



Engineering, Operations, & Technology Committee

# Adopt MND and Accept Grant Funding for Inland Feeder-Foothill Pump Station Intertie Project

Item 7-4

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### Inland Feeder- Foothill Pump Station Intertie IS-MND

#### Subject

Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Foothill Pump Station Intertie Project; adopt resolution to accept \$5 million U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART: Drought Resiliency Projects grant for Fiscal Year 2024 to support project; authorize General Manager to accept grant funds; and designate Group Manager of Engineering Services to be signatory to grant

#### Purpose

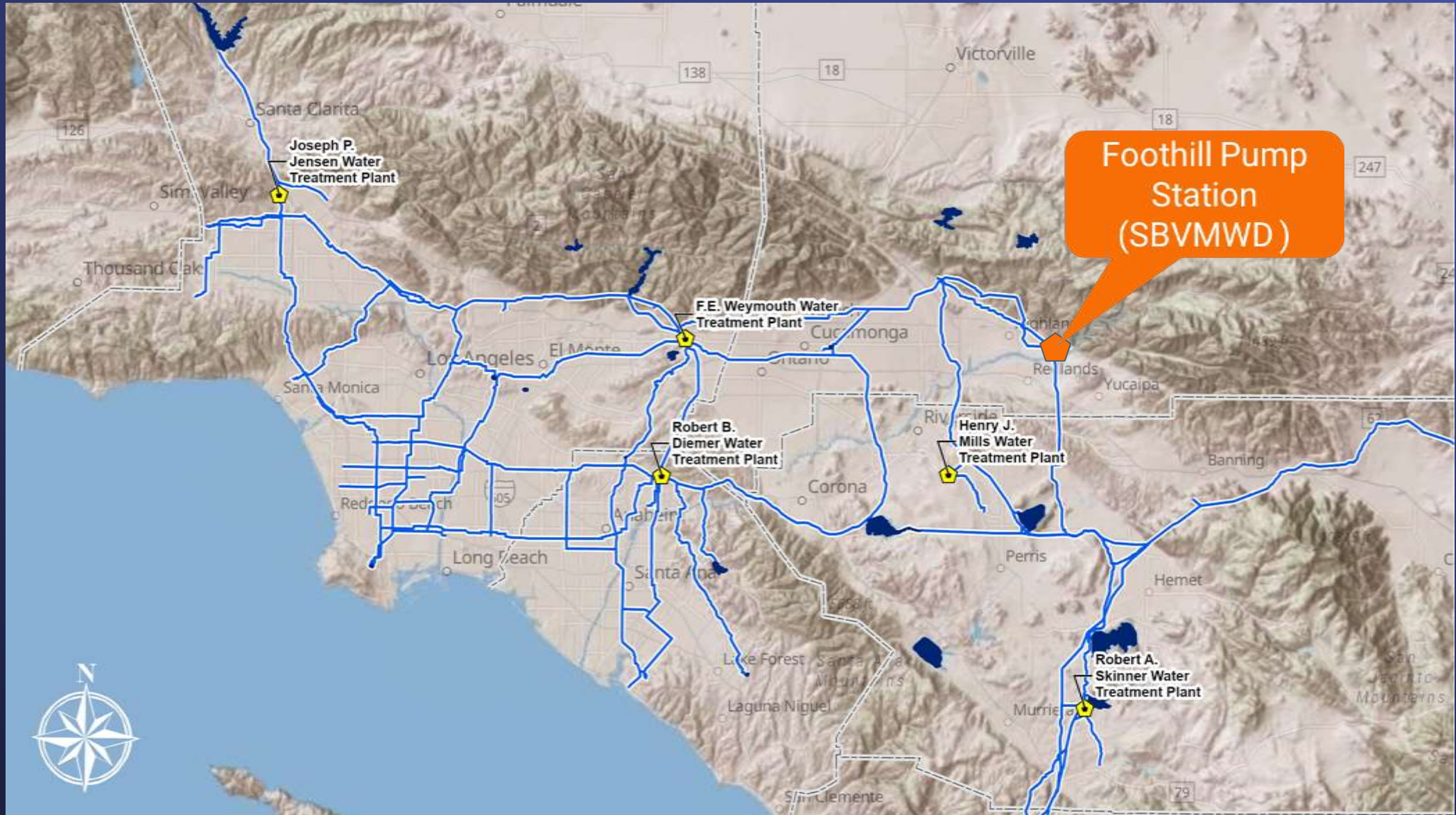
Project is one of a series of projects to improve supply reliability for SWP-dependent member agencies. Grant funding and MND adoption will support project progress in timely manner

#### Recommendation and Fiscal Impact

Adopt CEQA and accept grant funding  
No Fiscal Impact

#### Budgeted

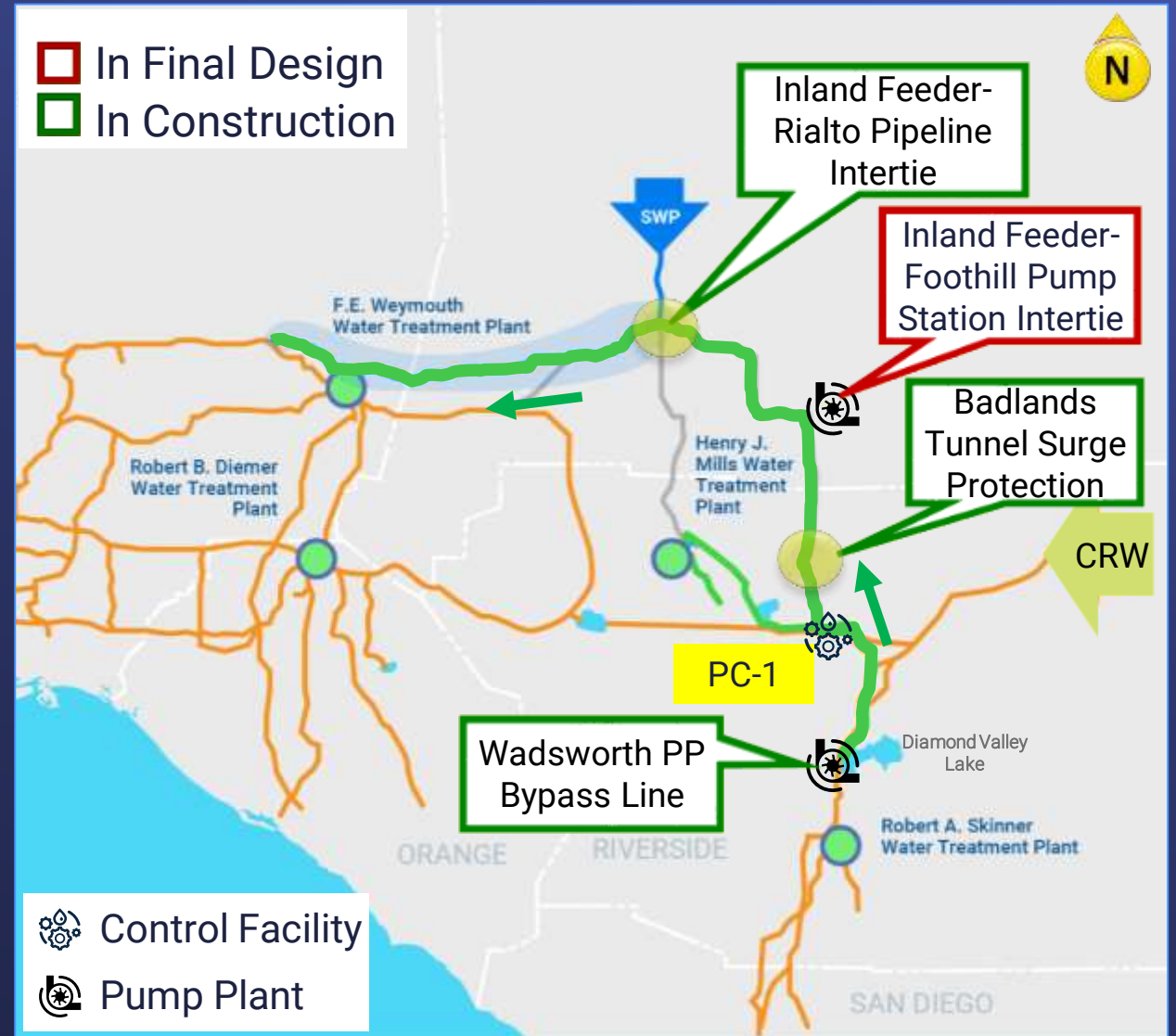
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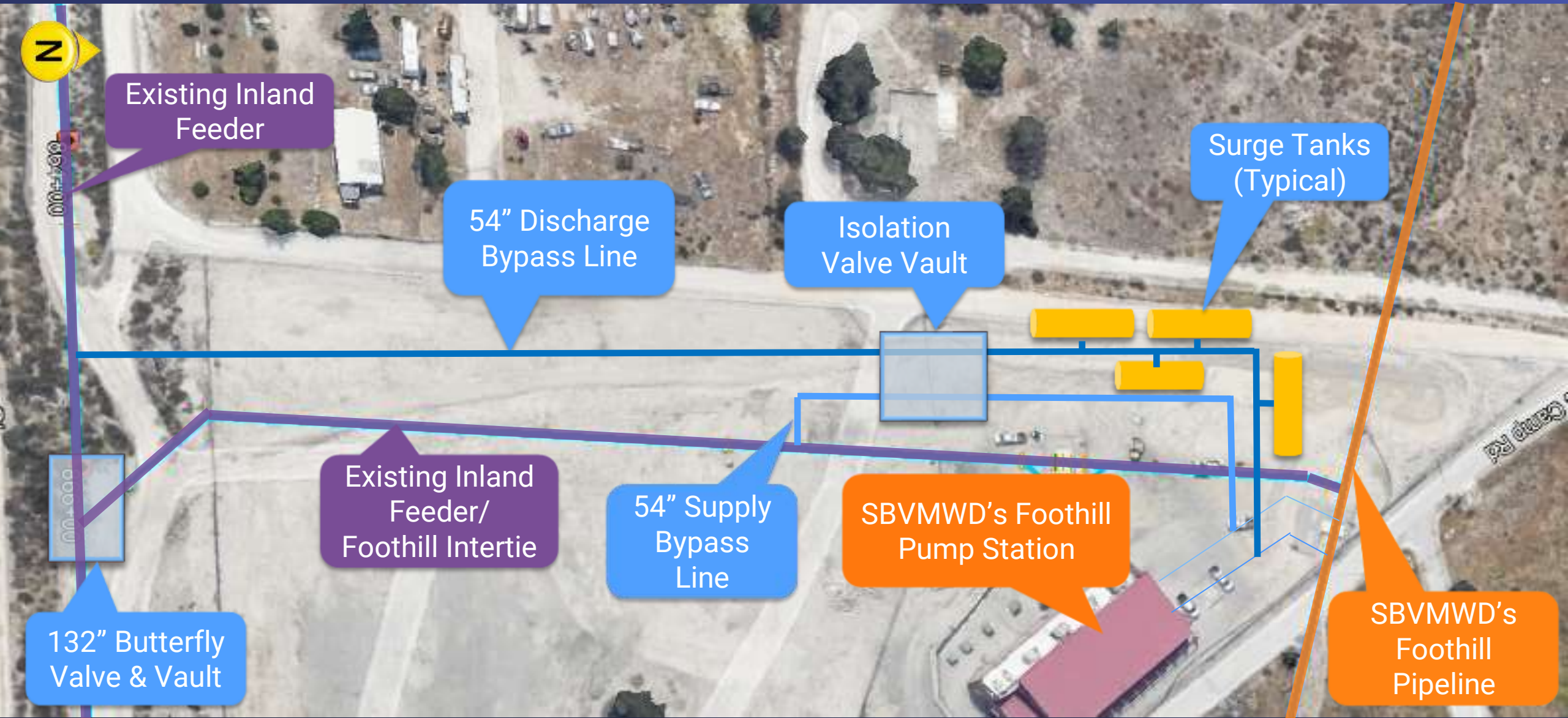


# Background - Rialto Area Water Supply Reliability Improvements

- Rialto Pipeline service area is dependent on SWP
- Rialto Pipeline Water Supply Improvements
  - Wadsworth Bypass
  - Badlands Tunnel Surge Protection
  - Foothill Pump Station Intertie
  - Inland Feeder Rialto Pipeline Intertie



# Foothill Pump Station Intertie



Inland Feeder-  
Foothill Pump  
Station Intertie  
USBR Grant and  
MND



San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat  
Image courtesy of U.S. Fish  
and Wildlife Service

## Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration

- Two potentially significant impact categories
  - Biological resources – endangered San Bernardino kangaroo rat identified
  - Noise
- 30-day public review completed; received one comment letter supporting project
- All impacts less than significant with mitigation



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## WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects

- Federal grant application for up to \$5 M from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)
  - 50% cost-share: \$5 M match required
- Planned use of grant funds
  - Reimbursement of planned CIP construction contract cost
  - Contract estimate: \$24 M
- Anticipated grant award: October 2024
- Estimated funding period: October 2024 to October 2027

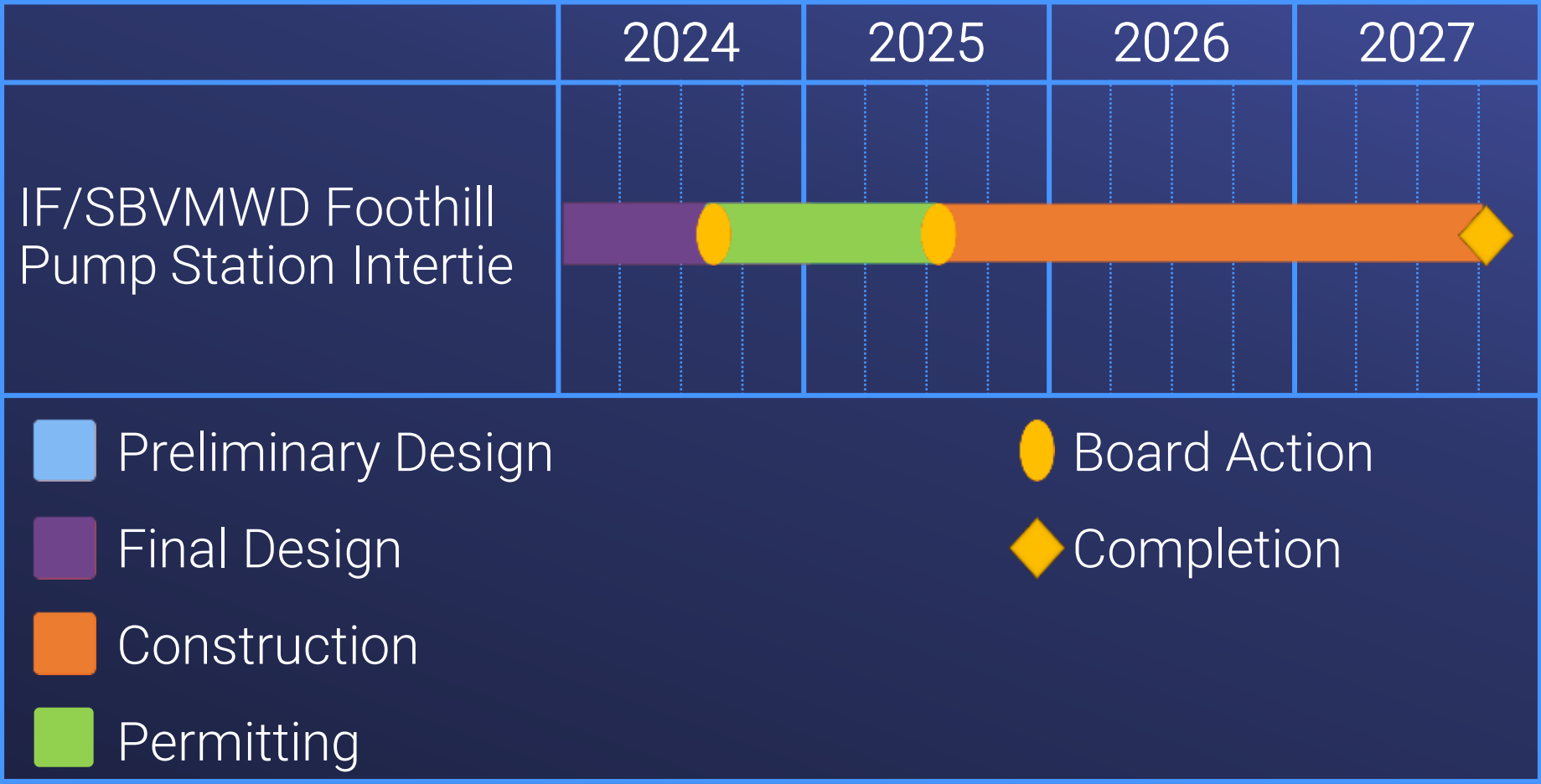
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## USBR Grant - Benefits

- Facilitates required environmental permit
  - USBR creates a federal nexus for Section 7 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Receive \$5 M funding to offset project's planned construction cost



# Project Schedule



# Board Options

- Option #1
  - a. Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Inland Feeder-Foothill Pump Station Intertie Project and take related CEQA actions.
  - b. Adopt a resolution to accept \$5 million in funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to support the Inland Feeder/San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Foothill Pump Station Intertie Project.
  - c. Designate the Group Manager of Engineering Services to be the signatory to execute actions related to the funds.
  - d. Appropriate \$5 million in funding from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for use on the Inland Feeder/San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Foothill Pump Station Intertie Project.

# Board Options

- Option #2
  - Do not proceed with adoption of the MND and the use of grant funds at this time.



# Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

