

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Sonoma County Water Agency
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County Clerk
County of Sonoma
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Project Title: Windsor Water Supply Agreement Renewal

Project Location- Specific: The project is located in the service area of the Town of Windsor, Sonoma County, California (Exhibit-A).

Project Location – City: Windsor

Project Location – County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The project is renewal of a water supply agreement between Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) and the Windsor Water District and the Town of Windsor (Windsor) for a term of 10 years. Sonoma Water and the Windsor Water District entered into an agreement on January 8, 1991, for the sale of water to the District. The agreement and the subsequent June 18, 2014, renewal agreement, which was amended to include the Town of Windsor as a party, require Sonoma Water to renew the water supply agreement upon the request of the District. The agreement and its subsequent renewal authorize Windsor to divert Russian River water and redivert previously stored water from Lake Mendocino or Lake Sonoma at Windsor's well field on the Russian River.

Sonoma Water and District/Windsor staff have negotiated a renewal agreement no change to the amount of water available from the First Renewal Agreement for a 10-year term. Based on Sonoma Water's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, Sonoma Water staff determined that the water supply is sufficient to continue to supply Windsor as specified in the agreement. The renewal agreement contains a right of renewal at the end of the ten years.

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
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: Execution of the agreement renewal is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(b). CEQA Guidelines section 15301(b) provides that the operation of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination is categorically exempt from CEQA. The examples in subdivision (b) of section 15301 specifically provide that the existing facilities of publicly owned utilities used to provide public utility services is exempt. The project would renew a current water supply agreement and future levels of diversion will not be significantly different from present levels of diversion and involves no expansion of existing use.

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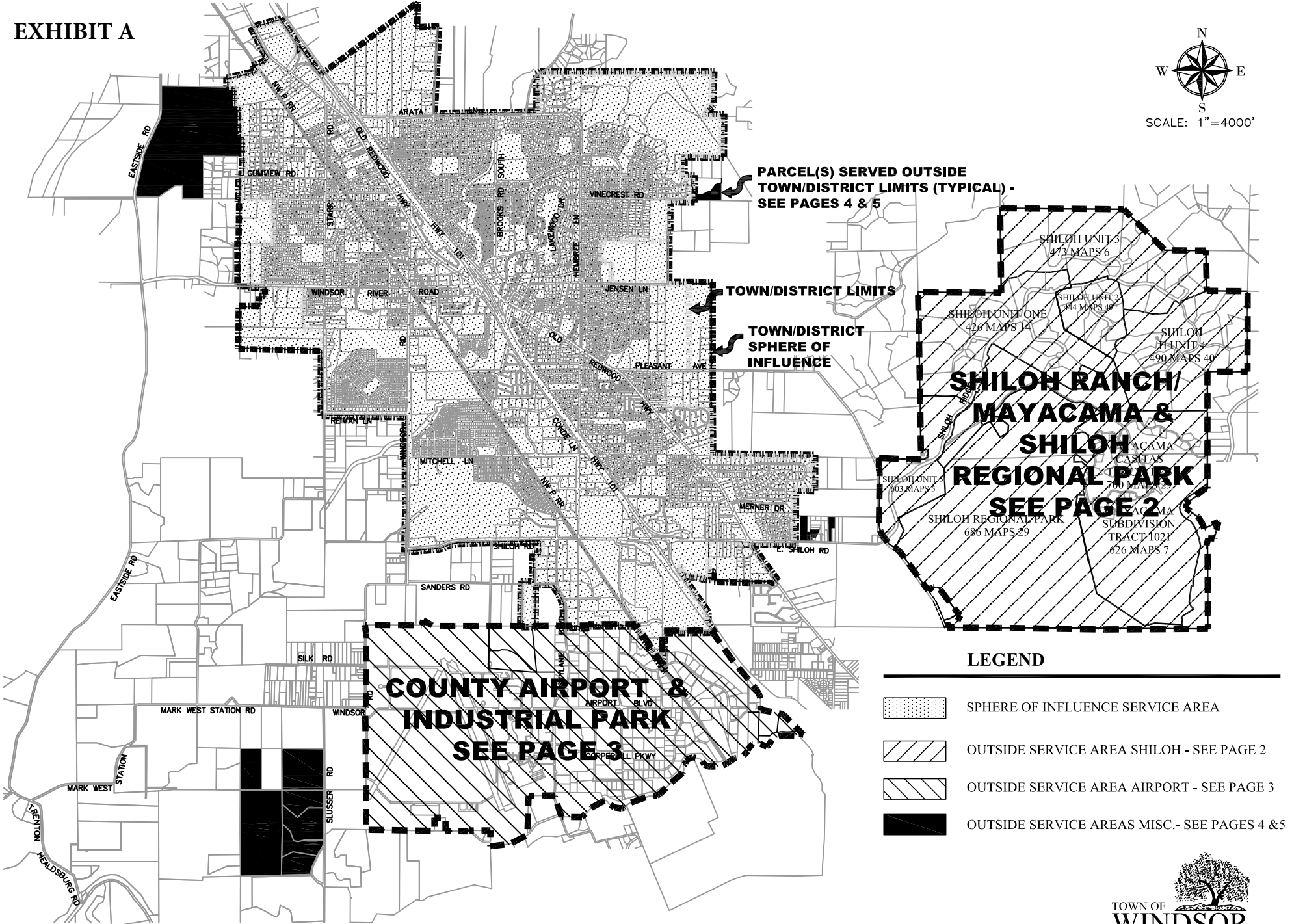
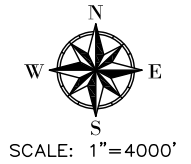
General Manager
Title

6/4/24
Date

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

EXHIBIT A



Windsor Water District Water Service Areas

