

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
INITIAL STUDY OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: WO140D  
CP# 17-23

PROJECT NAME: County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Public Safety Building (PSB)

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DATE: July 6, 2017

APPROVED BY: *[Signature]*

DATE: 8-8-17

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

☒ Categorical Exemption: 15332 [Class 32]

☐ 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 in-fill development meeting the conditions described within section 15332 of the CEQA guidelines: (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations; (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses; (c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species; (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality; (e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

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

USGS Quad Sheet: Benicia	Base Map Sheet #: G-13	Parcel #: APN#155-280-011
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**GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Location:** The project is located at the southwest corner of Glacier Drive and Muir Road, within the City of Martinez [Figures 1-3] on the existing EOC campus.
- Project Description:** The project includes the full or partial removal of five existing buildings, relocation of two modular buildings, relocation of four prefabricated bus shelters, and the construction of approximately 37,800 square feet of new uses, including a new EOC building, Sheriff/Public Safety building and lecture hall for press events. The project will also modify site access and parking, including a new Sheriff's parking lot on the west portion of the site and a new public parking lot along the north edge of the site. These new parking areas will access the public roadway network from two new driveways on Muir Road. The site will have other associated improvements such as pedestrian sidewalks, landscaping, and lighting. As part of the project, a new traffic signal will be installed at the Glacier Drive/Muir Road intersection.

In accordance with Section 15332, the proposed project meets the following conditions:

- The project is located in the City of Martinez in the zone designated as Government Facility. The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.
- The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses: The site is surrounded primarily by other municipal government buildings including the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department, the Juvenile Hall, and the Public Works Department, as well as the Deputy Sheriff's Association building. The overall setting is urban in character.

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- c. The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species: The project site currently consists of County government buildings and associated surface parking lots. There is minimal landscaping on the project site, and it does not contain any riparian areas, wetlands, or areas designated as waters of the United States. Due to its developed condition, urbanized surroundings, and lack of on-site natural habitats, no special status plant or wildlife species are expected to occur on the project site. There are several trees on the property frontage that provide a buffer from the street. The plan proposes to leave as many existing trees on-site as possible to retain that buffer. These trees could provide nesting habitat for birds therefore a preconstruction survey will be conducted prior to initiation of construction to ensure no active nests are disturbed.
- d. Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects related to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. Since the surrounding governmental uses provide a buffer between the project area and surrounding residential uses, significant air quality and noise impacts are not anticipated. Regardless, contract specifications will require implementation of industry standard noise and air quality Best Management Practices (BMPs) and the site foreman to be available to address any noise or dust complaints resulting from construction. Contract specifications will also require the contractor to implement all appropriate BMPs for erosion and sediment control; therefore, no significant water quality impacts are anticipated. The County has conducted a Focused Transportation Impact Analysis for the project. With installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Glacier Drive and Muir Road as a component of the project, the intersection PM Peak Hour Level of Service (LOS) will shift from LOS F to LOS B making the project consistent with the City of Martinez General Plan.
- e. The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services: The project site is served by existing utilities. All existing utility providers can meet the demand of the proposed project which is expected to be similar to the demands of existing uses.

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, the City of Martinez

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Martinez

Emergency Operations Center and Public Safety Building

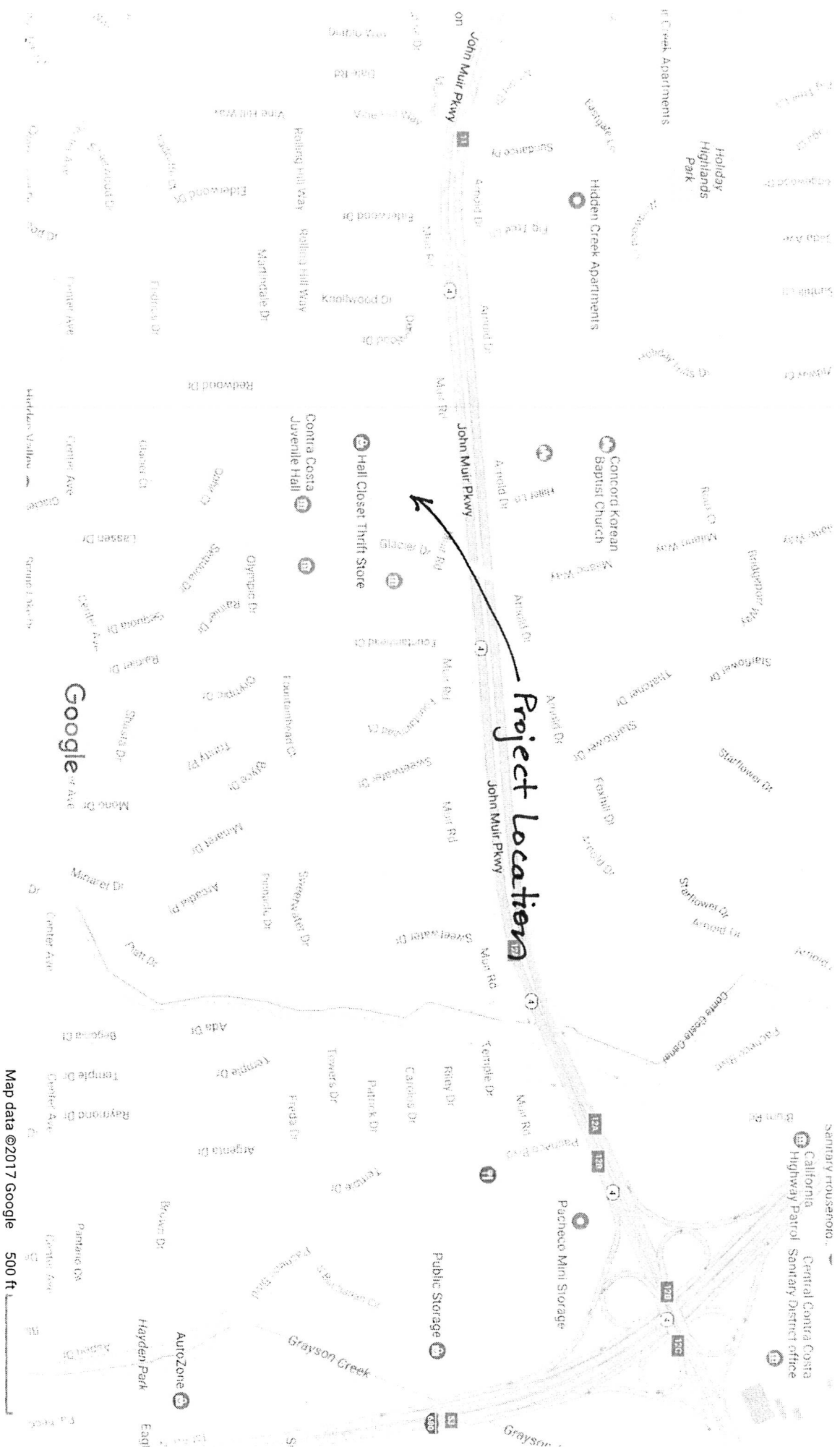


Figure 1

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Figure 2



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Figure 3