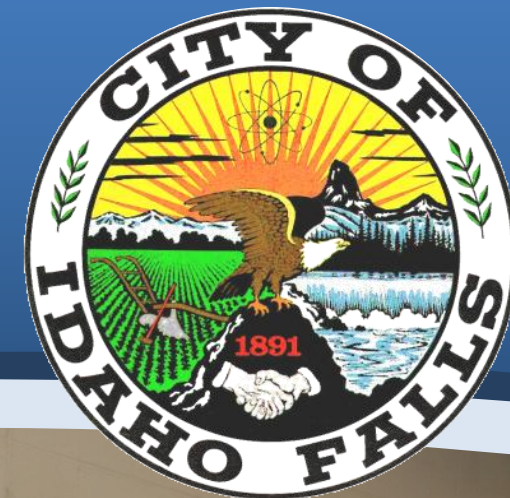


Slowing it Down in Eastern Idaho

Idaho Falls VFD Analysis

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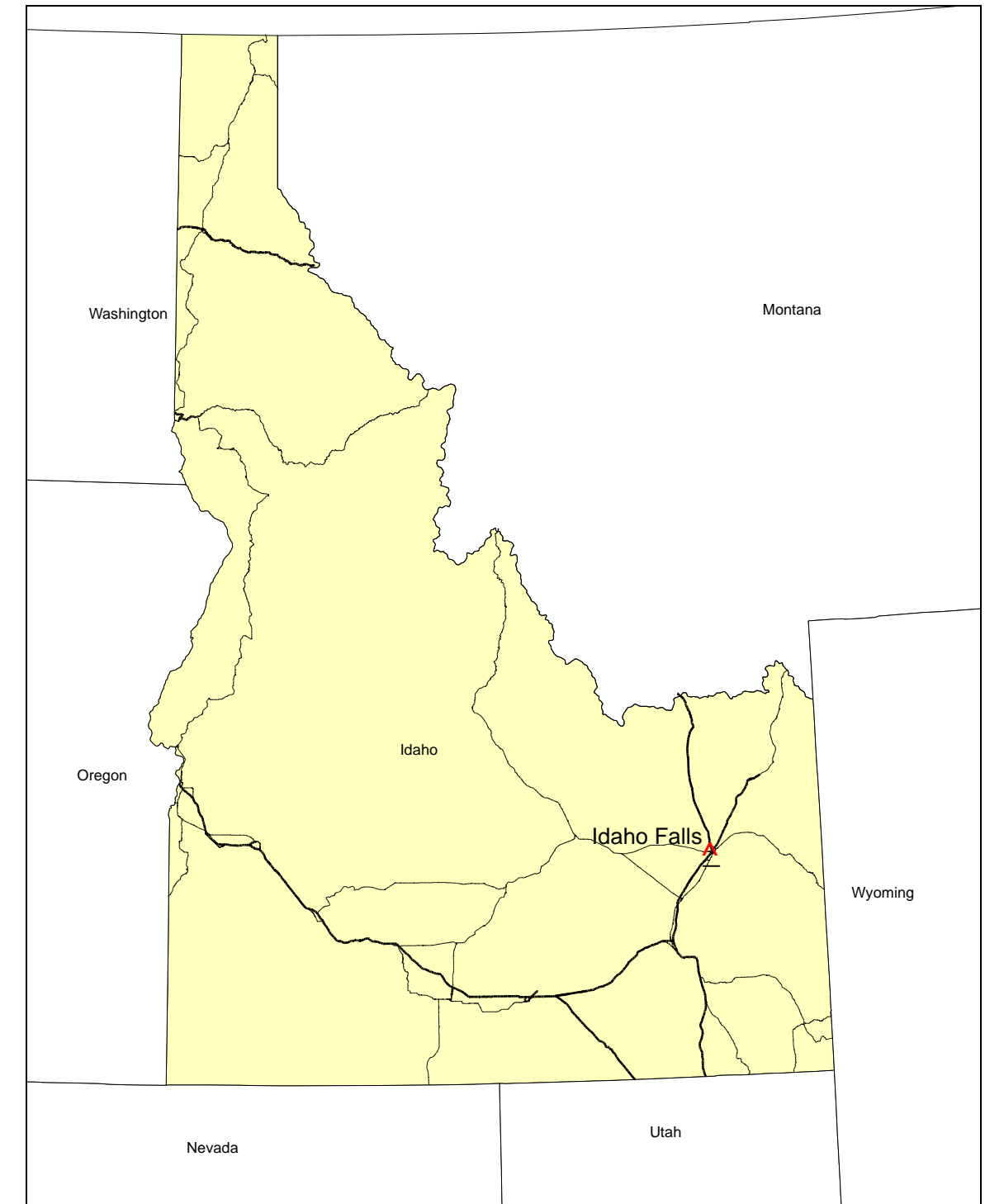


- ❑ **City & Water System Overview**
- ❑ **System Issues & Reasons for the Project**
- ❑ **Project Approach**
 - **Facility Review**
 - **Planning & Modeling**
 - **Preliminary Selection and Concept Plans**
- ❑ **Next Steps**

CITY & WATER SYSTEM OVERVIEW

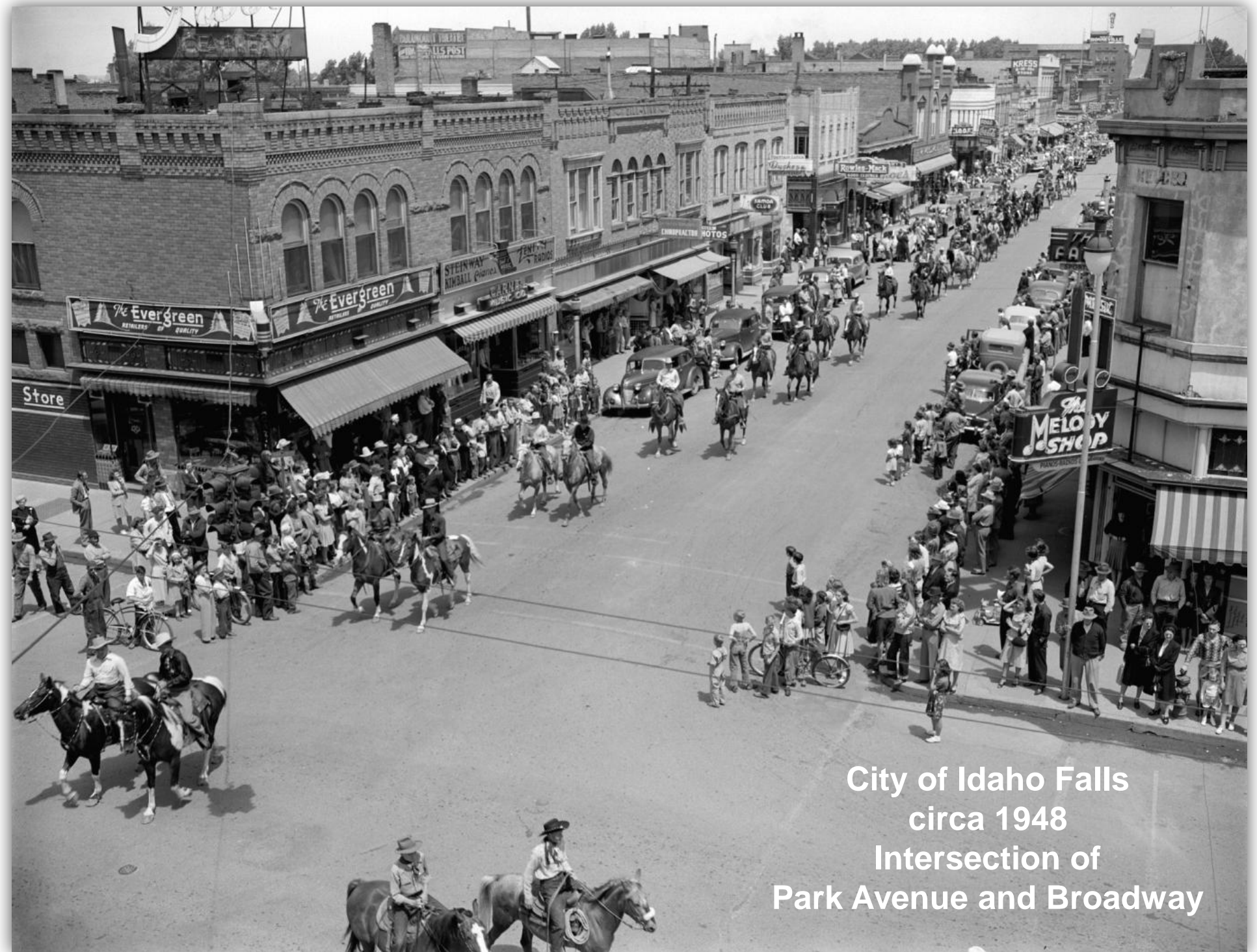
IDAHO FALLS

- In Bonneville County in Southeastern Idaho
- 2 hours from Jackson Hole, WY
- 2 hours from West Yellowstone, MT
- 3 hours from Salt Lake City, UT
- 4 hours from Boise, ID
- Approximately 57,000 people
- Elevation ranges from 4,600 to 4,800 feet above MSL



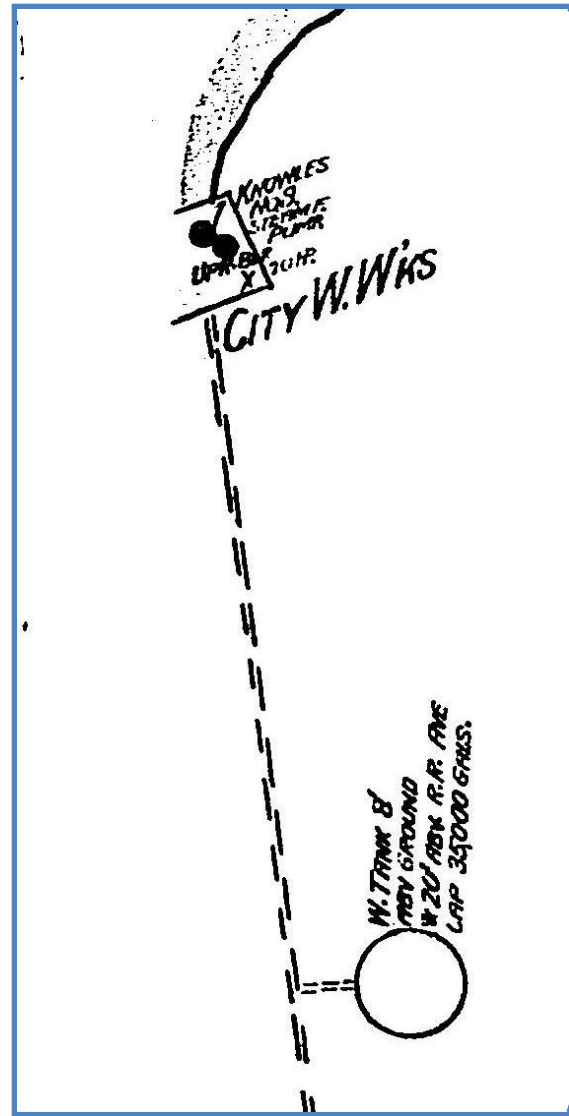
IDAHO FALLS

- Originally settled in 1865 as Eagle Rock after construction of Taylor's Bridge on Snake River
- Eagle Rock later became Idaho Falls (July 22, 1891)
- With development, the nature of water use forever changed
- Fields developed into a thriving municipality
- City needed then, as it does now, water to accommodate growth

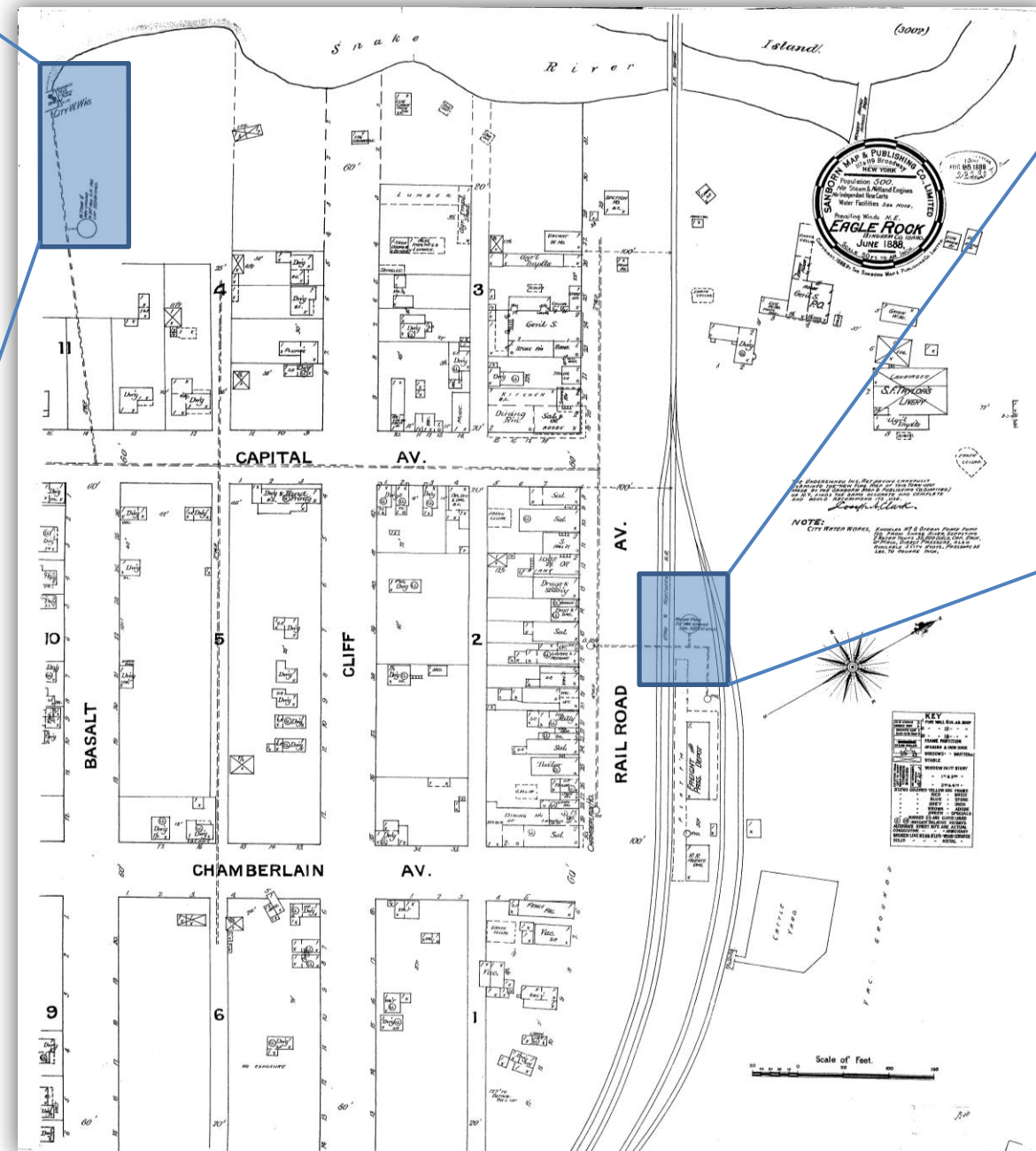


City of Idaho Falls
circa 1948
Intersection of
Park Avenue and Broadway

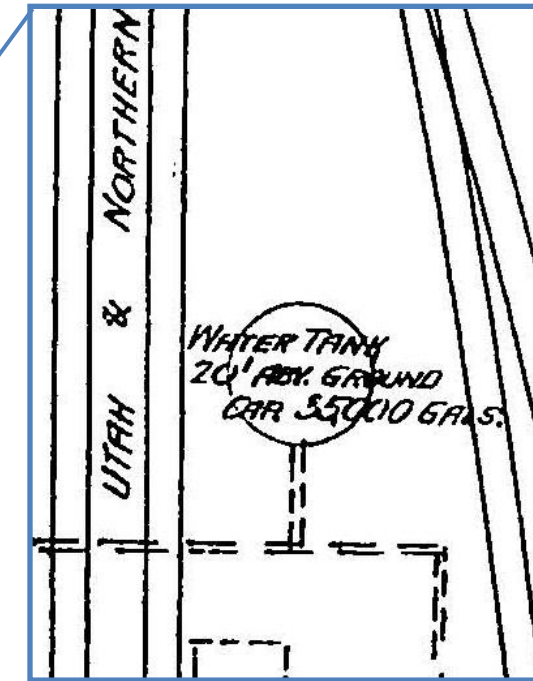
WATER DEPARTMENT COMMENCEMENT



City of Eagle Rock pumped surface water from the Snake River



City of Eagle Rock – June 1888
(Sanborn Map & Publishing Co. Ltd.)



- Water was stored in two 35,000-gallon water tanks
- 40 years later, City's first well was dug in 1927 and is still in use today
- Ample water source facilitated growth

SELECTING SOURCE WATER

SURFACE WATER

- Accessible Since Settlement
- High Cost of Treatment
- Less Consistent Supply
- More Susceptible to Freezing



vs.

GROUNDWATER

- More Accessible Since 1950's
- Low Cost of Treatment
- More Consistent Supply
- Less Susceptible to Freezing



THE CITY'S GROUNDWATER SOURCE

EASTERN SNAKE RIVER PLAIN AQUIFER

- Supplies nearly all drinking water to Southeast Idaho
- Supplies irrigation for many agricultural needs
- Estimated volume of 200 billion cubic feet
- Aquifer occupies nearly the same size in surface area as Lake Erie
- Idaho Falls well drilled to nearly 2,000 feet in depth; still encountered water
- Abundant supply led to construction of many wells



THE CITY'S WATER RIGHTS

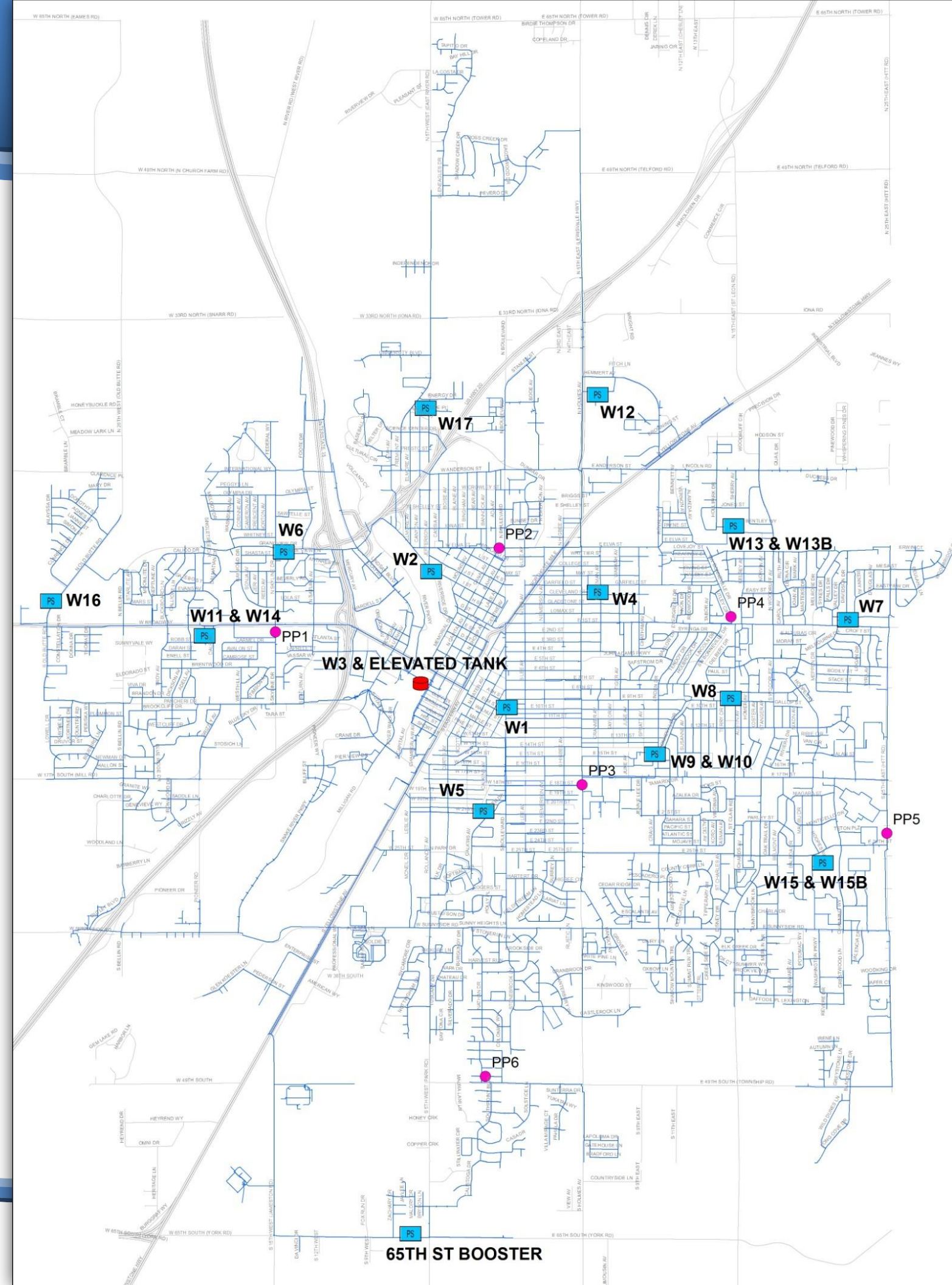
- All City's Groundwater Rights Issued Between 1927 & 1988
- Current Moratorium on Issuance of New Water Rights in Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer
- Groundwater Rights Now Conjunctively Managed With Senior Surface Water Rights
- Cities Must Purchase Existing Groundwater Irrigation Rights & Transfer Them into City
- Groundwater Model Used to Determine Negative Impacts of Water Right Transfers

Well No.	Year Built	Priority Date	Water Right No.	Current License Information			
				License	Date	CFS	AF/Annum
1	1926	2/25/1927	25-2095	25-2095	3/10/1939	5.20	3758.04
2	1930	4/8/1963	25-2142	25-2142	6/9/1970	50.20	20200.00
3	1937						
4	1948						
5	1950						
6	1954						
7	1957						
8	1959						
9	1962	11/22/1963	25-2143	25-2143	6/9/1970	17.10	
10	1962		25-2143				
11	1965	7/13/1967	35-7001	35-7001	4/3/1970	8.90	
12	1970	1/18/1972	25-7022 35-7207	25-7022	3/23/1978	7.35	4609.00
13	1974	8/22/1974	25-7058	25-7058	4/30/1981	6.14	4437.38
13-B	In Approval Process			In Approval Process			
14	1978	2/7/1979	35-7841	35-7841	1/17/1990	7.35	5311.85
15	1983	12/23/1982	25-7298	25-7298	1/28/1993	4.90	3541.23
		1/11/1985	25-7398	25-7398	2/5/1993		
15-B	2003	9/3/1997	25-7654	25-7654	11/6/1997	6.70	4842.09
16	1992	2/10/1988	35-8682	35-8682	8/31/1994	8.02	5796.05
17	1994	9/9/1988	25-7467	In Permitting		8.02	5796.05
						Totals:	129.88 58291.69

NOTE: Bold purple numbers indicate that no limit was noted on License. Values are derived from CFS values on License (CFS*1.98*365)

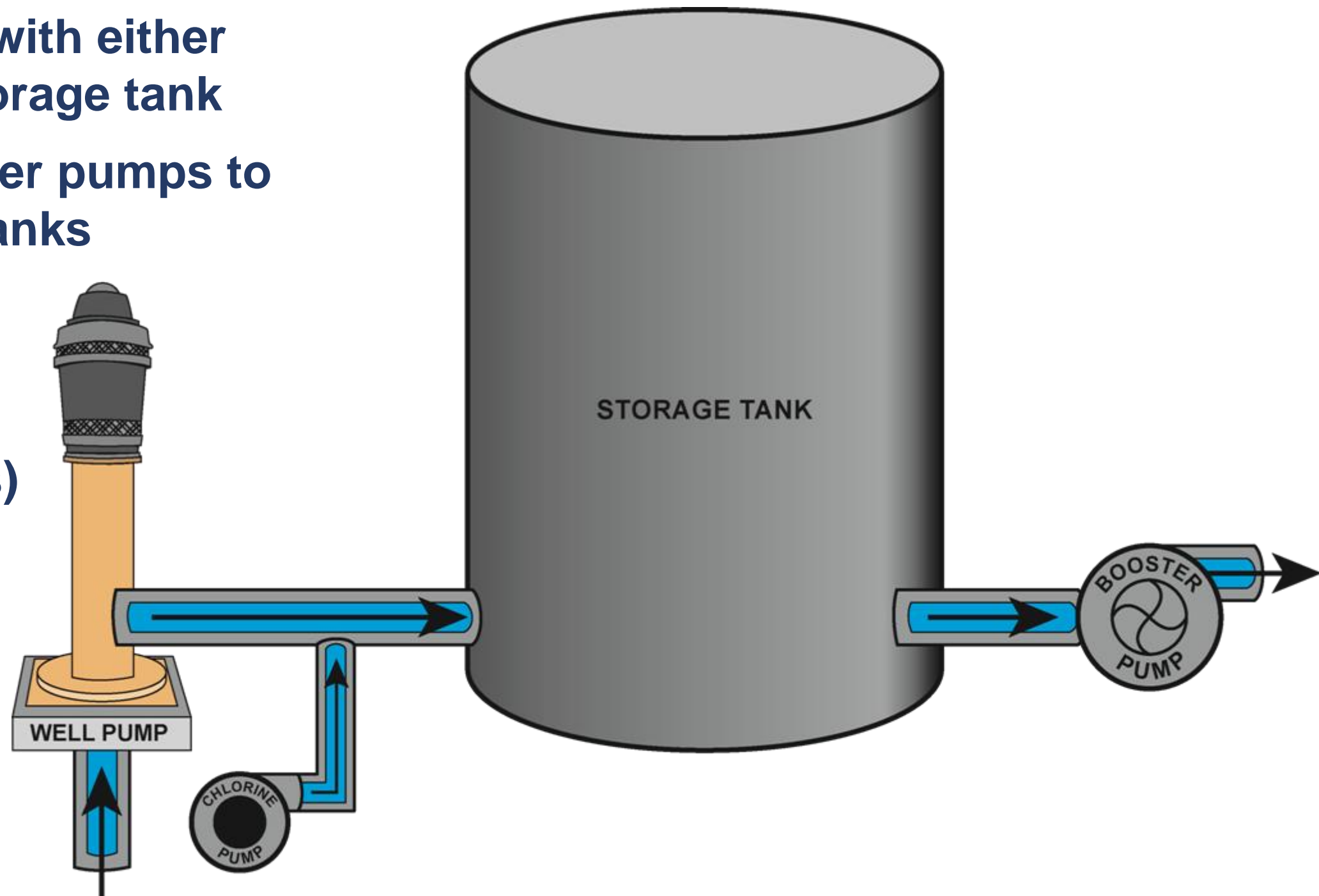
WATER SYSTEM SETUP

- One pressure zone covers 23 square miles
- One 0.5 MG elevated tank
- 19 deep wells located on 15 sites
- Pump sizes range from 1,000 gpm to 5,600 gpm
- Total well pumping capacity is 90 mgd
- Central SCADA controls system from readings on 6 remote pressure points (4 more recently added that aren't yet used for control)



WATER SYSTEM SETUP

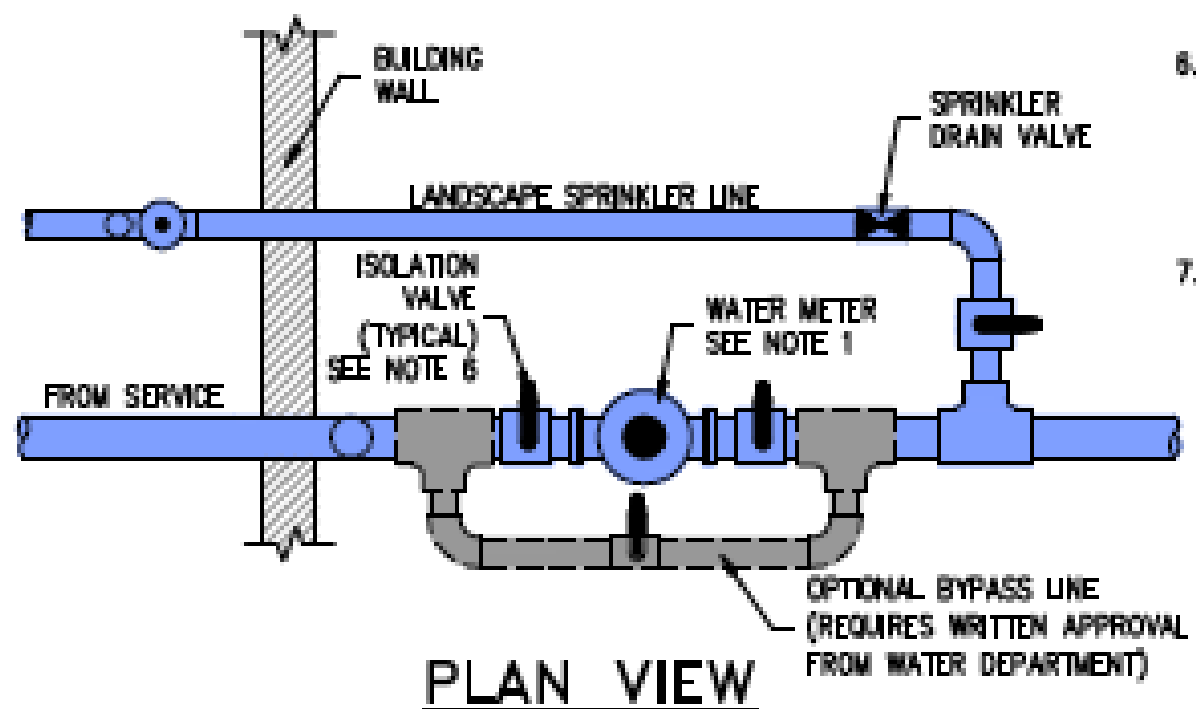
- Each well site is equipped with either chlorine contact tank or storage tank
- All but one well uses booster pumps to boost water from contact tanks into system
- Booster pumps are mostly constant speed pumps (Well 12 & 65th St are VFDs)



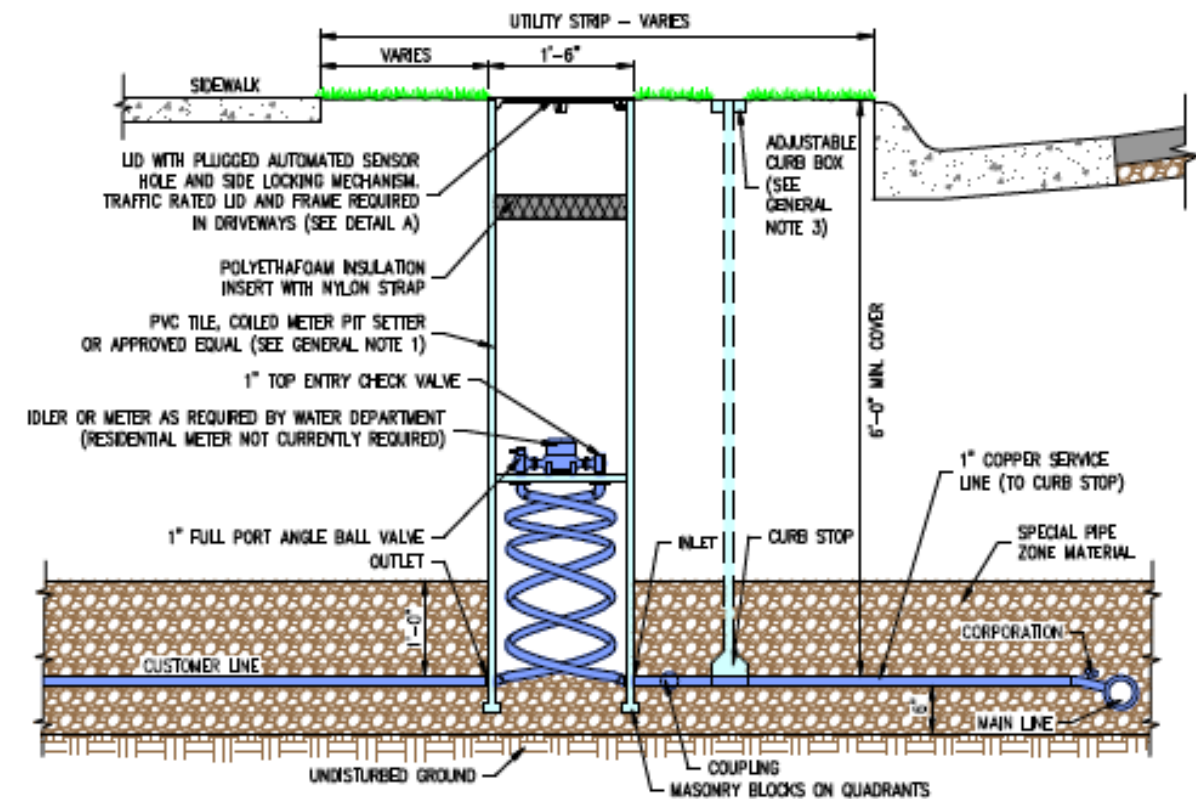
- Approximately 24,000 service connections
- Around 200 commercial/industrial services are metered
- No other services are metered
- New construction is required to install provisions for a meter, but not install an actual meter



COMMERCIAL INTERIOR METER SETTER



RESIDENTIAL METER PIT

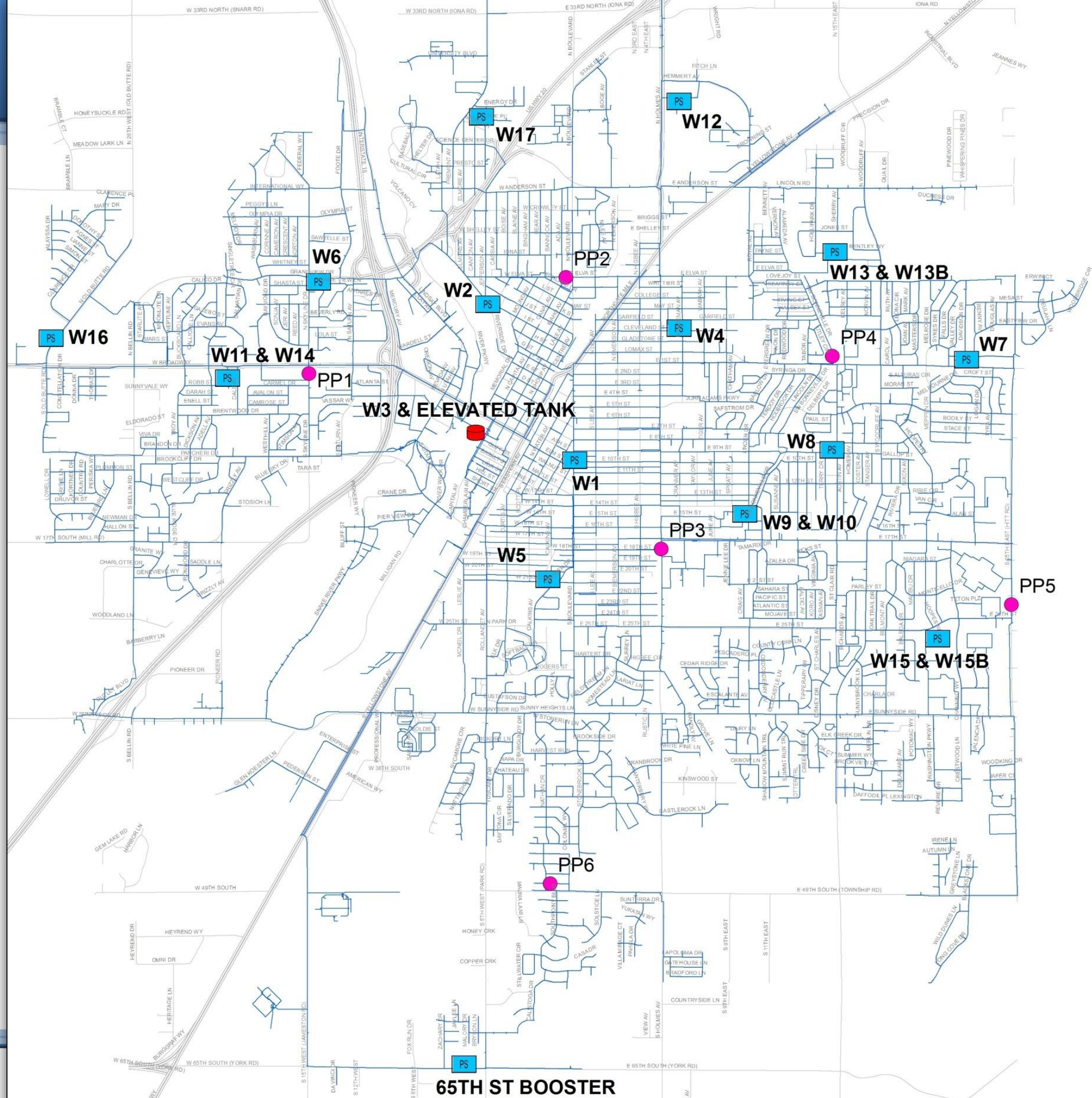


Per Idaho State Regulations (IDAPA 58.01.08), the City of Idaho Falls Requires Installation of Either a Commercial Interior Meter Setter (Commercial Businesses Only) or a Meter Pit (Commercial or Residential)

WATER PRODUCTION

Season (2008-2011)	Average Day Demand (mgd)
Low Demand (Nov-Apr)	11
Shoulder (May, Oct)	21
High Demand (June-Sept)	44
Maximum Day Demand (2008-2011)	58 mgd
Peak Hour Demand (2008-2011)	79 mgd

- Booster pumps are controlled by remote pressure points
- Set points and order of operation varies by seasonal demand



SYSTEM ISSUES & REASONS FOR THE PROJECT

- **Significant demand variability**
- **Limited reservoir hydraulic grade control**
- **Inefficient pumping scheme**
- **Lack of localized control**
- **All or nothing pumping**
- **Remote pressure transients**
- **Little understanding of the distribution of demand**



CURRENT CONTROL STRATEGY

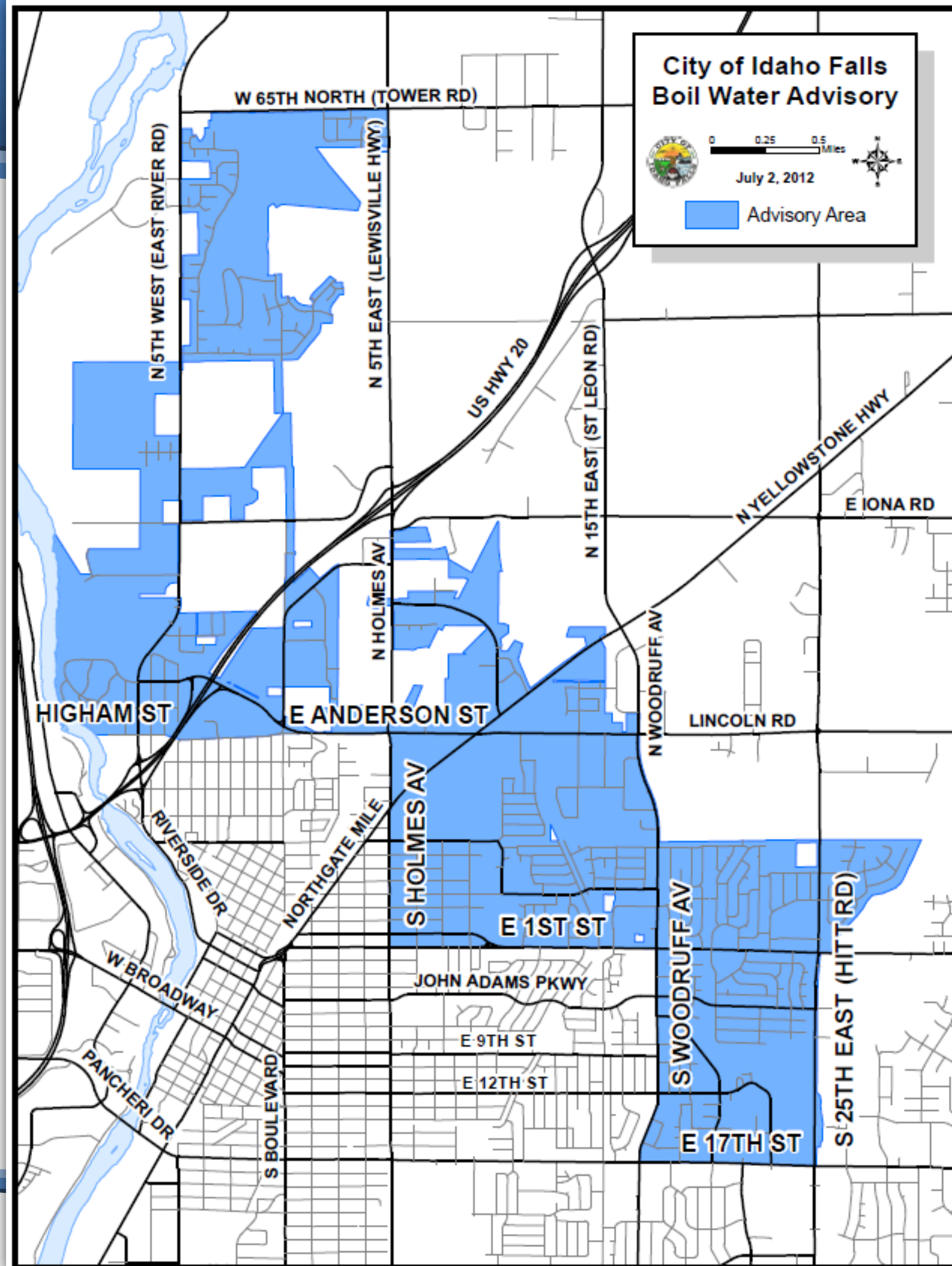


- System pressure drops at pressure point
- Central SCADA calls for booster pumps at well sites to turn on
- Booster pumps begin to drain chlorine contact tank, causing well to turn on
- Actuated butterfly valve restricts flow from booster pump to keep water level constant in chlorine contact tank
- System pressure rises at pressure point
- Central SCADA calls for booster pumps at well sites to turn off
- Wells refill contact tanks and shut down

BOIL ADVISORY – 6/2/2012

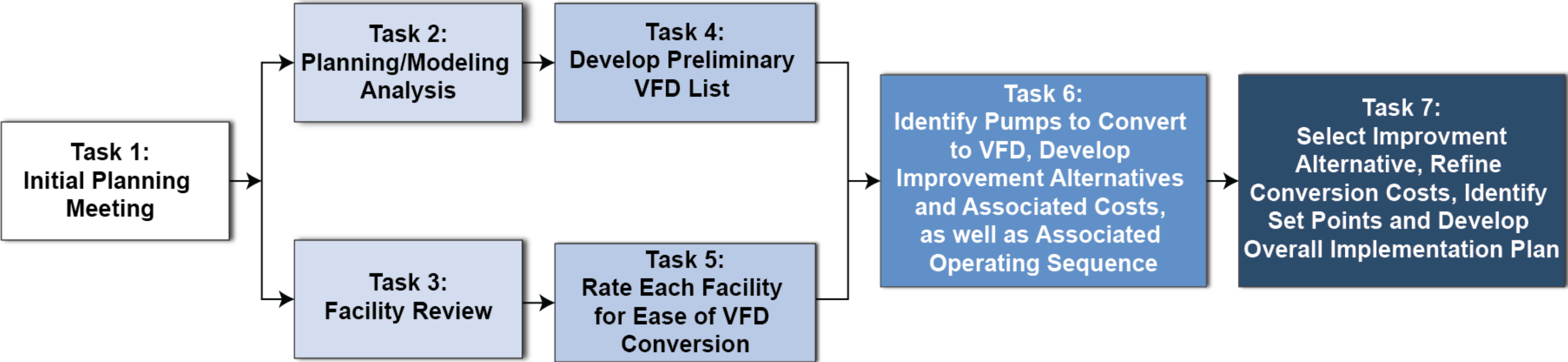
PROBLEMS WITH CURRENT CONTROL STRATEGY

- SCADA radio communication lost, system pressure increased, command sent to turn off wells, but wells didn't turn off
- Communication restored; queued commands shut all wells down in automatic control
- Radio communication lost again
- Only wells in manual control remained on
- System pressure reduced to below 20 psi for approximately 25% of service area
- Public notification issued, BAC-T samples taken
- System controlled manually for entire week while SCADA system repaired
- Could have been avoided with local control at well sites



PROJECT APPROACH

PROJECT APPROACH FLOW CHART



- ❑ **Limited budget**
 - **Limited pumps could be converted to VFD initially**
- ❑ **Large single pressure zone**
- ❑ **Remote pressure points**
- ❑ **Limited SCADA information on system operations and response**
- ❑ **Limited data on current energy use**
- ❑ **Negative O&M staff perception of VFDs**

- ❑ **City previously had system that used liquid resistance technology to vary pump speed**
- ❑ **Many issues with maintenance and operation**
- ❑ **Currently have 2 operating VFDs in System**
- ❑ **Only 1 on well/booster facility (Well 12)**



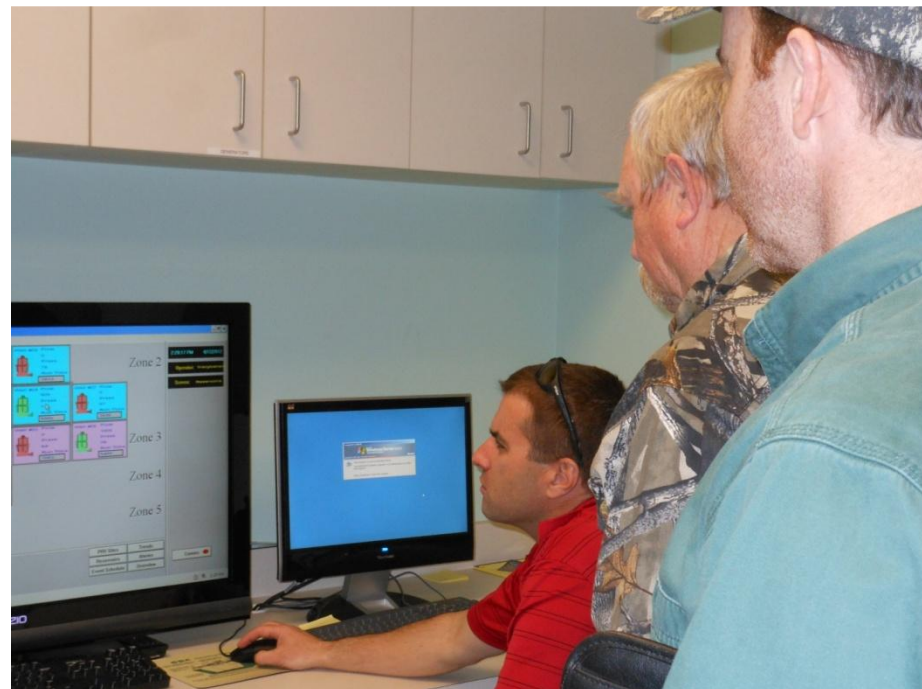
SITE VISIT - MERIDIAN, ID

- **City of Meridian**

- **Similar System**
- **VFD Driven Well Pumps**

- **Primary purpose**

- **Reduce Operator Concern about VFD technology and use**



ENERGY CONSUMPTION INCENTIVES

- Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) works with Idaho Falls Power
- BPA offers energy efficiency dollars to public utilities each year
- In 2012 the City received \$95,000 from BPA for upgrades at the WWTP
- The same program may be used for efficiency upgrades to water pumping
- Eliminating the butterfly valve operation will provide energy savings
- Must document energy improvements through before and after data
- Incentive dollars vary by year—likely monitoring in 2014 and implementation in 2015

The screenshot shows the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) website's 'Energy Efficiency' section. The page is titled 'Energy Smart Industrial' and features a navigation menu with options like 'About BPA', 'Conservation Sectors', 'Technologies', 'Energy Tips', 'Education', 'Reports & Publications', and 'Business Listing'. The main content area includes a sub-header 'Energy Smart Industrial' and a paragraph stating: 'Public utilities in the Pacific Northwest serve more than 2,000 megawatts of industrial load, and BPA has a long history of supporting and advancing energy efficiency in the region.' Below this is an icon of a factory and a paragraph describing the ESI program: 'BPA recently launched the Energy Smart Industrial (ESI) program to assist BPA utility customers and their industrial facility customers in increasing cost-effective energy efficiency savings. The program is a primary mechanism for BPA utility customers to achieve industrial load energy savings targets of 12 aMW in fiscal year 2010 and 15 aMW in fiscal year 2011 as found in the Sixth Power Plan, nearly double the energy savings that were achieved in the previous two years. The ESI program encompasses all BPA offered industrial sector programs moving forward.' A 'Benefits to utilities' section follows, explaining that the ESI program works with BPA utility customers to deliver cost-effective energy efficiency in all industrial sectors. A 'Resources' sidebar on the right lists documents such as 'ESI Fact Sheet For Utilities (PDF, 50k)', 'ESI Fact Sheet For Industrial Facilities (PDF, 195k)', 'Energy Smart Industrial FAQs (PDF, 178k)', 'ESI Utility Participants (PDF, 52KB)', and 'TSP Consultant Pool'. A link at the bottom of the main content area reads: 'Learn more about the Energy Smart Industrial program for utilities'.

FACILITY REVIEW

- ❑ **Survey given to operators for general feedback on facility condition and operational set points**
- ❑ **Used feedback along with site assessments to rate facilities**

- **Visited each facility and reviewed the following:**
 - **Available space**
 - **Structure Condition**
 - **Pump and motor compatibility with VFD**
 - **Discharge piping**
 - **HVAC**
 - **Building electrical (outside motor control)**

FACILITY REVIEW – AVAILABLE SPACE



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FACILITY REVIEW – STRUCTURE CONDITION



FACILITY REVIEW – PUMP AND MOTOR



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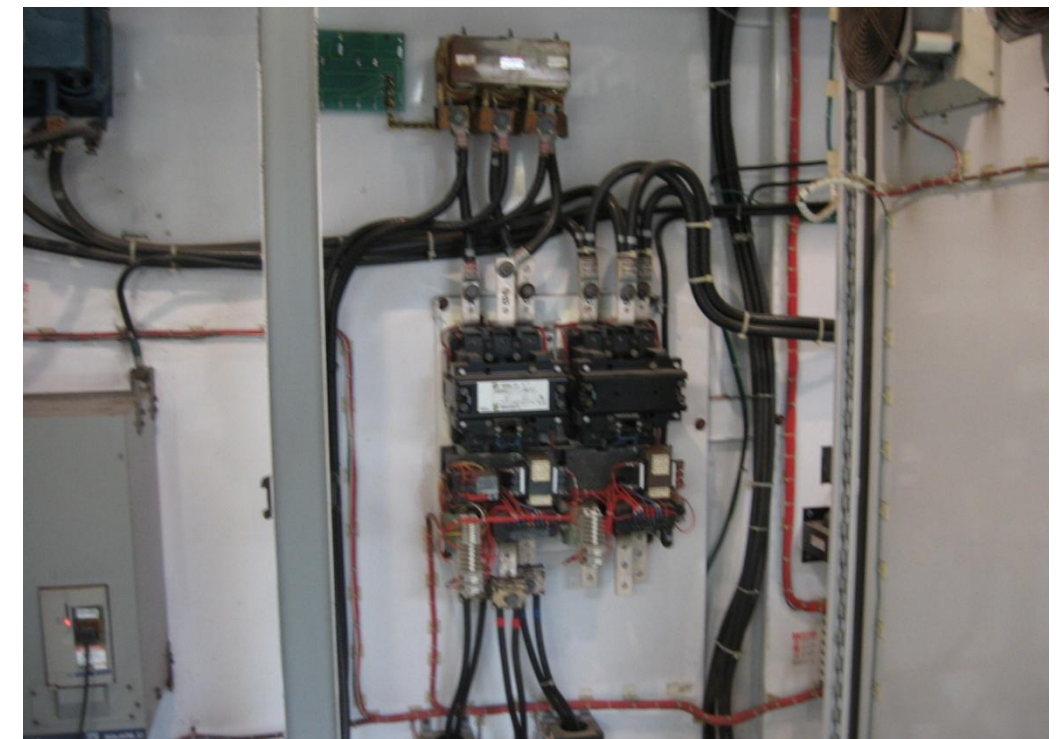
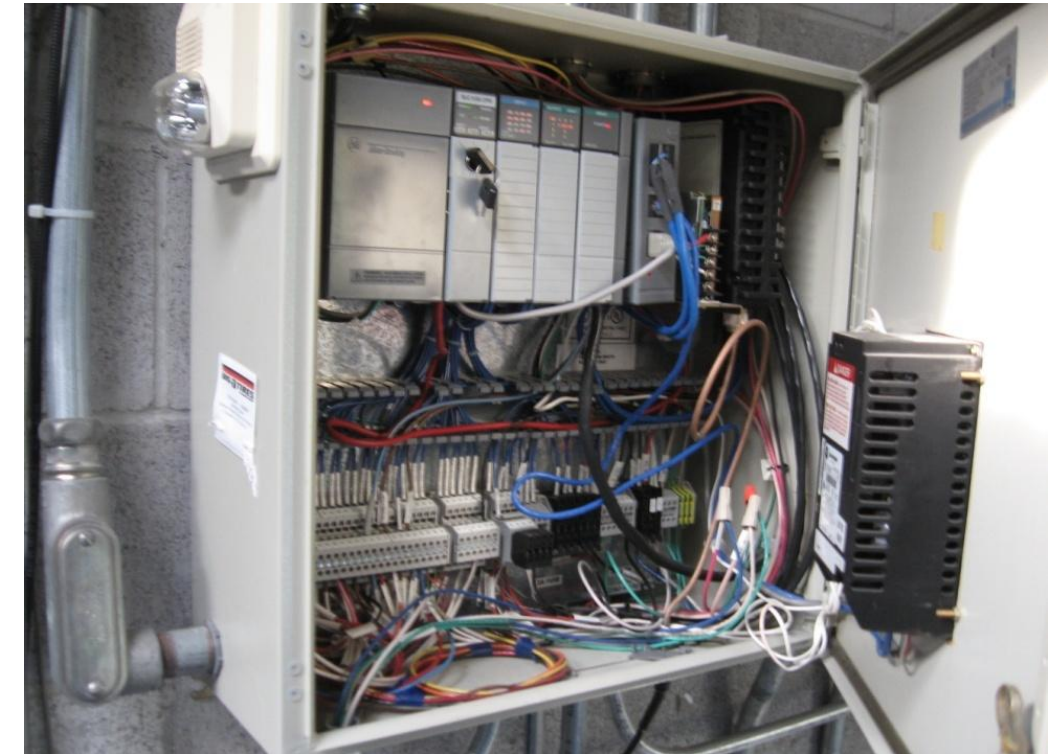


FACILITY REVIEW – HVAC



FACILITY REVIEW – ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Booster System	Electrical Upgrades	
	Most Recent	Planned
1	2002	2022
2	2001	2021
3	1995	2015
4	1996	2016
5	1997	2017
6	2012	2032
7		
8	2000	2020
9	1994	2014
10	1994	2014
11	2011	2031
13	2005	2025
14	2011	2031
15	1982	2002
16	1991	2011
17	1994	2014



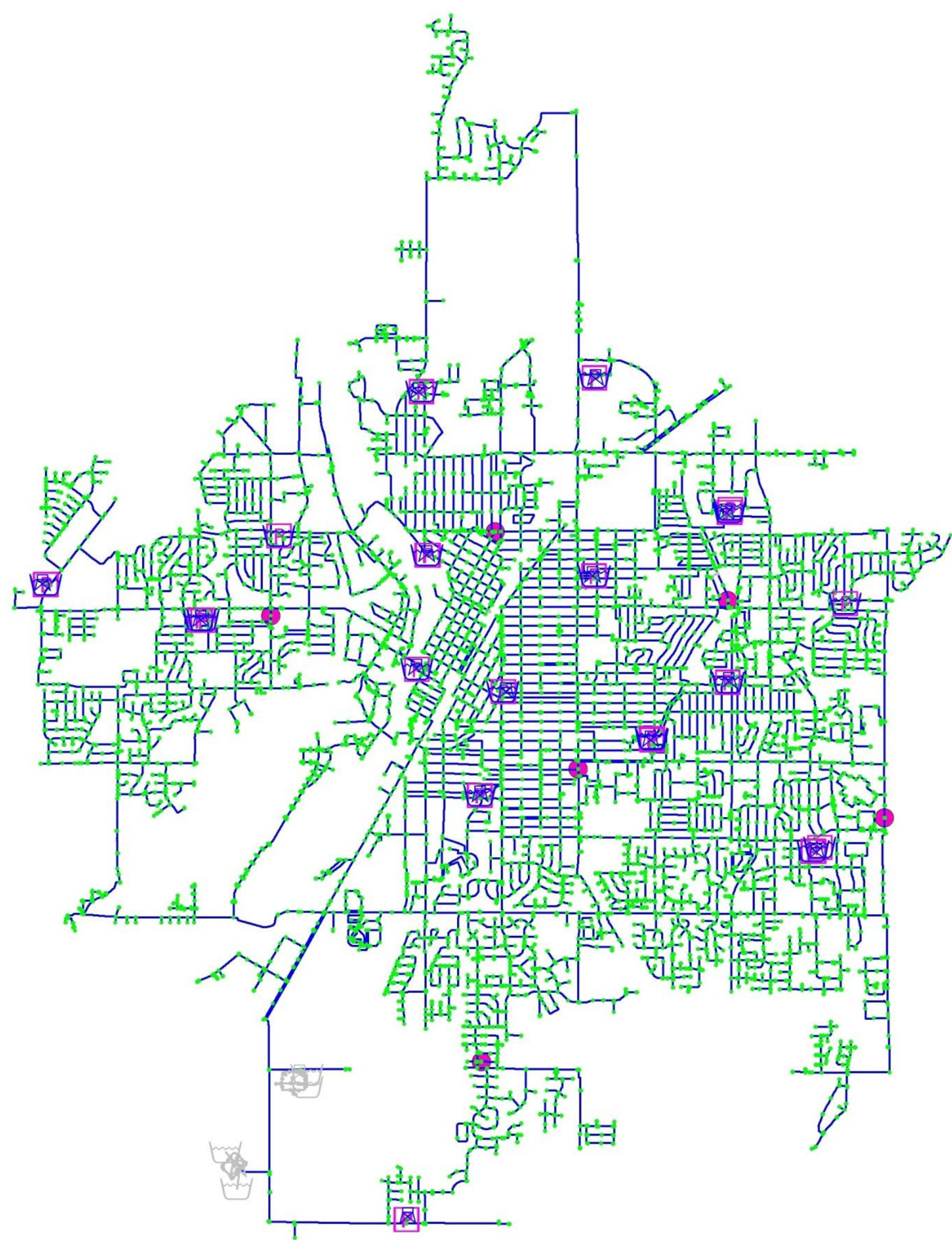
FACILITY RANKING

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PLANNING & MODELING

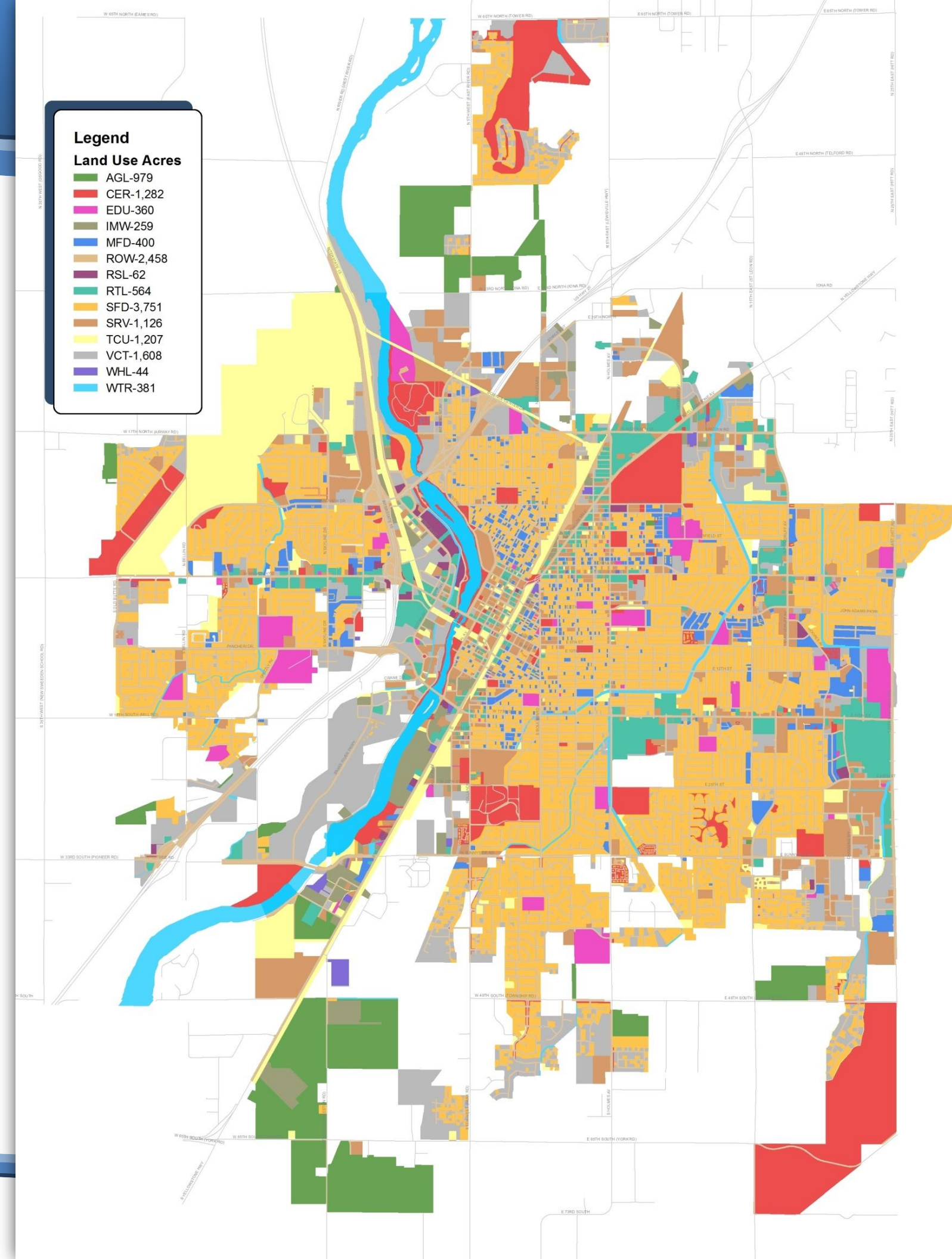
THE MODEL

- ❑ Created from GIS
- ❑ Challenging Demand Allocation
- ❑ Scenarios for different demand requirements



DEMAND DEVELOPMENT

- ❑ Water production known
- ❑ Non-revenue water estimated
- ❑ Land use acreage determined
- ❑ Billing records used for number of connections per land use type
- ❑ Textbook per capita indoor demands by land use assumed
- ❑ Outdoor water use estimated by landscaped acreage
- ❑ Per acre demand allocated by land use type

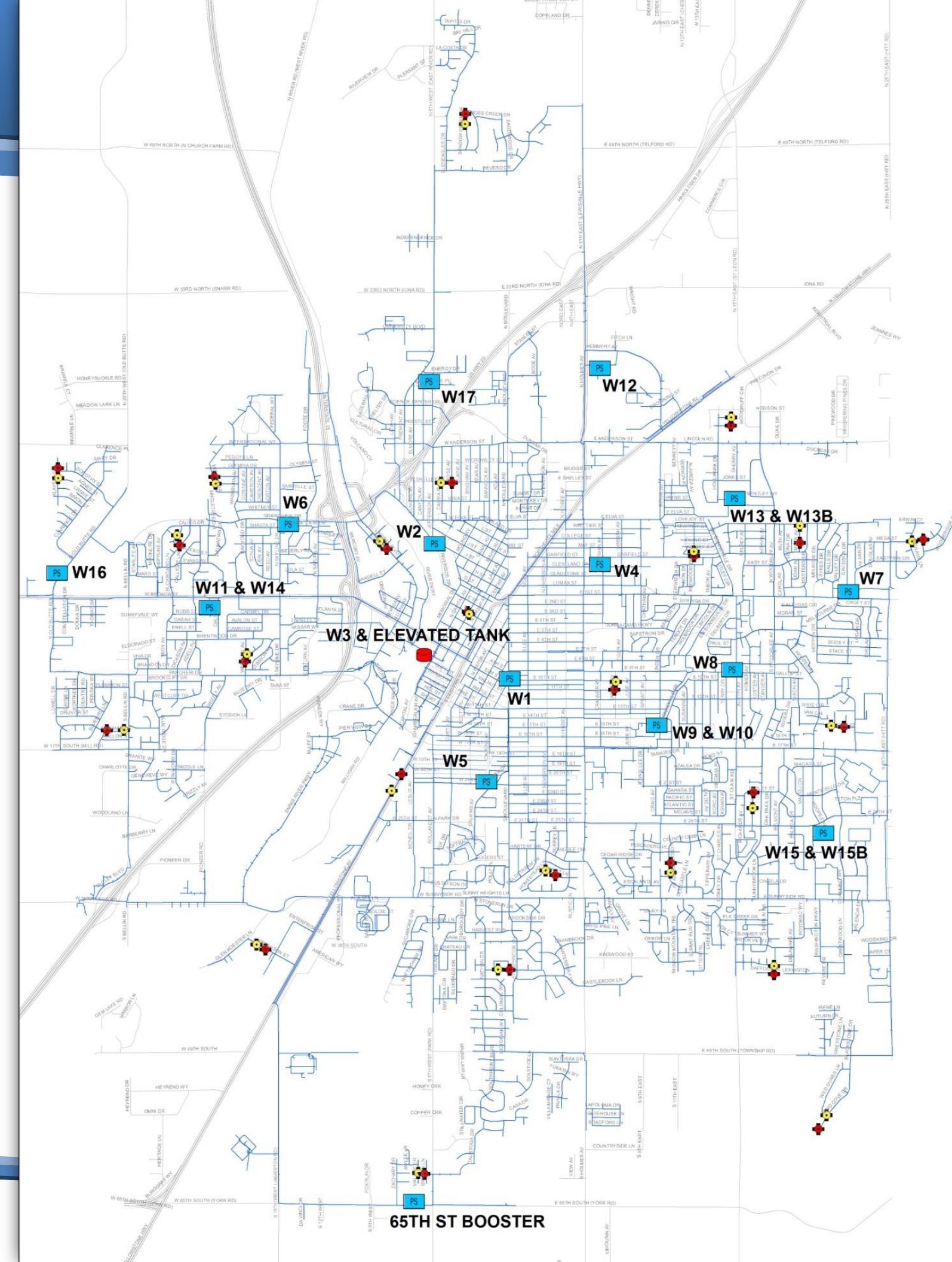


DEMAND DEVELOPMENT

Land Use	Total Acres	Coefficient	Irrigated Acres	Outdoor Use		Indoor Use		Indoor and Outdoor Use	
				(MG/day)	(acre-ft/day)	(MG/day)	(acre-ft/day)	(MG/day)	(acre-ft/day)
SFD	3751.00	0.65	2438.15	9.457	29.025	4.480	13.751	13.938	42.775
MFD/RSL	462.00	0.40	184.80	0.717	2.200	0.913	2.803	1.630	5.003
RTL/SRV/WHL/IMW/TCU (excluding churches & airport)	2320	0.15	348.00	1.350	4.143	3.460	10.619	4.810	14.762
<i>Metered</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>0.840</i>	<i>2.578</i>		<i>N/A</i>
<i>Non-Metered</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>2.620</i>	<i>8.041</i>		<i>N/A</i>
INL	1240.00	N/A	291.06	1.129	3.465	0.281	0.863	1.410	4.327
<i>Airport</i>	<i>678.72</i>	<i>0.05</i>	<i>33.94</i>	<i>0.132</i>	<i>0.404</i>	<i>0.003</i>	<i>0.010</i>	<i>0.135</i>	<i>0.414</i>
<i>Elementary Schools</i>						<i>0.081</i>	<i>0.248</i>	<i>0.784</i>	<i>2.405</i>
<i>Jr. High School</i>						<i>0.044</i>	<i>0.135</i>	<i>0.044</i>	<i>0.135</i>
<i>High School</i>						<i>0.045</i>	<i>0.137</i>	<i>0.045</i>	<i>0.137</i>
<i>College</i>						<i>0.032</i>	<i>0.098</i>	<i>0.032</i>	<i>0.098</i>
<i>Church</i>	<i>187.70</i>	<i>0.36</i>	<i>67.57</i>	<i>0.262</i>	<i>0.804</i>	<i>0.077</i>	<i>0.235</i>	<i>0.339</i>	<i>1.040</i>
<i>Other</i>	<i>55.68</i>	<i>0.15</i>	<i>8.35</i>	<i>0.032</i>	<i>0.099</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>0.032</i>	<i>0.099</i>
PRK	1282.00	0.90	1153.80	4.475	13.735	0.000	0.000	4.475	13.735
ROW	2458.00	0.10	245.80	0.953	2.926	0.000	0.000	0.953	2.926
Total Indoor & Irrigation Use								27.217	83.529
Outdoor Construction								1.408	4.321
Non-Revenue Water								3.169	9.726
Total Irrigation Season Daily Use								31.794	97.576

MODEL CALIBRATION

- ❑ **Fire Flow Testing in August 2012**
- ❑ **Calibration challenges**
 - **Lack of demand information**
 - **Status of butterfly valves**
 - **Collecting accurate pump/well status from SCADA**
 - **Status of system valves**
 - **Unmetered construction water**



VFD FUNCTIONALITY IN MODEL

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New Close Close All Exit VSP Control

VSP Control

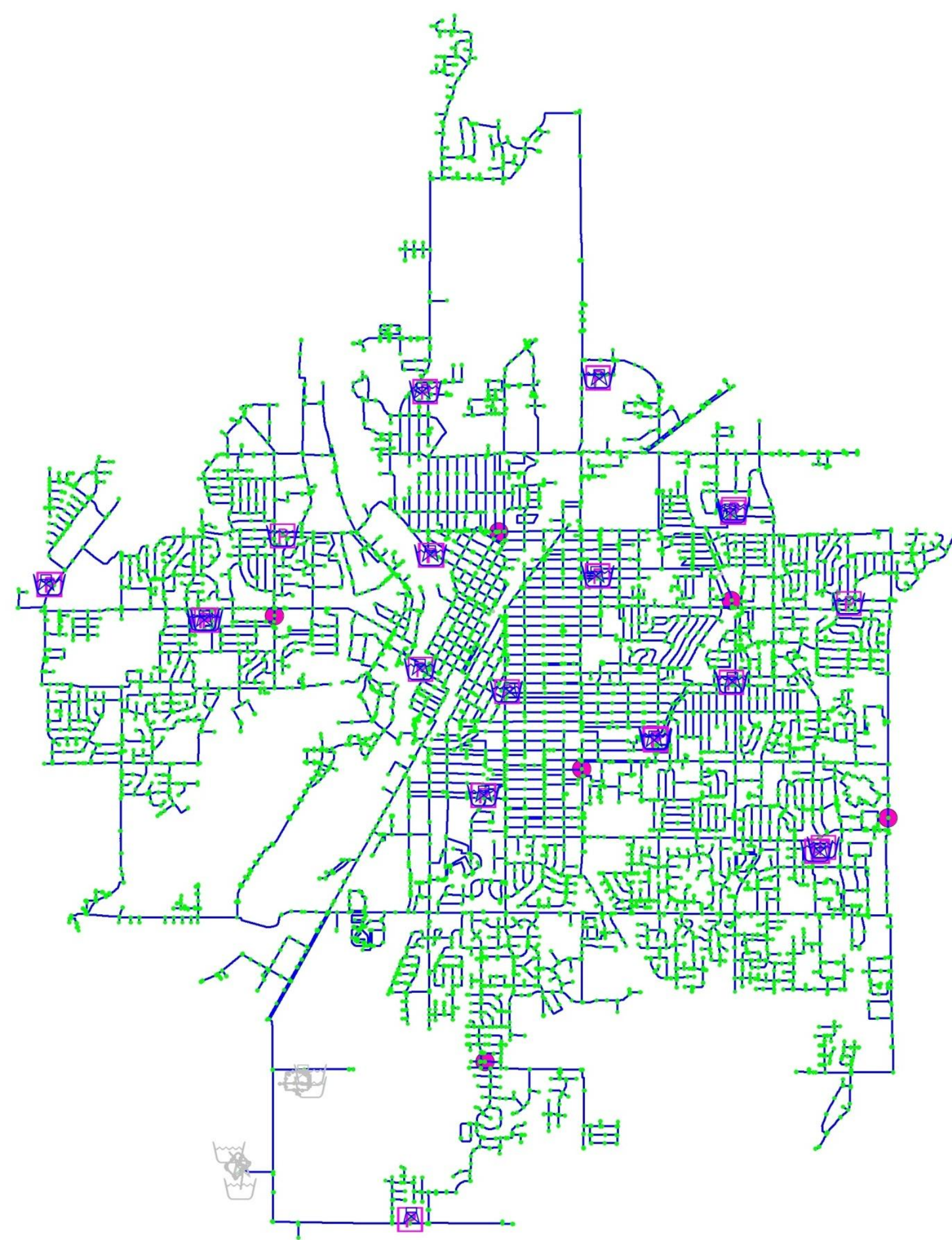
* CALIBRATION3 *	ID (Char)	Control Type (Int)	Control Setting (Double)	Control Element (Char)
1	W10_BP	0: Non-VSP	67.00	PP3
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3	W11_BP	0: Non-VSP	65.00	PP1
4	W11_WP	0: Non-VSP	0.00	
5	W12_BP	0: Non-VSP	68.00	PP4
6	W12_WP	0: Non-VSP	0.00	
7	W13B_WP	0: Non-VSP	0.00	
8	W13_BP1	2: Junction Pressure	67.00	PP4
9	W13_BP2	0: Non-VSP	63.00	PP4
10	W13_BP3	0: Non-VSP	0.00	
11	W13_WP	0: Non-VSP	0.00	
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13	W14_WP	0: Non-VSP	0.00	
14	W15B_WP	0: Non-VSP	0.00	
15	W15_BP1	2: Junction Pressure	69.00	PP3
16	W15_BP2	0: Non-VSP	58.00	PP5
17	W15_BP3	0: Non-VSP	54.00	PP3
18	W15_WP	0: Non-VSP	0.00	
19	W16_BP1	2: Junction Pressure	68.00	PP1
20	W16_BP2	0: Non-VSP	62.00	PP1
21	W16_WP	0: Non-VSP	0.00	

Required Information:

- **Pump Control Types**
 - Non-VSP
 - Discharge Pressure
 - Junction Pressure
 - Pump Flow
- **Setting**
- **Control Element**
- **Maximum Speed**

MODEL CONSIDERATIONS

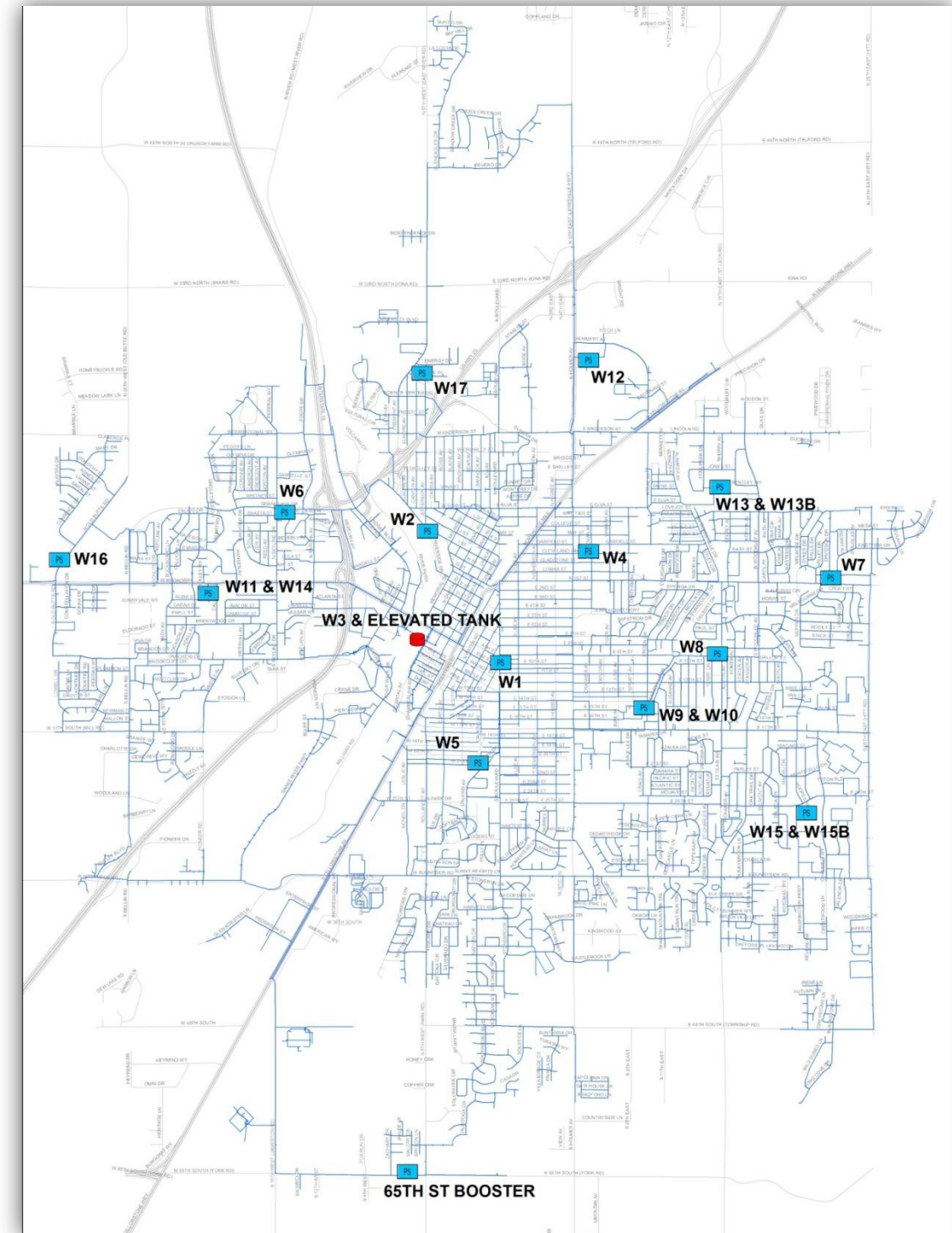
1. **Booster pump capacity**
2. **Historical pump usage**
3. **Geographic location in system**
4. **Multiple pumps at same site**
5. **Ability to meet range of winter, shoulder season and summer demands**
6. **Elevated tank status**
7. **Well and booster pump capacity relationship**



PLANNING & MODELING PRIORITIZATION

VFD Preferences

- On periphery of system
- Minimize influence of elevated tank
- Controlled by local pressure, not a remote pressure point or tank level
- Implement multiple VFDs simultaneously (3 proposed) to enable consistent system operations
- Convert single pump to VFD in each booster location (e.g. 1 VFD and 2-3 constant speed)

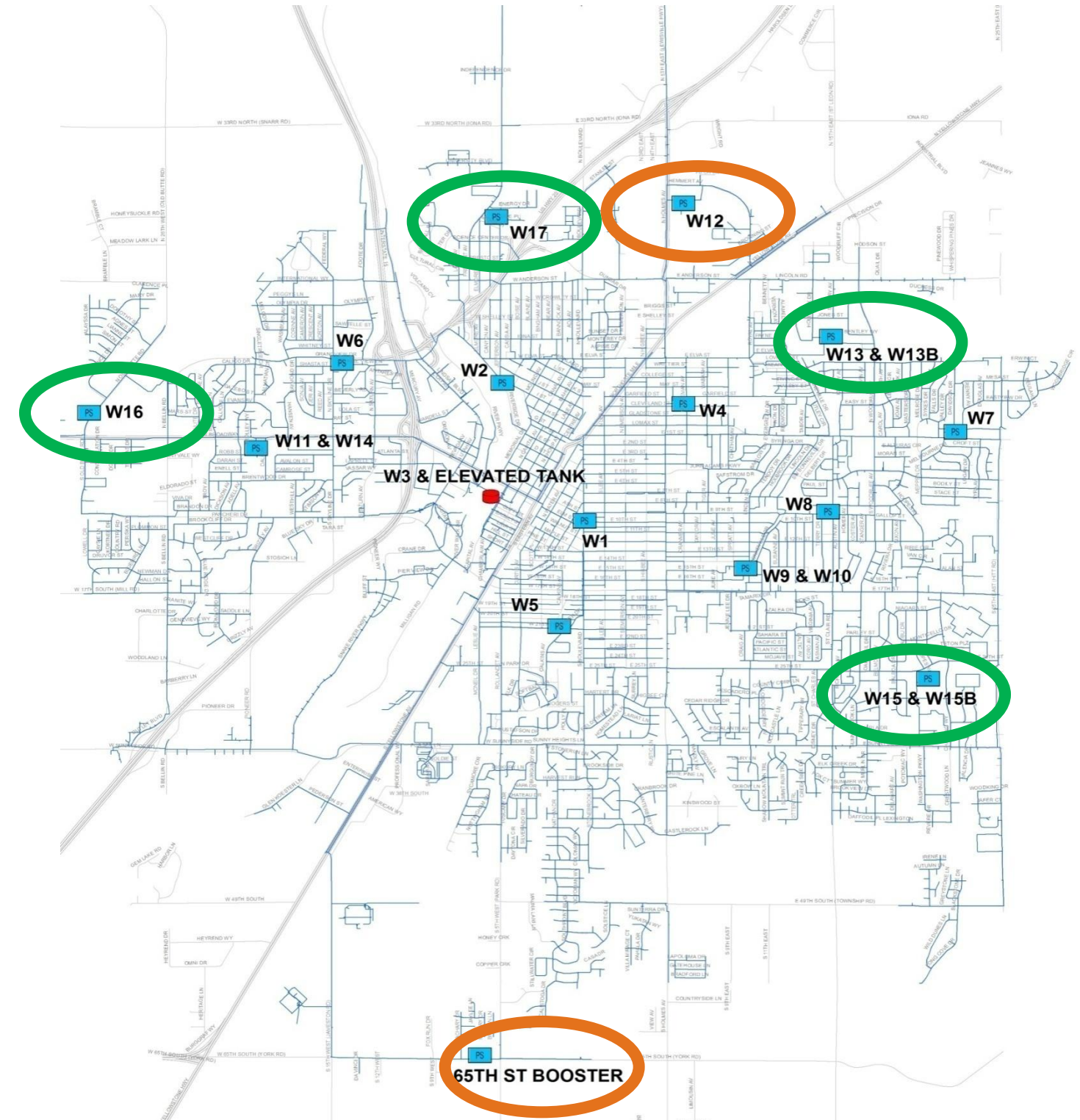


PLANNING & MODELING SUMMARY

Wells 12, 13, 15, 16 & 17 meet the requirements

- Separated from elevated tank
- Reasonable booster pump sizes to work with
- Periphery of system
- Good system coverage
- Facilities are regularly used

Target 2 – 3 locations to convert at same time



PRELIMINARY SELECTION AND CONCEPTS

FACILITY RANKING AND MODEL PRIORITIES

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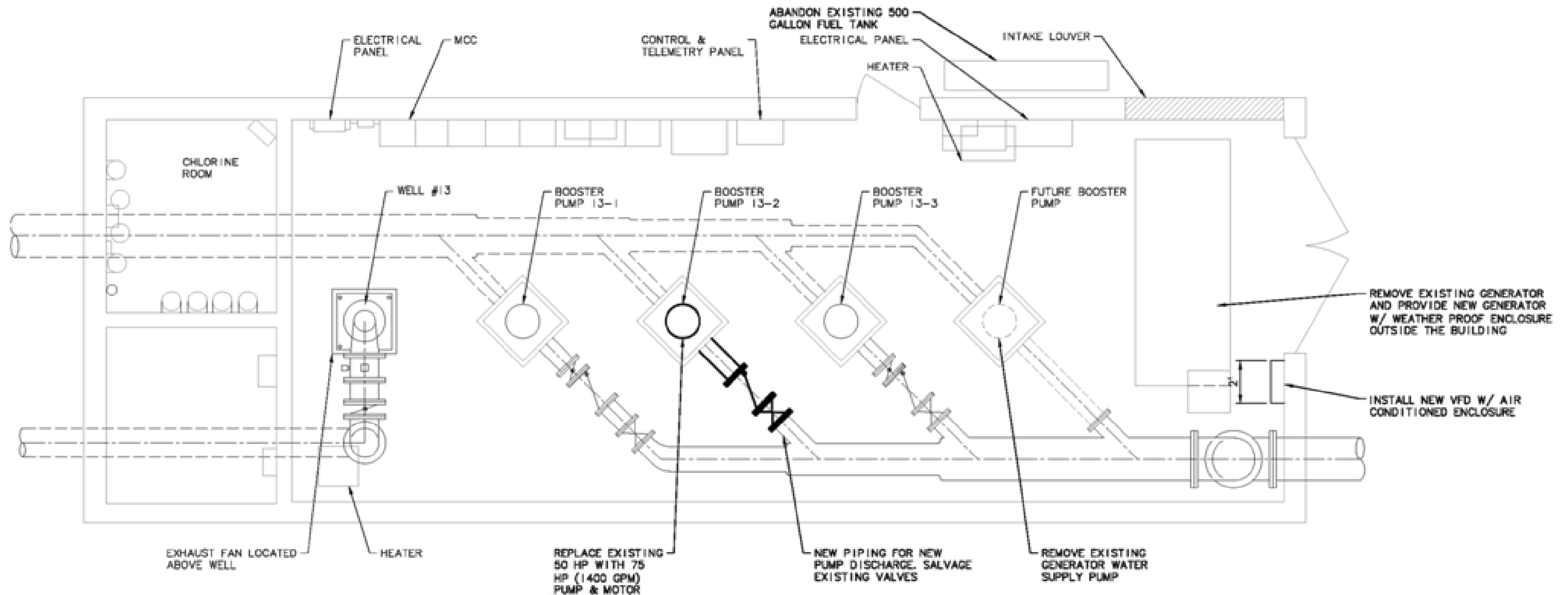
IMPROVEMENT CONCEPT OPTIONS

- ❑ **Convert existing smallest pump to VFD or replace smallest pump with VFD pump of equal capacity**
- ❑ **Replace smallest pump with VFD pump of larger capacity**
- ❑ **Add VFD pump to facility**

WELL 13 – OPTION 1

– Replace smallest existing pump

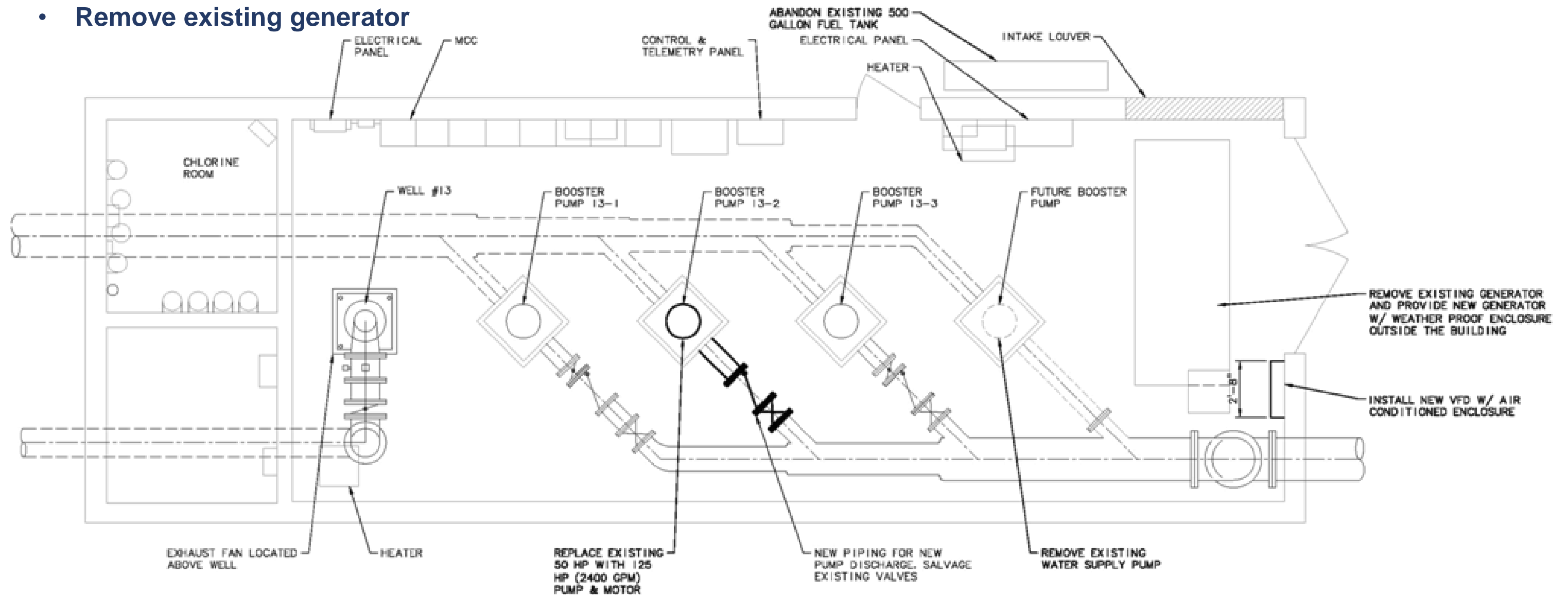
- 50 hp to 75 hp
- New valves at pump discharge
- Remove existing generator



WELL 13 – OPTION 2

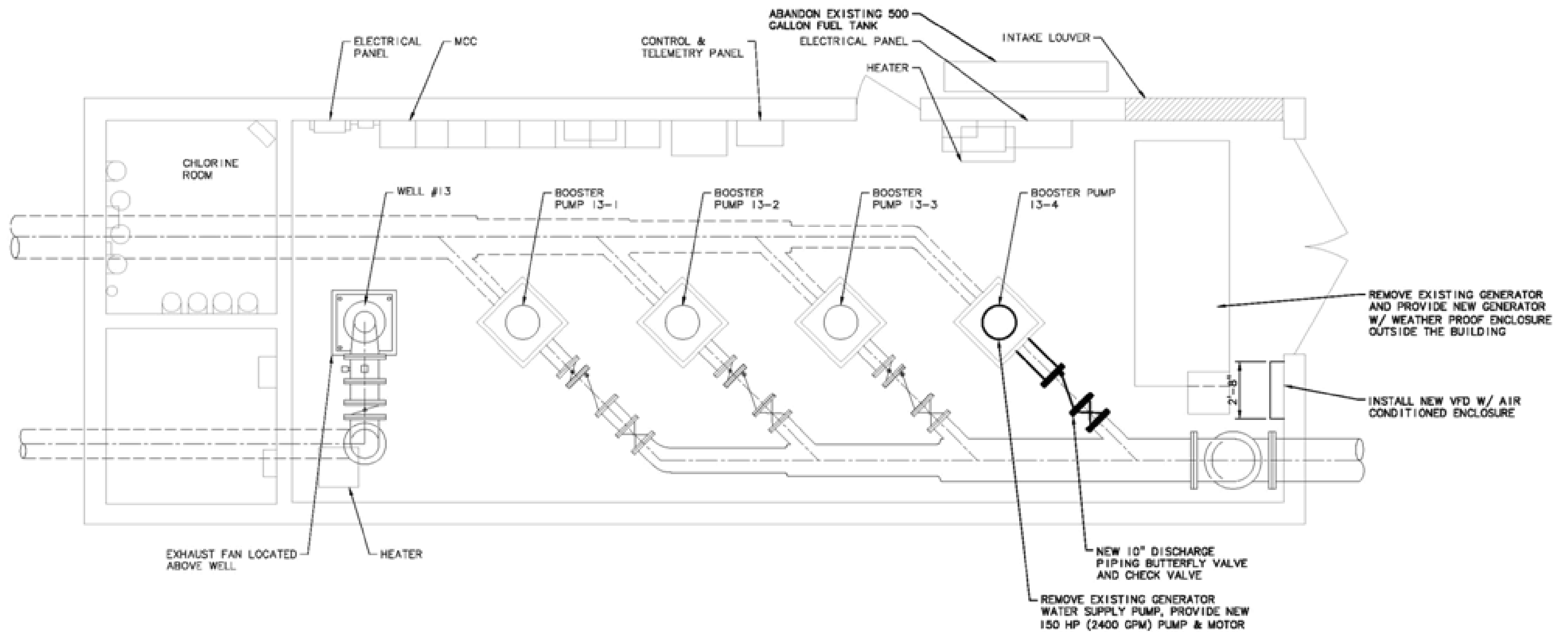
– Replace smallest existing pump

- Increase capacity from 1,400 gpm to 2,400 gpm
- New valves at pump discharge
- Remove existing generator



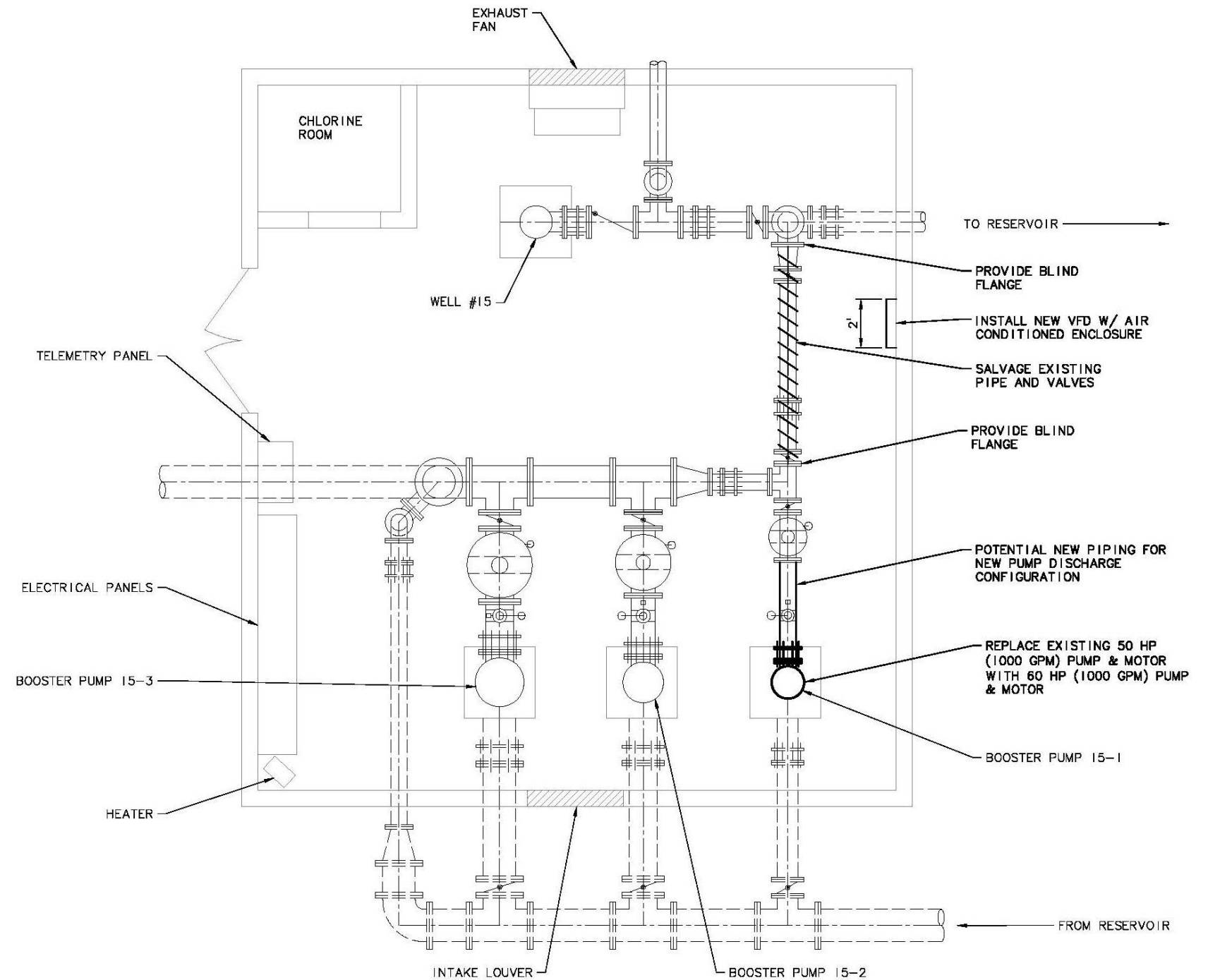
WELL 13 – OPTION 3

- Add fourth pump to system
 - Capacity of 2,400 gpm
 - Remove existing generator



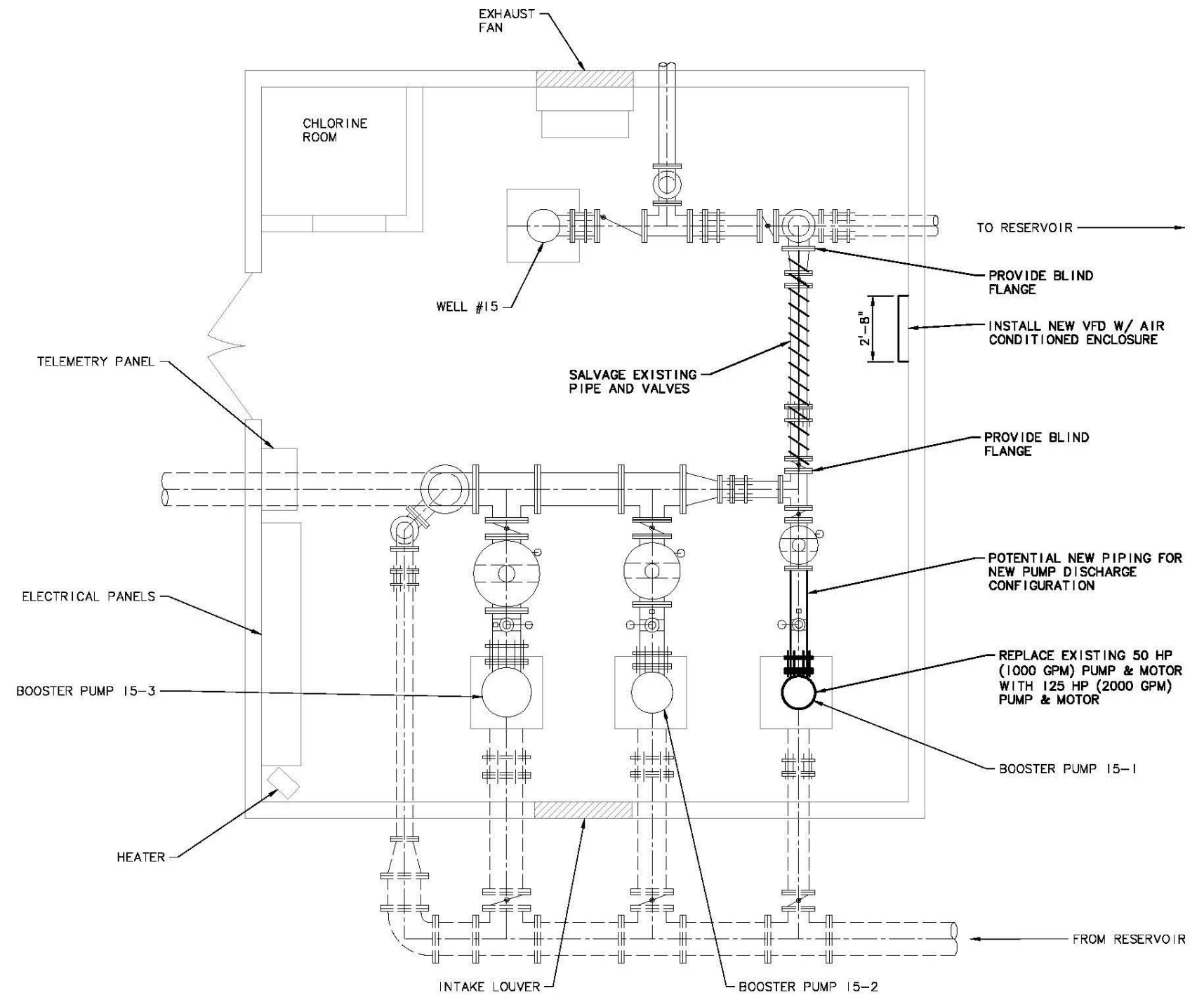
WELL 15 – OPTION 1

- Replace smallest pump
 - Capacity of 1,000 gpm
- Remove direct connection from well to discharge piping into the system.
 - Provide space to VFD without building modifications



WELL 15 – OPTION 2

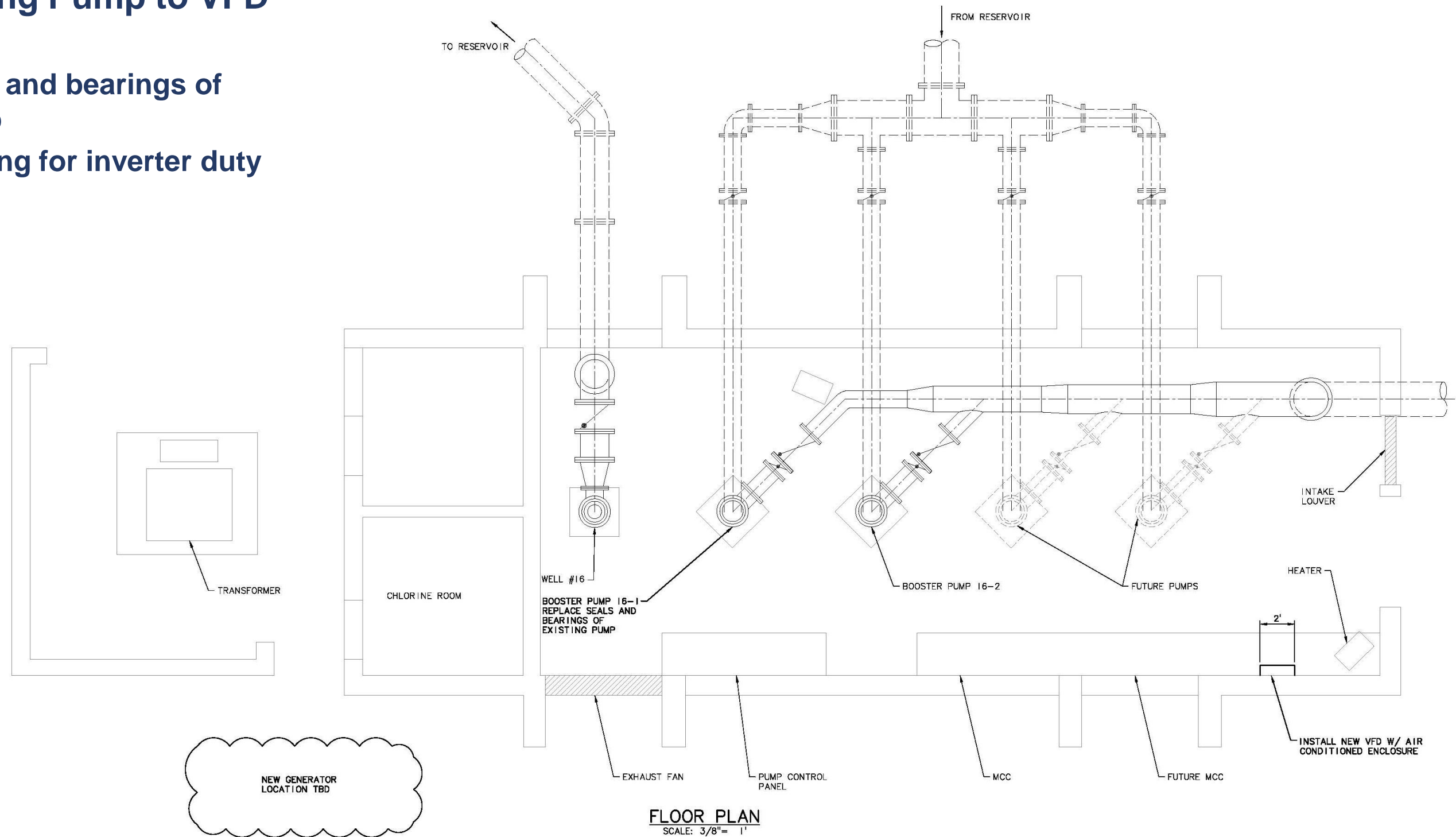
- Replace smallest pump
 - Increase capacity from 1,000 gpm to 2,000 gpm
- Remove direct connection from well to discharge piping into the system.
 - Provide space to VFD without building modifications



WELL 16 – OPTION 1

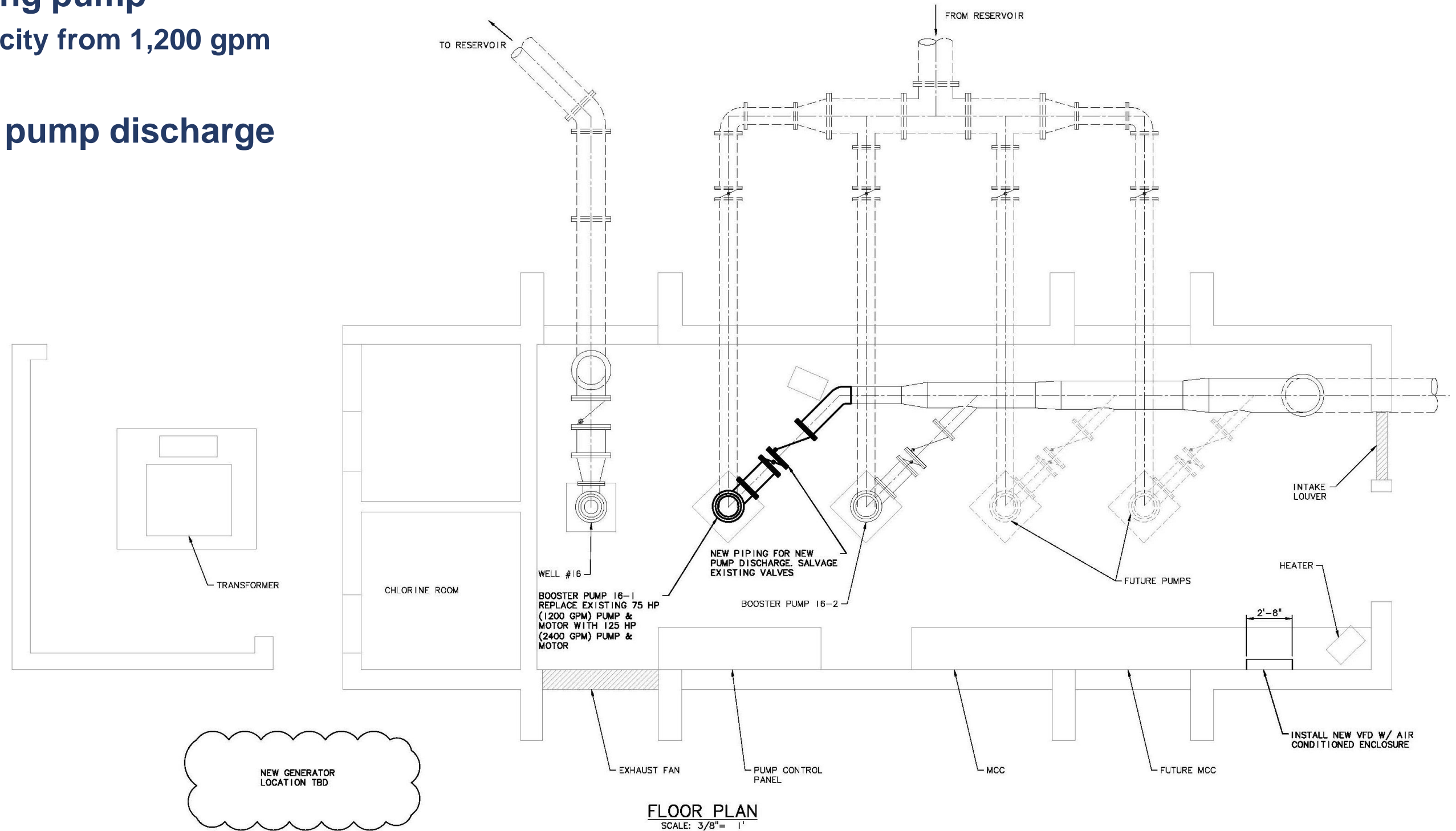
– Convert existing Pump to VFD operation

- Replace seals and bearings of existing pump
- Motor rewinding for inverter duty rating



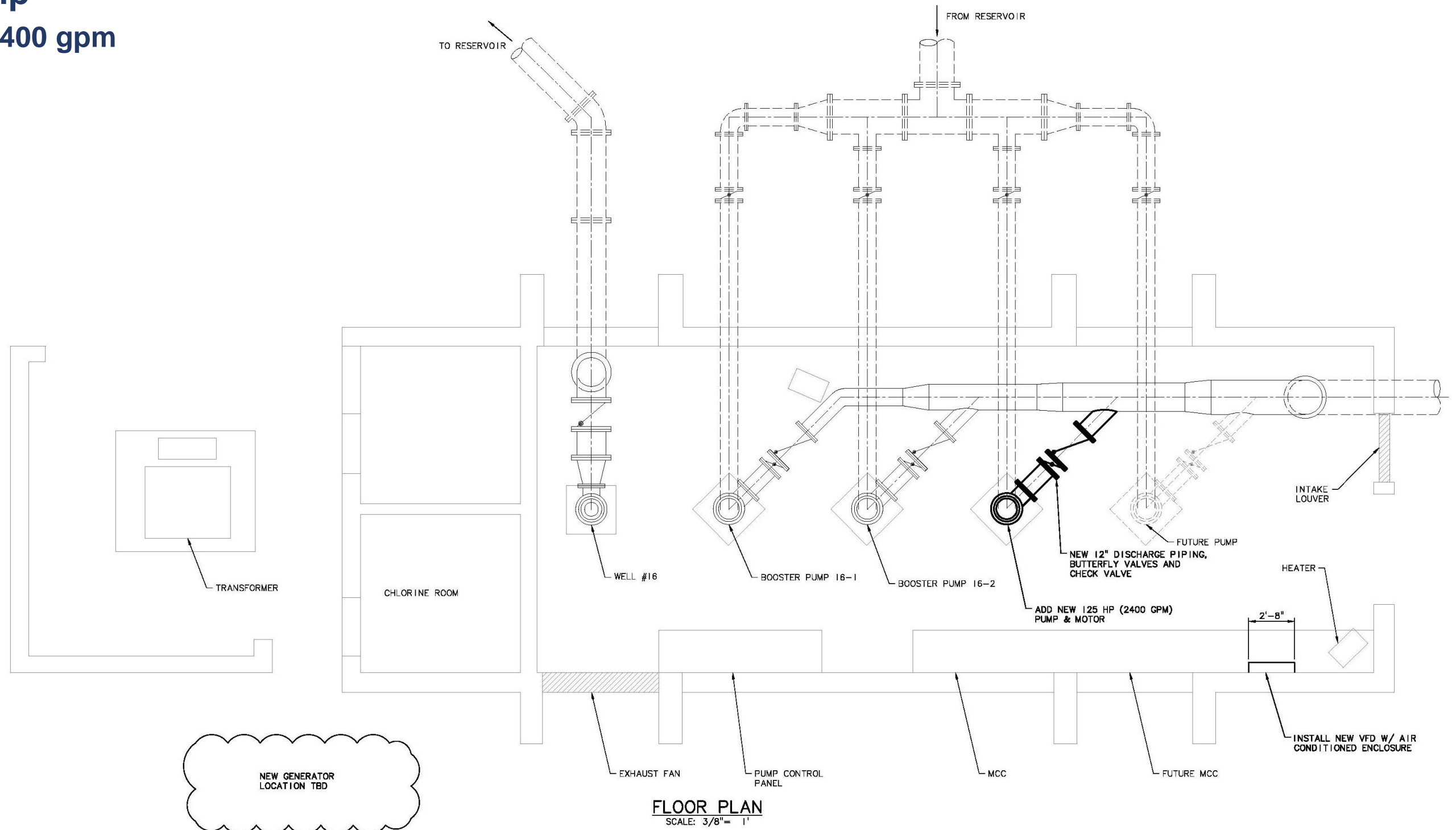
WELL 16 – OPTION 2

- Replace existing pump
 - Increase capacity from 1,200 gpm to 3,400 gpm
- New valves at pump discharge



WELL 16 – OPTION 3

- Add third pump
 - Capacity of 2,400 gpm



IMPROVEMENT CONCEPT COSTS

- ❑ **Well 13: \$180k – \$200k**
- ❑ **Well 15: \$170k - \$190k**
- ❑ **Well 16: \$ 96k - \$170k**
 - **Low cost option uses existing pump**
- ❑ **Cost for emergency generator is not included**
- ❑ **Leverage electrical upgrade budget for VFD implementation**

- ❑ **IDAPA 58.01.08.003.15.f requires standby power if standby storage of 8 hours of ADD is not provided**
- ❑ **City needs approximately 4 MGD of additional flow provided with standby power**



- ❑ **Improvement concepts included new generators to help provide emergency power to all pumps in each facility**
- ❑ **Well 13**
 - **750-800 kW**
- ❑ **Well 15**
 - **200 kW (Well 15b only)**
- ❑ **Well 16**
 - **500 – 600 kW**

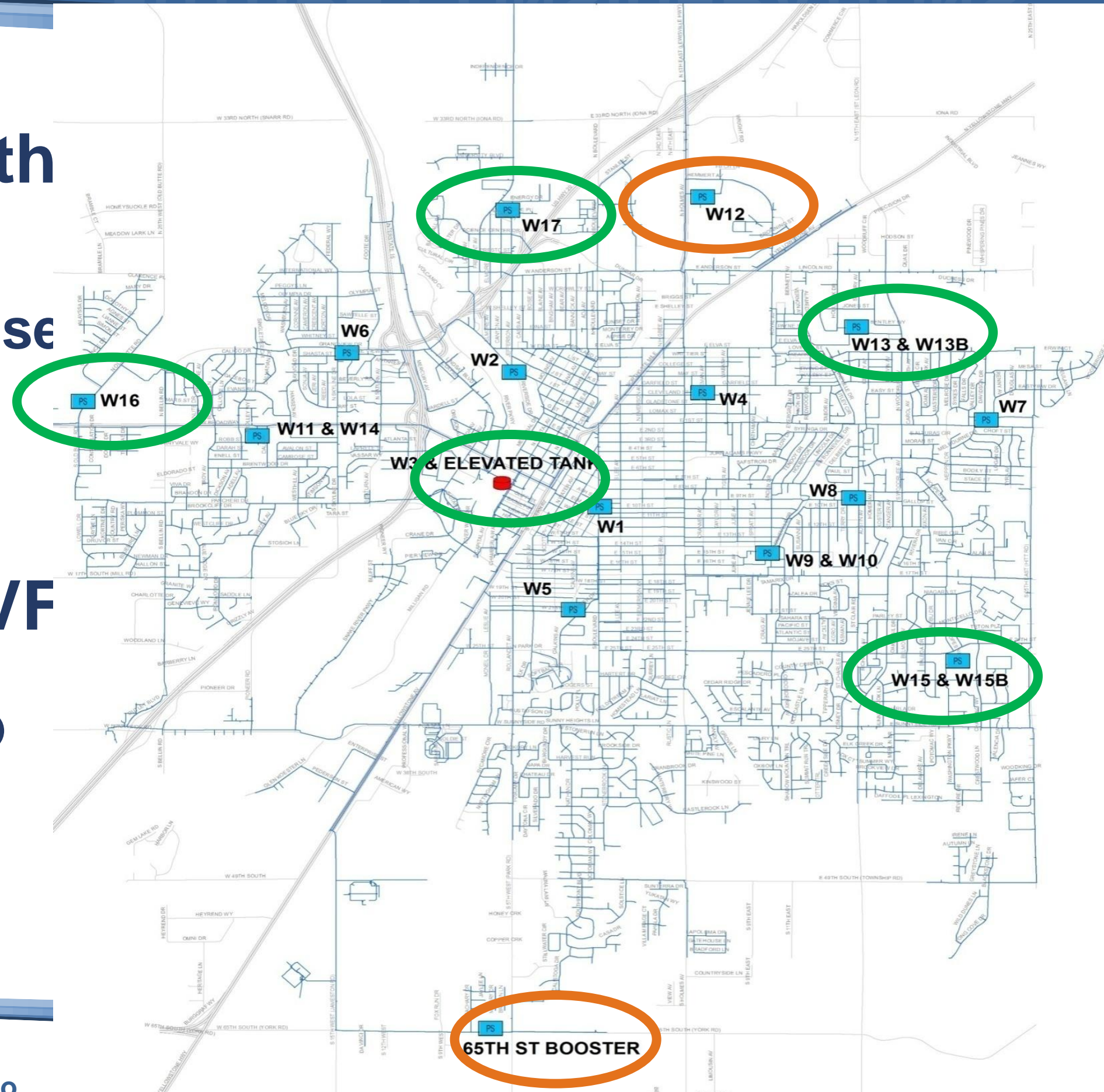


IMPROVEMENT CONCEPT CONCLUSION

- ❑ **City would like to move forward with options that provide largest pump for each facility**
 - Offers wider flow range than using existing pumps
- ❑ **Implement 2 – 3 facilities concurrently**
 - Allows for better system coverage
 - Potentially defers additional conversions
 - Stability in system operations while staff learn how to operate
 - Fits in available budget

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

- ❑ Add well to the 65th Street Facility
 - Allowing full year use
- ❑ Eliminate the elevated tank and convert Well 3 to VF
- ❑ Convert Well 17 to VFD



NEXT STEPS

- ❑ **Preliminary Design**
- ❑ **Refine Project Costs**
- ❑ **Determine potential system operation strategies to utilize proposed VFD sites**
- ❑ **Implement in FY2014 or FY2015 depending on budget availability**