



## Notice of Intent to Adopt Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact

### Westside Facility Project

An Initial Study of Environmental Impact has been prepared by the Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the proposed Westside Facility Project (Proposed Project).

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Proposed Project is located on Water Agency property at 9560 Westside Road, in the unincorporated area of Forestville, Sonoma County, California. The project site is located just west of the Wohler Bridge, adjacent to Maxwell Grove, as shown in Figure 1.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Proposed Project includes the construction and operation of a facility that would be utilized as a classroom for the Water Agency's Water Education Field Study Program; a location to hold teacher workshops; and a starting location for community tours of the Water Agency's Water Transmission System, which are currently offered to the public several times a year. The Proposed Project may be used for occasional staff trainings.

**PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED:** The purpose and need of the Proposed Project is to relocate the Water Agency's Field Study Program to a facility that can safely accommodate students while continuing to utilize the water collection facilities for the outdoor component of the program.

**FINDING:** On the basis of the Initial Study, the General Manager of the Sonoma County Water Agency has determined that the Proposed Project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

**COMMENTS REQUESTED:** Agencies and interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Initial Study Negative Declaration (IS/ND). Please send your comments to Connie Barton, Environmental Specialist, Sonoma County Water Agency, 404 Aviation Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA 95403 or email your comments to [connie.barton@scwa.ca.gov](mailto:connie.barton@scwa.ca.gov) for receipt by November 22, 2013. An electronic copy of the IS/ND is available at [www.sonomacountywater.org](http://www.sonomacountywater.org). Hard copies of the IS/ND are available for public viewing or purchase at the Water Agency's administrative office (404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, 707-547-1900).

**APPROVAL OF PROJECT:** The environmental documents and any comments received thereon will be referred to the Water Agency's Board of Directors at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013. The Board will consider adoption of the Negative Declaration and approval of the project at that time.

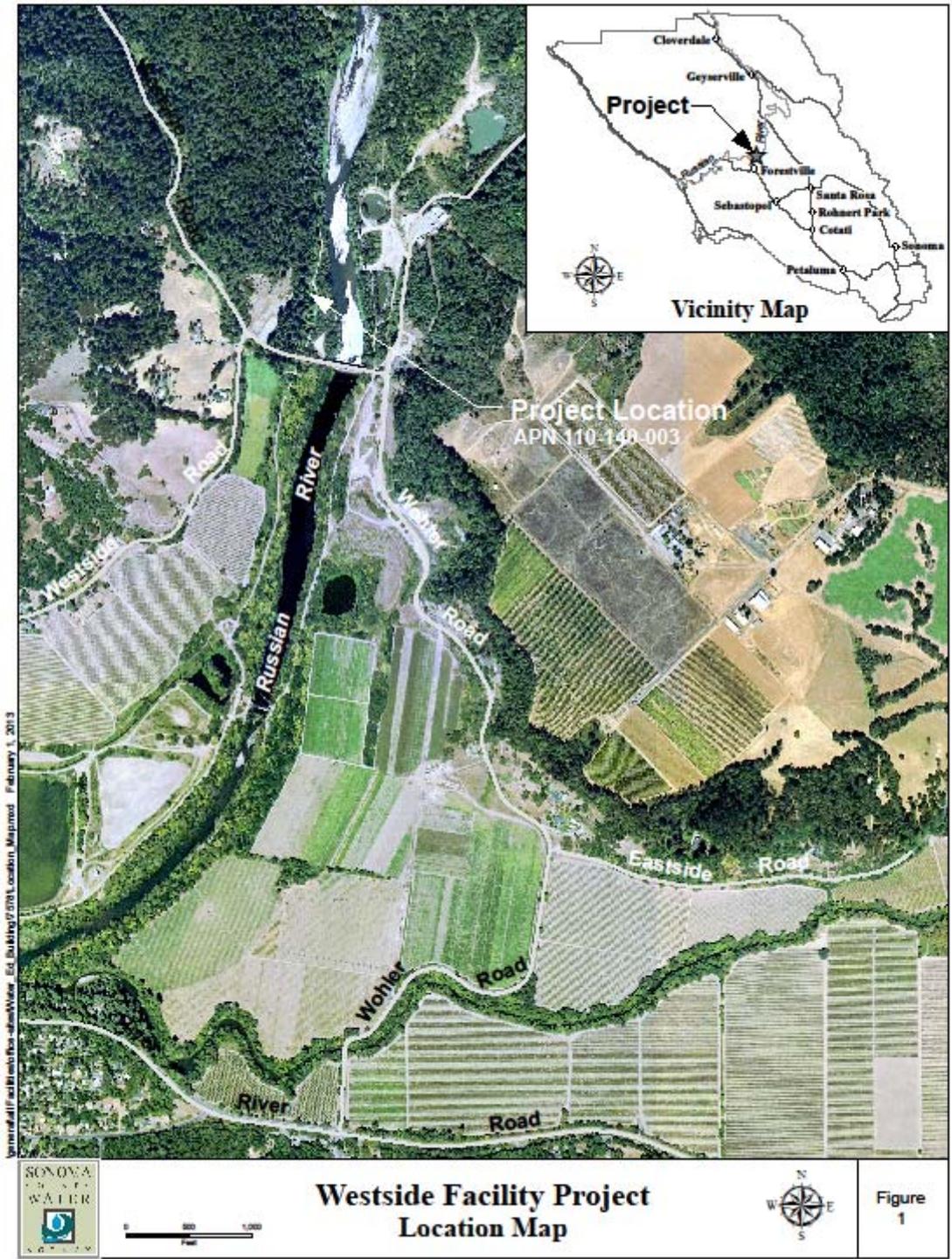


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