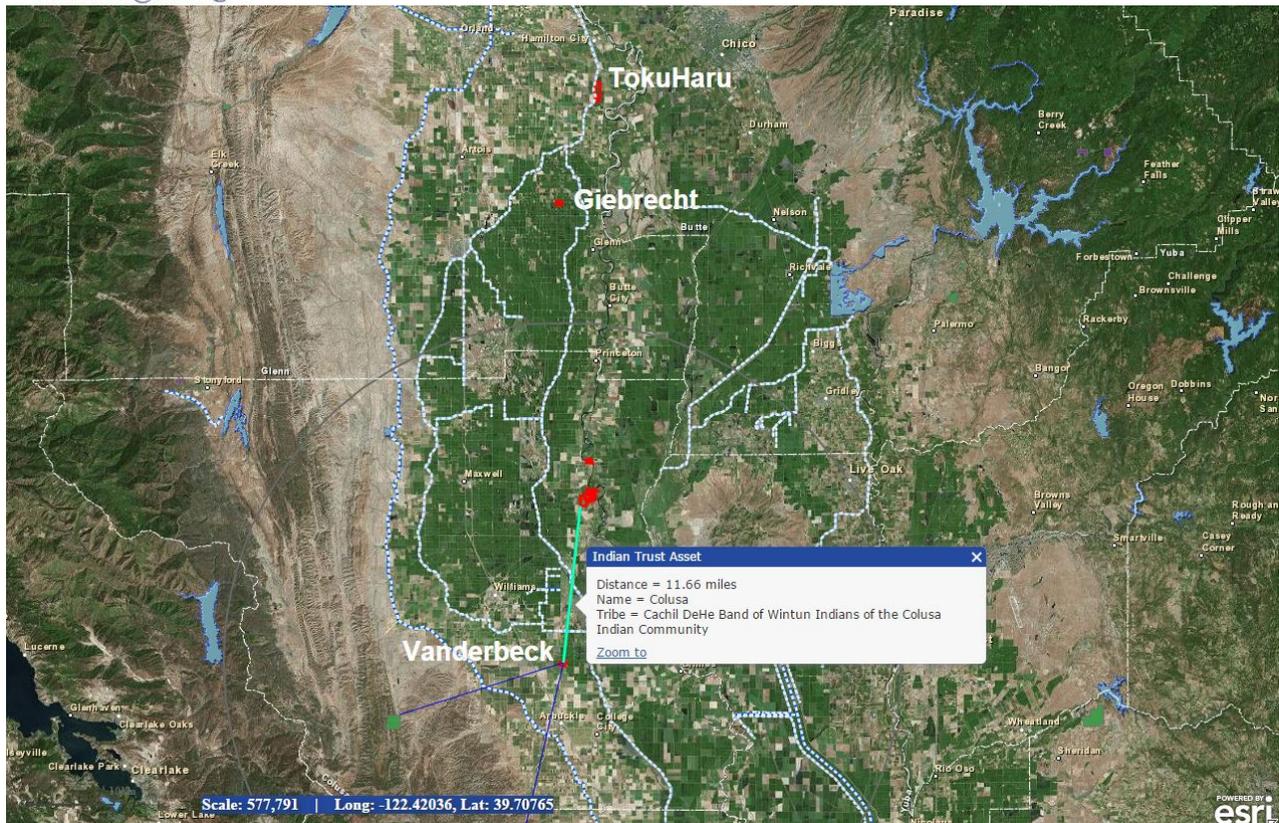
ITA Review - GCID 550.43-Acre Annexation

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Tue, Jan 26, 2016 at 3:28 PM

I have examined the proposal for the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District - 550.43-Acre Annexation project and have determined that these facilities would be at least 11 miles from the closest Indian Trust Asset. I have determined that there is no likelihood that these facilities will adversely impact Indian Trust Assets.

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Attachment 2. Cultural Resource review concurrence letter

**CULTURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE
Division of Environmental Affairs
Cultural Resources Branch (MP-153)**

MP-153 Tracking Number: 16-NCAO-057

Project Name: Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District – 550.43-Acre Annexation

NEPA Document: NCAO-CEC-15-24

NEPA Contact: Megan Simon, Natural Resource Specialist

MP 153 Cultural Resources Reviewer: Scott Williams, Archaeologist



Date: January 26, 2016

Reclamation proposes to approve the annexation of 550.43 acres of property into Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), which is served project water through a contract with Reclamation. There will be no foreseeable land use change as a result of the annexation, nor will there be any construction or ground disturbance resulting from the proposed action. This is the type of undertaking that does not have the potential to cause effects to historic properties, should such properties be present, pursuant to the NHPA Section 106 regulations codified at 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1). Reclamation has no further obligations under NHPA Section 106, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1).

This document is intended to convey the completion of the NHPA Section 106 process for this undertaking. Please retain a copy in the administrative record for this action. Should changes be made to this project, additional NHPA Section 106 review, possibly including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, may be necessary. Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment.