



RELIABILITY UPGRADE
For Southern Colorado



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Summary Presentation for Pueblo County Commissioners
AUGUST 13, 2020

Project Benefits - Reliability



Increased reliability

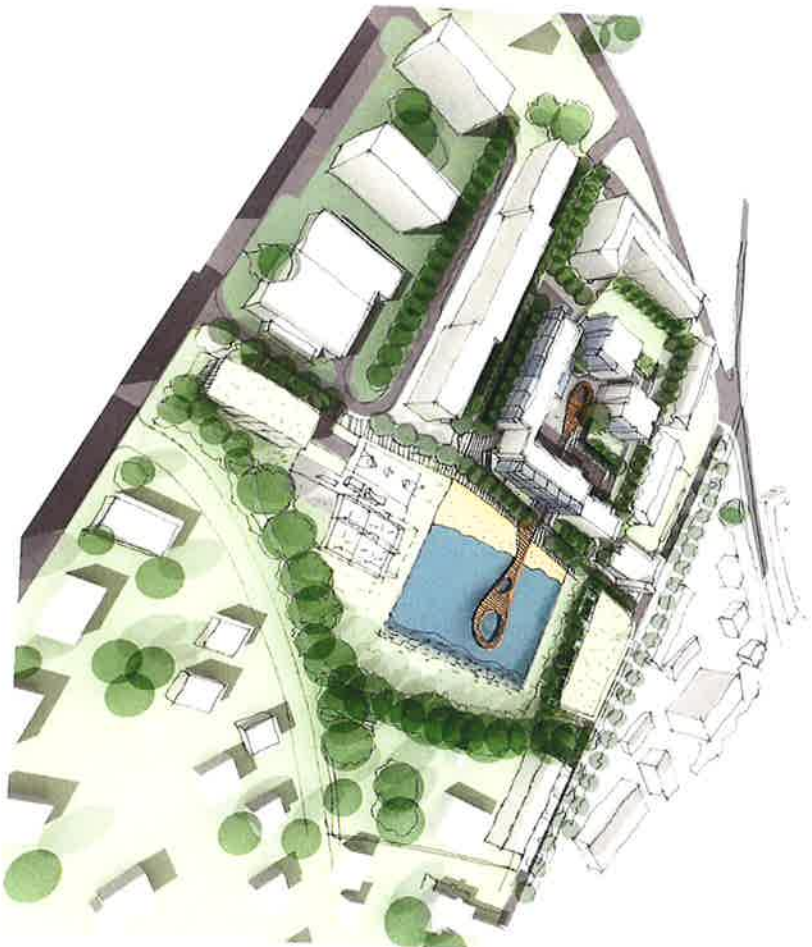


Decreased risk of outages



Accommodates load growth

Project Benefits – Economic Growth



Attracts new business



Helps existing businesses grow



Clean energy is a competitive advantage

Process Timeline

JANUARY

MAY

NOVEMBER

2018

Jan. 9: Pre-application meeting

May 2: Application submitted

Nov. 13: Application denied

SPRING – SUMMER

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

2019

Conducted community outreach

Aug. 21: Pre-application meeting

Sept. 30: Application submitted

Nov. 11: Staff recommends approval held; proceedings continued

Dec. 12: Second hearing held; requested additional information on six topics

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

JULY

2020

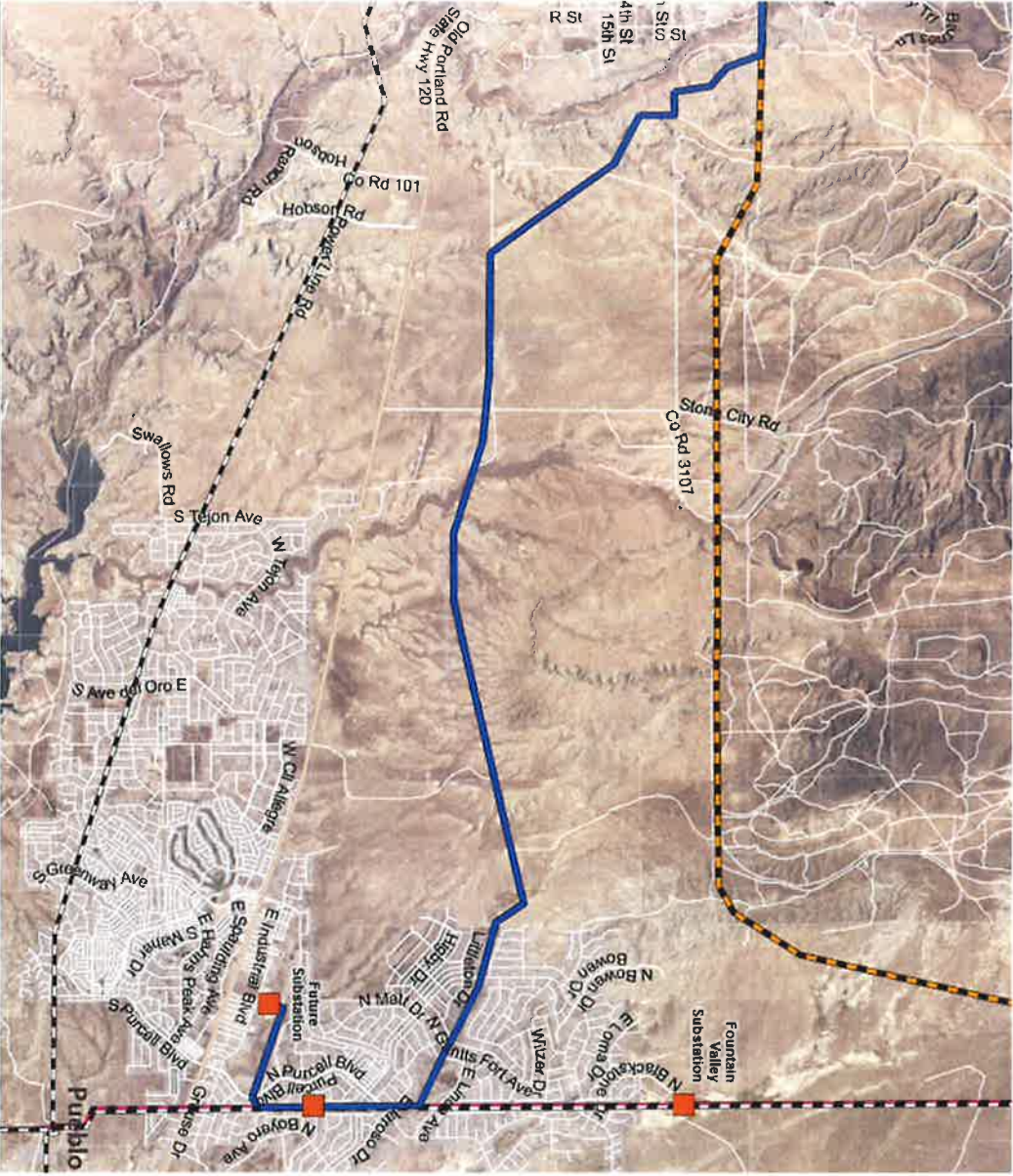
Jan. 9: Third hearing held; requested additional rebuttal points

Jan. 27: BHE provided additional rebuttal points

Feb. 13: Fourth hearing held; proceedings continued for BHE to conduct additional stakeholder outreach on new mitigation proposal

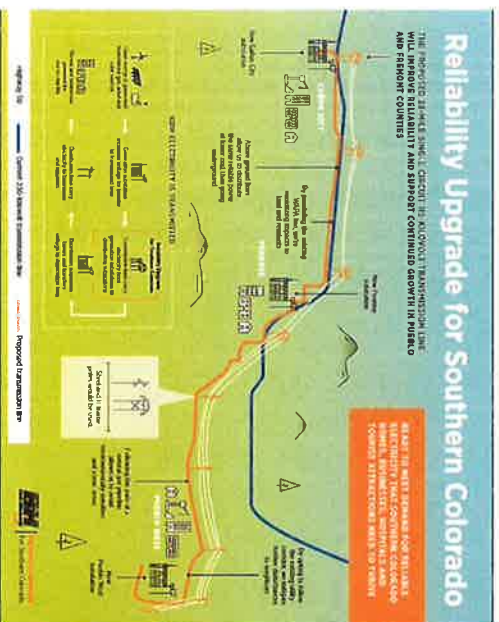
July 9: Fifth hearing held; proceedings continued to today's hearing

Dec. 20: BHE provided additional information



Current Proposed Route

Community Outreach Efforts



PROJECT EDUCATION

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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Black Hills Energy answers common questions asked for proposed line, substations

As I shared in our May 2019 opinion piece, Black Hills Energy proposed the Reliability Upgrade for Southern Colorado – a 39-mile, 115-kV/100-kV transmission line and three new substations – to meet the needs of our customers in and around Pueblo West, Poudre and Canon City. The Reliability Upgrade will improve overall system reliability to power customers' daily lives at home and work and empower future growth through added capacity while maintaining our commitment to provide safe and clean energy for Southern Colorado.

We've redoubled our efforts to engage customers in the planning process. Recently, we hosted two Open Houses for Pueblo West, Poudre and Canon City customers to learn more about the project, ask questions and share feedback on our proposed plans. We want to thank the 100 or so customers that joined us at the meetings – our team appreciated the discussion and we've recorded each of the comments shared and will be following up to address specific customer concerns in coming weeks.

For those who weren't able to join us, here are the three most common questions we heard at the Open Houses:

LOCAL NEWS&SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

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Community Outreach Efforts — Undergrounding Distribution Lines

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Steps to Reduce Impacts

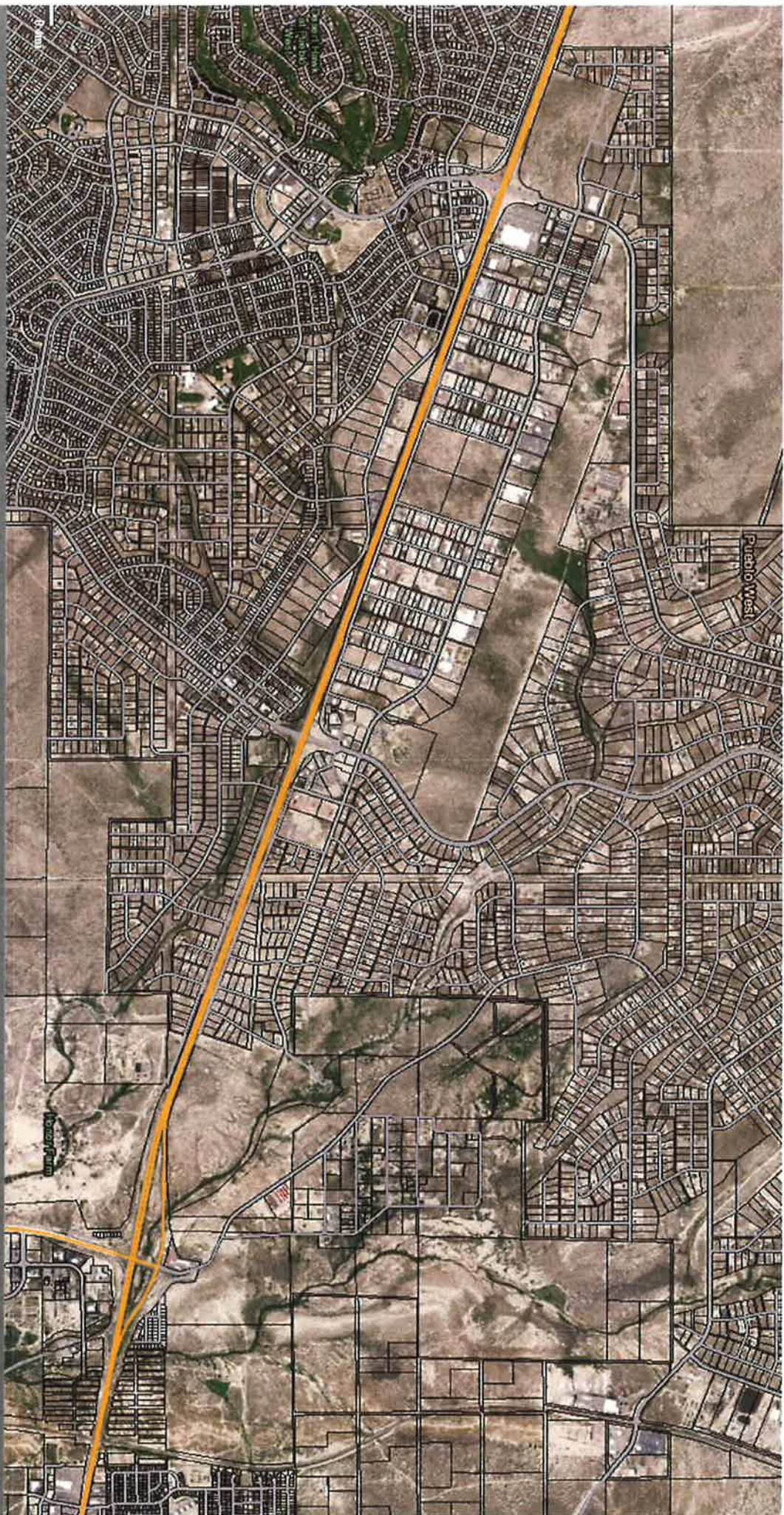
-  Changed the route
-  Minimizing new disturbances
-  Staying closer to the center of the right of way
-  Upgrading existing infrastructure
-  Using colored steel monopoles inside Pueblo West
-  Building to County floodplain specifications (Section 17.108)
-  Offering to underground distribution lines

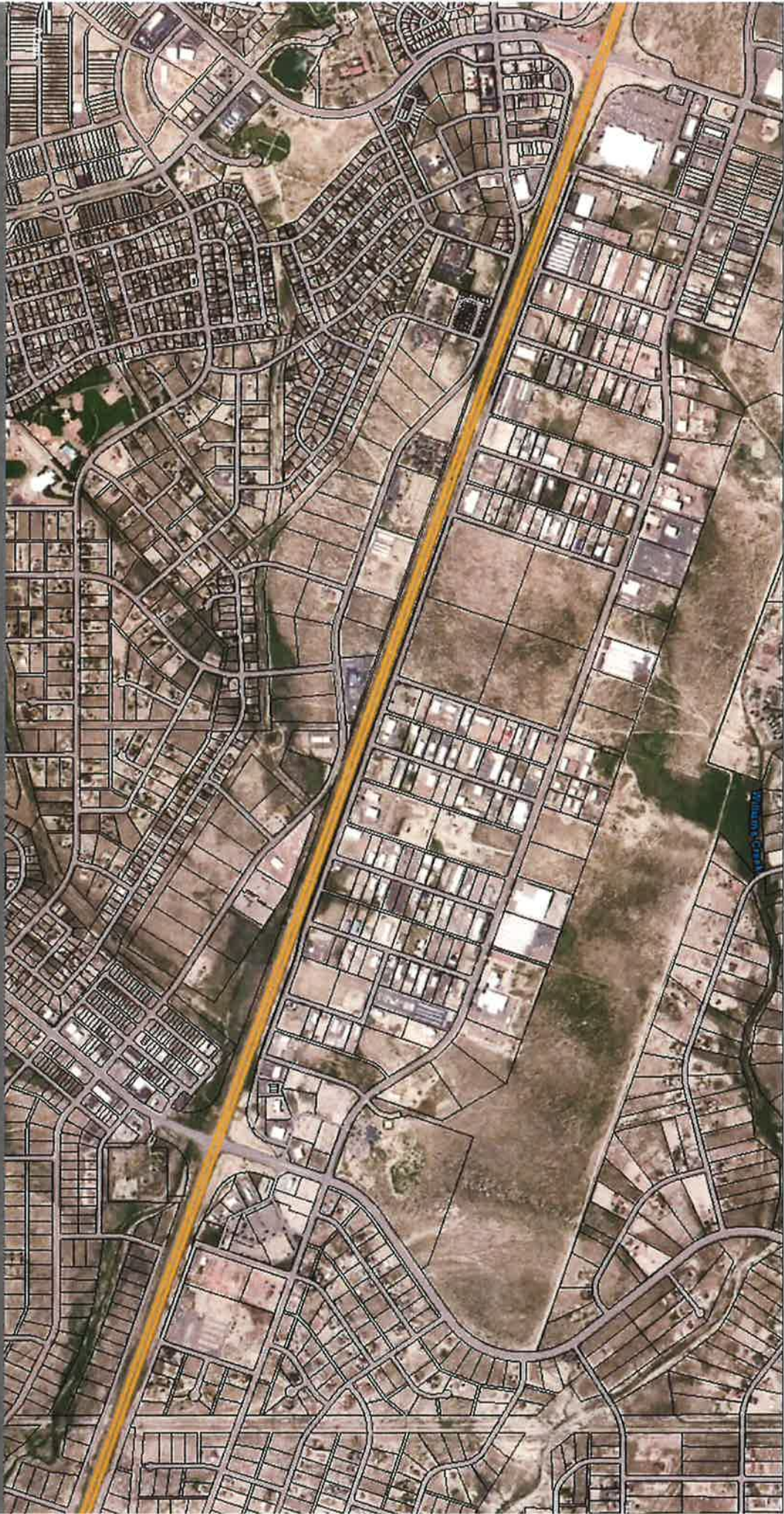
Permit Application Checklist



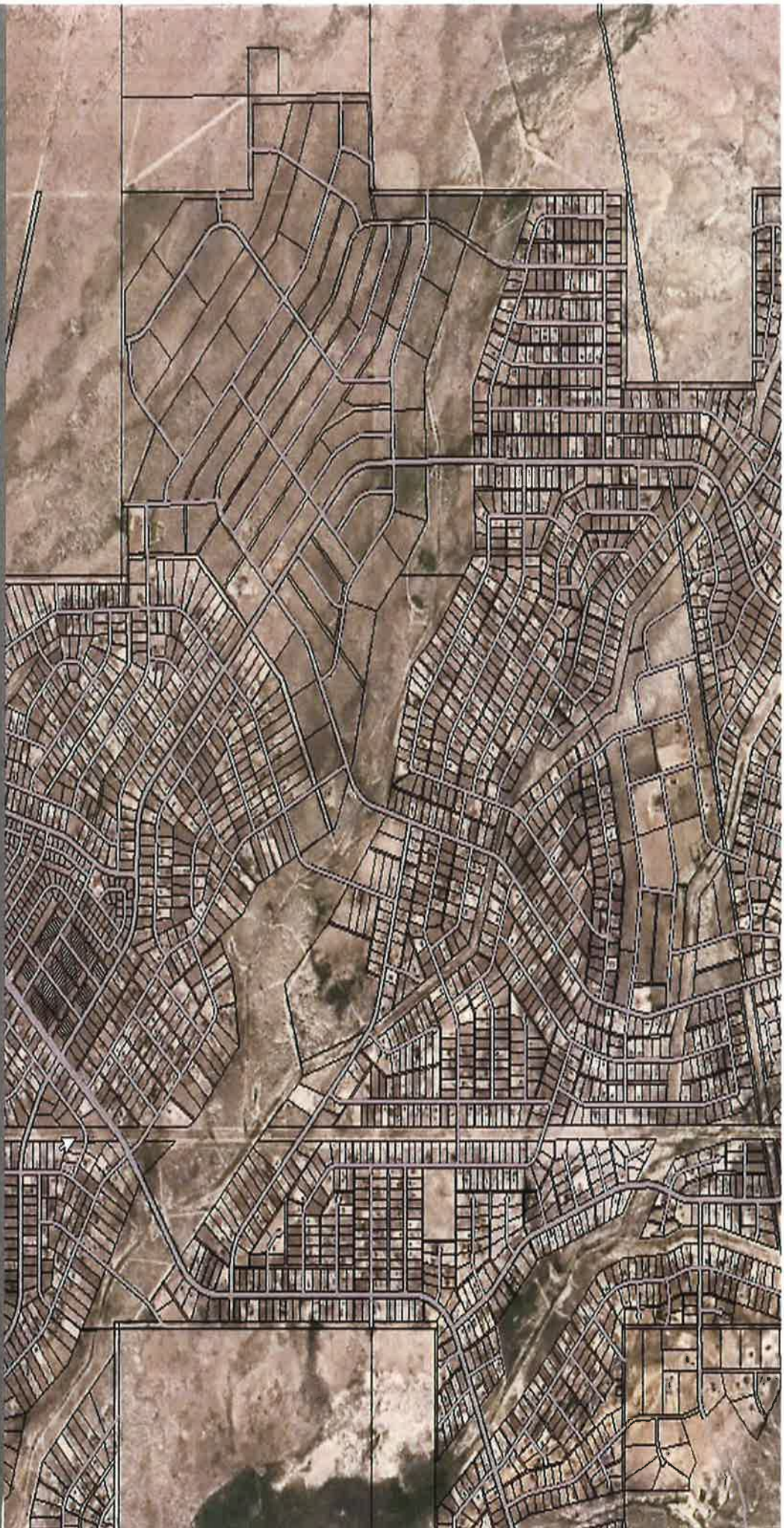
- ✔ Health, safety and welfare of citizens protected and served
- ✔ No adverse impacts to physical, economic or social environment, except as permitted
- ✔ Implemented reasonable modifications and mitigations for expected adverse impacts
- ✔ Assessed alternatives and determined this represents best interest of the people and resources
- ✔ There exists a need or reasonably foreseeable need
- ✔ Adequate resources exist for the construction and operation
- ✔ Doesn't conflict with Comprehensive Plan and actions have been taken to avoid conflict with other adopted plans

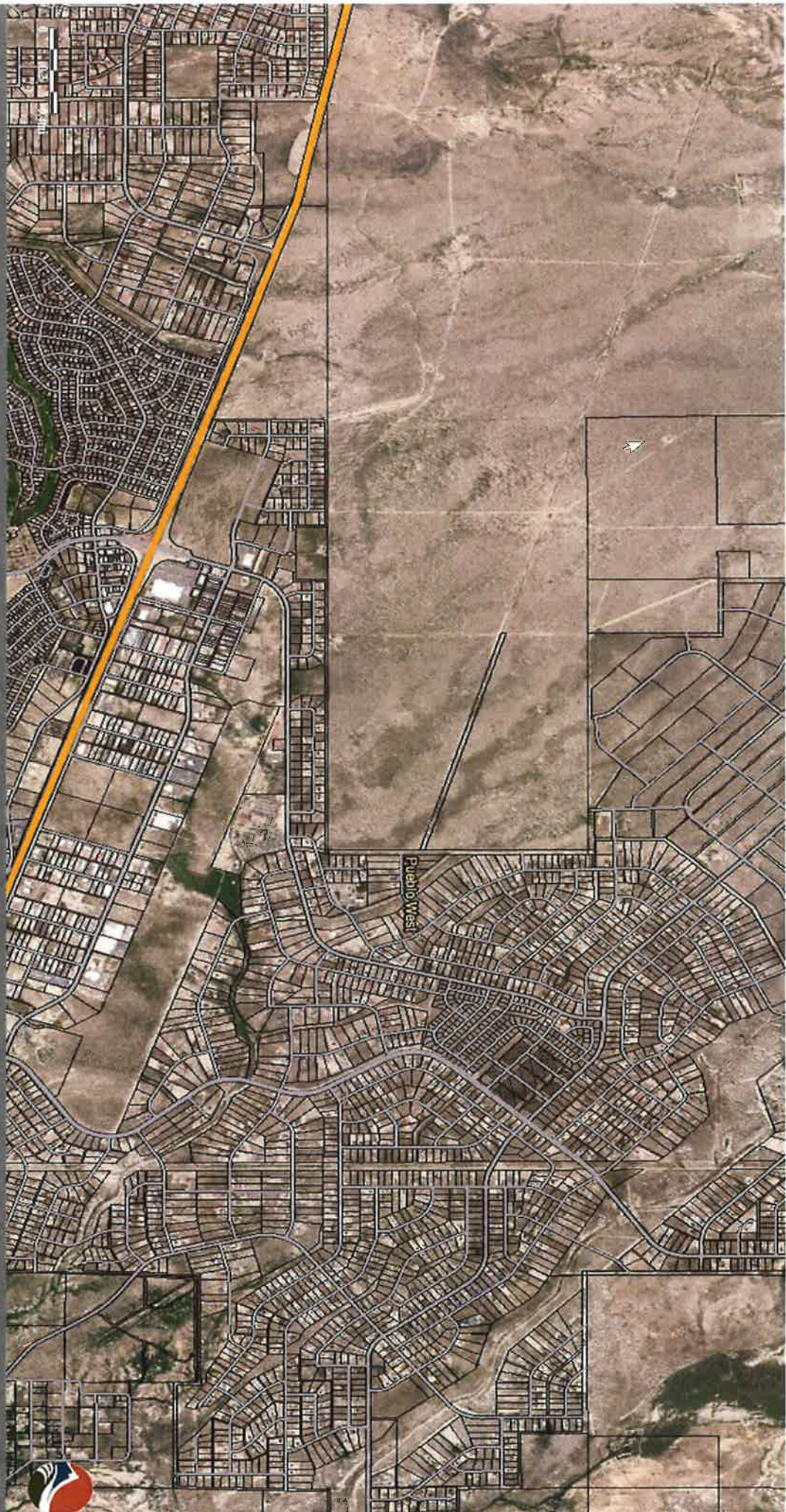
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