

**Contra
Costa
County**

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
INITIAL STUDY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE**

PROJECT # 0662-6R-4106

CP# 10-64

PROJECT NAME: Contra Costa Centre Wayfinding Program

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DATE: 11/15/10

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ☒ **Categorical Exemption** (Classes 3 and 11) ☐ Negative Declaration
- ☐ Environmental Impact Report Required ☐ Conditional Negative Declaration

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The recommendation is based on the following: The project consists of construction of limited small new accessory structures, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines (15303, Class 3 and 15311, Class 11). The project will not result in the removal of any scenic resources; cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource; nor result in a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

What changes to the project would mitigate the identified impacts: N/A

USGS Quad Sheet: *Walnut Creek* **Base Map Sheet #:** *L-14* **Parcel #:** *N/A*

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- 1. Location:** The project is located in Central Contra Costa County, in the unincorporated area of Walnut Creek, known as Contra Costa Centre (Figs.1-7)
- 2. Project Description:** The Contra Costa County Redevelopment Agency is in the process of building many improvements to the area including a new multi-modal transit village at the Pleasant Hill/Contra Costa Centre BART station. The wayfinding sign program will direct motorists, bicyclist and pedestrians to regional locations serving public and private facilities. The design will present a professional image consistent with the requirements of the Contra Costa Centre Area Specific Plan and the character of the Centre and will establish uniform family of sign types suitable for application to future locations.

Wayfinding signage has already been installed within the transit village area as part of the development plan (DP04-3099). The proposed wayfinding program extends the signage beyond the development to include the entire Specific Plan area.

The EIR prepared in 1997 for the Amendments to the Contra Costa Centre (Pleasant Hill BART Station) Area Specific Plan referenced a sign program to improve access and circulation. The discussion of Signage Impacts includes a Mitigation Measure stating that signs should have a "degree of uniformity in appearance to foster a sense of identity within the station area. This will mitigate another problem of the station area which is identity and legibility such that visitors understand when they are entering and leaving it, and what land uses are a part of it...." (Page II-46, Impact #8). Further, on page IV-33-Impact 5 of the DEIR, it is stated that "Measures to encourage use of alternative modes of transportation....Incorporation of a signage system throughout the Specific Plan to enhance pedestrian and bicycle access in the area".

Real Property transactions, including right of way acquisition and/or easements, may be necessary in support of this project.

- 3. Does it appear that any feature of the project will generate significant public concern?**
☐ yes ☒ no ☐ maybe (Nature of concern):
- 4. Will the project require approval or permits by other than a County agency?**
☒ yes ☐ no Encroachment Permits from the Public Works Department may be necessary.
- 5. Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city?** City of Walnut Creek.