

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
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From: Roseville Joint Union High School District  
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Roseville, CA 95678

County Clerk  
County of Placer

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New Softball Fields at Woodcreek High School Project  
Project Title

2551 Woodcreek Oaks Boulevard, Roseville, CA 95747  
Project Location - Specific

Roseville  
Project Location – City

Placer  
Project Location – County

The District plans to construct two new softball fields at Woodcreek High School—one varsity field and one junior varsity field. The project site is in the northwest portion of the campus on existing grass fields currently used for school sports and recreation. The project would not introduce new sporting and recreational events/activities nor expand existing sporting and recreational events/activities. The project would not change the hours of operations nor the frequency of existing sports and recreational activities. A scoreboard would be installed on the varsity field, which would also feature an 8-foot chain-link perimeter outfield fence. Dugouts would be constructed for both fields. A bullpen and batting cage would be built on the left field side of the varsity field, with an additional bullpen on the right-field side. A concrete walkway would connect the two fields to the adjacent school parking lot, located immediately east of the current grass fields. No field lighting is proposed.

Seven trees along the project site's western fence line would be removed. Six new ornamental trees would be planted outside the varsity field's perimeter fence, and three additional trees would be planted along the right-field side of the junior varsity field. No lighting would be included as part of the project. The project would serve existing students and would not affect enrollment on the campus.

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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Roseville Joint Union High School District  
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Roseville Joint Union High School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

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Exempt Status: (check one below)

- 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. CEQA Section 15301: Existing Facilities.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

The project involves the construction of two softball fields at the Woodcreek High School campus. As the project would be constructed on existing fields used for school sports and recreation, the project is exempt under § 15301 (Existing Facilities, Class 1). Class 1 consists of the operation or minor alteration of existing structures involving negligible expansion of the existing space.

See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for a review of the possible exceptions to the exemption under CEQA Guidelines section § 15300.2. The Attachment is available for review at the District Facilities Department, 2 Tiger Way, Building #2, Roseville, CA 95678.

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Reasons why project is exempt

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Contact Person:

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption findings
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project  Yes  No

Date

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Filing:

5/22/2025

Signature:



Title:

Director, Facilities Development

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# **Attachment to Notice of Exemption**

## **New Softball Fields at Woodcreek High School Project**

**Roseville Joint Union High School District**

### **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

The Roseville Joint Union High School District (District) plans to construct two new softball fields—one varsity field and one junior varsity field at Woodcreek High School. While the project falls within the categorical exemption Class 1 (California Code of Regulations, Title 14 §§ 15301), this document reviews the possible exceptions to the exemption under CEQA Guidelines §15300.2

## **1. EXISTING SETTING**

### **PROJECT LOCATION**

The project site is located at 2551 Woodcreek Oaks Boulevard, Roseville, in Placer County (APN 017-370-012-000). The campus is approximately 3.3 miles northwest of the Interstate 80 Freeway. The City of Roseville is located southwest of the City of Rocklin, west of the unincorporated community of Granite Bay, and northeast of the unincorporated community of Antelope (see Figure 1, *Regional Location*, and Figure 2, *Local Vicinity*).

### **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

Woodcreek High School has a 2024/25 enrollment of 1,902 students in grades 9th through 12th (CDE 2025). The project site encompasses approximately 3.7 acres of the 35.97-acre school property. The project site is in the northwest portion of the campus, bordered by a parking lot, tennis courts, outdoor basketball courts, and classroom buildings to the east; a baseball field to the southeast; an open grass field to the south; and the Mahany Nature Preserve to the north and west. Figure 3, *Aerial Photograph*, shows the current campus layout, including the project site, which consists of an existing grass field with fencing along its western perimeter.

### **SURROUNDING LAND USES**

The school is in a residential neighborhood and is bounded by open space to the north, west, and south (i.e. the Mahany Nature Preserve), and Woodcreek Oaks Boulevard and residential properties to the east, as shown in Figure 3 *Aerial Photograph*.

## **2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project is planned to be completed in a single phase and would be constructed on an existing grass field in the northwest portion of the campus currently used for school sports and recreation. The proposed project includes one varsity softball field and one junior varsity softball field. The varsity field would feature a scoreboard and an 8-foot chain-link perimeter outfield fence. Dugouts would be constructed for both fields. A bullpen and batting cage would be located along the left-field side of the varsity field, with an additional bullpen on the right-field side. A concrete walkway would connect the fields to the adjacent school parking lot to the east. No field lighting is proposed.

Seven red maple trees (*Acer rubrum*) along the western fence line of the project site would be removed. In their place, six ornamental trees would be planted outside the perimeter fence of the varsity field, with three additional trees planted along the right-field side of the junior varsity field.

The project would serve existing students and would not affect campus enrollment. It would not include lighting or introduce any new sporting or recreational events or activities. Additionally, the project would not expand existing events or activities, nor alter their hours of operation or frequency.

The design and construction of the project would comply with the California Building Standards Code (CBCS) California Code of Regulations, Title 24, for fire, life, safety, and access. The plans will be reviewed and approved by the Division of the State Architect's (DSA). The approved project will not create any new hazards or exacerbate an existing hazard, as defined under the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 5.

### **3. REASONS WHY THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT**

The proposed project is exempt from further environmental documentation under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.) categorical exemption Class 2:

Class 1, Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines § 15301) Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

The project involves the construction of two new softball fields on existing fields currently used for school sports and recreation. Construction of the new softball fields would be a minor alteration to an existing public facility and would not expand the current use. Because the proposed project involves no expansion of an existing use, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15301.

### **4. REVIEW OF EXCEPTIONS TO THE CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION**

The proposed project has been reviewed under CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2, Exceptions, for any characteristics or circumstances that might invalidate findings that the project is exempt from CEQA. Each exception is listed below followed by an assessment of whether that exception applies to the proposed project.

- (a) Location.** Classes 3,4,5,6 and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project would be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

Although this exception does not apply to Class 1 as explained above, the project site has been reviewed for unusual circumstances. The project will occur within the boundaries of an existing school in a developed area of Roseville. The proposed project will not impact sensitive environments. The project site is in the northwest portion of the campus, adjacent to a parking lot, outdoor basketball courts, and baseball field. The school is in a residential neighborhood and is bounded by open space to the north, west, and south, and Woodcreek Oaks Boulevard and residential properties to the east. The site does not contain a sensitive environment and thus, this exception does not apply to the proposed project.

- (b) Cumulative Impacts.** All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

The proposed improvements are the only known and planned improvements at the school campus during the planned construction. There are no other known successive projects—planned, approved, or under construction—of the same type at and/or near the project site that when combined with the proposed project would result in a cumulative environmental impact. This exception does not apply to the proposed project.

- (c) **Significant Effects.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The determination whether this exception applies involves two distinct questions: (1) whether the project presents unusual circumstances, and (2) whether there is a reasonable possibility that a significant environmental impact will result from those unusual circumstances. The lead agency considers the second prong of this test only if it first finds that some circumstance of the project is unusual based on the court case *Berkeley Hillside Preservation v City of Berkeley* (2015) 60 C4th 1086, 1104.

There is no reasonable possibility that the proposed project would have a significant effect on the environment as planned or under “unusual circumstances.” The site is already developed with a school and is in a built-out residential neighborhood in the City of Roseville; therefore, impacts to sensitive biological receptors, cultural resources, or scenic views would not occur. Similarly, because the project would not change the capacity of the school, there would be no impacts on population, public services, recreation, utilities, and transportation systems. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the proposed project.

- (d) **Scenic Highways.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

The existing school site and surrounding environs are generally developed, and the campus does not contain any scenic resources, including historical buildings, rock outcroppings, or tress of biological or exceptional aesthetic significance. There are no state scenic highways in the vicinity of the project site. The nearest eligible scenic highway is State Route 49, about 17 miles to the northeast in the City of Auburn at the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. The nearest officially designated scenic highway (State Route 160) is south of the City of Sacramento, about 22 miles to the southwest of the site (Cal Trans 2025). Considering the distance, intervening development, and topography between the project site and this roadway, the project site would not be recognizable, and no impact is anticipated. This exception does not apply to the proposed project.

- (e) **Hazardous Waste Sites.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Hazardous materials sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 include all hazardous waste facilities subject to corrective action pursuant to Section 25187.5 of the Health and Safety Code (HSC), all land designated as hazardous waste property or border zone property pursuant to former Article 11 (commencing with Section 25220) of Chapter 6.5 of Division 20 of the HSC, all information received by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) pursuant to Section 25242 of the HSC on hazardous waste disposals on public land, and all sites listed pursuant to Section 25356 of the HSC. Five environmental lists were searched for hazardous materials sites on the school campus and within a 500-foot radius:

» GeoTracker. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB 2025)

- » EnviroStor. Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC 2025)
- » EJScreen and EnviroMapper. US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA 2025a; USEPA 2025b)
- » Solid Waste Information System (SWIS). California Department of Resources Recovery and Recycling (Cal Recycle 2025).

The project site was not listed on any database designating the site as a hazardous waste site requiring corrective action. Therefore, the proposed project would not create hazards related to the disturbance of, or exposure to, a hazardous waste site.

- (f) **Historical Resources.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of historical resources. Under Public Resource Code § 21084.1, a historical resource is a resource listed in or determined to be eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources. Additionally, historical resources included in a local register of historical resources are presumed to be historically or culturally significant, and a lead agency can determine whether the resource may be an historical resource.

The project site is located within an existing school site. The project site has consisted of school grounds since 1994. There are no historic resources reported on or adjacent to the project site based on a review of those listed on the California Register of Historic Resources (OHP 2025) and the National Register of Historic Places (NPS 2025). Project implementation would not cause significant impacts to historical resources, and the historical resources exception would not apply to this project site.

## CONCLUSION

As substantiated in this document, the proposed project would not meet the conditions specified in Section 15300.2, Exceptions, of the CEQA Guidelines, and the project is categorically exempt under Class 2.

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#### **ATTACHMENTS**

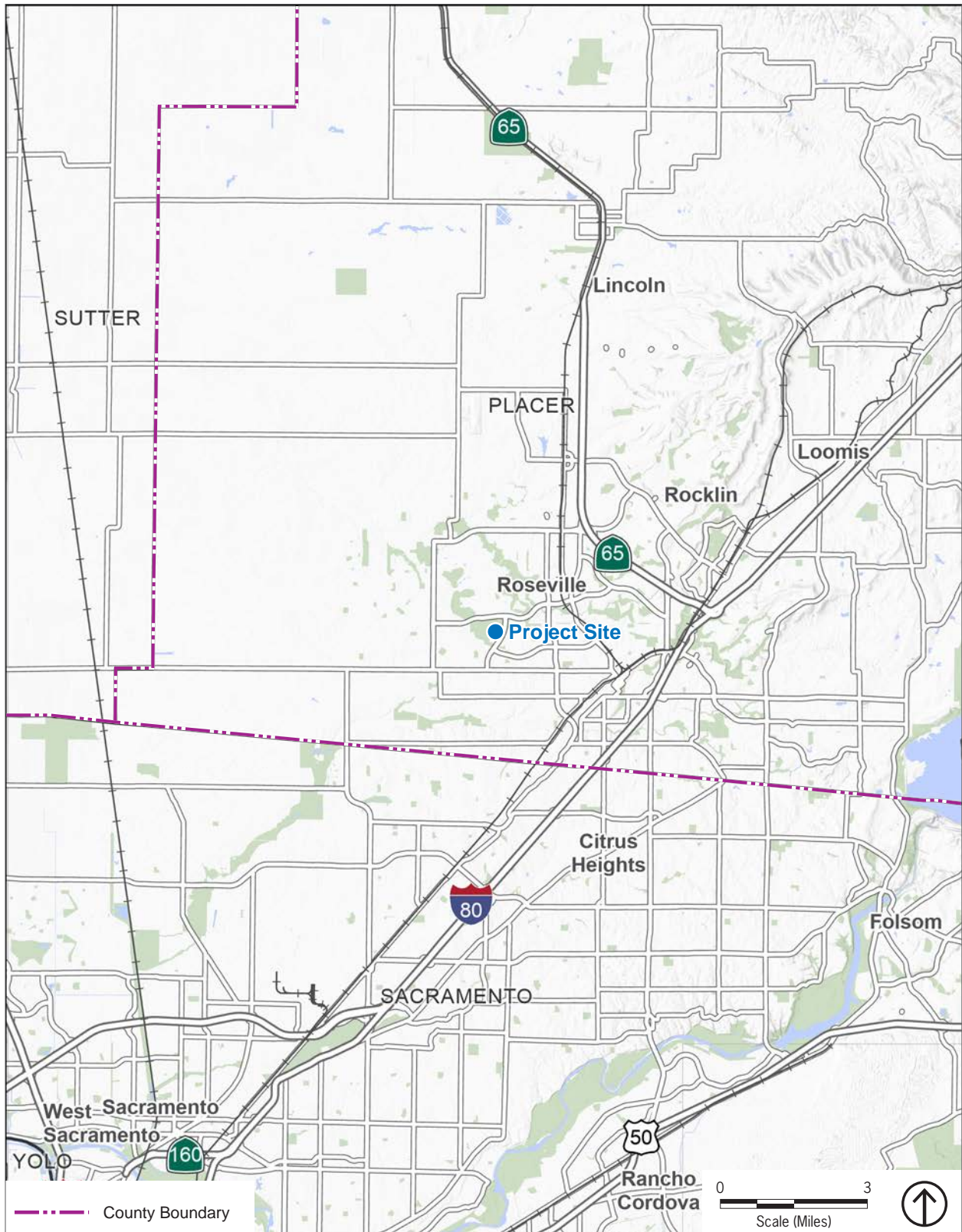
Figure 1 - Regional Location

Figure 2 – Local Vicinity

Figure 3 – Aerial Photo

Figure 4 – Site Plan

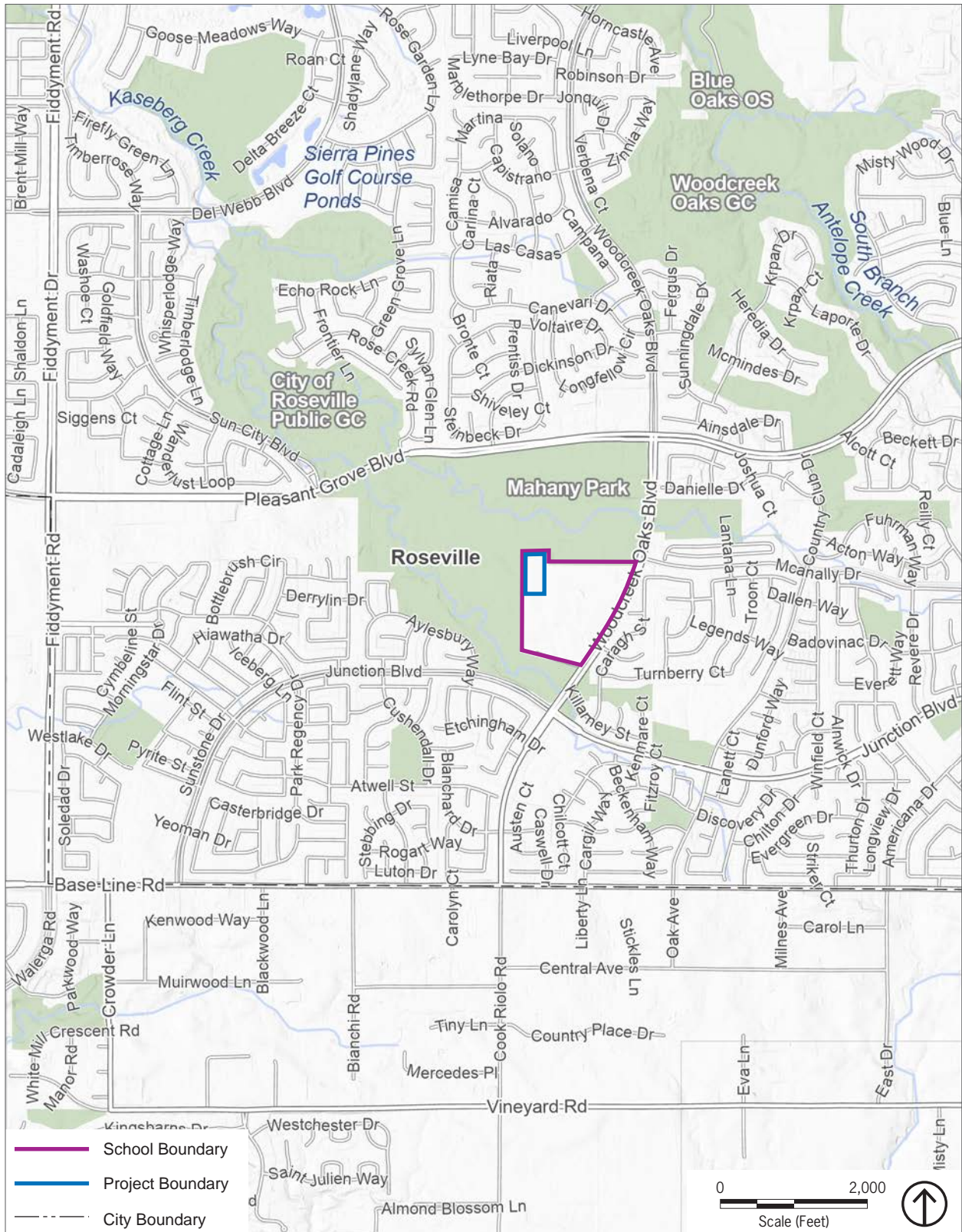
NEW SOFTBALL FIELDS AT WOODCREEK HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT  
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Figure 1  
Regional Location

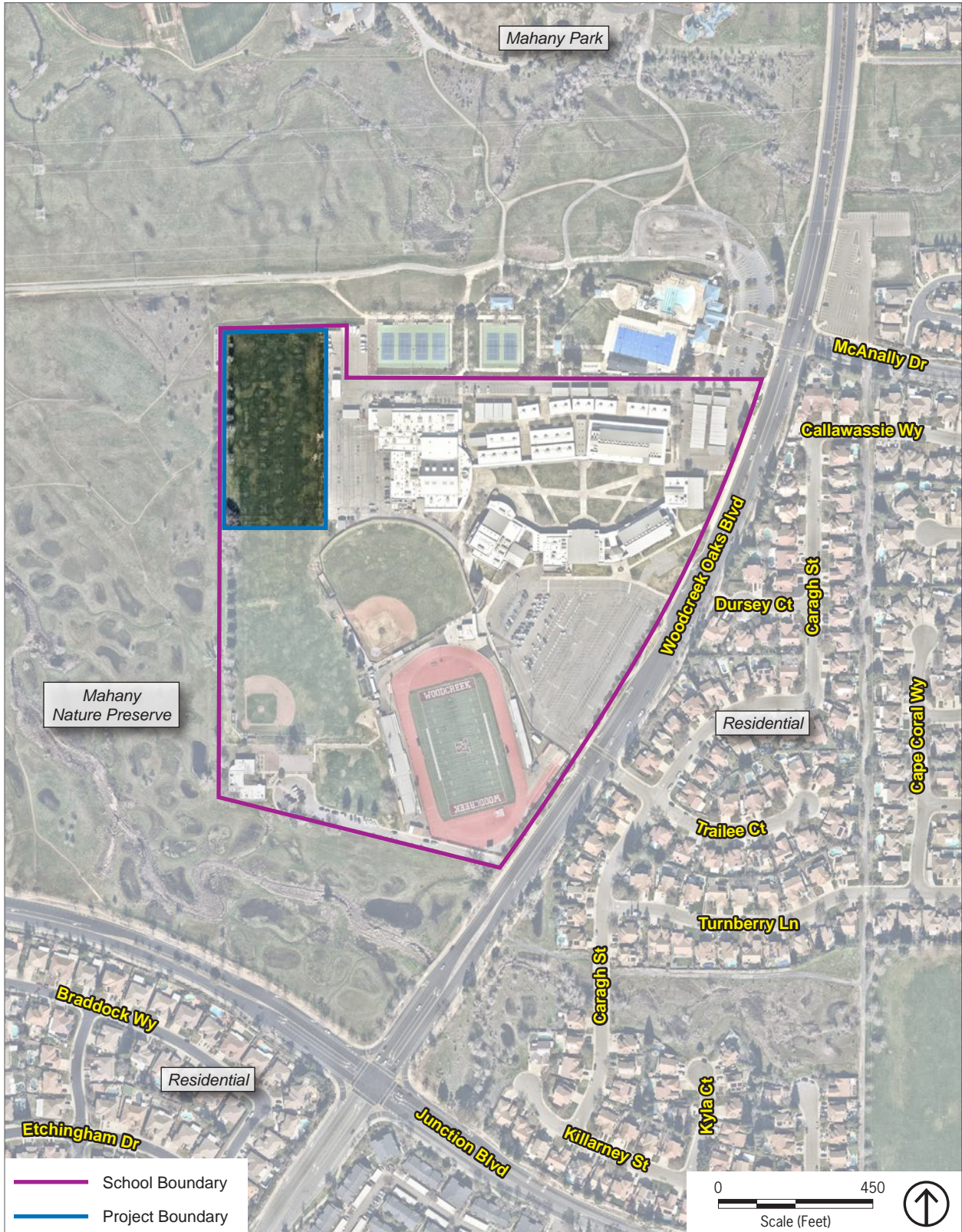
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Figure 2  
Local Vicinity

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Source: Nearmap 2025.

Figure 3  
Aerial Photograph



Source: AEDIS Architects 2024.

Figure 4  
Overall Site Plan