

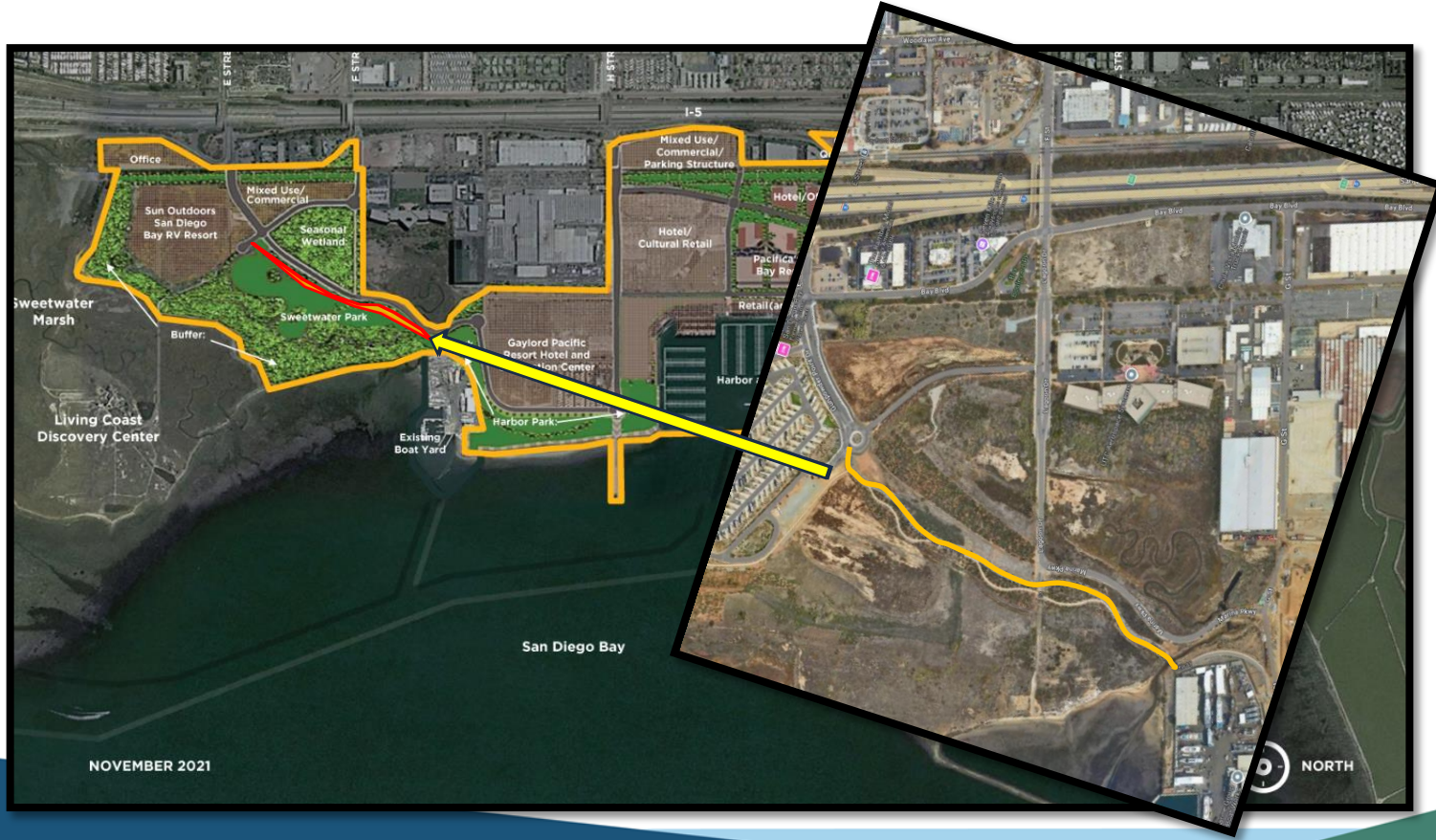


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Consideration to Authorize the General Manager to Relinquish Water Facilities to the San Diego Unified Port District

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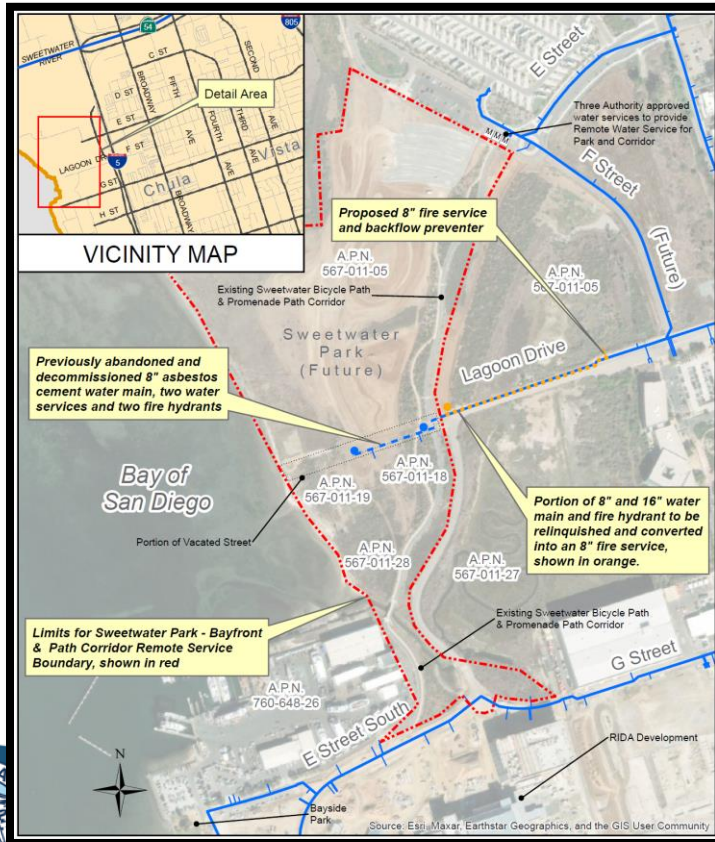


Background

1. In February 2020, the Authority's Board approved a Remote Service to supply water to the Sweetwater Bicycle Path and Corridor Requested by the San Diego Unified Port District (Port of San Diego).
2. Sweetwater Park Construction requires the vacation of certain rights-of-way and the partial abandonment of the Authority's existing water facilities.
3. Authority's Management conditionally approved the Port of San Diego's request in September 2021, subject to plan approval of proposed improvements and Board approval of relinquishment of facilities.



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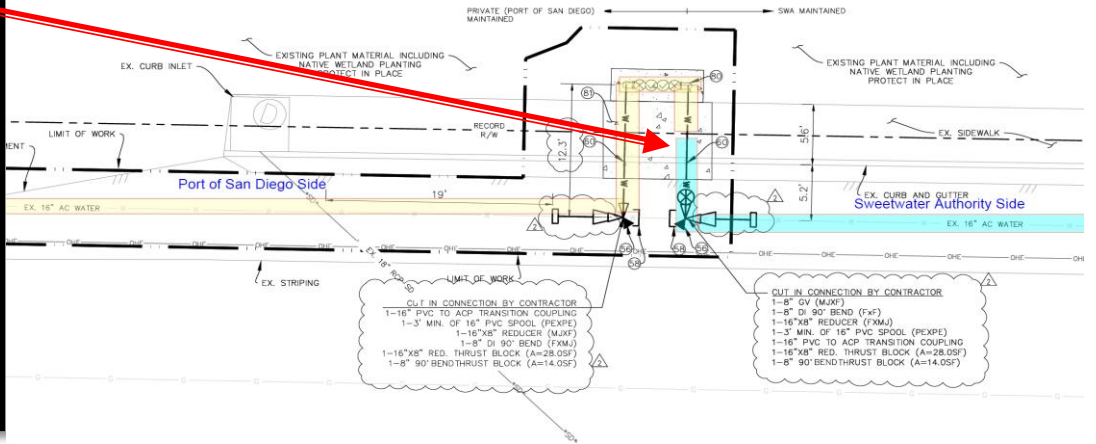
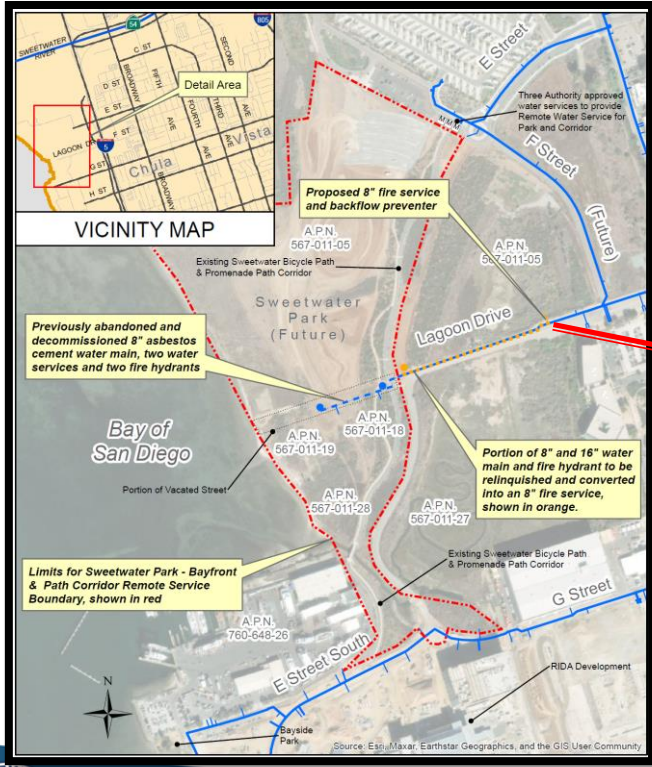


Request of Relinquishment of Water System on Lagoon Drive includes:

- 75 LF of 16-inch AC water main
- 700 LF of 8-inch AC water main
- one fire hydrant

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Port of San Diego would accept facilities “as-is” and would install 8-inch fire service (approx. 11 LF long) with backflow preventer



Rationales of Relinquishing and Privatizing the System

- These assets originally acquired by Cal-American Water, in 1972.
- Water service accounts on the westerly portion of Lagoon Drive discontinued in the mid-1980s, and since then, no revenue has been generated by the Authority.
- Developer driven improvements were made in 1992 to the subject pipelines and were dedicated to the Authority in 1993 at no cost to the Authority.
- Illegal water use has remained an ongoing issue.
- The dead-end water main with no water usage requires flushing to prevent stagnated water in pipes —resulting in ongoing maintenance costs to the Authority.



Fiscal Impact

- The Authority will convert its maintenance costs into revenue by transforming the unutilized water main into a fire service.
- The expected annual revenue estimated at \$1,631.76 (\$135.98/Month for fire service in accordance with Supplement to Rates and Rules)
- All costs associated with the Request will be the responsibility of the Port of San Diego



Options and Staff's Recommendation

1. Approve the General Manager to relinquish to the San Diego Unified Port District: 75 linear feet of 16-inch and 700 linear feet of 8-inch asbestos cement water mains, including one fire hydrant, located on Lagoon Drive in Chula Vista.
2. Reject the San Diego Unified Port District's request to relinquish water facilities and continue to own and maintain the existing water facilities located on Lagoon Drive in Chula Vista.

Staff recommends Option 1



Questions?

