

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Sonoma County Water Agency
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Project Title: Geotechnical and Geophysical Investigations of Tank Sites

Project Location- Specific: The project site is located at 16 water storage tanks within Sonoma County Water Agency's (Sonoma Water) water supply aqueduct distribution system in Sonoma County, California (Figure 1).

Project Location – City: Santa Rosa, Cotati, Petaluma, Sonoma, Forestville, and unincorporated Sonoma County

Project Location – County: Sonoma (APNs: 083-040-085, 013-331-023, 031-200-034, 044-180-014, 016-230-023, 051-020-051, 054-150-012, 018-021-005, 018-021-003, 046-181-026, and 019-320-017)

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: This Project will conduct geotechnical and geophysical investigations to support seismic assessments and retrofit of sixteen (16) water storage tanks. The Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) owns, operates, and maintains an aqueduct distribution system that includes eighteen (18) water storage tanks. Sonoma Water has identified the need for a comprehensive geotechnical study of sixteen (16) water tanks to support the planning, budgeting, and design of seismic retrofits, and requires geotechnical engineering services to assist with data review, investigations, and related services for the Project. Geotechnical investigations will include up to four (4) borings per tank ranging in depth from fifteen (15) to twenty-five (25) feet and will be located around the immediate perimeter of the existing tank sites on previously developed and disturbed land. Surface-based geophysical investigations will include a one-dimensional multi-channel analysis of surface waves (MASW) to measure compression and shear wave velocities of soil and bedrock. The beneficiaries of the geotechnical and geophysical investigations include Sonoma Water, which gains crucial data to inform safe and reliable seismic retrofit designs for water tanks; 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 and geophysical investigations 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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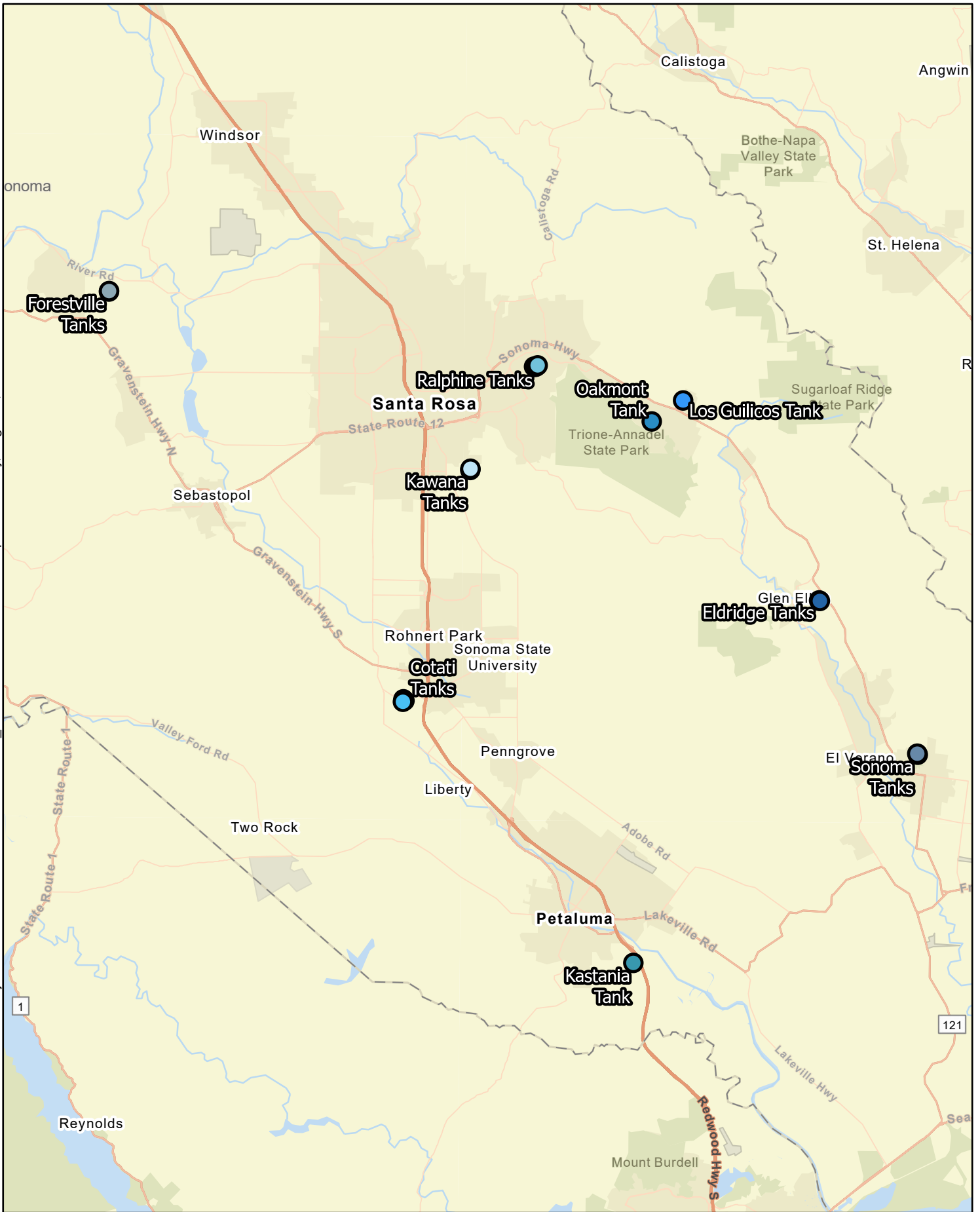


General Manager
Title

8-18-25
Date

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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Sonoma Water
Steel Reservoir Tank Sites



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Miles

Figure 1

