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December 23, 2019

The Honorable Patrick R. Rios
Mayor
City of Rockport
2751 SH. 35 Bypass
Rockport, TX. 78382

Dear Mayor Rios:

CONTINUATION – We were unable to accomplish planned prescribed burns at Big Tree Natural Area during our initial target timeframe. To keep you informed and in compliance with §11.353 Parks and Wildlife Code, we are notifying you that the Department still intends to conduct one or more prescribed burns at this site.

Our new target timeframe for these burns is between **January 2020** and **April 2020**. However, burn opportunities are dependent on weather, vegetation conditions, current and expected fire danger, and many other considerations. These areas identified for burning may be burned up to **April 2020**; if we are unable to conduct these burns within this target timeframe we will notify you of the next potential timeframe.

A site-specific Fire Management Plan for prescribed burning operations at **Goose Island State Park** is in place and we will be happy to share a copy with your office if you desire. In addition, neighboring landowners have been notified of the Department's intentions with the attached letter and map. In order to reach the community at large a public notice will be published in the **Rockport Pilot** prior to this burn period.

Additional community outreach on the upcoming burn may include information posted on the Department's website, social media outlets, and through a group text messaging application. If you or members of your staff would also like to receive these text message notifications prior to the burn, text this message: @gisp02 to the number 81010.

Advance notifications have also been made to **County Judge C.H. Mills, Jr., Commissioner Leslie Casterline, Commissioner Jack Chaney, Commissioner Charles Smith, Commissioner Wendy Laubach, Representative Geanie W. Morrison, Senator Lois W. Kolkhortz, Sheriff Bill Mills**, nearby water utility officials and owners of any utility infrastructure within the prescribed burn area. Prior to ignition of any fires, city or county emergency services dispatch center, local area fire departments and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will be notified to ensure they are aware of these actions.

If you have any questions please contact **TJ Hinojosa** at (361) 876-0731 or tj.hinojosa@tpwd.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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To find out more about the TPWD Wildland Fire Management visit our website, http://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/land/wildland_fire_management/

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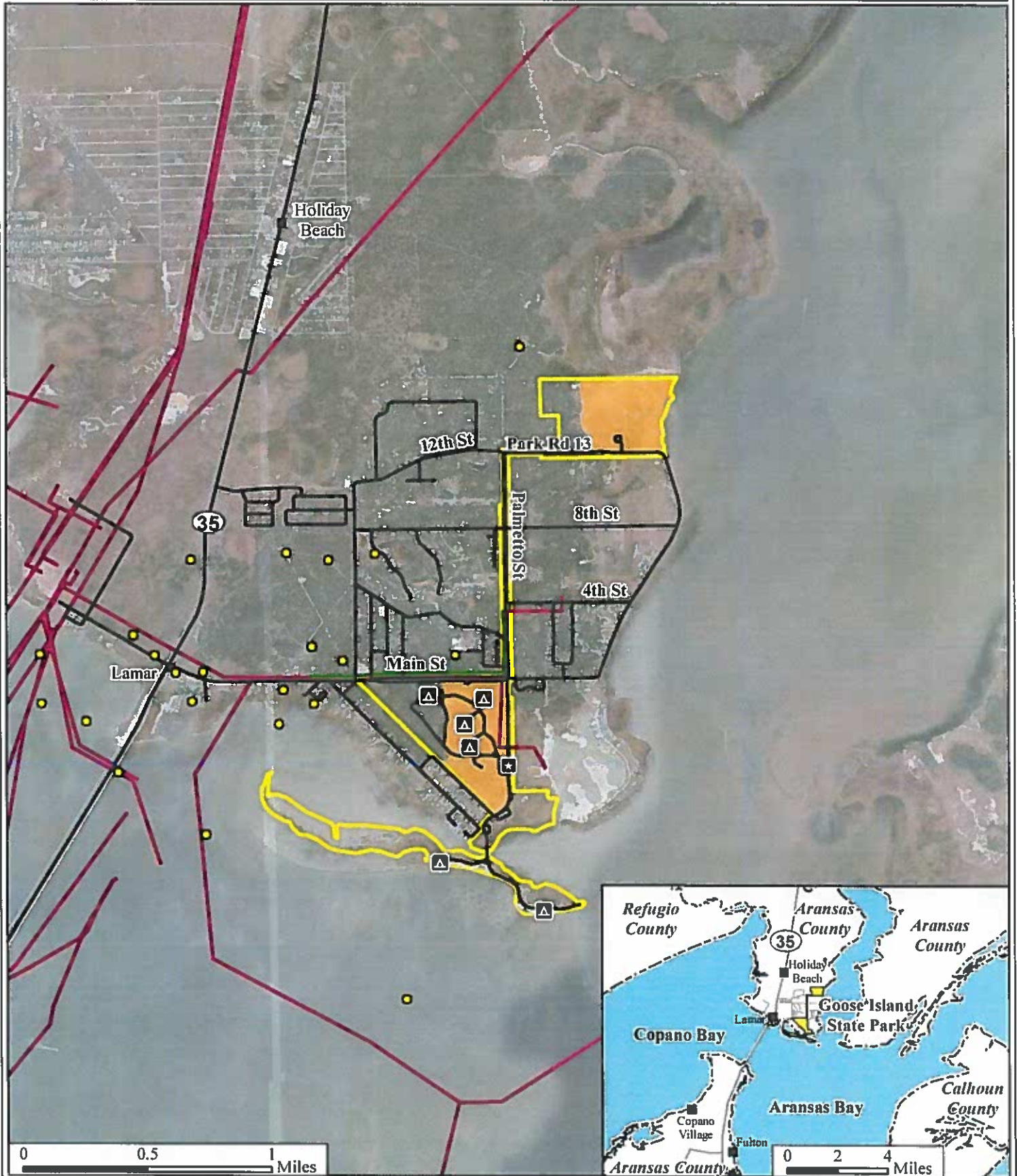
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 Pipeline and well data from Railroad Commission