



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

CASITAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
1055 Ventura Avenue
Oak View, California 93022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD and Lead Agency) has prepared a Draft Initial Study & Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the project listed below pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines §15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS/MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period commencing on July 18, 2025, and concluding on August 18, 2025.

Project Title: Casitas-Ojai Water System Consolidation Project

Project Location: The project site is comprised of multiple areas in unincorporated Ventura County and the city of Ojai, as described below:

- **Private Drive:** This site is located in unincorporated Ventura County and consists of a private, unnamed roadway extending west from Foothill Road.
- **Foothill Road:** This site is located on the border of unincorporated Ventura County and the city of Ojai, at the intersection of Foothill Road and Fairview Road. This site is currently developed with a public roadway (Foothill Road).
- **Running Ridge Tanks:** This site is located in unincorporated Ventura County and consists of vegetated land north of Running Ridge Trail at Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 010012021 and 010013021. This site is partially developed with private residences and with the Running Ridge Tanks.
- **Arbolada Tank and Pump Station:** This site is located in the city of Ojai and consists of an approximately 1.2-acre site south of Fairview Road at APN 020001001. This site is currently developed with the Arbolada Tank and Valley View Booster Pump Station.
- **Ojai East Tank:** This site is located in unincorporated Ventura County and consists of an approximately 3.7-acre site south of the intersection of Reeves Road and McAndrew Road, at APN 030017007. This site is currently developed with the Ojai East Tank and San Antonio Booster Pump Station.
- **Ojai Water System Wellfield:** This site is located in the city of Ojai and consists of an approximately 3.2-acre site south of Grand Avenue at APN 028011102. This site is currently developed with the Ojai Water System Wellfield.

Brief Project Description: CMWD acquired the Ojai Water System in 2017 from Golden State Water Company. The proposed project would integrate the Ojai Water System with the Casitas Water System to address insufficient storage capacity in the Ojai Water System and provide compatible water treatment to both systems. The proposed project consists of five main components:

- **Pipeline installation,** consisting of approximately 450 linear feet of a new 6-inch water pipeline at the Private Drive site in unincorporated Ventura County; as well as approximately 1,100 linear feet of a new 8-inch pipeline at the Foothill Road site, in unincorporated Ventura County and the City of Ojai;
- **Tank demolition, abandonment, and construction,** consisting of demolition of the existing 1.0-million gallon concrete tank at the Arbolada Tank site in Ojai; abandonment of the existing Running Ridge tanks at the Running Ridge site in unincorporated Ventura County; and construction of a 1.0-million gallon welded steel tank at the Ojai East Tank site in Ojai;

- **Tank rehabilitation**, consisting of rehabilitation of an existing 3.0-million gallon welded steel tank at the Ojai East Tank site in Ojai;
- **Water treatment**, consisting of conversion of the existing treatment system at the Ojai Water System Wellfield in Ojai from chlorine to chloramines, which would involve installation of a new, approximately 2,700 linear feet discharge line, a new free chlorine analyzer, a new sample point for the analyzer, a new ammonia injection point, and new ammonia storage tanks and dosing pumps;
- **Booster pump station demolition and construction**, consisting of demolition of the existing pump station at the Arbolada Tank site in Ojai; and construction of a temporary pump station and new pump station at the same site.

Refer to Figure 1 through Figure 5 for a depiction of the location of the proposed project improvements.

Based on a review of the State Water Resources Control Board GeoTracker database and California Department of Toxic Substances Control EnviroStor database, it was determined the project site is not included on existing lists of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Meeting: The CMWD Board of Directors may consider the project at the Board of Directors meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on September 10, 2025 in the Casitas Board Room at the CMWD District Offices, 1055 Ventura Avenue, Oak View, CA 93022. Please check the Board Meeting agenda prior to the meeting to confirm the hearing date and attendance details: <https://www.casitaswater.com/about-us/board-of-directors>

30-Day Document Review: The document is available for review online at: <http://www.casitaswater.org>. A hard copy can be made available for review at the District office. If a hard copy review is required, please contact Julia Aranda at the email address provided below.

Contact Person: Written comments may be submitted to:

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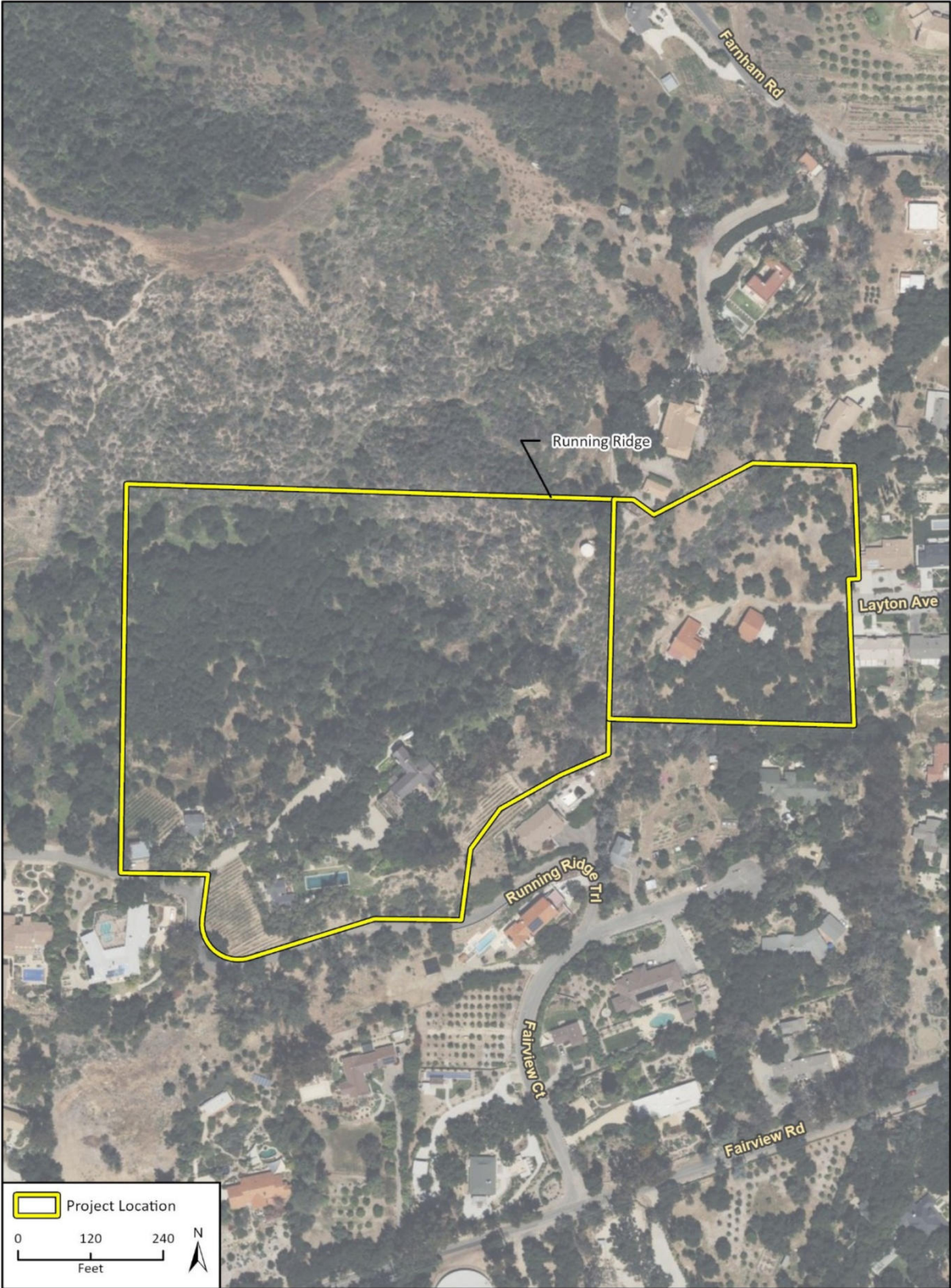
Figure 1 Project Location, Private Drive and Foothill Road



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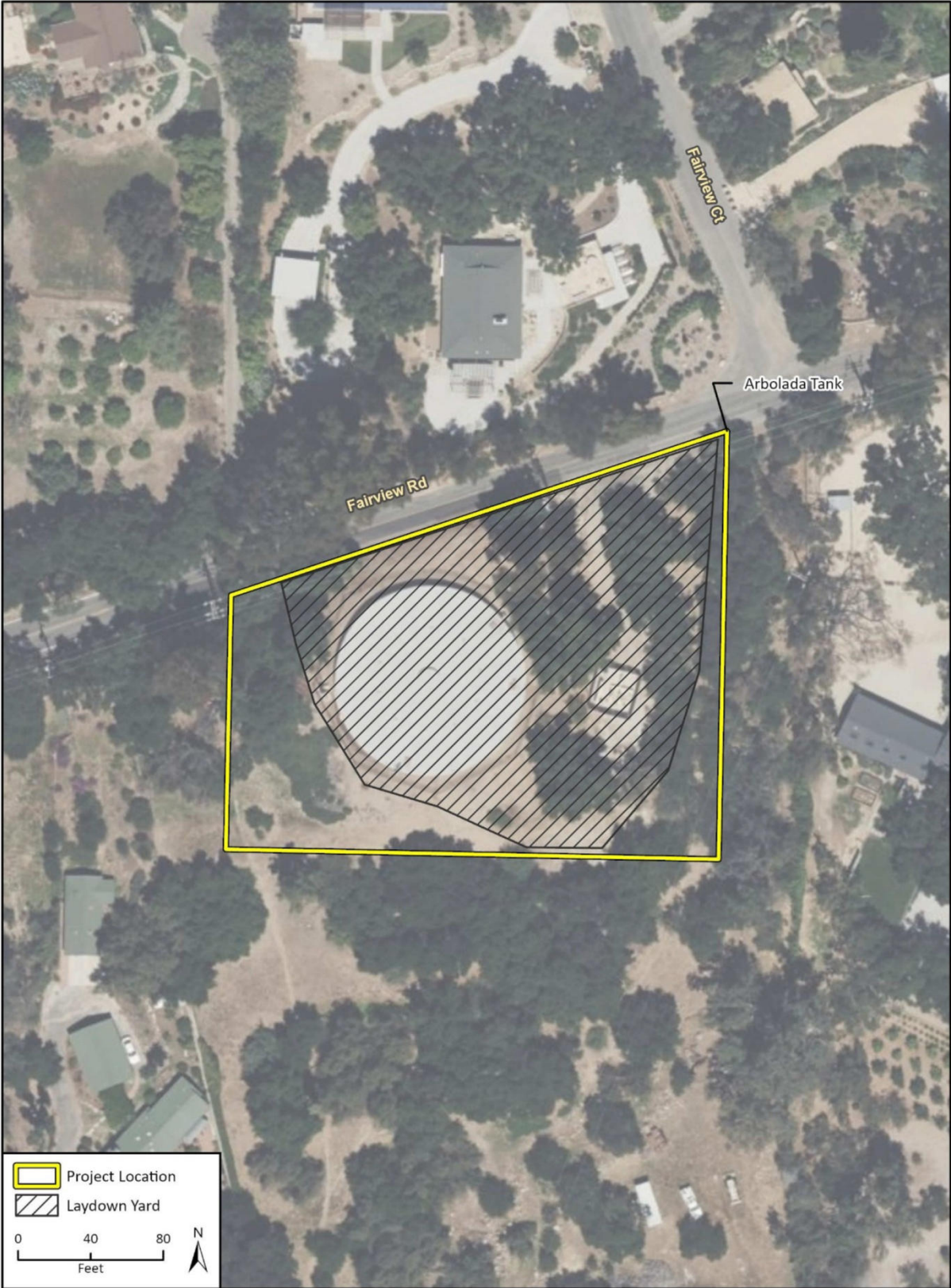
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Fig 2 Project Location

Figure 2 Project Location, Running Ridge



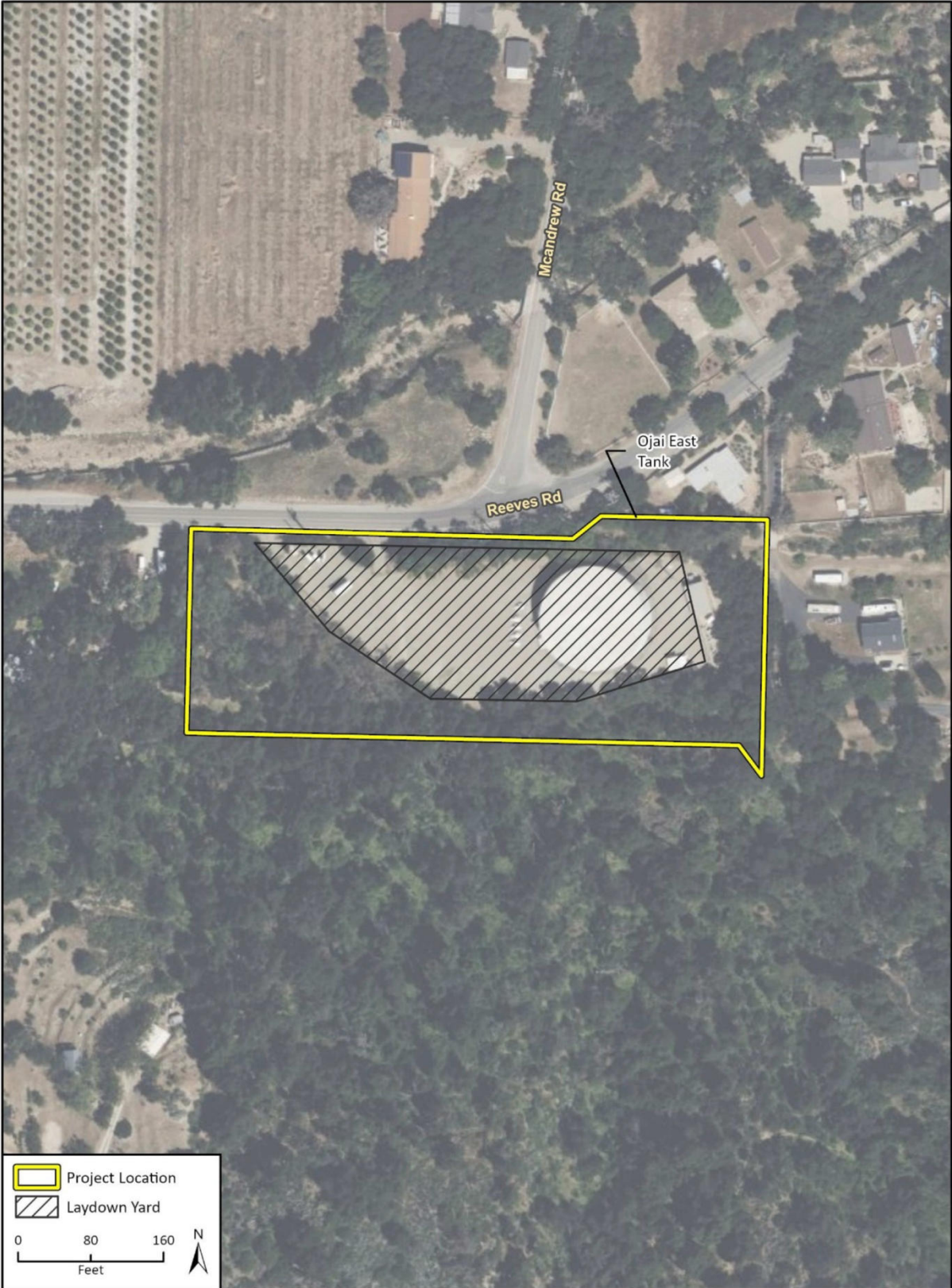
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Figure 3 Project Location, Arbolada Tank and Pump Station



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Figure 4 Project Location, Ojai East Tank



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Figure 5 Project Location, Ojai Water System Wellfield



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