

# Hydrologic Considerations of CUP PL 13-050

## Drill Site No. 7 – Ferndale Lease, Ojai Oil Field



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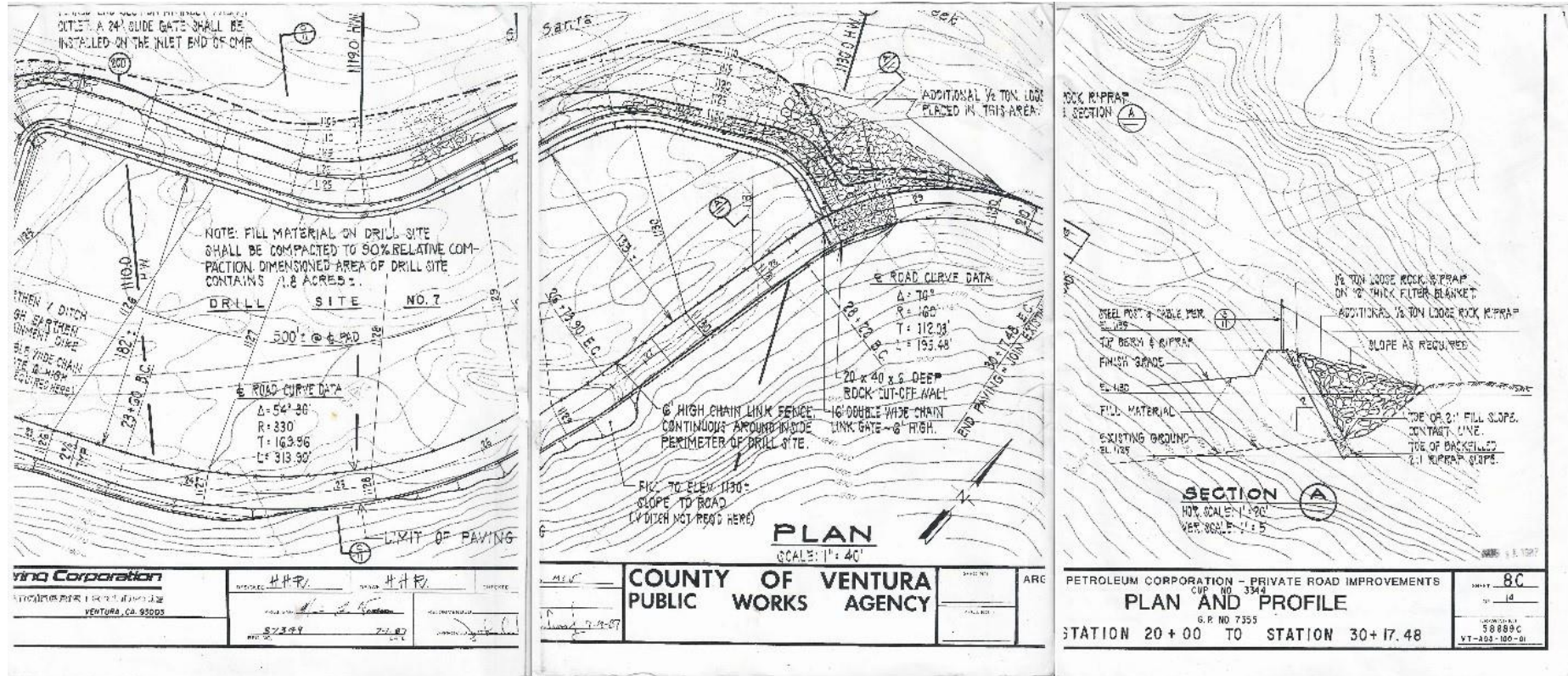
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# Plan & Profile CUP No. 3344

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- Preconstruction topography shown in light gray
- Shows Drill Site 7 (DS7) was built within the Santa Paula Creek channel
- 20 ft (west end) to 5 ft (east end) of fill material
- Percolation downward into channel
- Lateral flow off DS7 into channel
- Contaminants are carried with water and sediment



# Current Site Facilities

DS7 Site Map

Santa Paula Creek

Drain Pipe and 24" Culvert

Drill Site 7

## Legend

Drain Pipe and 24" Culvert

Hiking Trail

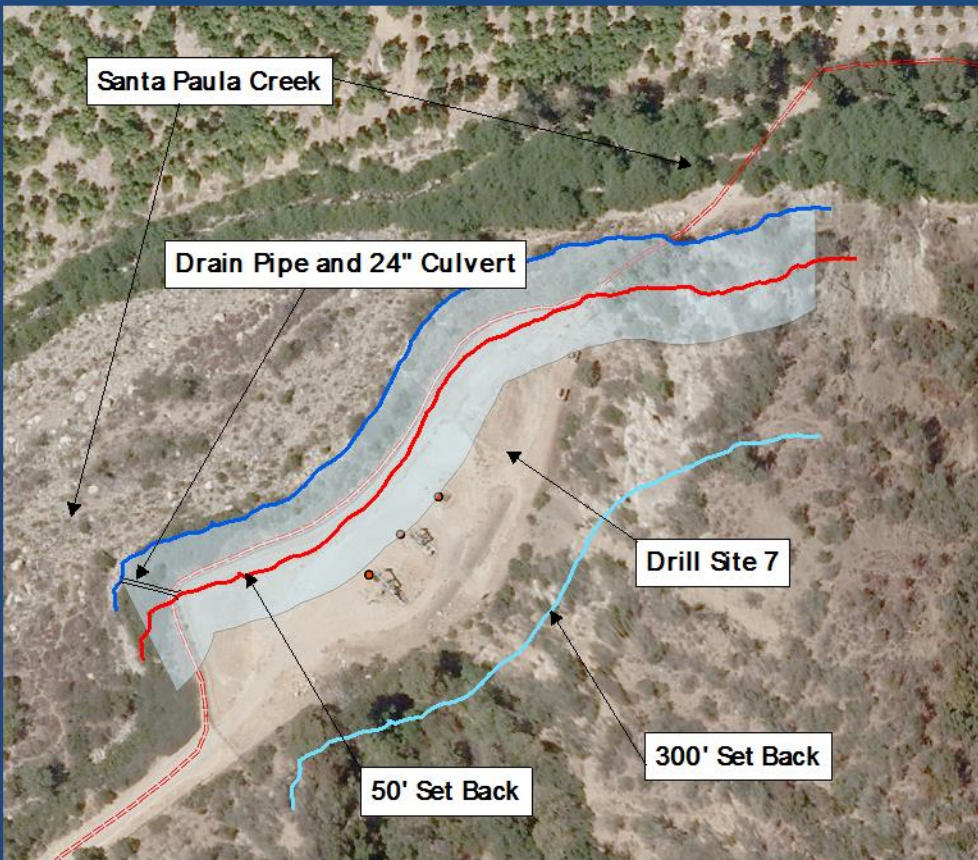
DS7 Wells



- 24" culvert discharges directly into Santa Paula Creek
- 3 existing wells:  
2 currently with pumps; 1 idle
- Cement cellar at each well
- Pipes to convey oil from site to off-site facilities
- Berm and fence, access road

# New Wells & Facilities Within Setback

50' 100' and 300' Set Backs



## Legend

- Q50 + 4'
- - - Hiking Trail
- DS7 Wells

## Set Backs

- 50' Set Back
- 100' Set Back
- 300' Set Back



- VCWPD designated Santa Paula Creek a “red line” creek, 300’ set back
- USGS 2000’ scale shows Santa Paula Creek as a “blue line” creek, 100’ set back
- In no case shall facilities be within 50’ of channel
- Existing facilities are within 50 ft of Q50 + 4’ boundary



# Endangered Steelhead by Drill Site 7

Santa Paula Creek Steelhead Survey Data  
(CDFW 1/26/15 - 5/26/15)

Santa Paula Creek

Drill Site 7

Survey Date	Fish
1/26/2015	2
2/23/2015	12
3/9/2015	9
3/19/2015	18
4/2/2015	9
4/14/2015	18
4/27/2015	30
5/26/2015	3

CA Department of Fish and Wildlife - Steelhead Survey Data

● Observed Steelhead



Map Created October 15, 2015

- 1978 and 1984 Environmental Impact Reports did not evaluate impacts to steelhead
- 2006 – Southern California Steelhead final listing as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act
- Steelhead are in Santa Paula Creek near DS7
  - Between January 26, 2015 and May 26, 2015, 101 sightings of steelhead were made by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in proximity of DS7
- Recent steelhead recovery efforts
  - CDFW rescued 112 steelhead near DS7 on September 4 & 11, 2014

# Conclusion

- Drill Site 7 was built in Santa Paula Creek
- Multiple pathways for contamination to enter water body
- Adding new oil wells and facilities will increase the risk of pollution
- Drill Site 7 encroaches on the Ventura County NCZO 50-foot setback requirement
- Endangered steelhead are in Santa Paula Creek near Drill Site 7
- Impacts to steelhead from oil operations on Drill Site 7 were not evaluated in the 1978 and 1984 Environmental Impact Reports.