



# Southern Nevada Water Authority

## Lake Mead Water Intake No. 3 Update

Ecosystem Monitoring  
Workgroup

May 23, 2013

# The Situation

- Drought in the Colorado River basin
- Colorado River supplies 90% of Las Vegas' water



1983



2011

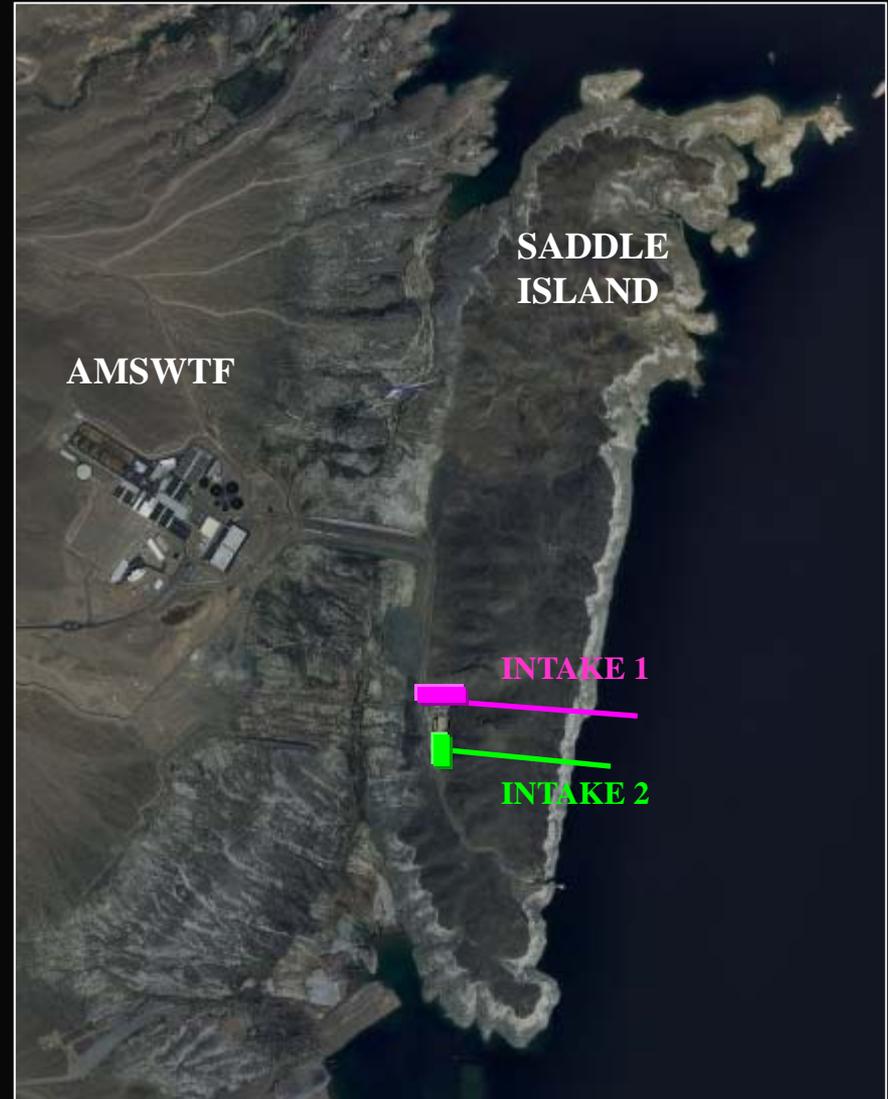
# Existing Lake Mead Water Facilities

## Intake No. 1

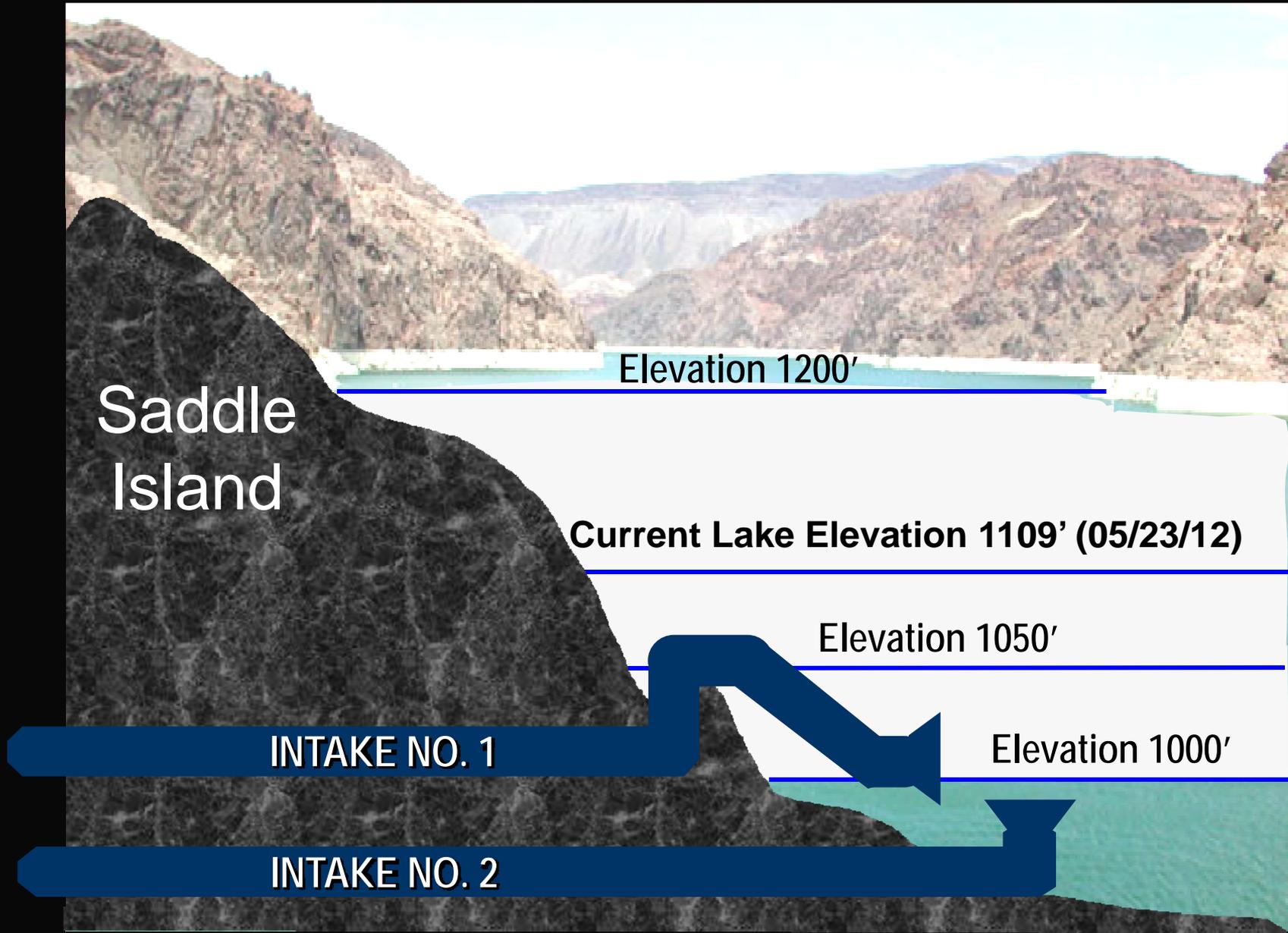
- Intake Pumping Station No. 1 (IPS-1)
- Supplies AMS Water Treatment Facility
- Pumping Capacity – 600 mgd
- Intake Elev.=1050'

## Intake No. 2

- Intake Pumping Station No. 2 (IPS-2)
- Supplies RM Water Treatment Facility
- Pumping Capacity - 720mgd
- Intake Elev.=1000'



# Lake Mead Water Level Impacts



# Project Objectives

## Intake No. 3 - Primary Objective

- Preserve existing capacity if lake levels fall below elevation 1,050 feet

## Intake No. 3 - Secondary Objectives

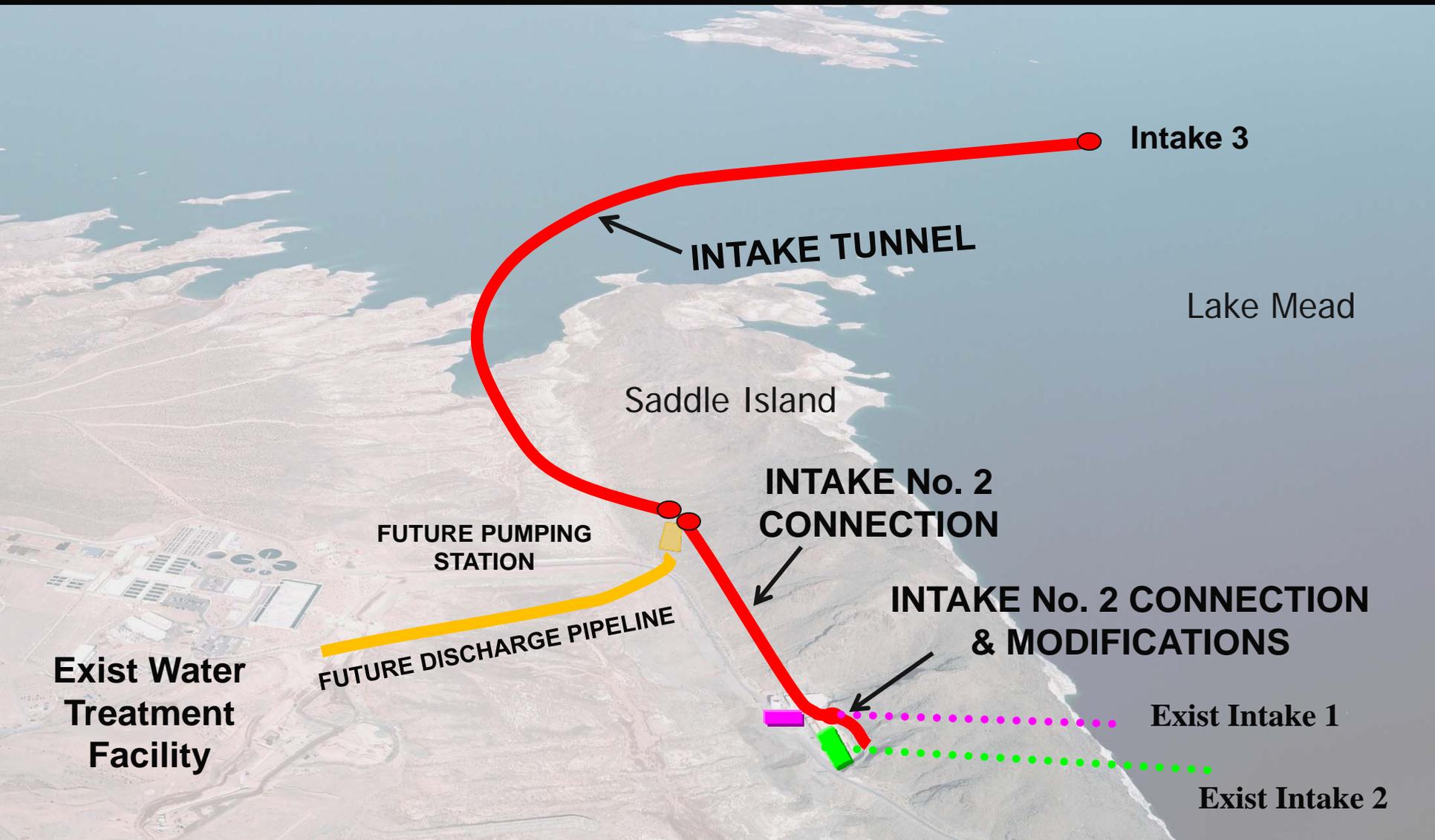
- Improve water quality
- Improve system reliability and operational flexibility

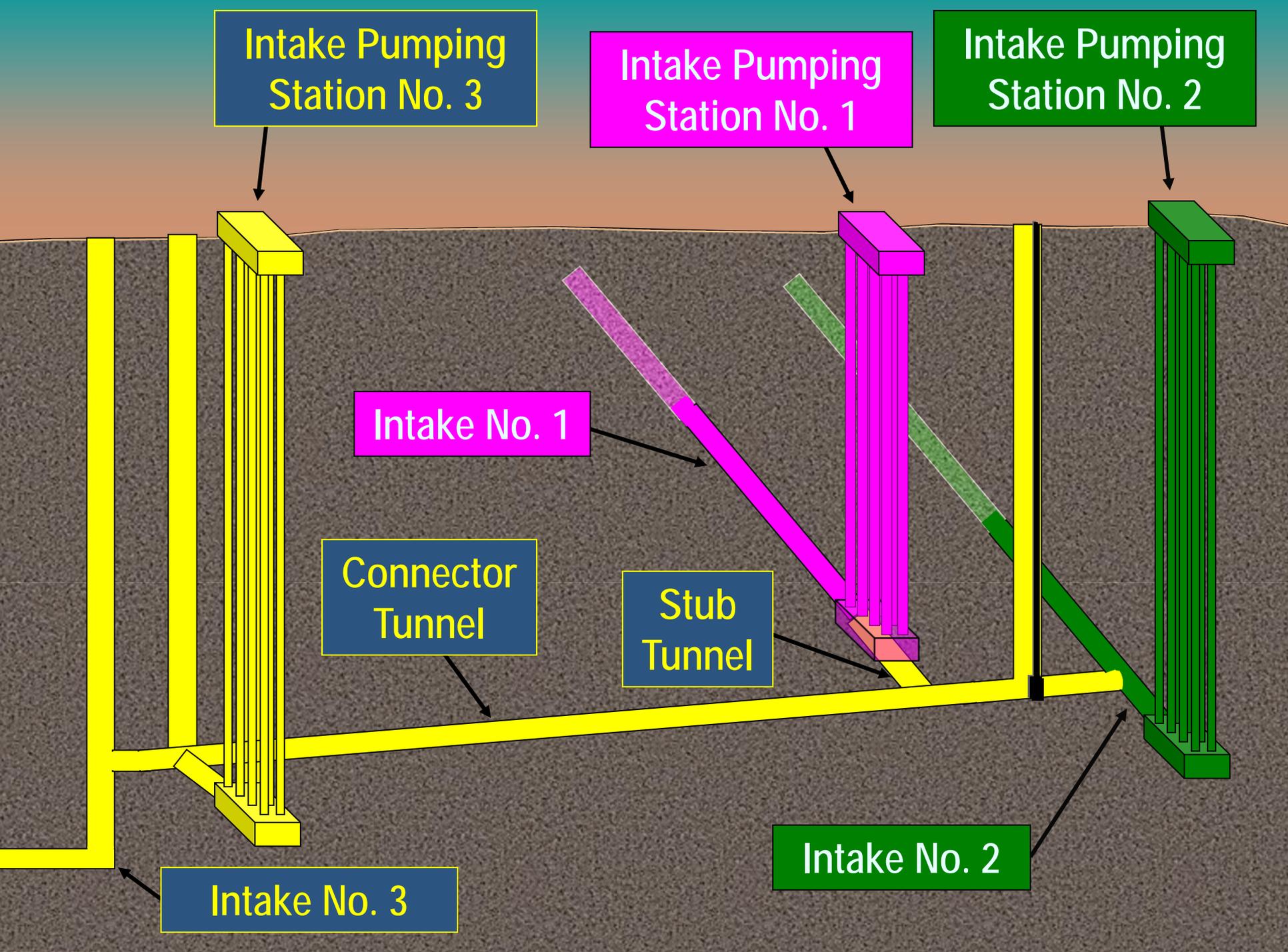
# The Project – Lake Mead Intake No. 3

- Approved by SNWA Board of Directors May 2005
- Six contracts (originally), \$817 Million total (est)...  
*now three major contracts \$650M (est – Construction value)*
- Completion 2014\*



# Intake No. 3

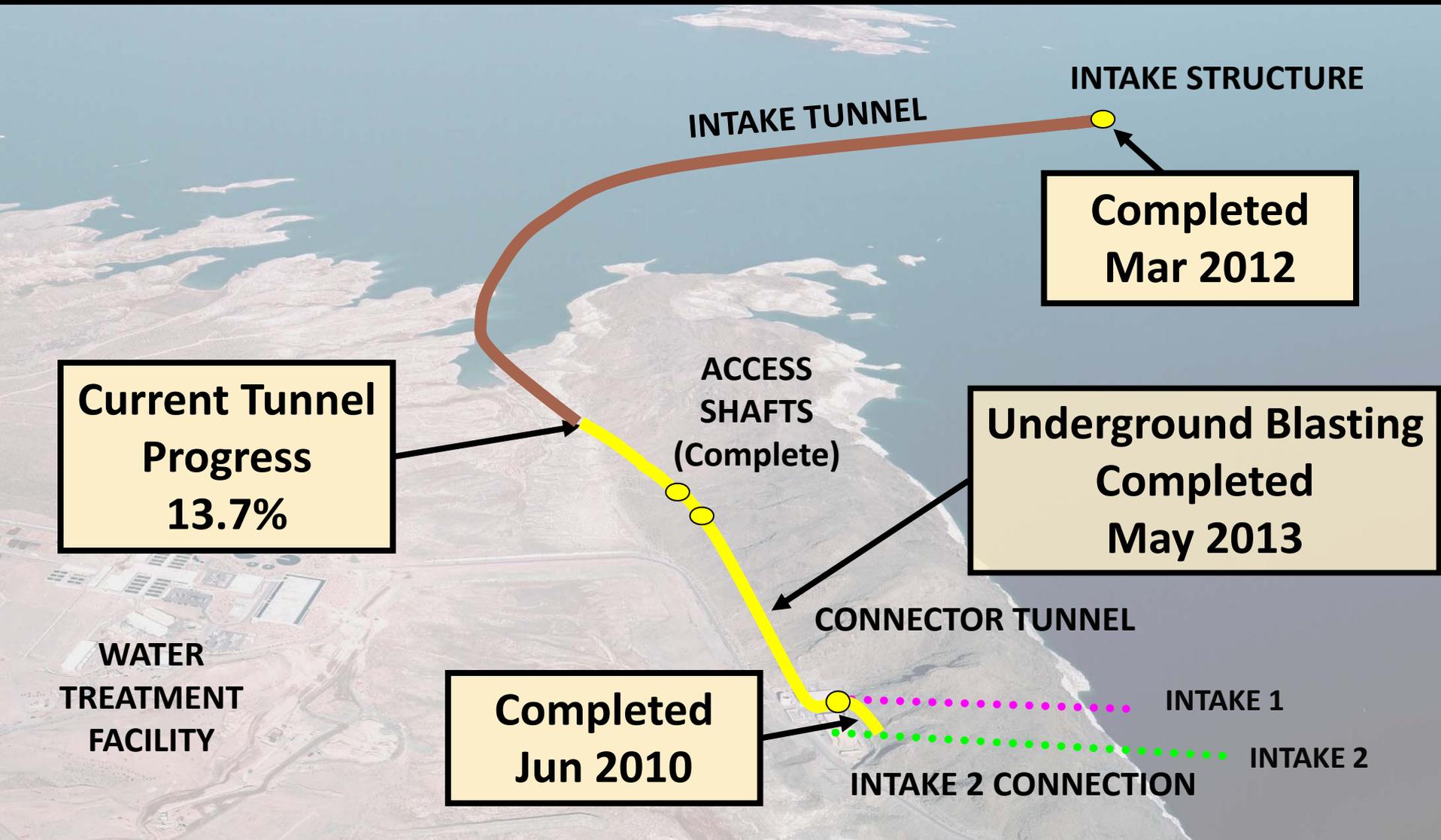




# Challenges

- Variable Geology – Hard rock to weak/fractured
- High Water Pressures – Max potential 17 bar
- *Intake Riser Construction – Completed*
- Intake Riser Connection

# Lake Mead Intake No. 3 Current Progress



# Contract 05 – Intake No. 2 Connection & Modifications

Barnard (Design-Bid-Build) ~ \$30 million  
May 2008 – June 2010

## Access Shaft (Isolation Gate)

- ~ 380' deep
- 22' interior diameter

## Isolation Gate

- 12' w x 14' h stainless steel

## Tunnel

- ~500' long
- Horseshoe
- Drill & Blast

## Exist Inlet Modifications



# Isolation Gate



Isolation Gate Installation 12'x14'

# Isolation Gate



**Isolate Intake No. 2 and No. 3  
Stainless Steel - 12' x 14'**

# Quagga Mussels – Intake No. 2



Intake No. 2 - Quagga Colonization

# Contract 02 – Connector Tunnel

Renda Pacific (Design-Bid-Build) ~ \$42 million

May 2009 Award

## Access Shaft (IPS-3 Surge Shaft)

- 450' deep -complete
- 26' interior diameter

## Tunnel

- 2578' long horseshoe configuration-under construction
- Drill & Blast Construction



Lake Mead

Saddle Island

# 070F02C2

## Tunnel Excavation Progress Update Underground Blasting – *Completed*

Contractor: Renda Pacific

IPS-3 Connector Tunnel

Temp Bulkhead

STA 4+18

Access Shaft  
(450' deep, 26' diameter)

Forebay Tunnel

STA 1+00 100% complete

IPS-2 Connector Tunnel

Note: \*IPS-1 Stub Tunnel  
End STA = S 201+95  
(Actual)

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IPS-2 Connection &  
Modifications  
(Completed July 2010)

IPS-1  
Stub Tunnel  
STA S 201+95  
100% complete

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Intake No. 3 Shaft & Tunnel

STA 25+78  
100% complete

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IPS-1

IPS-2

Update as of 5/20/13

# Connector Tunnel



Shaft Complete

# Shaft



Working on Galloway in 26' Diameter Shaft, June 2010

# Drill & Blast



Drilling Blast Holes in Tunnel

# Temporary Bulkhead



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Temporary Bulkhead - Completed April 23, 2013



Holin' Thru – March 27, 2013

*Contract Completion  
Anticipated Dec 2013*



# Shafts & Tunnel

Vegas Tunnel Constructors (Design-Build) ~ \$450M  
Award: Mar 2008

## Access Shaft - **Completed**

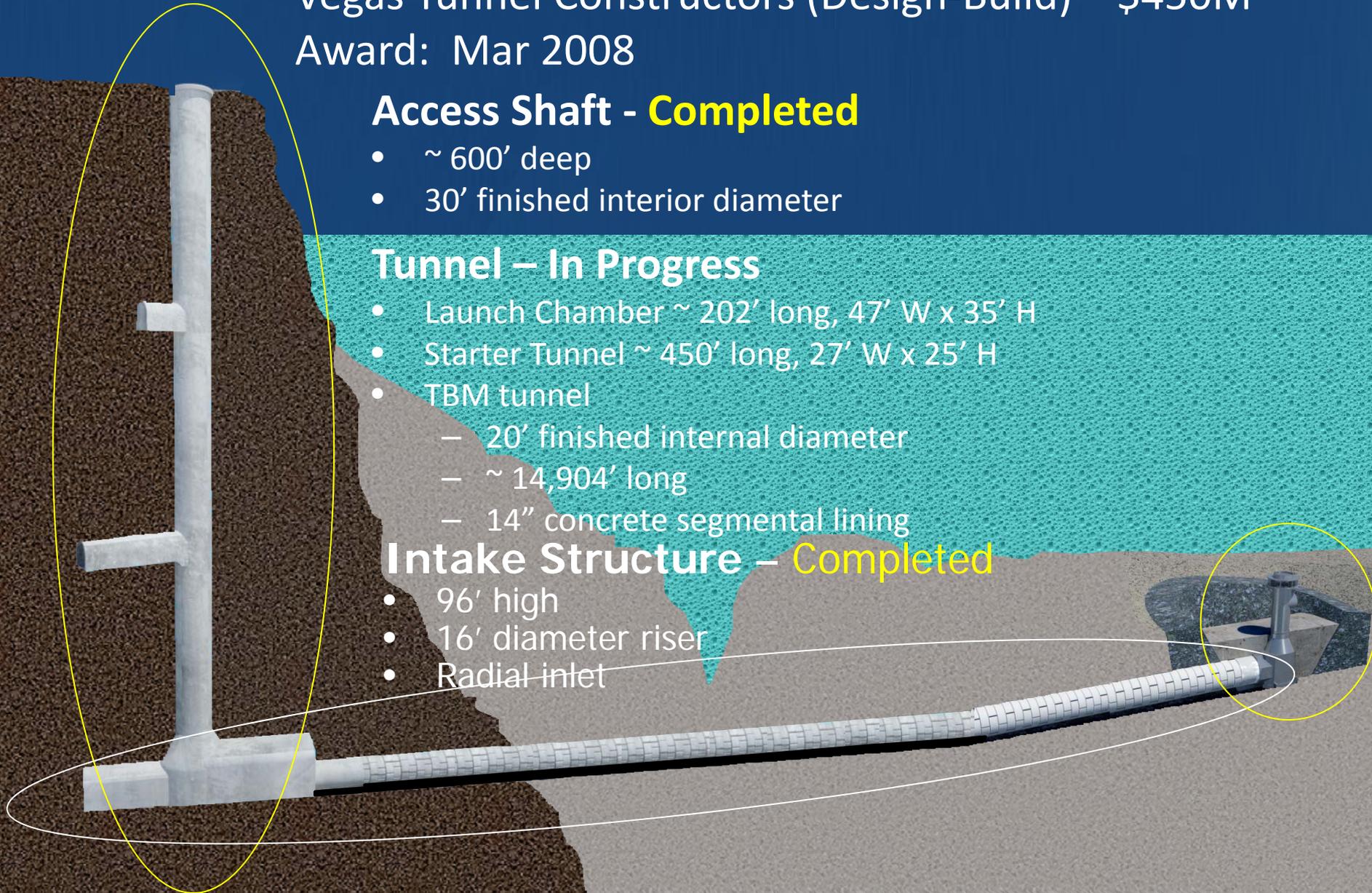
- ~ 600' deep
- 30' finished interior diameter

## Tunnel – In Progress

- Launch Chamber ~ 202' long, 47' W x 35' H
- Starter Tunnel ~ 450' long, 27' W x 25' H
- TBM tunnel
  - 20' finished internal diameter
  - ~ 14,904' long
  - 14" concrete segmental lining

## Intake Structure – **Completed**

- 96' high
- 16' diameter riser
- Radial inlet





1<sup>st</sup> Blast for Access Shaft - June 2008

# Shaft



Shaft Progress – Elevation 970 - March 2009

# TBM Assembly Chamber



TBM Chamber Excavating Top Heading – Nov 2009

# Incursion of Unstable Ground



Beginning of inflow in Starter Tunnel - June 30, 2010

# Tunnel Flooding



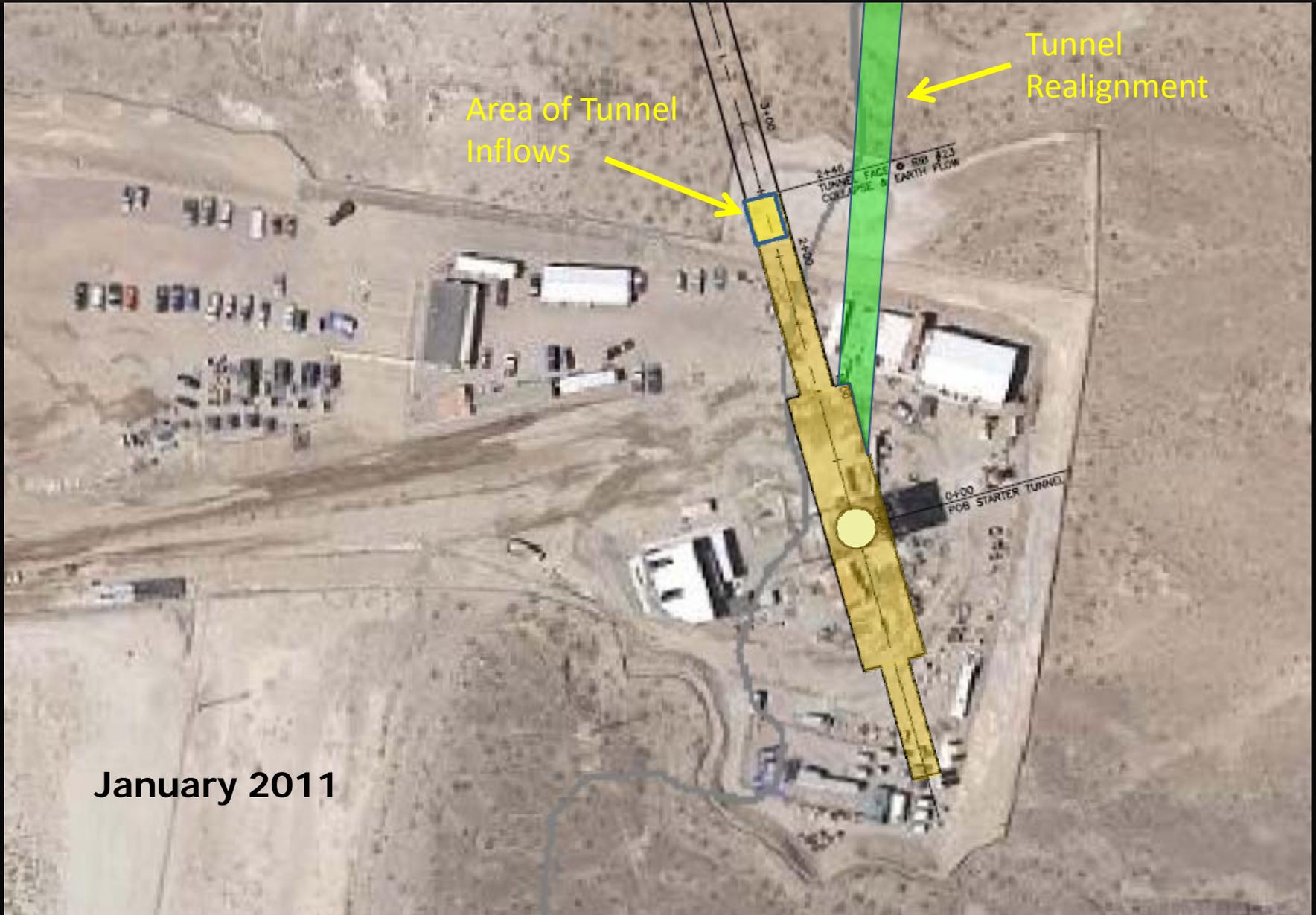
Flooding Event  
June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>



# Tunnel Reinstatement - Surface



# New Alignment



January 2011

# New Alignment

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Starter Tunnel Sta. 3+12



# Starter Tunnel

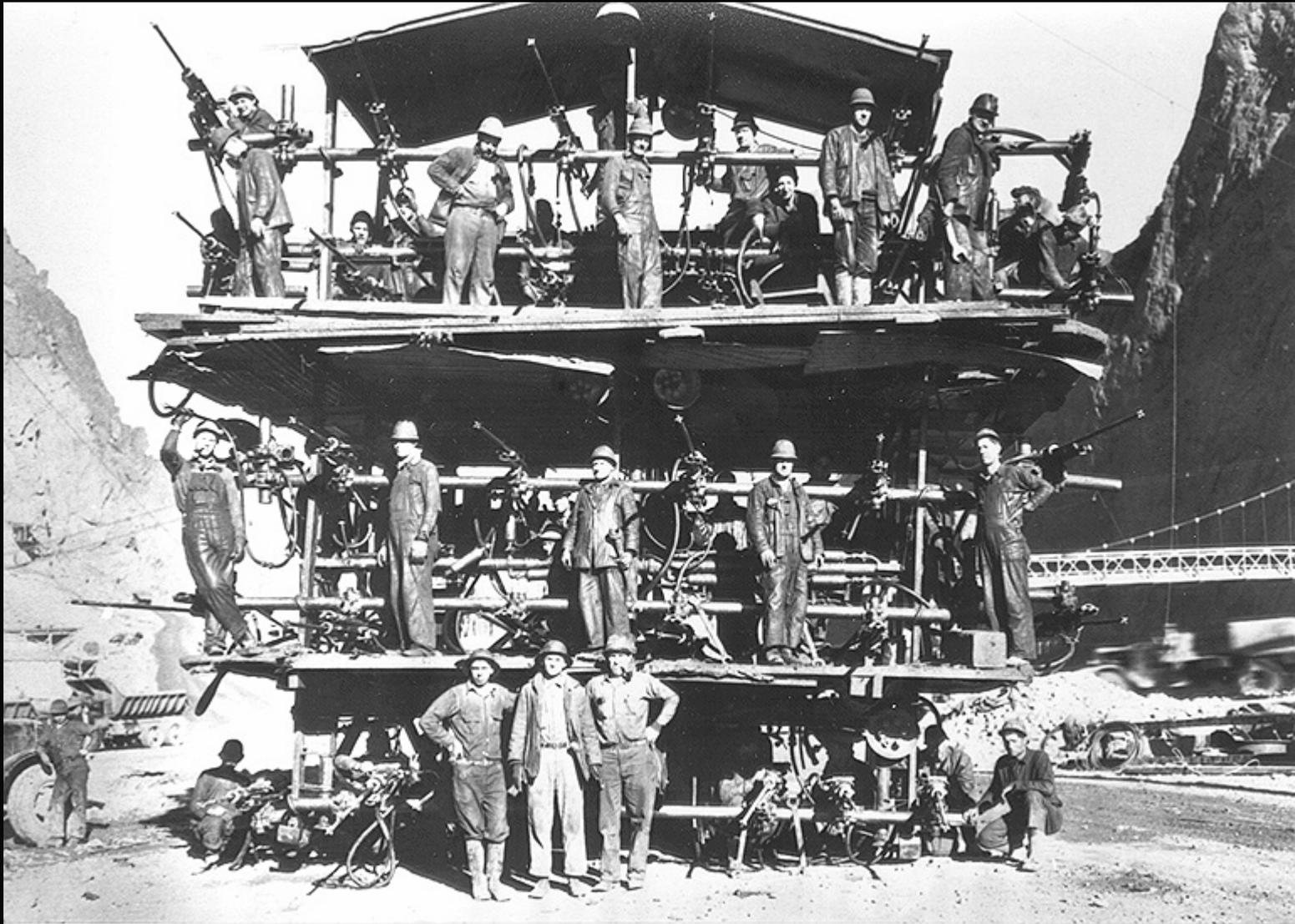


# Assembly Chamber



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# Back then...



**Drilling Jumbo Truck - Hoover Dam Diversion Tunnels**

<http://www.usbr.gov/history/photos/dams007.jpg>

# Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM)

- Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM)
- Handle more challenging ground conditions (water pressure, etc)
- Manufactured in Germany by Herrenknecht
- 23.5' outside diameter



# TBM



TBM Gantry Support Equipment 585' long, 1500 tons

# TBM



TBM Assembly On-Site Next to Access Shaft – October 2009

Plan

Shaft

Abandoned Alignment



Profile



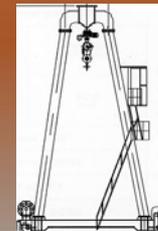


## Lowering and Assembly of the following five TBM Components in Starter Tunnel:

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|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
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| 2. Cutter Head     | (253,532 lbs)                     |
| 3. Middle Shield 1 | (141,096 lbs)                     |
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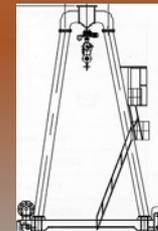
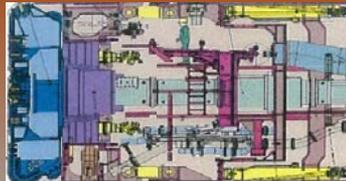


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- Stone Crusher
- Shield Articulation
- Mini Grippers for Steering
- Screw and Belt Conveyor System
- Hydraulic Thrust Cylinders
- Slurry System w/ Treatment
- Crane, Feeder and Erector for Segment Liner
- Drills (pre-excavation)
- Hyperbaric Chamber and Shuttle
- Pre and Post-Excavation Grouting System
- Industrial Water System
- Approach Ramp

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# Lowering TBM Down Shaft



# TBM Cutter Head Underground



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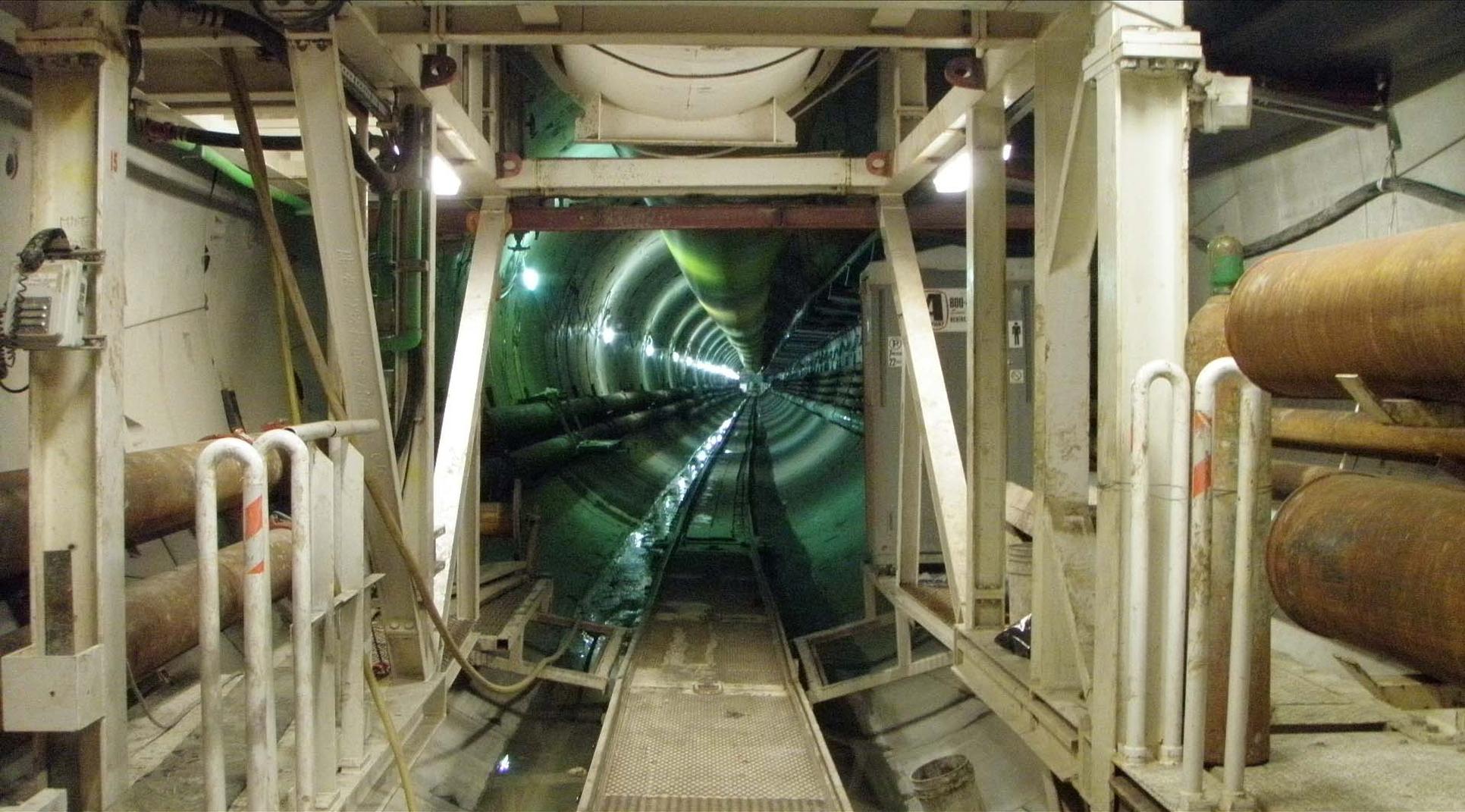
# TBM Positioned At Tunnel Face



2060 feet (13.7 %)



1097 feet at 13.5 bar



# Precast Segments



# Segment Transport

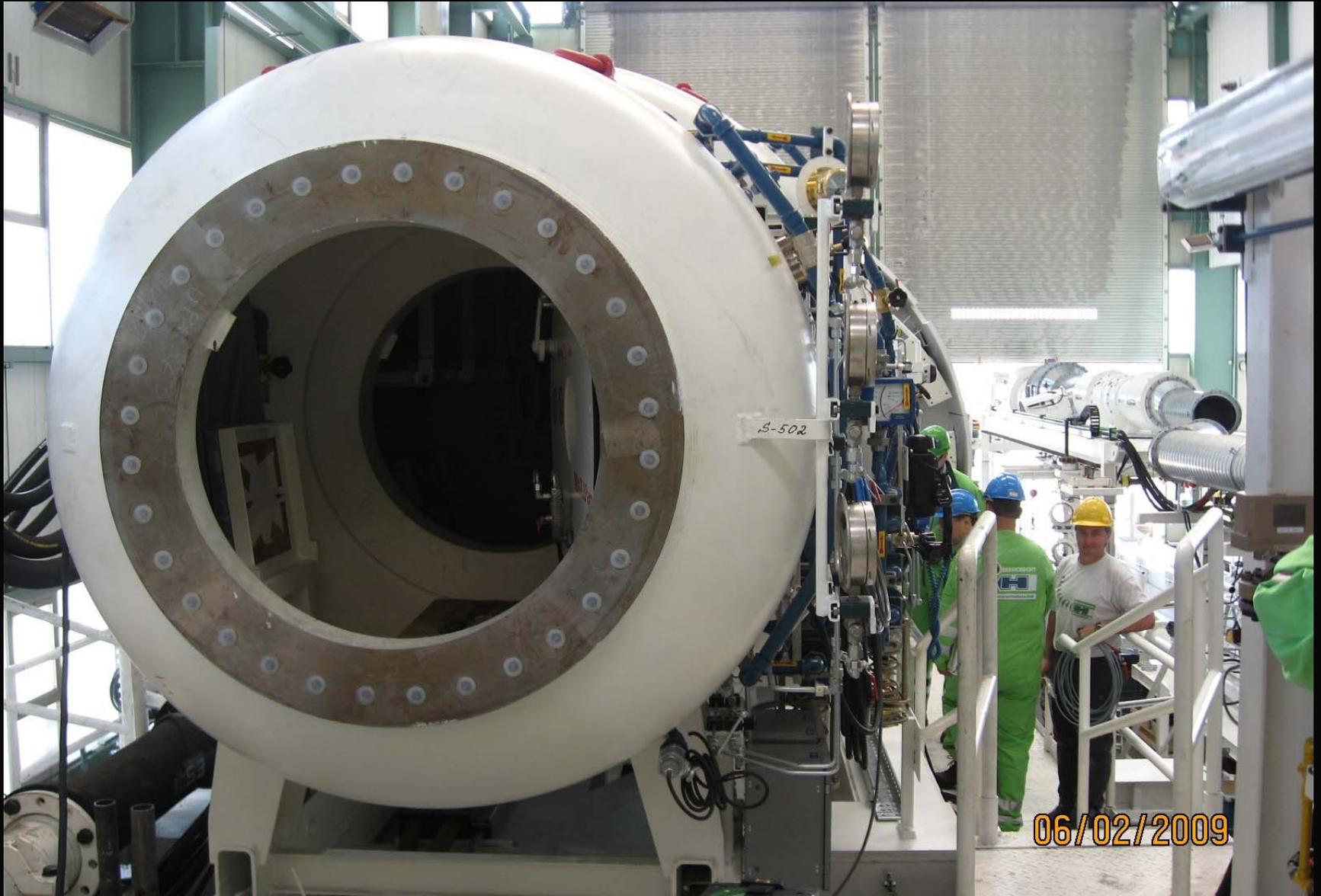


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# Water Control Grouting – Maintenance Work



# Hyperbaric Lock



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06/02/2009

# Hyperbaric Cutter Head Access



# Cutter Head Maintenance



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# Cutterhead Maintenance

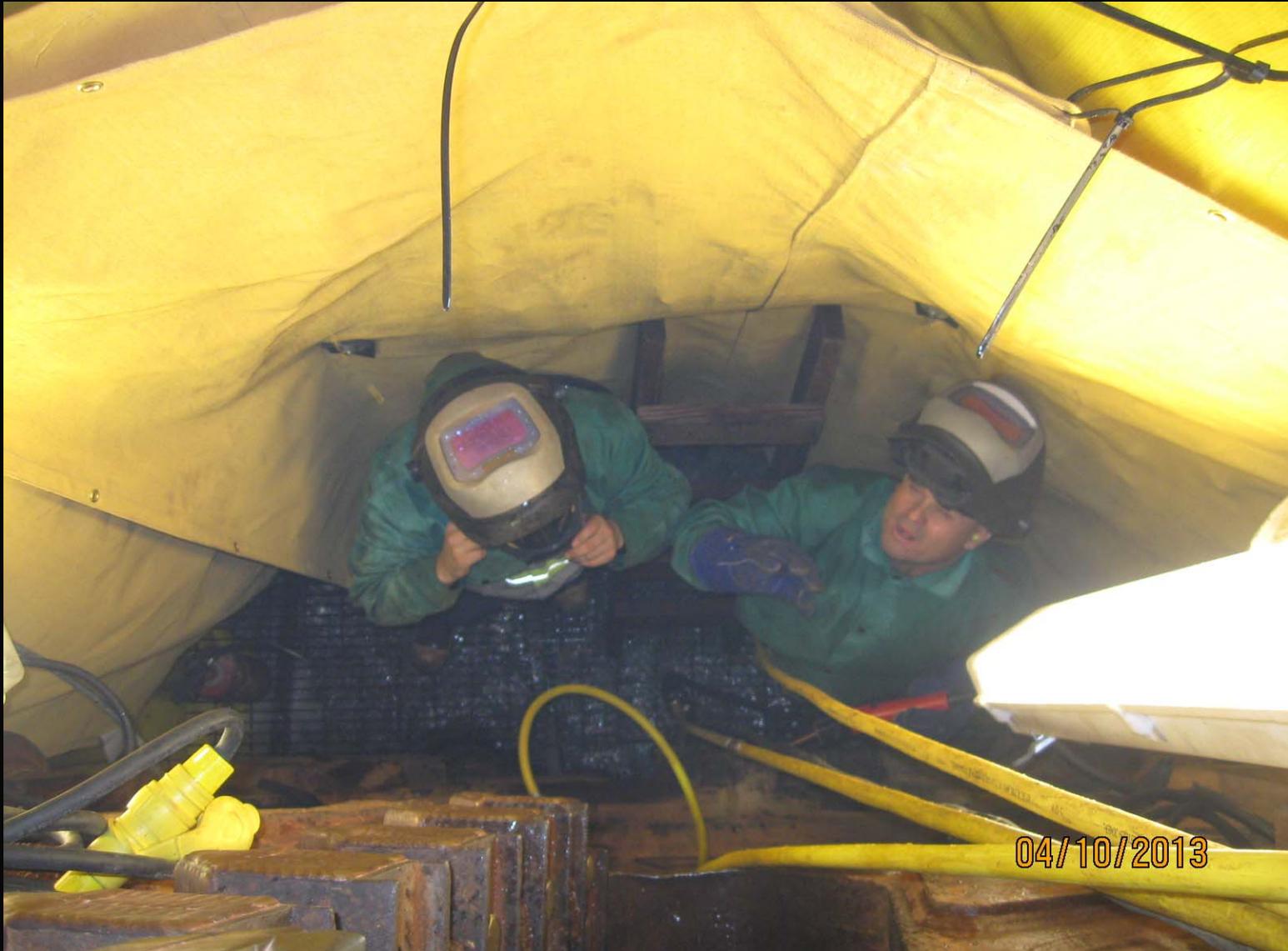
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Damaged Cutterhead



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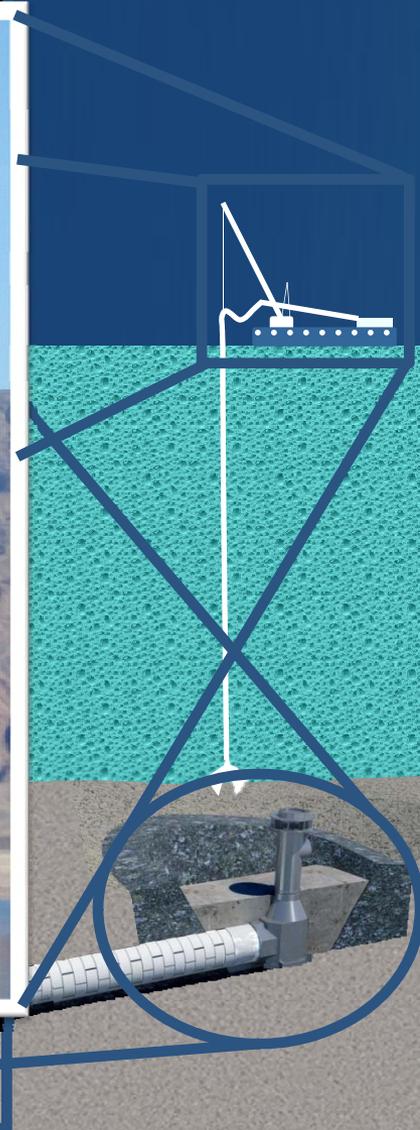
# Cutter Head Maintenance



# Progress & Schedule

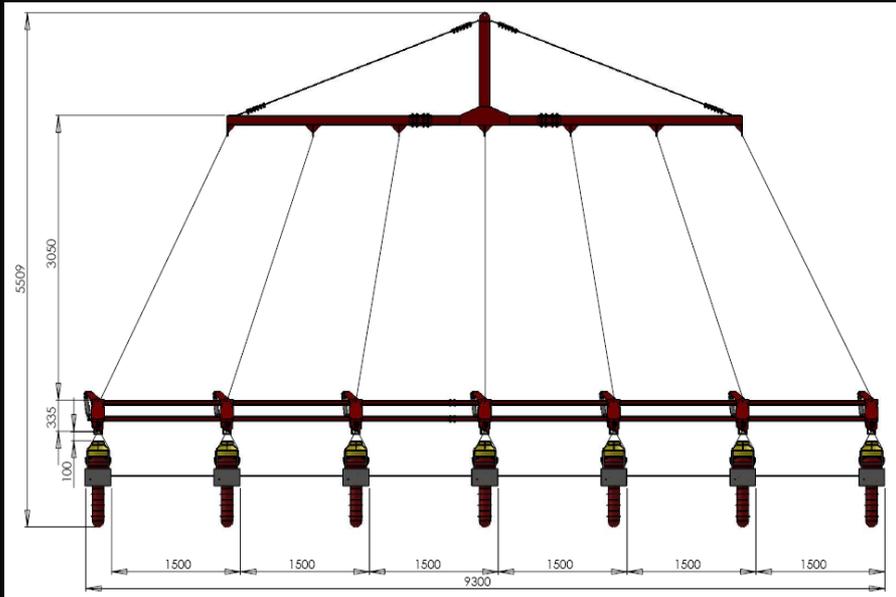
- TBM Tunneling Resumed – May 16, 2013
  - Excavation Progress – 162 feet (27 rings)
  - Highest Production Day - 48 feet (8 rings)

# Intake Riser - Excavation



# Shaped Charges

- Placed on rock surface
- 7.5 kg / charge
- Placement structure
  - 30 ft x 30 ft
- Small blasts at surface





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# Intake Structure Installation

February and  
March 2012

Total Tremie  
Concrete =  
11,300 cy



# Assembled Intake Structure Conveyed to Intake Site



15 Feb 2012

# Concrete Batch Plant



# Concrete Transport Barge





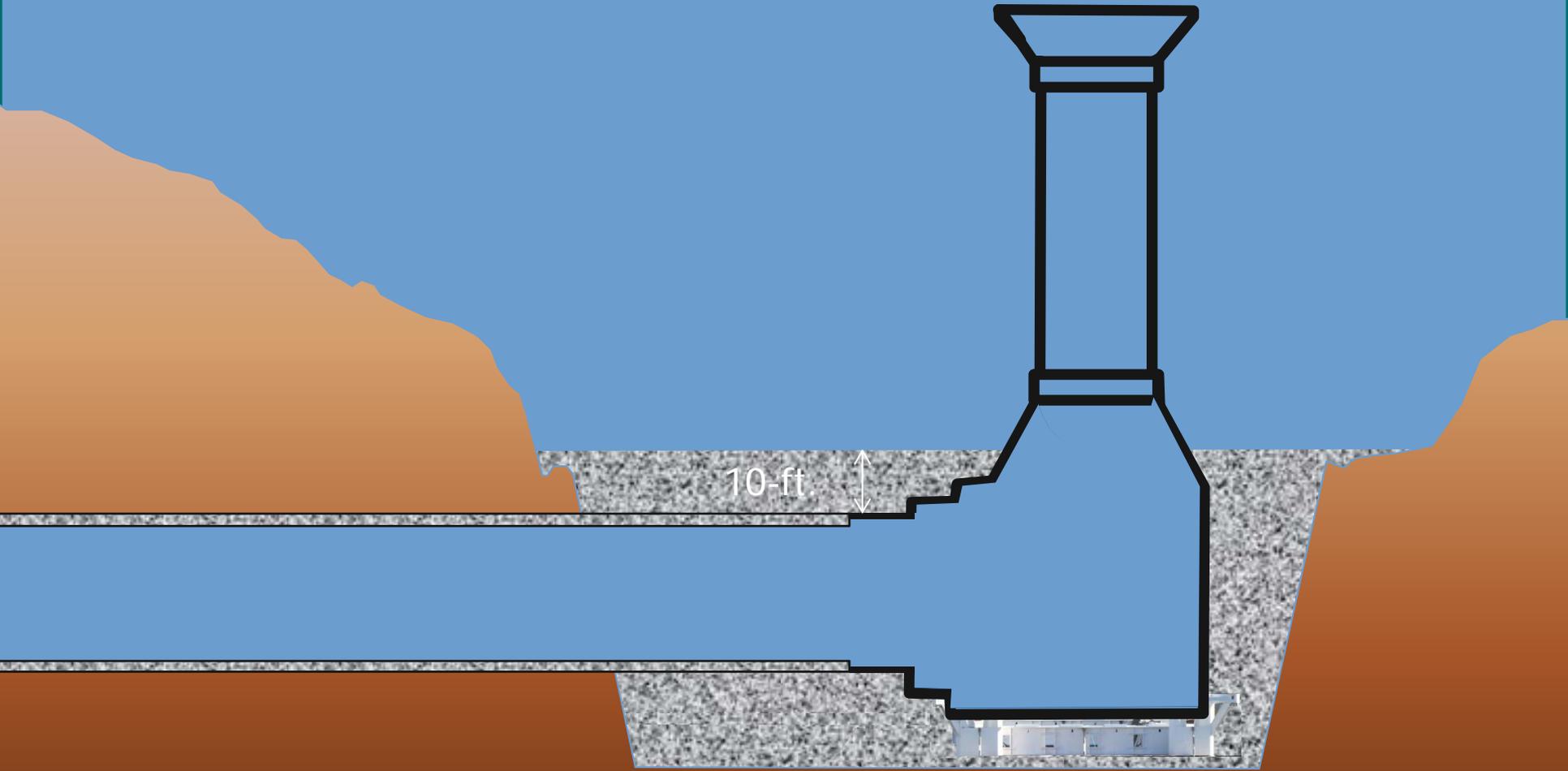








# Intake Structure Placement



# Project Milestones

- Intake No. 3 Shafts & Tunnel
  - TBM Tunnel to Intake Complete 2013
  - *Operational* *May 2014\**
  - Final Completion Aug 2014

# Questions?

