

MINUTE ITEM
This Calendar Item No. C56
was approved as Minute Item
No. 56 by the State Lands
Commission by a vote of 3
to 0 at its 4-20-00
meeting.

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04/20/00
W 25570
J. Smith

GENERAL LEASE - PUBLIC AGENCY USE

LESSEE:

Friant Water Users Authority
854 N. Harvard Avenue
Lindsay, California 93247-1715

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

Sovereign lands in the San Joaquin River between Highway 145 and the
Chowchilla Flood Bypass Canal, near the City of Fresno, Fresno and Madera
counties.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Installation, maintenance and monitoring of piezometers and alluvial wells to
gather hydrologic and vegetation information in conjunction with increased river
flows.

LEASE TERM:

Ten years, beginning July 1, 1999.

CONSIDERATION:

The public use and benefit; with the State reserving the right at any time to set a
monetary rent if the Commission finds such action to be in the State's best
interest.

SPECIFIC LEASE PROVISIONS:

Insurance:
\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit Coverage.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Applicant has a right to use the uplands adjoining the lease premises.
2. Applicant submitted an application for the installation of piezometers and
alluvial wells to measure groundwater as part of a pilot project to gather

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vegetation and hydrologic information in conjunction with future restoration and management of the San Joaquin River. The installation of the piezometers and alluvial wells was completed during July through October 1999, to coincide with the release of additional flows from Firant Dam. The primary purpose of the project is to determine whether managed flows in spring, coinciding with the season of seed release of riparian trees, can be used to successfully establish new populations of riparian habitat, and whether these new populations will survive subsequent dry seasons and higher scouring flows in the winter. The pilot project includes long-term monitoring of the downstream effects of the augmented flows at ten cross sections. Staff is requesting that the Applicant provide the Commission with copies of the monitoring results and conclusions.

Both the Natural Resources Defense Council and the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust support the project.

3. Pursuant to the Commission's delegation of authority and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15061), the staff has determined that this activity is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA as a categorically exempt project. The project is exempt under Class 6, Information Collection; Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15306.

Authority: Public Resources Code section 21605 and Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15300.

4. This activity involves lands identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 6370, et seq. Based upon the staff's consultation with the persons nominating such lands and through CEQA review process, it is the staff's opinion that the project, as proposed, is consistent with its use classification.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; State Water Resources Control Board; State Department of Water Resources; and the State Department of Fish and Game.

EXHIBITS:

A1 - A2 Location Map
B1 - B8 Site Map

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PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

April 22, 2000

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

FIND THAT THE ACTIVITY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CEQA PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15061 AS A CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PROJECT, CLASS 6, INFORMATION COLLECTION; TITLE 14, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 15306.

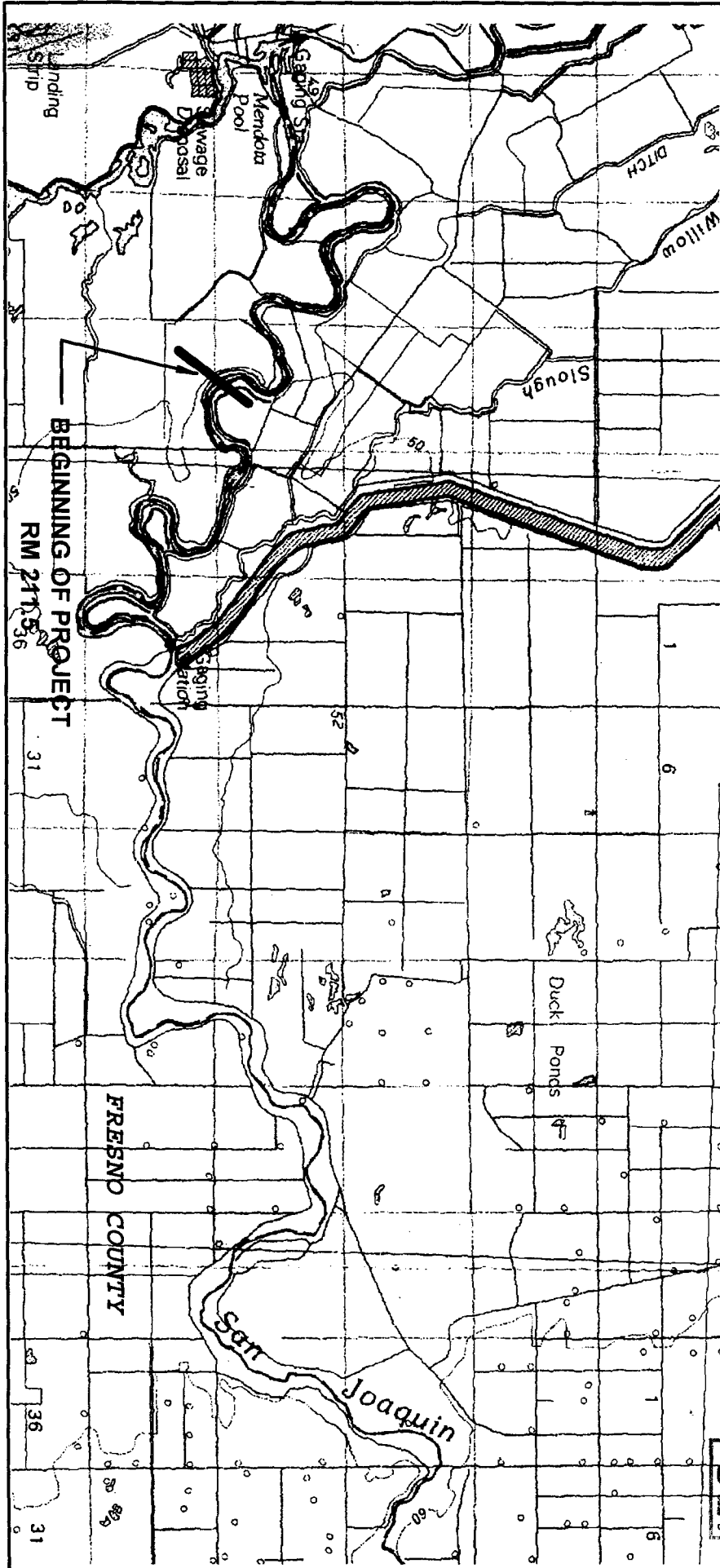
SIGNIFICANT LANDS INVENTORY FINDING:

FIND THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE CLASSIFICATION DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE LAND PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTIONS 6370, ET SEQ.

AUTHORIZATION:

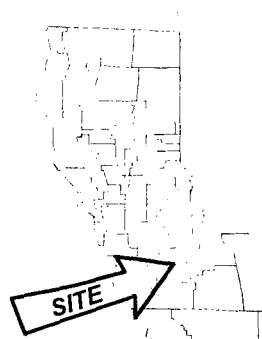
AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE TO FRIANT WATER USERS AUTHORITY OF A GENERAL LEASE – PUBLIC AGENCY USE, BEGINNING JULY 1, 1999, FOR A TERM OF TEN YEARS, FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING OF PIEZOMETERS AND ALLUVIAL WELLS TO GATHER HYDROLOGIC AND VEGETATION INFORMATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH INCREASED RIVER FLOWS ON THE LAND SHOWN ON EXHIBIT B ATTACHED AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF; CONSIDERATION BEING THE PUBLIC USE AND BENEFIT, WITH THE STATE RESERVING THE RIGHT AT ANY TIME TO SET A MONETARY RENT IF THE COMMISSION FINDS SUCH ACTION TO BE IN THE STATE'S BEST INTEREST; LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT COVERAGE OF \$1,000,000.

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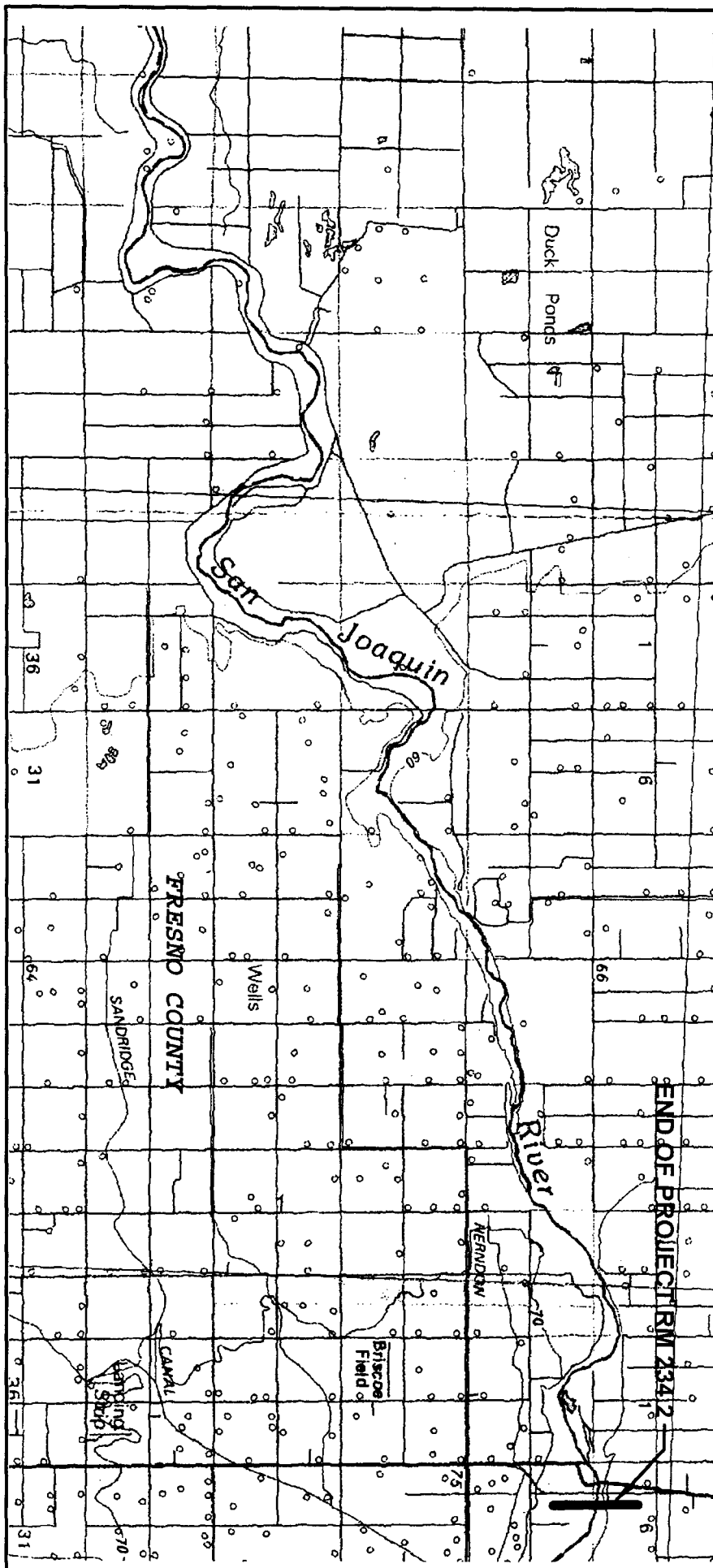


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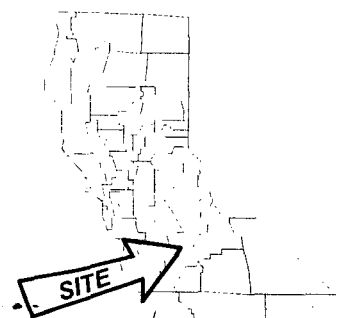


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San Joaquin River
Vegetation Transects Locations

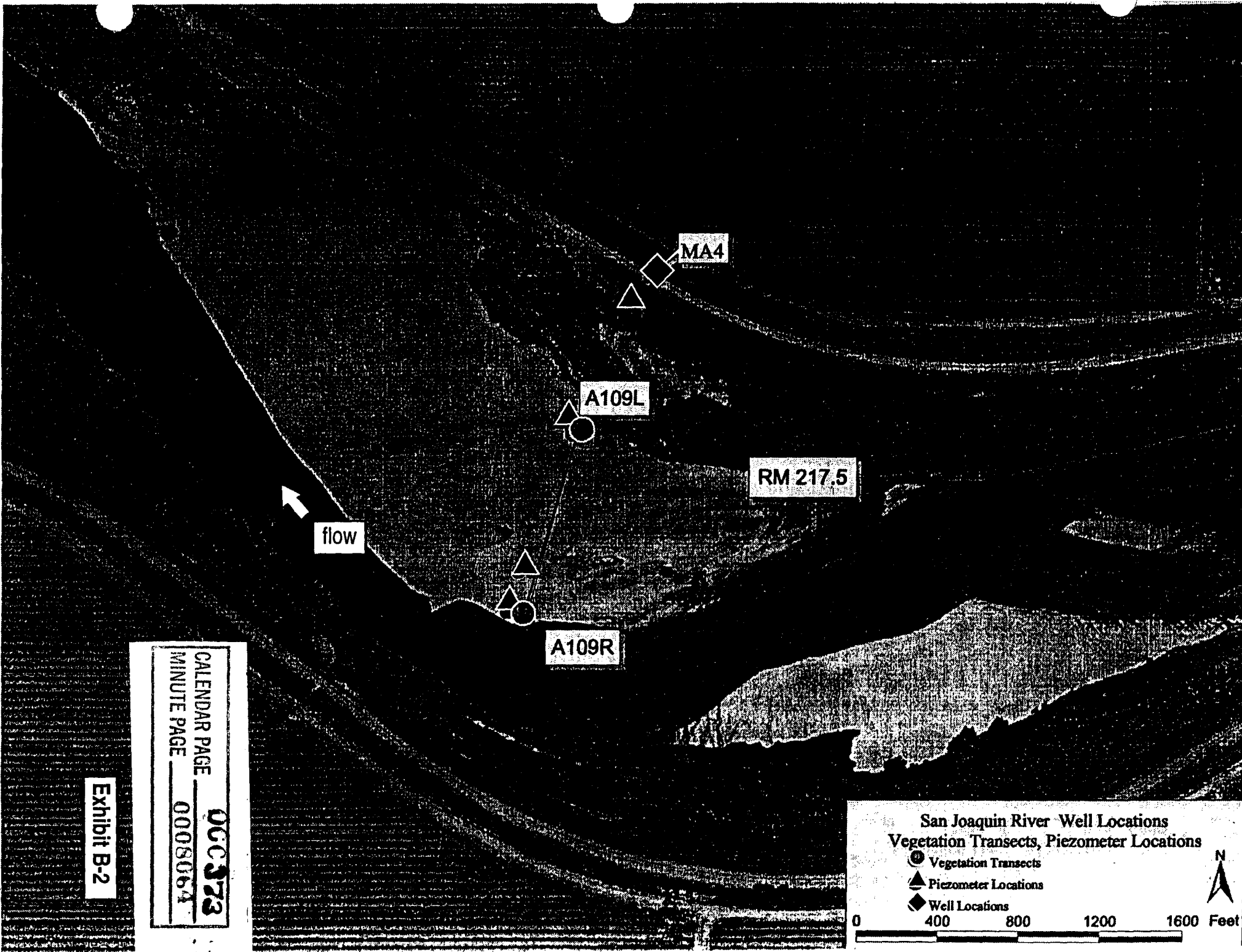
Vegetation Transects



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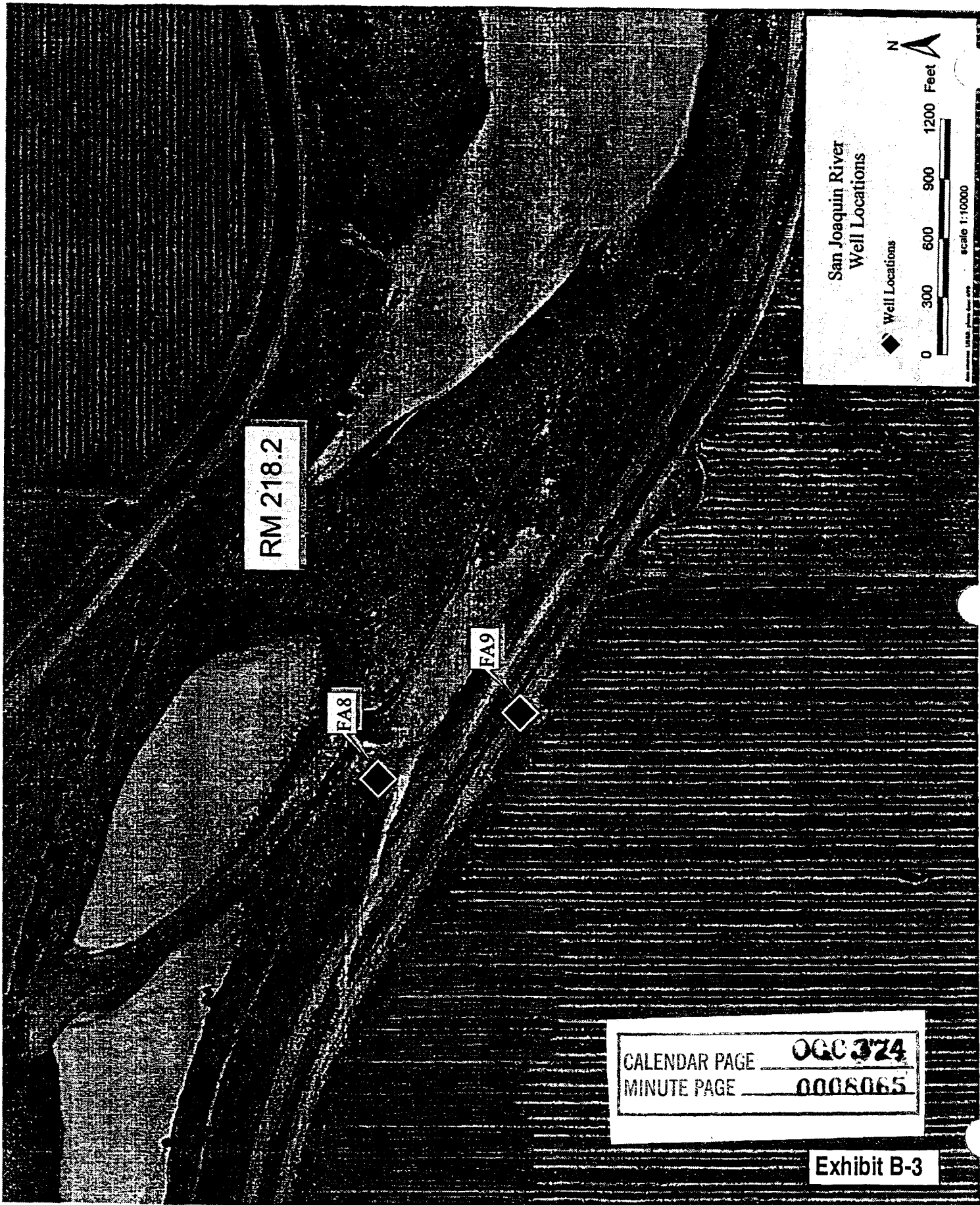
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Exhibit B-2

San Joaquin River Well Locations
Vegetation Transects, Piezometer Locations

- Vegetation Transects
- ▲ Piezometer Locations
- ◆ Well Locations

0 400 800 1200 1600 Feet



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San Joaquin River
Well Locations

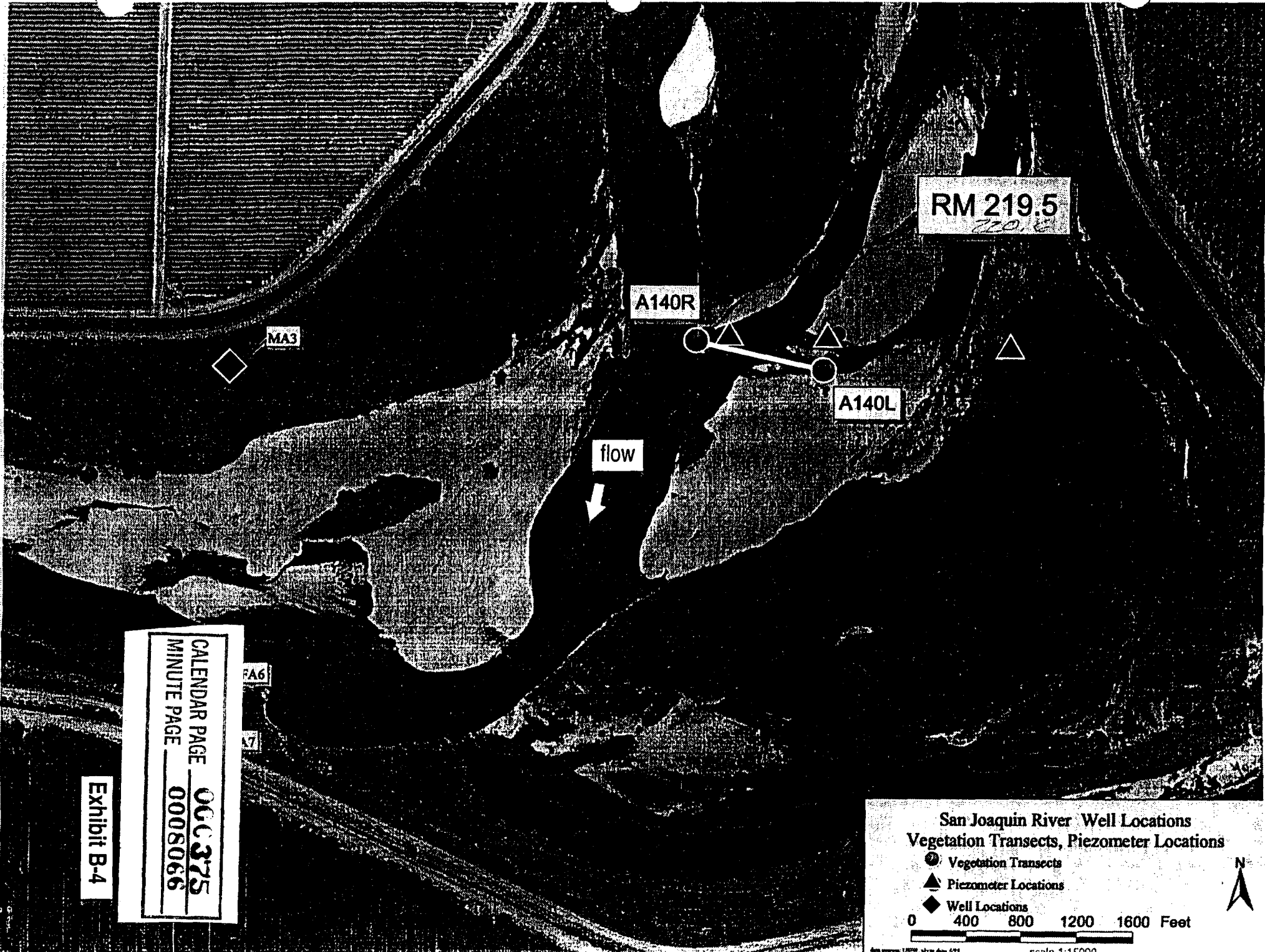
Well Locations



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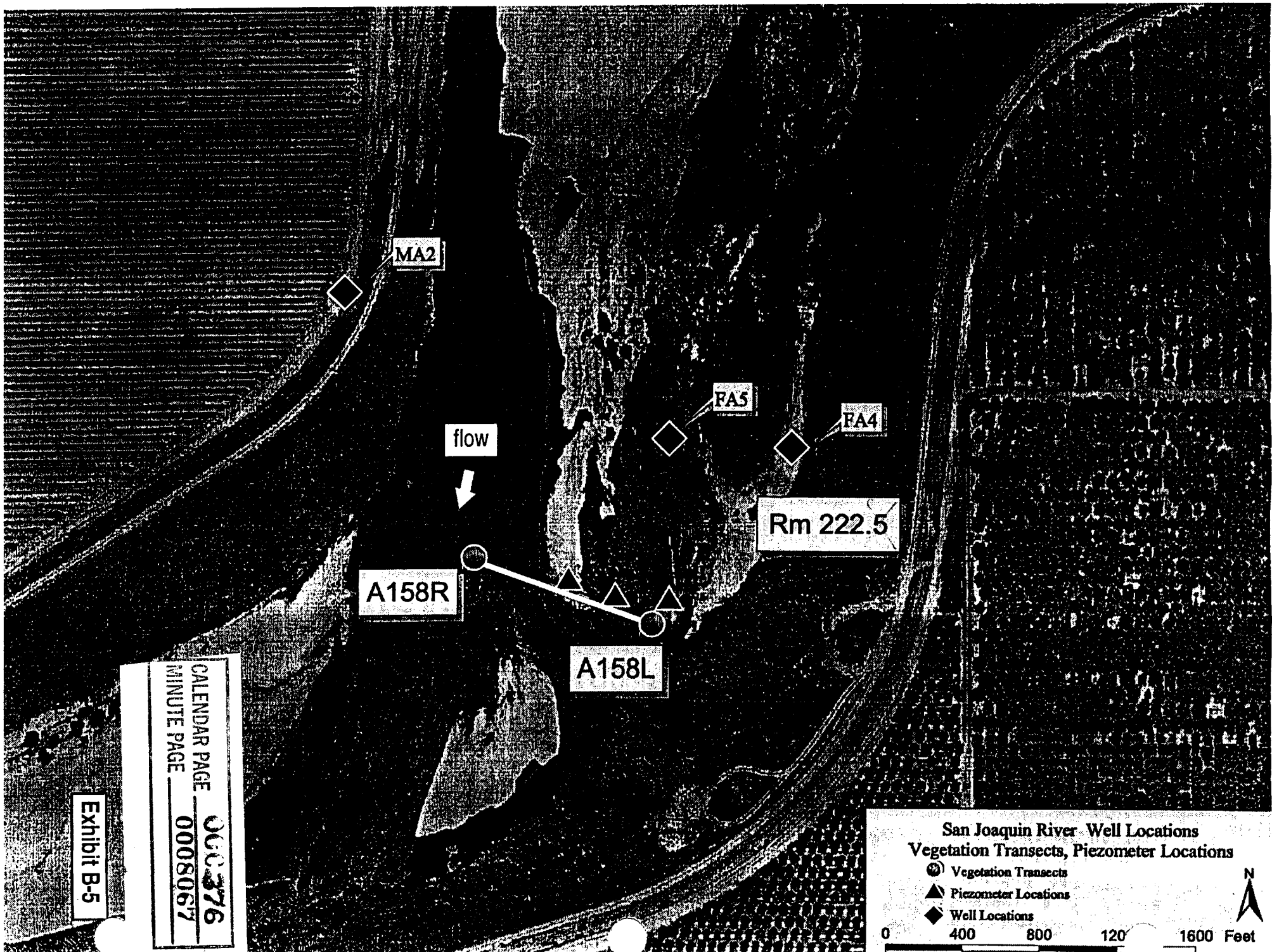
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San Joaquin River Well Locations
Vegetation Transects, Piezometer Locations

- Vegetation Transects
- ▲ Piezometer Locations
- ◆ Well Locations

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San Joaquin River Well Locations
Vegetation Transects, Piezometer Locations

- Vegetation Transects
- ▲ Piezometer Locations
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San Joaquin River
Piezometer Locations

 Piezometer Locations

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San Joaquin River Well Locations
Vegetation Transects, Piezometer Locations

- Vegetation Transects
- ▲ Piezometer Locations
- ◆ Well Locations

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San Joaquin River
Vegetation Transects, Piezometer Locations

- Vegetation Transects
- ▲ Piezometer Locations

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