

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INITIAL STUDY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: WO #1025
CP# 15-51

PROJECT NAME: San Pablo Dam Road Sidewalk Project – Appian to Clark
PREPARED BY: Alex Nattkemper *AN* DATE: December 21, 2015
APPROVED BY: *MCB* DATE: 1-11-16

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ☒ **Categorical Exemption** [Class 1(c)]
☐ Environmental Impact Report Required
- ☐ Negative Declaration
☐ 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 minor alteration of existing public facilities, involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing pursuant to section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines. The project will not result in the removal of any scenic resource.

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

USGS Quad Sheet: Richmond	Base Map Sheet #: J-6	Parcel #: N/A
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. **Location:** The project is located in west Contra Costa County in the unincorporated community of El Sobrante [Figures 1-3].
2. **Project Description:** The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian access and safety on a segment of San Pablo Dam Road, which is a principal arterial that runs through the heart of El Sobrante. Currently, pedestrian infrastructure on San Pablo Dam Road east of Appian Way has multiple gaps which force pedestrians to walk in the parking lane or to cross the street midblock in order to walk on the opposite side of the street. The proposed project will fill four sidewalk gaps on San Pablo Dam Road from Appian Way to Clark Road, making the area more pedestrian friendly.

Gap 1 is located on the south side of San Pablo Dam Road, from 450 feet east of Appian Way to 620 feet east of Appian Way. Gap 1 will include construction of approximately 170 feet of curb, gutter and five foot wide sidewalk, as well as one driveway conform. Non-native vegetation and fencing will be removed to accommodate the proposed sidewalk. Gap 2 is located on the north side of San Pablo Dam Road, from Milton Drive to 230 feet east of Milton Drive. Gap 2 will include construction of approximately 230 feet of curb, gutter, and five foot wide sidewalk, as well as four driveway conforms. Gap 3 is located on the south side of San Pablo Dam Road, from 500 feet west of Clark Road to 300 feet west of Clark Road. Gap 3 will include construction of approximately 200 feet of curb, gutter, and five foot wide sidewalk, as well as two driveway conforms. Gap 4 is located on the north side of San Pablo Dam Road, from 820 feet west of Clark Road to Clark Road. Gap 4 will include construction of approximately 820 feet of curb, gutter, and five foot wide sidewalk, as well as thirteen driveway conforms.

Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to protect storm drain inlets. One lane will be open for traffic in both directions during construction activities. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Real property transactions, including right-of-way acquisitions and temporary construction easements from adjacent properties, may be necessary in support of this project. Tree and shrubbery trimming may be necessary throughout the project area and some limited removal of ornamental shrubs and trees may be required. In order to minimize damage to trees, any roots exposed during construction activities will be clean cut. Utility poles, fencing, decorative frontage walls, mailboxes and drainage infrastructure will be removed, relocated or modified to accommodate the proposed sidewalk. On-street parking may be prohibited along short segments of curb in order to avoid removal of fences, walls, or trees. Driveways of fronting property owners will be temporarily closed during construction, but advance warning of the project construction schedule will be provided to property owners.
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
5. **Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city?** City of Richmond

San Pablo Dam Road Sidewalk Project Appian to Clark

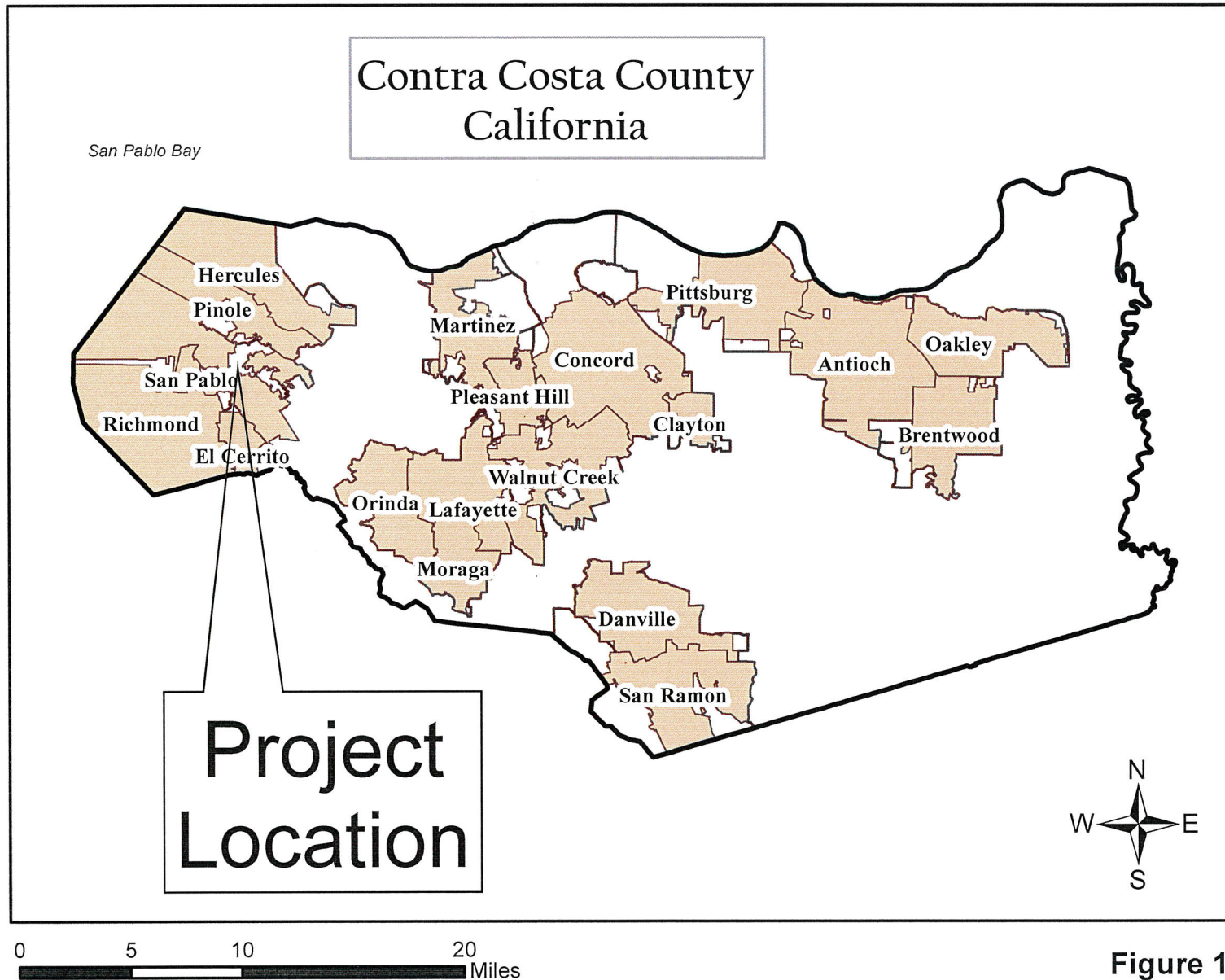


Figure 1

San Pablo Dam Road Sidewalk Project Appian to Clark

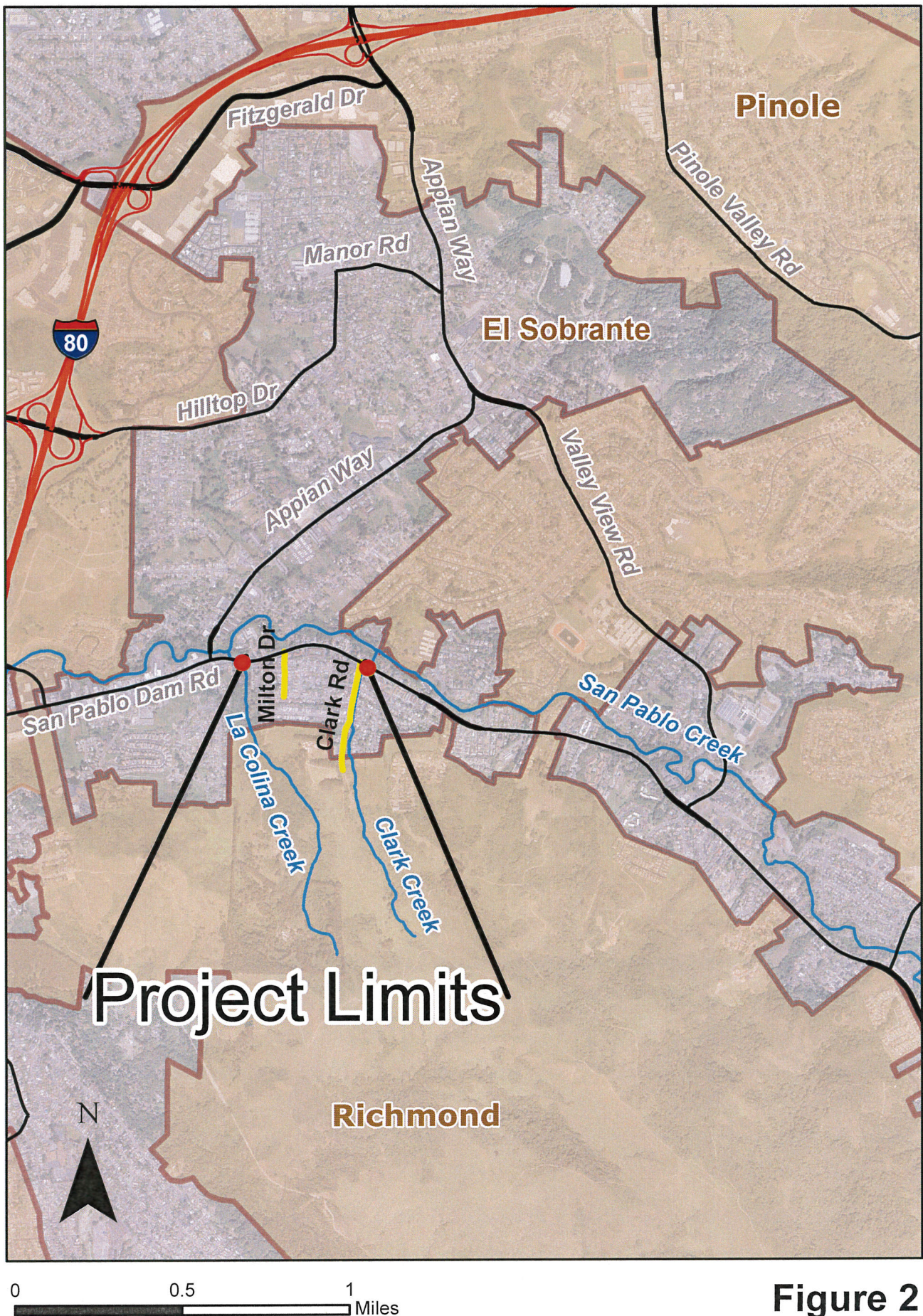


Figure 2



LEGEND

Proposed Sidewalk	—
Existing Sidewalk	—
Existing Right-of-Way	—
Existing Creek & Drainage	—
Modify Frontage Wall	—
Relocate Lateral Storm Drain	—
Relocate Storm Drain Inlet	■

SCALE
1:250



Contra Costa County
Public Works
Department

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PROJECT LAYOUT

SAN PABLO DAM ROAD
APPIAN WAY TO CLARK ROAD

FEDERAL ID NO.:

DB: TM

CB: MH

DATE: JULY 2015

SHEET 1 OF 1

Figure 3

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Notice of Exemption

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

Project Title: [San Pablo Dam Road Sidewalk Project – Appian to Clark, WO#1025 & CP#15-51](#)

Project Applicant: [Contra Costa County Public Works Department](#)

Project Location – **Specific:** [San Pablo Dam Road from Appian Way to Clark Road in El Sobrante](#)

Project Location: [Unincorporated Community of El Sobrante](#) Project Location – County: [Contra Costa](#)

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: **Contra Costa County**

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: **Contra Costa County Public Works Department**

Exempt Status:

☐ Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080(b) (1); 15268;

☒ Categorical Exemption: **Class 1(c)**

☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

☐ Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: _____

☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

☐ General Rule of Applicability [Article 5, Section 15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt: **The project consists of minor alteration of existing public facilities, involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing; pursuant to section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines. The project will not result in the removal of any scenic resource.**

Lead Agency Contact Person: [Alex Nattkemper - Public Works Dept.](#) Area Code/Telephone/Extension: [\(925\) 313-2364](#)

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: _____

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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:
Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: [Alex Nattkemper](#)
Environmental Services Division
Phone: [\(925\) 313-2364](#)

Department of Fish and Game Fees Due
☐ EIR - \$3,070.⁰⁰
☐ Neg. Dec. - \$2,210.²⁵
☐ DeMinimis Findings - \$0
☒ **County Clerk - \$50**
☒ **Conservation & Development - \$25**

Total Due: \$ [75.⁰⁰](#)
Total Paid \$ _____
Receipt #: _____