NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk-Recorder
Butte County
155 Nelson Avenue
Oroville, CA 95965

From: Public Works Department
Town of Paradise
5555 Skyway
Paradise, CA 95969

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Project Title: **Pentz Road Widening Project**

Project Location:	Town of Paradise, Butte County, CA. See attached project location map.
Assessor's Parcel Number(s):	Town Rights of Way, 054-220-057, 053-240-029, 053-240-046, 050-180-012, 050-450-025, 050-040-107, 050-013-051, 050-013-054, 050-013-056.
Project Description:	The Town of Paradise proposes to widen Pentz Road 500 ft south of Pearson Road to Skyway (3.8 miles). The existing roadway will be widened to the east to improve the evacuation route along Pentz Road by installing a 12-foot wide two-way left turn lane from Skyway to the Pearson intersection. The Project proposes to improve the storm drain system and storm drain outfalls are proposed as part of this Project, which will collect water from the storm drain system improvements and outfall adjacent to Dry Creek at numerous locations.
Lead Agency:	Town of Paradise
Applicant:	Town of Paradise, 5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969

Exemption Status:

- ☐ Ministerial [Section 21080(b); 15268];
- ☐ Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- ☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];
- ☐ General Rule [Section 15061(b)(3)];
- ☒ **Categorical Exemption [Section 15183, Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning];**
- ☐ Statutory Exemption [Section 15273(a)(4)].

REASONS WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT OR DOES NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

The project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines [Section 15183], which states:

"CEQA mandates that projects which are consistent with the development density established by existing zoning, community plan, or general plan policies for which an EIR was certified shall not require additional environmental review, except as might be necessary to examine whether there are project-specific significant effects which are peculiar to the project or its site. This streamlines the review of such projects and reduces the need to prepare repetitive environmental studies."

The Pentz Road Widening Project is a component within the Town of Paradise General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR), certified in 1994, and included as a needed improvement within the General Plan 2022-2030 Housing and Safety Elements Update Initial Study with Negative Declaration approved by the Town in June 2022. The General Plan EIR and Housing and Safety Elements Update IS/ND served as a basis for a Modified Initial Study/15183 Checklist to determine if impacts related to the Pentz Road Widening Project would occur that were not adequately covered in the previously certified environmental documents. The analysis conducted determined that all impacts were previously adequately addressed in the General Plan EIR and Housing and Safety Elements Update IS/ND. Additional avoidance and minimization measures were recommended for project-specific impacts; however, no new mitigation measures were required. Therefore, no further environmental review is necessary for this project.

By _____ Date 10/15/2025
Marc Mattox, Public Works Director
Town of Paradise

DECLARATION OF FEES DUE
(California Fish and Game Code Section 711.4)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LEAD AGENCY/APPLICANT:
Town of Paradise
Public Works Department
5555 Skyway
Paradise, CA 95969
(530) 872-6291

Project: Pentz Road Widening Project

CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:

1. **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION/STATEMENT OF EXEMPTION**
   - ☒ **A. Statutorily or Categorically Exempt**
     $50.00 (Fifty Dollars) Butte County Clerk's Filing Fee

2. ***NOTICE OF DETERMINATION - FEE REQUIRED***
   - ☐ ***A. Negative Declaration***
     $2,968.75 State Filing Fee
     $50.00 Butte County Clerk's Filing Fee
   - ☐ ***B. Mitigated Negative Declaration***
     $2,968.75 State Filing Fee
     $50.00 Butte County Clerk's Filing Fee
   - ☐ ***C. Environmental Impact Report***
     $4,123.50 State Filing Fee
     $50.00 Butte County Clerk's Filing Fee

3. ☐ ***OTHER (Specify) General Rule Exemption***
   $50.00 Butte County Clerk's Filing Fee

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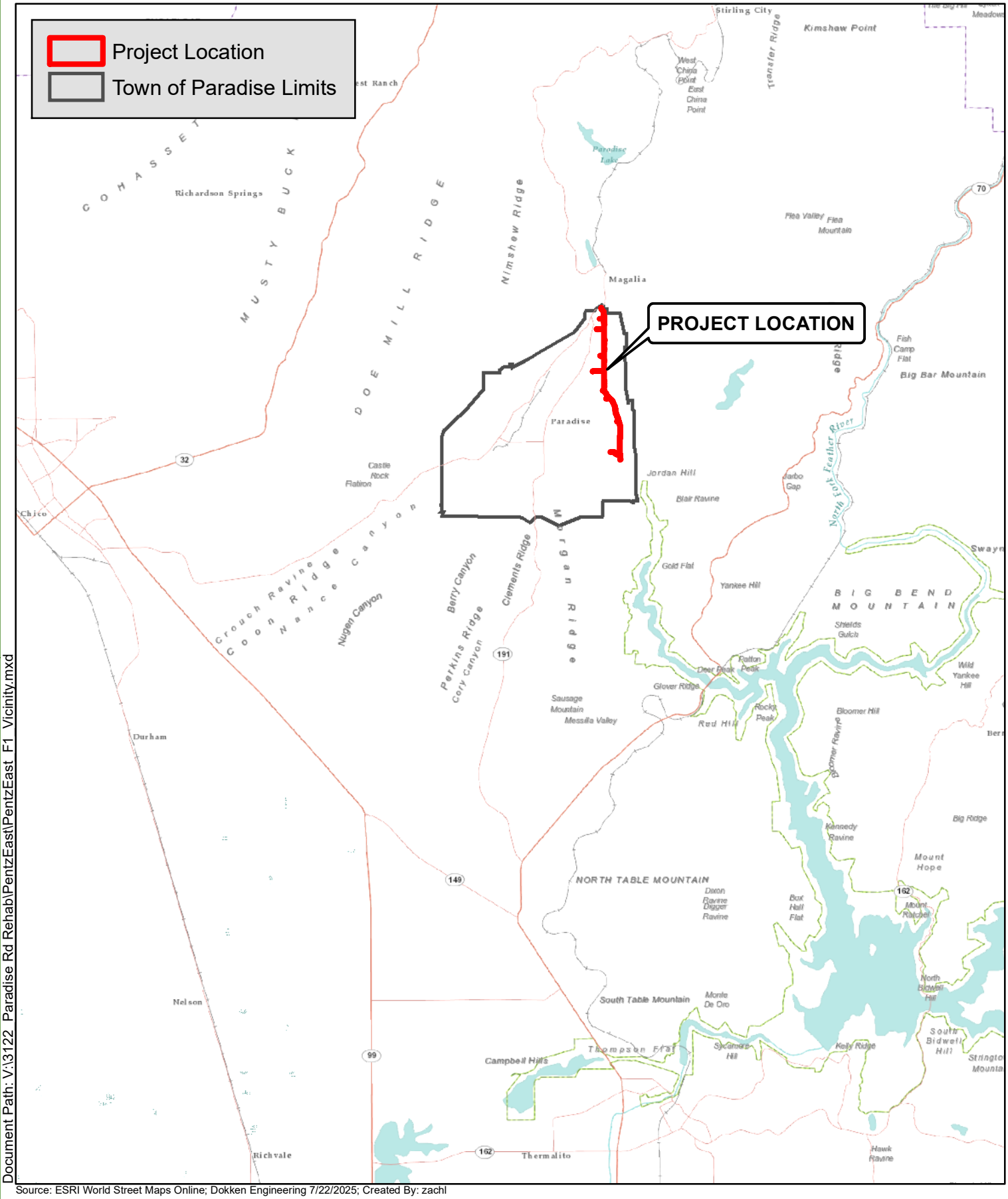

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Figure 1
Project Vicinity
Pentz Road Widening East Project
Town of Paradise, Butte County, California

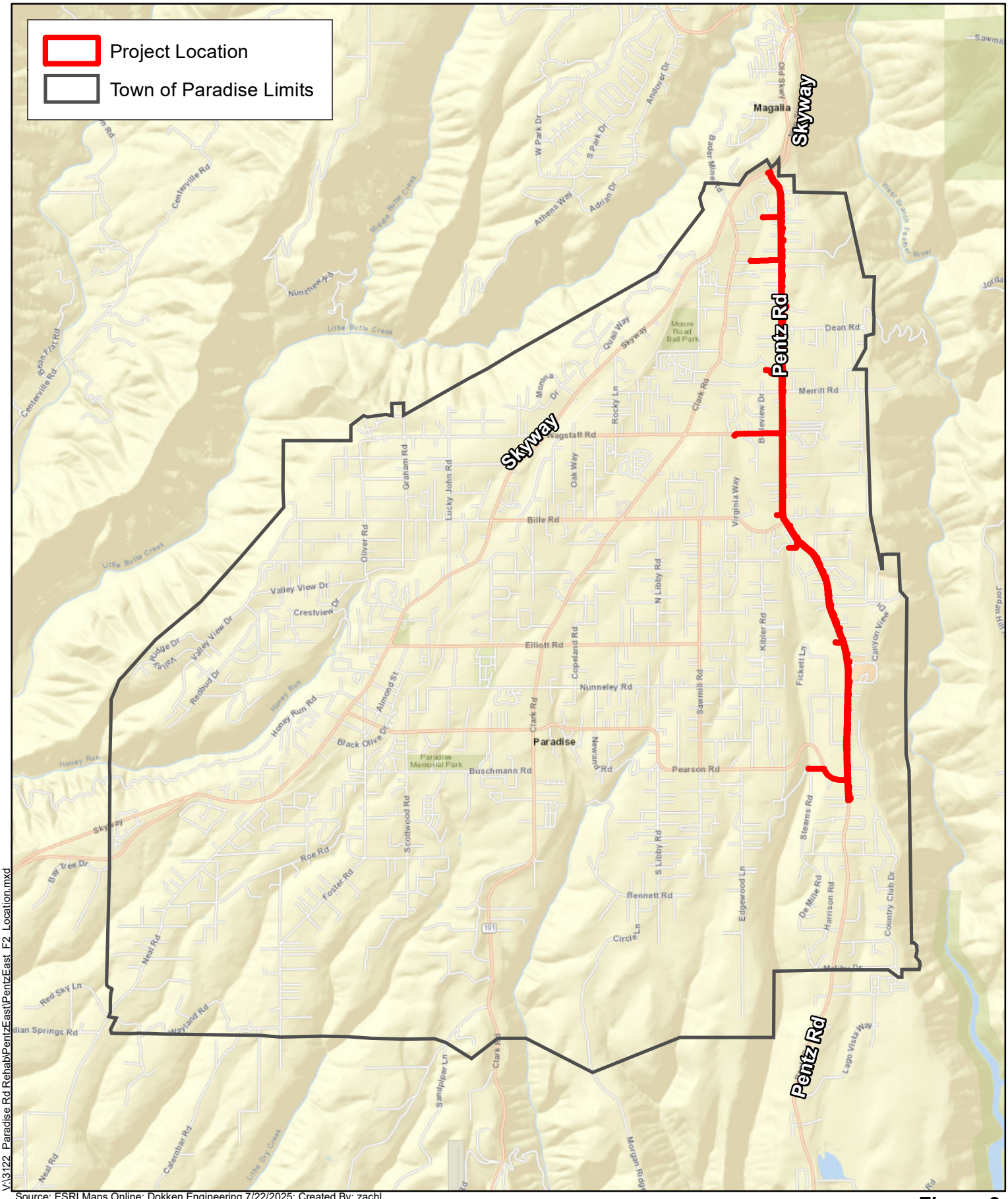

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Figure 2
Project Location
Pentz Road Widening East Project
Town of Paradise, Butte County, California