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City of Sebastopol

September 8, 2021

The Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury
Honorable Brad DeMeo
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
PO Box 5109
Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Sharon DeBenedetti
Foreperson
Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury

Subject: City of Sebastopol Response to the Grand Jury

Dear Honorable Brad DeMeo, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, and Sharon DeBenedetti, Foreperson of the Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury,

This letter is submitted on behalf of the City Council of the City of Sebastopol.

On June 16, 2021, the City of Sebastopol ("City") received a letter from the Sonoma County Grand Jury which attached a copy of the Grand Jury's Report titled "2020-2021 Final Report Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury (hereafter "Report"). The report is attached for reference. The City has determined the release date as September 7, 2021.

Penal Code Section 933 (c) requires that the governing board of the public agency (here, the City Council) is required to respond not later than 90 days after the public release date. As required, the City Council of the City of Sebastopol respectfully submits the following responses to the Findings and Recommendations in the Report in the form required by the Penal Code.

Pursuant to California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, this letter documents the City's responses to each finding in the Grand Jury Report (hereinafter "City Response"). The City Response was prepared by City staff, including the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief and presented to the City Council for their consideration. At the public meeting on September 7, 2021, the City Council approved this City Response, and directed the City Manager to submit this City Response on behalf of the City Council.

The City of Sebastopol thanks the Grand Jury for its service during the 2020-2021 term. If you or the Grand Jury Foreperson have any questions regarding the City's response, please contact City Manager Larry McLaughlin at 707-823-1153 or email at lmclaughlin@cityofsebastopol.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Una Glass', written over the printed name.

Una Glass
Mayor
City of Sebastopol

Copy Furnished: City Manager
 Sharon DeBenedetti, Foreperson
 Fire Chief/Director of Emergency Services

Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: Emergency Alerts and Communications

Report Date: June 16, 2021

Response by: Una Glass Title: Mayor

Agency/Department Name: City of Sebastopol

FINDINGS: **F4, F6, F7, F8, F9, F10, F11, F20**

I (we) agree with the findings numbered **F4, F6, F7, F8, F9, F10, F11, F20**

I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: _____

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS: **R1, R4, R5, R15**

Recommendations numbered: **R1, R4, R5, R15** have been implemented.

(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.) **See attached summary.**

Recommendations numbered: _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.

(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)

Recommendations numbered: _____ require(s) further analysis.

(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury report.)

Recommendations numbered: _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

(Attach an explanation.)

Date: September 7, 2021 Signed: _____

Number of pages attached: 2

(See attached Civil Grand Jury Response Requirements)

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RECOMMENDATIONS: R1, R4, R5, R15

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(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.) See attached summary.

R1: *By October 31, 2021, the Sheriff's Office, Department of Emergency Management, and nine cities' departments include within their Emergency Operations Plans action steps to reach all subpopulations within the County who may not otherwise receive an alert.*

City Response:

The City has incorporated the following actions into the Revised City of Sebastopol Emergency Operations Plan.

Action Steps taken to reach all subpopulations include.

- o Use of Police/Fire Hi-Lo Sirens
- o Nixle Alerts, SoCoAlert
- o Local News Media and Radio releases
- o Other Social Media Alerts (City Web Pages, Instagram's, Facebook Pages, etc.)
- o As staffing allows personal door to door contact

R4: *By October 8, 2021, the Sheriff's Office, Department of Emergency Management, and nine cities work together to ensure consistent naming for all evacuation maps used by the public and first responders.*

City Response:

The City has incorporated the following actions into the Revised City of Sebastopol Emergency Operations Plan.

Sebastopol Evacuation Map Zones (1, 2, 3, and 4). Appendix E of the EOP. A copy is attached for reference.

The City of Sebastopol has worked with the County of Sonoma Department of Emergency Management and the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department. Naming of the evacuation maps is consistent with Sonoma Counts Maps.

R5: *By October 8, 2021, the Sheriff's Office, Department of Emergency Management, and nine cities work together to ensure the public is informed of their evacuation zones by publishing evacuation maps in local media, online, and through SoCo Emergency.*

City Response:

The City has posted local evacuation maps on the City of Sebastopol website at <https://ci.sebastopol.ca.us/City-Government/Departments-Services/Fire> and the County of Sonoma at <https://socoemergency.org/get-ready/evacuation-map/>.

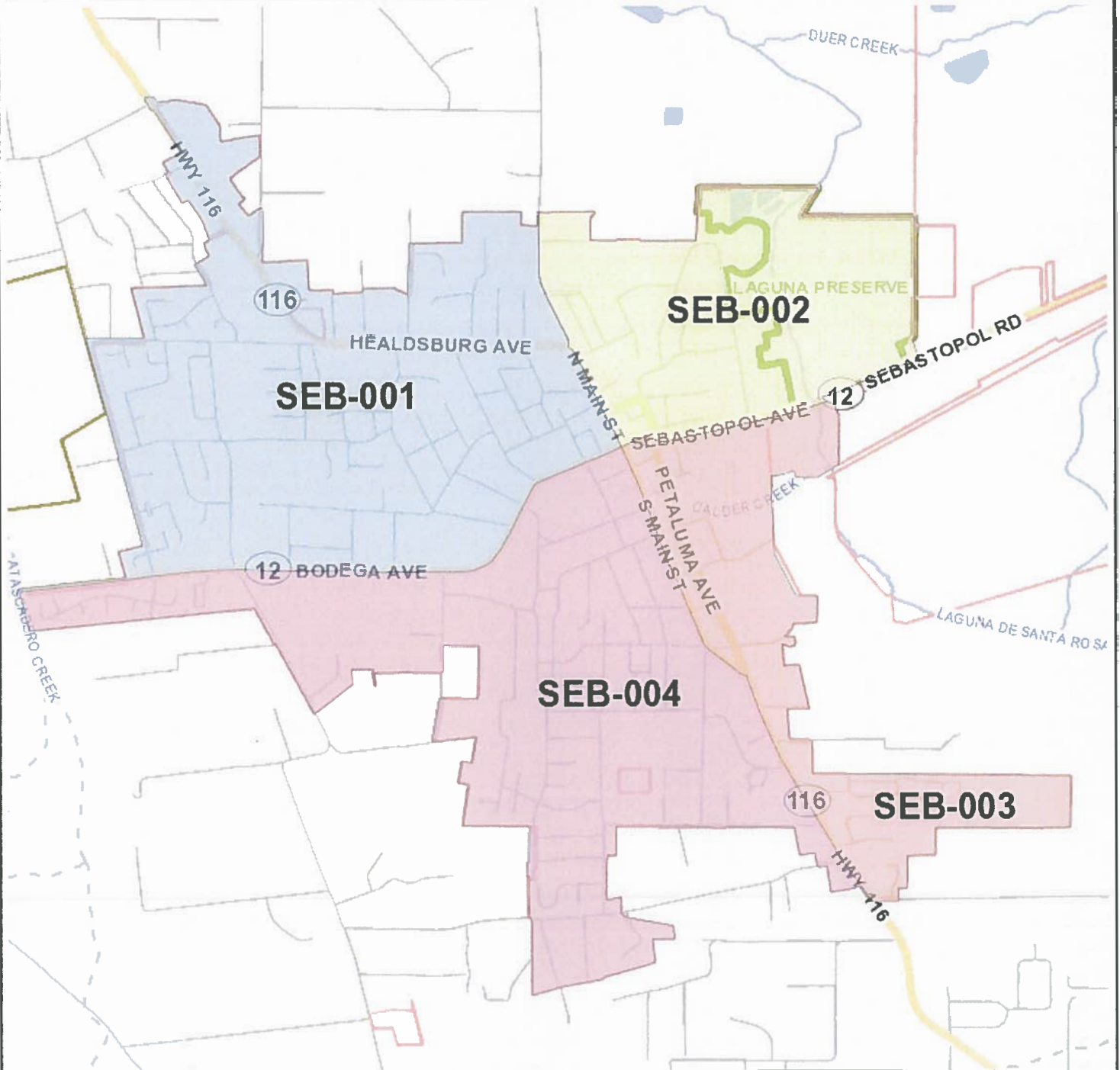
R15: By October 31, 2021, the nine cities update their Emergency Operations Plan to incorporate the most up-to-date information and lessons learned since the disasters of 2017 and post it on their websites.

City Response:

The City of Sebastopol is in the process of updating the City's Emergency Operations. The City Council will review the DRAFT EOP at the September 7th 2021 City Council Meeting with proposed adoption at the September 21, 2021 City Council Meeting.

The City has incorporated the most up-to-date information and lessons learned since the disasters of 2017 and post it on our City web site at <https://ci.sebastopol.ca.us/City-Government/Departments-Services/Fire>.

Sebastopol Evacuation Zones



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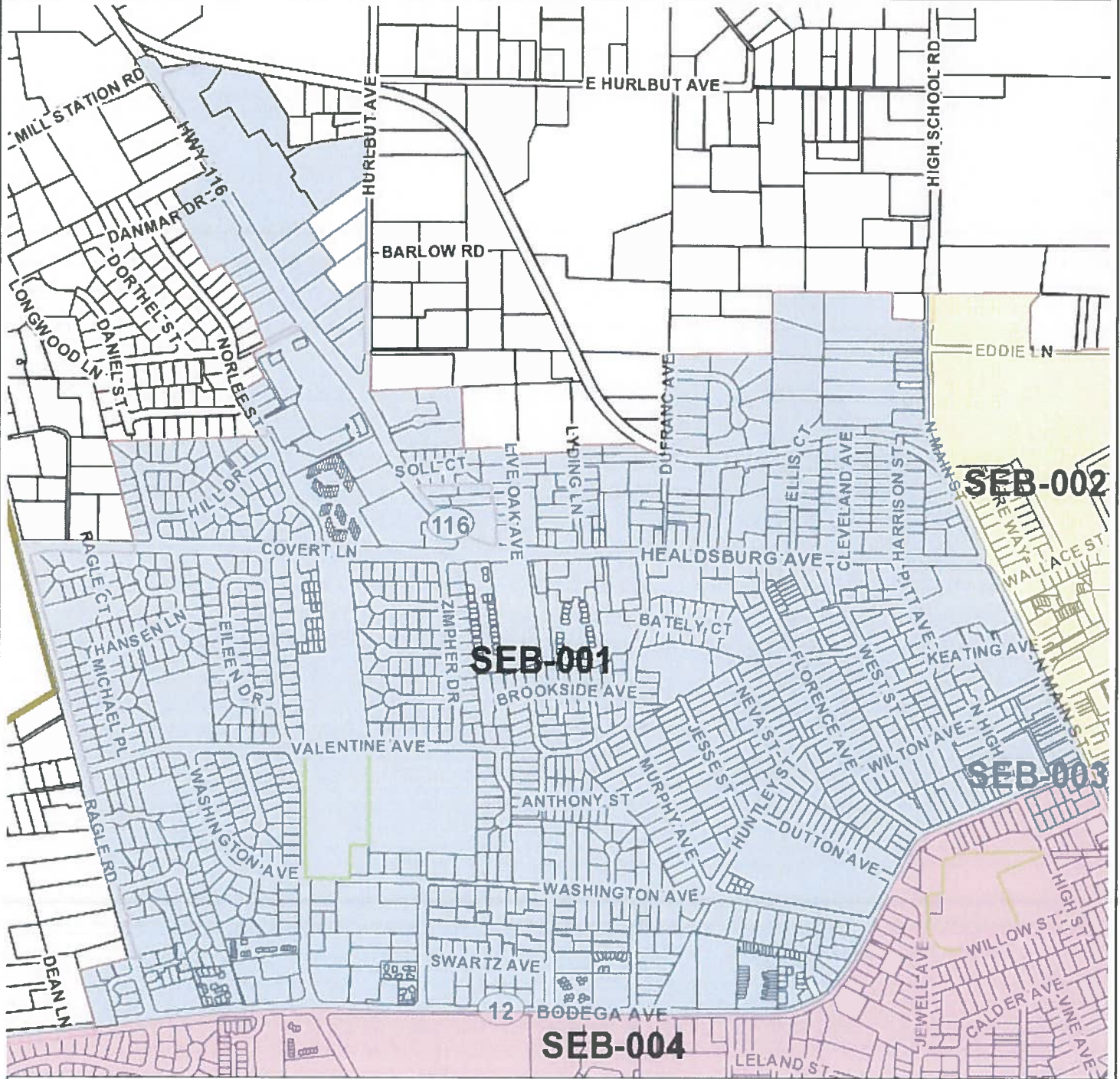


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Sebastopol Evacuation Zone 1



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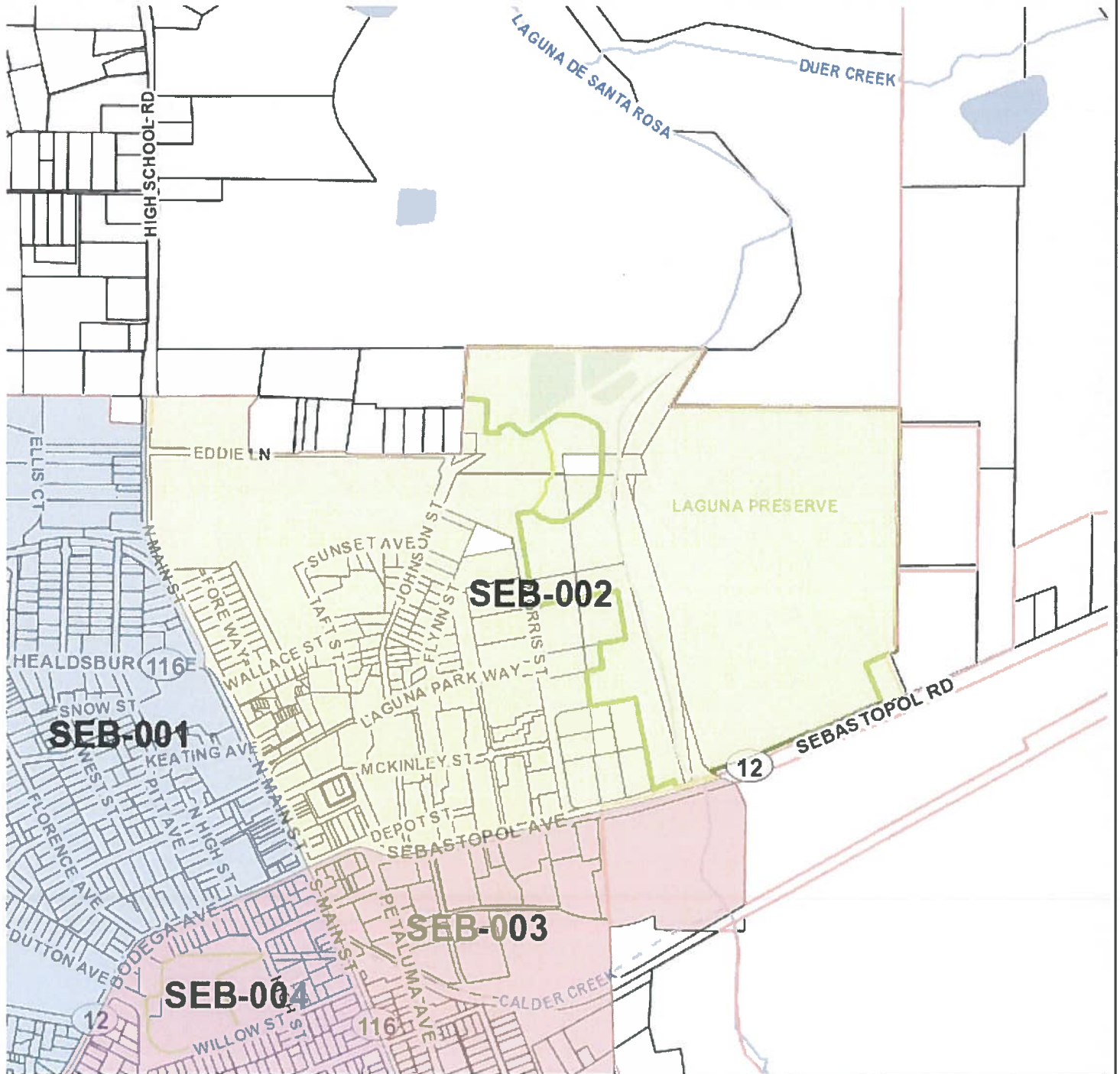


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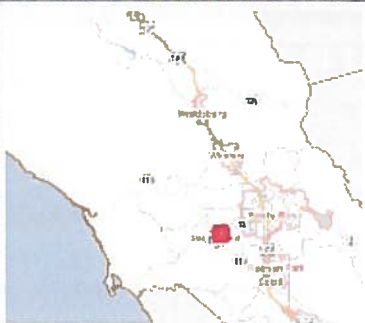
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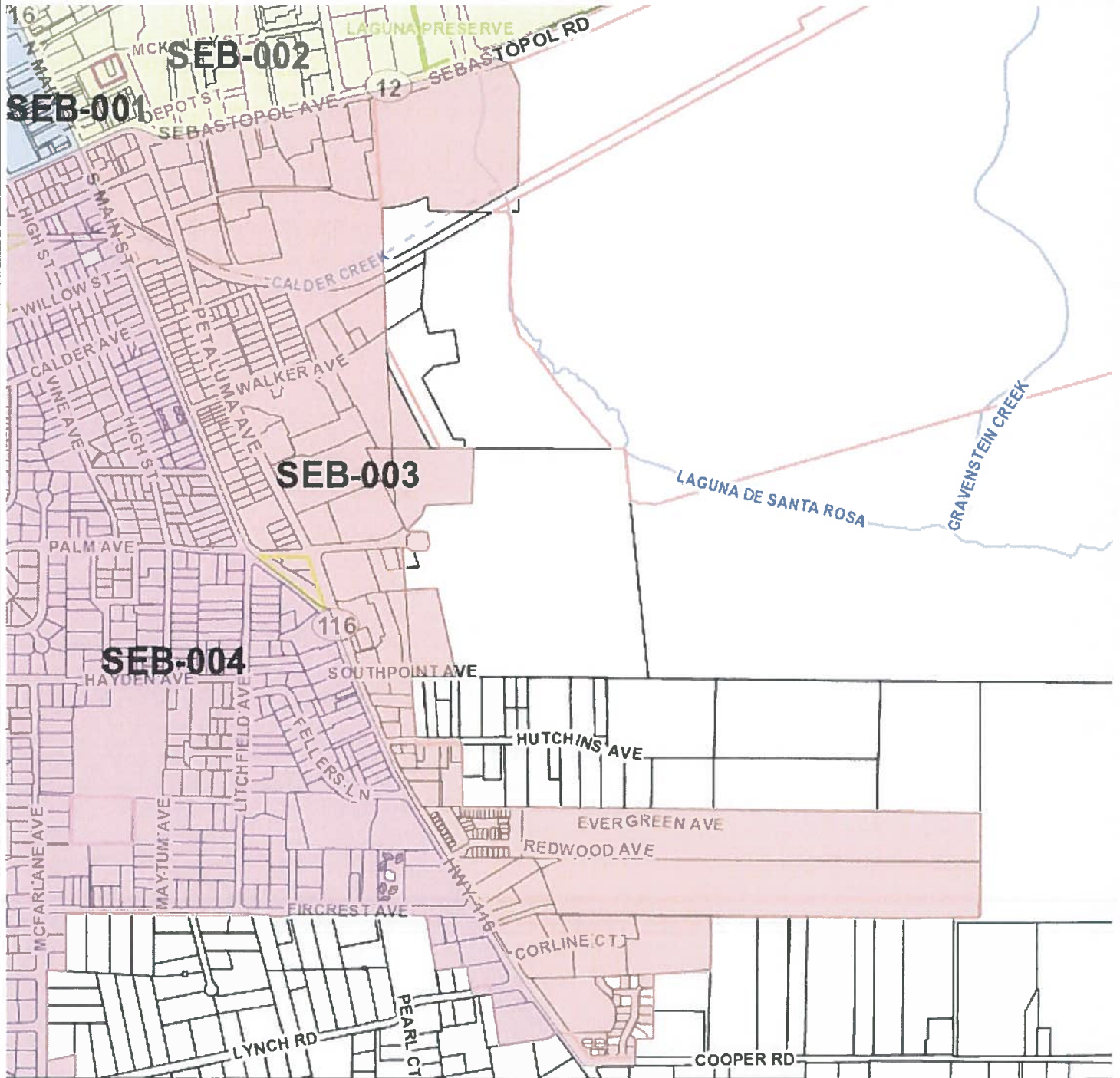


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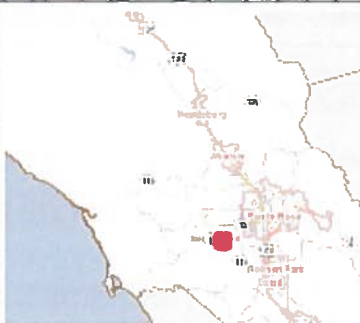
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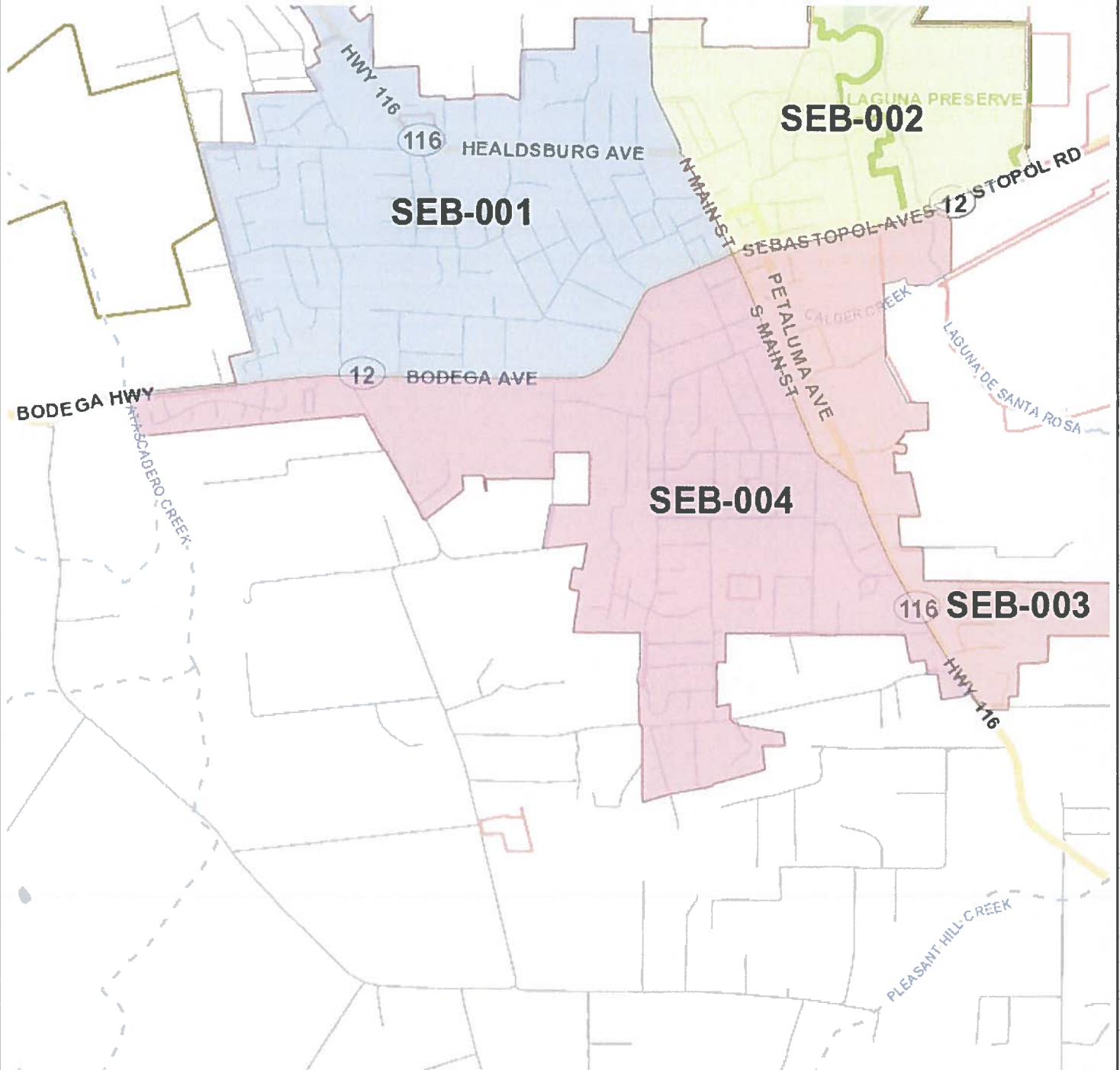


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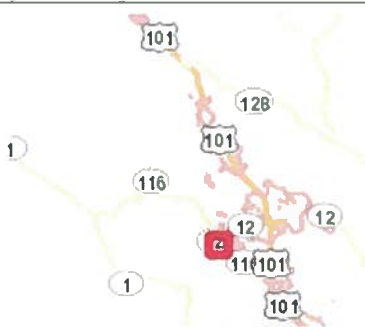
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Sebastopol Evacuation Map Zone 4



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