

Proposed Annexation of the Complete Redwood Valley Water District Service Area

September 8, 2025

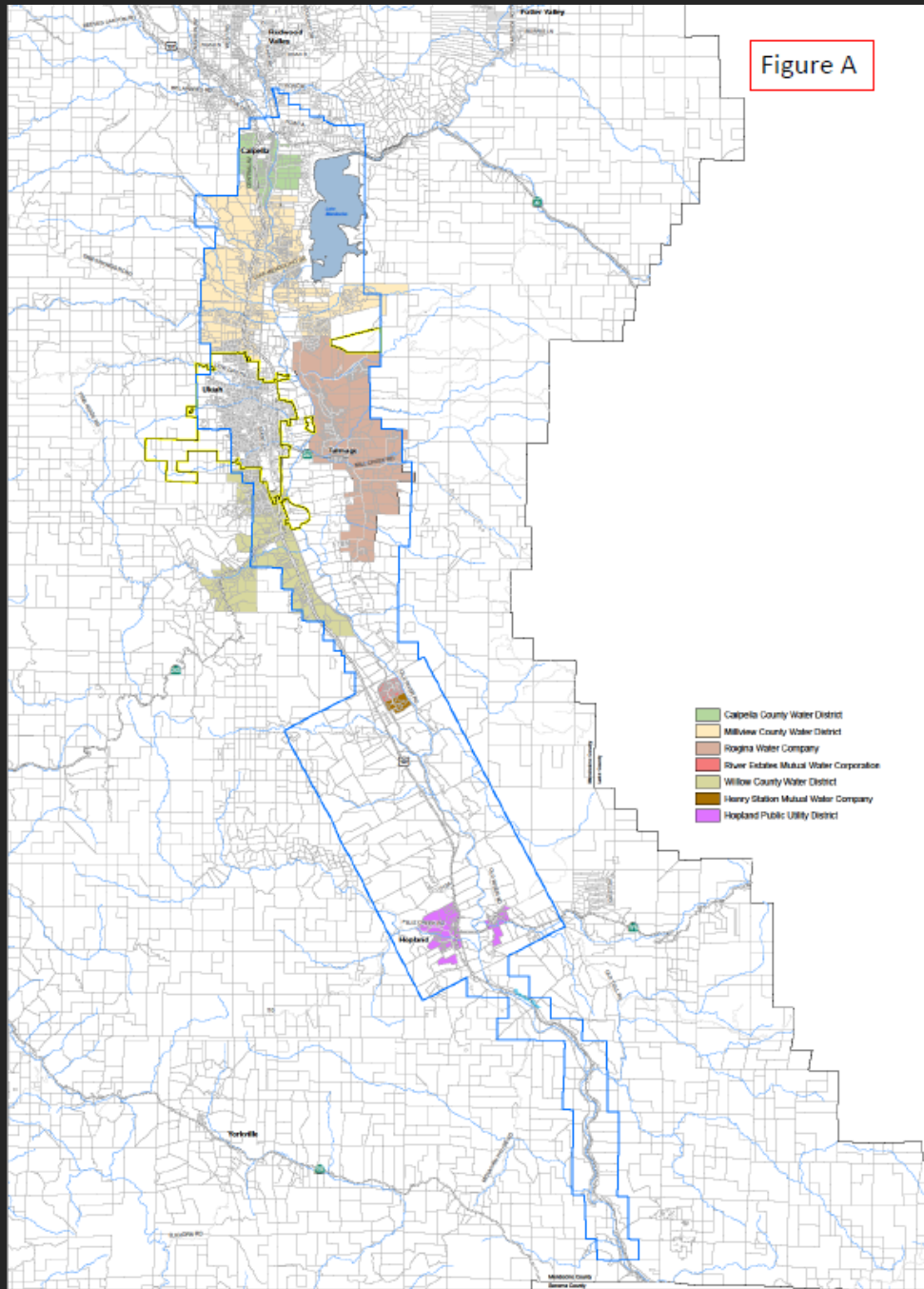
Russian River Flood Control District

- Independent Special District
- Formed 1956
- Local sponsor for Lake Mendocino
- Water right for 7,940 acre feet a year
- Storage component
- Water wholesaler

Photo: CJ Watt



Figure A



Russian River Flood Control Current District Boundary

(FAQ #6)

Russian River Flood Control District

Russian River Flood Control District
Incorporated City
Parcels

Highways
Roads
Streams

Map from RRFCD MSR/SOI, 2025

Source: This map was prepared by the Mendocino County Division of Information Services GIS Program, March 11, 2025.
Note: This map is not a survey product.

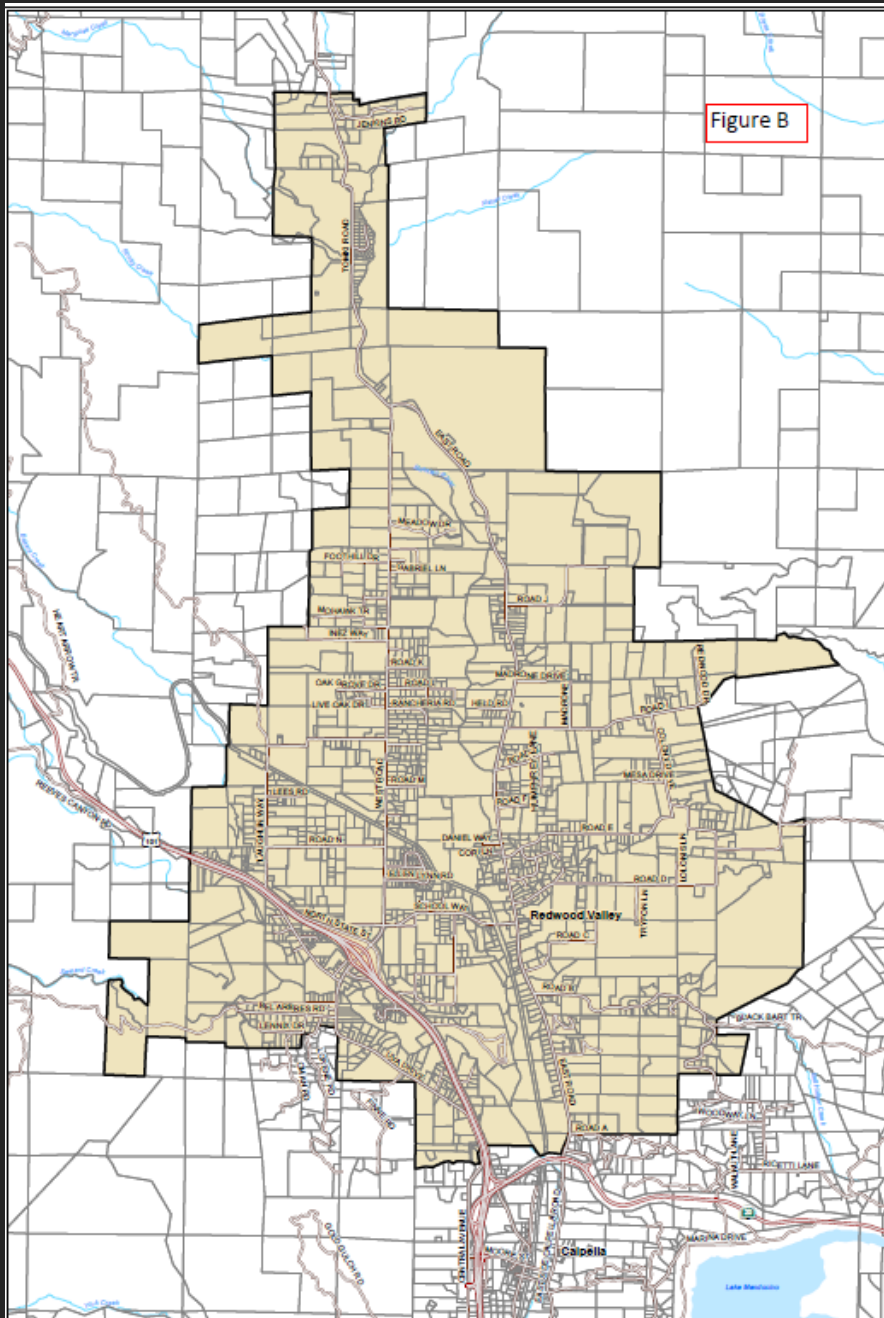


Figure B

Redwood Valley Water District Current District Boundary

Redwood Valley Water District

Water District
Parcels
Highways
Roads
Streams

Source: This map was prepared by the County of Mendocino Information Services
GIS Program December 16, 2024.

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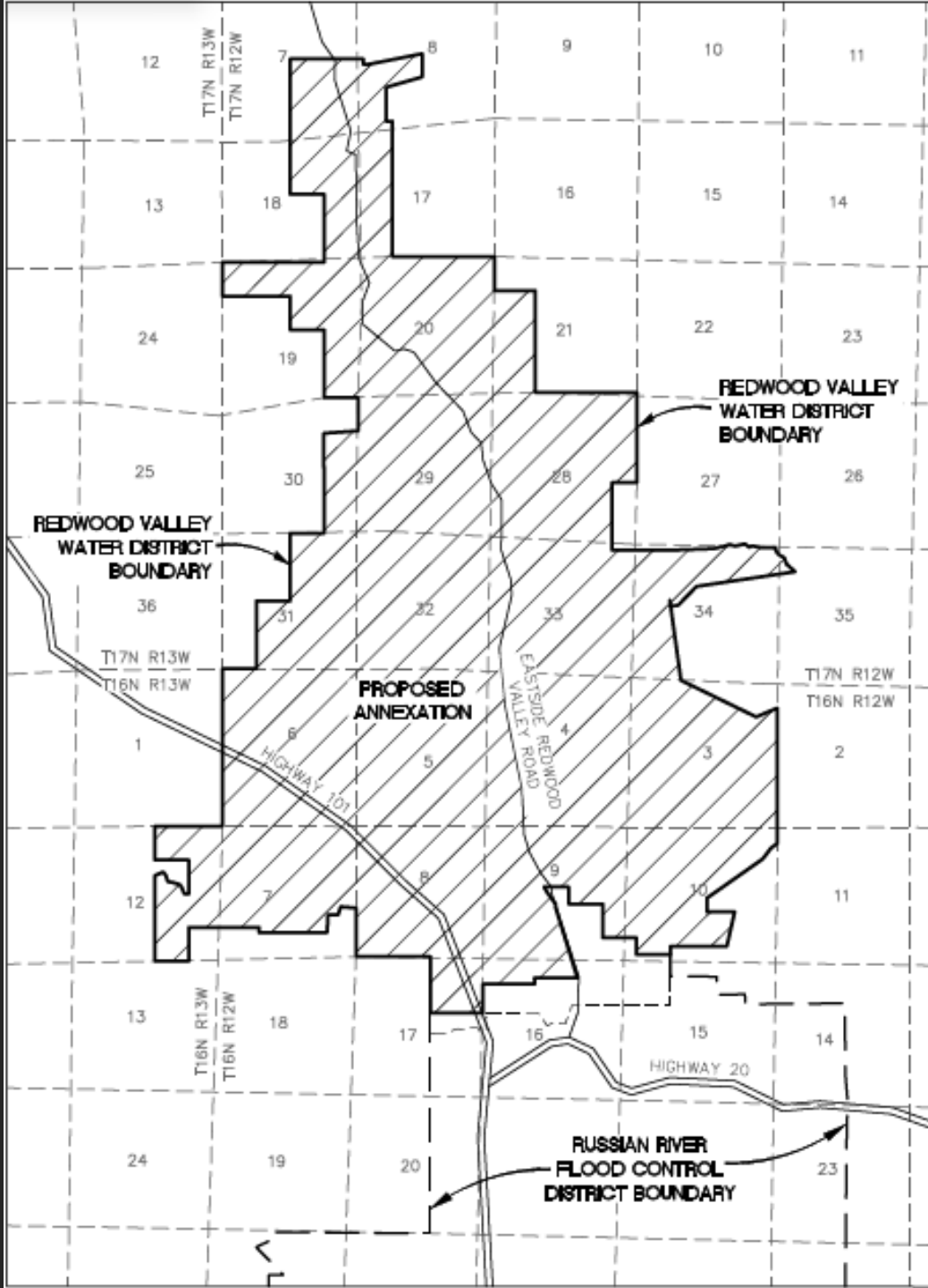
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Project Overview

(#1-7)

- Expand Flood Control boundary to include all of Redwood Water service area. (#1)
- This would allow Redwood Water to use its currently contracted Flood Control anywhere within the Redwood Water boundaries.



Map is the
Proposed Annexation Area

Administrative action that changes water service arrangements with no changes to Districts. (#40)

Flood Control not assuming operations, management, governance, or debt. (#1)

No dissolution of Redwood Water.

No consolidation.



Current Service

Redwood contract for 328.85 acre feet (af) a year for area within Flood Control (shown at right).

Pro rata reductions on 328.85 af with all other Flood Control customers.

Remaining service area dependent on surplus when available.

(#8, 9, 11, 12)



Expected Changes

NOW

- Redwood can use 328.85 afy only in overlap area.
- Redwood can purchase surplus for remaining service area only after all RRFC customers.

(#8, 9, 11, 12)

AFTER

- Redwood can use 328.85 afy over entire service area.
- Redwood can purchase surplus for entire service area on par with all RRFC customers.

(#10, 13)

More Changes

Redwood can request additional water, subject to availability. Available water would be allocated pro rata among all customers requesting, not prioritized by date of request or by use type. This will not change if the annexation is approved. (#12)

After annexation, Redwood would be able to put surplus water available under its Agreement to beneficial use anywhere within the entire Redwood service area, not just that portion currently within RRFC. (#13)

Impacts to Current Customers

- No existing Flood Control contract would be changed by the annexation(#32)
- Redwood has contract now; annexation will not change contract amount or terms. (#32)
- Flood Control will not incur any costs related to Redwood's diversion, treatment, or delivery of Flood Control water. (#33)

Shortages and Drought (#19-24, 32)

- Flood Control has a 3-stage conservation program (#19)
- Flood Control customers, including Redwood, share pro rata in reductions, which is proportional to each customer's contract quantity, regardless of purpose of use, seniority, or other priority systems. (#20)
- Annexation will not change how drought allocations are handled. (#21)

Domestic / Agricultural Use (#25-31)

- Annexation gives no priority to Redwood Water domestic use over Flood Control agricultural use. (#28)
- In an emergency, water suppliers and/or State Water Board can provide human health and safety water supply as deemed necessary. (#31)
- State Water Board currently has right to prioritize Redwood health and safety water supply over agricultural; would not change with annexation. (#31)

Regional Planning & Growth (#2, 35-38)

- Annexation of Redwood Water is separate from and unrelated to the City of Ukiah's potential annexation of county lands. (#35)
- Annexation does not provide additional water supplies to Redwood and does not resolve the underlying issues that led to moratoriums on Redwood Water hookups. (#38)
- Regional Resiliency: Improved water supply reliability for the region benefits all members of the greater community. (#2)

Environmental Review (#39-43)

- No physical changes
- No growth inducement
- No resource impacts
- No new operations
- No new development
- No infrastructure construction
- No increased water diversions
- No additional water supply

All physical facilities and water sources already exist and will operate unchanged.

Environmental review examined all required categories and determined annexation would have no impact.

Approval Process

1. Flood Control Board considers application approval - Oct 6th?
2. LAFCo public notification, review, and protest process
3. LAFCo public hearing and final decision



Project Webpage
and
contact information
at

www.rrfc.net

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