

Community Development Department

County Administration Building
651 Pine Street
Fourth Floor, North Wing
Martinez, California 94553-1229

Phone: (925) 335-1210

County File # CP 07-40
General Services Department
Attention: Dick R. Awenius

Dear Applicant:

The Contra Costa County Community Development Department has completed an initial study of the environmental significance of the project represented by your pending application bearing County File Number **CP 07-40**. In conformance with Contra Costa County Guidelines for implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), it has been determined that your project will not have a significant effect on the environment. Your project falls within the following category:

☐ **AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) IS NOT REQUIRED.**

- ☒ The project is categorically exempt (Class 15061 (b) (3))
- ☐ The CEQA requirements are accommodated by the EIR previously prepared for _____.
- ☐ A statement that an EIR is not required (Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance has been filed by the Community Development Department (unless appealed).
- ☐ Other: General Rule of Applicability

☐ **AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) IS REQUIRED.**

- ☐ The complexity of your project requires your submission of additional special reports or information (as outlined on the attached sheet) (which will be outlined in a forthcoming letter).
- ☐ A consultant will be hired to prepare the environmental impact report. This procedure is explained on the attached sheet.

Preparation of the EIR cannot be started until the fee and additional information requested is received by the Community Development Department.

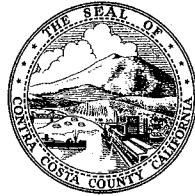
If you have questions concerning this determination or desire additional information relative to environmental impact report regulations, please call (925) 335-1210 and ask for **Catherine Kutsuris**.

Sincerely yours

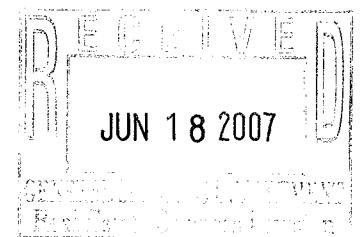
Dennis M. Barry, AICP
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By: Joyce Ring-Reaves

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June 15, 2007



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

DATE: June 15, 2007

TO: Dick R. Awenius
General Services Department

FROM: Dennis M. Barry, AICP, Community Development Director
By: Catherine Kutsuris, CEQA Coordinator
Via : Joyce Ring-Reaves

SUBJECT: CEQA REVIEW, PROJECT # CP 07-40, Transfer of the County's Title to the Richmond Superior Court Facility, 100 37th Street, Richmond, California

Attached are the following environmental documents relative to the above-referenced project which have been reviewed by the Community Development Department. Please review the documents to determine if there are any posting periods and/or hearings required before the Board of Supervisors can take action on the project. These documents should be kept in the project file for future reference.

- (Y) Initial Study of Environmental Significance.
- () **Copy of the Notice of Exemption (w/receipt). (The original is: ____ on file in Community Development Department; on file with the County Clerk; ____ being returned for filing in project file.)**
- () Copy of the Notice of Determination. (The original is: ____ on file in Community Development Department; ____ on file with the County Clerk; ____ being returned for filing in project file.)
- () Notice of Negative Declaration - including mail out list.
- () Draft EIR.
- (Y) Mandatory Referral.
- () Proof of Publication
- (Y) Letter of CEQA determination
- () Comments:
- (Y) **TWO COPIES OF THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION/DETERMINATION ARE ATTACHED. WHEN YOU HAVE SCHEDULED THIS ITEM WITH THE BOARD, PLEASE SEND ONE COPY BACK TO ME WITH A NOTE STATING THE DATE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS TO HEAR THE ITEM.**

When the Board of Supervisors takes action on the project, it must "review" and "consider" the environmental impact report or negative declaration, together with any comments received during the public review process. They must then adopt the environmental document before approving the project. You must, therefore, provide copies for each member of the Board of the respective environmental impact report, notice of negative declaration, or the notice of exemption, along with any comments received during the review period. They must review and consider these items before approving the project. If they do not physically have the documents, they cannot consider them.

In the case of projects which are exempt from CEQA, the Board Order should concur in the determination that the project is categorically exempt, and direct the filing of the Notice of Exemption.

PLEASE NOTIFY US, WITHIN 2 DAYS OF THE BOARD HEARING ON THIS PROJECT, WHAT ACTION THE BOARD TOOK SO THAT WE CAN INITIATE THE FILING OF THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OR NOTICE OF DETERMINATION WITH THE COUNTY CLERK. THE FILING OF THESE NOTICES STARTS THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON COURT CHALLENGES TO THE APPROVAL UNDER CEQA. HENCE, THE FILING OF THESE NOTICES ARE IMPORTANT SINCE IT LIMITS THE COUNTY'S LIABILITY.

If you have any questions concerning the above documents or the CEQA process, please contact Catherine Kutsuris at 335-1210.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
651 Pine Street, N. Wing - 4th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553
Telephone: 335-1210 Fax: 335-1222

TO: Development Engineer/Architect

DATE: 5-24-07

FROM: Patrick Roche, Advance Planning *P. Roche*

SUBJECT: **MANDATORY REFERRAL FOR GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE**

Community Development staff has reviewed the attached project, CP 07-40 to determine if mandatory referral for General Plan Conformance, as required by Section 65402 of the Government Code, is necessary.

The project needs no further mandatory referral clearance from County staff subject to the following actions:

- (X) This project has been determined to be exempt from 65402 review.
- () This project has been determined to be exempt from 65402 review in accordance with the Board of Supervisors Resolution 81/522 because the project involves a road alignment project of a minor nature.

~~(X)~~ The project site is located within the City of Richmond and should be referred to the City for 65402 review. *Per Pat Roche on 11-13-08 65402 review was not required.*

- () The project site is located within the City of Richmond. Our Department does not review projects for General Plan Conformance (refer to Government Code Section 65402) that are located within a City.
- () Community Development staff makes the following attached recommendation which should be incorporated into the staff report on this matter.

The project needs mandatory referral and County staff will process this project in the following manner:

- () 65402 review is required. Community Development staff will carry this matter before the appropriate Planning Commission.
- () 65402 review must be withheld until completion of an Environmental Impact Report on this project.
- () Other procedures.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Notice of Exemption

Contra Costa County Community Development Department
651 Pine Street, 4th Floor - North Wing, McBrien Administration Building
Martinez, CA 94553-0095

Telephone: (925) 313-7250

Contact Person: Dick R. Awenius

Project Description, Common Name (if any) and Location: CP# 07-40

This project consists of transferring the County's title to the Richmond Superior Court Facility located at 100 37th St., Richmond to the AOC, as described below.

This project is exempt from **CEQA** as a: [check which ever one applies]

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial Project (Sec. 15268) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Statutory Exemption, Section |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269(a)) | <input type="checkbox"/> General Rule of Applicability (Section) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 15269(b) or (c)) | |
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for the following reason(s): It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

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Date: _____

By: _____
Community Development Department Representative

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on _____ I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

Signature

Title

Applicant:

County General Services Department
Attention: Dick R. Awenius
1220 Morello Avenue, Suite 100
Martinez, CA 94553-4711

County Clerk Fee \$50 Due

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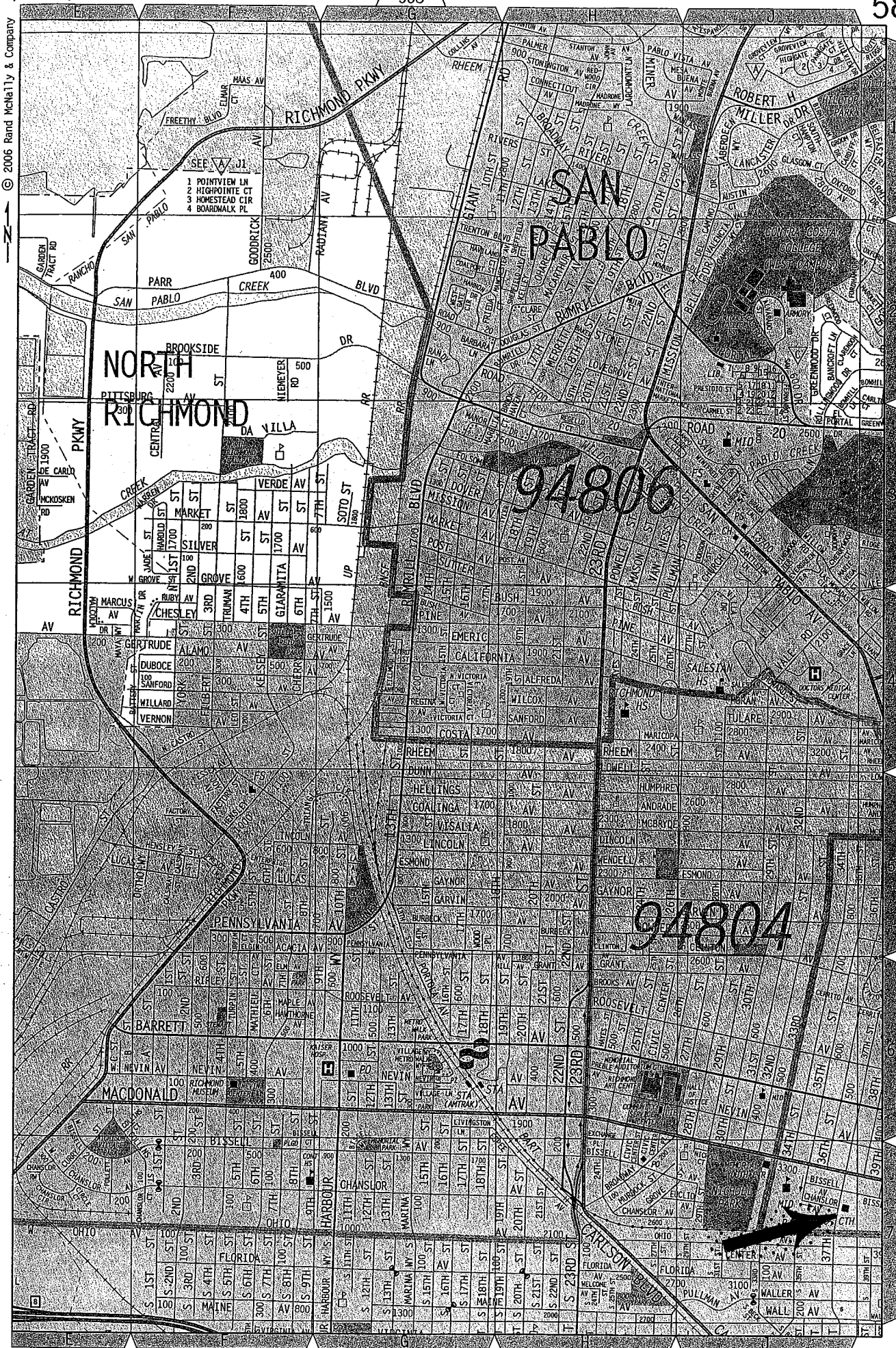
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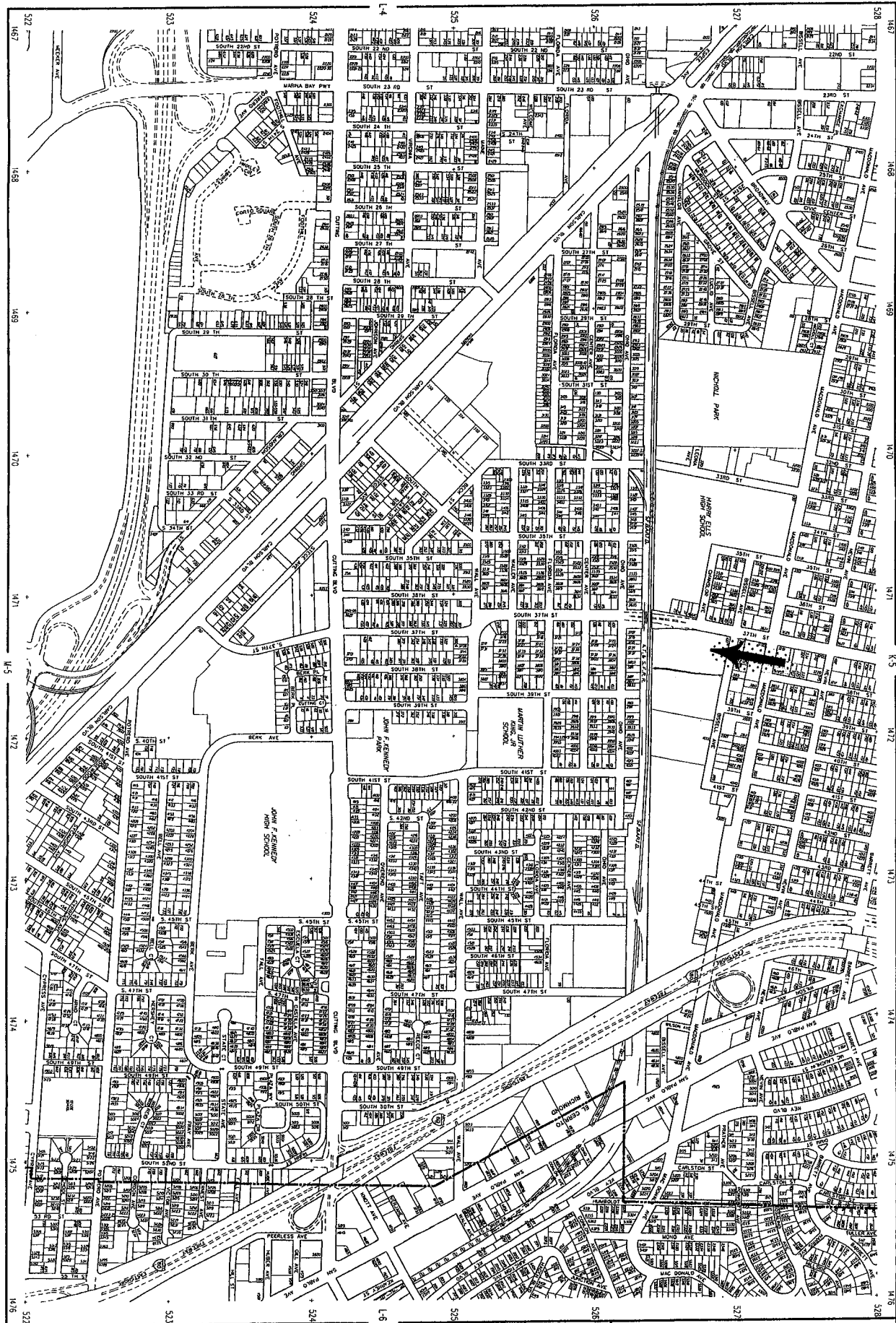
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SEE 589 MAP



Initial Study

OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE



File # CP 07-40 (WH197R)

Project Name: Transfer of the County's Title to the Richmond
Superior Court Facility, 100 37th Street,
Richmond, California

General Services Department
1220 Morello Avenue, Suite 100
Martinez, California 94553-4711
Telephone: (925) 313-7250

Prepared by Dick R. Awenius

Date May 22, 2007

Reviewed by [Signature]

Date 6-15-07

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption
(Class 15061 (b) (3)) | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment Impact
Report Required | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional Neg.
Declaration | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration | |

The Project Will Not Have A Significant Effect On The Environment

The recommendation is based on the following (List all items identified as significant):

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What Changes To The Project Would Mitigate The Identified Impacts (List mitigation measures for any significant impacts and Conditional Negative Declaration).

None

USGS Quad Sheet I

Base Map Sheet # L-5

Parcel # 517-340-002

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Location:
100 37th Street, Richmond
- Project Description:
This project consists of transferring the County's title to a portion of the property located at 100 37th St., Richmond to the AOC, as described above.
- Does it appear that any feature of the project will generate significant public concern? (Nature of concern):
☐ yes ☒ no ☐ maybe
- Will the project require approval or permits by other than a County agency? Agency Name(s):
☐ yes ☒ no
- Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city? (Name) Richmond

**DETERMINATION THAT AN ACTIVITY
IS EXEMPT FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

FILE NO.: WH197R

CP NO.: 07-40

ACTIVITY NAME: 100 37th St., Richmond

DATE: May 22, 2007

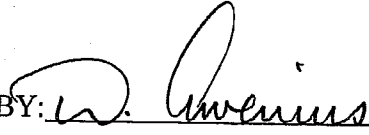
PREPARED BY: Dick R. Awenius

This activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to article 5, Section 15061 (b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY: This project consists of transferring the County's title to the Richmond Superior Court Facility to The Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts.

LOCATION: 100 37th St., Richmond

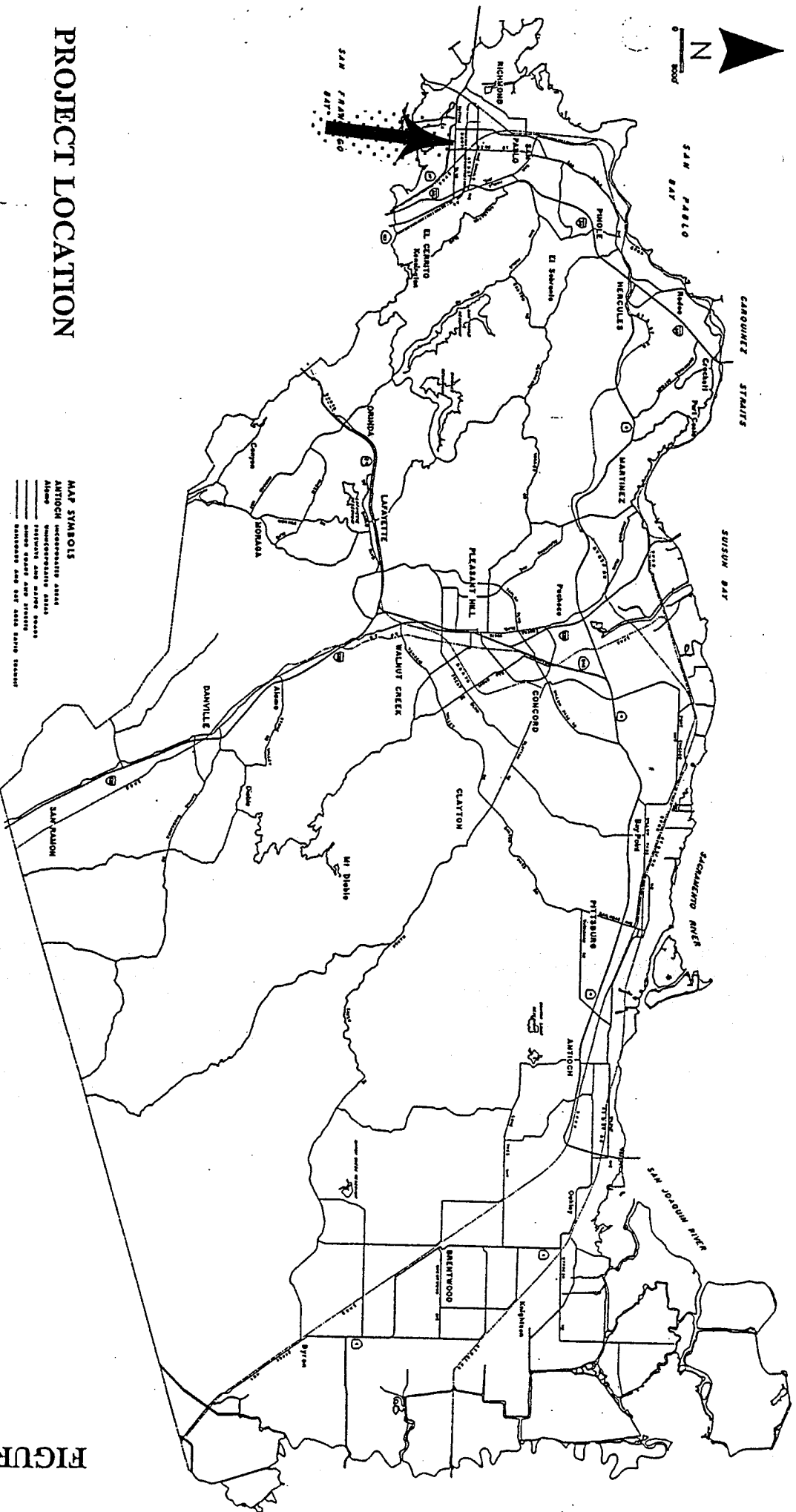
REVIEWED BY: 

DATE: 5-24-07

APPROVED BY: 
Community Development Representative

DATE: 6-15-07

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
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FIGURE 1