

# Appendix D

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Tribal Consultation



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Amah Mutsun Tribal Band  
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Via email: [aerieways@aol.com](mailto:aerieways@aol.com)

RE: Assembly Bill 52 Notification, Fiber to the Premises Project, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California

Dear Honorable Vice-Chairperson Ketchum,

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RE: Assembly Bill 52 Notification, Fiber to the Premises Project, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California

Dear Honorable Chairperson Lopez,

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RE: Assembly Bill 52 Notification, Fiber to the Premises Project, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California

Dear Honorable Chairperson Zwierlein,

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RE: Assembly Bill 52 Notification, Fiber to the Premises Project, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California

Dear Sayers-Roods,

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RE: Assembly Bill 52 Notification, Fiber to the Premises Project, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California

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RE: Assembly Bill 52 Notification, Fiber to the Premises Project, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California

Dear Honorable Chairperson Nijmeh,

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RE: Assembly Bill 52 Notification, Fiber to the Premises Project, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California  
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Dear Honorable Vice Chairwoman Arellano:

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RE: Assembly Bill 52 Notification, Fiber to the Premises Project, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California

Dear Mr. Galvan:

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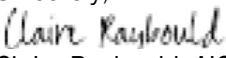
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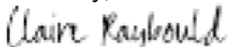
Dear Honorable Chairperson Geary,

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The Project must comply with California Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1 (Assembly Bill [AB] 52 of 2014), which requires local governments to conduct meaningful consultation with California Native American tribes that have requested to be notified by lead agencies of proposed projects in the geographic area with which the tribe is traditionally and culturally affiliated. The City of Palo Alto is sending this letter because the Native American Heritage Commission has provided your name as a representative of a tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project and because you have requested to be contacted regarding projects within the City's jurisdiction. Tamien Nation's input is important to the City of Palo Alto's planning process. The City would appreciate any information you are willing to share confidentially regarding Native American cultural resources located in or near the proposed project area that may be affected by project activities. We also welcome your questions and comments regarding the proposed project.

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Sincerely,

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The Ohlone Indian Tribe  
Vincent Medina, Cultural Leader  
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San Lorenzo, California, 94580  
Via email: [vincent.d.medina@gmail.com](mailto:vincent.d.medina@gmail.com)

RE: Assembly Bill 52 Notification, Fiber to the Premises Project, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California

Dear Mr. Medina,

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Tamien Nation  
Lillian Camarena, Secretary  
336 Percy Street  
Madera, California, 93638  
Via email: [Lcamarena@tamien.org](mailto:Lcamarena@tamien.org)

RE: Assembly Bill 52 Notification, Fiber to the Premises Project, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California

Dear Ms. Camarena,

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Johnathan Wasaka Costillas, THPO  
PO Box 866  
Clearlake Oaks, California 94523  
Via email: [hpo@tamien.org](mailto:hpo@tamien.org)

RE: Assembly Bill 52 Notification, Fiber to the Premises Project, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California

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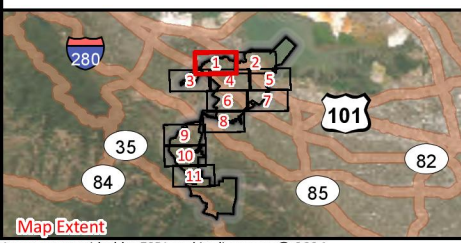
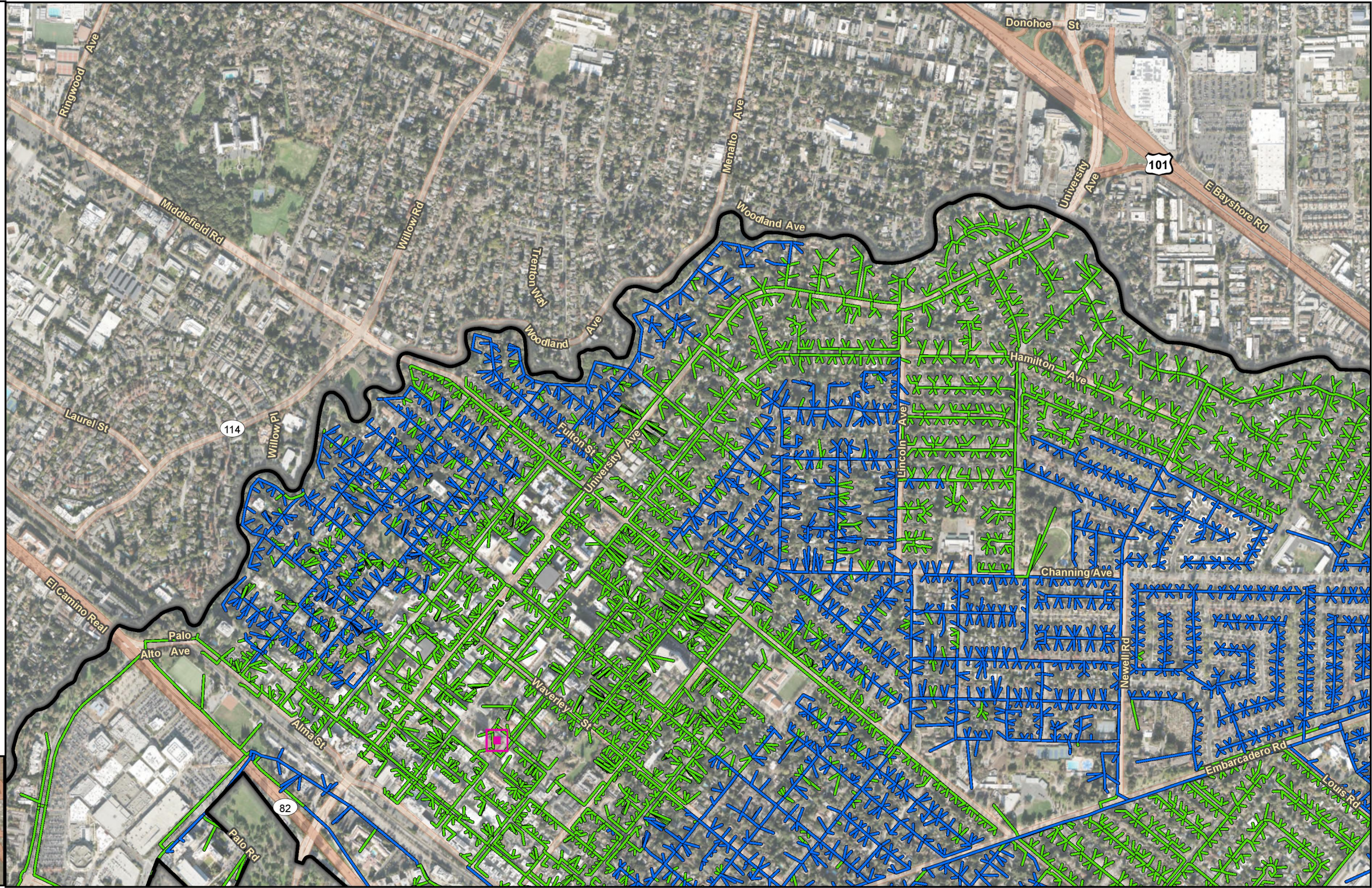
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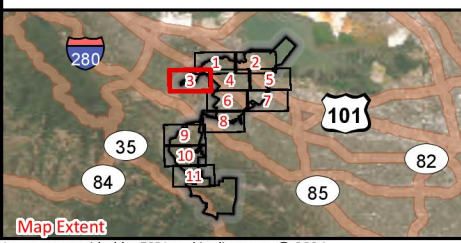
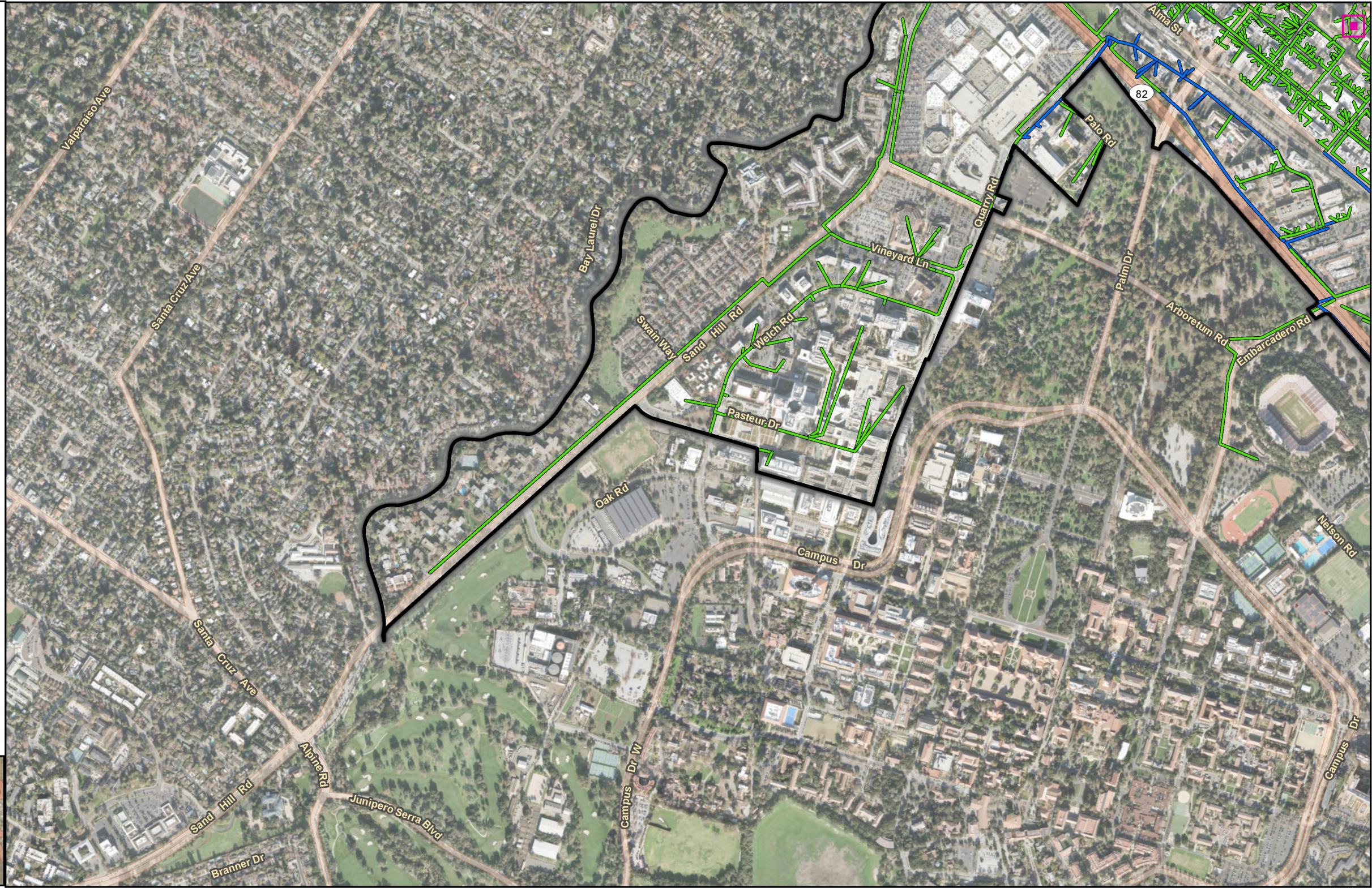


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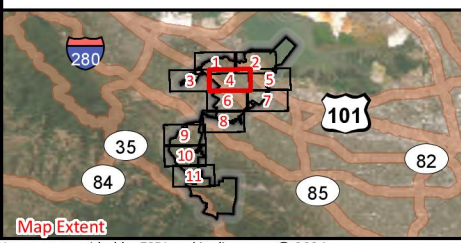


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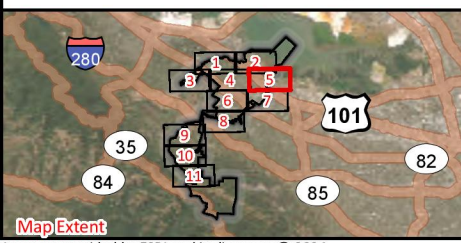


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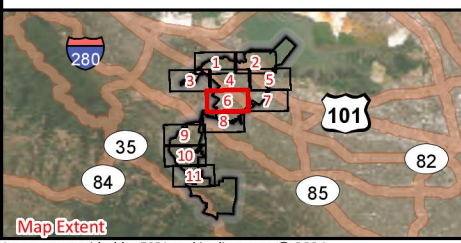


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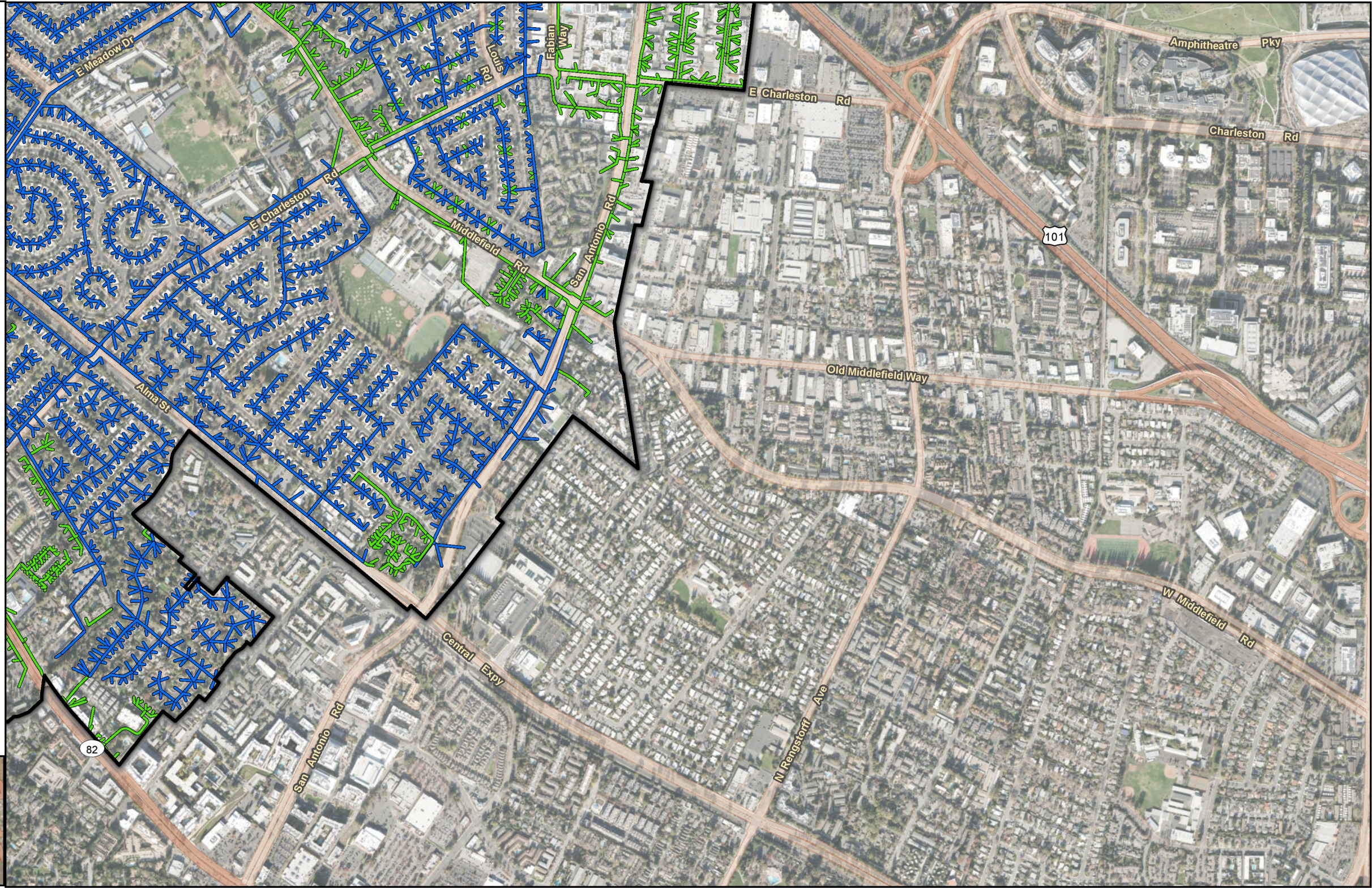
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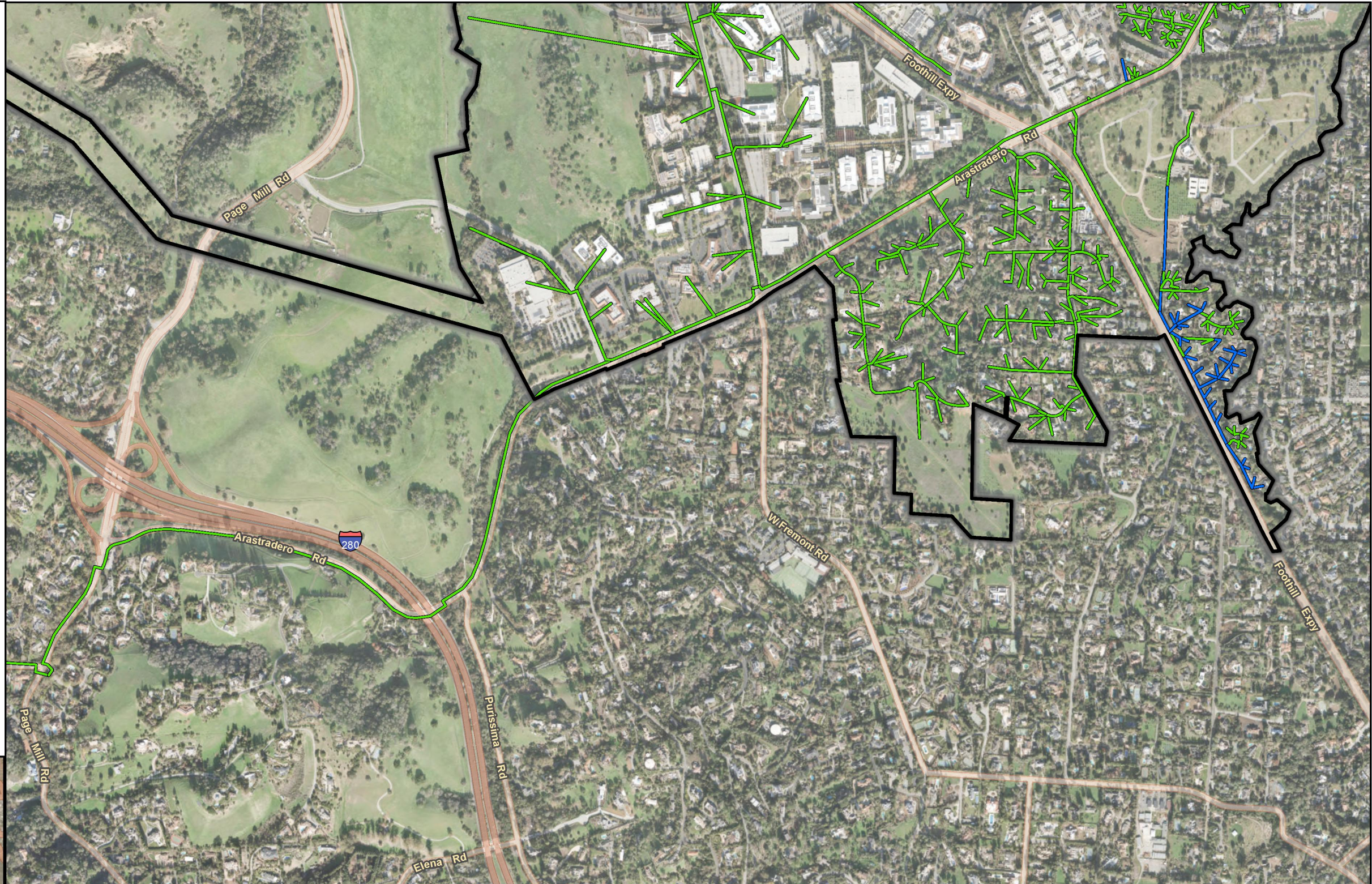
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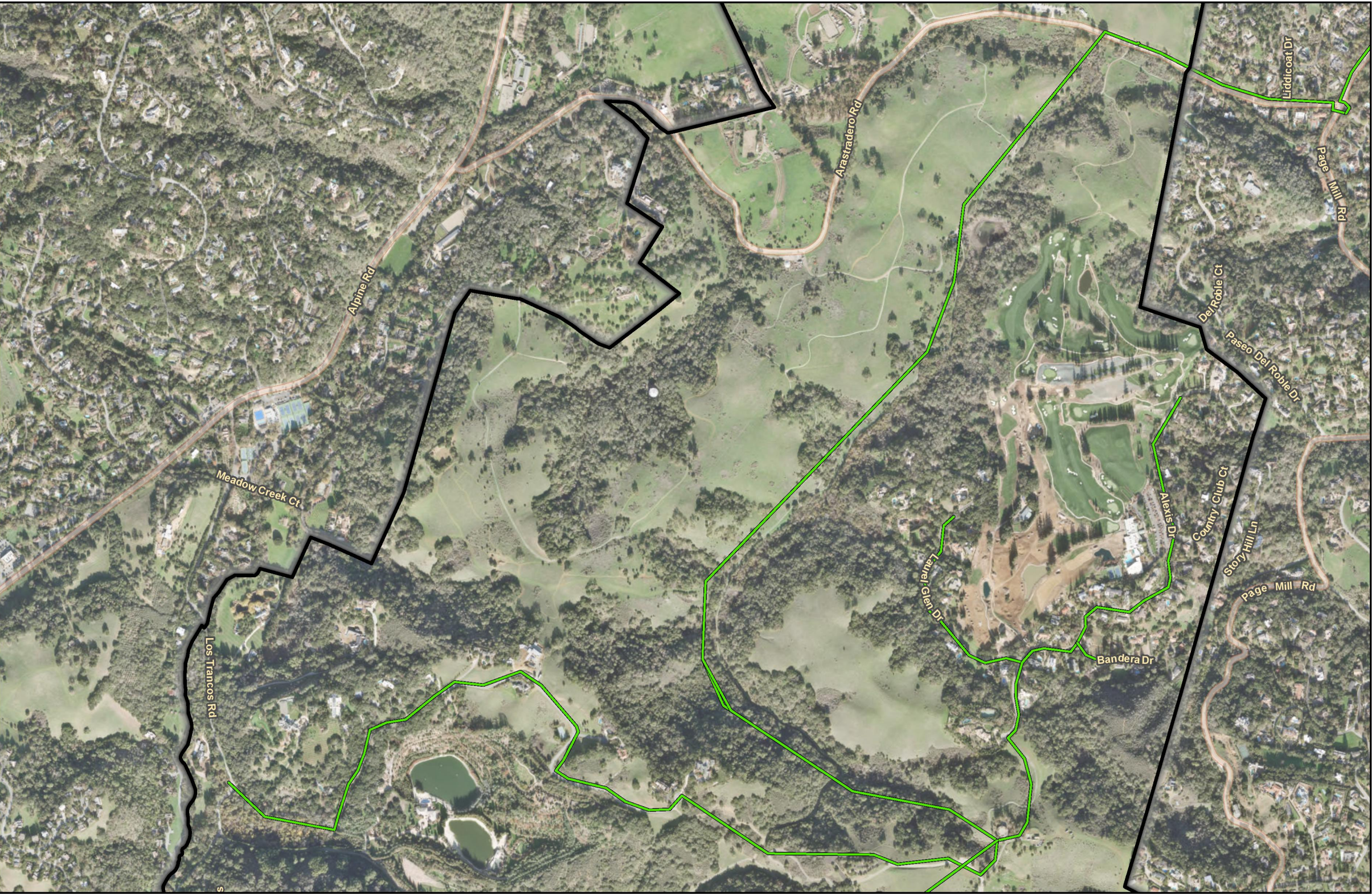


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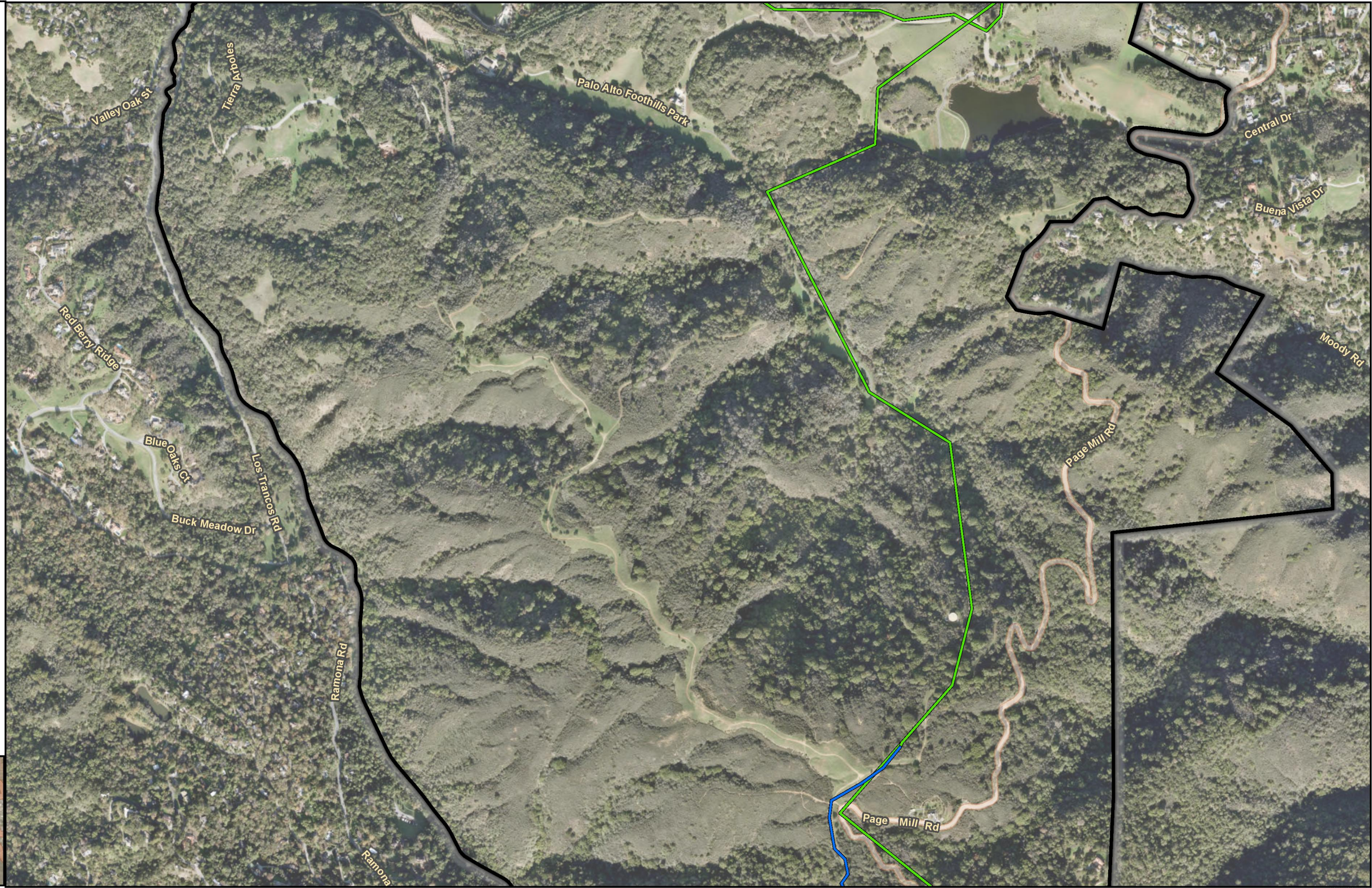
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