US Army Corps of Engineers
Seattle District

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Joint Public Notice

Application for a Department of the Army Permit and a Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification and/or Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence

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Public Notice Date: January 27, 2016
Expiration Date: February 26, 2016

Reference No.: NWS-2015-0733
Name: General Metal of Tacoma

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) have received an application to perform work in waters of the U.S. as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings dated November 30, 2015.

The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

APPLICANT: General Metal of Tacoma, Inc. dba Schnitzer Steel of Tacoma
Attention: Bryan Graham
1902 Marine View Drive
Tacoma, Washington 98422
Telephone: (253) 572-4000

AGENT: Grette Associates, LLC
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2102 North 30th Street, Suite A
Tacoma, Washington 98403
Telephone: (253) 573-9300

LOCATION: In the Hylebos Waterway, Commencement Bay, Puget Sound at Tacoma, Washington.

WORK: The applicant proposes to programmatically repair up to 150 square feet of decking and replace up to 20 piles per year for five years (100 piles total) to maintain three wharves in the Hylebos Waterway at Tacoma, Washington. The decking repair is required to access the damaged piling beneath the wharf and will be repaired and replaced in-kind. Approximately five square feet above each pile will be cut and removed to expose the damaged pile below. The replacement pile will be 24-inch-diameter steel, ACZA-treated timber, and/or concrete, depending on its location. Some piling may be cut and capped instead of fully removed by cutting off the dilapidated portion of the pile above the water line and splicing in a new section with a concrete filled sleeve. Damaged piling will be extracted and replacement piling will be driven in the same location using a vibratory hammer. Impact pile driving will only be required for driving concrete piling, or if pile proofing is required to

reach minimum embedment for steel or ACZA-treated timber piling. The work will either be performed from the existing wharves or from a barge-mounted crane.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed maintenance is to provide safe access to the three wharves to moor barges and large cargo ships for loading and unloading of commercial scrap metals.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The work would be completed over a 5-year period. The work is proposed to occur within a designated superfund site by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The Environmental Protection Agency is evaluating this project in accordance with CERCLA guidelines.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the Corps will evaluate the potential impacts to proposed and/or listed species and their designated critical habitat.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact EFH in the project area. The Corps has determined that the proposed action will not adversely affect designated EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters. No further EFH consultation is necessary.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The Corps has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data and other sources of information. There are no recorded historic properties within the permit area. The permit area has been so extensively disturbed by modern development that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon an undisturbed historic property. The Corps invites responses to this public notice from Native American Tribes or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns regarding historic properties and sites of religious and cultural significance at or near the project area. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the Corps will evaluate potential impacts and consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and Native American Tribes in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as appropriate.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION – CORPS: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

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The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA. These guidelines require an alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

SOURCE OF FILL MATERIAL: The applicant has not yet identified the source of the fill material. Should a permit be issued, the Corps will evaluate the fill material source prior to the start of construction.

EVALUATION – ECOLOGY: Ecology is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, Native American Nations or tribal governments, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Ecology will be considering all comments to determine whether to certify or deny certification for the proposed project.

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION: The City of Tacoma has issued an exemption (SHR2011-40000161053) from the requirement of obtaining a Shorelines Substantial Development permit for this project.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether authorizing the work would not be contrary to the public interest. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commenter's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration.

CORPS COMMENTS: All e-mail comments should be sent to kaitlyn.r.white@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch,
Attention: Ms. Kaitlyn White, P.O. Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-3755. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses.

ECOLOGY COMMENTS: Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to a request for water quality certification under Section 401 of the CWA and/or Coastal Zone Management consistency concurrence, may do so by submitting written comments to the following address: Washington State Department of Ecology, Attention: Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600, or e-mail to ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov.

To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: General Metal of Tacoma, NWS-2015-0733

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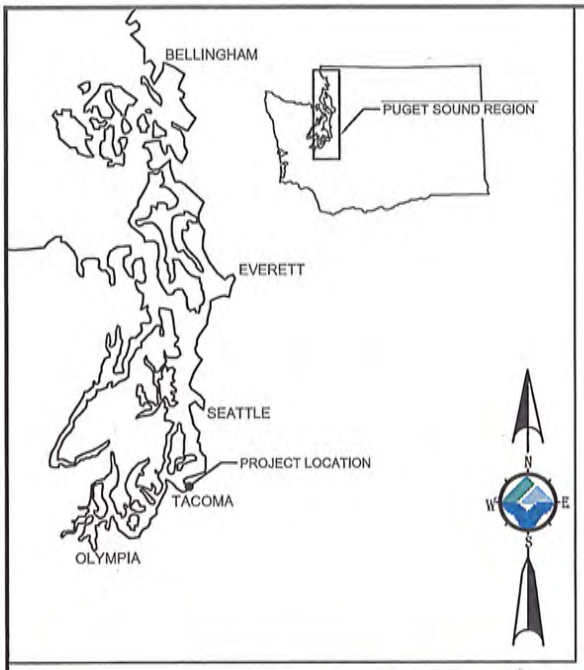

TIDAL INFORMATION

MEAN HIGHER HIGH WATER (MHHW)	+11.8FT
ORDINARY HIGH WATER (OHW)	+11.8FT
MEAN HIGH WATER (MHW)	+10.9FT
MEAN LOW WATER (MLW)	+2.9FT
MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)	+0.0FT
EXTREME LOW WATER (ELW)	-4.3FT

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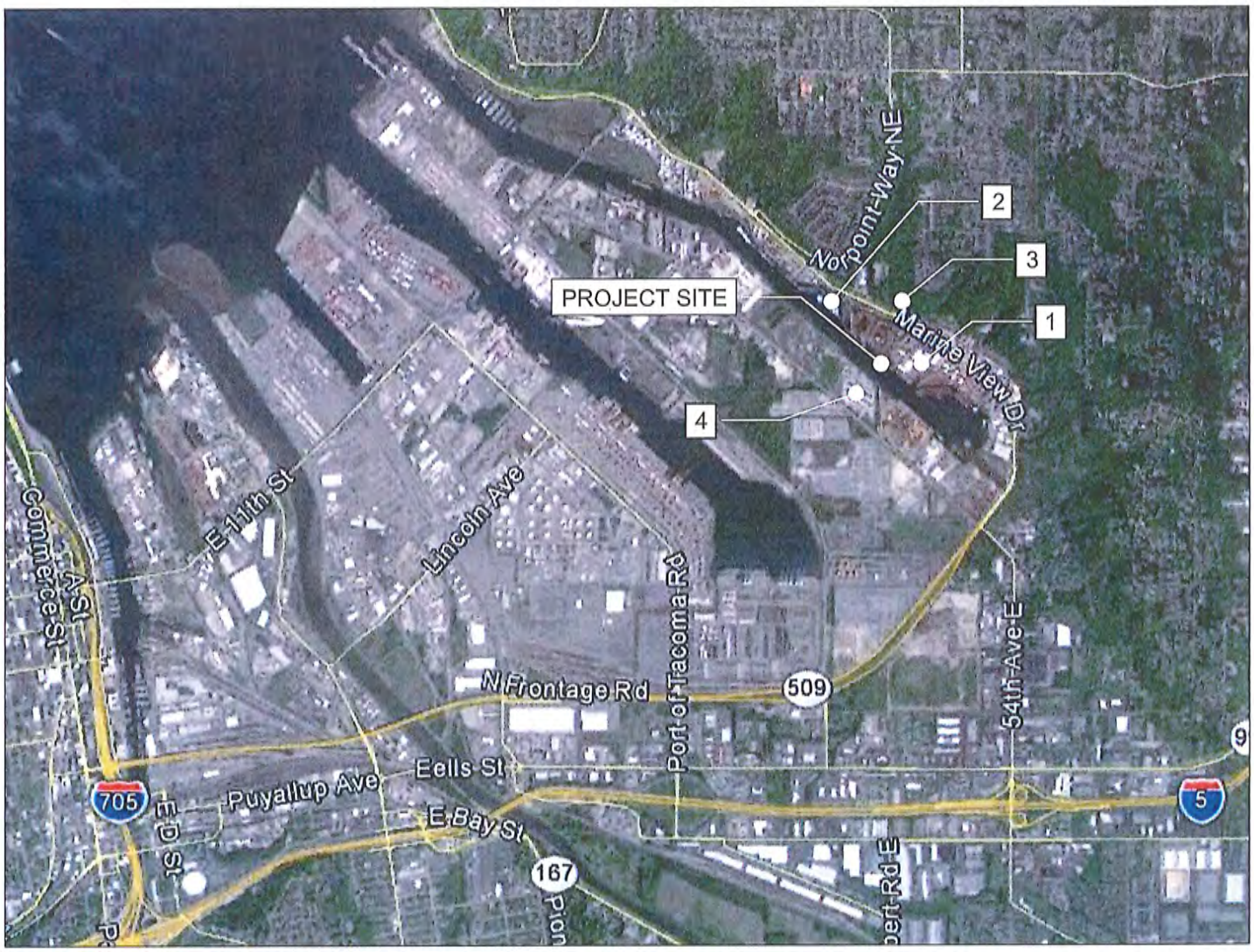

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2. PENN AQUA PROPERTY, LLC
3. MANKE TIMBER COMPANY, INC.
4. PORT OF TACOMA

VICINITY MAP

S-T-R: SECTION 36 S TOWNSHIP 21 N RANGE 3 E
ADDRESS:
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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

PROJECT: SCHNITZER STEEL PROGRAMMATIC PILE REPLACEMENT AND WHARF MAINTENANCE
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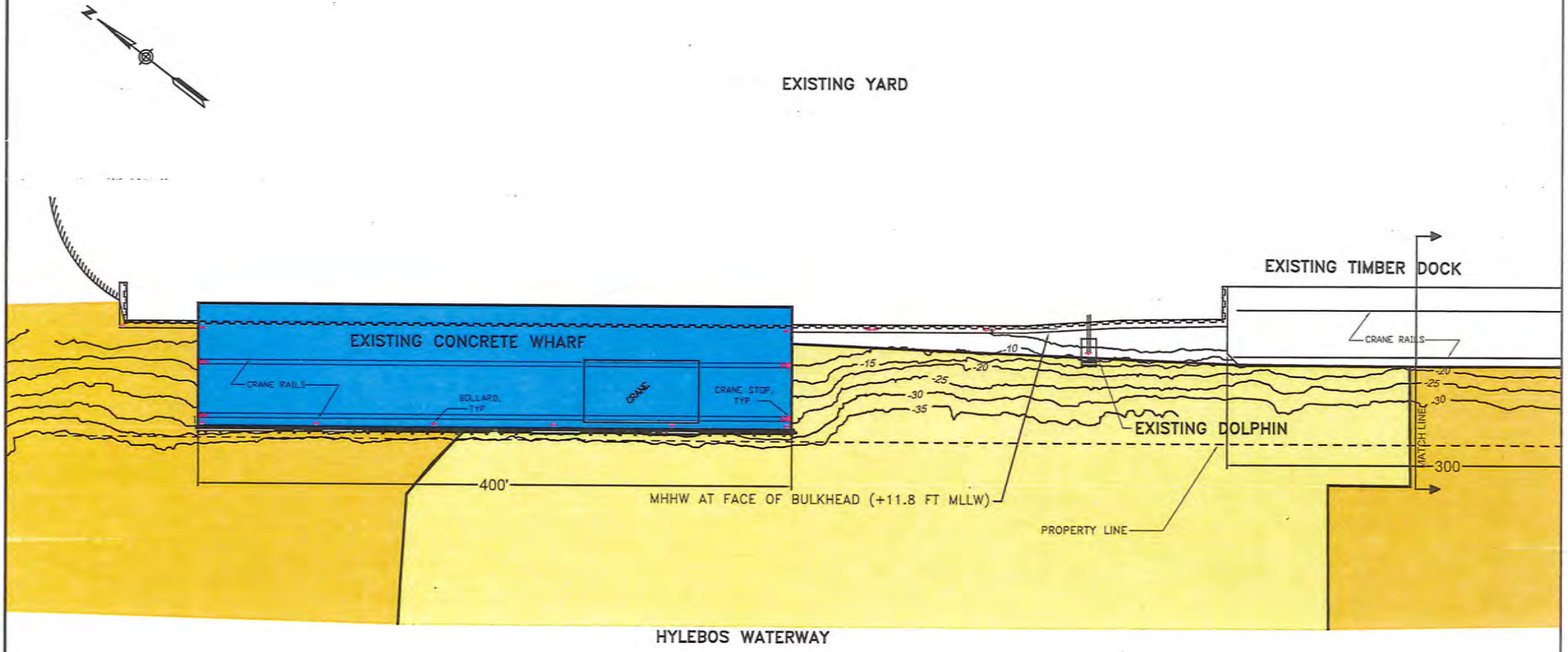

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- LADDER
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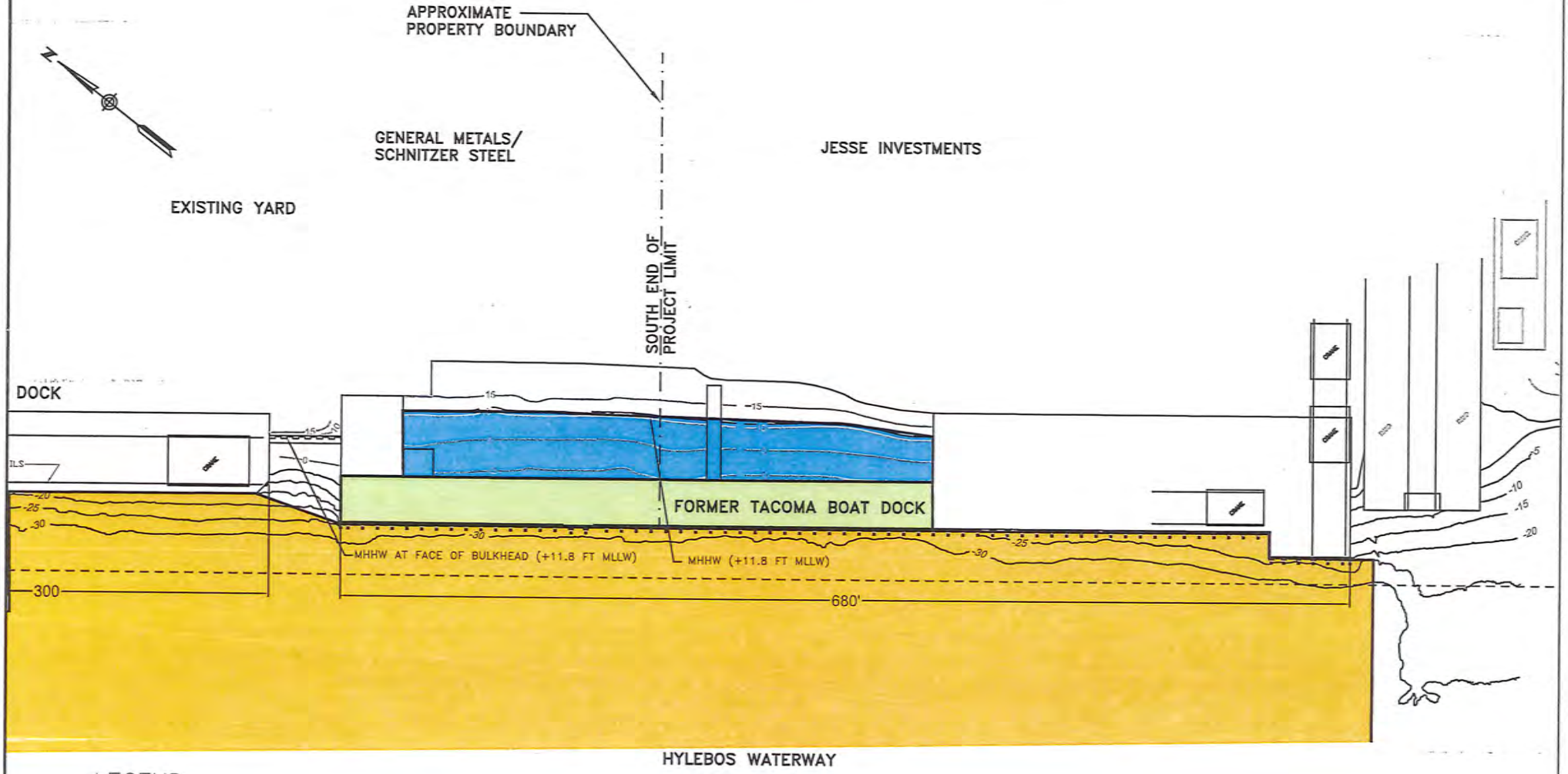

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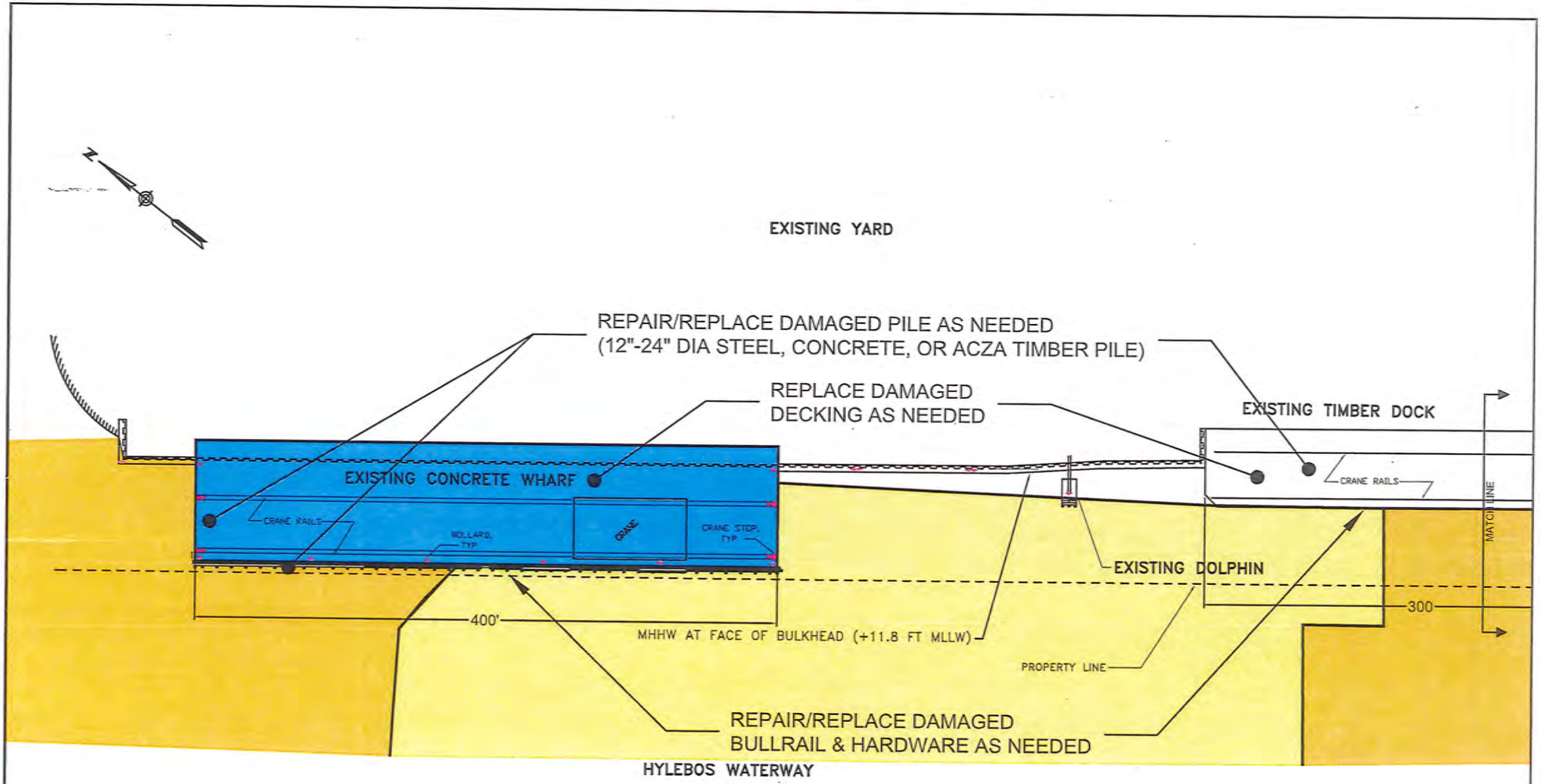

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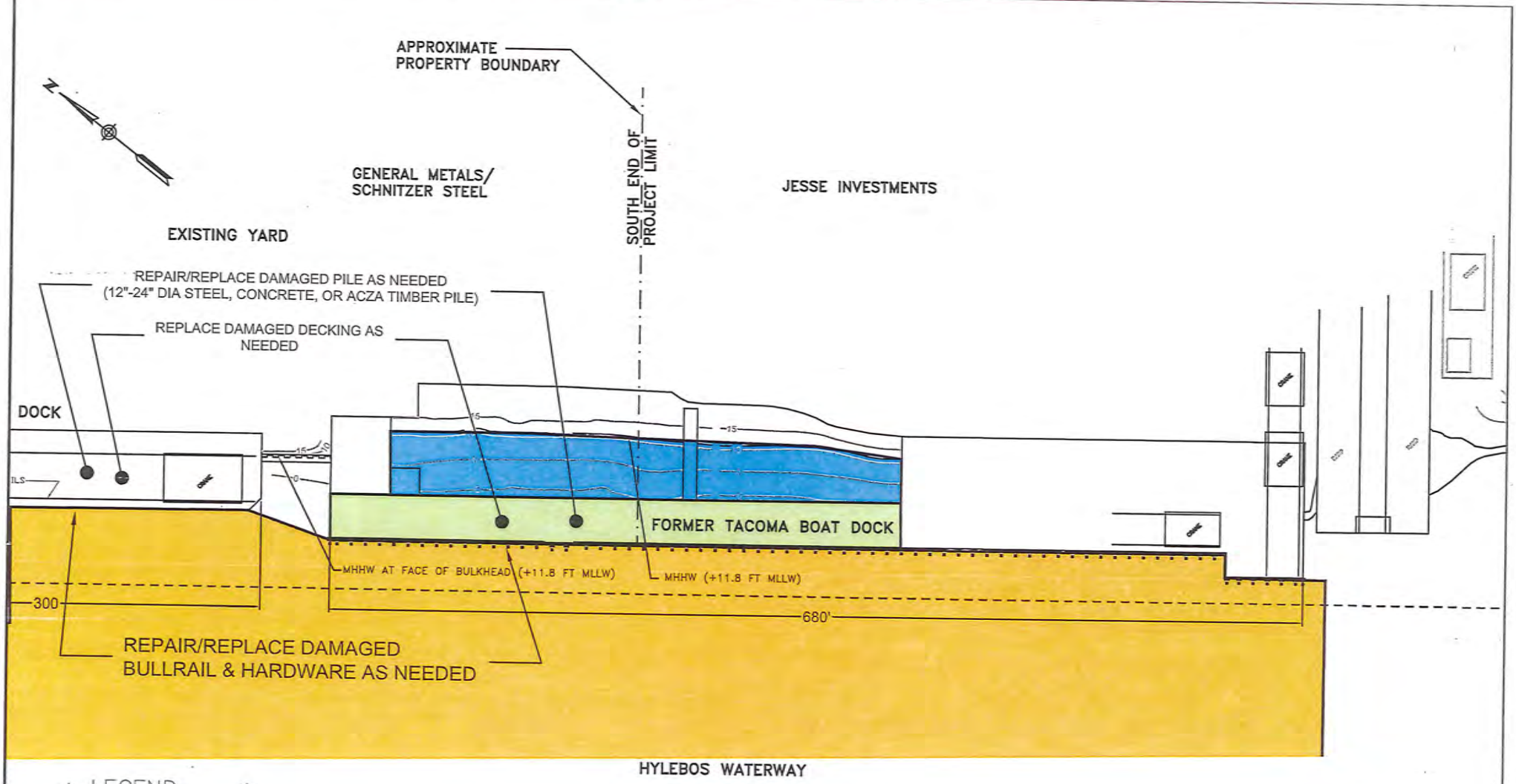

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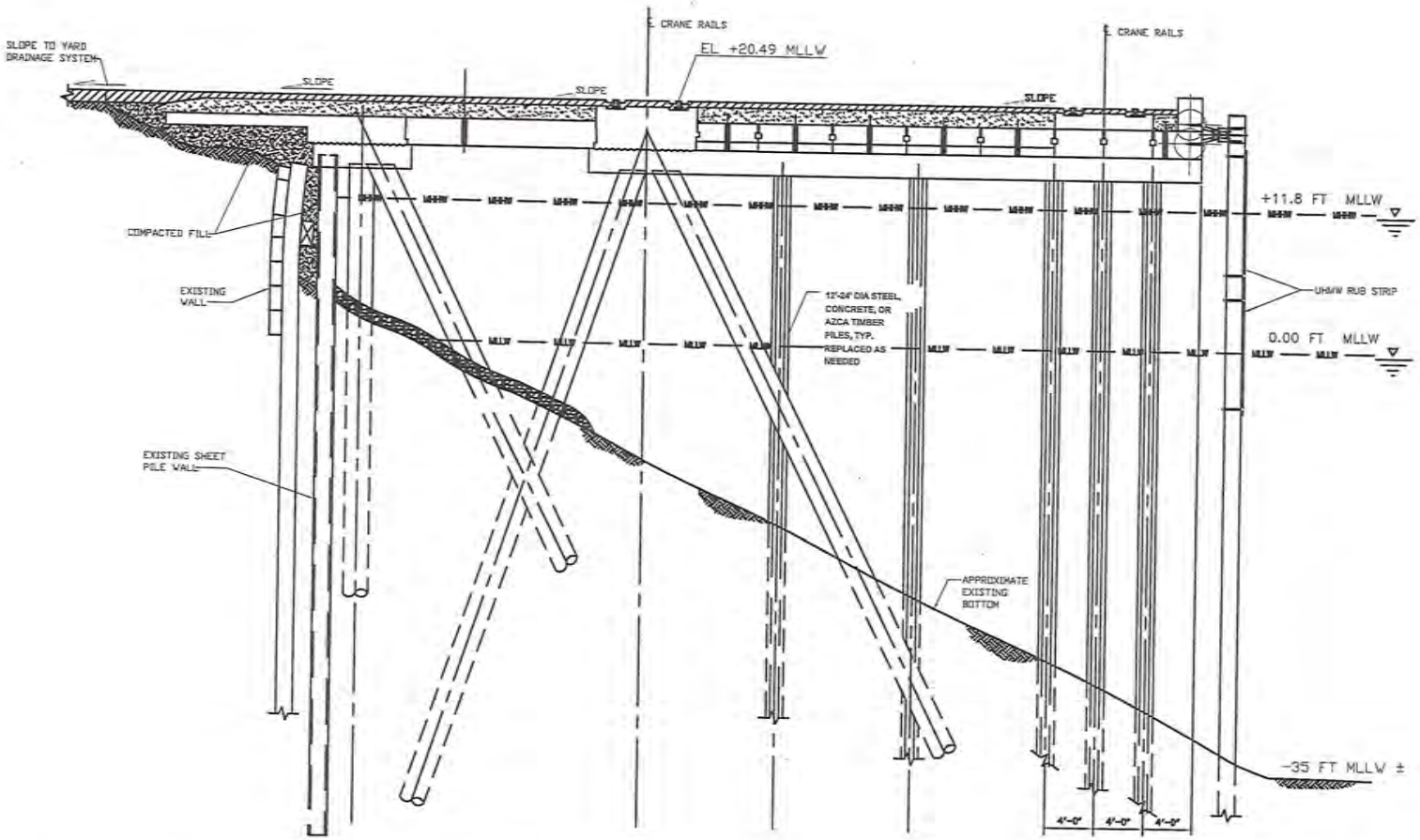

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