

Coordination Committee Meeting
May 26, 2010

Meeting Materials:

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Minutes

Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program

Coordination Committee Working Meeting

26 May, 2010 Meeting – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Bureau of Reclamation

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR LUNCH!**Draft Meeting Agenda**

- Introductions and Agenda Approval
- **Decision** - Approval of 05/12/10 CC meeting summary*
- Action Item Review (see below)
- Revised Long Term Plan Development*
 - Revised draft document
 - Appendix K – Future Activities Summaries
- Next Steps
 - Review and provide one set of agency comments
 - Guiding principles for inclusion of future activities in LTP
 - Target Dates

Regular CC Business (3-4 pm)

- Peer Review Process/Presentations
- DBMS Workgroup's recommendation for the Pilot DBMS geographic reach

Next meeting – June 9, 1-4 pm @ Reclamation

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May 12, 2010 Actions

The CC will review and submit comments on the draft peer review questions for reports and activities approved for peer review: RSGS Population Estimation comments are due May 21, 2010 to Jeanne Dye; RM 83 comments are due May 28, 2010 to Rick Billings; RGSM Population Monitoring* comments are due June 4, 2010 to Jeanne Dye; and RGSM Genetics Monitoring and Assessment comments are due June 11, 2010 to Jeanne Dye. ***All comments from any single agency should be consolidated into a single email.***

Jeanne Dye will modify the RGSM Genetics Monitoring and Assessment peer review questions after discussion at the Science workgroup (ScW) meeting (May 18, 2010) and distribute them to the CC for review.

Stacey Kopitsch will communicate the CC's recommendation for peer review of the PVA models for discussion at the next PVA meeting.

Rick Billings will communicate the CC's recommendation regarding the Albuquerque A&R Report for discussion at the next Habitat Restoration workgroup (HRW) meeting.

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Decisions and Recommendations

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A special CC meeting to review Long Term Plan Future Activity summaries is scheduled for Friday, June 4, 2010 from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Actions

Yvette McKenna will email the most recent revision of Appendix G to CC members after it is provided by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Yvette McKenna will email the draft meeting notes from the August 2009 Retreat to EC members for finalization. After finalization Yvette will email the finalized August 2009 Retreat meeting notes to CC members.

Susan Kelly will incorporate more language August 2009 Retreat meeting notes into the bullets on page 5 of the draft LTP and email to the CC for review.

Yvette McKenna and Grace Haggerty will look through Tom Pitts' white papers and presentation for information on making a budget as a separate document for the LTP. Julie and Monika will find a Corps member to assist on this topic.

CC members will ask their corresponding EC member for clarification on which aspects of San Acacia Fish Passage should undergo peer review.

Meeting Summary

- Brooke Wyman called the meeting to order and introductions were made around the table. DBMS Workgroup's recommendation for the Pilot DBMS geographic reach will be removed from the agenda. Updates on the River Mile 83 (RM83) report and the Route 66 ribbon cutting will be added to the agenda.
- The Route 66 Ribbon cutting was May 25, 2010. Augusta Meyers MC'd the event. Janet Jarratt spoke on behalf of the board of Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD). The Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) had speakers as well. There were refreshments and guided tours to the high flow channels from the boardwalk.
- The May 12, 2010 meeting summary was approved with no changes.
- All May 12, 2010 action items were either complete or ongoing.
- The Coordination Committee (CC) reviewed the draft text of the Long Term Plan (LTP). There has been rearrangement of the chapters and tables; the appendices have also been changed. The text of the LTP is less than 20 pages long.
 - The CC viewed the table of contents. The Southwestern Willow Flycatcher (Flycatcher) criteria have been updated. The appendices have been updated to show all pieces and parts from the

recovery plan. The document that Tom Pitts originally called 5A is now Appendix G. The CC was told that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will be getting out a revised document of Appendix G late this week or early next week. CC members should wait to review Appendix G until they have received the latest revision. Yvette McKenna will email the most recent revision of Appendix G to CC members after it is provided by Fish and Wildlife Service.

- The CC reviewed the text of the draft LTP page by page making edits and clarifications.
 - It was voiced that there was confusion regarding Appendices H and I having Table 7.0 in their titles. Appendix H will be called Future Program Activities and Appendix I will be called Past Program Activities.
 - There will be the addition of an appendix for acronyms, abbreviations, and definitions. The following are abbreviations that the CC decided on at the working meeting.
 - Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program - Collaborative Program
 - Middle Rio Grande – MRG
 - Rio Grande Silvery Minnow – Minnow (text) RGSM (tables)
 - Southwestern Willow Flycatcher – Flycatcher (text) SWFL (tables)
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Service
 - Bureau of Reclamation – Reclamation
 - Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District – MRGCD
 - U.S. Army Corp of Engineers – USACE (tentatively)
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs – BIA
 - Interstate Stream Commission - ISC
 - There will also be the addition of a definition for Middle Rio Grande.
 - Mention of the Executive Committee (EC) making decisions at “the Taos retreat” should be removed throughout the document. The decisions are important; the location of where those decisions were made is not.
 - Page 2, paragraph 2: The first sentence should be deleted. The second sentence should read “In August 2009, the EC agreed to become a recovery program for the minnow and flycatcher and to develop a LTP linking to the recovery plans of those two species.”
 - There was discussion as to what it meant when the EC decided to become a recovery program at the August 2009 retreat. The CC looked at the draft meeting minutes from the August 2009 EC retreat. The notes verify that the EC decided to become a recovery program for various reasons; however the notes have not yet been finalized.
 - The CC then discussed what it means to be a recovery program. The focus of the Program was avoiding jeopardy; but being a recovery program means that now the Program is not just avoiding jeopardy but also needs to make progress towards recovery. Also as a recovery program, the Program could become eligible to receive money from Congress. The Program does not need further congressional action to become a recovery program; it was thought that the current authorizing legislation is sufficient.
 - Yvette McKenna will email the draft meeting notes from the August 2009 Retreat to EC members for finalization. After finalization Yvette will email the finalized August 2009 Retreat meeting notes to CC members.
 - Page 5: It was felt that the bullets that discuss the basis of the LTP do not adequately incorporate the Program being a recovery program. Susan Kelly will incorporate more

language from the August 2009 meeting notes into the bullets on page 5 of the draft LTP and email to the CC for review.

- Page 6: The second bullet from the bottom should read “Reasonable and Prudent Alternative (RPA).…”
 - Page 5: The CC would like to revisit the bullet “Program activities are generally assigned the same priorities as corresponding activities in the recovery plans” after appendix H is complete.
 - Page 7: The second sentence in the 3rd bullet should read “Modifications have been made to accommodate the two species in the MRG (Section 6.0).”
 - Page 8: The first sentence needs to be made more consistent with the last bullet from page 7.
 - There was brief discussion on how the budget should be included in the LTP. It was thought that there should be at least a 3 year budget horizon. It was mentioned that Tom Pitts had suggested that the budget be a separate document from the LTP. A suggestion was made to reference in the LTP that the budget is a separate process that will not be addressed in the LTP. Yvette McKenna and Grace Haggerty will look through Tom Pitts’ white papers and presentation for information on making a budget as a separate document for the LTP. Susan Bittick will see if someone on her staff can assist Yvette and Grace.
 - There was confusion concerning the meaning of the column “Lead Implementing Agency” in Table 7.0. It was pointed out that there is a difference between being the responsible party and implementing work. There was a suggestion to make another column that reads “Performing Entity” to clarify who is responsible for the work being done and who is actually performing it. It was pointed out that contractors are often the performing party and it was thought that specific contractors should not be mentioned in the LTP except in the LTP Past Activity summaries. There was also discussion about whether or not the “Lead Implementing Agency” indicates funding as the implementing agency is not always the funding agency. It was decided that the column should read “Lead Agency” and that this would be interpreted as the agency that is responsible for making sure that the project is completed. A corresponding change needs to be made on page 18.
 - It was thought that it was confusing that the Program Elements in Section 6.2 were numbered 7.1-7.9. The numbering references Table 7.0. Since the numbering is referenced in the LTP Project summaries it was felt that it would be too much work to change the numbering. The Program Elements will be moved to Section 7.0 and the bullets from Section 7.0 will be moved to Section 6.2. The meanings of a, b, and c in the Program Elements will be a separate key in order to condense the Program Elements.
 - Page 17: The 2 paragraphs at the bottom of the page should be moved to the end of the Section 7.1.
 - Page 15: Table 6.1 will be separated into 2 tables; 1 table for the flycatcher and one table for the minnow.
 - It was thought that there should be an explanation of the major elements of the Program giving a short objective statement. An explanation of the “big picture” of what the Program is doing should be included in the LTP
- The CC reviewed the priority 1 LTP Future Activity Summaries for the San Acacia Reach workgroup (SAR) and Species Water Management workgroup (SWM).

- SAR had 4 priority 1 Future Activities. The CC liked that the SAR Future Activities were ordered; they clearly stated which projects should be completed first. It was noted that the SAR workgroup had some priority 2 and 3 Future Projects that were for community outreach. It was brought up that there needs to be more volunteers to the Public Information and Outreach workgroup (PIO) in order to complete projects. There was concern about the SAR workgroup being kept up to date on all projects and plans for San Acacia Reach.
- SWM had 18 priority 1 Future Activities. It was suggested that as part of the Riparian Model project, the model be integrated into the geospatial database. It was thought that the Decisions Tree Hydrologic Conditions project would be helpful for adaptive management. It was thought that the Human Population Growth project may not be applicable to the Program.
- At the May 20, 2010 EC meeting, the EC decided that San Acacia Fish Passage should be the first priority for peer review. Since engineering components of the San Acacia Fish Passage project have already undergone peer review the CC expressed confusion about what aspects of the project should undergo peer review. CC members will ask their corresponding EC member for clarification on which aspects of the San Acacia Fish Passage activity should undergo peer review.
- The CC learned that it might not be an appropriate time for the RM83 report to undergo peer review as complications have arisen during the study period; the area that contractors could look at was constrained by geographic area of analysis. It was asked if it would be feasible for analyses to be completed on an expanded geographic area, and was taken off the Peer Review list for this FY. The CC requests that Cheryl Rolland talk with the CO, then meet with Tetra Tech to lay out a phase approach for additional analyses for the draft River Mile 83 report. The CC should be updated at the June 23, 2010 meeting.
- A special CC meeting to review LTP Future Activity summaries is scheduled for Friday, June 4, 2010 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. The CC will be reviewing Science workgroup (ScW) and Habitat Restoration workgroup (HRW) LTP Priority 1 Future Activity summaries. The June 9, 2010 regularly scheduled CC meeting may potentially be held as a conference call in order to prep for the June 17 EC meeting.

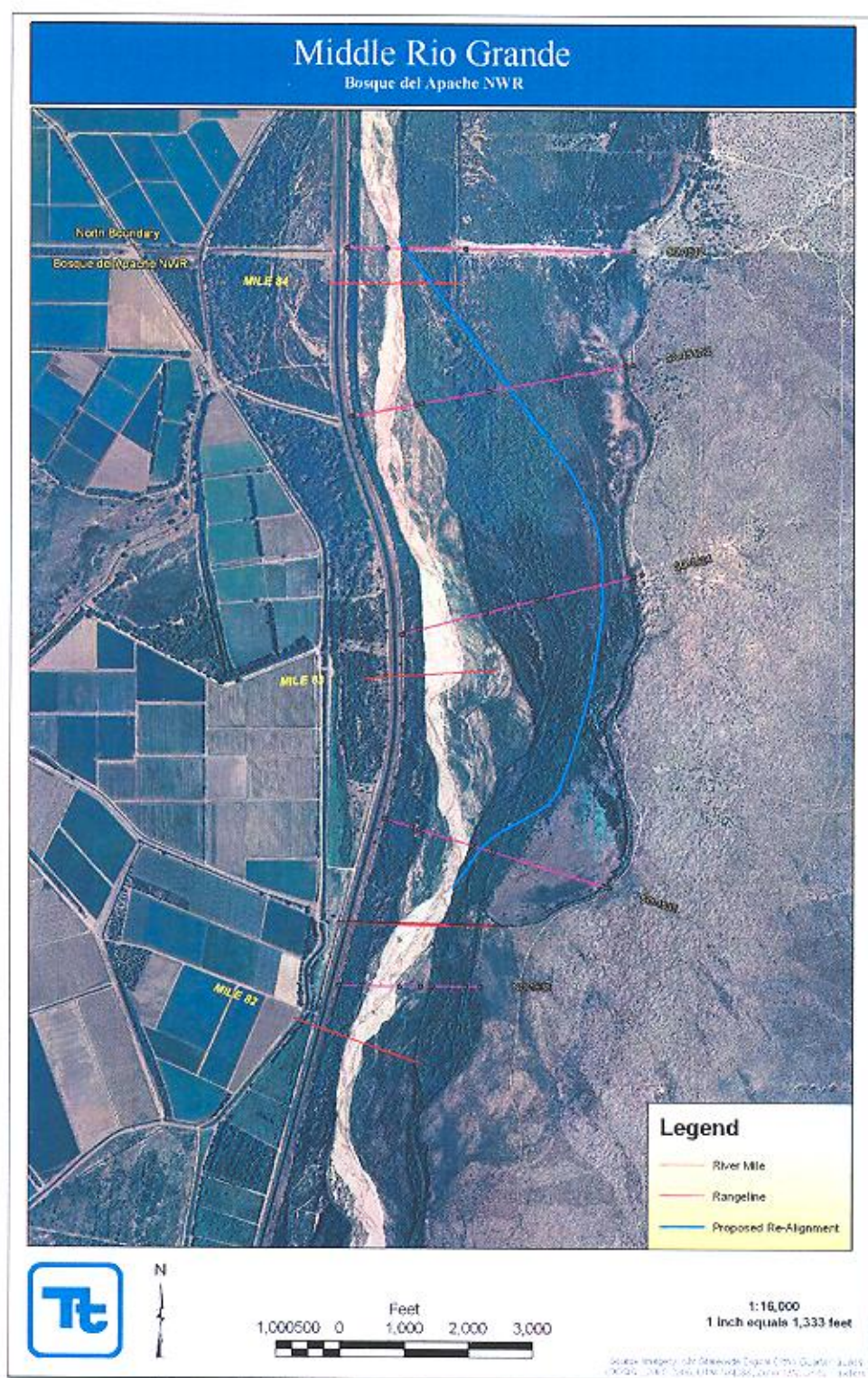
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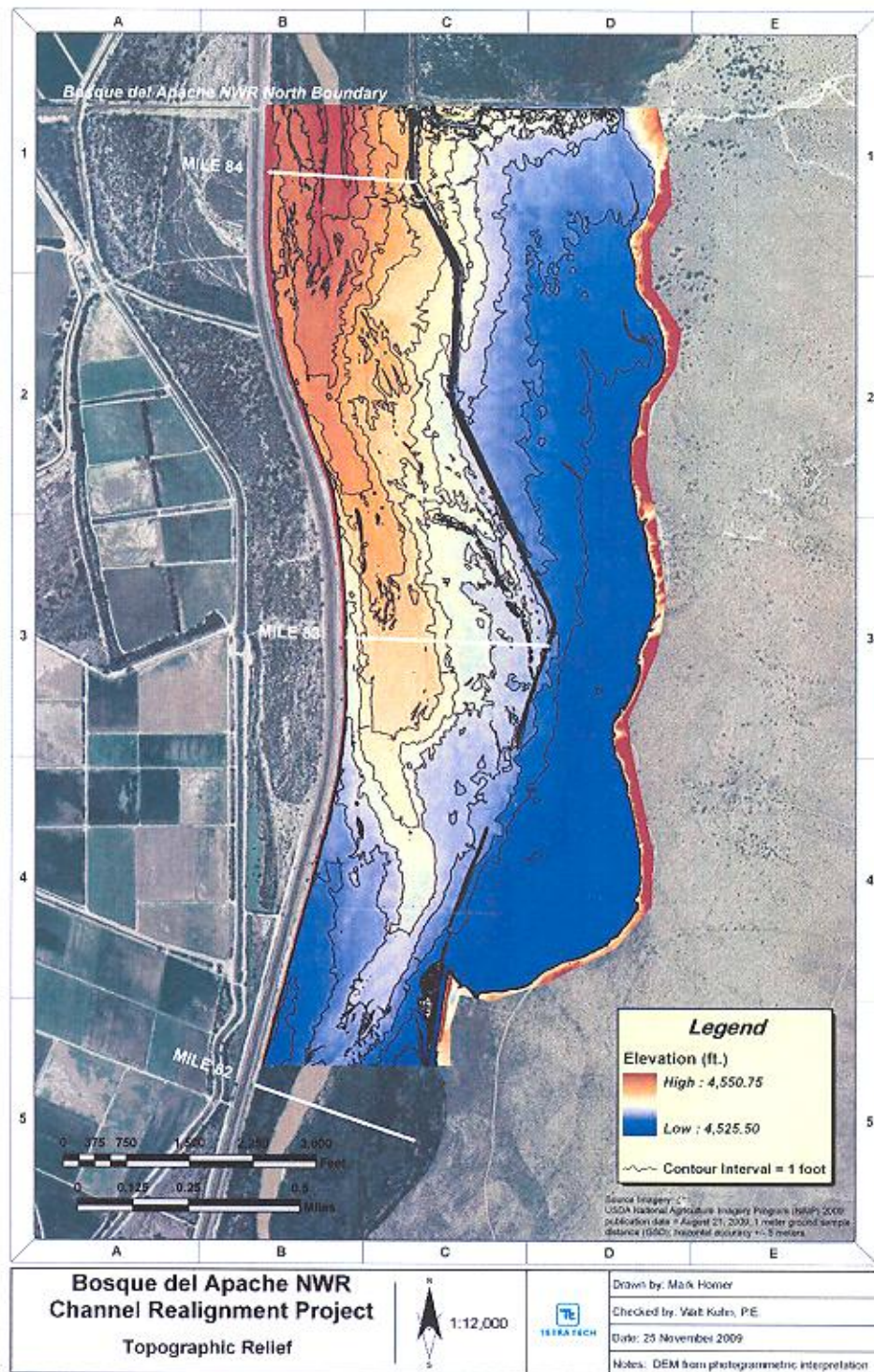


Figure 2-2. Project Site Topography.

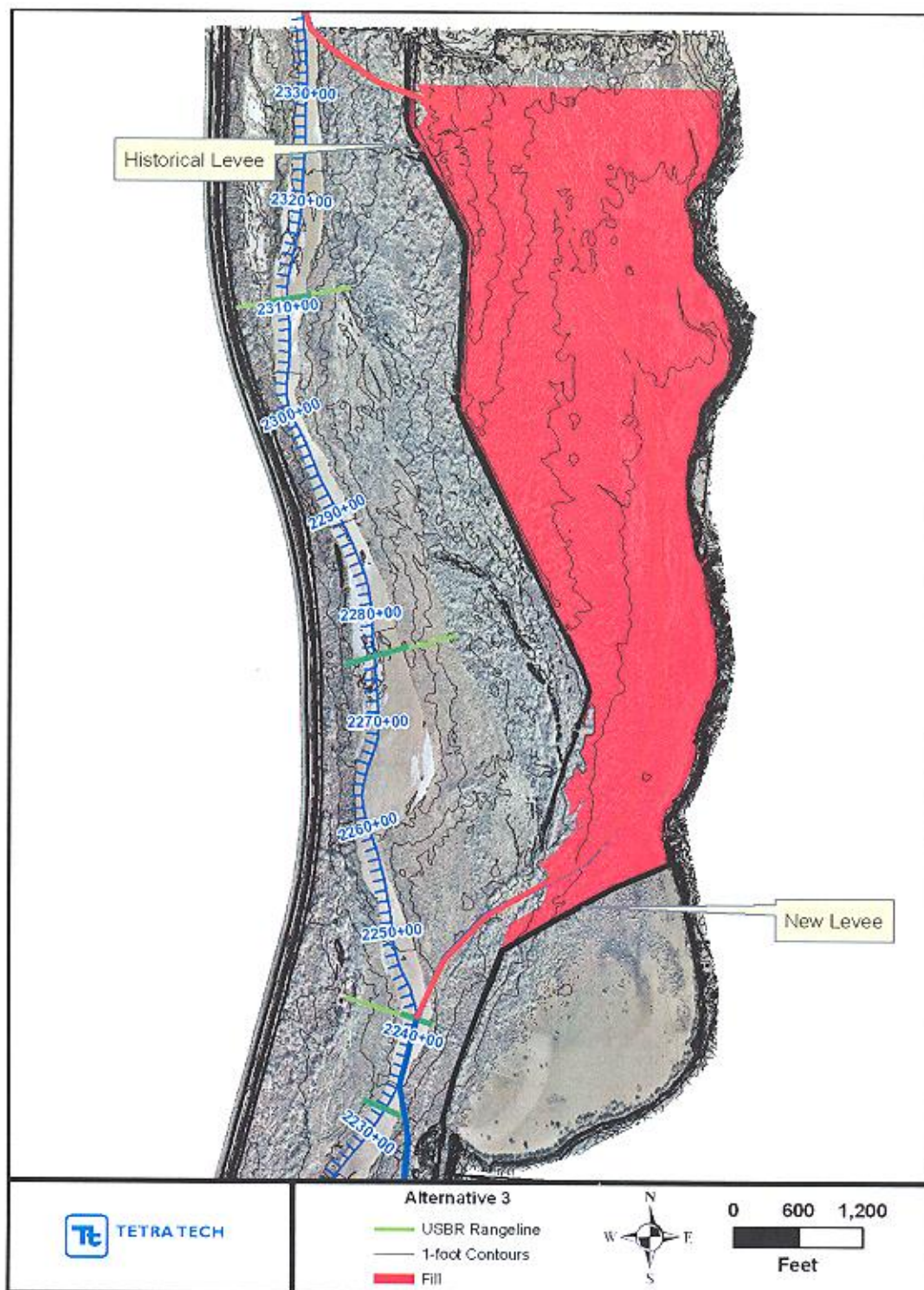


Figure 5-34. Cut and fill areas for Channel Realignment with Natural Fill Alternative (assumes a levee will be constructed to prevent sediment deposition within the wetland on the downstream end of the east overbank).