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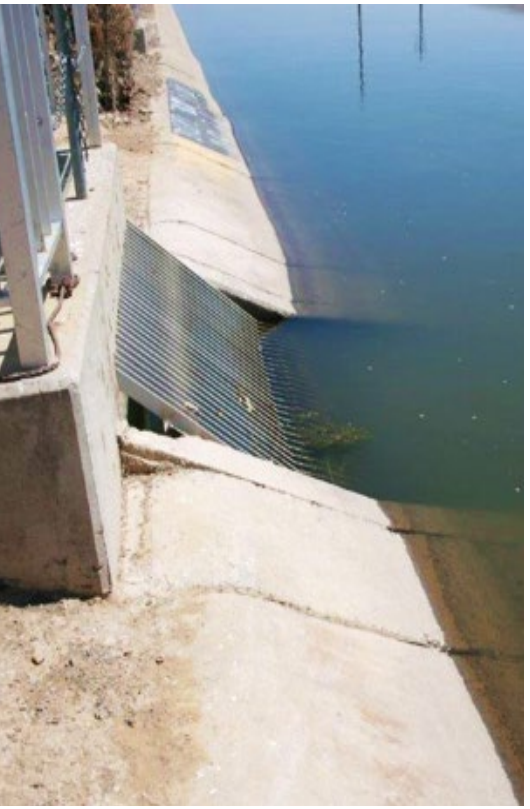

An Overview of the Devil's Den Water District

Board of Directors Meeting –
Oct. 5, 2021 – Agenda Item 7.1

OUTLINE

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THE ROAD TO DEVILS DEN

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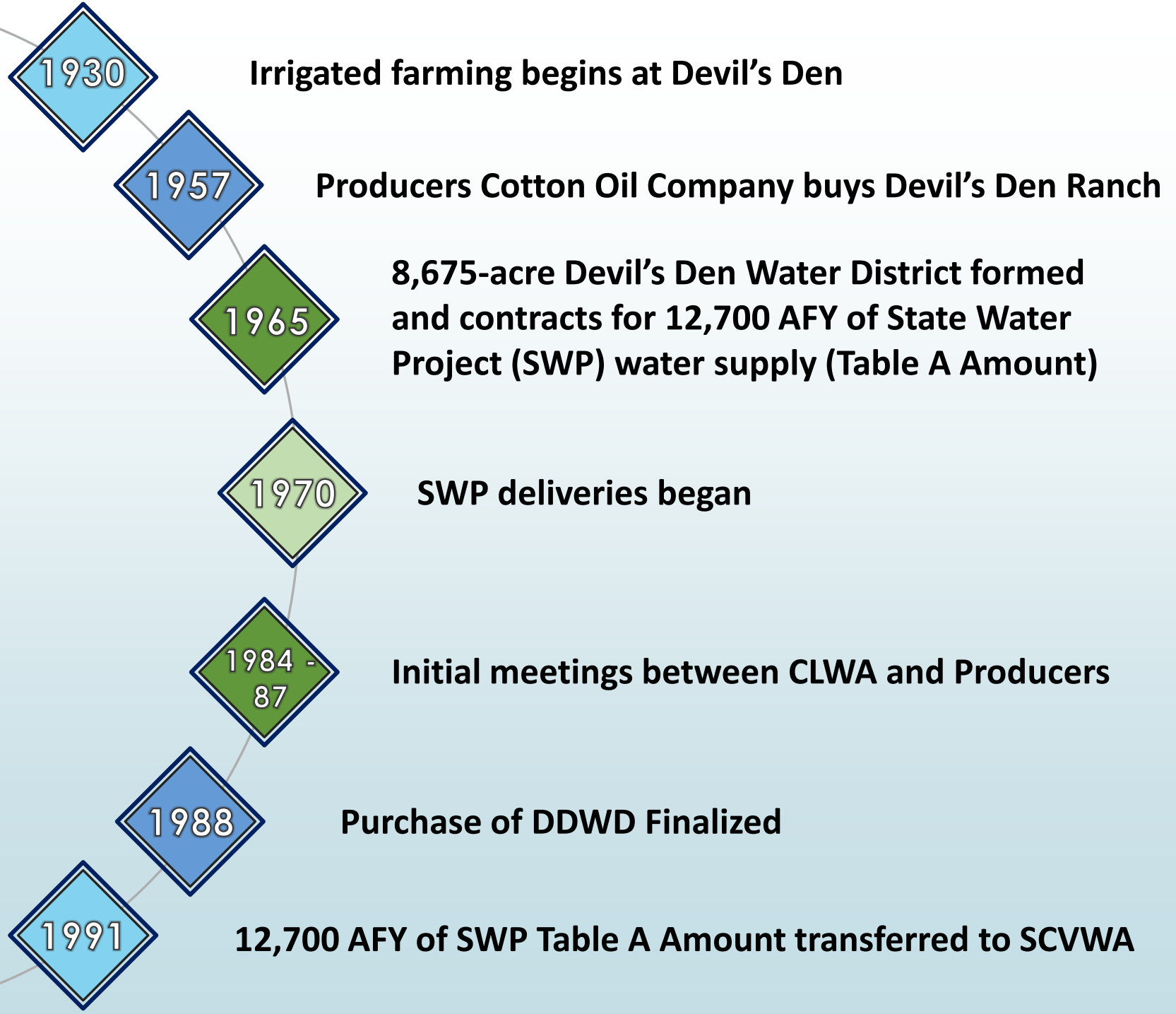
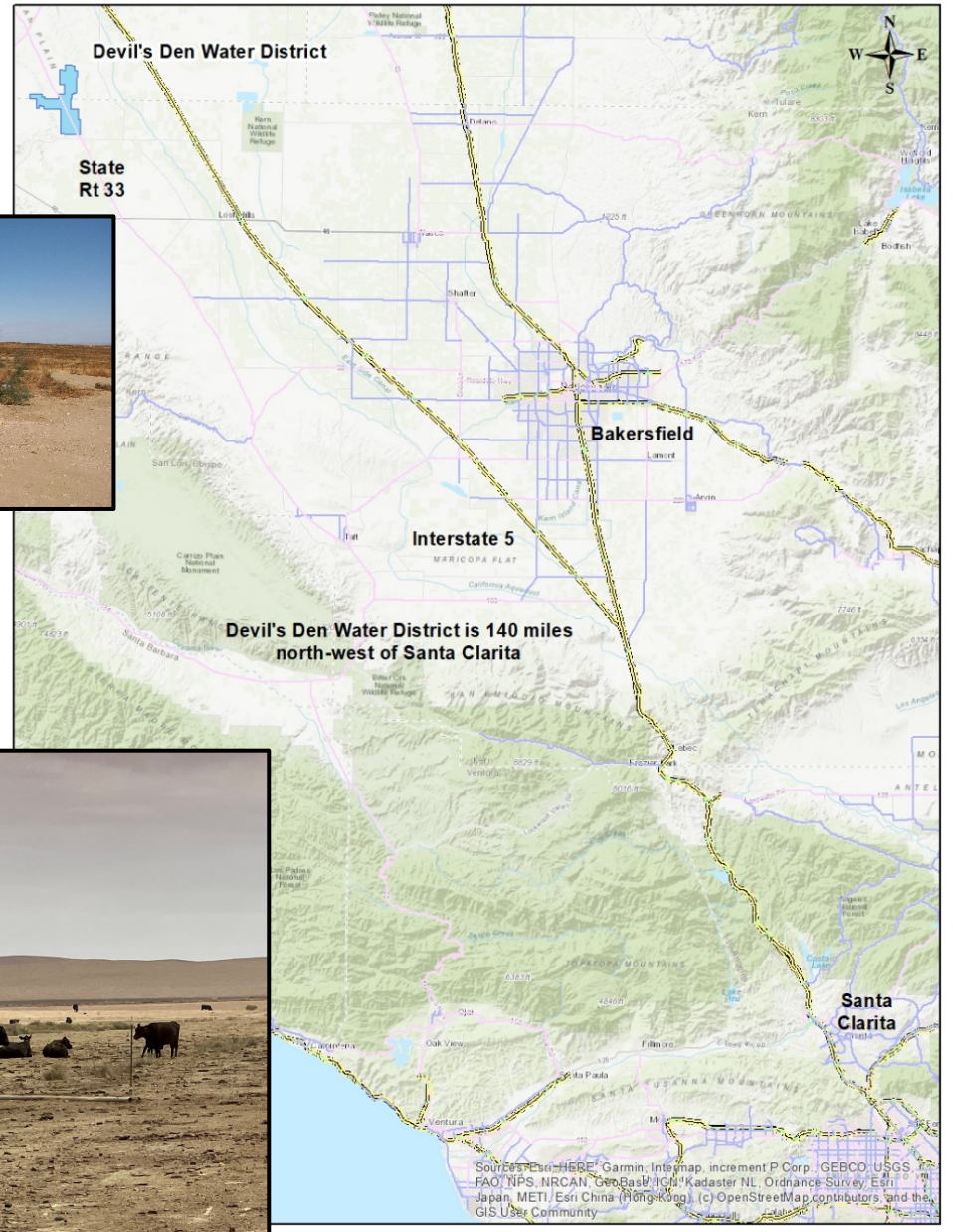
Timeline


1930
Irrigated farming begins at Devil's Den
1957
Producers Cotton Oil Company buys Devil's Den Ranch
1965
8,675-acre Devil's Den Water District formed and contracts for 12,700 AFY of State Water Project (SWP) water supply (Table A Amount)
1970
SWP deliveries began
1984 - 87
Initial meetings between CLWA and Producers
1988
Purchase of DDWD Finalized
1991
12,700 AFY of SWP Table A Amount transferred to SCVWA

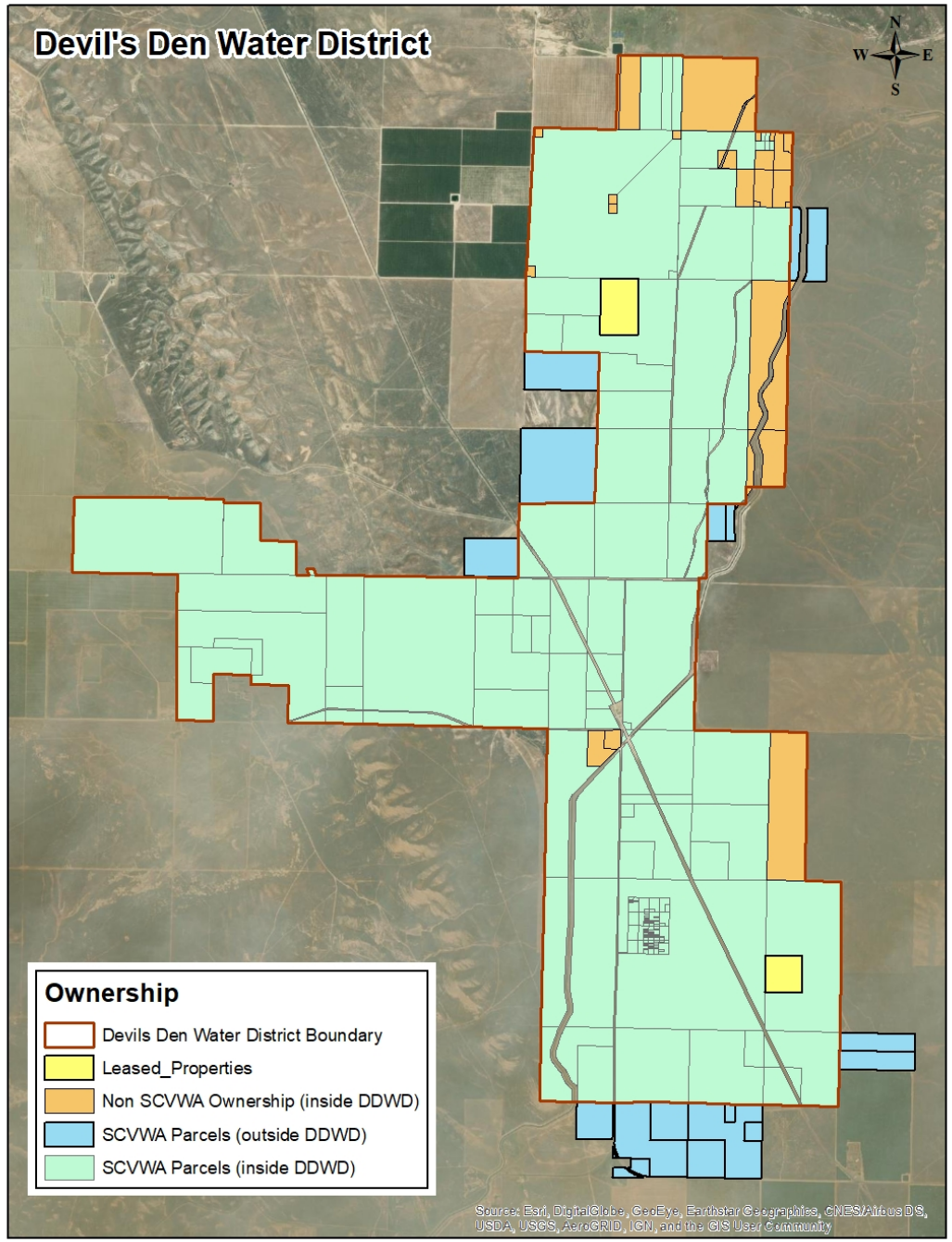
The Road to Devil's Den

This is Devil's Den



Devils Den Water District Land Ownership

- 8,675 Total Acres within DDWD
- SCVWA owns 90% of DDWD acreage (7,800 ac)
- SCVWA owns 84% of DDWD parcels - 128 of 153 parcels
- SCWVA owns 827 acres of property adjacent to DDWD
- SCVWA leases 100 acres from other landowners within DDWD



DDWD Governance

Landowner based Representation

The original DDWD Board of Directors was made up of Producers Cotton Oil executives.

Producers transferred title to some plots of land on the ranch to its employees and named them to the BOD.

Landowners within the DDWD are allowed to run for office. Election cycle is every 2 yrs.

As a landowner-based District, SCVWA is responsible for appointing the DDWD Board of Directors.

5 Member Board of Directors

President: Jerry Gladbach
Vice President: Bill Cooper
Ed Colley
RJ Kelly
Bob Diprimio

Staff

General Manager: Matt Stone
Treasurer: Rochelle Patterson
Secretary: April Jacobs

Property Management

ACTIVE MANAGEMENT

Property Leased To and Maintained by Rolling Hills Farm

- Current Agreement through December 31, 2021
- Tenant does not pay any monetary rent
- Provides weed control and maintenance to all structures
  - * Weed control as per 1988 EIR mitigation measure
- RHF Allowed to farm property as they see fit
  - * no GMO's
  - * No permanent crops
  - * Grazing as acceptable Agricultural use
- State Water Project water can be purchased under certain terms dependent on SWP yearly allocations

SWP ALLOCATION	OBLIGATION
<35%	NONE
36%-40%	500 AF
41%-45%	1,000 AF
46%-50%	1,500 AF
>50%	2,000 AF

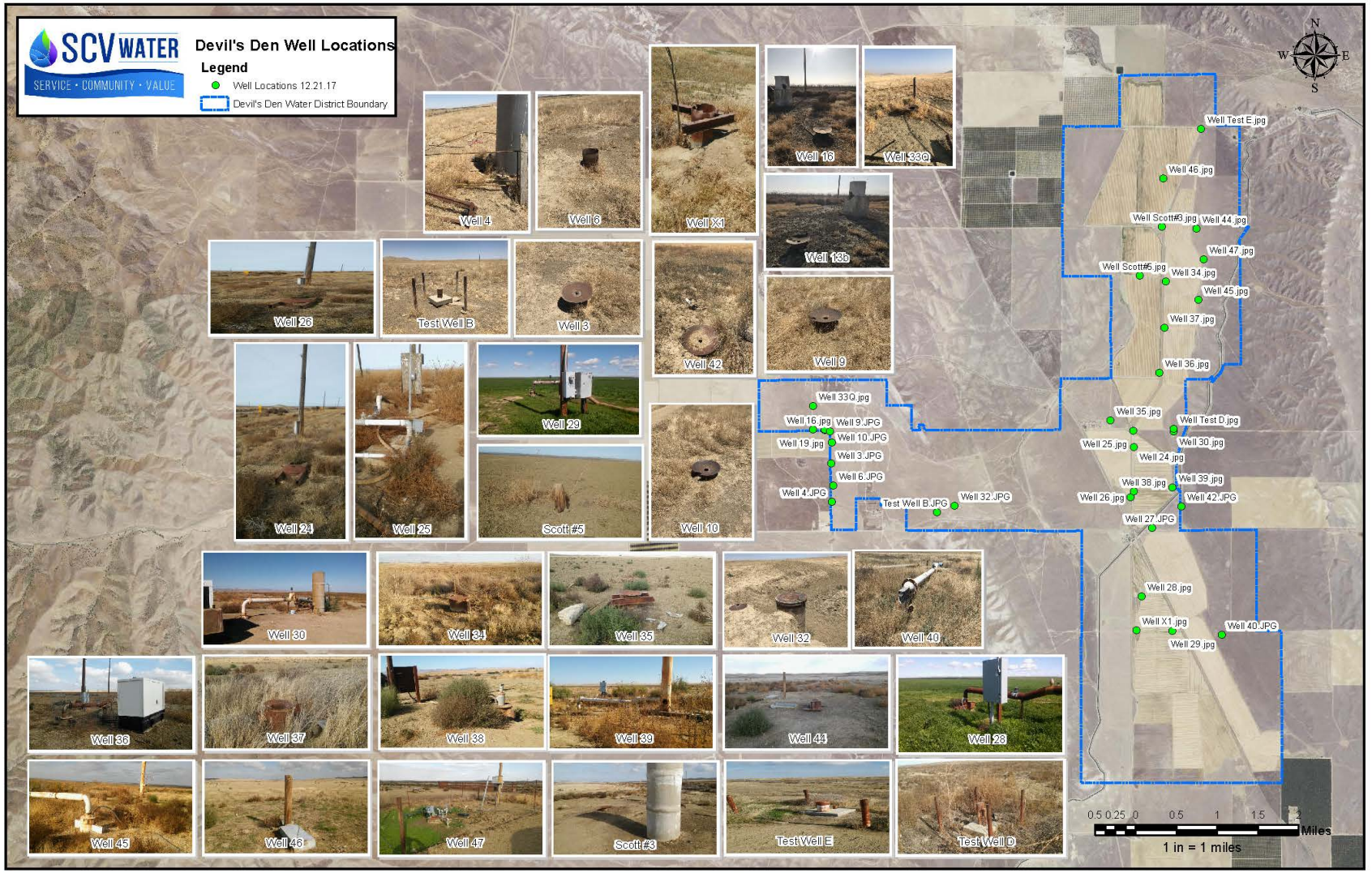
- Agreement specifically states that there is no guarantee that water can be provided.
- Lessee has received less than 450 AF since 2017

Property Management

DDWD Budget – Approximately $200K/year
- Taxes: $85,000
- Management Consulting Services: $30,000
- Maintenance Costs: $0-$85,000

Maintenance of water supply lines and turn-out facilities
Existing and Future Easement Requests
Member of the Westside Water Quality Coalition which help SCV Water prepare:
- Yearly Nitrogen Management Reports
- Yearly Farm Evaluation Reports
- Yearly Potable Water Testing Reports

DDWD - Wells



There are approx. 40 wells located within DDWD's SCVWA parcels. 6 currently in periodic use by farmer.

High salt concentration of groundwater limits use for certain crops

CLWA purchased the SWP 12,700 AF allocation from the DDWD, but property owners reserve their groundwater rights, if any.

Current Activity at Devils Den

Rolling Hills Farm Grazing Operations

- 270 head of cattle currently grazing
- Fencing replacement with more secure fence

Mechanical Weed Removal

- RHF continues to remove weeds along fence lines and roadsides
- Wheeler Company monitors future solar location for plant growth – RHF to mechanically disc if present

Current Activity at Devils Den

Alamo Springs Solar Generation Option

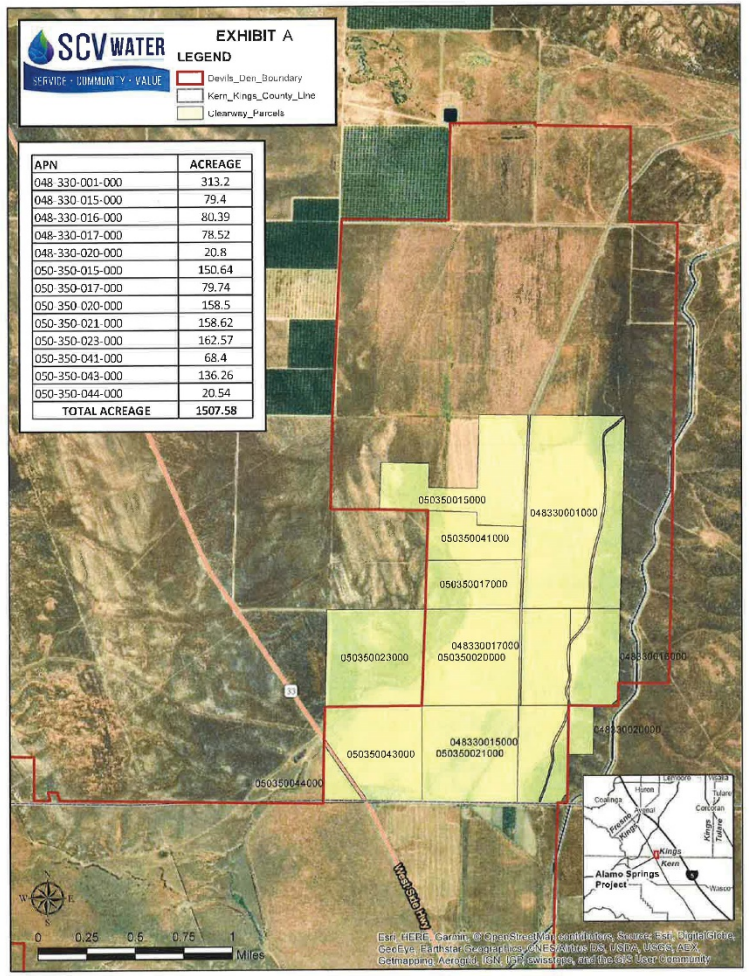
- 250 MW Solar Generation Facility on 800 acres
- Preparation of MND continues – ITP required
- Interconnection expired – extension requested

8Minutenergy Solar Generation

- Received Request for Option Lease on Kern Co. Property
- Solar Facility on 1,400-2,200 acres
- Generation of between 400 and 800 Megawatts

Recurrent Energy Access Easement

- Construction & Maintenance Access for adjacent 2,500 ac Solar Generation Facility
- 30' wide easement along Kern Co. north border with Kings County crossing 3 SCV Water parcels



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