

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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New Orleans District
Regulatory Branch
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Permit Application Number
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WQC Application Number
WQC 161201-02

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to:
[X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

LAND RECLAMATION BAYOU LAFOURCHE IN LAFOURCHE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Louis Cheramie, c/o Andre Uzee, P.O. drawer 730, Galliano, Louisiana 70345.

LOCATION OF WORK: Within the Barataria Basin (HUC 08090301); Section 32, T22S-R23E, on and south of Louisiana Highway 1, approximately 1.8 miles east of its intersection with Louisiana Highway 3090, near Port Fourchon, Louisiana within Lafourche Parish.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The applicant has requested authorization to deposit crushed cement and dirt fill along his property in Bayou Lafourche for the purpose of stabilizing the property along Louisiana highway 1 and reclaiming lost land. The applicant proposes to reclaim land in 5 phases. For each phase, a retainer levee will be constructed out of rip-rap. Rip rap will then be placed within the retainer levee to an elevation of -3.0 feet. The retainer levee will be partially degraded to allow for the placement of approximately 2 feet of soil, which will be seeded with marsh grass to facilitate marsh establishment. Approximately 204,789 cubic yards of concrete and

35,582 cubic yards of dirt will be placed in open water as a result of the proposed activity. Approximately 11.2 acres of open water will be impacted by the proposed activity. The applicant has minimized the impacts as much as practicable. No impacts to vegetated wetlands are anticipated, thus, no compensatory mitigation will be required.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **20 days** from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed, so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days. Letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

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 benefit 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.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in

order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and 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 proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project is located in waters known to be utilized by the west Indian manatee (*Trichechus manatus*) and determined that the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect the species, provided the *Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Activities* are included in any authorization from this office. This determination is based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species of Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of **11.2 acres** of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, before a permit is issued.

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

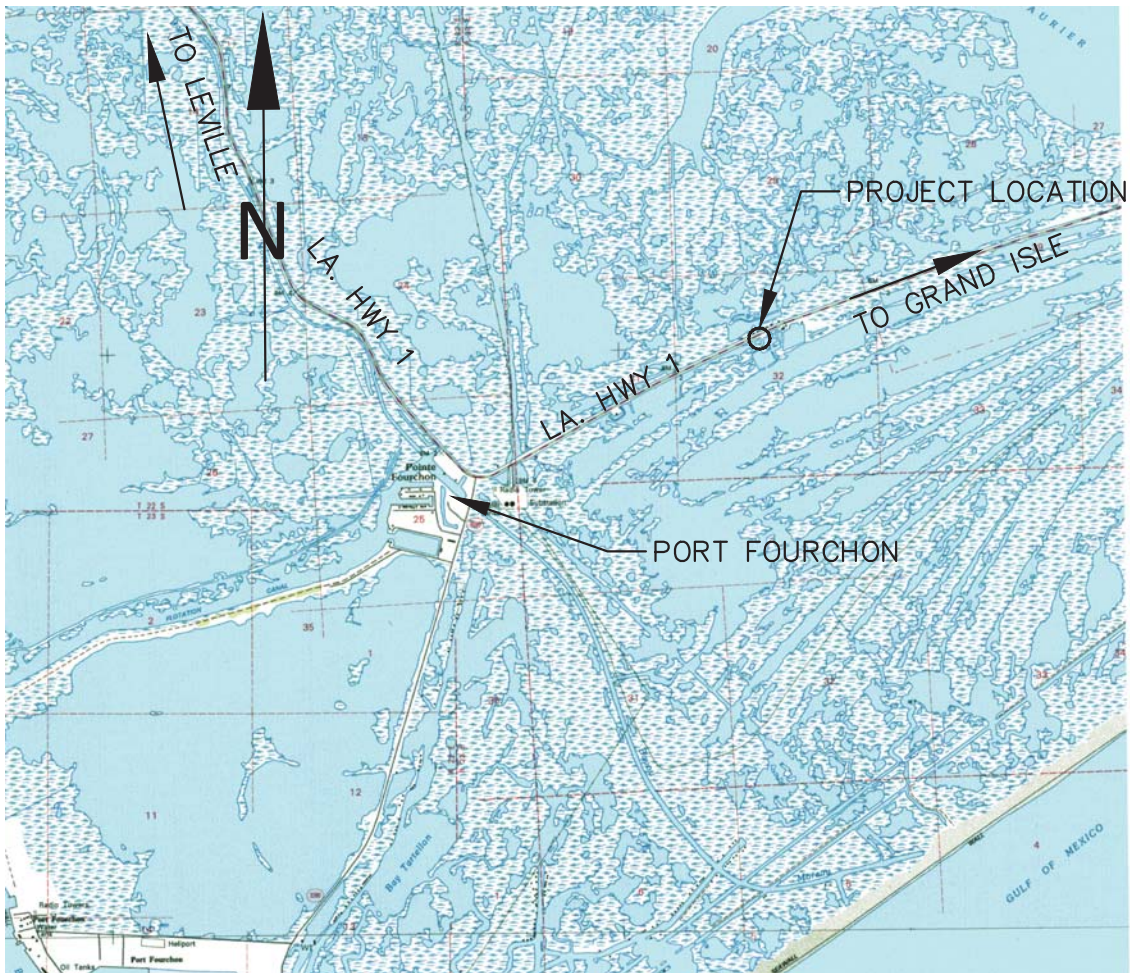
hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

for John M. Herman
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosure



GRAPHIC SCALE
1" = 5000'

NORTH WEST CORNER LAT.: 29° 10' 06.55", LONG.: 90° 09' 12.64"
 NORTH EAST CORNER LAT.: 29° 10' 08.94", LONG.: 90° 09' 05.67"
 SOUTH WEST CORNER LAT.: 29° 09' 59.89", LONG.: 90° 09' 12.41"
 SOUTH EAST CORNER LAT.: 29° 10' 01.96", LONG.: 90° 09' 05.67"

NOTE

THIS PERMIT IS TO ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO USE DISCARDED CEMENT TO BE CURED AND USED AS RIP RAP TO FILL IN OPEN WATER. THE PROJECT WILL HELP STABILIZE THE EDGE OF LA 1 AND PROVIDE A BASE TO REINTRODUCE MARSH CREATION

SHEET 1 OF 4

LOUIS CHERAMIE (FARMS FRESH INC.)
 FILL IN PONDS ALONG LA HWY 1
 VICINITY MAP
 FOURCHON QUAD
 DATE: 6/29/2016, SCALE 1" = 5000'

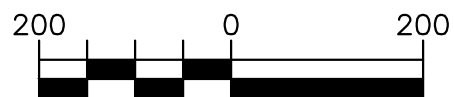


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NOTE:

PHASE 1 FILL	CONCRETE	=	3333 cys
PHASE 2 FILL	CONCRETE	=	19,957cys
	DIRT	=	2,913cys
PHASE 3 FILL	CONCRETE	=	58,947cys
	DIRT	=	8,647cys
PHASE 4 FILL	CONCRETE	=	58,947cys
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PHASE 5 FILL	CONCRETE	=	63,605cys
	DIRT	=	15,375cys



GRAPHIC SCALE
1" = 200'

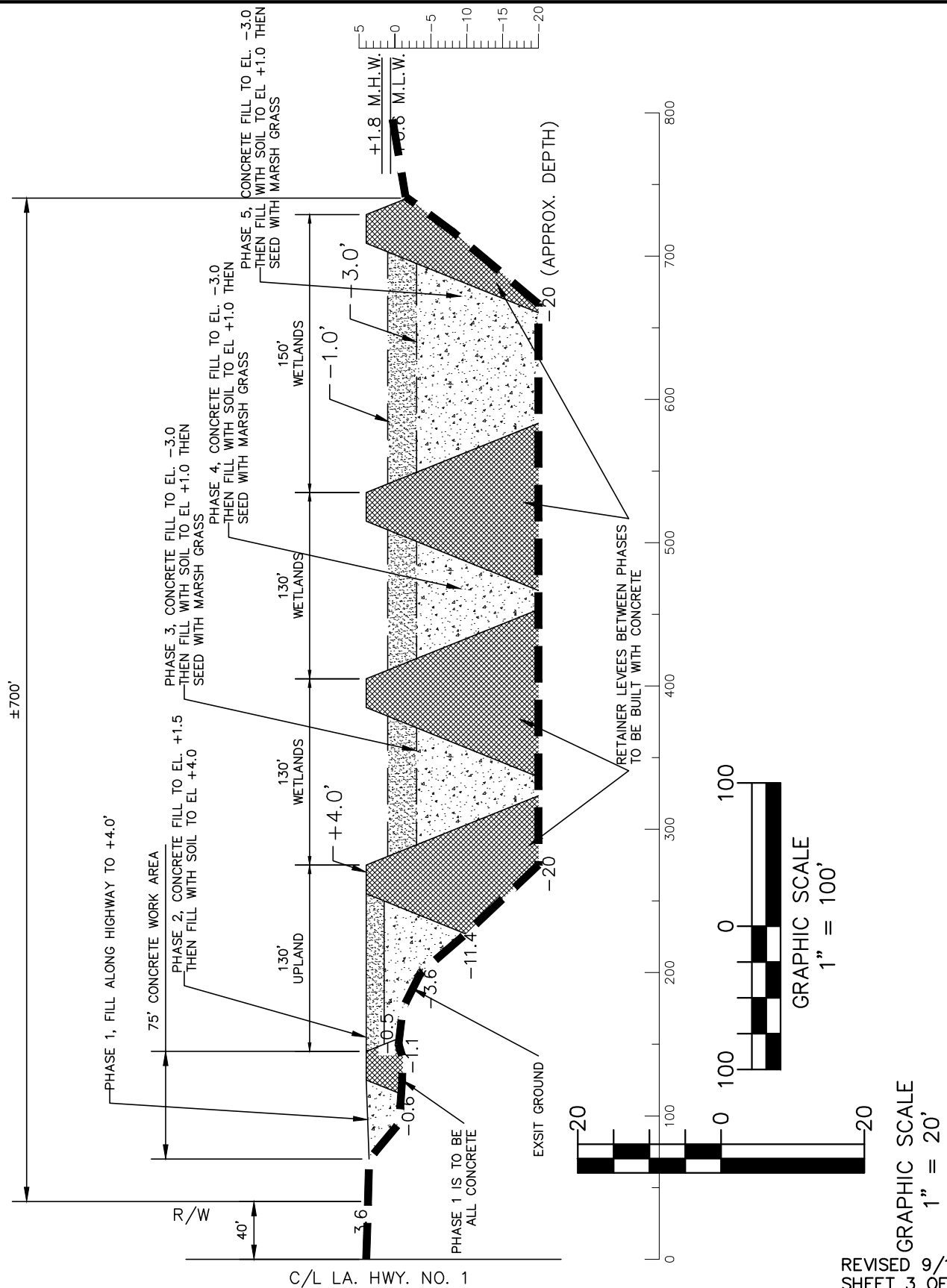
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SHEET 2 OF 4

LOUIS CHERAMIE (FARM FRESH INC.)
FILL IN PONDS ALONG LA HWY 1
PLAN VIEW

DATE: 6/21/2016, SCALE: 1" = 200'



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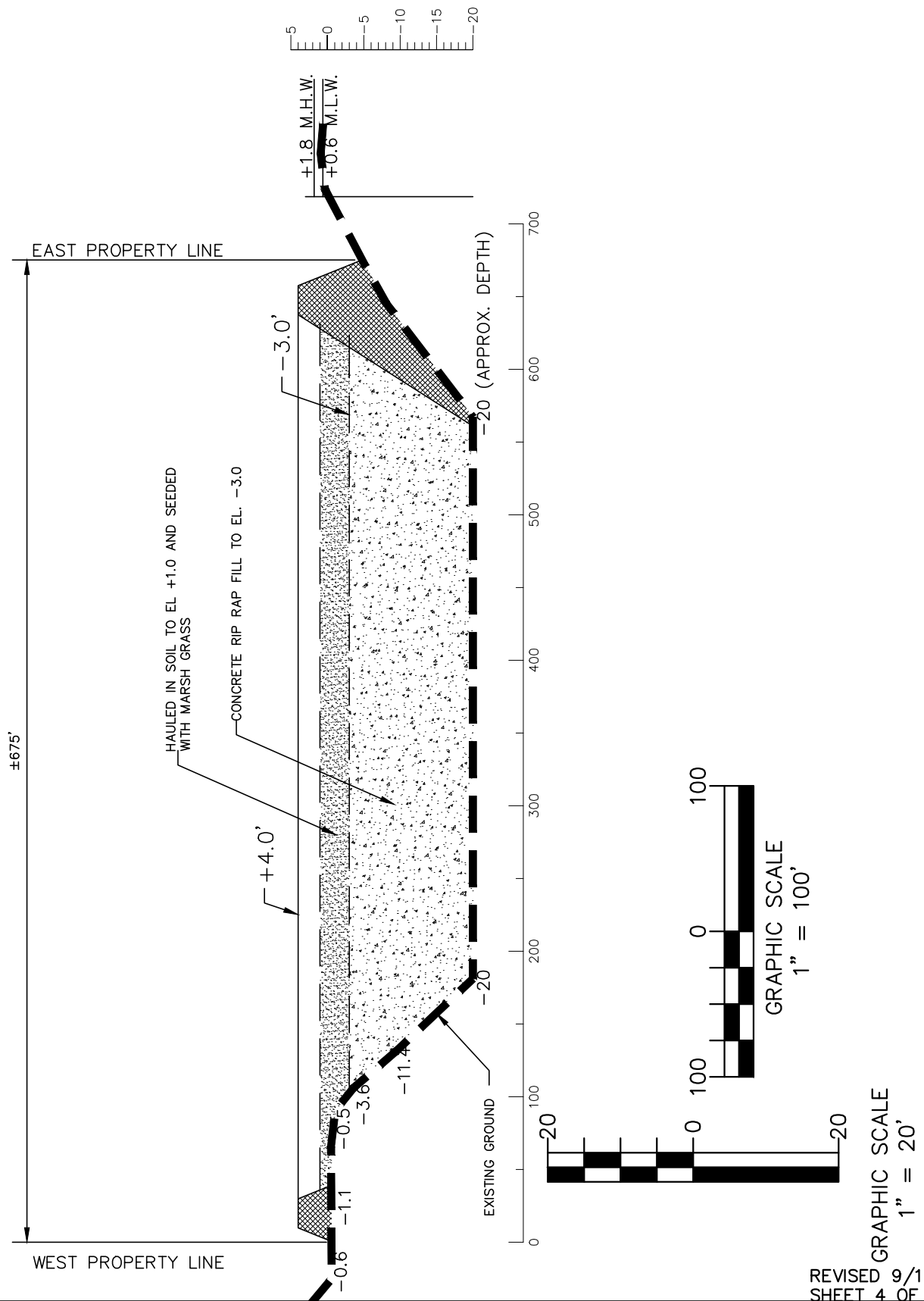
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LOUIS CHERAMIE (FARM FRESH INC.)
FILL IN PONDS ALONG LA HWY 1
CROSS SECTION A-A

DATE: 6/21/2016, SCALE: AS SHOWN



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SHEET 4 OF 4

LOUIS CHERAMIE (FARM FRESH INC.)
FILL IN PONDS ALONG LA HWY 1
CROSS SECTION B-B

DATE: 6/21/2016, SCALE: AS SHOWN



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