

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Government Code Section 53398.66, the West Sonoma County EIFD Public Financing Authority (“Public Financing Authority”) will hold a Public Hearing at the West County Services Center at 16390 Main Street in Guerneville, CA 95446 at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, July 13, 2026. The Public Financing Authority will meet at the time and place stated above to answer questions and hear written and oral comments and objections related to the proposed West Sonoma County Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (“West County EIFD”) and the draft Infrastructure Financing Plan (“IFP”) prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 53398.63. This Public Hearing will be the first of two public hearings to consider the draft IFP, and the Public Financing Authority will consider any additional written and oral comments and take action to modify or reject the IFP, if appropriate. If the IFP is not rejected at this first public hearing, then the Public Financing Authority will hold a second public hearing tentatively scheduled at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, also at the West County Services Center, to consider adoption of the IFP.

The purpose of the West County EIFD is to help address the shortfall in funding for the provision of public capital facilities of communitywide significance that provide significant benefits and promote economic development within the boundaries of the West County EIFD or the surrounding community, and for those facilities located outside the West County EIFD boundaries which have a tangible connection to the work of the West County EIFD. Examples may include, but not be limited to, public safety (e.g., fire) infrastructure, emergency access improvements, sea level rise adaptation, roadways, and/or recreation facilities. The draft IFP describes the proposed West County EIFD, the proposed facilities, the proposed allocation of property tax increment by the County of Sonoma, the plan for financing the facilities and for issuing debt, the proposed fiscal impact and other items required by Government Code Section 53398.63. **EIFDs are created to pay for infrastructure and other public amenities from incremental property tax revenues, and do not increase property taxes or any other taxes for landowners and residents within or outside the EIFD boundaries.**

The proposed West County EIFD encompasses approximately 60,000 acres of land, representing approximately 5% of the total acres of land in the County of Sonoma. The West County EIFD includes several, non-contiguous areas, including the primary unincorporated communities in the West County region. Documentation related to the West County EIFD, including a copy of the draft Boundary Map, draft Infrastructure Financing Plan (“IFP”), and the Resolution of Intention, are available online at <https://sonomacounty.gov/administrative-support-and-fiscal-services/county-executives-office/strategic-initiatives/west-sonoma-county-enhanced-infrastructure-financing-district> and at the County Executive’s Office at 575 Administration Drive, Suite 104A, Santa Rosa, CA. Documentation is also available by emailing Christel.Querijero@sonomacounty.gov or calling (707) 565-2431.

The public hearings will be open to the public at the West County Services Center, 16390 Main Street in Guerneville, CA 95446. All persons having any comments or objections on the draft IFP, the proposed EIFD, or the regularity of any of the prior proceedings, may appear before the Public Financing Authority at the aforementioned time and place to provide written or oral comments or objections to the adoption of the proposed IFP or formation of the proposed EIFD by the Public Financing Authority. Each landowner and resident within the EIFD has a right to submit an oral or written protest before the close of the second public hearing. The protest may state that the landowner or resident objects to the Public Financing Authority taking action to implement the IFP. *Any person having any comments on the proposed West County EIFD may do so as follows:*

- 1. Attend In Person: Members of the public may participate in the Public Financing Authority hearings by attending in-person at the West County Services Center, 16390 Main Street in Guerneville, CA 95446.*
- 2. Submit Written Comments: Written comments can be submitted to the Public Financing Authority before or during the Public Financing Authority hearings. Those written comments will be made part of the written record. Comments may be submitted via email to Inez.Hernandez@sonomacounty.gov, via mail or delivered in person to ATTN: Christel Querijero at 575 Administration Drive, Suite 104A, Santa Rosa, CA. Please identify "West County EIFD" in your comments.*

NOTE: All members of the public are invited to attend the Public Financing Authority hearings at the West County Services Center.

This Notice constitutes the notice pursuant to Government Code Sections 53398.66(i)(1).

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