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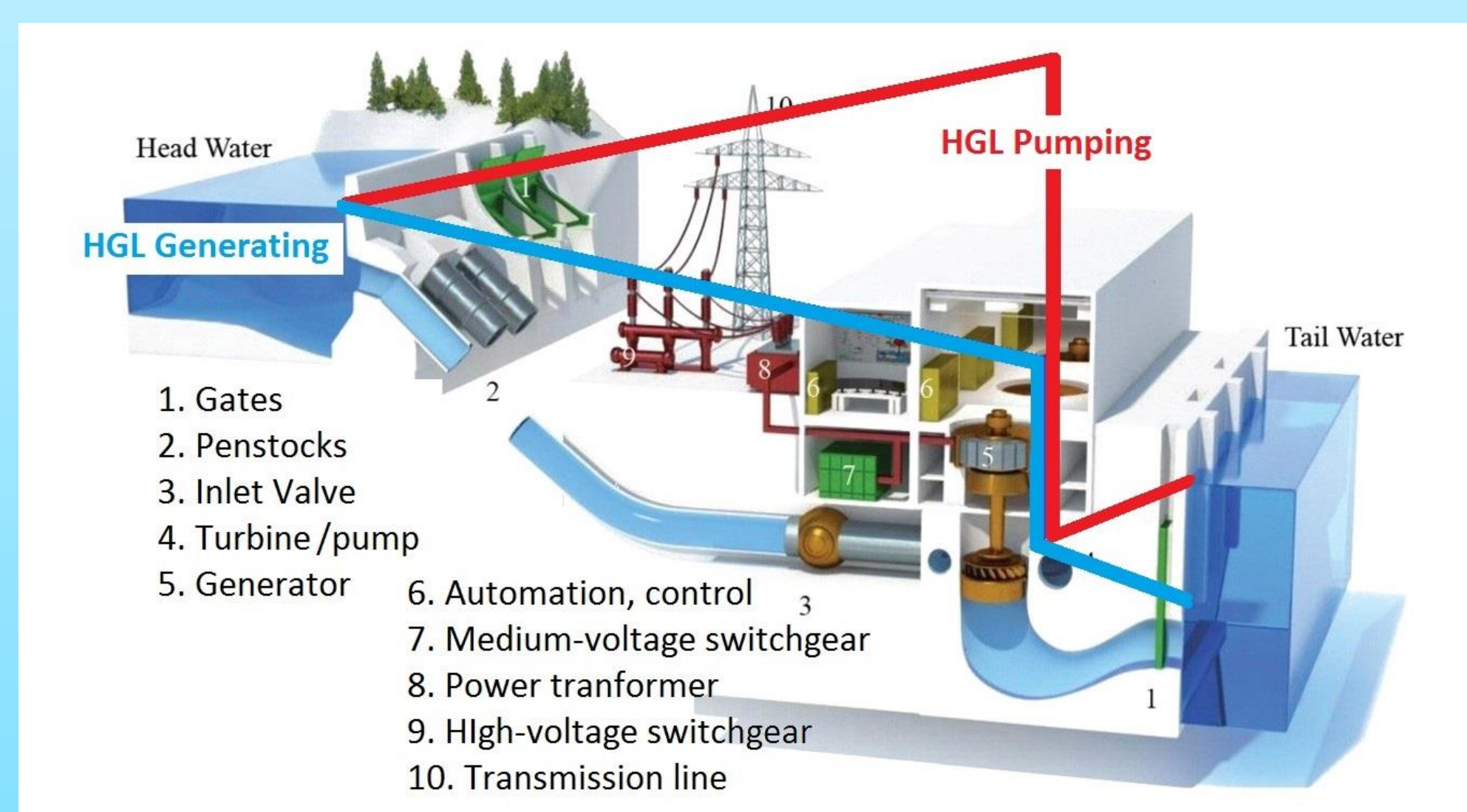
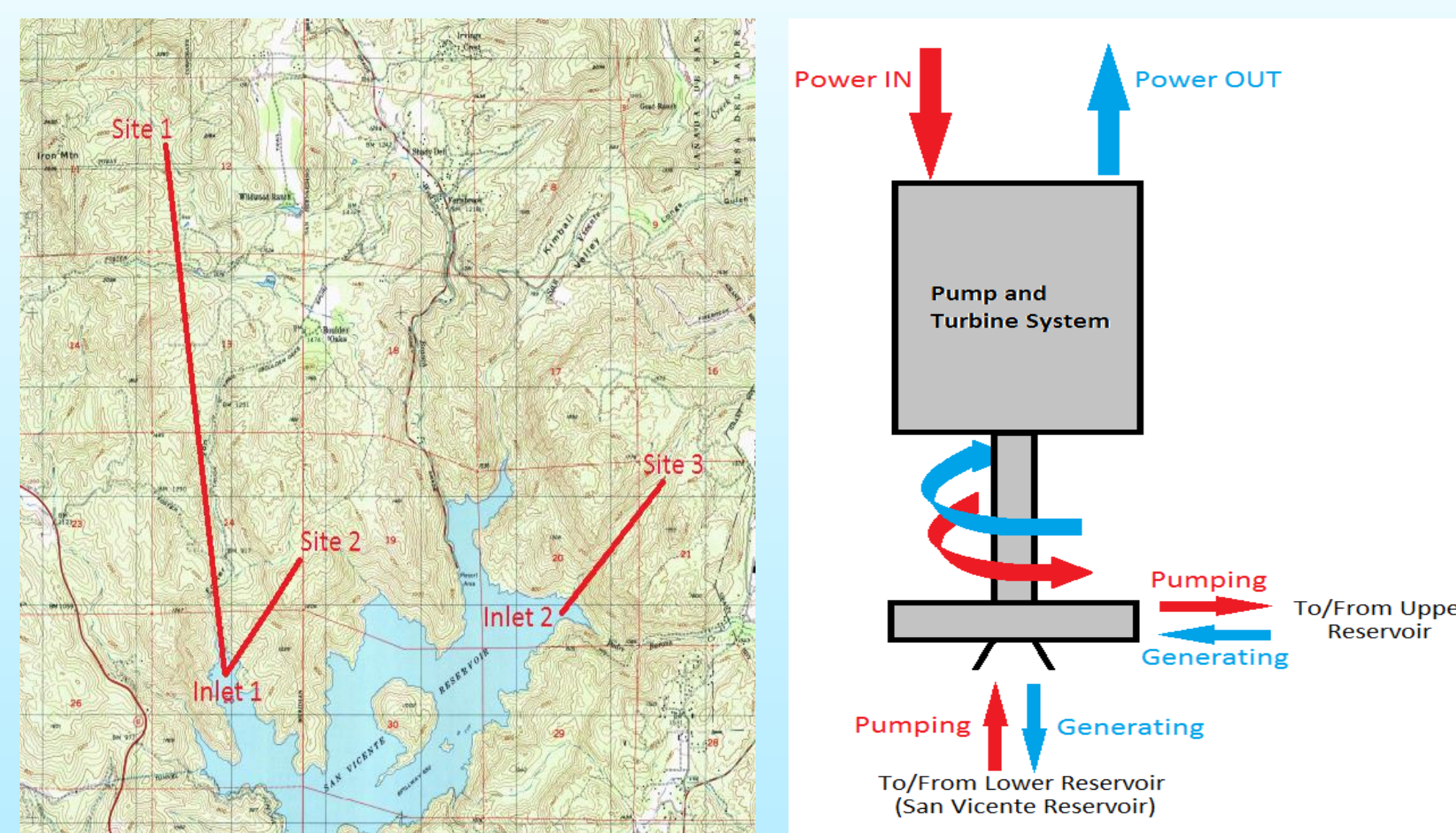
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#### Project Description

The objective is to generate 500 MW of power for 8 hour periods. This would be enough to supply 325,000 homes annually in the San Diego area. A new upper reservoir will be constructed above the existing San Vicente Reservoir and connected by an underground pipe containing a reversible pump-turbine system. Energy produced by the system will be stored during off-peak hours and sold during peak hours.

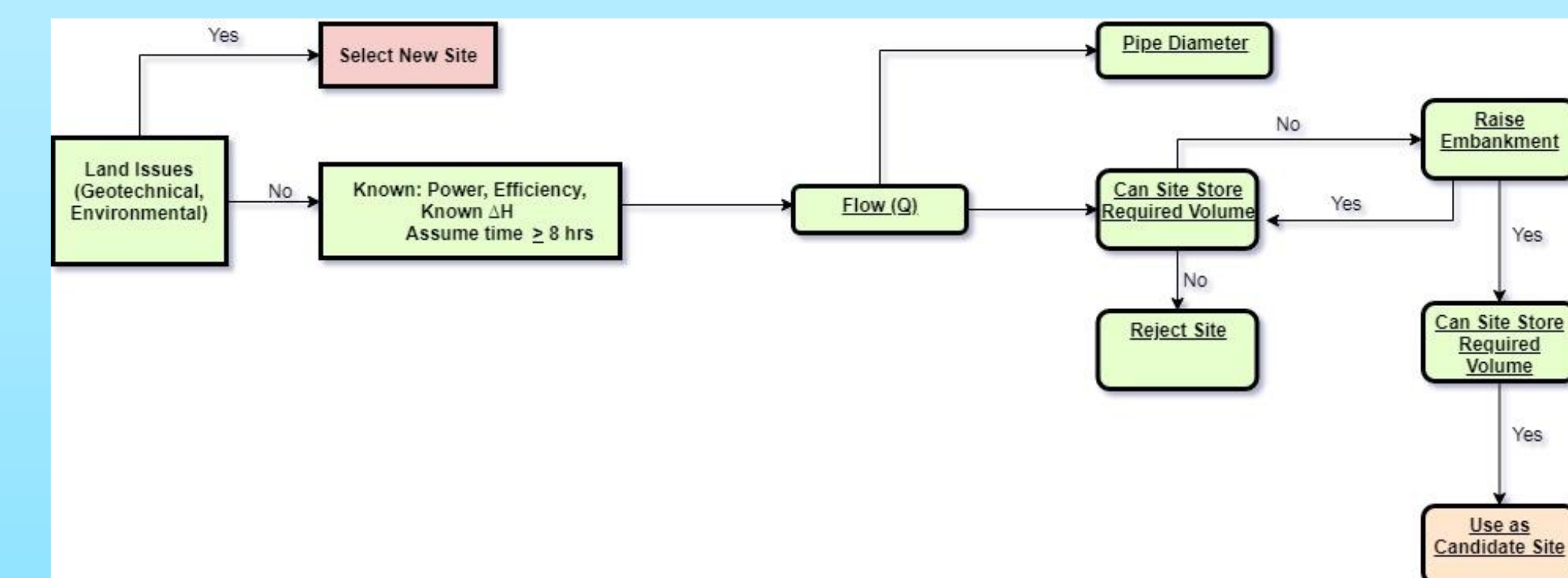


#### Cost Estimation

| Category                       | Category Total         |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Embankment and Upper Reservoir | \$280,000,000          |
| Pressure Tunnel                | \$120,000,000          |
| Powerhouse Structure           | \$40,000,000           |
| Pump/ Turbine Motor/ Generator | \$300,000,000          |
| Access Tunnel                  | \$30,000,000           |
| Tailrace Tunnel                | \$40,000,000           |
| Inlet/Outlet Lower Reservoir   | \$40,000,000           |
| Electrical Transmission        | \$20,000,000           |
| Roads and Site Work            | \$20,000,000           |
| Contingency (10%)              | \$89,000,000           |
| Construction Total Cost        | \$979,000,000          |
| Engineering                    | \$146,850,000          |
| <b>Total Project Cost</b>      | <b>\$1,125,850,000</b> |

#### Design Approach

As shown in the flow chart below, the first main step of the design is to select various candidate sites that would be capable of providing 500 MW of energy for 8 hours to the surrounding area of San Diego County.



#### Preliminary Design Results

Red Color in the table indicates the least qualified candidate site because it does not contain sufficient volume to accommodate the reservoir. Green Color refers to the most ideal pipe size and acceptable head loss. Yellow Color represents an alternative site that is also qualified, but not the best in terms of pipe size.

Calculations are based on a maximum penstock velocity of 30 cfs (Mays, L. W., section 8.21).

|        | Elevation (ft) | ΔH (ft) | Conduit Length (ft) | Q (gpm)  | V required (acre ft) | V actual (acre ft) | v = 20 ft/s |                | v = 25 ft/s |                | v = 30 ft/s |                |
|--------|----------------|---------|---------------------|----------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|        |                |         |                     |          |                      |                    | D pipe (ft) | Head Loss (ft) | D pipe (ft) | Head Loss (ft) | D pipe (ft) | Head Loss (ft) |
| Site 1 | 1400           | 636     | 3333                | 6.62E+06 | 9758                 | 6506               | -           | -              | -           | -              | -           | -              |
| Site 2 | 1600           | 836     | 7083                | 5.04E+06 | 7416                 | 9629               | 321         | 12.8           | 287         | 21.9           | 262         | 34.2           |
| Site 3 | 2000           | 1236    | 17750               | 3.41E+06 | 5028                 | 11957              | 264         | 40.1           | 236         | 69             | 215         | 107.6          |

#### Design Constraints and Parameters

**Design Parameters** Pipe diameter, pipe length, upper reservoir volume, head loss, elevation difference

**Design Constraints** Biological preservation constraints, environmental constraints

#### Plan for Next Phase

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Tasks Completed</b>            | Project research and analysis<br>Determination of criteria for upper reservoir<br>Selection of candidate sites using topography<br>Calculation of upper reservoir volume |
| <b>Tasks to be Completed Next</b> | Cost analysis for upper reservoir selection<br>Selection of upper reservoir<br>Design upper reservoir, tunnel, and pipe  |