



Carmel Area Wastewater District

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Carmel Area Wastewater District 2020 Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation Proposal

The Carmel Area Wastewater District (District) provides a full range of wastewater/sewage related services, including collection, treatment, disposal and production of recycled water. This proposal would expand the area in which the District is authorized to provide sewer services to include areas of the Carmel Valley and the Carmel Highlands that are currently on septic systems. The areas were chosen because District anticipates or has received applications or interest for near-term sewer service connections, and where previous studies have identified septic system issues. The project would result in the extension of the jurisdictional boundaries of the District to allow for future wastewater service extension to approximately 925 acres of primarily developed land.

A final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted by the District on July 30, 2020. Further information is available at our website www.cawd.org/ceqa-notices.

At the February 25, 2021 regular meeting of the District Board of Directors at 9:00 a.m. there will be an informational discussion item presented regarding the proposed annexation. You are encouraged to participate in the discussion at that time.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact us at (831) 624-1248 or email the Principal Engineer, Rachél Lather, at downstream@cawd.org.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding Annexations

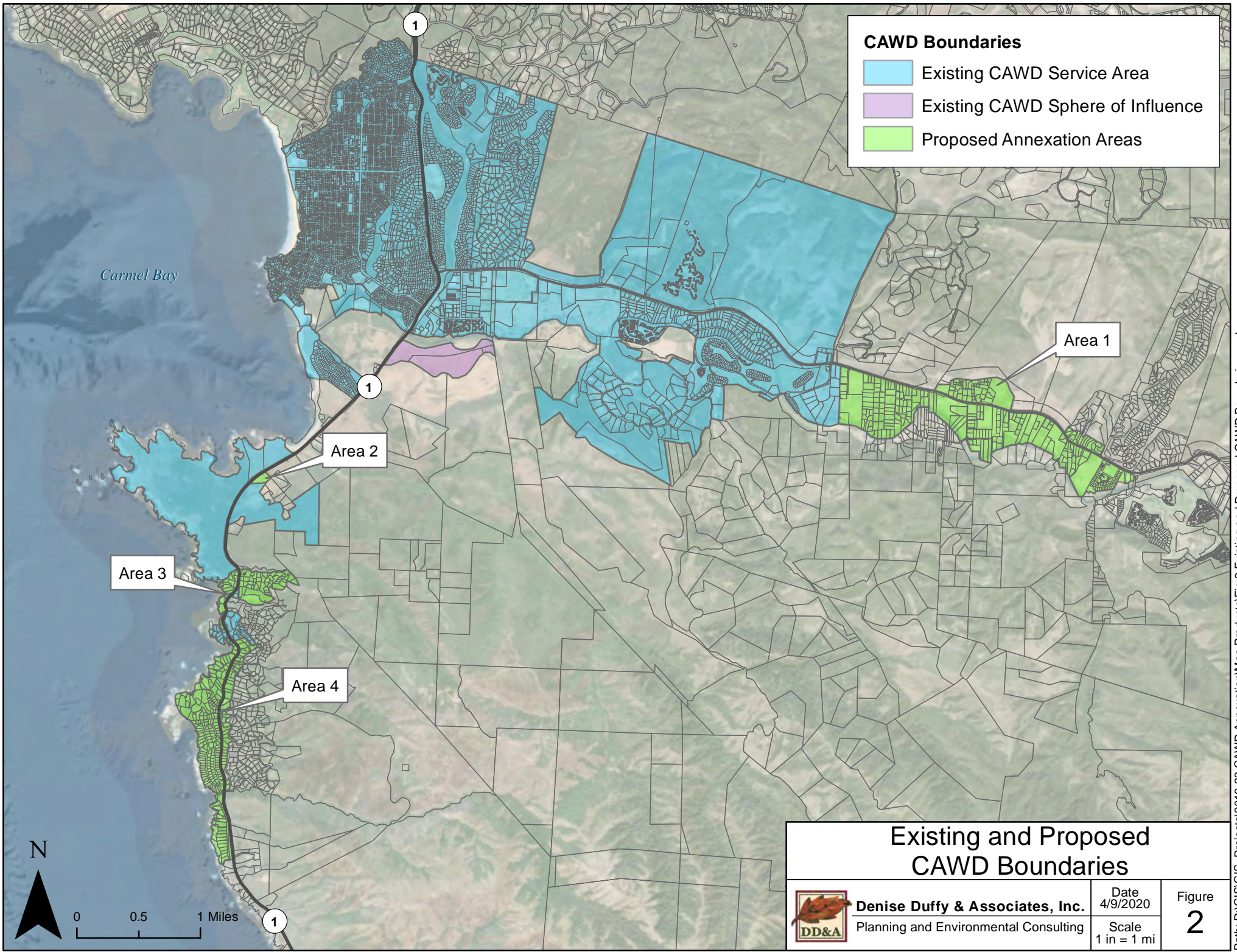
What is the reason for the Annexation and Sphere of Influence changes? The proposed annexation consists of lands that the District has identified as having a reasonable likelihood of requiring the District's sewer services in the foreseeable future. Most of the parcels within the proposal area are presently on individual septic systems, or have failing septic systems and wish to connect to sewer. Specific property owners, such as The Carmel Valley Manor, Corona Road area, and Larsen property have requested to be annexed in order to eliminate the need for septic.

Will I be required to connect to sewer if my septic system is working fine? No. The Annexation will not require you to connect. It may however provide you with a future alternative to replacing your septic system in the event that it fails. If your property is located within 300 feet of an existing sewer line, the County may require that you connect to the sewer when your septic system fails.

Will the Annexation cost me anything? No. Annexation into the District's boundaries will not cost you anything until you connect. Annexation costs are recovered through the connection fees for new properties that are eligible for service. Connection fees and other applicable District fees for service will be assessed if and when individual properties connect to the District's sewer system in the future.

Is the cost of the Annexation reasonable for those who will be brought into the District service area? Yes. Annexation expenses for individual lots can run as high as \$15,000 per annexation. However, by being included in a large annexation the future cost for existing lots to connect is anticipated to be less than \$500 per lot and will be included in the connection fee.

Will the Annexation encourage development? No. The proposed annexation does not encourage development. All the lots included in our Annexation are existing subdivided lots, which are either currently developed with septic systems or are considered infill lots having a development potential with septic service. The Annexation will encourage public safety, public health and a cleaner environment, due to eliminating failing septic systems.



CAWD Boundaries

- Existing CAWD Service Area
- Existing CAWD Sphere of Influence
- Proposed Annexation Areas

Carmel Bay

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Area 2

Area 3

Area 4


Area 1

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Existing and Proposed CAWD Boundaries

 <p>Denise Duffy & Associates, Inc. Planning and Environmental Consulting</p>	Date 4/9/2020	<p>Figure 2</p>
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