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Proposal to Prepare an Addendum to the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration certified for the: Tuolumne City Sanitary District Collection System

Understanding:

The Tuolumne City Sanitary District desires to pursue construction funding for additional phases of its Wastewater Collection System project and requires an update to the IS/MND certified by the District in May 2018, IS/MND. No changes to the original project have been proposed. Baker Ranch is not included in the project description.

The TCSD will replace old sewer lines and install sections of new sewer lines within the Willow and Carter Sewer Basins. In conjunction, manholes will be replaced, rehabilitated and some new manholes will be installed. Some new cleanouts will be installed and others will be replaced. Other improvements include:

- New or replacement sewer lines shall be a minimum of 6 inches in diameter with all intersecting pipes connected at a manhole. Minimum 6-inch pipelines are required by District policy to comply with the sanitary sewer system Waste Discharge requirements. In addition, the District cannot perform adequate operations and maintenance on pipelines smaller than 6 inches.
- All new gravity sewer pipes and fittings shall be constructed of polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

The Project involves trenching within public road rights-of-way, along existing sewer line easements and, where sensitive environmental conditions exist (i.e., drainages wetlands, springs, sensitive cultural resources) or where the site has existing buildings, a trenchless construction method will be used¹. If asbestos pipe is encountered, pipe will be abandoned in place and a new, non-asbestos, pipeline installed. All piping will be underground. See **Figures 1-4**.

TCSD will act as the Lead Agency for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will act as a CEQA Responsible Agency and NEPA Lead Agency (if NEPA requirements are triggered).

¹ <https://www.ditchwitch.com/directional-drills/directional-drills/jt30>
<https://www.hammerheadtrenchless.com/sites/default/files/HydroBurst%20HB5058.pdf>



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Scope:

Augustine Planning Associates, Inc. (APA), proposes to provide the following services to assist in completing the required environmental documentation for the proposed project:

Task 1: Notify landowners within 300 feet of the project site.

Notify advisory agencies for input.

Task 2: Prepare an Addendum to the previously certified Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

Prepare an addendum to the adopted initial study (IS) - Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). This task assumes that recirculation of the document is not required and that the revised project meets all criteria established in Section 15162 and 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines. These assumptions include:

- No substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
- No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
- No new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous MND was adopted, and does not show any of the following:
 - The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the MND;
 - Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the MND;
 - Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
 - Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the MND would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

Update shall include:

- A reformat of the document is required to reflect changes in CEQA Negative Declaration document formatting, questions, and legislative changes including those to climate, transportation, and wildfire. New sections and questions added to CEQA since adoption of the MND will be added to the MND as part of the addendum.
- Re-checks of applicable databases (California Natural Diversity Database, California



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Dpt. of Toxic Substance Control) and text updates to reflect changes.

Task 3: Prepare updated CEQA Plus (NEPA) Construction Documentation

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Task 4: Public Hearing

Attend the TCSD public hearing to consider the Addendum to the MND/MMRP and approve the addendum.

Task 5: Notice of Determination (NOD)

Prepare a Notice of Determination (NOD), gather signatures for, prepare for filing, and assist TCSD in filing NOD at County Clerk/Tuolumne County Community Development Department and the State Clearinghouse.

Budget:

Task #	Task Description	# Hours	Hourly Rate	Cost
1	Notify adjoining landowners and advisory agencies	3	@ \$85	\$255.00
2	Prepare Addendum to IS/MND (administrative draft, draft, final)	50	@ \$85	\$4,250.00
3	Prepare revised CEQA Plus (NEPA) environmental construction documentation	8	@ \$85	680.00
4	Public hearing	1	@ \$85	\$85.00
5	File NOD	2	@ \$85	\$170.00
	Contingency		10%	\$433.50
Total				\$5,873.50

/a/ Excludes CA Fish and Wildlife Filing Fees (As of 1/1/2024 = \$2,548 + \$50 clerk filing fee), Excludes legal notice costs for publishing in Union Democrat (Notice of Availability/Intent and public hearing)

PROJECTED TIMELINE:

APA can provide the identified work products within 3 months of receipt of a *final* written project description, project boundary map, and authorization to proceed from TCSD.

ASSUMPTIONS & EXCLUSIONS:

No additional technical studies are required.

No wetland delineations will be required. APA can provide that service at additional cost.

The project description will not change significantly during the environmental review process.

Proposal costs exclude CA Fish and Wildlife administration fees and filing fees for the Notice of Determination. These costs will be paid by TCSD. Note: These costs generally are not required for a CEQA addendum.



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Proposal costs exclude legal notice publication fees for the publication of legal notices, including the Notice of Availability, and public hearing notices. These costs will be paid by TCSD.

No federal monies are being used to implement this project.

This proposal remains in effect through October 31, 2025; or until a contract is executed or a notice to proceed approved, whichever occurs first.

Figure 1: Project Area

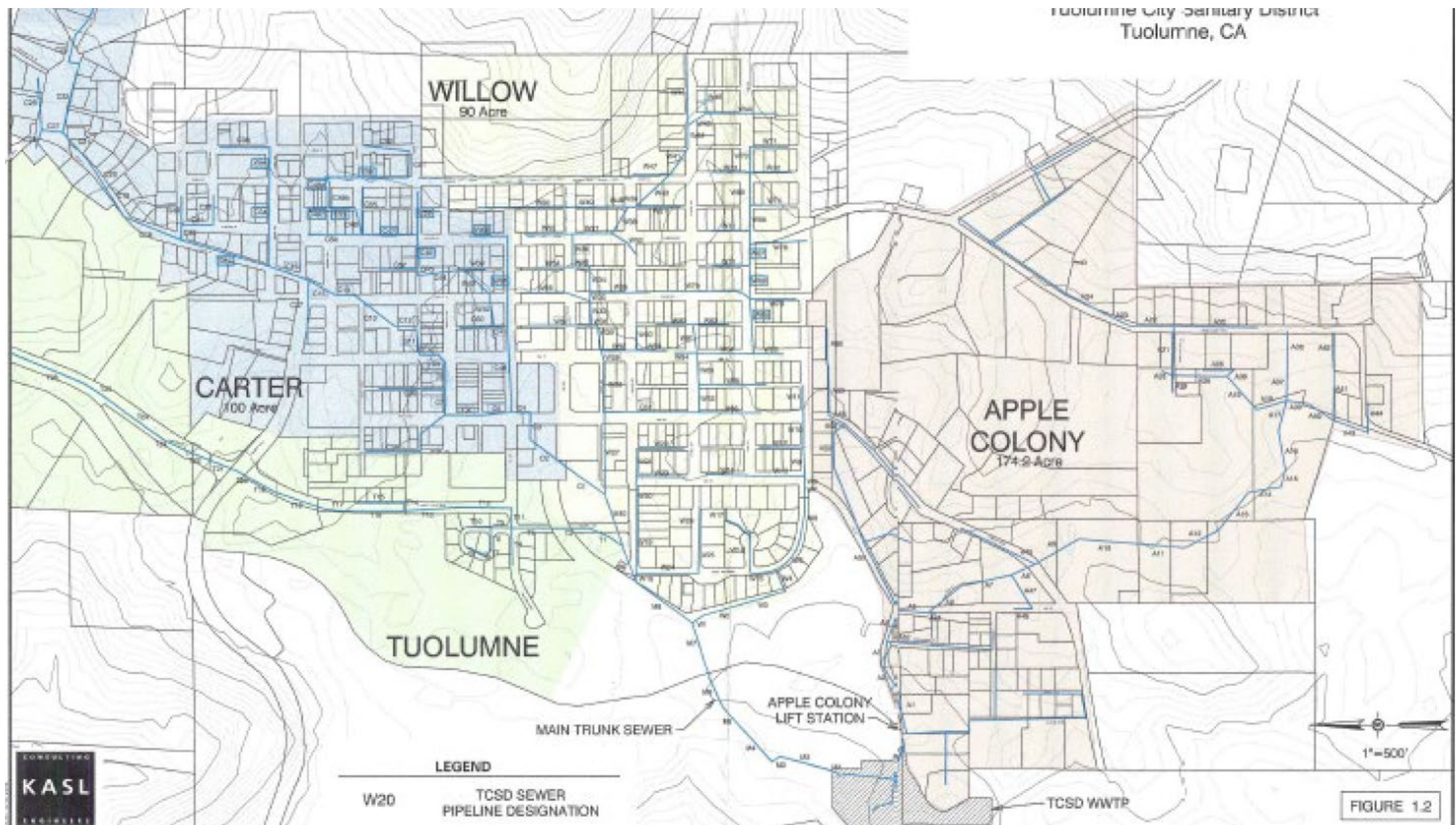


Figure 2: Project Boundaries

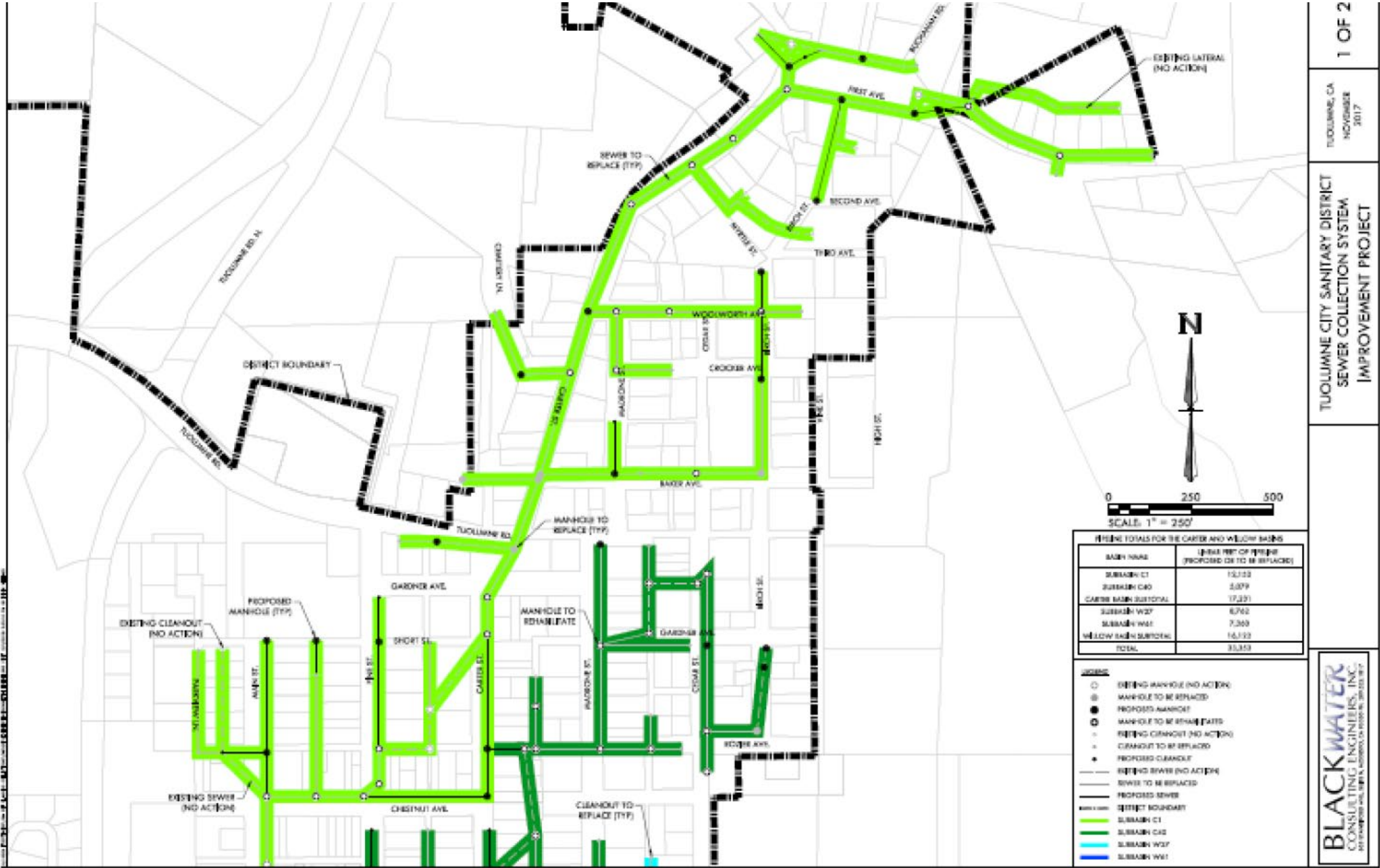


Figure 3: Project Boundaries

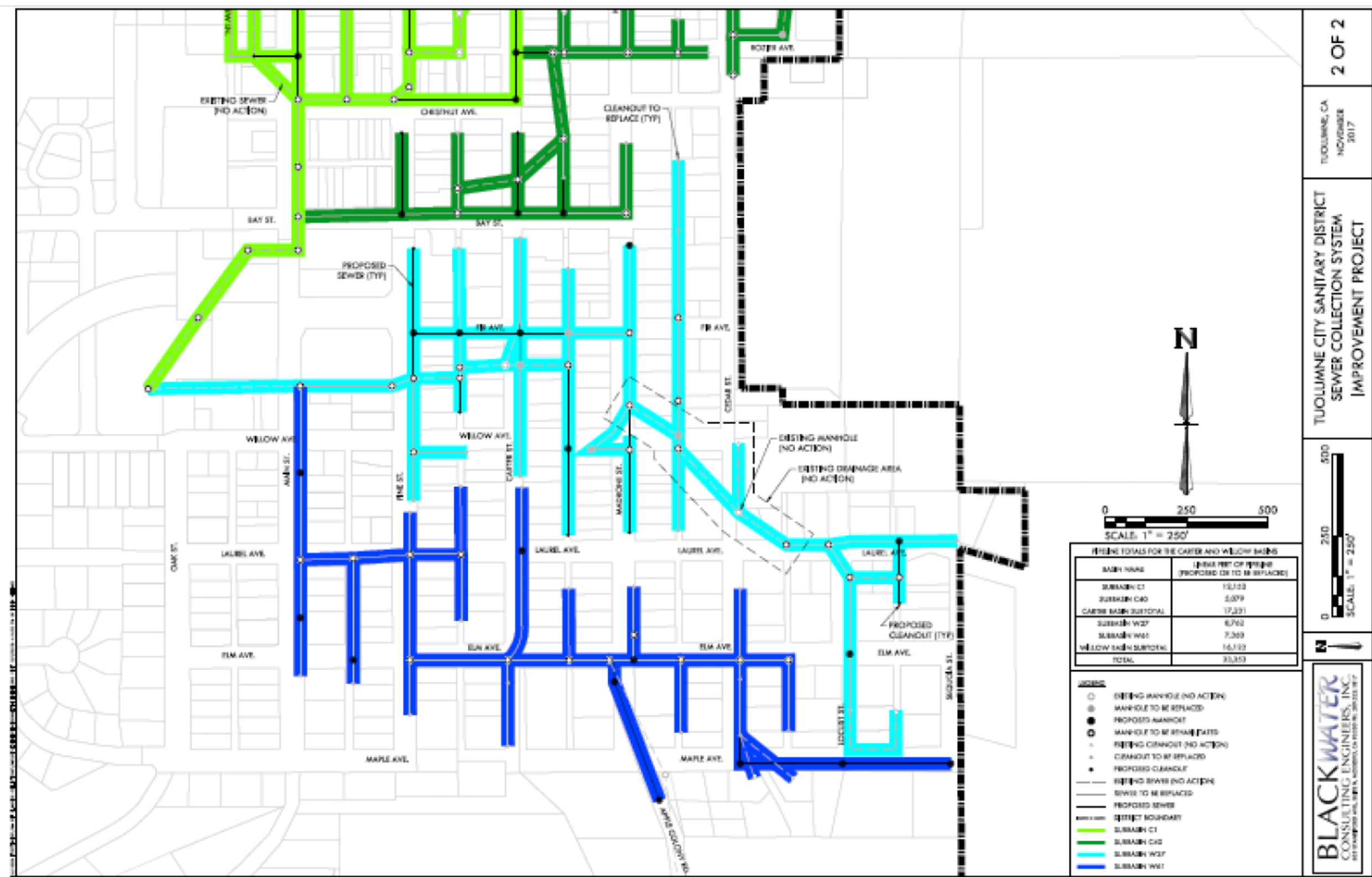


Figure 4: Project Boundaries

