

# MCWRA Innovative Water Technologies For California Workshop

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Improving Your Delivery System  
Resiliency: Hazard Evaluation and  
Mitigation of Canal and Tunnels

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# Presentation Outline

- Need for Resiliency From Impoundment to Delivery
- Meeting the Need Through Hazard Evaluation and Mitigation
- Project Case Studies: TMWA and OID

# A Need for Resiliency From Impoundment to Delivery

- Recent Events and Stepped-up Oversight
  - Inundation Studies
  - Impoundment Facility Inspections and Responses
- Linear Delivery Systems: Often Forgotten Until a Problem Exists
  - Slides and Sloughs
  - Excessive Leakage
  - Increased Maintenance Requirements
  - Failure

# A Need for Resiliency From Impoundment to Delivery

- Funding Challenges
  - Often expensive with no new revenue stream
  - Competing for project funding
- Risk Management Often the Driver
  - Safety of Maintenance Workers
  - Delivery Dependability of Water/Power
  - Regulatory Oversight

# The Steps Toward the Solution

- Hazard Evaluation Study
  - Where and what are the hazards
    - Site Inspection by Agency and Experts
    - Review of Owner/Agency Records
  - Prioritize the hazards
    - Emergency/Urgent
    - Short Term (0 to 5 years)
    - Long Term (5 to 20 years)

# The Steps Toward the Solution

- Perform Conceptual Design for Cost Planning
  - Difficult at Conceptual Phase
  - Many Unknowns
    - Site Conditions Beneath the Observable
    - Poor Records
    - Repair upon Repair
    - Land Ownership Restrictions
    - Long Regulatory Reviews
    - Unknown Environmental Restrictions

# The Steps Toward the Solution

- Big Unknowns May Require Additional Investigation
  - Realignment of Canal or Tunnels
  - Rehabilitation versus Replacement
  - Expediency versus Cost

# The Steps Toward the Solution

## ■ The Outcome

### ■ Urgent Repairs

- Temporary Until Permanent Improvements Made
- Seasonal Emergency Repairs
- Agency Forces or On-call contractors

### ■ Short to Mid-term: Moderate Costs

- Usually Permanent
- Agency Forces or Contract Out
- Likely Require Plans and Specs/Bidding

# The Steps Toward the Solution

## ■ The Outcome

### ■ Long Term - High Capital Costs

- Establish Funding Plan/Prepare your Board
- Conventional Phased Approach in Design
- Choose Construction Approach
- Bidding and Contractor Selections
- Construction

# Project Examples

- Example #1 - Small Hydro Flume Realignment
  - Hazard Evaluation Minimal
    - Urgent
    - Long Term Return on Reliability and Financial Return
    - Easy Selection Process with Limited Alternatives
  - Good project background review by water authority and justification for flume replacement with tunnel

# Tunnel Replacement Section



# 2003 Slide Event



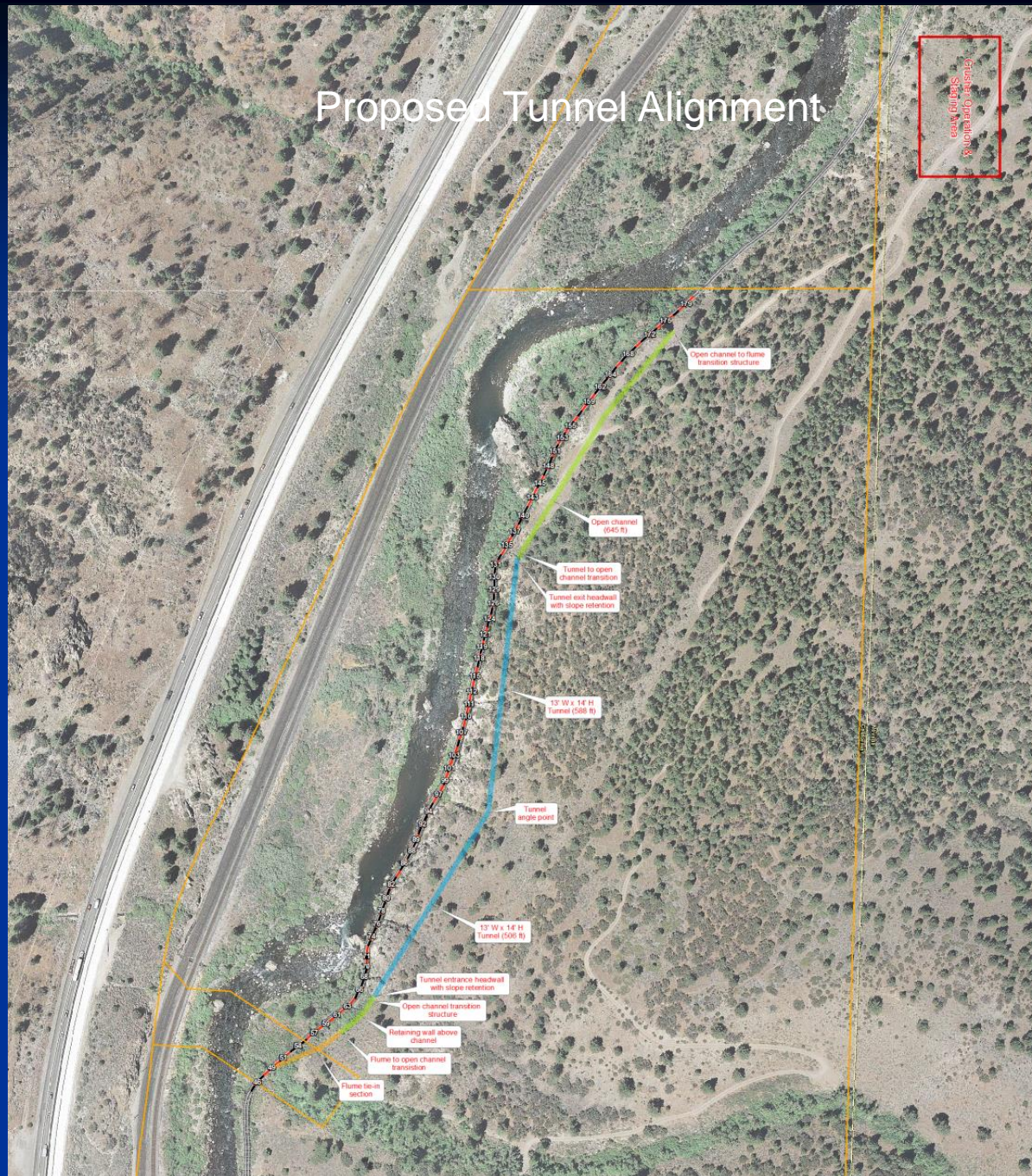
# Flood Prone Alignment





# Proposed Tunnel Alignment

Cluster Operation & Staging Area





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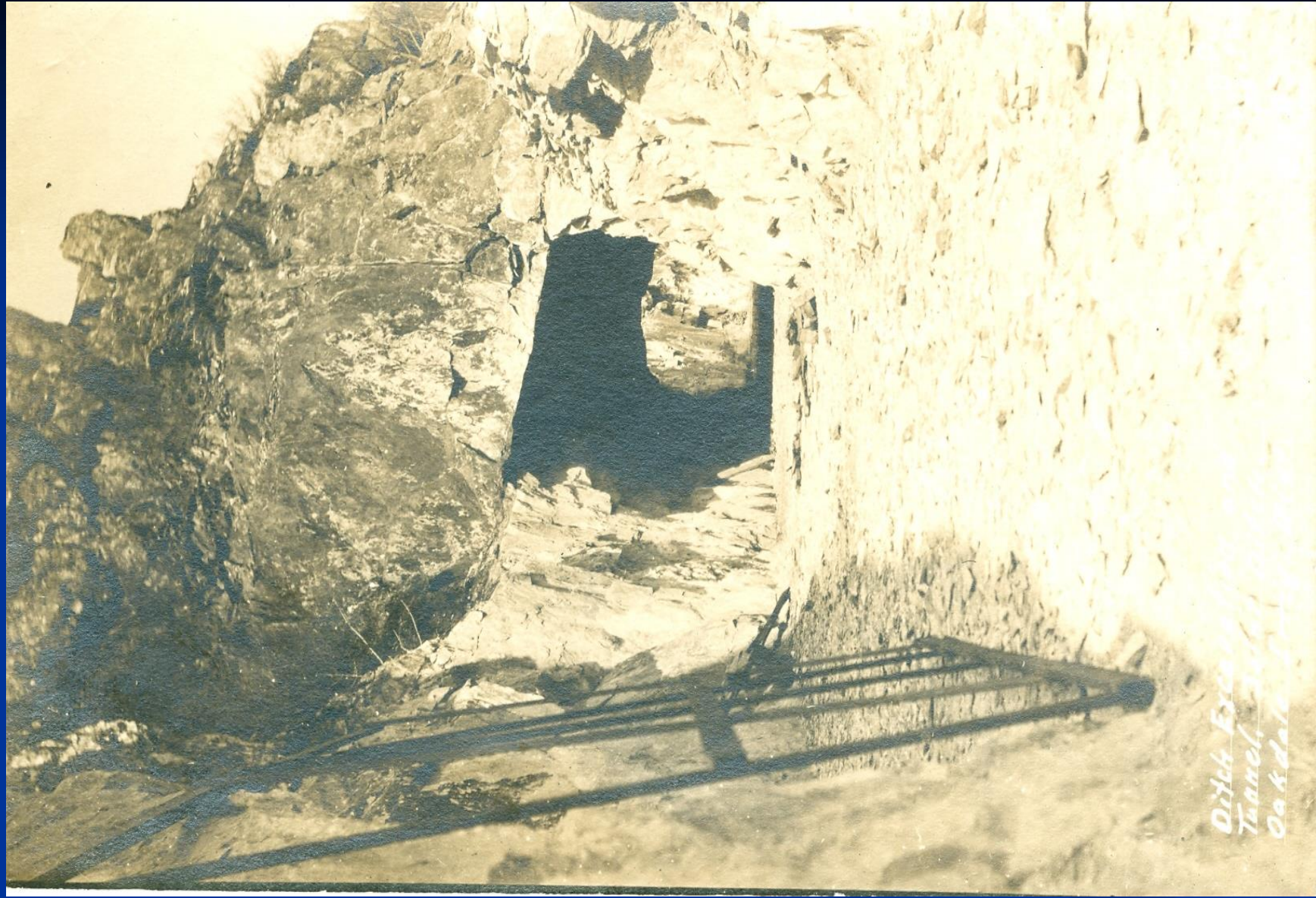


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# Project Examples

- Example #2 - OID Upper Main Canal and Tunnel System
  - Hazard Study
  - Rehabilitation Where Technically and Economically Feasible
  - New 6000-ft Tunnel Around a High Hazard Area
  - 20 Year Process





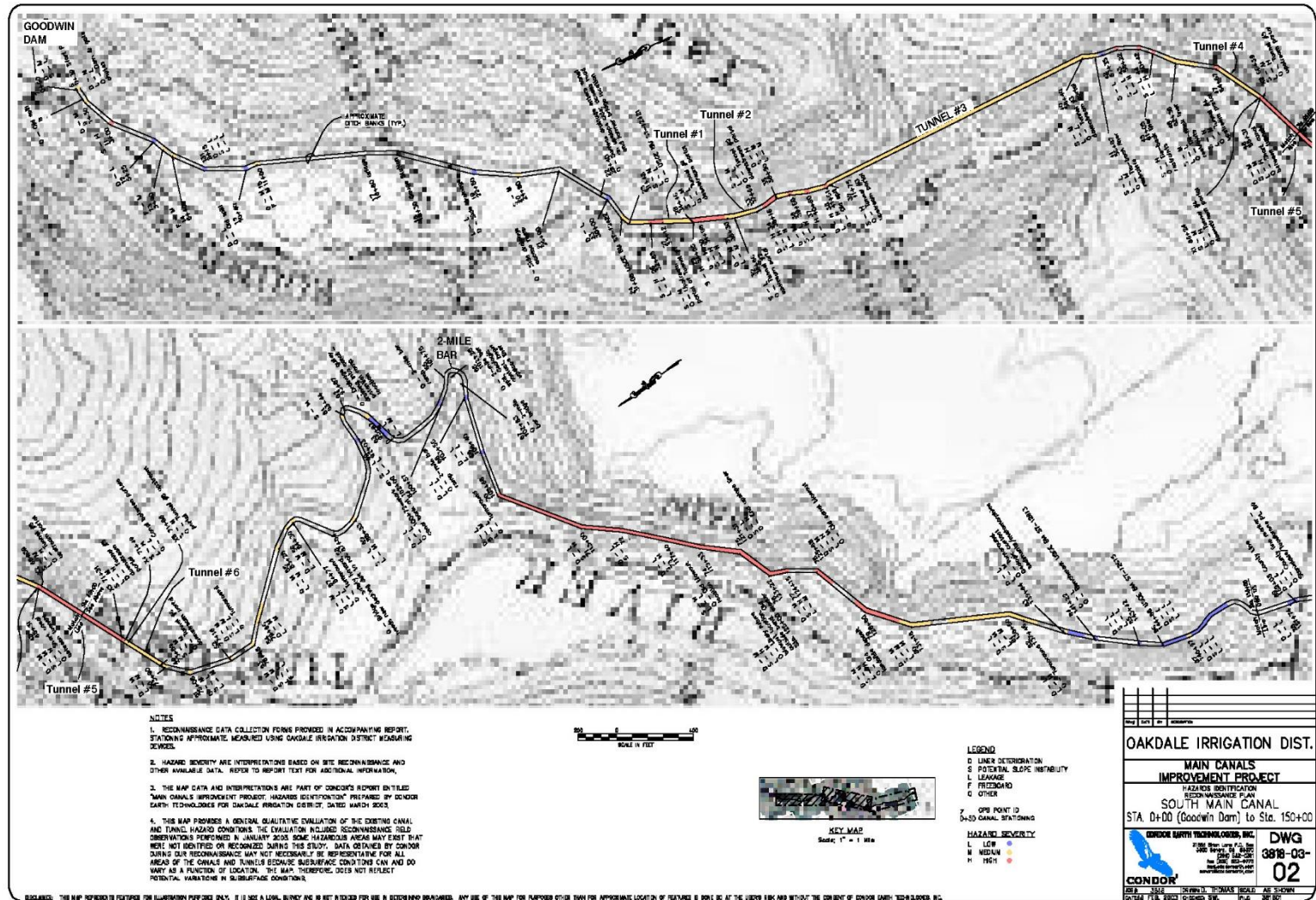
Dirt Excavation  
Tunnel, Tunnel  
Oakdale, Cal.



## Field Data Collection Using GPS

- Hazard severity assessments were illustrated in
  - Maps
  - Photos
  - Data collection forms
- Map data were cross-referenced to field data sheets

# Reconnaissance Maps



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Project # 3818  
Sheet: 1 of 2  
By: SWL  
Checked: RLS  
Date: 1/14/03  
Weather: Cool partly cloudy

## Engineering Geology Reconnaissance Data Collection Form

Canal		X South Main	Joint	North
Main				
Point ID	<u>47</u>			
Photo ID's	<u>2133-2135</u>			
Approx. Canal Station	<u>64+67</u>			
		Severity		
Liner Deterioration		Low	Medium	High
Potential Slope Instability	X ( <u>above</u> /below)	Low	Medium	X High
Leakage	X	Low	X Medium	High
Freeboard		Low	Medium	High
Other (Incl. Historic Struct.)	X	Low	Medium	High

Comments:

South Main Canal, 1/14/03

Potential Slope Instability above canal: High severity - Large blocks and wedges above portal with open cracks that Wayne Truit says have been opening over the years.

Leakage: Medium severity - Leakage near portal apparent due to lush berries on outside slope below.

Other: Location of Tunnel #4 upstream portal.



**Segment 1: Canal Invert Demolition in Structural Rehab Area**

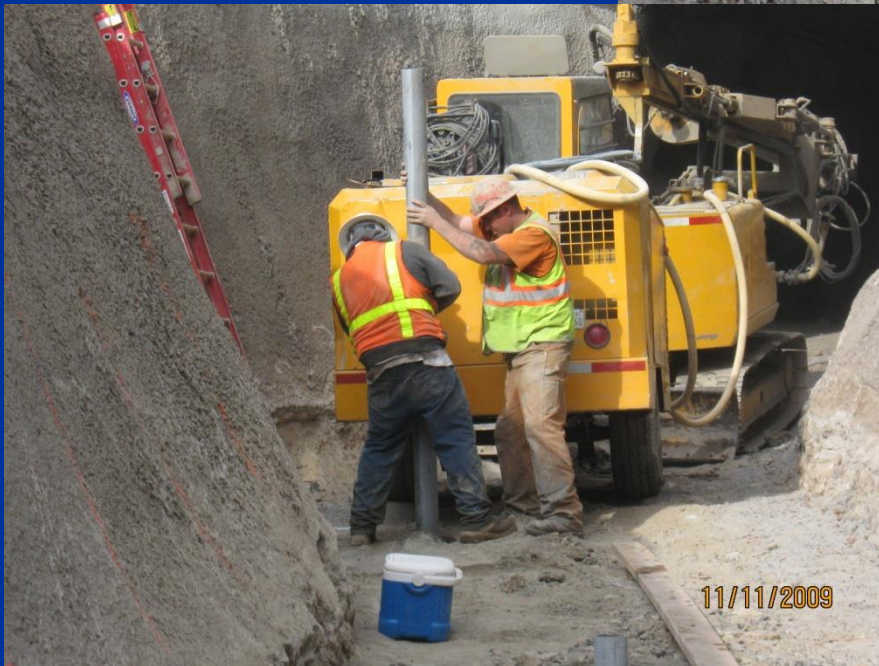


**Segment 1: Observation of Canal Invert Demolition in Structural Rehab Area**

Segment 1:  
Micro-Pile Drilling  
Operation in Structural  
Rehab Area



## Segment 1



## Micro-Pile Installation and Grouting Operations



**Segment 1: Canal Invert Lateral Tieback Installation in Structural Rehab Area**

Segment 1  
Tie-back for  
Structural Slab



Structural Rebar  
Installation After  
Micro-Pile  
Installation



**Segment 1: Structural Invert Concrete Placement After  
Micro-Pile Installation**



**Segment 1: Tunnel 4 Repair in Thin Cover Section –  
Wire Mesh and Reinforcement Installation**



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Segment 1: Shotcrete Repair



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## Segment 1 Structural Repairs

## Segment 2



Starting Conditions



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## Segment 2



Shotcreting Operations



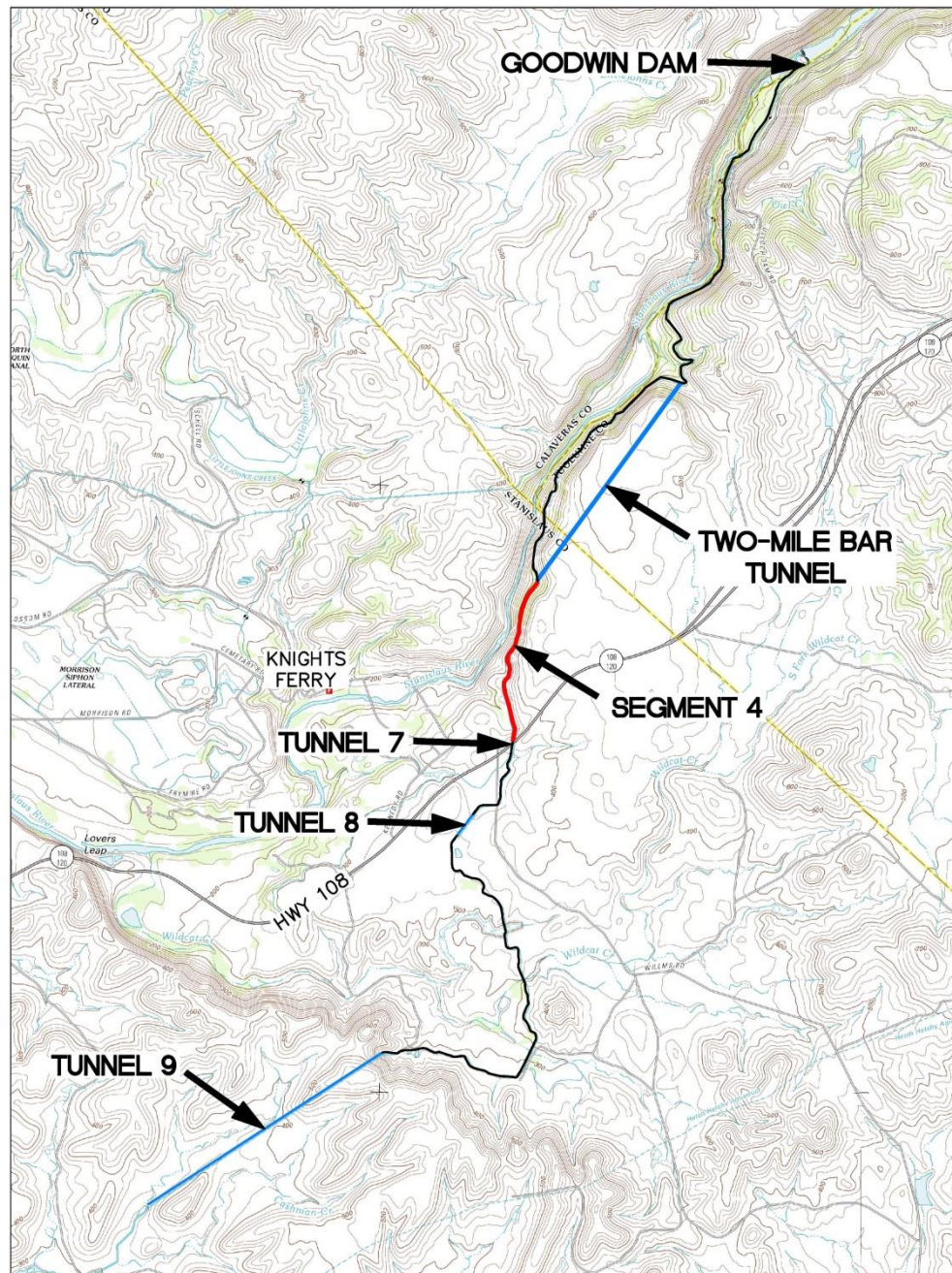


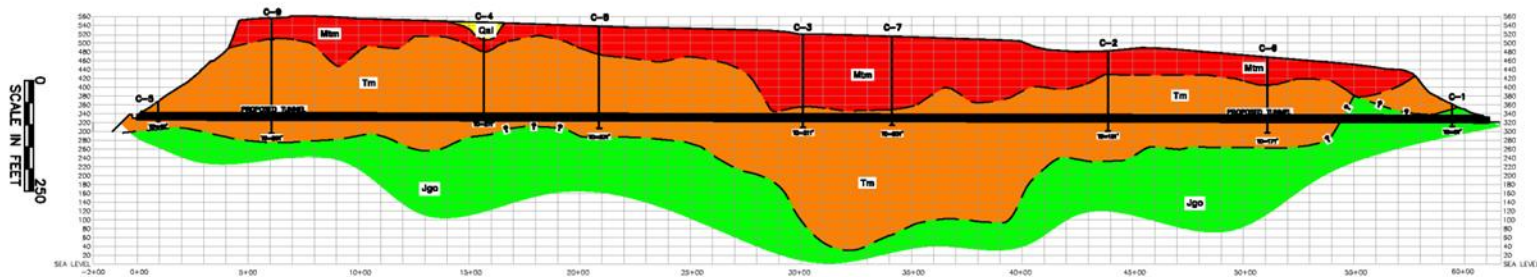
**Segment 2 – Lining and Invert Construction  
and Repair**











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## PROPOSED TUNNEL PROFILE

Scale: 1" = 500'

0 500  
SCALE IN FEET

### SCALE

HORIZONTAL - 1" = 500'

VERTICAL - 1" = 250'

### LEGEND

— TEM (TRANSIENT ELECTROMAGNETIC)  
CONTACT, DASHED WHERE APPROXIMATE

**Qal** ALLUVIUM

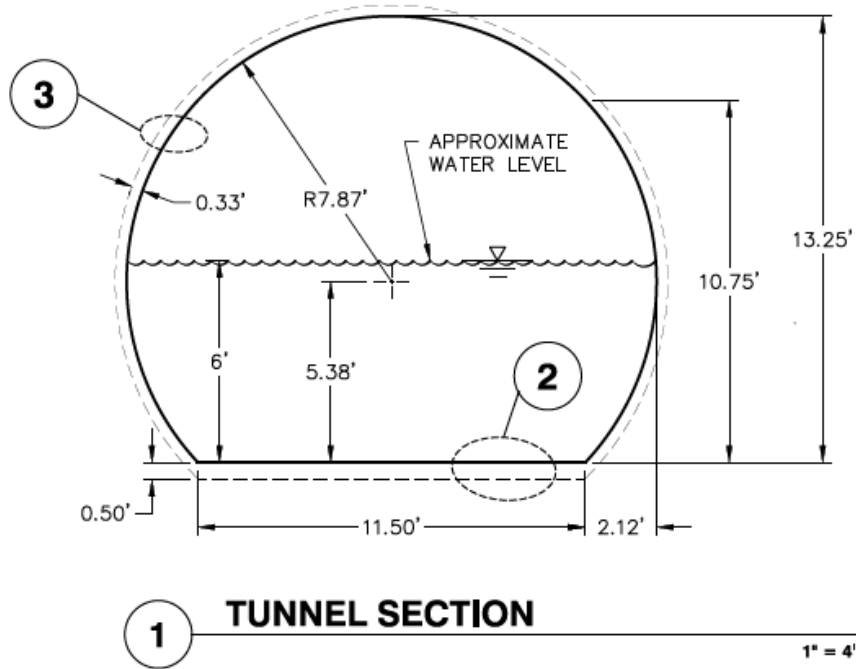
**Mtn** TABLE MOUNTAIN LATITE - PROMINENT  
FLOWS OF DARK LATITE CHARACTERIZED  
BY ABUNDANT LABRADORITE  
PHENOCRYSTS.

**Tm** MEHRTEN FORMATION - ANDESITIC  
CONGLOMERATE, TUFFACEOUS  
SANDSTONE, AND MUDFLOW BRECCIA  
(LAHAR); SOME TUFF AND RHYOLITE

**Jgo** GOPHER RIDGE VOLCANICS

NOTE: STRUCTURAL INTERPRETATION  
BETWEEN CORE HOLES BASED IN  
PART ON GEOPHYSICAL TEM DATA.

# Design Overview



- ~16'(W) x 14'(H)
- "Free Channel Flow"
- Constructed using the Sequential Excavation Method (SEM)
- 4" shotcrete liner (2" initial + 2" final)

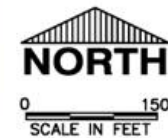
# Turning Under



# Applying the Shotcrete Liner







SPOILS TRANSFER AREA	=	37,870 SQ. FT.
ROAD	=	22,882 SQ. FT.
STAGING AREA	=	90,990 SQ. FT.
TOTAL (SQ. FT.)	=	151,742 SQ. FT.
TOTAL (ACRES)	=	3.48 ACRES



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