

**DETERMINATION THAT AN ACTIVITY
IS EXEMPT FROM THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

ACTIVITY NO.: 0676-6P1017, CP#16-27

ACTIVITY NAME: Bay Point Utility Undergrounding District #31

PREPARED BY: Alex Nattkemper

DATE: November 28, 2016

This activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061 (b) (3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY:

Contra Costa County (County) has requested that PG&E, Comcast and AT&T underground their utility lines to improve aesthetics, as well as pedestrian and bicycle routes, in the area of Bailey Road from the State Route 4 westbound onramp north to Willow Pass Road, then east along Willow Pass Road from the Bailey Road intersection to the Pittsburg City limits. The Project consists of the relocation of overhead utilities either into a main trench within the roadway or under the sidewalk within the Project boundary. All existing utility poles within the Project boundary will be removed. Where these poles support a street light, a galvanized steel streetlight pole will be installed in its place. All active trenches will be covered with metal plates and lane closures are anticipated. Construction will be performed entirely by either PG&E crews or their contractor on behalf of PG&E, Comcast, and AT&T. As a project partner, it was the County's responsibility to form Underground Utility District #31 (District) and to provide minor right of way acquisition necessary for the utility relocation. This Determination of Exemption only applies to the County's need to acquire right of way and to revise the Project boundary since PG&E will be conducting a CEQA impact analysis for the physical undergrounding work. The Project will affect approximately 58 parcels along 4,500 feet of frontage on Bailey Road and Willow Pass Road within the Project boundary. It is anticipated that there will be minor right of way acquisition at approximately 11 parcels to provide room for transformer pads or vaults. In addition, the project boundary, which had previously been approved with the formation of District #31 by the Board of Supervisors, is being revised as PG&E identified three (3) additional utility poles to be included in the District. These utility poles provide electricity to the three additional parcels that are being included in the revised project boundary and the property owners of the three additional parcels have confirmed their desire to be added to District #31.

LOCATION: The project is located along Bailey Road and Willow Pass Road in the unincorporated community of Bay Point (*Figures 1-3*).

REVIEWED BY: _____

Leigh Chavez

Principal Environmental Analyst

Environmental Services

Contra Costa County Public Works Department

DATE: _____

11/28/16

APPROVED BY: _____

Department of Conservation and
Development Representative

DATE: _____

12-6-16

-Or-

Deputy Zoning Administrator (for FC activities)
Dept. of Conservation and Development

Bay Point Utility Undergrounding District #31

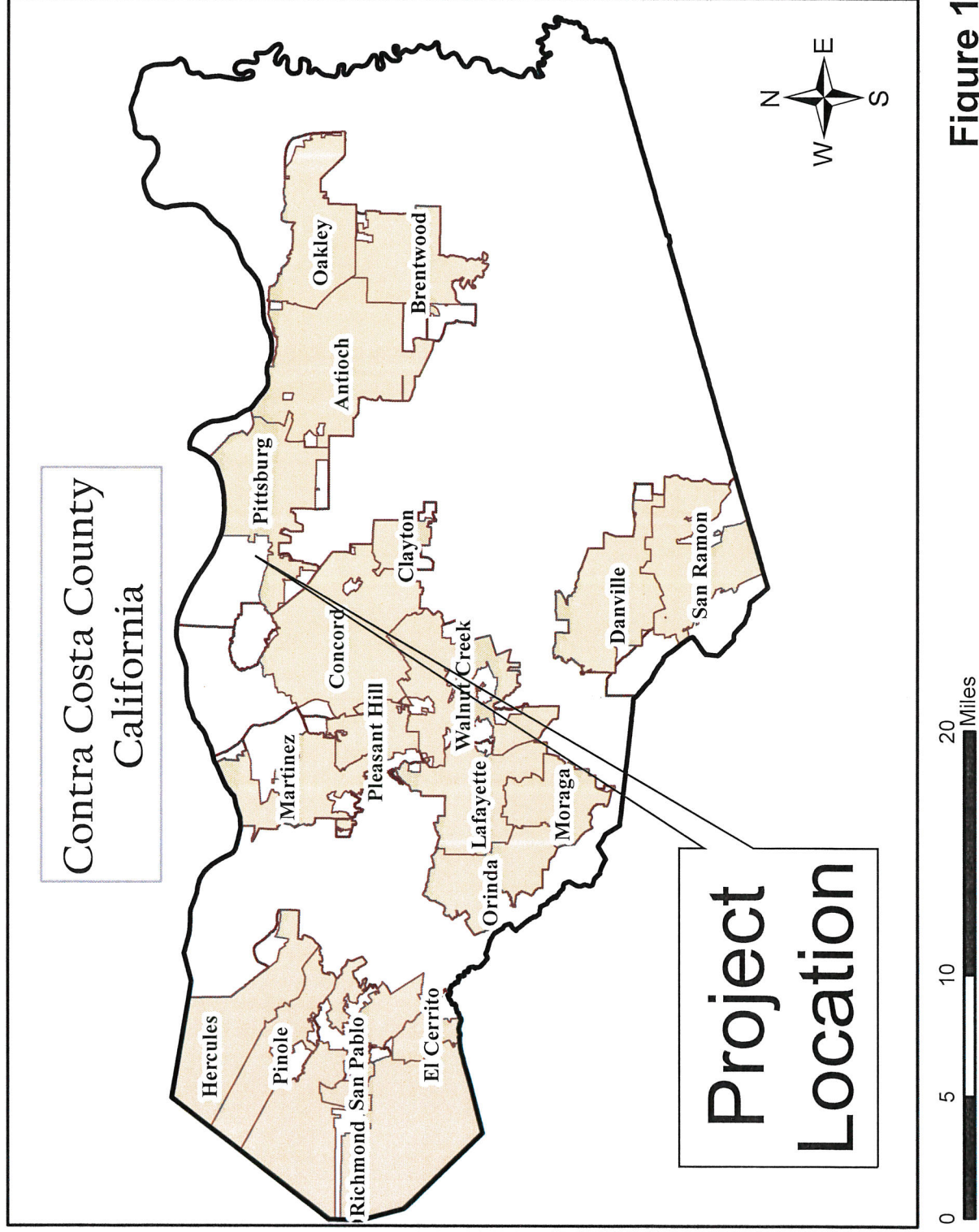


Figure 1

Bay Point Utility Undergrounding District #31

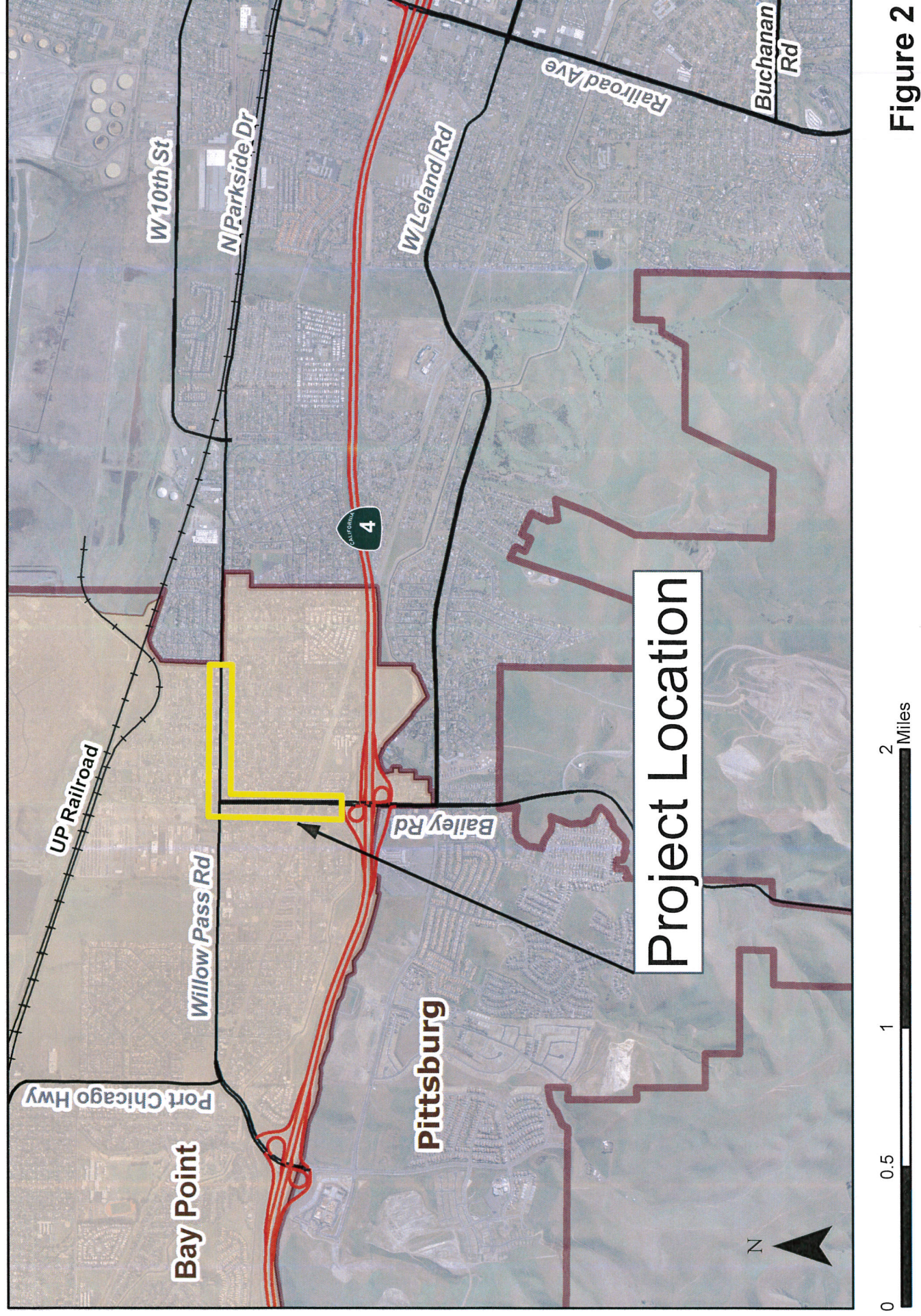
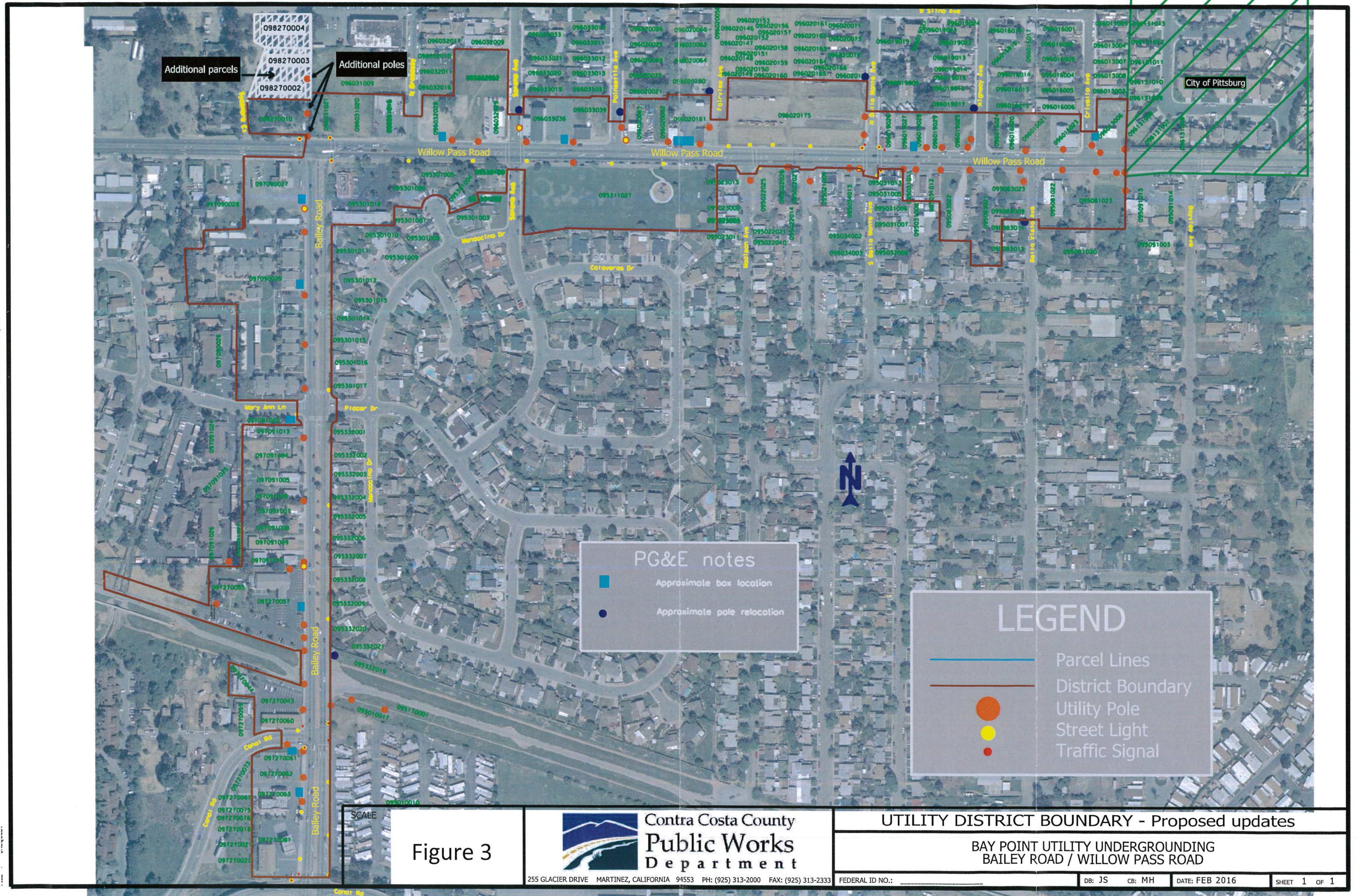


Figure 2



Additional parcels

Additional poles

City of Pittsburg

PG&E notes

- Approximate box location
- Approximate pole relocation

LEGEND

- Parcel Lines
- District Boundary
- Utility Pole
- Street Light
- Traffic Signal

Figure 3

Contra Costa County
Public Works
Department

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UTILITY DISTRICT BOUNDARY - Proposed updates

BAY POINT UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING
BAILEY ROAD / WILLOW PASS ROAD

FEDERAL ID NO.: DB: JS CB: MH DATE: FEB 2016 SHEET 1 OF 1

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: Bay Point Utility Undergrounding District #31
Project No. 0676-6P1017, CP# 16-27

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department

Project Location – **Specific:** Along Bailey Road and Willow Pass Road

Project Location: Unincorporated Community of Bay Point

Project Location – County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Contra Costa County (County) has requested that PG&E, Comcast and AT&T underground their utility lines to improve aesthetics, as well as pedestrian and bicycle routes, in the area of Bailey Road from the State Route 4 westbound onramp north to Willow Pass Road, then east along Willow Pass Road from the Bailey Road intersection to the Pittsburg City limits. The Project consists of the relocation of overhead utilities either into a main trench within the roadway or under the sidewalk within the Project boundary. All existing utility poles within the Project boundary will be removed. Where these poles support a street light, a galvanized steel streetlight pole will be installed in its place. All active trenches will be covered with metal plates and lane closures are anticipated. Construction will be performed entirely by either PG&E crews or their contractor on behalf of PG&E, Comcast, and AT&T. As a project partner, it was the County's responsibility to form Underground Utility District #31 (District) and to provide minor right of way acquisition necessary for the utility relocation. This Determination of Exemption only applies to the County's need to acquire right of way and to revise the Project boundary since PG&E will be conducting a CEQA impact analysis for the physical undergrounding work. The Project will affect approximately 58 parcels along 4,500 feet of frontage on Bailey Road and Willow Pass Road within the Project boundary. It is anticipated that there will be minor right of way acquisition at approximately 11 parcels to provide room for transformer pads or vaults. In addition, the project boundary, which had previously been approved with the formation of District #31 by the Board of Supervisors, is being revised as PG&E identified three (3) additional utility poles to be included in the District. These utility poles provide electricity to the three additional parcels that are being included in the revised project boundary and the property owners of the three additional parcels have confirmed their desire to be added to District #31.

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));

- ☐ Categorical Exemption:
☐ Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: _____
☒ General Rule of Applicability [Article 5, Section 15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is covered by the general rule of applicability, which states that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Since there is no possibility that this project will have a significant effect on the environment, the project is not subject to CEQA, pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

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: 12/6/16 Title: Principal Planner

☐ 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 #: _____