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# PARTIAL TITLE TRANSFER IN SOUTH DISTRICT

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# Topics

1. What is Title Transfer?
2. Why is South District pursuing TT?
3. How does the TT action proceed?
4. General Requirements
5. Environmental Requirements
6. Other
7. Where are we in the Process



Public Law 116-9 John D. Dingell, Jr.  
Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act,  
Title VIII – Water and Power, Subtitle A –  
Reclamation Title Transfer  
*enacted March 12, 2019*

**TITLE VIII—WATER AND POWER**  
**Subtitle A—Reclamation Title Transfer**

**SEC. 8001. PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this subtitle is to facilitate the transfer of title to Reclamation project facilities to qualifying entities on the completion of repayment of capital costs.

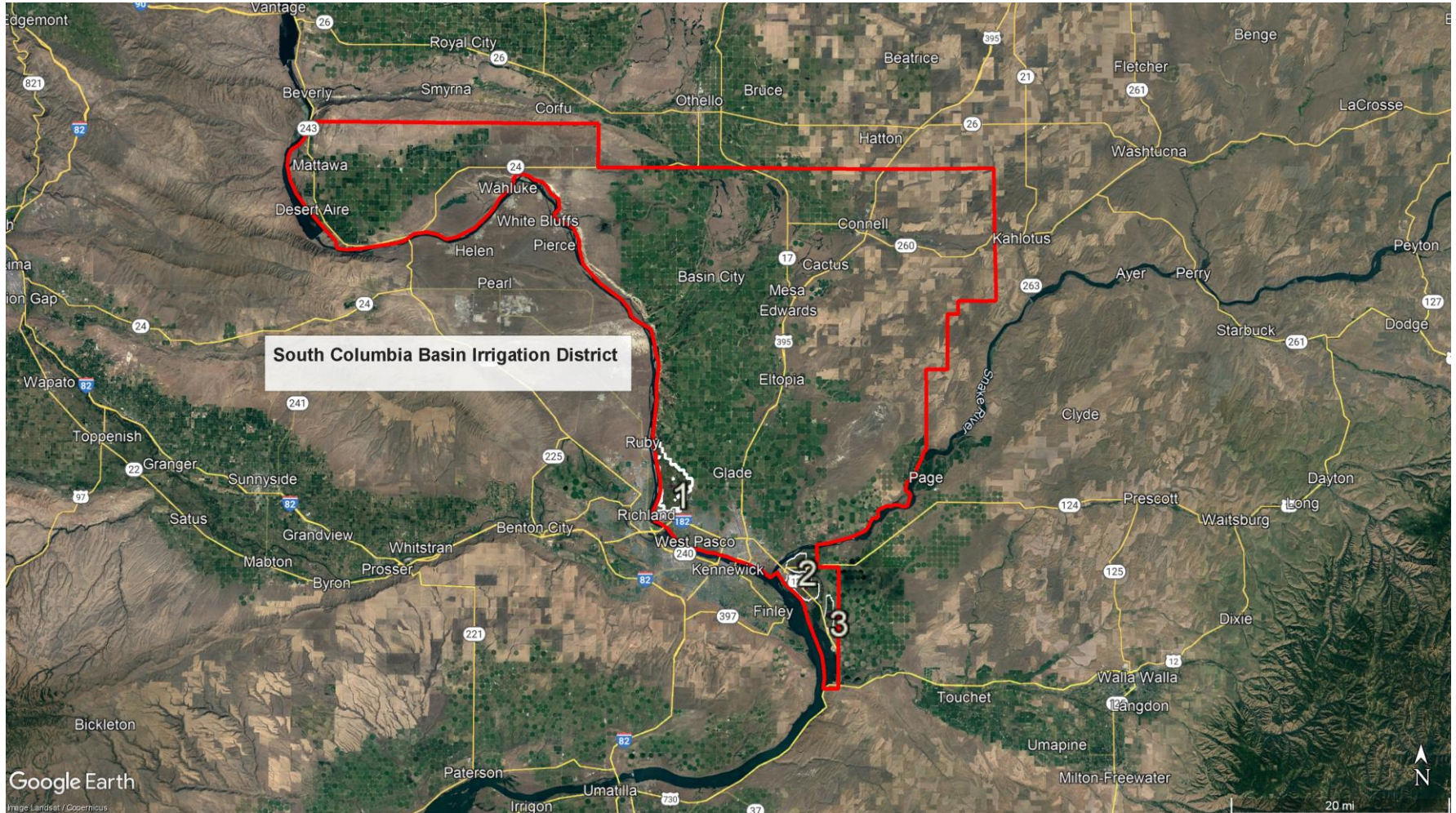


# What facilities are we seeking title to?

1. Irrigation Block 1 – Franklin County
2. Irrigation Blocks 2 and 3 – Walla Walla County
3. O&M yards, residences, material sites at various locations throughout the District

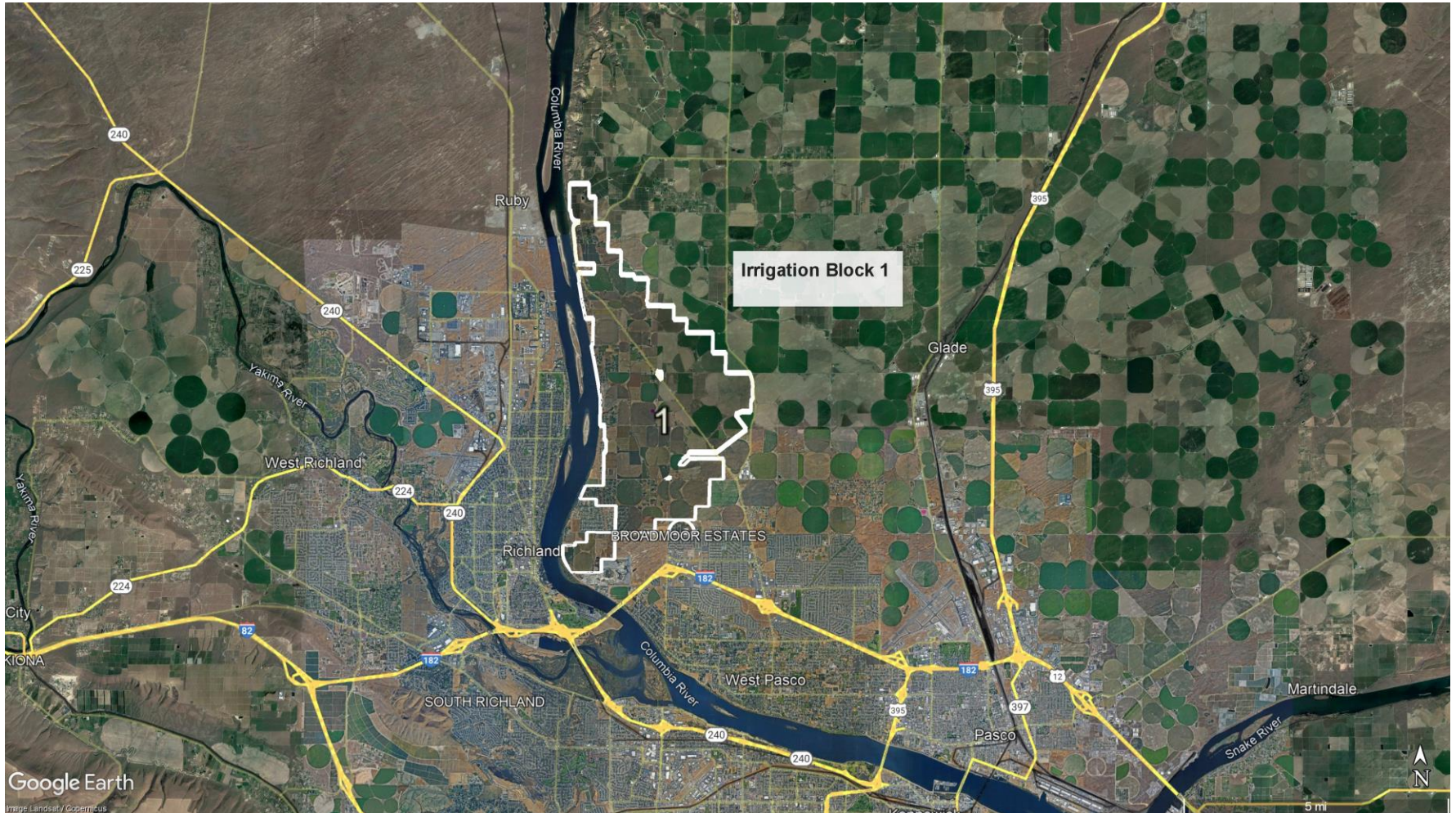


# SCBID external boundary





# Irrigation Block 1





# Irrigation Blocks 2 and 3



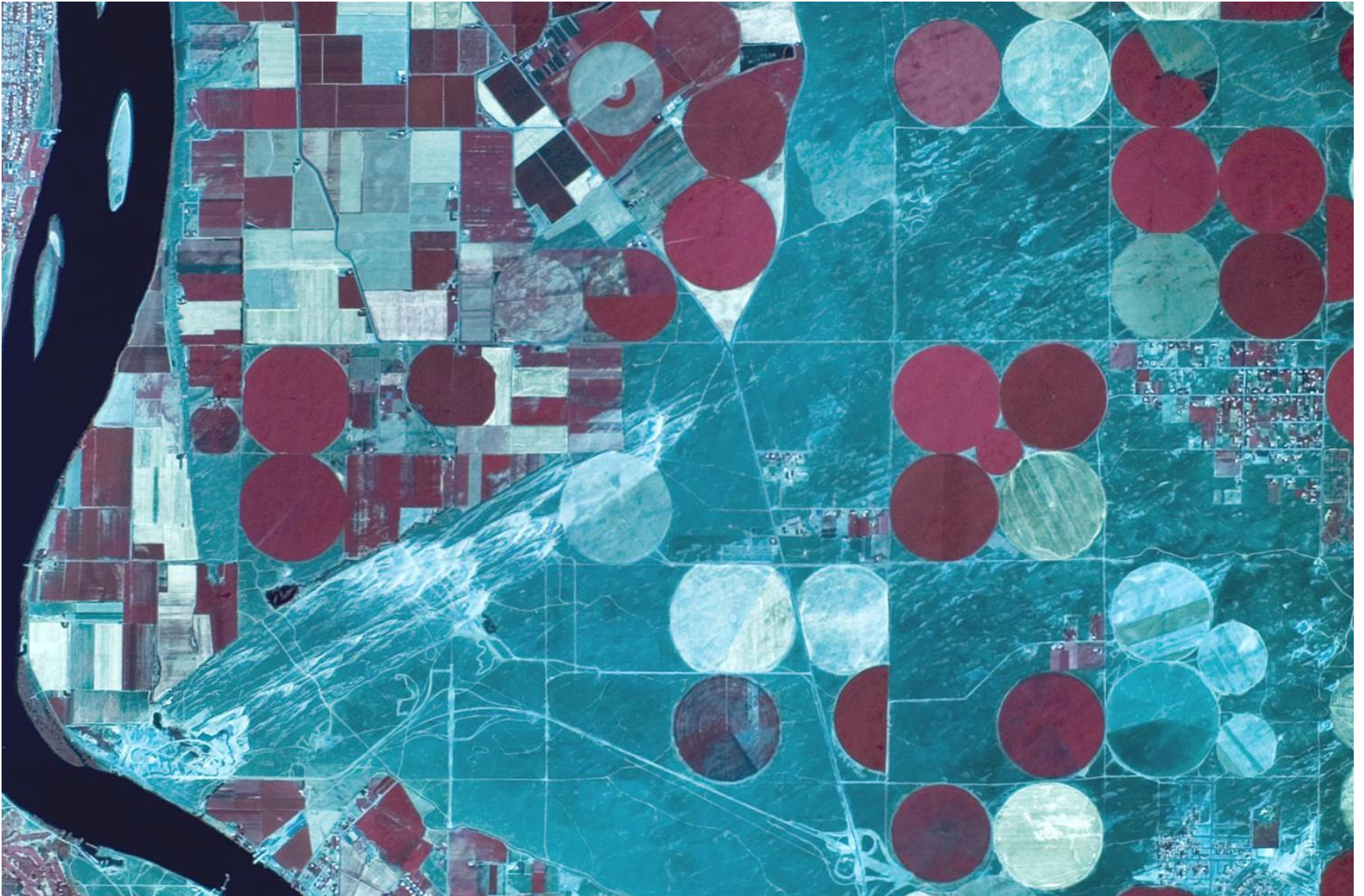
# Why is SCBID pursuing a Partial Title Transfer?

SCBID is pursuing title transfer to eligible Project facilities, canals, laterals, pumping plants, rights of way, easements, lands, and associated structures located within Blocks 1, 2, and 3 and various other locations **in order to reduce administrative costs and increase operational efficiencies.**



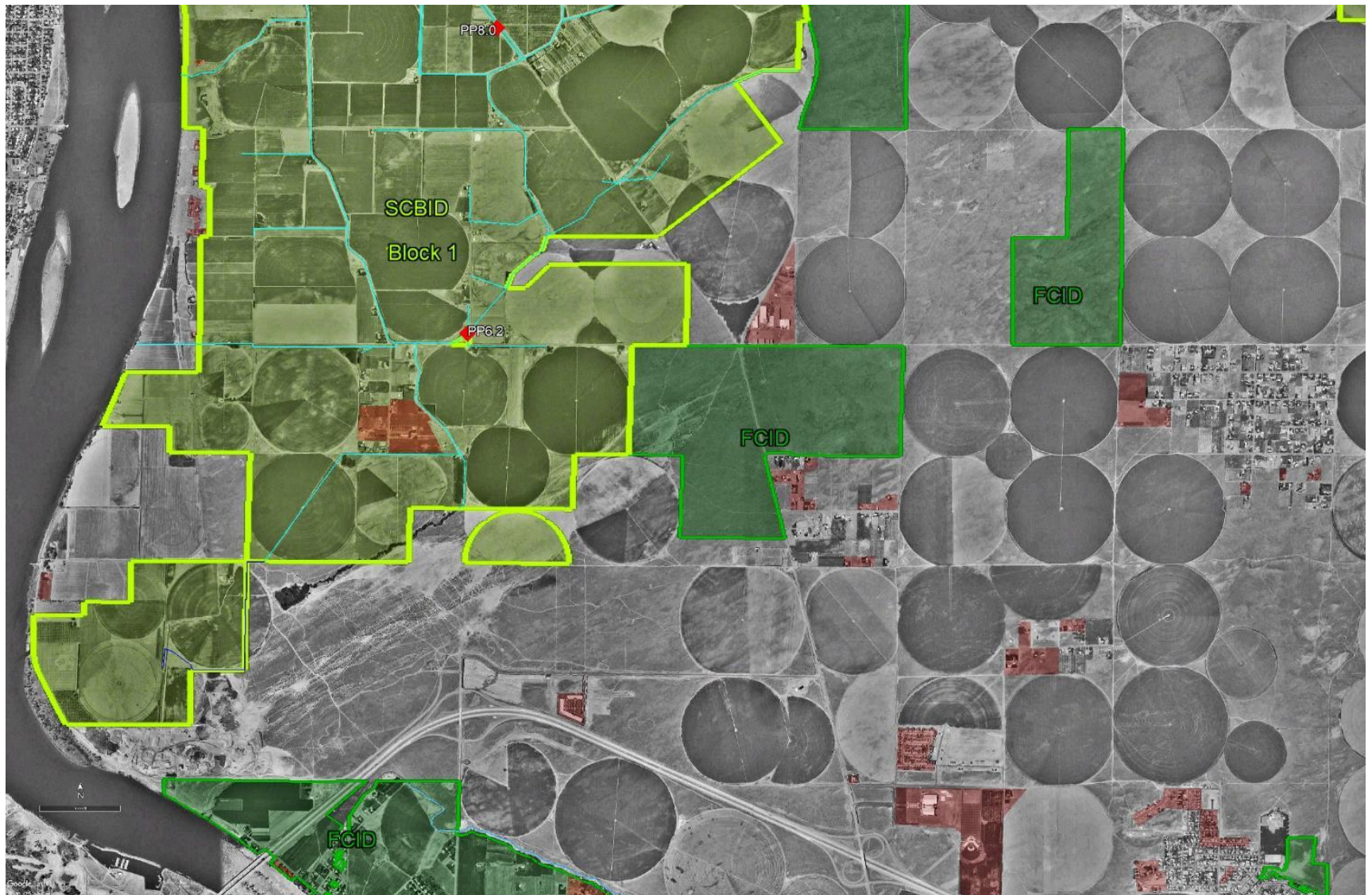


# Block 1 - 1982



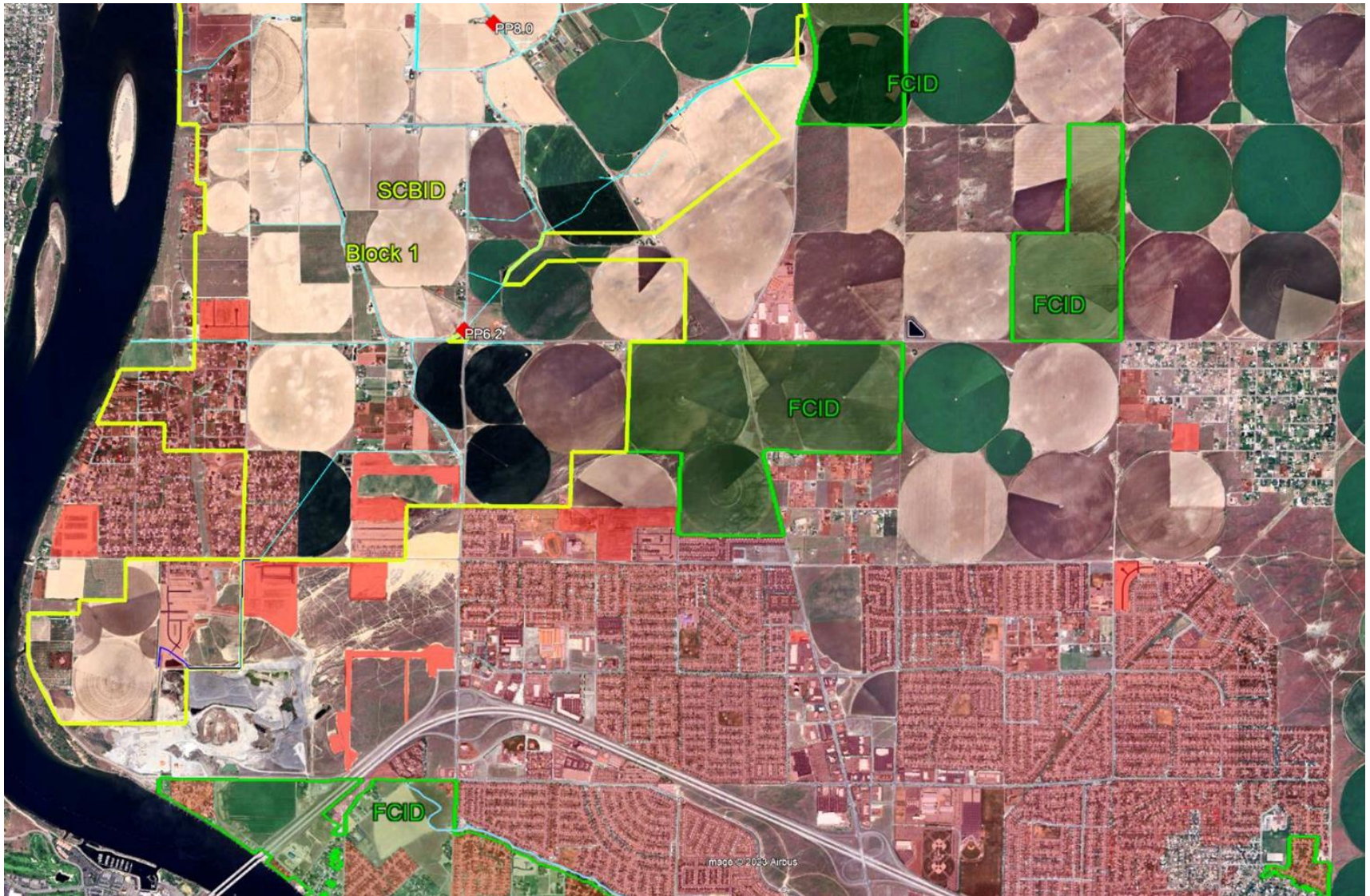


# Block 1 - 1996





# Block 1 - 2023





# Procedures

1. BoR Directive and Standards -  
CMP 11-01
2. Board Resolution
3. Reclamation Approval to proceed
4. MOA and Funding agreement
5. Public Outreach
6. More...



# Requirements

1. General Requirements
2. Environmental Requirements
3. Other Requirements



# Written Notice to Congress

Reclamation is authorized to convey to a qualifying entity all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to any eligible facility if:

- (1) Reclamation determines that the entity and facilities qualify under 43 U.S.C. 2902, et seq.; and
- (2) not later than 90 days before the date on which Reclamation makes the conveyance:
  - (a) Reclamation submits to Congress a written notice of the proposed conveyance and a description of the reasons for the title transfer; and
  - (b) A joint resolution by Congress disapproving the conveyance is not enacted before the date on which Reclamation makes the title transfer.





# Where are we in the process?

1. Board Resolution completed
2. Reclamation approval completed
3. MOA and Funding agreement will be executed soon
4. Public outreach being initiated (today, for example)
5. Cultural resource survey contract



# Time Frame

1. Started in January 2023 with board resolution and data gathering
2. September 2023 received BoR approval and engaged CR contractor
3. Anticipated CR completion October 2024
4. Balance of process by 2026?



# Conclusion

**Any questions?**

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