

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:**  Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
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**FROM:** Sonoma County Water Agency  
404 Aviation Blvd.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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

**Project Title:** Funding of Wastewater Intertie Pipeline Construction between Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone and Town of Windsor

**Project Location- Specific:** The project will be constructed from the terminus of Freedom Way, north along Skylane Boulevard, then east along Shiloh Way.

**Project Location – City:** Windsor and unincorporated

**Project Location – County:** Sonoma

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) owns, operates, and manages Airport/Larkfield/Wikiup Sanitation Zone (Zone). The Windsor Water District (Windsor District), which is a dependent special district of the Town of Windsor (Town), have been working together to transfer wastewater collections, treatment, and disposal operations of the Zone to the Windsor District. The Zone's wastewater treatment facility is approaching the end of its operational lifetime and would require substantial financial investment to extend its operational life while the Town's water reclamation facility has enough excess rated capacity to fully treat all wastewater flows and loadings from Zone. A permanent sewer connection (pipeline) will be required for continuous conveyance of raw or partially treated wastewater from Zone's treatment plant to Windsor District. Town of Windsor requested \$1,500,000 from Sonoma Water's Zone fund for the construction of the Wastewater Intertie Pipeline Project. The pipeline project will consist of constructing an approximately 2,850-foot 24-inch diameter gravity pipeline, from the terminus of Freedom Way (800-feet), north along Skylane Boulevard (1,400-feet), then east along Shiloh Way (650-feet). Town owns or will acquire, and will retain ownership of, any property or easements where the project will be constructed and will operate and maintain the project in perpetuity. This agreement will provide funding to the Town in the amount of \$1,500,000 for construction of the project.

**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:
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: 21080.21, pipeline less than one mile in length.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Public Resources Code section 21080.21 exempts from CEQA review the installation of new pipeline of less than one mile in length within a public street or any other public right-of-way. The project will not result in a net increase in the amount of effluent produced or treated and the wastewater will be treated at a plant that has the existing capacity to treat the conveyed wastewater. The project would not result in any significant adverse effect on the environment.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Jessica Martini-Lamb

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (707) 547-1903

Signature

General Manager  
Title

Date

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_



**Figure 1. Location of pipeline in the Town of Windsor and unincorporated Sonoma County for the Agreement for Funding of Wastewater Intertie Pipeline Construction between Airport/Larkfield/Wikiup Sanitation Zone and Town of Windsor.**