

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Cotati Tank No.3 Recoating

Project Location- Specific: The Cotati potable water storage facility is located at 1380 West Sierra Avenue in Cotati, California (Figure 1).

Project Location – City: Cotati

Project Location – County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of actions to meet current health and safety standards for ongoing operations and maintenance activities of existing water storage facilities. The project will maintain the service life of the existing potable water storage tank and maintain existing water quality-related appurtenances designed to protect public drinking water sources from contamination. The project will repair corroded structural steel features within the water storage tank, install lateral bracing, apply a 100 percent solids coating to the storage tank interior, paint the exterior with epoxy/urethane, and install a new cathodic protection system for long-term corrosion prevention. Water quality-related actions include the repair and replacement of screened vents and overflow pipes to protect against intrusion of animals and the back-flow of contaminated air. Health and safety improvements consist of replacing the roof fall restraint system and guardrail extensions, repositioning of ladders to meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements, and installing ladder climbing fall arrest systems for ongoing maintenance activities. Structural improvements will include replacing existing asphalt paving with one (1) foot of additional concrete foundation footing around the base of the tank to mitigate seismic vulnerabilities.

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: CEQA Guidelines Sections: 15301(b)(d)(e) - Existing Facilities and 15304(f): Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The maintenance project consists of minor alterations of an existing water storage tank and minor alterations to land that will not result in expansion of existing uses or removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The additional foundation to mitigate seismic vulnerabilities will not result in an increase of more than 50 percent of the floor area of the structure before the addition, or 2,500 square feet.

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Signature



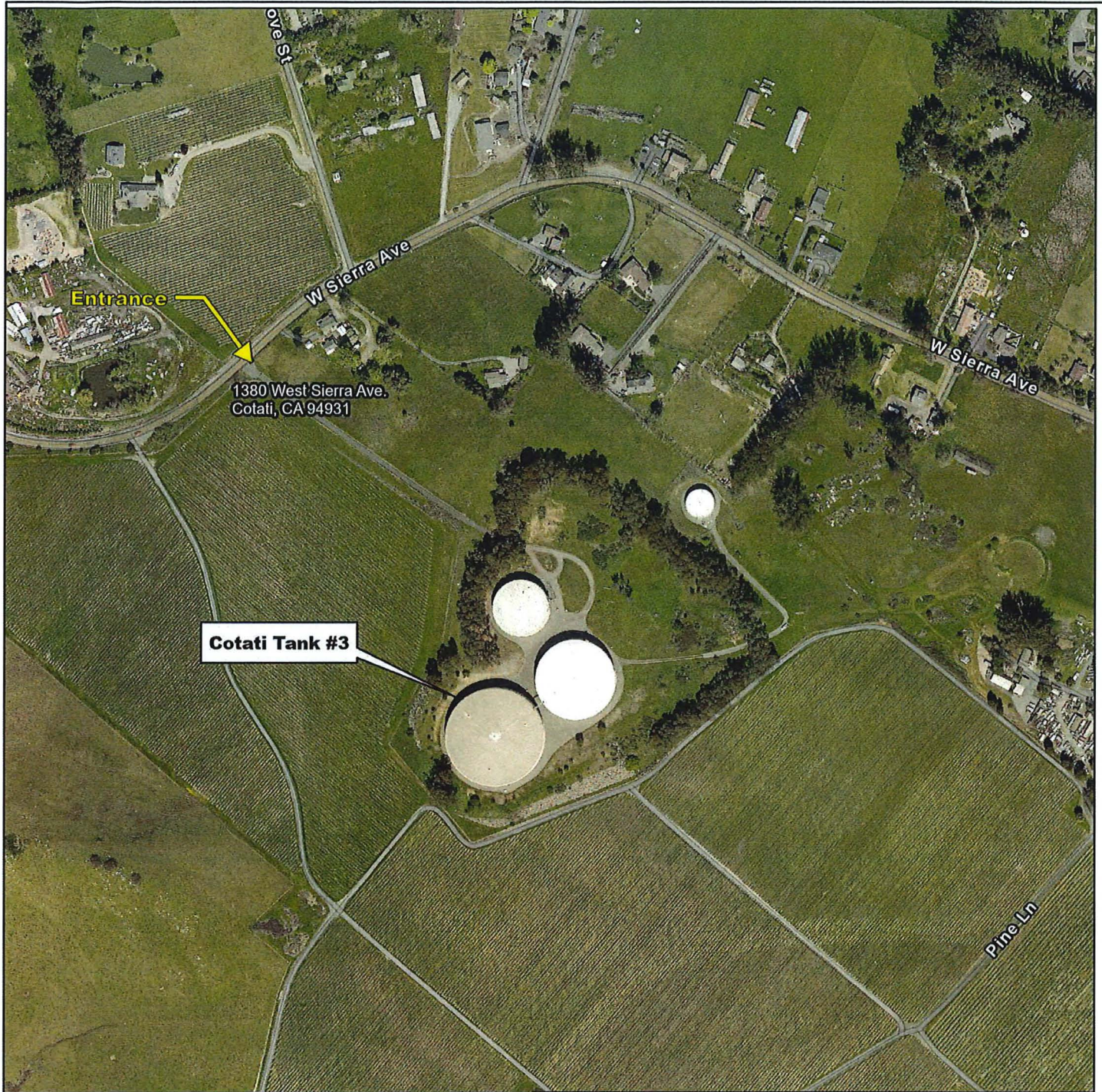
General Manager
Title

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Date

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____



Cotati Tank No. 3
Recoating Project



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Feet

Figure 1

