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Ms. Lauren Poulos Remedial Project Manager United States Environmental Protection Agency - 6SF RA 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 Dallas, Texas 75270

Southwest Excavation Area – Shoreline Design Deliverable
San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site - Southern Impoundment, Harris County, Texas
Unilateral Administrative Order for Remedial Action of the Southern Impoundment
USEPA Region 6, Docket No. 06-05-21 (UAO)

Dear Ms. Poulos:

On behalf of International Paper Company (Respondent), GHD Services Inc. (GHD) submits to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) this design deliverable related to the Southwest Excavation Area shoreline in connection with the Remedial Action (RA) for the Southern Impoundment of the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund Site in Harris County, Texas. This deliverable is being submitted to address USEPA's request for additional stabilization measures in the June 8, 2023, letter from the USEPA.

As shown on Drawing C-36 from the 100% Remedial Design (RD) Addendum, dated June 2, 2022, a temporary sheet pile wall was designed to support the removal of impacted soils to a depth of up to 10-feet below existing grade at the San Jacinto River shoreline in the Southwest Excavation Area. The design intent was for the sheet pile wall to be installed at the edge of water (shoreline), as defined by the topographic and hydrographic survey conducted by Morrison Surveying, Inc. (Morrison) between July and August 2019.

As part of the ongoing implementation of the RA, supplemental surveys were completed by Morrison on April 11, June 22, and July 7, 2023 to support excavation planning in the Southwest Excavation Area. These additional bathymetric and topographic surveys were used to field-adjust the alignment for the temporary sheet pile wall to reflect the Site-specific topographic and hydrographic conditions at this time of the RA.

GHD has revised Drawing C-45 (see Attachment 1) presenting a plan view of the western portion of the Southwest Excavation Area incorporating the additional survey data and the revised sheet pile wall alignment. It should be noted that the design intent has always been to install the sheet pile wall at the top-of-slope (i.e., shoreline), so the revised Drawing C-45 adjusts the alignment to more recent and more accurate survey data and field conditions. Drawing C-45 replaces Drawing C-36 in the 100% Design Addendum.

The following comments were provided by USEPA in their June 8, 2023 letter regarding additional stabilization along the southwest shoreline.

- "... the agency has determined that additional stabilization measures are needed along the southwest shoreline of the Southern Impoundment to ensure the remedy remains protective of human health into the long term. The bank slope that remains once the bulkhead is removed is steep in some areas."
- "If the bulkhead is removed, EPA recommends that rip rap and a strong vegetative cap be utilized for additional erosion control and bank stabilization along the shoreline in the area of the bulkhead to improve erosion protection after it is removed."

"EPA expects components in the bank stabilization design would include but are not limited to: keying the structure at a proper angle into a toe below water line to support the weight of the rip rap; lavered stabilization approaches potentially with geotextile to contain fine particle sized soil materials; and the use of silt fencing or other erosion-control measures while native vegetation establishes on the riverbank slope."

To address USEPA's comments, the following modifications have been made to the design:

- A rip-rap embankment will be constructed as part of backfilling and site restoration across the length of the Southwest Excavation Area that requires soil removal to the toe-of-slope.
- The placed backfill will be graded at approximately 3:1 slope and covered by geotextile, and approximately 24 inches of rip rap. Soil will be placed within the rip rap void spaces to allow vegetation to re-establish.
- The top of the rip rap slope will be seeded with grasses to provide further vegetation stabilized top of slope.

GHD prepared six cross sections at various locations perpendicular to the sheet pile wall, as shown on Drawings C-46, C-47, and C-48 (also in Attachment 1). The cross sections show excavation of impacted soil and placement of clean backfill as specified in the remedial design. The revised shoreline drawings incorporate the bank stability components of the design and replaces Drawing C-41 included in the 100% RD Addendum.

In addition, the tenant utilizing this property, Kirby Marine, stages barges adjacent to the river along the Southwest Excavation Area using subsurface concrete deadman connected to anchor chains that extend into the water for barge fleeting. Two concrete aprons have been added to the remedial design to allow for use of these anchor chains, yet protect the backfill placed following excavation. The concrete apron design is presented on Drawings S-01 and S-02 of Attachment 1.

These remedial design modifications to the Southwest Excavation Area shoreline have been reviewed by the property owner and the tenant, Kirby Marine, and have been accepted. Should you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact GHD at (832) 380-7655.

Regards,

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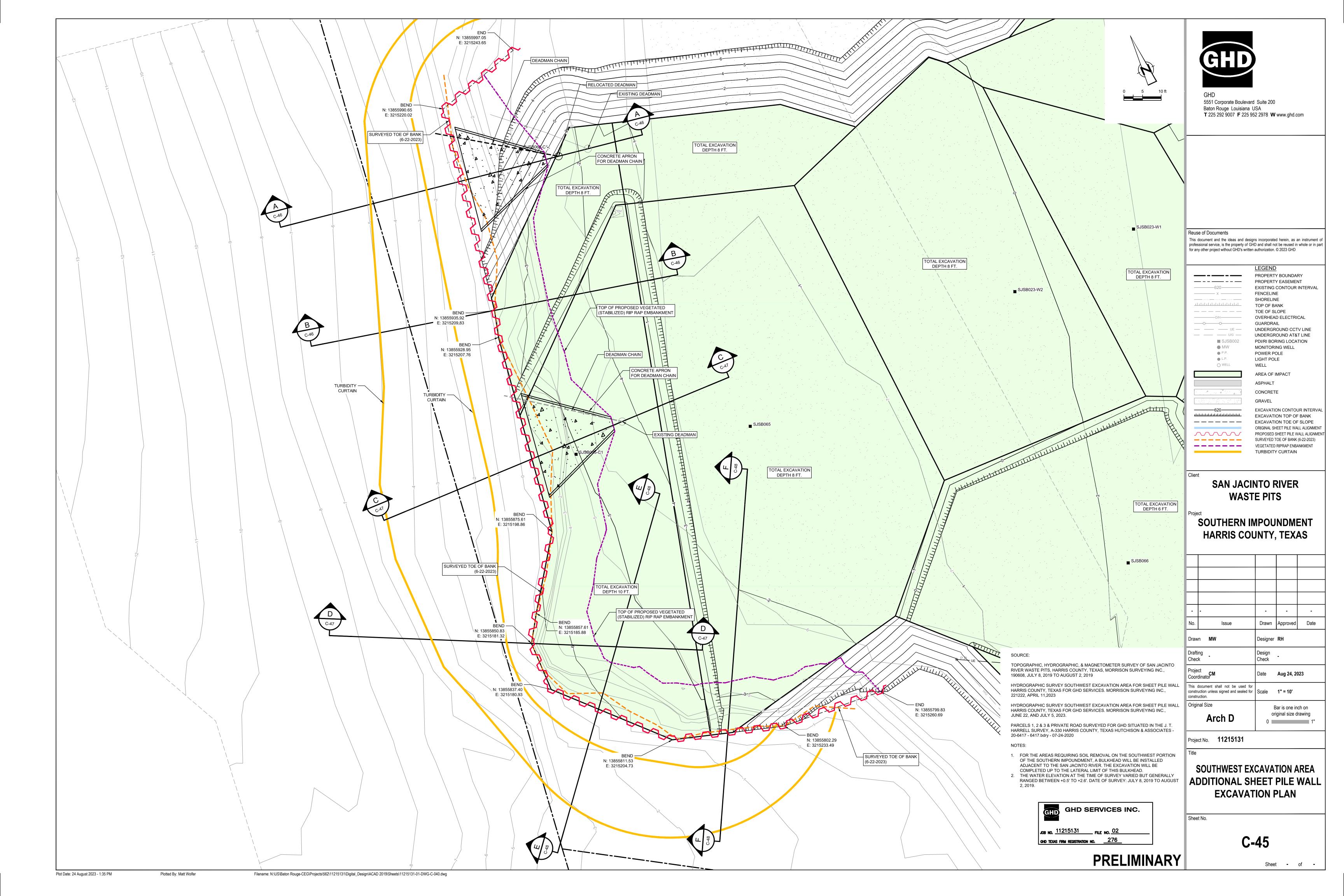
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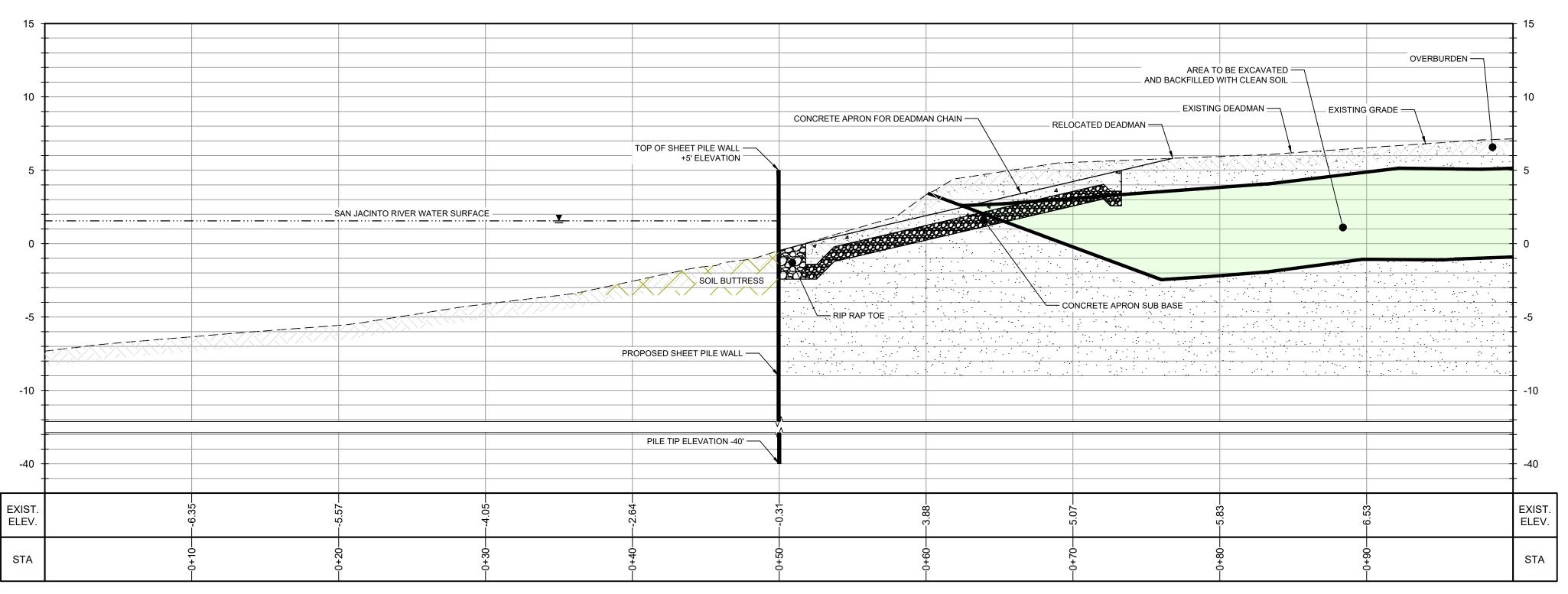
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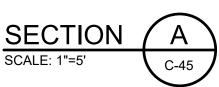
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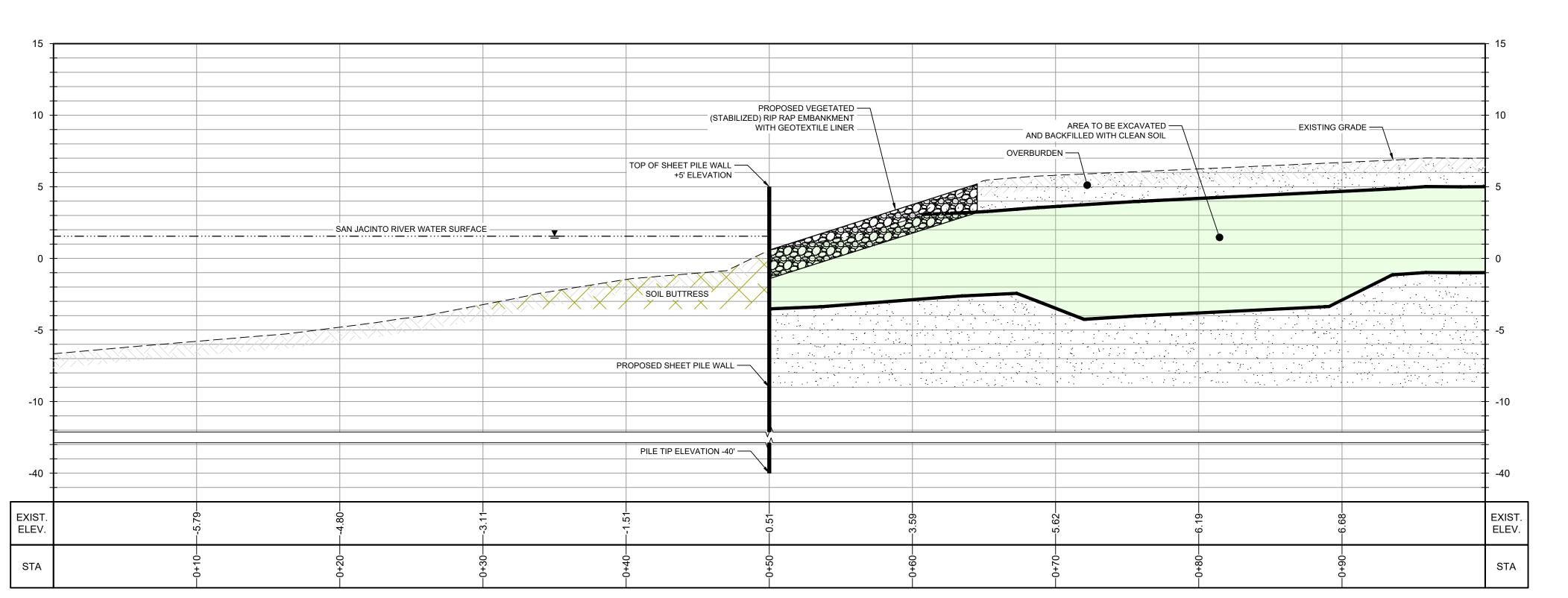
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Revised Southwest Excavation Area Shoreline Drawings









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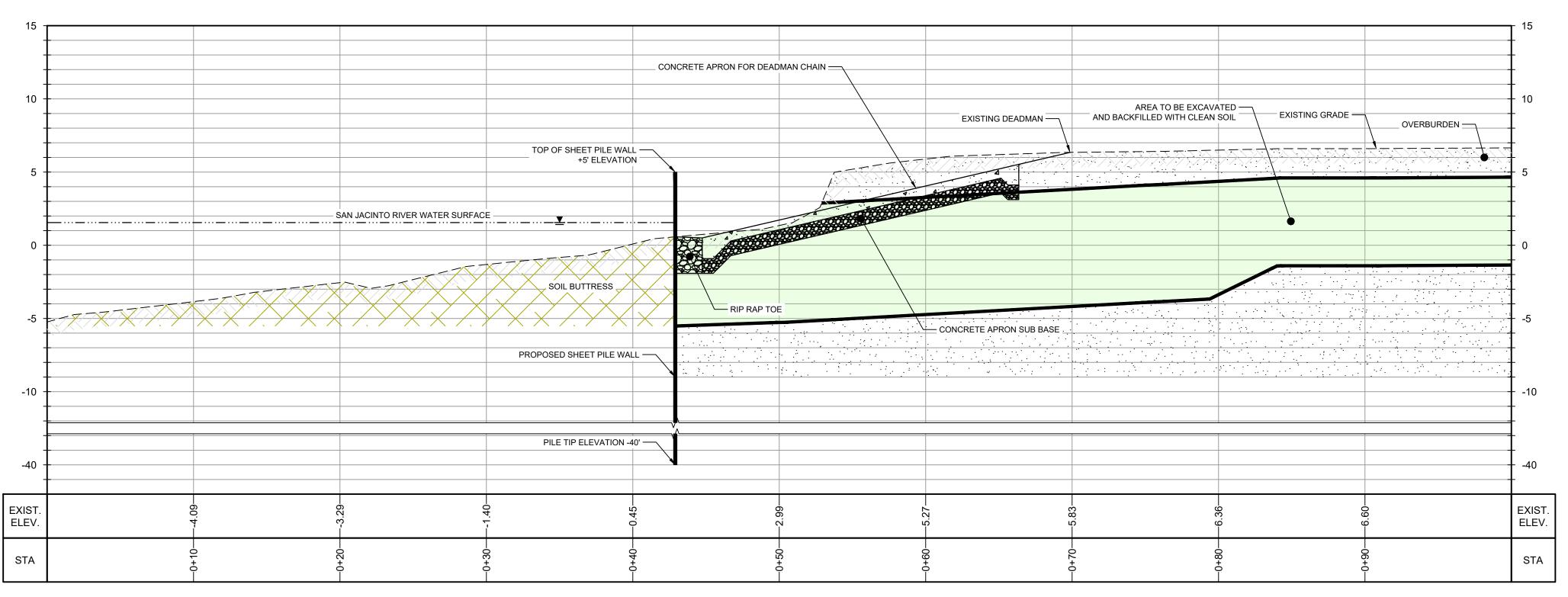
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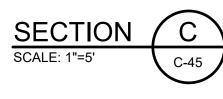
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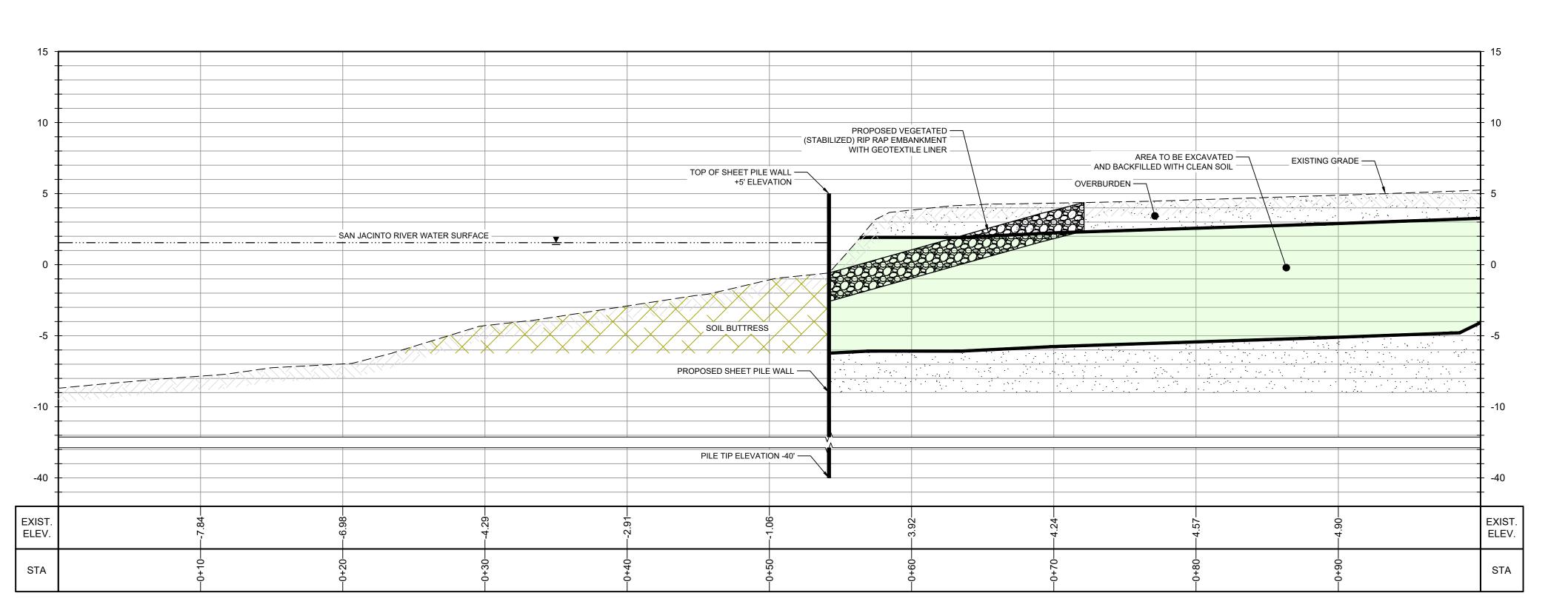
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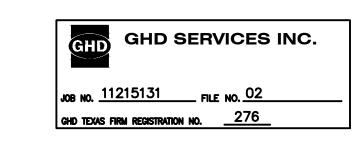
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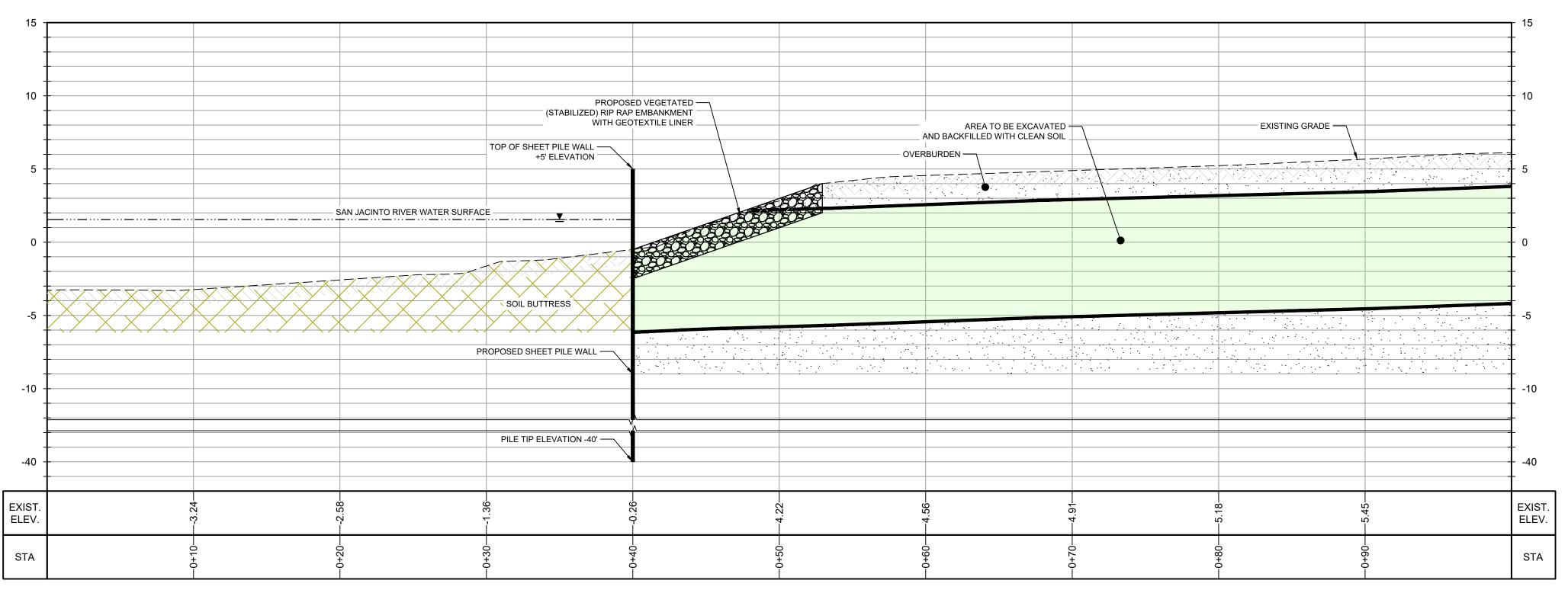
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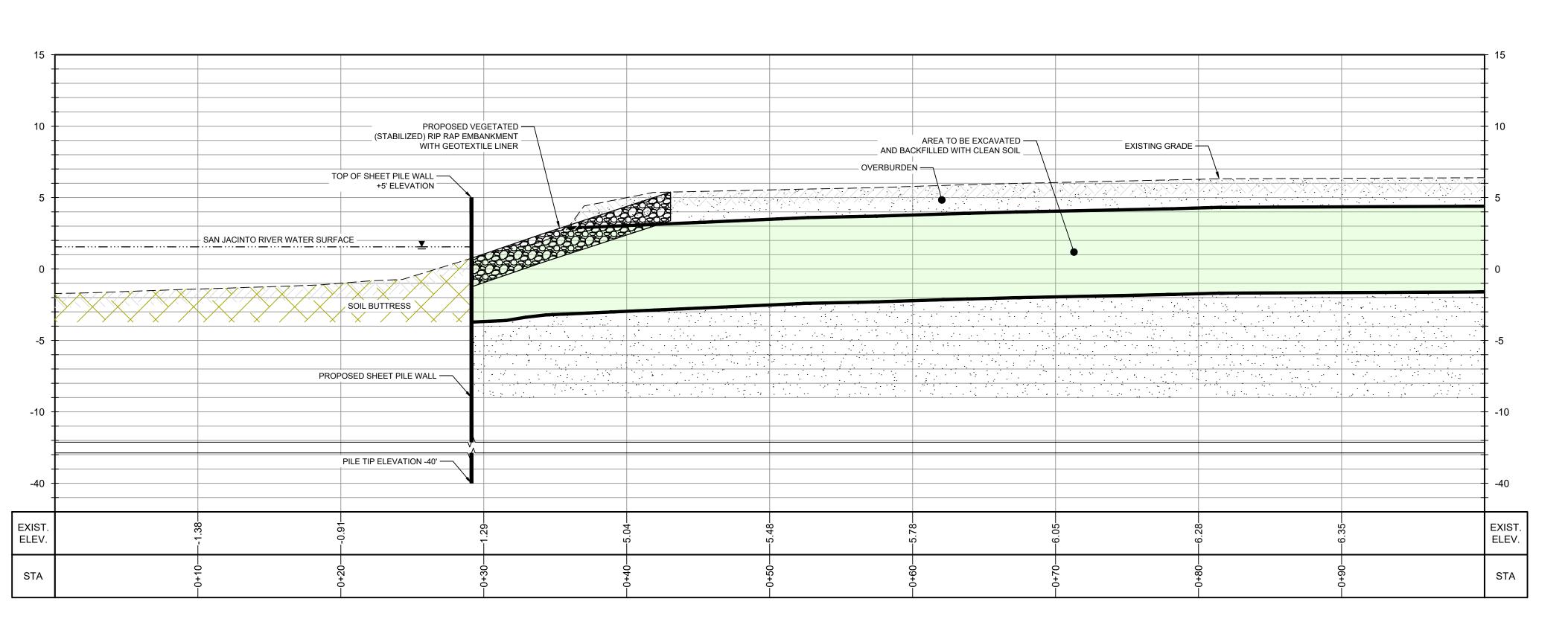
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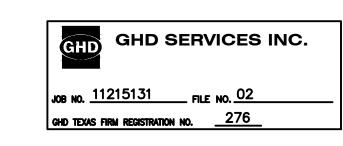
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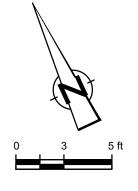
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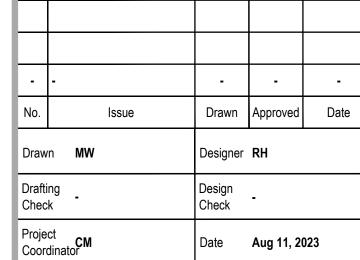
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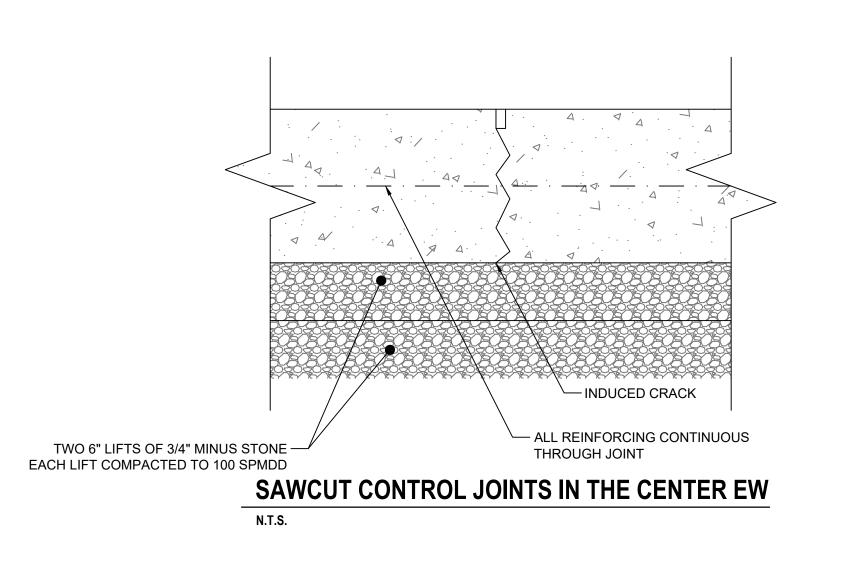
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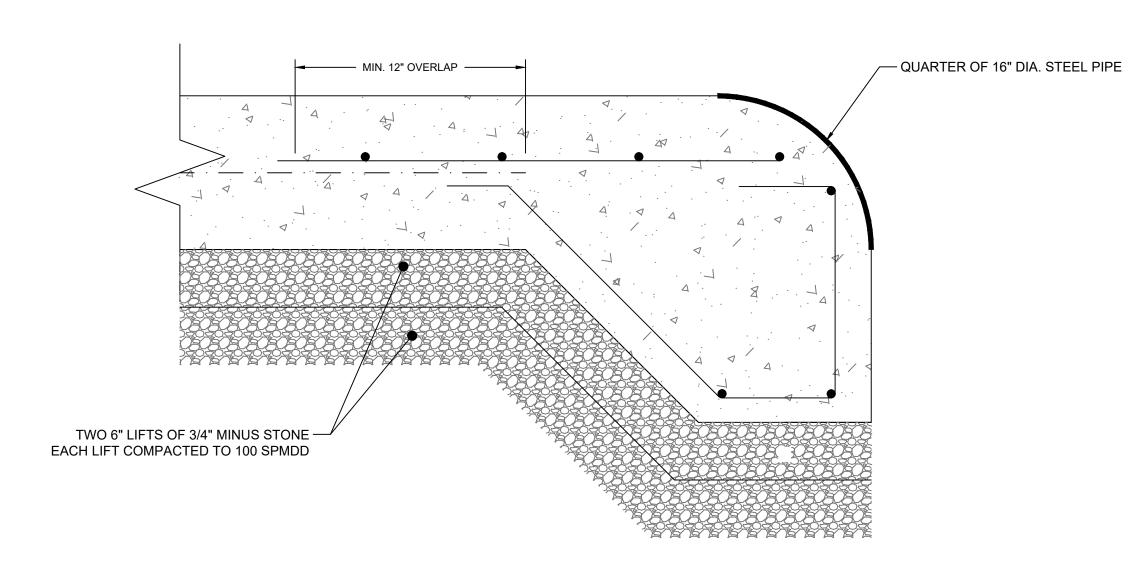
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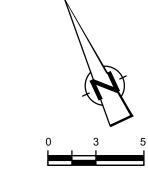
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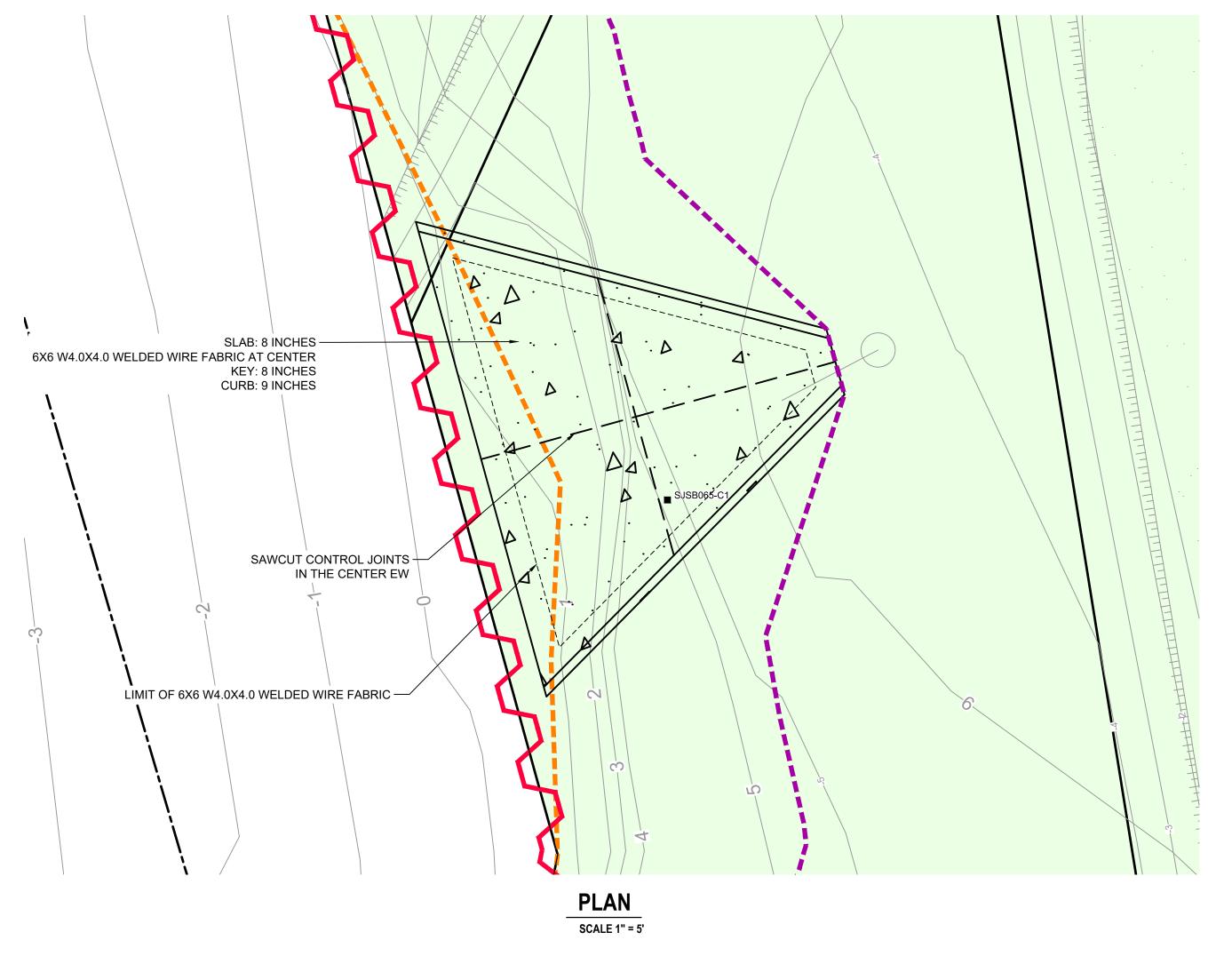
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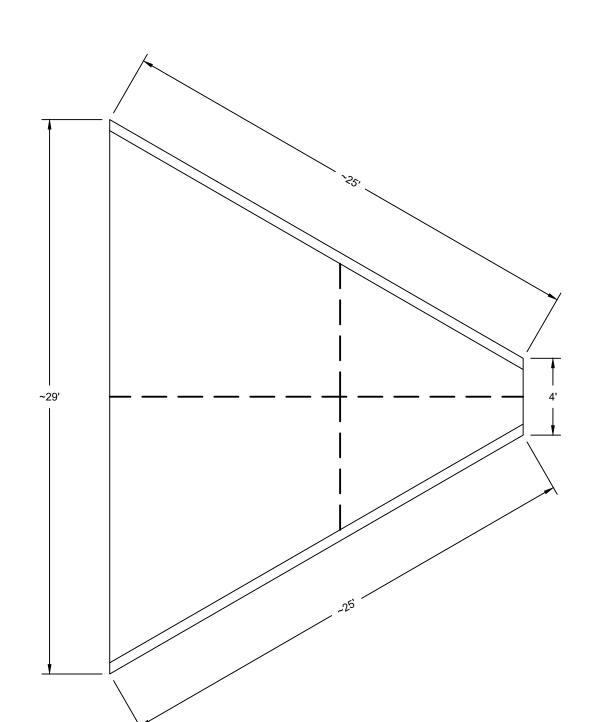
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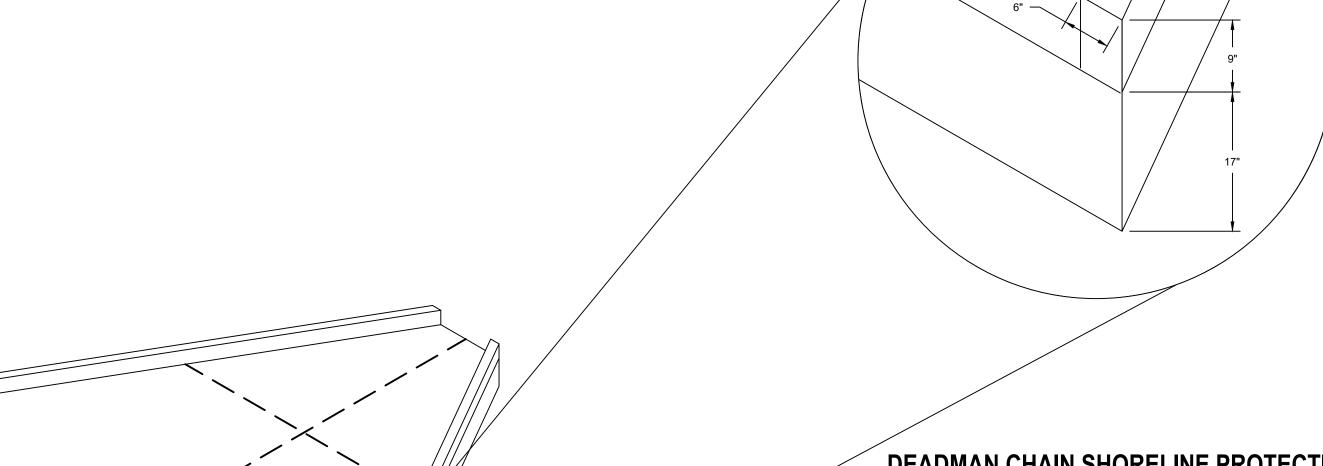
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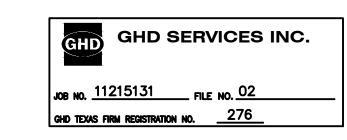
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