

**SUMMARY OF YCWA'S WHITEWATER BOATING ACCESS IMPROVEMENT  
PROPOSAL AT OUR HOUSE DIVERSION DAM (JUNE 2015)**

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**1. Maintain existing vehicle access with the existing gate location; and provide public parking in the existing informal parking area prior to the gate (see attached figures).**

- YCWA's Rationale: YCWA understands the whitewater users desire to have vehicle access closer to the put-in location downstream of the impoundment and weir, but YCWA is not able to provide closer access for the following reasons.
  - While a wider area near the impoundment and tunnel inlet exists where recreation-related vehicles could park, drop-off boats and turnaround, this area is essential to YCWA operations staff for direct vehicle access to the impoundment facilities that require manual operation often with heavy equipment. If public vehicles are parked in this area, then YCWA does not have adequate access to the impoundment facilities for operation purposes if other public vehicles are parked there (including general recreationists that would have access to the site). Notably, urgent issues often arise during the same approx. timeframe as the proposed whitewater releases (winter/spring months), when unpredictable weather and river conditions may require urgent response/access to the impoundment.
  - YCWA evaluated moving the gate further down the road but still short of the existing parking area/turnaround at the impoundment, but found this impractical as well. The road segment between the existing gate and the impoundment is too narrow and restricted by terrain (steep, rocky up and down slopes) that does not allow moving the gate closer to the impoundment since vehicles would block the roadway and not allow for turning around.
  - Land/terrain beyond the impoundment is not suitable for parking or turning around and still leaves the possibility for vehicles to block YCWA staff from direct access to impoundment facilities for operations.

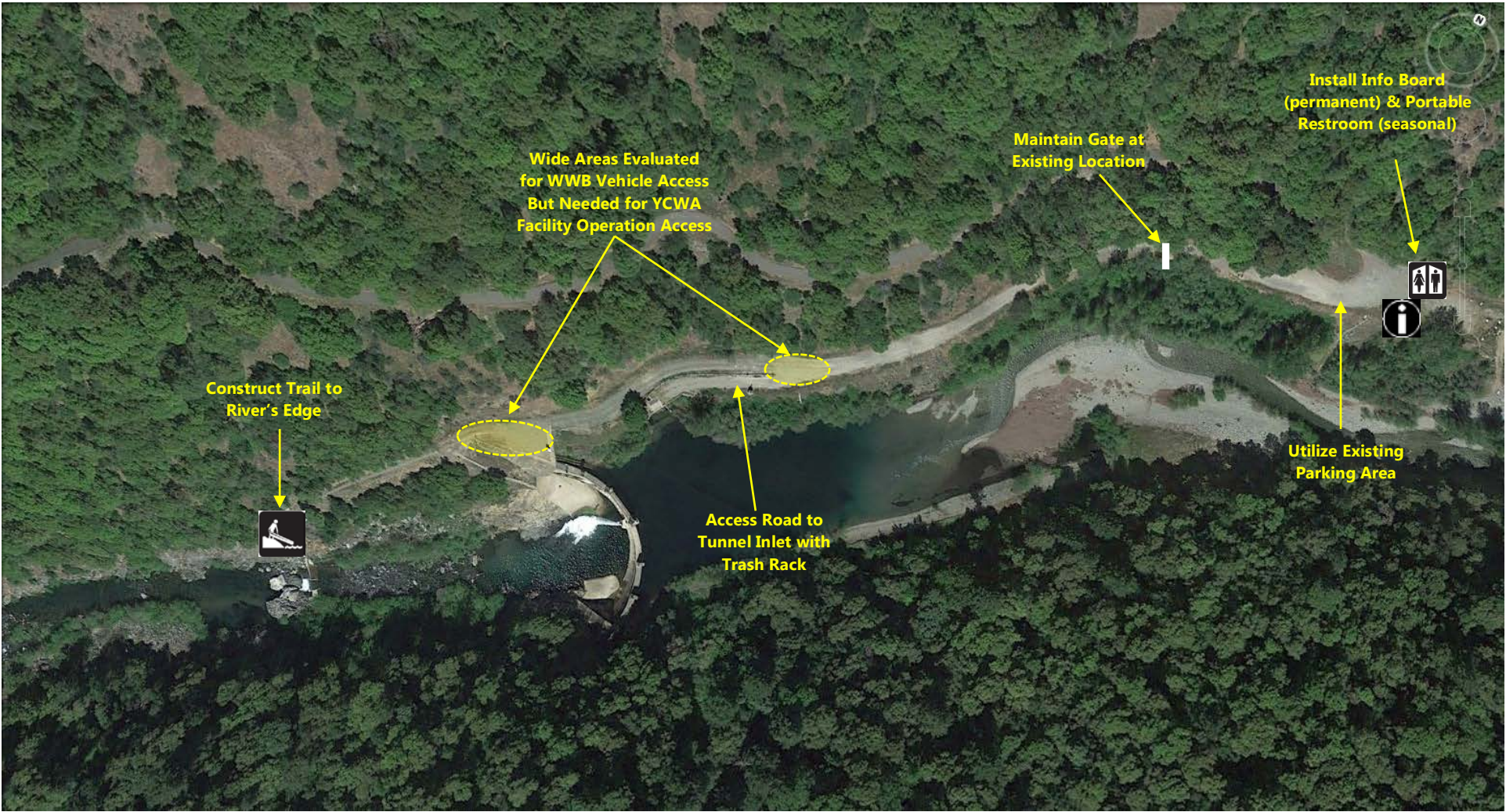
**2. Install temporary restrooms at the existing parking and install information board**

- YCWA's Rationale: YCWA understands the need for basic sanitary facilities at the site during the whitewater boating season for the focused and regular use of the site for boating purposes. Currently, due to the overall low use at the site year-round and remote setting, YCWA did not propose to install a permanent restroom facility. Further, YCWA recognizes the need for better information distribution, including site-specific information and regulations to the recreating public.

**3. Construct a trail wide enough for transporting boats from the end of the existing road/concrete pad to the granite bench at the river's edge below the diversion dam and weir**

- YCWA's Rationale: YCWA understands the need for improvements between the end of the road and the river's edge, particularly for whitewater boaters transporting kayaks and rafts; and this can be accomplished through development of a trail between the road and river's edge. The granite bench at the end of the proposed trail provides sufficient space (approx. 50-75 ft long by 20-25 ft wide) for boaters to prepare for launching.

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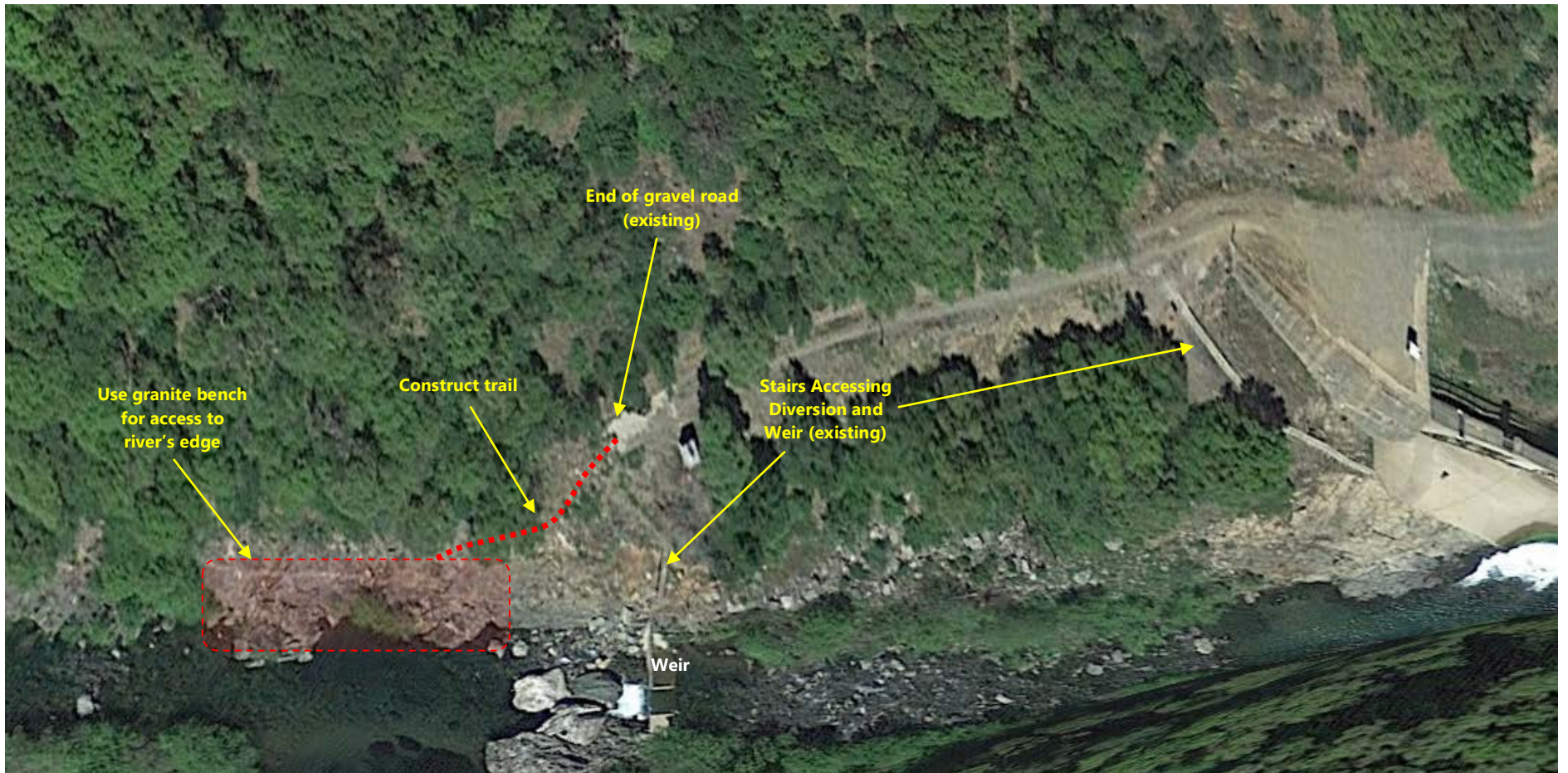


**FIGURE 1. Overview of proposed whitewater boating access improvements at Our House Diversion Dam.**



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**FIGURE 2. Proposed whitewater boating put-in improvements below the diversion dam and weir.**



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Informal Parking Area

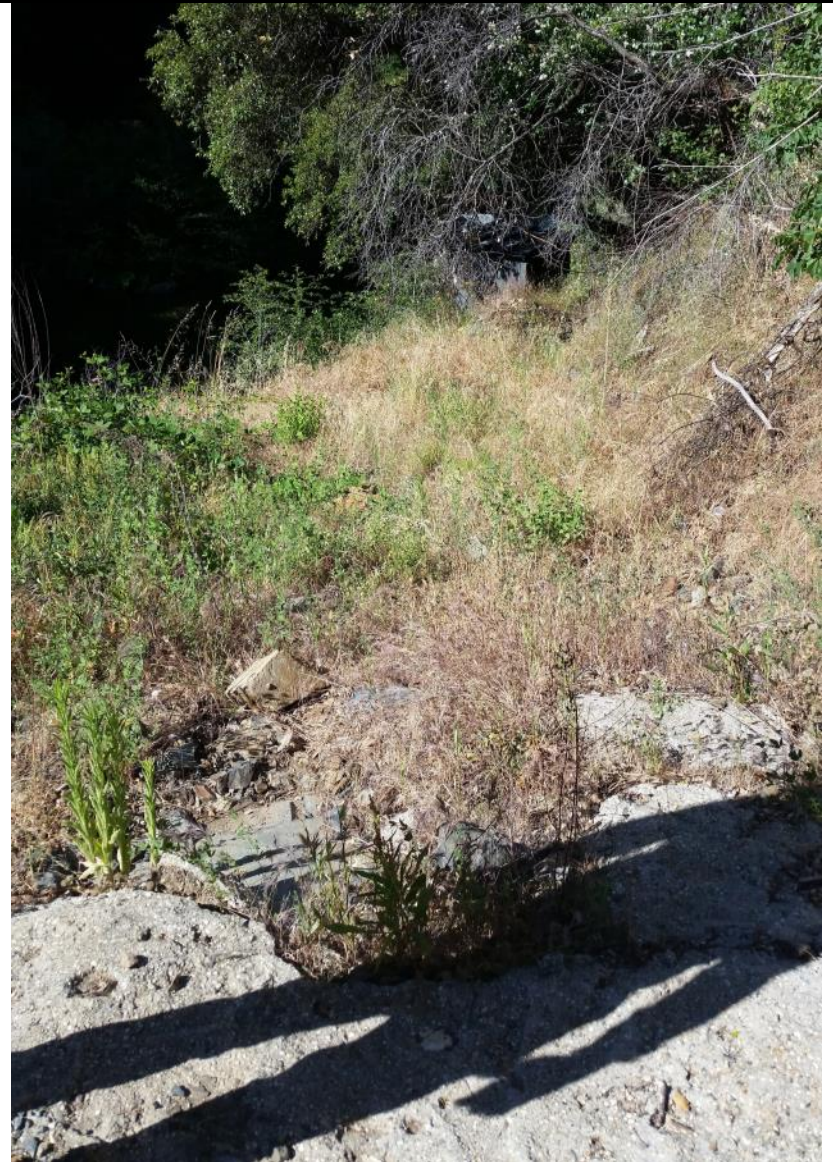
**FIGURE 3. Site photos.**



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Existing Access Road Below Diversion Dam (Foot Access Only)



End of Access Road Where Trail Would Begin

**FIGURE 3 (CONTINUED). Site photos.**