

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
INITIAL STUDY OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: WH387B / WO#5592  
CP# 15-40

PROJECT NAME: Iron Horse Corridor-Hookston Station Landscape Improvements (#270-1301), Phase II

PREPARED BY: Trina R. Torres *TR*

DATE: November 5, 2015

APPROVED BY: *[Signature]*

DATE: Nov 17, 15

RECOMMENDATIONS:

**Categorical Exemption: 15301 [Class 1(c)]**

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 the minor alteration of existing facilities or public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, pursuant to section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

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

USGS Quad Sheet: <u>Walnut Creek</u>	Base Map Sheet #: <u>K-14</u>	Parcel # <u>148-360-027</u>
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Location:** Iron Horse Corridor at Hookston Station in Pleasant Hill, California [Figures 1-3].
- Project Description:** The purpose of this Project is to install landscape improvements (approximately 1,400 LF) along a section of the Iron Horse Corridor at Hookston Station, between Hookston Road and Mayhew Way in the Pleasant Hill area.

The Project consists of installing irrigation piping systems, tree and shrubbery plantings, and other landscaping improvements. The Project also includes installing approximately 1,000 linear feet of asphalt concrete on an existing earthen path that roughly parallels this section of the Iron Horse Trail for alternative pedestrian use. Pedestrians will be able to use the alternative pedestrian paved path, allowing bicycles to utilize the adjacent Iron Horse Trail.

Since the Project area was previously occupied by Southern Pacific Railroad until 1978 and is an active SLIC (Spills, Leaks, Investigations and Cleanup) case currently under the oversight of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the County hired ENGeo, Inc. to conduct soil analysis, prepare a Remedial Investigation Report (Report), and develop a Work Plan in support of the Project. Contra Costa County Health Services (CCCHS) reviewed and approved the Report and Work Plan. Pursuant to the Report and Work Plan, during construction appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented for the Project including soil stockpile management and testing, construction dust management, and other recommendations identified in the Report and Work Plan.

Real property transactions including right-of-way may be necessary in support of the Project. General Plan Conformance may be necessary from the City of Pleasant Hill.

- Does it appear that any feature of the project will generate significant public concern?**

Yes  No  maybe (Nature of concern):

- Will the project require approval or permits by other than a County agency?**

Yes  No

- Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city?** Yes; Pleasant Hill, Concord, and Walnut Creek.

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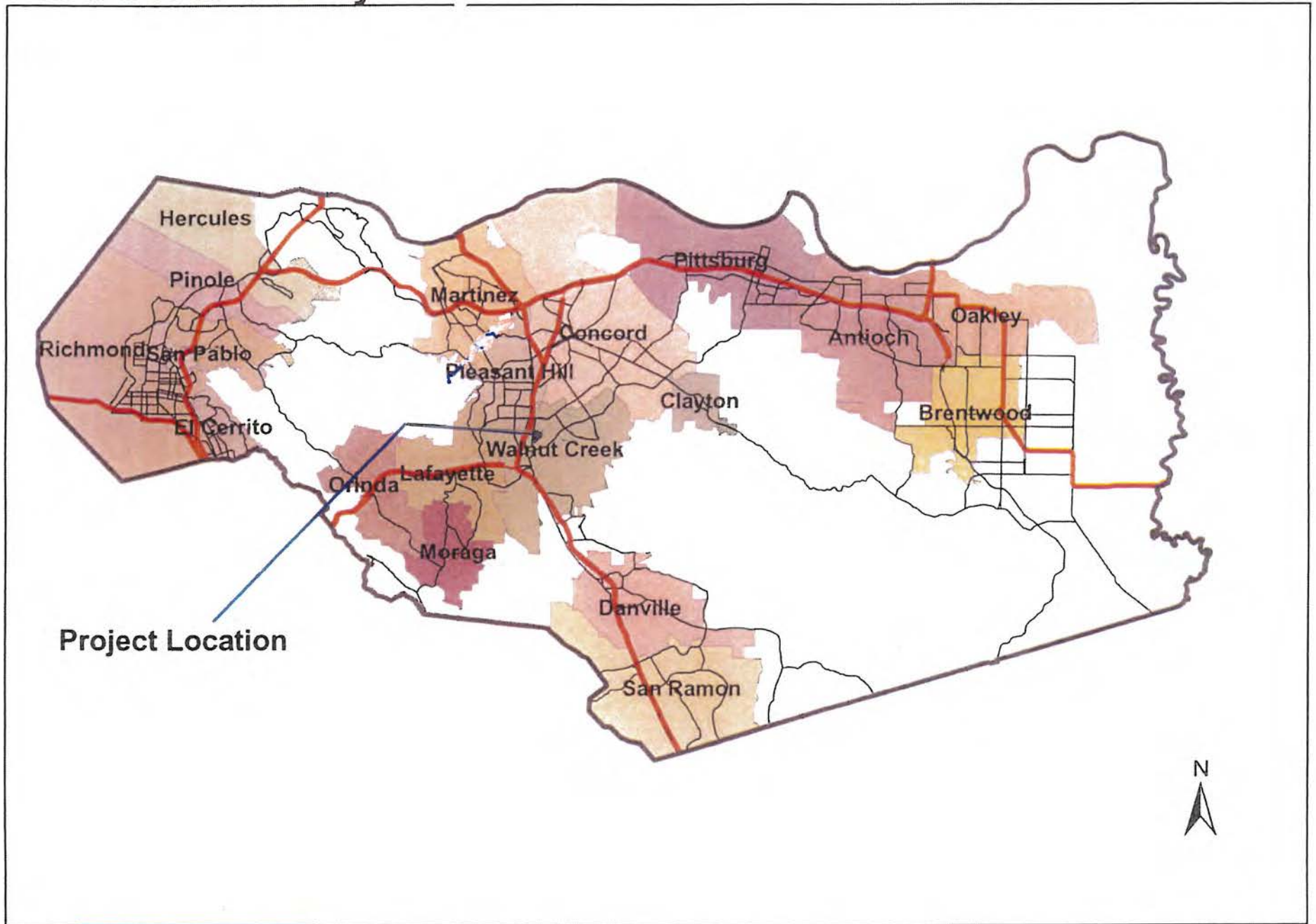
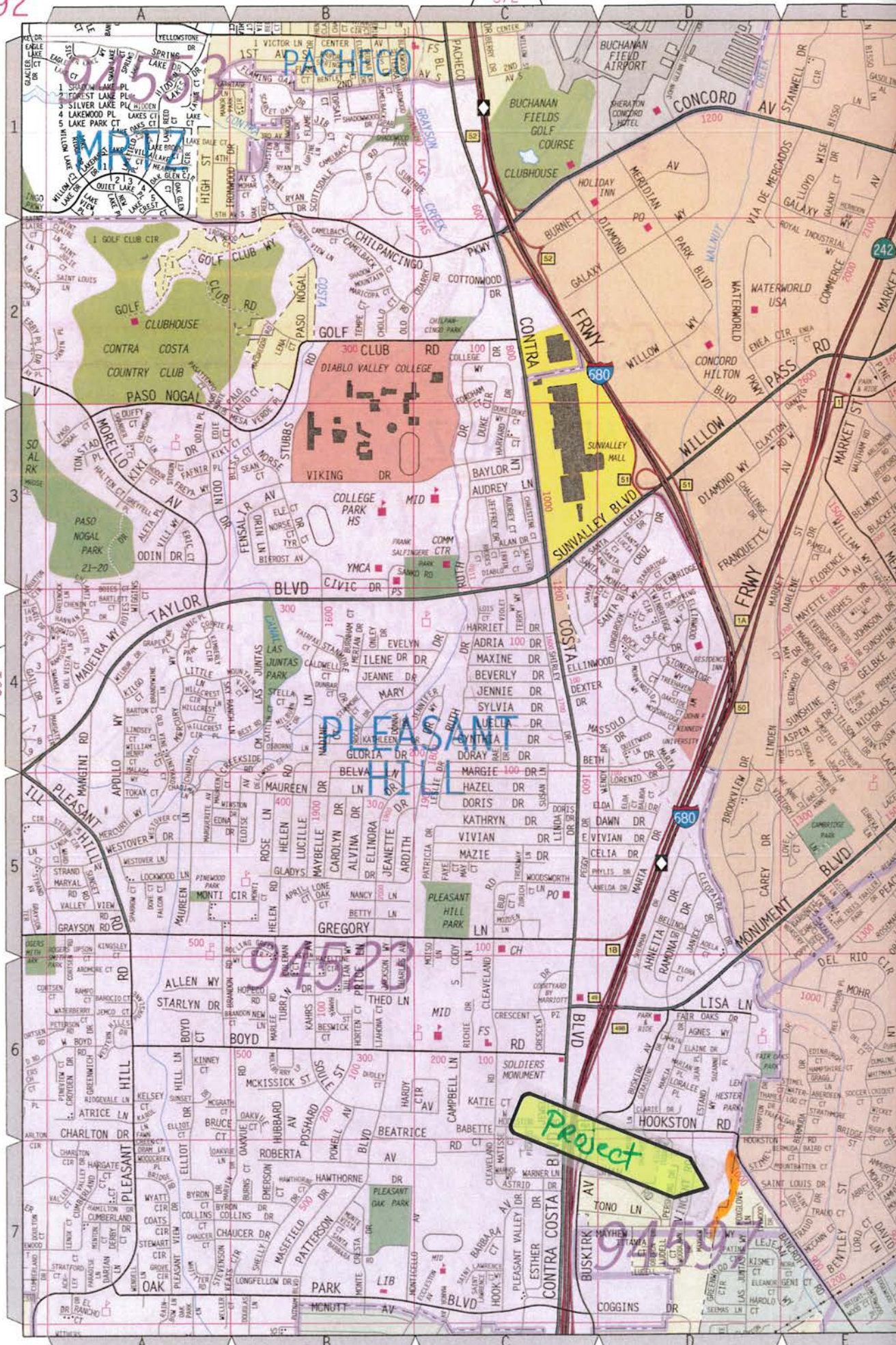


Figure 1

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FIGURE 2



Project Location

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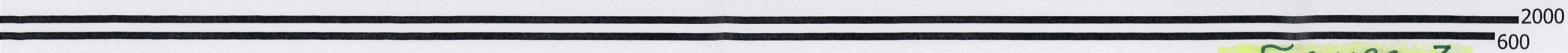


FIGURE 3



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
**Notice of Exemption**

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Contra Costa County  
Dept. of Conservation & Development  
30 Muir Road  
Martinez, CA 94553

County Clerk  
County of: Contra Costa

Project Title: **Iron Horse Corridor-Hookston Station Landscape Improvements(#270-1301), Phase II**  
**Project No.: WH387B / WO#5592 CP#15-40**

Project Applicant: **Contra Costa County Public Works Department**

Project Location – **Specific:** Iron Horse Corridor between Hookston Rd. and Mayhew Way

Project Location: Pleasant Hill, California

Project Location – County: **Contra Costa**

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The purpose of this Project is to install landscape improvements (approximately 1,400 LF) along a section of the Iron Horse Corridor at Hookston Station, between Hookston Road and Mayhew Way in the Pleasant Hill area.

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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:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080(b) (1); 15268;     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Categorical Exemption: <u>Class 1(c)</u></b>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: _____                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); | <input type="checkbox"/> General Rule of Applicability [Article 5, Section 15061 (b)(3)] |

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of the minor alteration of existing facilities or public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, pursuant to section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person: **Trina R. Torres - Public Works Dept.** Area Code/Telephone/Extension: **(925) 313-2176**

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: Trina Torres**  
**Environmental Services Division**  
**Phone: (925) 313-2176**

**Department of Fish and Game Fees Due**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> EIR - \$3,070.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neg. Dec. - \$2,210.25                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DeMinimis Findings - \$0                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>County Clerk - \$50</b>                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Conservation &amp; Development - \$25</b> |

**Total Due: \$ 75.00**  
Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_