

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Sonoma County Water Agency
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County of Sonoma
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
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Project Title: Kawana-Ralphine Pipeline Geotechnical Investigation

Project Location- Specific: The project site is located along Sonoma County Water Agency's (Sonoma Water) existing Kawana-Ralphine pipeline which connects the Ralphine Water Tanks to the Sonoma Booster Station. The pipeline is located within Sonoma County Spring Lake Regional Park and ends at Sonoma Water's Booster Pump Station facility located at 5204 Montgomery Drive, in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California (Figure 1).

Project Location – City: Santa Rosa

Project Location – County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Sonoma County Water Agency plans to relocate the Kawana-Ralphine pipeline, which currently connects the Ralphine Water Tanks to the Sonoma Booster Station. This pipeline extends beneath a portion of Spring Lake and the Spring Lake dam, presenting maintenance challenges and potential seismic vulnerabilities. To assess the pipeline's vulnerability to seismic events, a geotechnical investigation is needed. This will help determine how the pipeline may be affected by seismic activity and inform the design and relocation of the pipeline to ensure its safety, reliability, and resilience. The beneficiaries of the geotechnical investigation include the Sonoma County Water Agency, which gains crucial data to inform safe and reliable pipeline relocation and design; local communities, who benefit from improved water system safety and reliability; and engineers and designers, who receive detailed geotechnical data to guide accurate and safe designs.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma County Water Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma County Water Agency

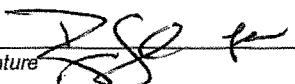
Exempt Status (check one):

- 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: Section15306: Information Collection
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The geotechnical investigation will consist of data collection and research which will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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Signature Title Date
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- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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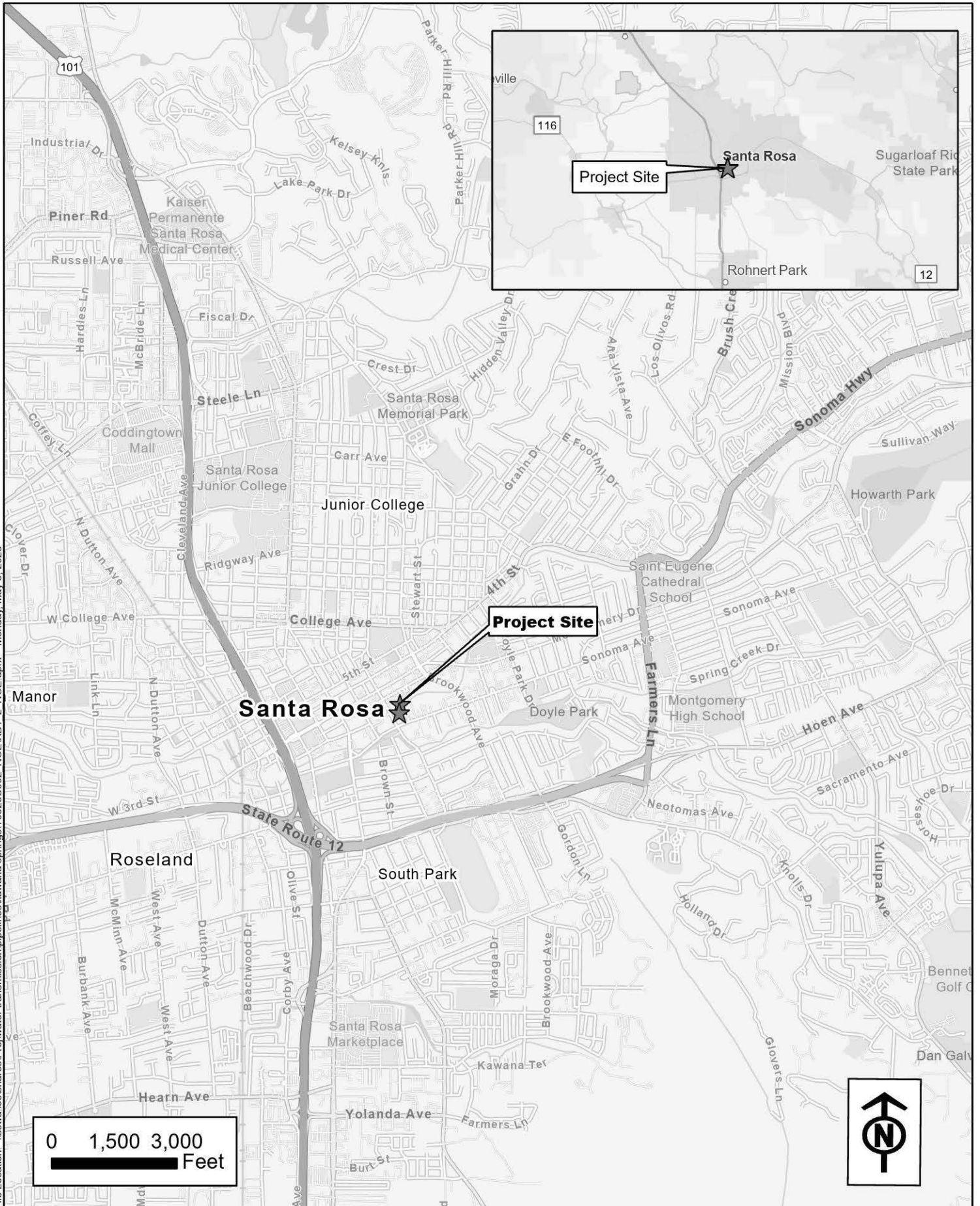


Figure 1 Kawana-Ralphine Pipeline - Geotechnical Investigation Notice of Exemption

