

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: [ ] Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
[ ] County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa
From: Contra Costa County
Dept. of Conservation & Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015052041
Project Title: Alhambra Valley Road Safety Improvements (at Rancho La Boca Road and Ferndale Road)
CP#: 15-02; WO#: 0662-6R4097

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department
Project Location: between Martinez and Pinole, north-central Contra Costa County (Figure 1)

Project Description: Alhambra Valley Road is a rural road with winding turns and poor sight distance in some locations. The purpose of the project is to minimize the potential for injuries from vehicles running off the road which will also allow for bicyclists to ride outside the main travel way. The project consists of widening two segments; at Rancho La Boca Road (Site 1) and just west of Ferndale Road (Site 2). The project will improve these segments by providing four-foot wide paved shoulders and removing or relocating roadway obstacles, including utility poles, guardrails, trees, and landscaping, to provide a clear recovery zone for vehicles; roadway flashers will be installed in both directions at both sites. Cut and fill earthwork will be required to accommodate these proposed improvements and to improve sight distance at Site 1. Drainage improvements include installation of storm drain inlets and associated pipe connections, and installation of concrete headwalls and rock slope protection at an existing culvert at Site 2. Disturbed areas will be stabilized as necessary following construction. Construction activities will be generally limited to the hours between 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; noise-generating activities will be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Construction of the project will require either one-way traffic control for 4 weeks or a 2-week full road closure from just west of Ferndale Road to west of Rancho La Boca Road. Mail notifications will be sent to surrounding property owners prior to start of construction implementation of road closure, if needed. In addition, detour route signs will be posted seven days prior to start of construction at various locations in the project vicinity; emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Proposed right-of-way acquisitions will consist of sliver portions (varying between 5 and 30 feet) along the frontages of several residential properties to accommodate the widening. Permanent drainage and utility easements, and temporary construction easements will also be needed. Construction of the project is anticipated to start sometime between April and October in 2016 and take approximately three months to complete.

The project was approved on:

- 1. The project [ ] will [x] will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. [ ] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. [x] A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3. Mitigation measures [x] were [ ] were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [x] was [ ] was not adopted for this project.
- 5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ ] was [x] was not adopted for this project.
- 6. Findings [x] were [ ] were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Notice of Determination was sent to Office of Planning and Research.\*

This is to certify that the final Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Contra Costa County Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553

Signature (Contra Costa County): Title:
Date: Date Received for filing at OPR:

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:

Table with 3 columns: Applicant, Department of Fish and Game Fees Due, and Total Due. Applicant: Public Works Department, 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553, Attn: Claudia Gemberling, Environmental Services Division, Phone: (925) 313-2192. Department of Fish and Game Fees Due: [ ] EIR - \$3,069.75, [x] Neg. Dec. - \$2,210.00, [ ] DeMinimis Findings - \$0, [x] County Clerk - \$50, [x] Conservation & Development - \$25. Total Due: \$2,285.00, Total Paid \$, Receipt #.

\*Notice of Determination may be sent by fax to (916) 323-3018, if followed up with a duplicate mailed copy.