

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INITIAL STUDY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER# 4110-WLG898

CP# 15-37

PROJECT NAME: Escobar Street House Demolition – 1127 Escobar Street (APN#373-260-001) and 1139 Escobar Street (APN#373-260-001)

PREPARED BY: Hillary Heard *HH*

DATE: February 2, 2016

APPROVED BY: *[Signature]*

DATE: 2-8-16

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Categorical Exemption [Class 1(I)]

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 structures are vacant and it has been determined that the property is no longer necessary for County purposes, which is not in an area of statewide, regional, or area wide concern as identified to section 15301 of the CEQA guidelines.

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

USGS Quad Sheet: <u>Vine Hill</u>	Base Map Sheet #: <u>F-11, F-12</u>	Parcel #: <u>373-260-001 and 373-260-001</u>
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. **Location:** On Escobar St., in the City of Martinez. (Figures 1-2)
2. **Project Description:** The project consists of demolishing two single family residences on Escobar Street, 1127 Escobar St. and 1139 Escobar St. These residences were previously used by Friends Outside, a nonprofit community organization assisting incarcerated individuals and their families and storage for the Sheriff-Coroner's Department. Since 2011, the residences have been vacant and have become a health and safety issue due to their deteriorating condition and occupation by vagrants. It has been determined that the structures are no longer necessary for County use.

JRP Historical Consulting LLC (JRP) evaluated the buildings in accordance with Section 15064.5 of the CEQA guidelines, using criteria outlined in Section 5024.1 of the California Public Resources Code and concluded that the structures were not a historical resource. JRP also conducted an archeological survey and found no record of archeological sites. However, if any archeological resources are discovered during the demolition the work will halt immediately until a qualified archeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the find.

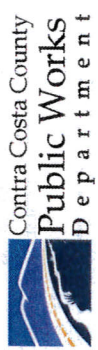
3. **Does it appear that any feature of the project will generate significant public concern?**
 yes No maybe (Nature of concern):
4. **Will the project require approval or permits by other than a County agency?**
 yes No
5. **Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city?** Yes: City of Martinez



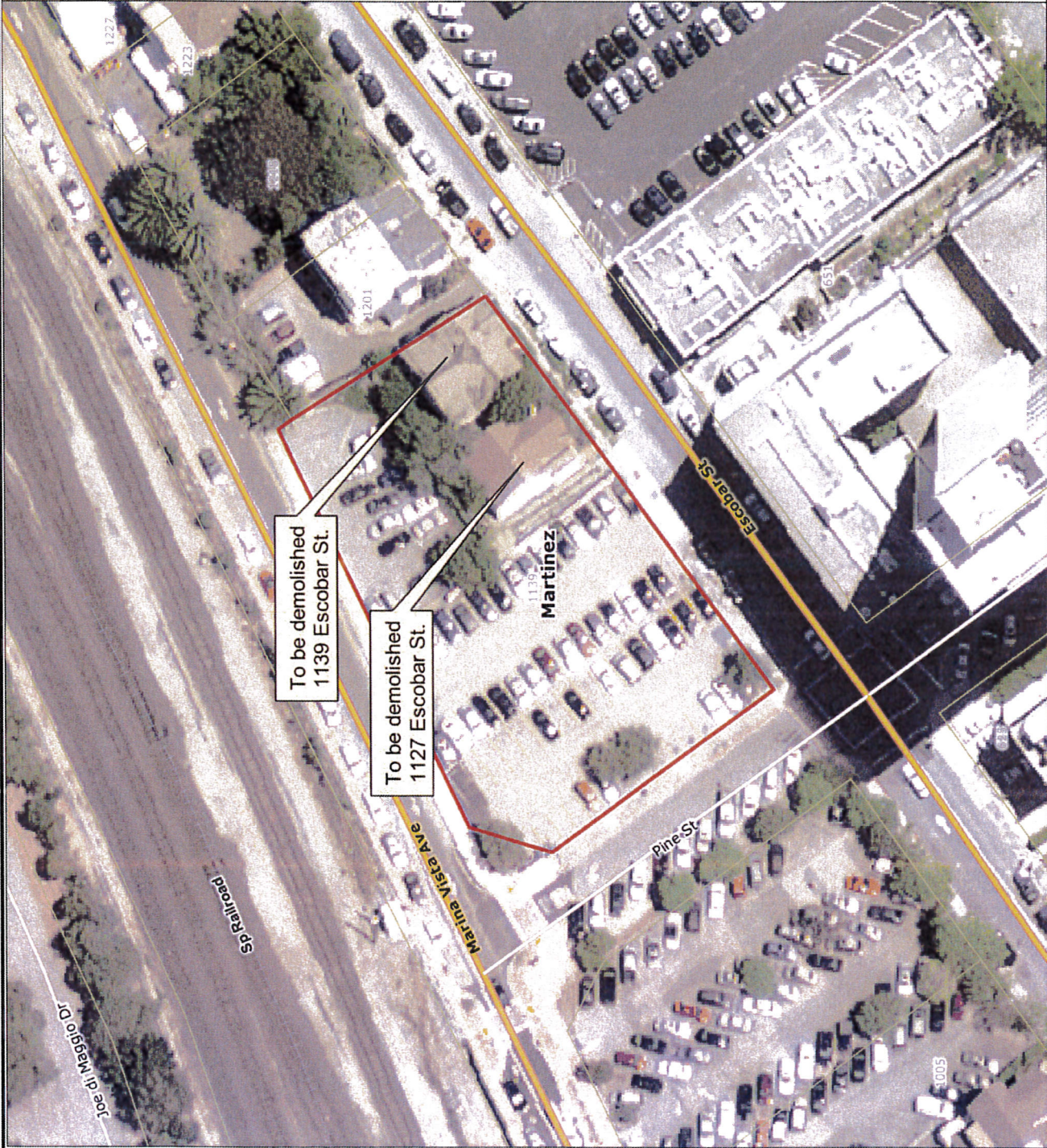
Sources: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, USGS, NRCAN, METI, IPC, TomTom

Figure 1. Project Vicinity

Escobar Street House Demolition
1127 and 1139 Escobar Street, Martinez
County Project No. WLG788
Contra Costa County, CA



Parcel
Orthophoto (1ft, April 2011)
City Boundary



Scale 1:768
Contra Costa County GIS
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APN 373-260-001



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

[x] County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa

Project Title: Escobar Street House Demolition & CP#15-37

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department

Project Location - Specific: 1127 Escobar Street (APN#373-260-001) and 1139 Escobar Street (APN#373-260-001)

Project Location: City of Martinez

Project Location - County: Central Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of demolishing two single family residences (structures) on Escobar Street, 1127 Escobar St. (APN#373-260-001) and 1139 Escobar St. (APN#373-260-260).

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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;
[] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
[] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[x] Categorical Exemption: 1(I)1
[] Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.:
[] General Rule of Applicability [Article 5, Section 15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the demolition and removal of a single family residence: pursuant to section 15064.5 using criteria outlines in Section 5024.1 of the CEQA guidelines. The project will not result in the removal of any scenic resource.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Hillary Heard - Public Works Dept. Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 313-2022

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: Hillary Heard
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2022

Department of Fish and Game Fees Due

- [] EIR - \$3,070.00
[] Neg. Dec. - \$2,210.25
[] DeMinimis Findings - \$0
[x] County Clerk - \$50
[x] Conservation & Development - \$25

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