



CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF EXEMPTIC..

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From: City of Willits
(Public 111 E. Commercial St
Agency): Willits, CA 95490

County Clerk-Recorder
County of Mendocino
501 Low Gap Rd #1020
Ukiah, CA 95482

Project Title: City of Willits Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Project at City Hall and Sports Park
Project Applicant: City of Willits
Project Location – Specific: 111 and 400 E. Commercial Street
APN: 005-148-09 and 007-020-02
Project Location – City: Willits, California **Project Location – County:** Mendocino County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of project: The City Solar Project will install solar photovoltaic (PV) systems in two (2) locations: The first location is on the rooftop of City Hall (APN 005-148-09) and the second location includes the public parking lot areas serving the Sports Park and Skate Park (APN 007-020-02), on the north side of East Commercial Street. An existing Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) power service will be connected to the new rooftop solar arrays at City Hall, and a new PG&E power service (power line) will be installed at the Sports Park parking lot to connect the new solar carport arrays.

The proposed solar installation at City Hall will add an additional 6.48 kW of rooftop solar panels (approximately 320 square feet), expanding the existing rooftop solar array. At the Sports Park and Skate Park parking lots, new free-standing solar carports will be installed over existing parking areas. The footprint of the Sports Park's new carport solar array will be approximately 31,000 square feet, and the footprint of the Skate Park's new carport solar array will be approximately 2,500 square feet. Combined, approximately 667.60 kW of new carport solar arrays will be installed at Willits Sports Park and Skate Park parking lots.

Some minor trenching, tree removal, pavement demolition, and replacement will be required in addition to installing a small utility box and pad at the Sports Park parking lot. Solar carport construction at the Sports Park and Skate Park parking lots will require the closure of the parking lots for a single period between 4-8 weeks during summer months. The required security lighting will be installed on the solar carports. The project will occur within previously disturbed and highly utilized areas.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Willits

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Walter Kolon, Services and Facility Director

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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): **Public Resource Code Section 21080.35**

Lead or Responsible Agency Contact Person: Dusty Duley, Community Development Director

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 459-7112

Reasons why Project is exempt:

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the installation of a solar energy system on the roof of an existing building or at an existing parking lot is statutorily exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.35. This exemption applies in cases where a solar energy project is proposed to be installed on the roof of either an existing building or at an existing parking lot which has been designated and used for parking vehicles for at least the previous two years and does not involve removal of a required or native tree over 25 years old, and associated equipment meets certain size, location, and other conditions. The proposal for the City of Willits Wastewater Treatment Plant Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Project at City Hall and Sports Park meets the requirements of the exemption; therefore, no further CEQA review is required.

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

Yes No

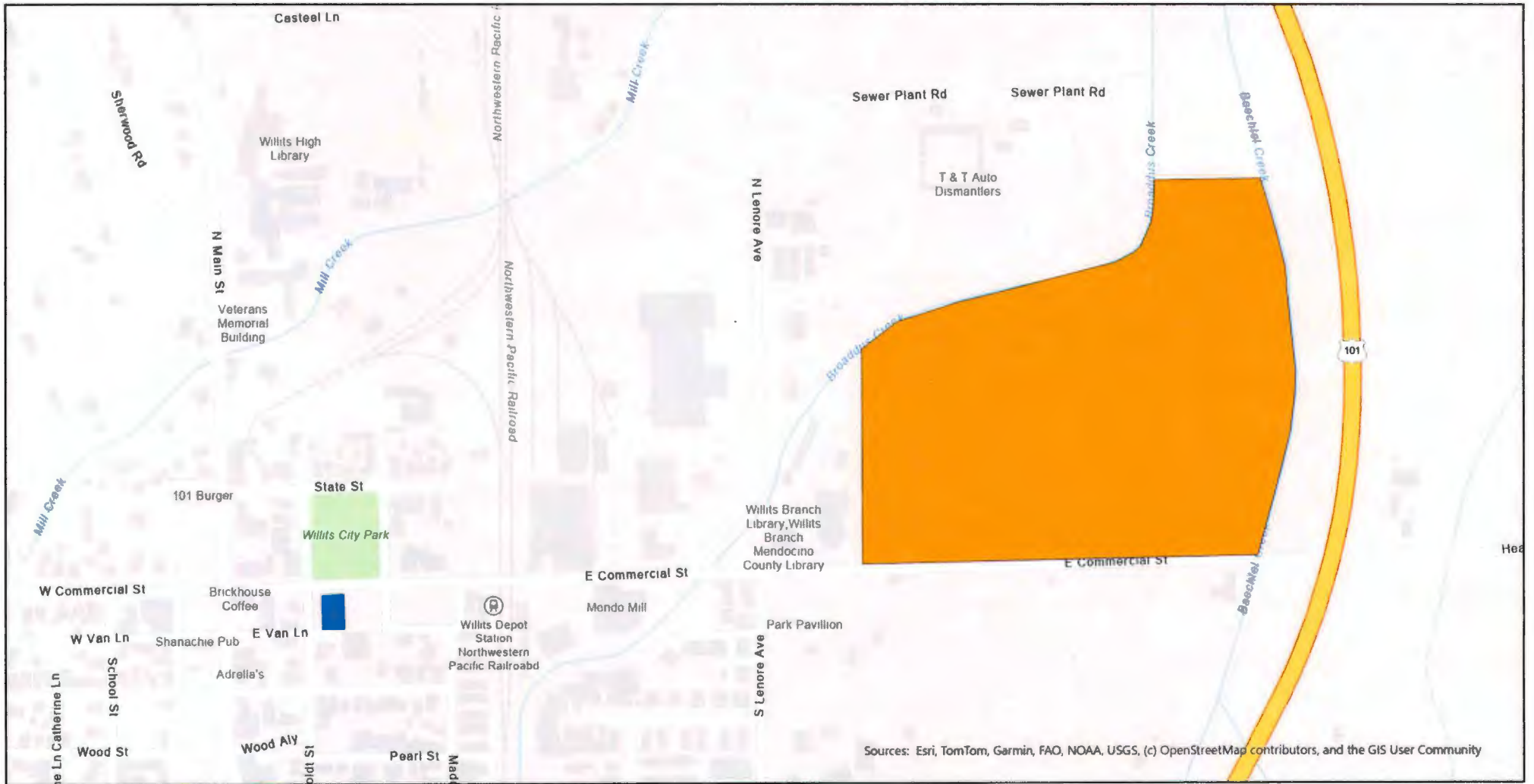
Signature:  **Title:** Community Development Director **Date:** 2-20-2025

- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.



Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

Legend

- 111 E. Commercial Street, APN: 005-148-09
- 400 E. Commercial Street, APN: 007-020-02

VICINITY MAP





Solar Rooftop panels



Address: 400 E. Commercial Street, Willits, California **APN:** 007-020-02