CITY OF CORONA
NOTICE OF PREPARATION

Notice of Preparation of a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report to the City of Corona 2026 Sewer Master Plan Update Program EIR

To Reviewing Agencies and Other Interested Parties: January 2026

FROM: City of Corona, Lead Agency

PROJECT TITLE: City of Corona 2026 Sewer Master Plan Update

APPLICANT: City of Corona Utilities and Public Works Department

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 9, 2026 through February 9, 2026

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE NOTICE OF PREPARATION: The purpose of this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to notify reviewing agencies, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, organizations and members of the public, that the City of Corona (City) as Lead Agency will be preparing a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the City of Corona 2026 Sewer Master Plan Update.

The City is requesting comments on the Draft PEIR pursuant to State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15082. The City requests your views or those of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information. This NOP and the project description, location and other related documents and information can be accessed at:

https://www.coronaca.gov/departments/planning-and-development/planning-division/environmental-ceqa-documents

and

https://www.coronaca.gov/departments/city-clerk/ceqa-notices-and-determinations

SCOPING MEETING: As part of the public review process, the City will hold a public scoping meeting regarding the Draft PEIR and project to receive additional public comments and suggestions on information that should be included in the environmental analysis of the project as it relates to CEQA. The public scoping meeting will be held on January 29, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Corona City Hall, Multi-Purpose Room, 400 S. Vicentia Avenue, Suite 1405 Corona, California 92882.

Public comments can also be emailed to Nathan Armendariz at Nathan.Armendariz@coronaca.gov or mailed to City of Corona, Public Works Department 400 S. Vicentia Avenue, Suite 210, Corona, California 92882, to the attention of Nathan Armendariz, Associate Engineer.

PROJECT LOCATION: The City of Corona, located in Riverside County, spans 39 square miles and supports a population of approximately 160,000. Its sewer system includes 441 miles of gravity mains, with a significant portion over 50 years old. The project would be Citywide. The City has various land uses. More than 40% of the City is residential, and more than 15% is industrial, which both tend to be the biggest wastewater generators. Other land uses within the City are Mixed Use, Commercial, Public/Institutional, Agricultural and Open Space/Recreation. Refer to Figure 1, Project Location.

BACKGROUND: A comprehensive study of the City's sewer system was last completed in 2005. Since 2005, the City has made numerous improvements to its sewer system while experiencing continuous population growth. The 2026 Sewer Master Plan Update will serve as a roadmap for the City's mid- and long-range (10-year and 20-year) capital improvement program (CIP) by addressing aging sewer infrastructure and accommodating the City's projected growth.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The 2026 Sewer Master Plan Update is a 10-year and 20-year Capital Improvement Program to ensure that the City can sustain its infrastructure, meet future requirements, and continue to provide a reliable service to the public. It is composed of projects necessary to upgrade, replace, and rehabilitate aging facilities across the City's system. These include lift station rehabilitation and replacement projects and pipeline rehabilitation and capacity projects.

Two future scenarios are considered in the 2026 Sewer Master Plan Update: Near-Term (2035) and Ultimate (2045). The Near-Term scenario includes known planned developments, projecting an additional 1.13 million gallons per day (MGD) in average dry weather flow (ADWF). The Ultimate scenario applies a system-wide multiplier based on population growth in combination with projected developments, resulting in a total ADWF of 14.3 MGD by 2045. These projections help the City plan for infrastructure upgrades to accommodate future demand.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS TO BE EXAMINED IN THE PEIR: Consistent with the CEQA Guidelines Section 15168, the purpose of a PEIR is to evaluate the proposed project's potential impacts on the environment, outline mitigation measures, and analyze potential project alternatives. As required, the PEIR will focus on the significant effects of the proposed project and will document the reasons for concluding that other effects would be less than significant. Where significant or potentially significant environmental impacts are identified, the PEIR will also discuss feasible mitigation measures to avoid or reduce these impacts, as well as a reasonable range of potentially feasible alternatives. Based on the Initial Study of the project, the following environmental topics will be examined in the PEIR: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, public services, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire.

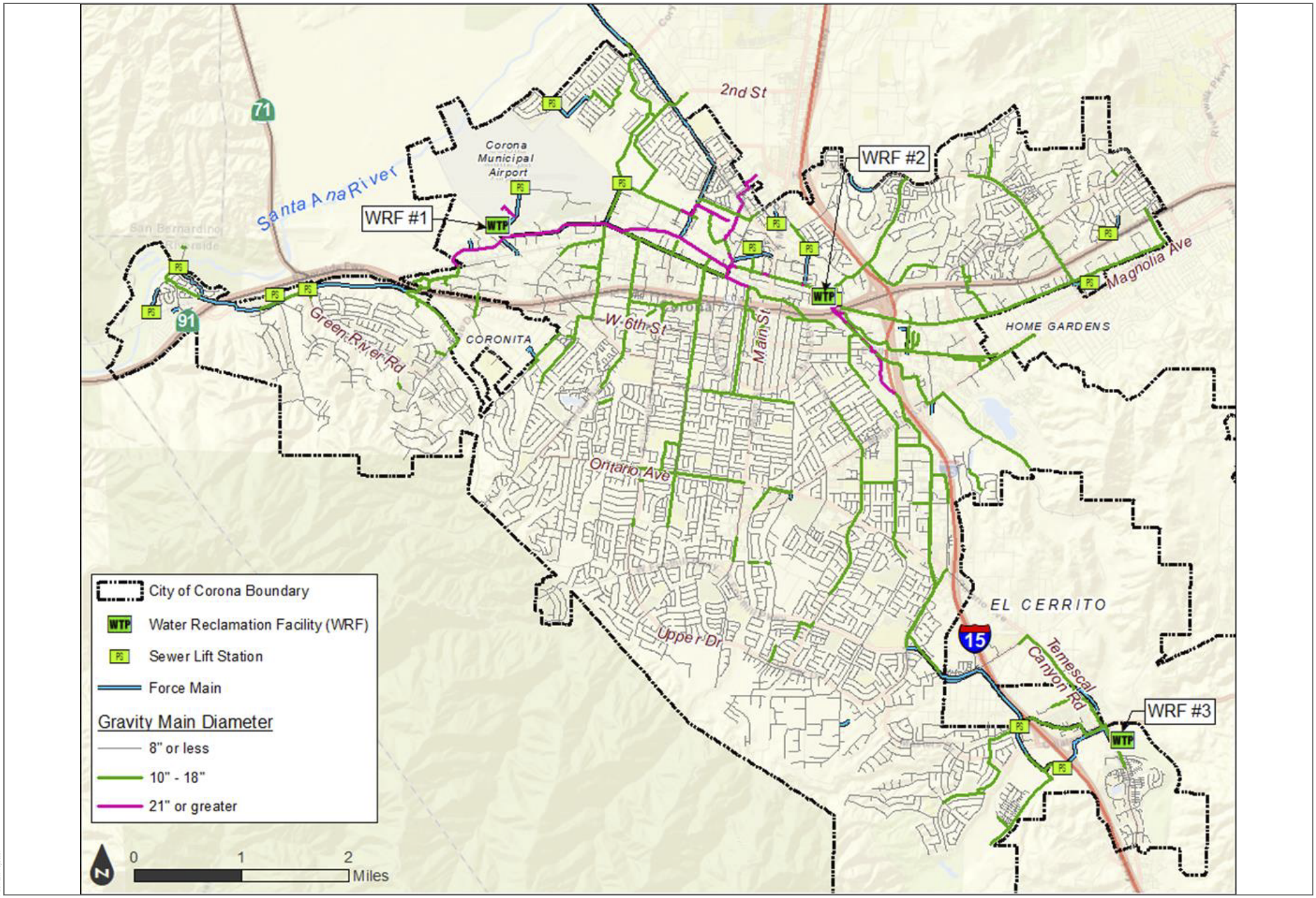

FIGURE 1

Project Location

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