

North Okanagan Wastewater Recovery Project

Defining an Affordable Wastewater Solution using VE

Value Factory Session
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Today's Presentation...

- **Five Aspects:**

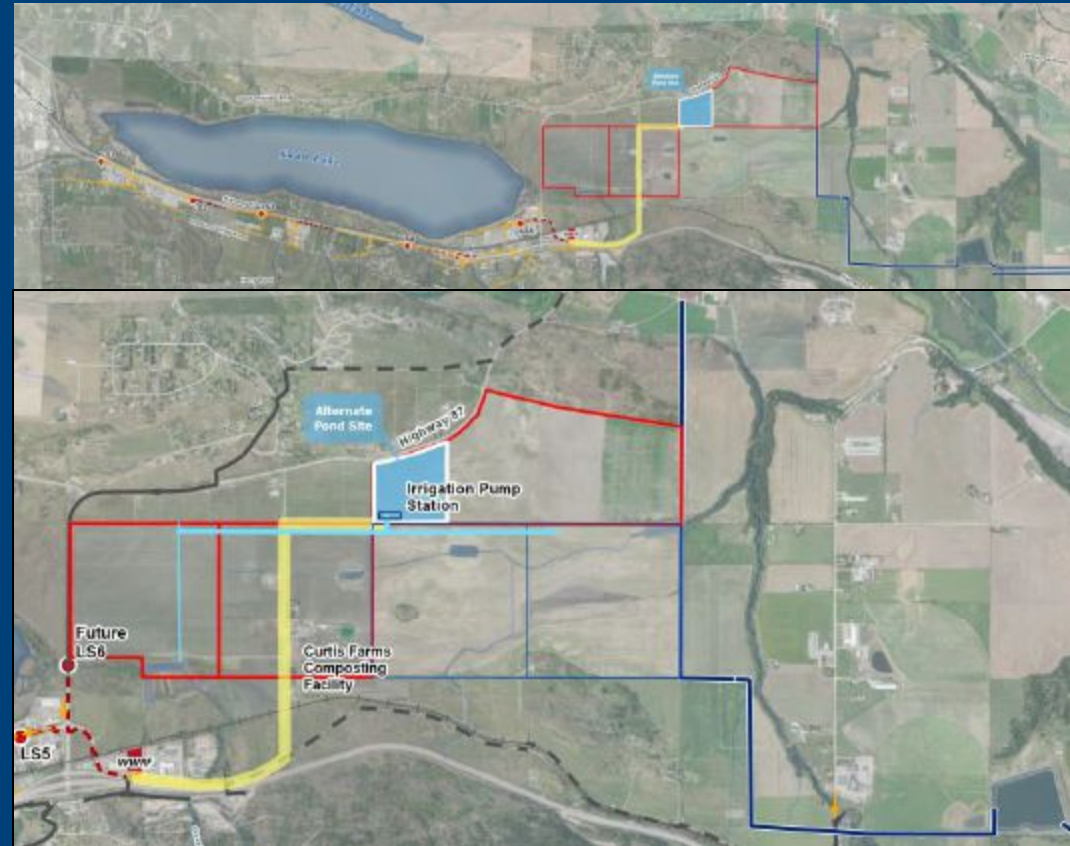
Project Concept/Challenges

VM Strategy

Key Value Opportunities

Defining Affordable Solutions

Project Path-Forward

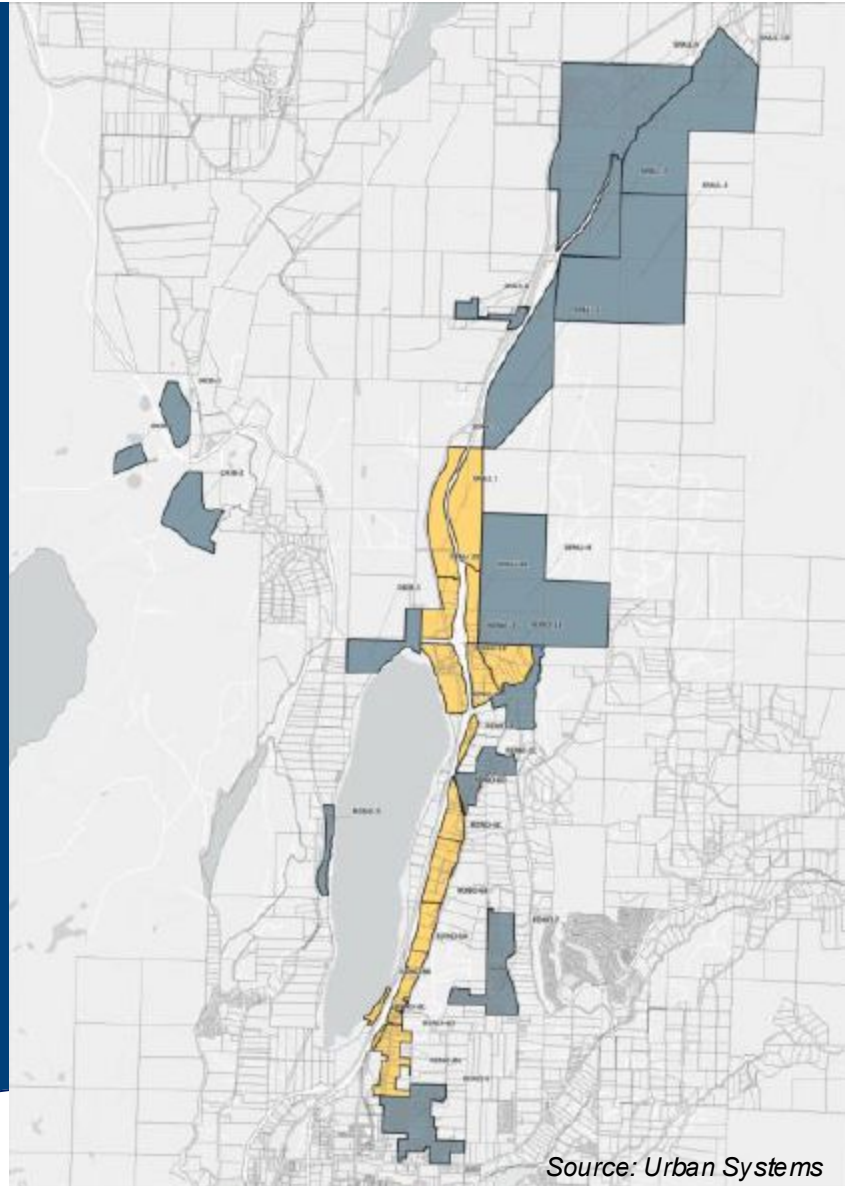


Project Concept and Challenges



Key Project Goals

- Support growth
- Improve irrigation of agricultural lands
- Manage water quality of Swan Lake
- Create a regional solution



Source: Urban Systems



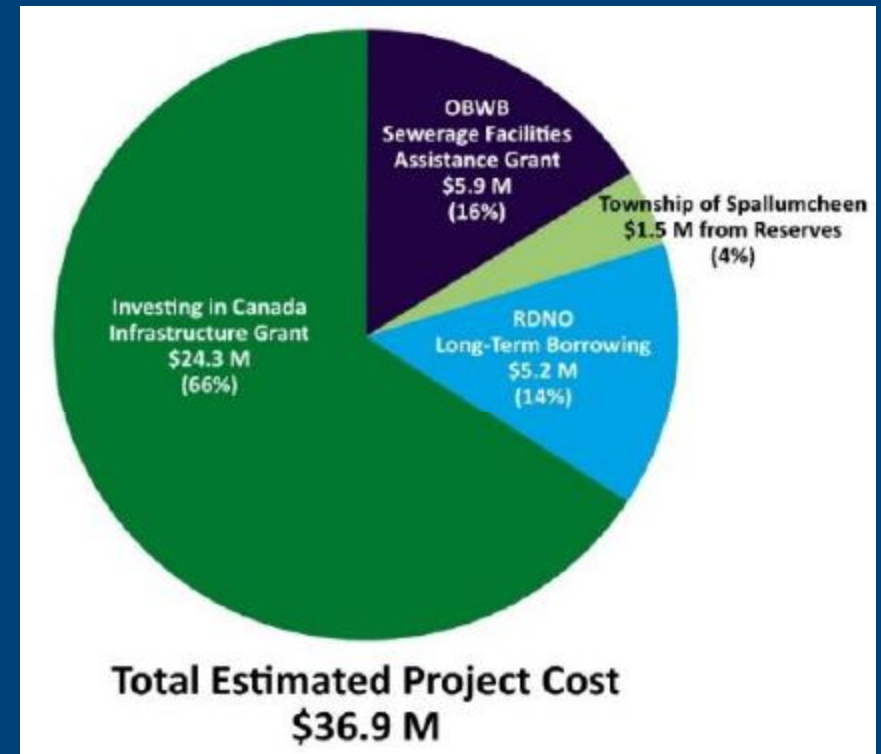
Project Concept

- 16 km of gravity/forcemains, and five lift stations
- 1.7 MLD Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) treatment plant
- 285 ML reclaimed water storage pond and distribution



Capital Funding Summary

- 2018 estimate of total project cost at **\$36.9 M**
- \$24.3 M (66%) grant funding (Canadian gov't)

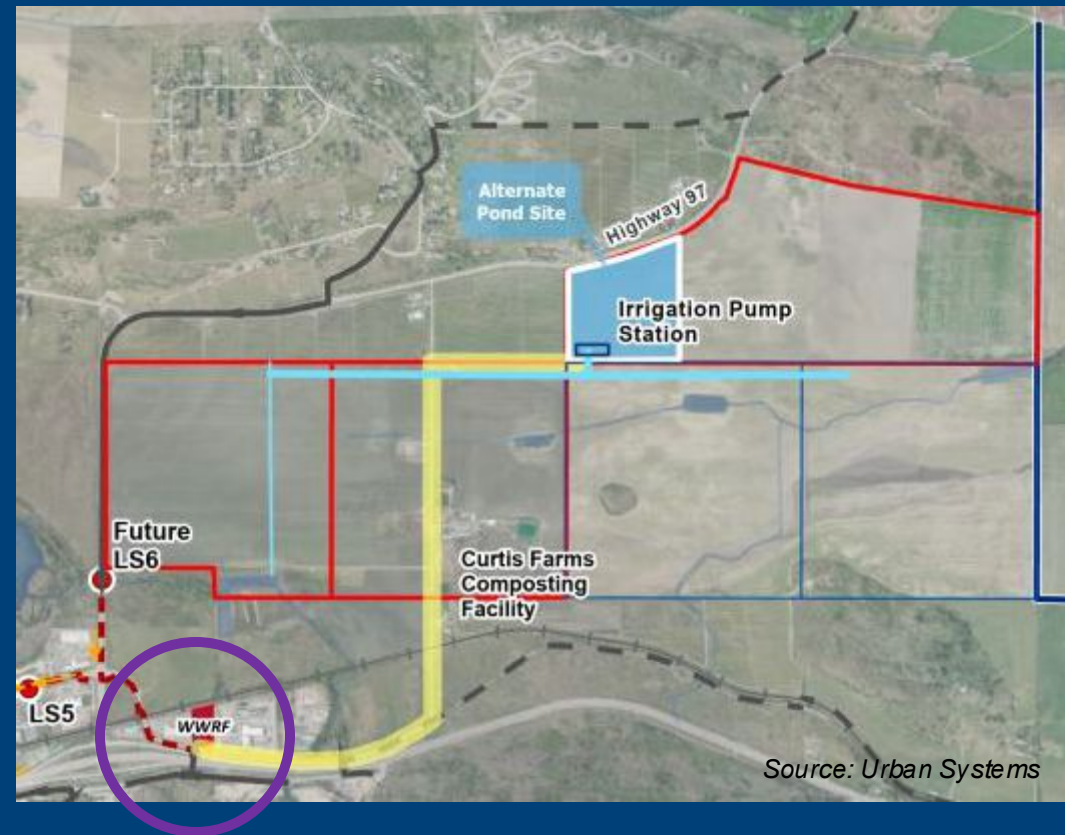


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Project Concept

- **Concept development**

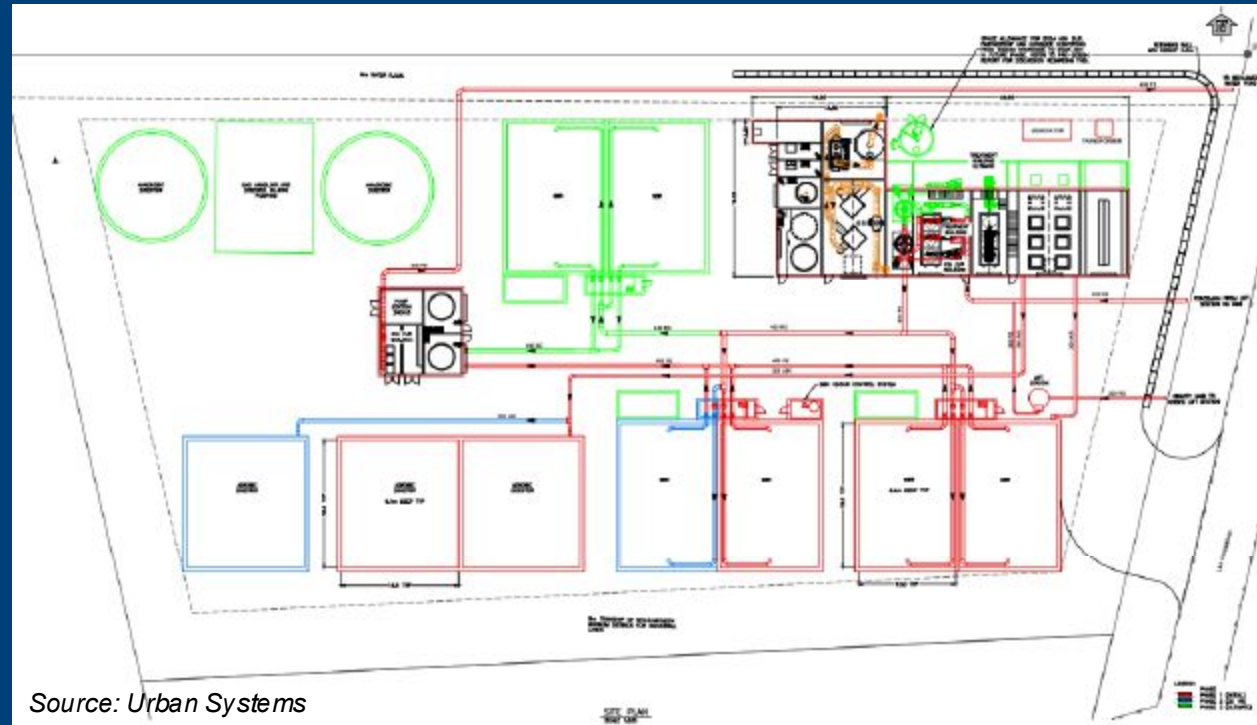
- Potential plant site became available/was purchased **before** concept developed
- Site pre-purchased to meet schedule
- Size and location limited potential alternatives



Project Concept

- Site

- Very restrictive
- Requires process-intensive solution

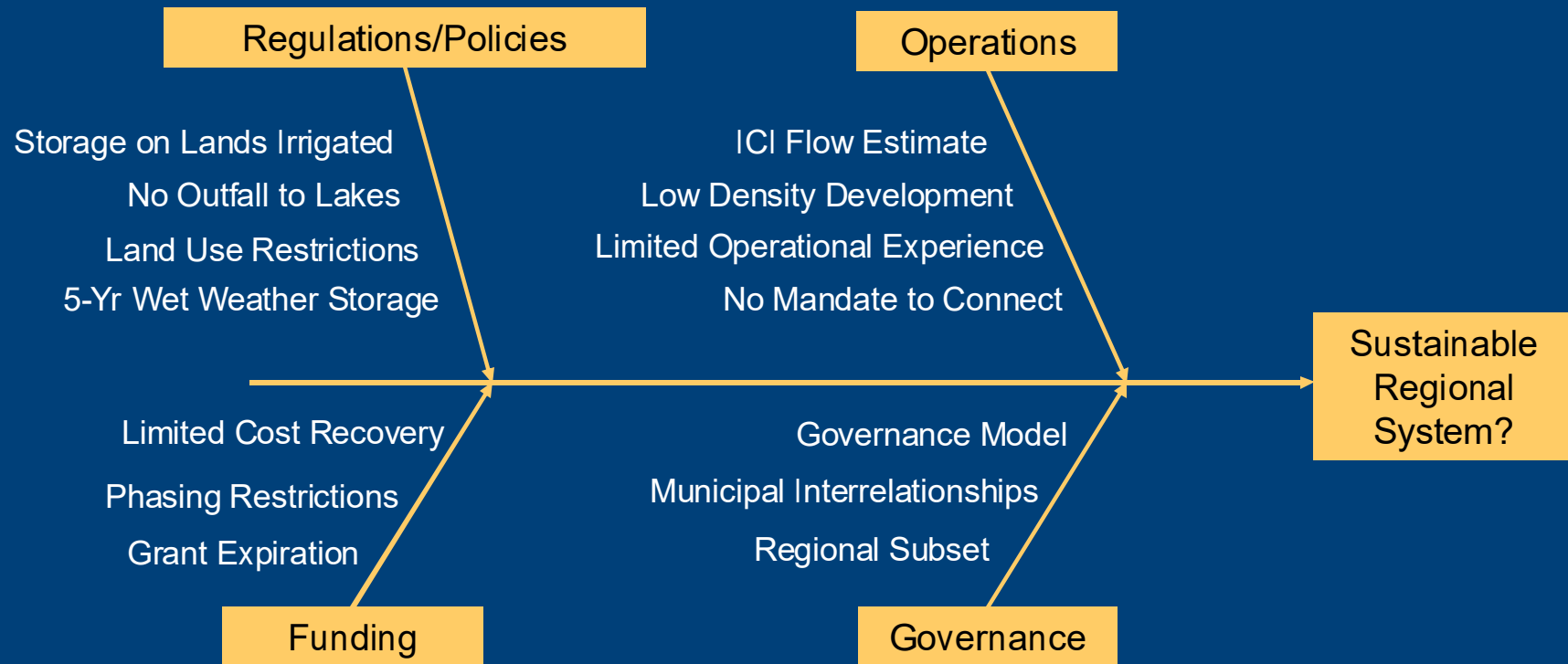


Cost Estimate

- 2021 estimated total project cost of **\$48.8 M**
- Funding shortfall of **\$11.9 M**
- No additional grant funding!

Div	Description	Total	%CST
1	Wastewater Recovery Facility		
1.010	General Requirements	\$100,000	0.27%
1.020	Removals	\$279,000	0.75%
1.030	Site Works	\$649,000	1.74%
1.040	Pumping Systems	\$1,370,000	3.67%
1.050	WWRF Building	\$2,623,000	7.02%
1.060	Treatment Tankage, Process Piping and Equipment	\$6,054,000	16.20%
1.070	Electrical	\$2,655,000	7.11%
1.080	HVAC	\$1,010,000	2.70%
1.090	Misc.	\$165,000	0.44%
1.100	Optional	\$0	0.00%
	Subtotal	\$14,905,000	39.89%
2	Reclaimed Water Storage Facility		
2.010	General	\$0	0.00%
2.020	Reclaimed Water Pond	\$6,621,000	17.72%
	Subtotal	\$6,621,000	17.72%
3	Irrigation Pumping Station		
3.010	General	\$0	0.00%
3.020	Removals	\$63,000	0.17%
3.030	Site Works	\$906,000	2.42%
3.040	Irrigation Pump Station Building	\$270,000	0.72%
3.050	Process Piping and Equipment	\$529,000	1.42%
3.060	Electrical	\$280,000	0.75%
3.070	Misc.	\$0	0.00%
3.080	Optional	\$0	0.00%
	Subtotal	\$2,048,000	5.48%
4	Collection System		
4.010	General	\$349,000	0.93%
4.020	Concrete	\$4,000	0.01%
4.030	Earthwork	\$895,000	2.40%
4.040	Roads and Site Improvements	\$3,052,000	8.17%
4.050	Utilities	\$0	0.00%
4.060	Sanitary Sewers	\$4,824,000	12.91%
4.070	Lift Stations	\$4,125,000	11.04%
4.080	Horizontal Drilling	\$518,000	1.39%
4.090	Other	\$20,000	0.05%
	Subtotal	\$13,787,000	36.90%
	Construction Subtotal	\$37,361,000	100.00%
	Total Markups	\$11,468,000	30.70%
	Project Total	\$48,829,000	130.70%

Challenges to Sustainable Regional System



VM Strategy

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- **Virtual event**

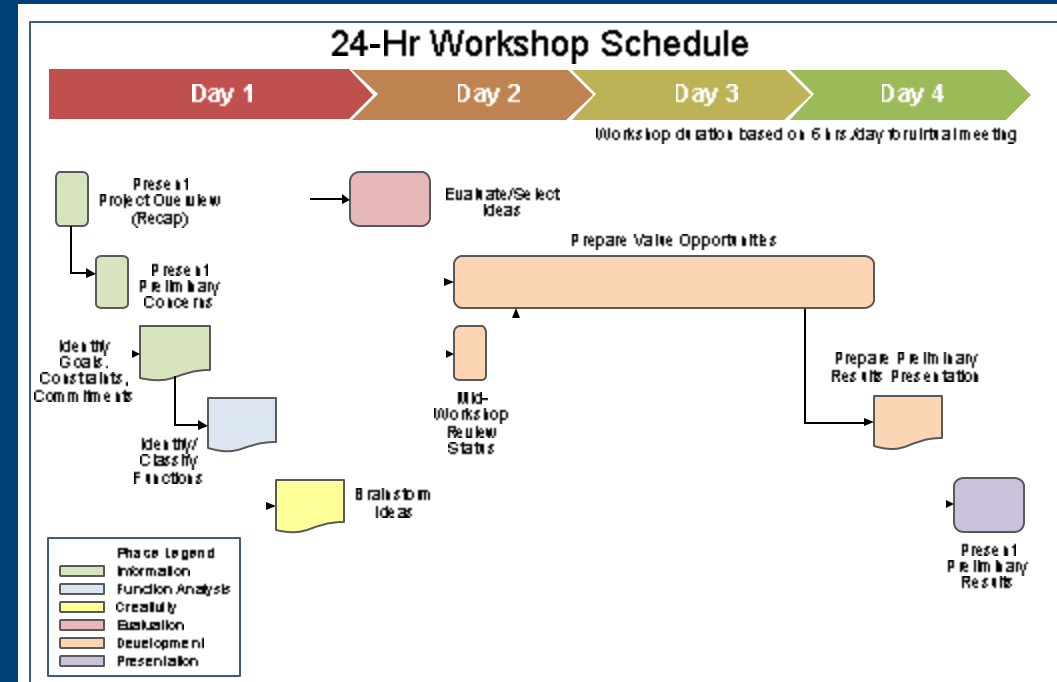
- Limit work module durations
- Lots of breaks

- **Short duration workshop**

- 24 hours
- 4 days

- **Scheduling Objective**

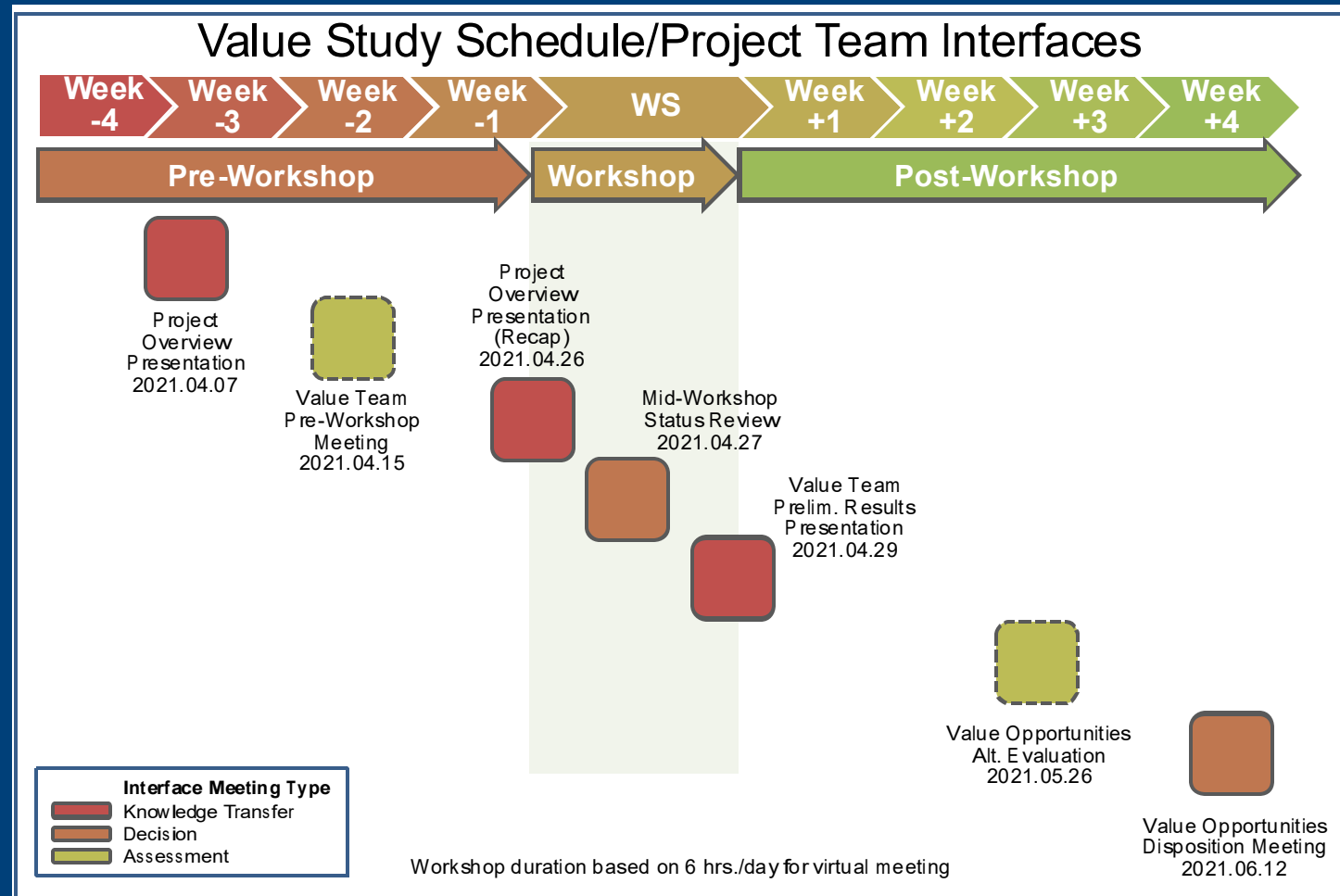
- **Maximize** Development Phase
- **Enhances** value opportunities



VM Schedule

• Modifications

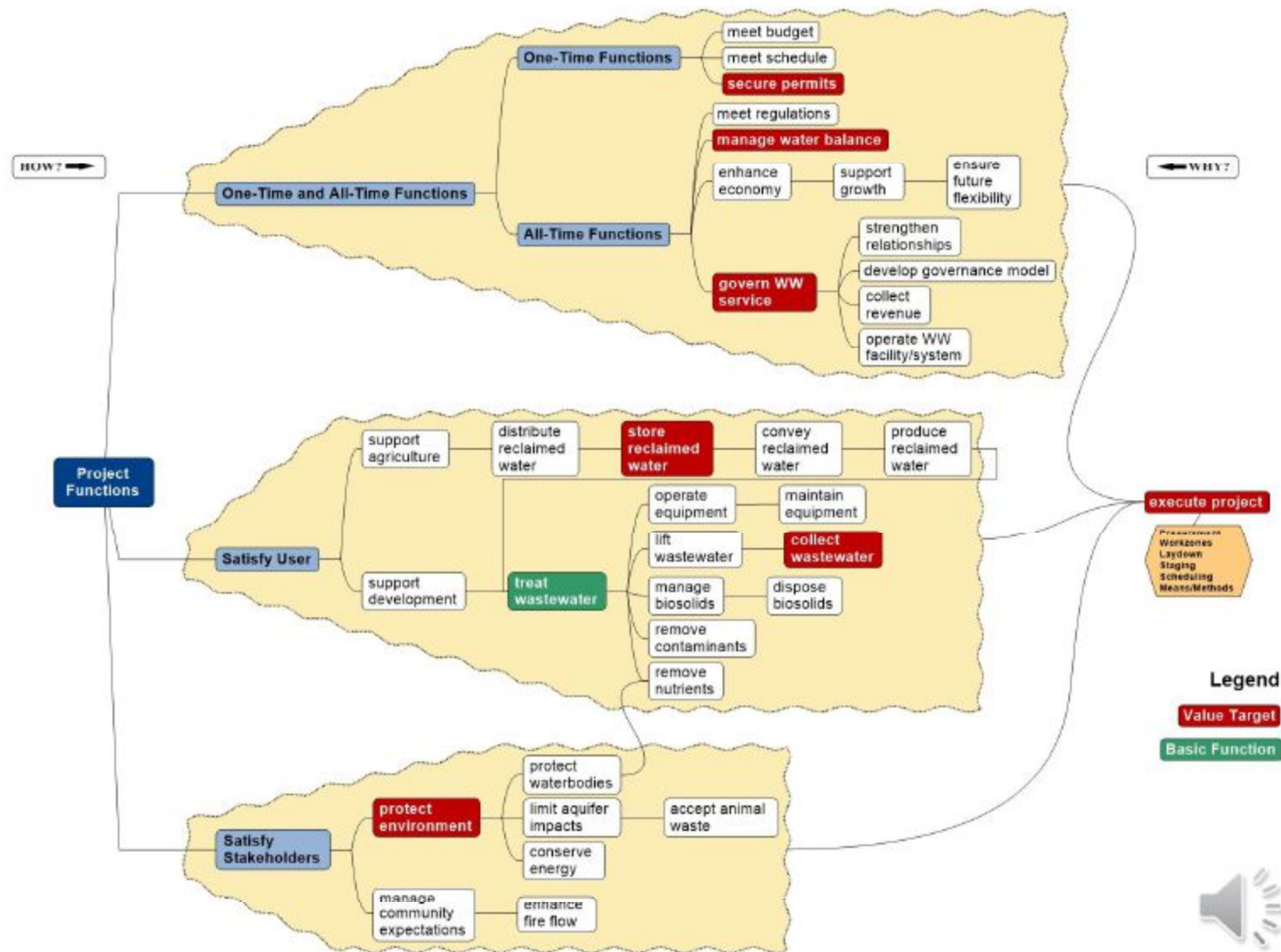
- Pre-workshop meeting
 - Focused team
 - Ensured readiness
- Post-workshop evaluation meeting
 - Defined alternative choices



Functions

● Rapid FAST

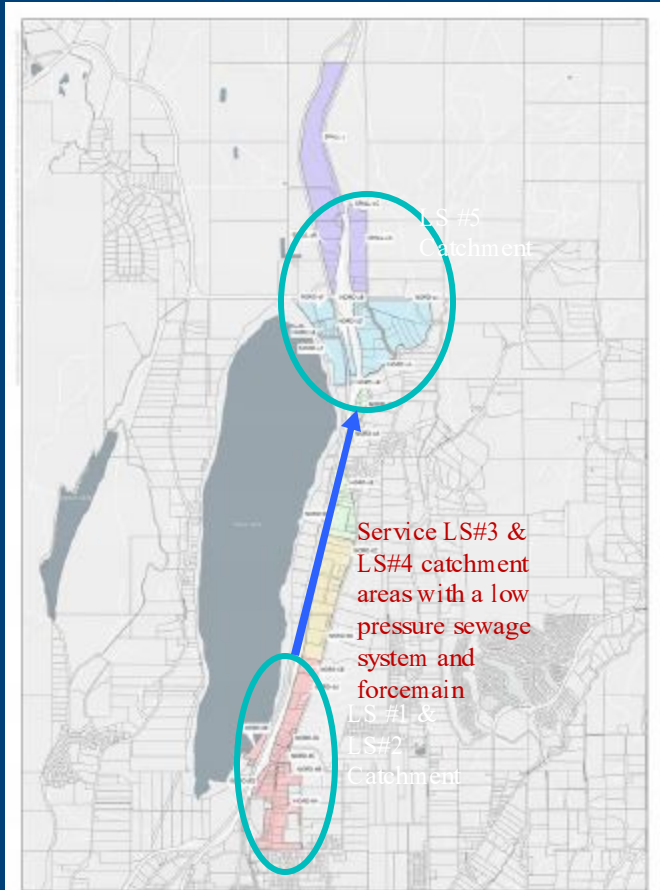
- Intuitive
- Engaging
- Partially pre-built
- Augment to finalize
- Colours!



Key Value Opportunities

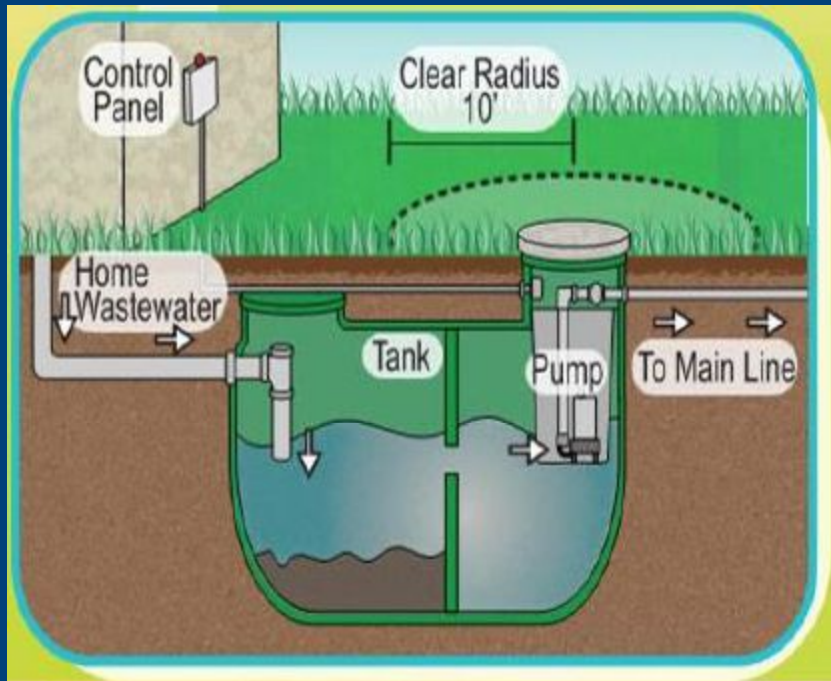


CW-01 Phase Collection System



- Places gravity sewers only in areas of highest wastewater generation
- Reduces excavation works along Highway 97 corridor
- Simplifies connection of existing holding or septic tanks

CW-10 Greater Use of Low-Pressure Systems



- Simplifies connection of existing holding or septic tanks
- Eliminates most gravity sewers and several lift stations
- Reduces excavation works along Highway 97 corridor

CW-15 Delete LS-1/Use Low Pressure System



- Simplifies connection of existing holding or septic tanks
- Eliminates gravity sewer and one lift station

CW-18 Pump Commercial Properties to Gravity Sewer



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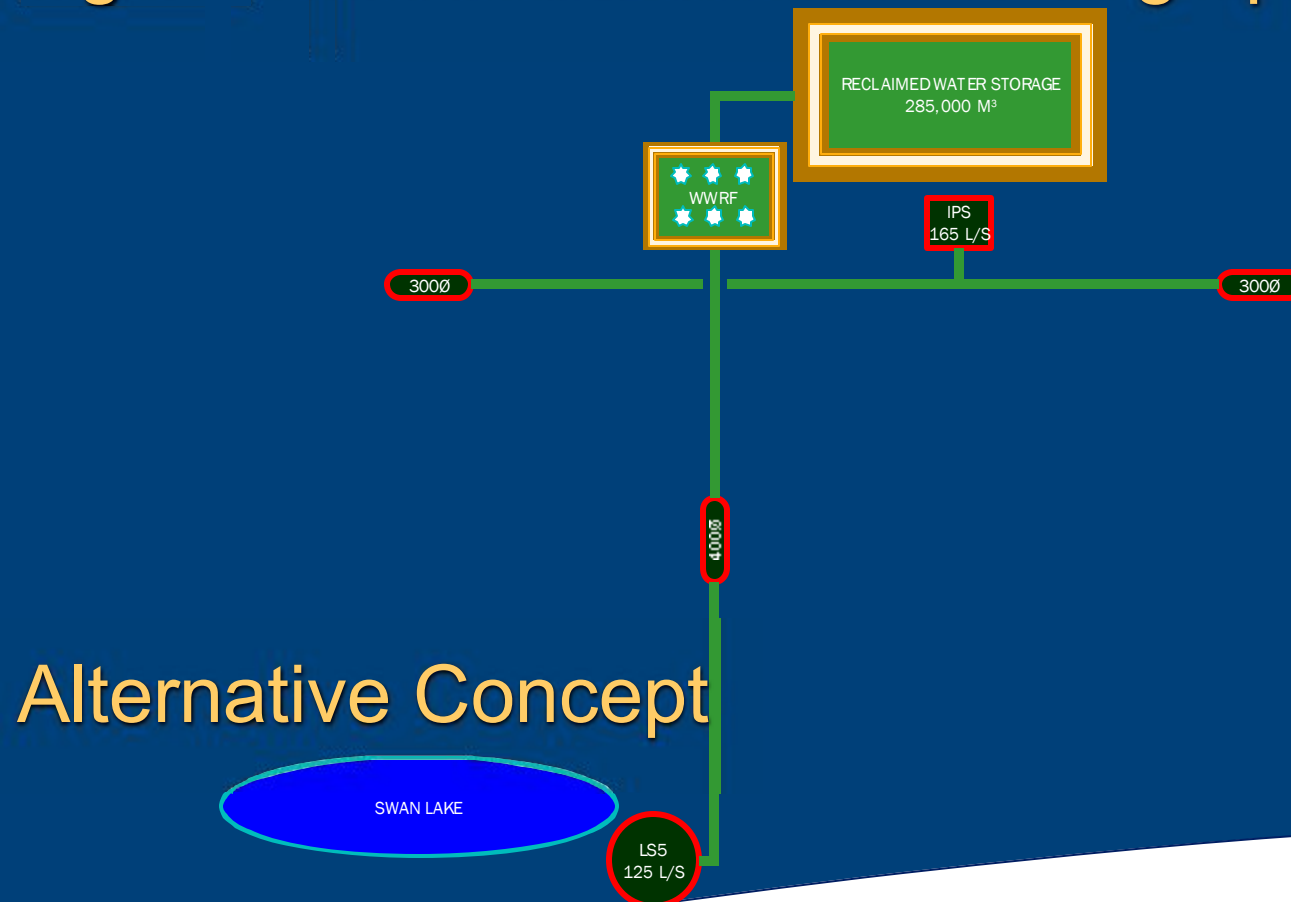
SW-01 Integrate with Armstrong



Order of Magnitude Costs

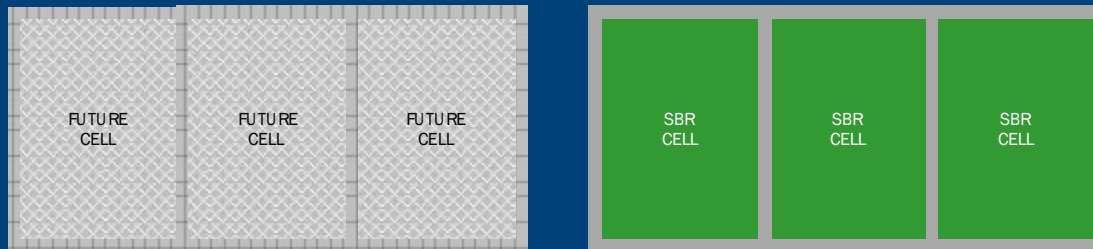
- + \$15M - \$16M for Armstrong Upgrades
- - \$10M - \$12M for NOWRP Changes

TW-01 Eliminate mechanical plant and install [aerated] lagoon-based treatment in storage pond cell



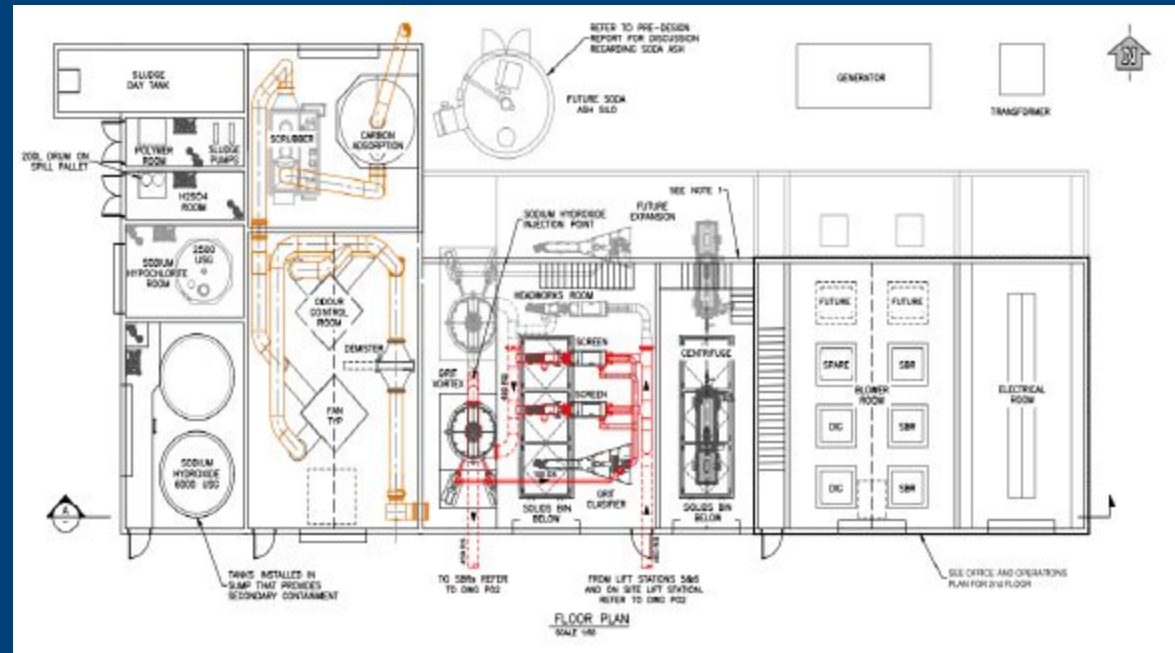
Alternative Concept

TW-05 Optimize SBR treatment system



Alternative Concept - ultimate

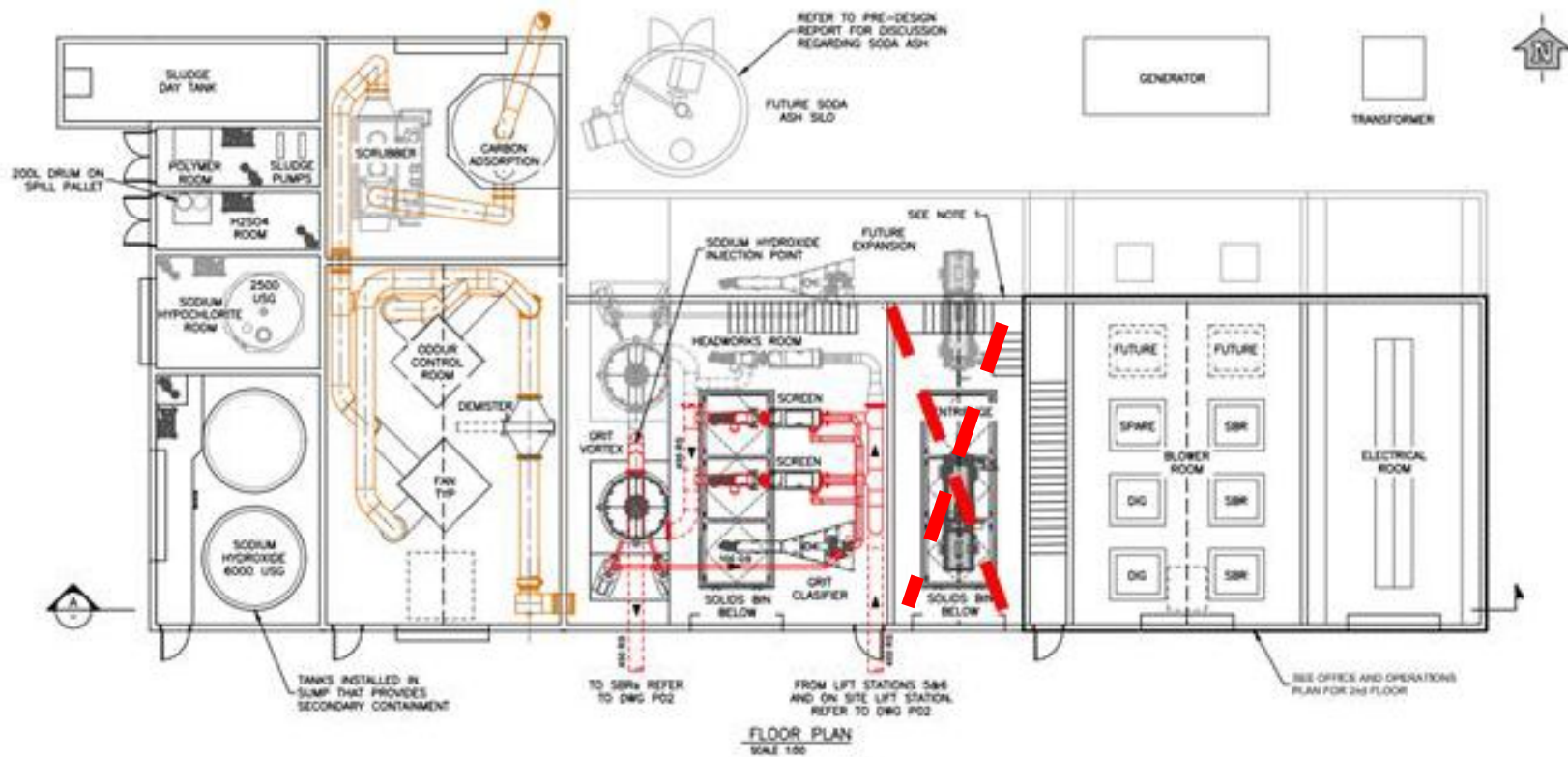
TW-11 Utilize UV Instead of Hypochlorite



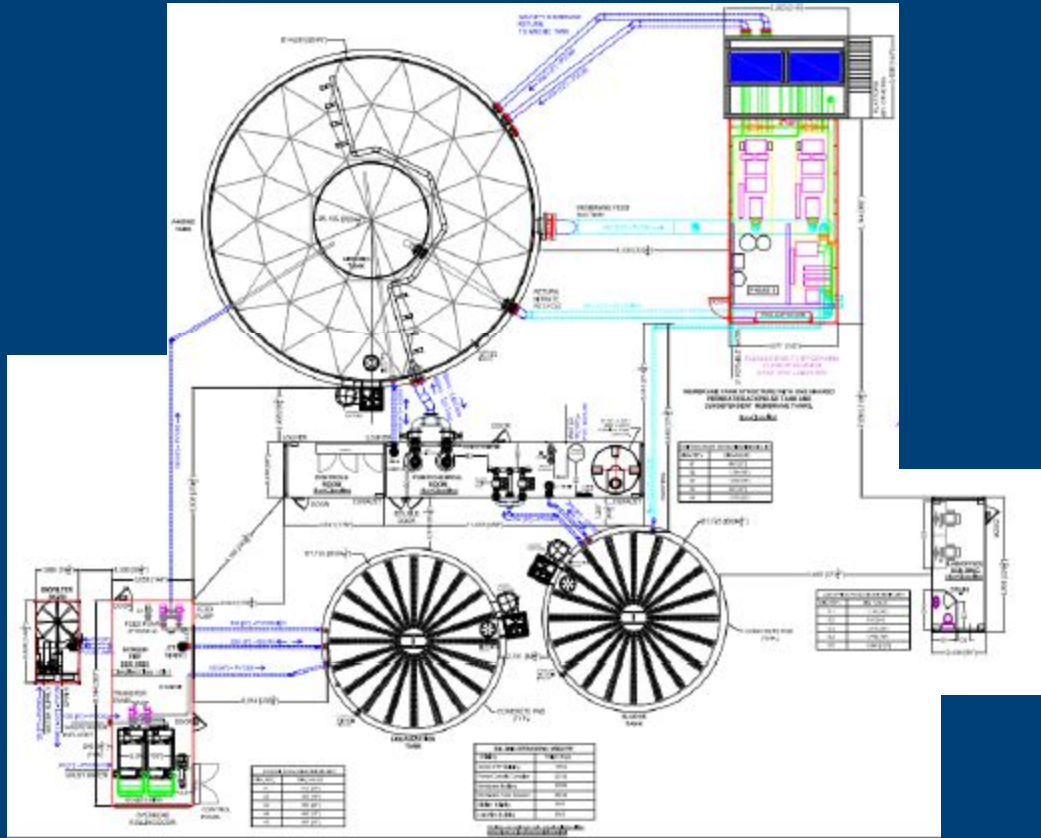
TW-20 Utilize Geotube for Dewatering



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TW-21 Provide Package Mechanical Treatment Plant



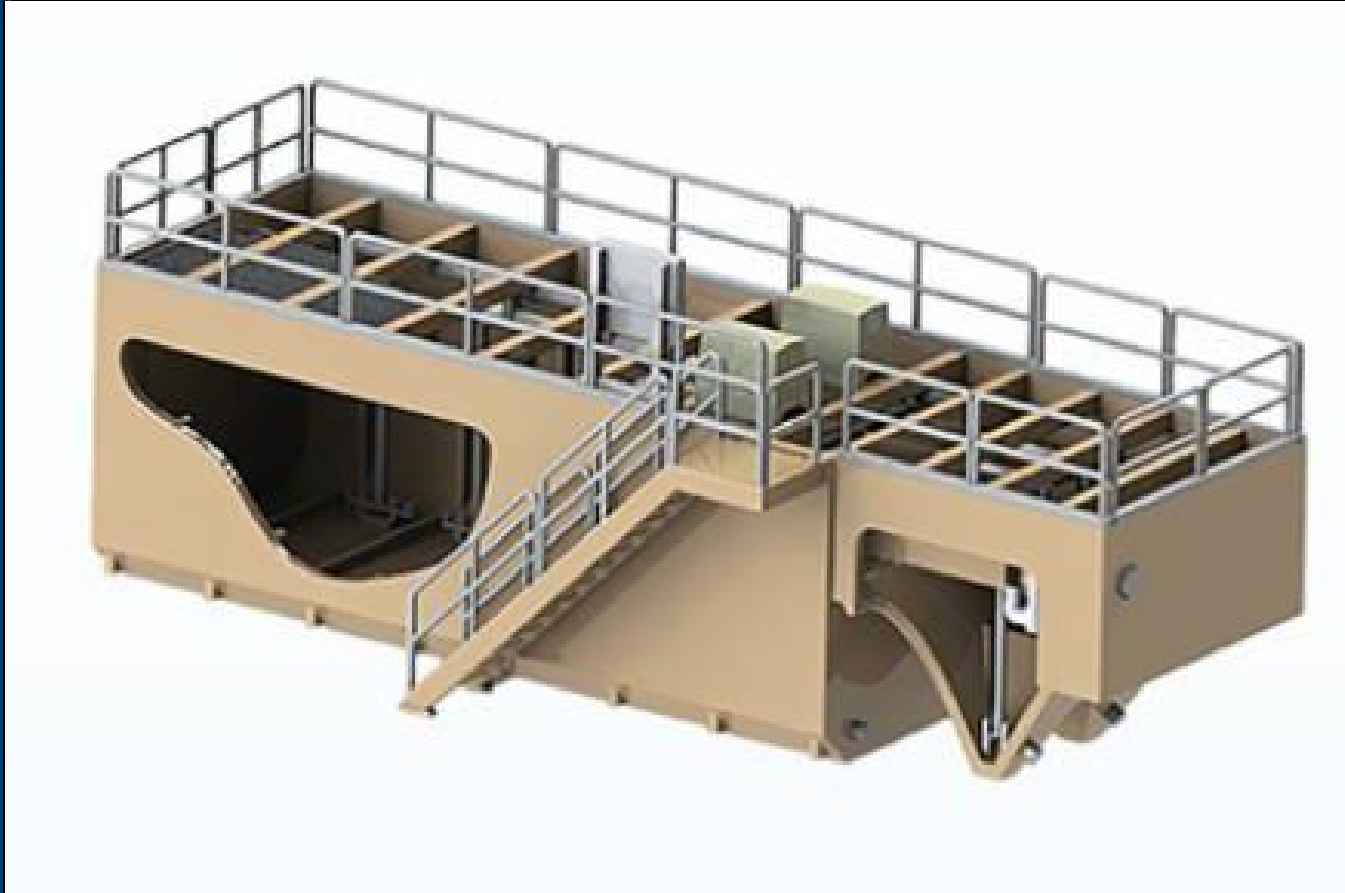
MBR Package Plant Example

Q = 1.63 MLD

Skids = \$4.0 M

Total = \$8.0 M

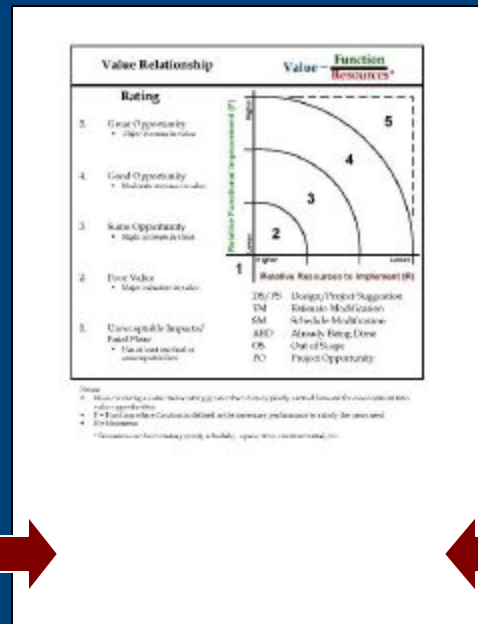
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Defining Affordable Solutions



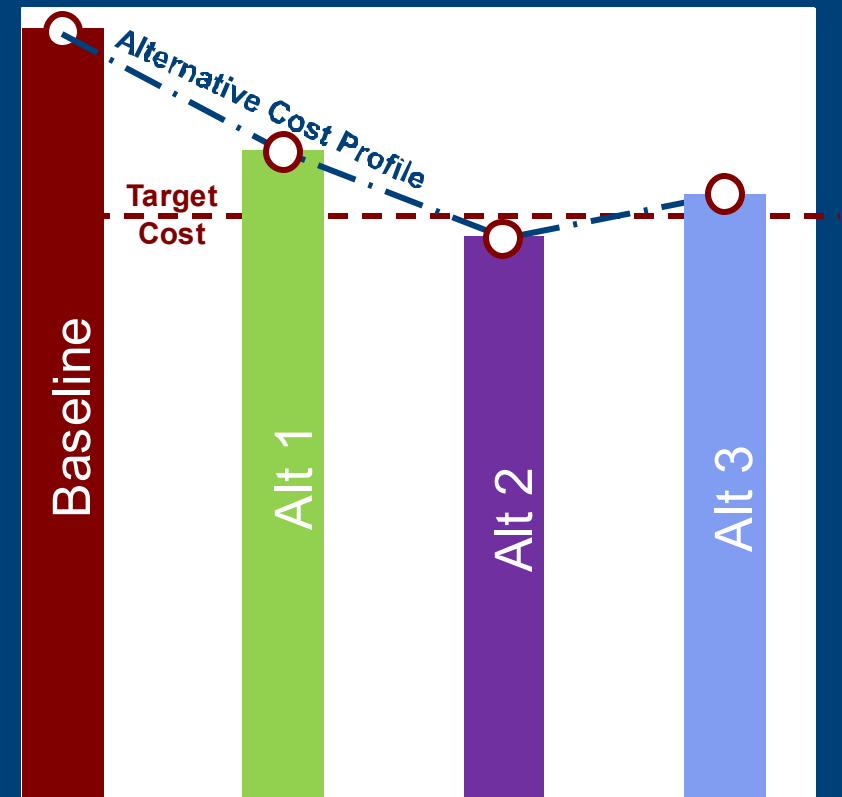
- **Quick but decisive**
- **Rely on specialist expertise**



Making Choices

- **How to meet the budget?**

- Combining value opportunities
 - Compatible
 - Measurable cost impact
 - Limited schedule impact
- Target cost review
 - Can new alternatives shift estimate toward target cost?



Evaluation Process – Example

- **Weighted-additive method**

- Identify performance attributes (criteria)
- Weight the attributes (capture team member inputs) using Base-100
- Score the options
 - Always compare to baseline
 - For each performance attribute
 - Baseline rated 5
 - Options rated 0-10 against baseline
 - Calculate and total up scores for each option

- **Best-value selection**

- Score/LCC

Evaluation Process – Example

Team Member	Key Functional Performance Attributes						Total Weight Assigned
	Operate / Maintain Facility / System	Ensure Future Flexibility	Manage Community Expectations	Execute Project	Meet Schedule	Govern WW Service	
1	50	25	5	5	10	5	100
2	2	3	10	50	25	10	100
3	25	30	20	20	4	1	100
Total	77	58	35	75	39	16	300
Weight (Norm.)	26	19	12	25	13	5	100

1. Weight Performance Attributes



Functional Performance Attributes/Alternatives				Baseline		VE Alt. 1		VE Alt. 2		VE Alt. 3		VE Alt. 4		
Description Treat ment Approach Adjustments				SBR Plant		Modified SBR Plant		Package Plant		Aerated Lagoon		Int Aerated Lagoos (in tegrated w/ other jurisdiction)		
						- revise site prep - consolidate tanks - add UV - use Geo tubes		- revise site prep - add UV - use Geo tubes						
Criteria				Wt.	Score	Total	Score	Total	Score	Total	Score	Total	Score	Total
1	Operate / Mainta in Facility/System			26	5	130	7	182	6	156	9	234	10	260
2	Ensure Future Flexibility			19	5	95	5	95	4	76	7	133	7	133
3	Manage Community Expectations			12	5	60	5	60	5	60	3	36	4	48
4	Execute Project			25	5	125	6	150	7	175	6	150	5	125
5	Meet Schedule			13	5	65	5	65	6	78	4	52	3	39
6	Govern WW Service			5	5	25	5	25	5	25	5	25	7	35
Total				100		500		577		570		630		640
Rank (Best Performance = 1)						5		3		4		2		1

2. Score Options



Cost Component/Alternative		Baseline	VE Alt. 1	VE Alt. 2	VE Alt. 3	VE Alt. 4
Description		SBR Plant	Modified SBR Plant	Package Plant	Aerated Lagoon	Int. Aerated Lagoon (integrated w/ other jurisdiction)
Treatment Approach Adjustments			- revise site prep - consolidate tanks - add UV - use Geotubes	- revise site prep - add UV - use Geotubes		
Baseline Capital Cost		\$19,451,000	\$17,222,800	\$14,140,800	\$5,450,000	\$5,400,000
Adjustment to Capital Cost						
Total Capital Cost		\$19,451,000	\$17,222,800	\$14,140,800	\$5,450,000	\$5,400,000
Baseline Future Cost (incl. societal costs)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Adjustment to Future Cost			\$10,561,000	\$11,248,000	\$4,679,000	\$4,679,000
Total Future Cost		\$0	\$10,561,000	\$11,248,000	\$4,679,000	\$4,679,000
Total Life Cycle Cost		\$19,451,000	\$27,783,800	\$25,388,800	\$10,129,000	\$10,079,000
Rank (Lower Cost = 1)		6	4	5	1	2

3. Score Options



Cost Component/Alternative		Baseline	VE Alt. 1	VE Alt. 2	VE Alt. 3	VE Alt. 4
Description		SBR Plant	Modified SBR Plant	Package Plant	Aerated Lagoon	Int. Aerated Lagoon (integrated w/ other jurisdiction)
Treatment Approach Adjustments			- revise site prep - consolidate tanks - add UV - use Geotubes	- revise site prep - add UV - use Geotubes		
Performance		600	677	670	820	840
Total Life Cycle Cost		\$19,451,000	\$27,783,800	\$25,388,800	\$10,129,000	\$10,079,000
Value Ratio V - B/C		1.0	0.70	0.72	0.82	0.84
Value Improvement over Baseline		0%	28%	33%	22%	17%
Rank (Most Preferred = 1)		6	4	5	1	2

4. Determine Best Value Option(s)

Making Choices - Collection

Alternative Evaluation Summary - Weighting

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2	2	3	10	50	25	10	100
3	25	30	20	20	4	1	100
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Alternative Evaluation Summary - Performance

Functional Performance Attributes/Alternatives			Base line		VE Alt. A		VE Alt. 2 B		VE Alt. C		VE Alt. D		
Description			Gravity/FM		Mod Gravity/FM - Delete LS1 - Pump 7 prop		Mod Gravity/FM - Pump ICI prop		Mod Gravity/FM - Delete LS1/LS3/ /LS4		Low Press. Injector - Smaller LS 1-4 - Pump to FM - Elimin. Gravity Swr		
													Collection Approach Adjustments
Criteria			Wt.	Score	Total	Score	Total	Score	Total	Score	Total	Score	Total
1	Operate/ Maintain Facility/System	26	5	130	6	156	6	156	8	208	3	78	
2	Ensure Future Flexibility	19	5	95	5	95	5	95	7	133	5	95	
3	Manage Community Expectations	12	5	60	4	48	4	48	4	48	2	24	
4	Execute Project	25	5	125	6	150	6	150	8	200	7	175	
5	Meet Schedule	13	5	65	5	65	5	65	7	91	7	91	
6	Govern WW Service	5	5	25	4	20	4	20	4	20	4	20	
Total		100		500		534		534		700		483	
Rank (Best Performance = 1)				4		2		2		1		5	



Making Choices - Collection

Alternative Evaluation Summary - Cost

Cost Components/Alternatives	Base line	VE A It. A	VE A It. 2 B	VE A It. C	VE A It. D
Description Collection Approach Adjustments	Gravity/FM	Mod Gravity/FM - Delete LS1 - Pump 7 prop	Mod Gravity/FM - Pump IC1 prop	Mod Gravity/FM - Delete LS1/LS3/ /LS4	Low Press. Injector - Smaller LS 1-4 - Pump to FM - Elimin. Gravity Swr
Baseline Capital Cost	\$18,020,000	\$17,202,000	\$14,415,000	\$11,763,000	\$5,489,000
Adjustment to Capital Cost					
Total Capital Cost	\$18,020,000	\$17,202,000	\$14,415,000	\$11,763,000	\$5,489,000
Baseline Future Cost (incl. societal costs)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Adjustment to Future Cost	\$3,976,000	\$459,000	\$3,976,000	\$1,914,000	\$2,680,000
Total Future Cost	\$3,976,000	\$459,000	\$3,976,000	\$1,914,000	\$2,680,000
Total Life Cycle Cost	\$21,996,000	\$17,661,000	\$18,391,000	\$13,677,000	\$8,169,000
Rank (Lowest Cost = 1)	5	3	4	2	1

Alternative Evaluation Summary - Best Value

Cost Components/Alternatives	Base line	VE A It. A	VE A It. 2 B	VE A It. C	VE A It. D
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Performance	500	534	534	700	483
Total Life Cycle Cost	\$21,996,000	\$17,661,000	\$18,391,000	\$13,677,000	\$8,169,000
Value Ratio V ~ P/C	23	30	29	51	59
Value Improvement (over Baseline)	0%	33%	28%	125%	160%
Rank (Most Preferred = 1)	5	3	4	2	1



Making Choices - Treatment

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Making Choices - Treatment

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Baseline Capital Cost	\$19,481,000	\$17,828,900	\$14,143,900	\$5,450,000	\$9,403,000
Adjustment to Capital Cost					
Total Capital Cost	\$19,481,000	\$17,828,900	\$14,143,900	\$5,450,000	\$9,403,000
Baseline Future Cost (incl. societal costs)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Adjustment to Future Cost	\$11,248,000	\$10,951,000	\$11,248,000	\$4,679,000	\$4,679,000
Total Future Cost	\$11,248,000	\$10,951,000	\$11,248,000	\$4,679,000	\$4,679,000
Total Life Cycle Cost	\$30,729,000	\$28,779,900	\$25,391,900	\$10,129,000	\$14,082,000
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Performance	500	577	570	630	640
Total Life Cycle Cost	\$30,729,000	\$28,779,900	\$25,391,900	\$10,129,000	\$14,082,000
Value Ratio V ~ P/C	16	20	22	62	45
Value Improvement (over Baseline)	0%	23%	38%	282%	179%
Rank (Most Preferred = 1)	5	4	3	1	2



Project Path-Forward



Path-Forward

- Will proceed using Integrated Project Delivery (IPD)
- Will further refine and assess two options

Table 4.1 - Value Opportunity Options

Option	Capital Cost Estimate (Incl. E&C)	Complementary Value Opportunity Options
A	\$39,250,000*	<p>Treatment: Aerated Lagoon with filtration*: \$13,280,000 (TW-01)</p> <p>Effluent Disposal: Reclaimed Water Storage \$5,300,000** (SW-14) with irrigation provided at nominal pressure \$370,000 (SW-02)</p> <p>Collection: Low Pressure Sewer for the LS#1-LS#3 catchments areas \$9,900,000 (CW-01)</p> <p>Contingency: \$6,000,000</p> <p>Engineering: \$4,400,000</p>
B	\$42,370,000	<p>Treatment: Mechanical Batch Plant \$16,400,000 (TW-21)</p> <p>Effluent Disposal: Reclaimed Water Storage \$5,300,000 (SW-14) with irrigation provided at nominal pressure \$370,000 (SW-02)</p> <p>Collection: Low Pressure Sewer for LS#1-LS#3 areas \$9,900,000 (CW-01)</p> <p>Contingency: \$6,000,000</p> <p>Engineering: \$4,400,000</p>

*Can be reduced with deletion of filtration by ~\$1.5M

**Costs to be confirmed by results of the geotechnical investigation (excepted in Fall 2021)

Summary

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- **Five Aspects:**

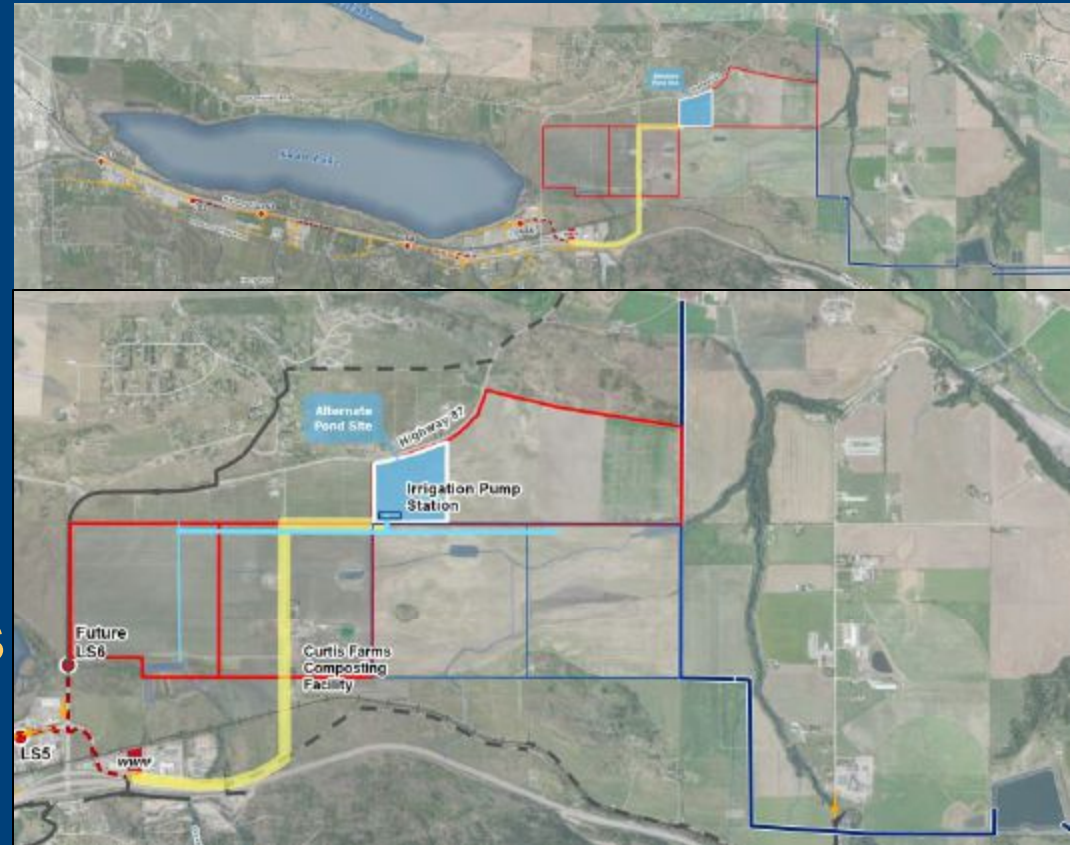
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