

## DRAFT Notice of Exemption

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**To:** ☒ Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Sonoma County Water Agency  
404 Aviation Blvd.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

☒ Sonoma County Clerk  
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Project Title:** Agreement between Sonoma County Water Agency and the Town Of Windsor Regarding the Transfer, Treatment, Storage, and Disposal of Treated Wastewater

**Project Location - Specific:** The Airport/Larkfield/Wikiup Sanitation Zone (ALWSZ) treatment, storage, and disposal facilities in the unincorporated area northwest of Santa Rosa and the treatment, storage, and disposal facilities in the Town of Windsor and surrounding unincorporated area (See **Figure 1**).

**Project Location – City:** Unincorporated, Windsor      **County:** Sonoma

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project comprises an agreement (Agreement) that will allow the ability to transfer recycled water and partially treated wastewater between the ALWSZ and the Town of Windsor treatment, storage, and irrigation facilities. The Agreement will allow for the coordinated operation of these systems for the purposes of increasing operating efficiencies, reducing operational costs, increasing beneficial use of recycled water, and decreasing discharges of recycled water to Mark West Creek, for an initial term of five years. The project may include the modification or installation of valves to existing wastewater and recycled water pipelines that will not result in an expansion of use. All project modifications will be conducted in existing roadways and within the footprint of the sanitation districts' existing facilities.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Sonoma County Water Agency

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Sonoma County Water Agency

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301(b): Existing Facilities. 15302(c): Replacement or Reconstruction. 15304(f): Minor Alterations to Land.
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project may include the modification or installation of valves to existing wastewater and recycled water pipelines that will result in no expansion of use. No modification of the existing treatment facilities, storage ponds, or recycled water irrigation facilities would occur. Minor alterations to land will be limited to trenching and backfilling in existing roadways. All project work will be conducted within the footprint of the sanitation districts' existing facilities.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Jeff Church

**Telephone:** 707-547-1949

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** General Manager

**Date:** 12/15/2020

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☐ Signed by Lead Agency      ☐ Signed by Applicant      Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

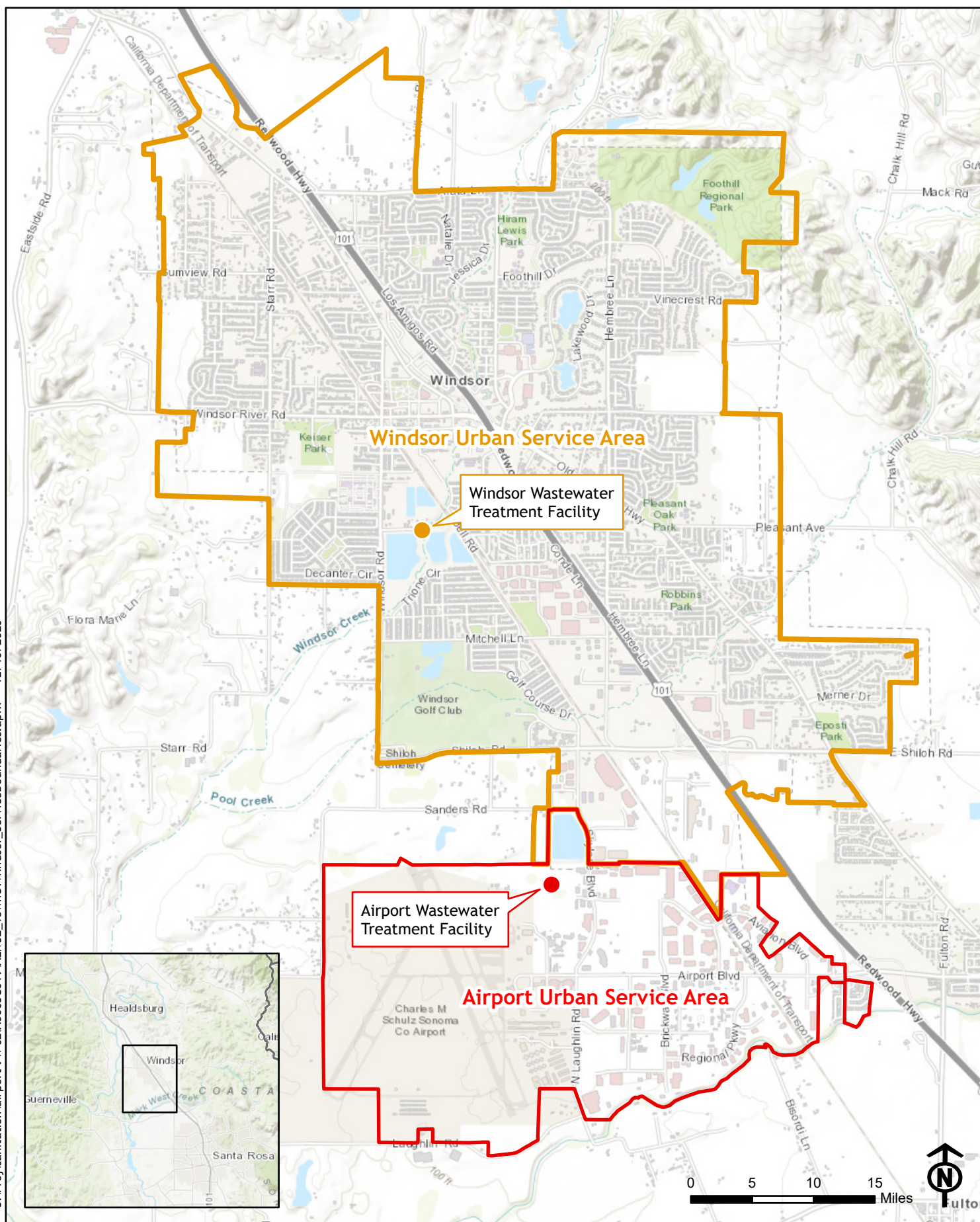


Figure 1. Airport/Larkfield/Wikiup Sanitation Zone and Town of Windsor Sanitation District Location Map