

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
INITIAL STUDY OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: 0662-6R4138  
CP# 17-48

PROJECT NAME: Contra Costa County Local Streets and Road Preservation

PREPARED BY: Laura Cremin *AB*

DATE: March 6, 2018

APPROVED BY: *M.C.C.*

DATE: 3-14-18

**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 maintenance of existing facilities involving no expansion of use, pursuant to section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

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

USGS Quad Sheet: Richmond, Byron Hot Springs	Base Map Sheet #: J-6, J-7, K-7; S-27, T-27, T-26, U-26, V-26, V-25	Parcel #: N/A
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**GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

1. **Location:** The Project is located at two sites in unincorporated Contra Costa County (Fig. 1).

**Site 1:** East Contra Costa County

El Portal Drive (Fig. 2), A 230' segment that is contiguous with San Pablo Dam Road.

San Pablo Dam Road (Fig. 3), Segment between El Portal Drive and the Richmond city limit near Tri Lane.

**Site 2:** West Contra Costa County

Vasco Road (Fig. 4), Segment between Frisk Creek Bridge and the Alameda County line.

2. **Project Description:** The purpose of this Project is to conduct pavement preservation on portions of El Portal Drive, San Pablo Dam Road, and Vasco Road. These roads represent approximately 10.8 miles of arterials in Contra Costa County. Preventative maintenance and pavement rehabilitation will prevent further deterioration of the roadway and improve the current pavement condition index (PCI).

The project consists of grinding of existing pavement, base failure repairs, pavement failure repairs, pavement preparation, utility adjustments, drainage adjustments, replacement of pavement markings and pavement striping, and replacement of traffic signal loops.

Work at each location will include:

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The segment of El Portal Drive is maintained by Contra Costa County and consists of a two-lane road with left turn pockets. San Pablo Dam Road is an arterial that is mostly four-lanes through downtown El Sobrante and narrows down to two-lanes east of Castro Ranch Road. Average daily traffic (ADT) varies from 14,000 (east of Appian Way) to 26,000 vehicles in the downtown area.

Vasco Road: Preventative maintenance consists of a microsurface treatment to the existing travel lanes and a fog seal on the shoulders. Vasco Road is a high-speed, two-lane arterial between East Contra Costa County and Alameda County. The ADT is 24,000 vehicles per day.

No tree or vegetation removal will be necessary. The Project will maintain the existing drainage pattern and will not create new impervious areas. Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to protect storm drain inlets.

Utility adjustments or relocation may be necessary in support of the project. Temporary traffic control will be required during construction, but advance warning of the project construction schedule will be provided, and property access will be provided. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Real Property transactions may be necessary in support of this project for temporary construction easements for staging areas.

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Although Vasco Road is within the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Service Area, all work will occur within existing paved roadways classified by the HCP as "urban" Land Cover Type. This Land Cover Type is not subject to HCP conditions or fees. Any staging will be conducted on paved or gravel areas.

General Plan Conformance may be necessary from the City of Richmond.

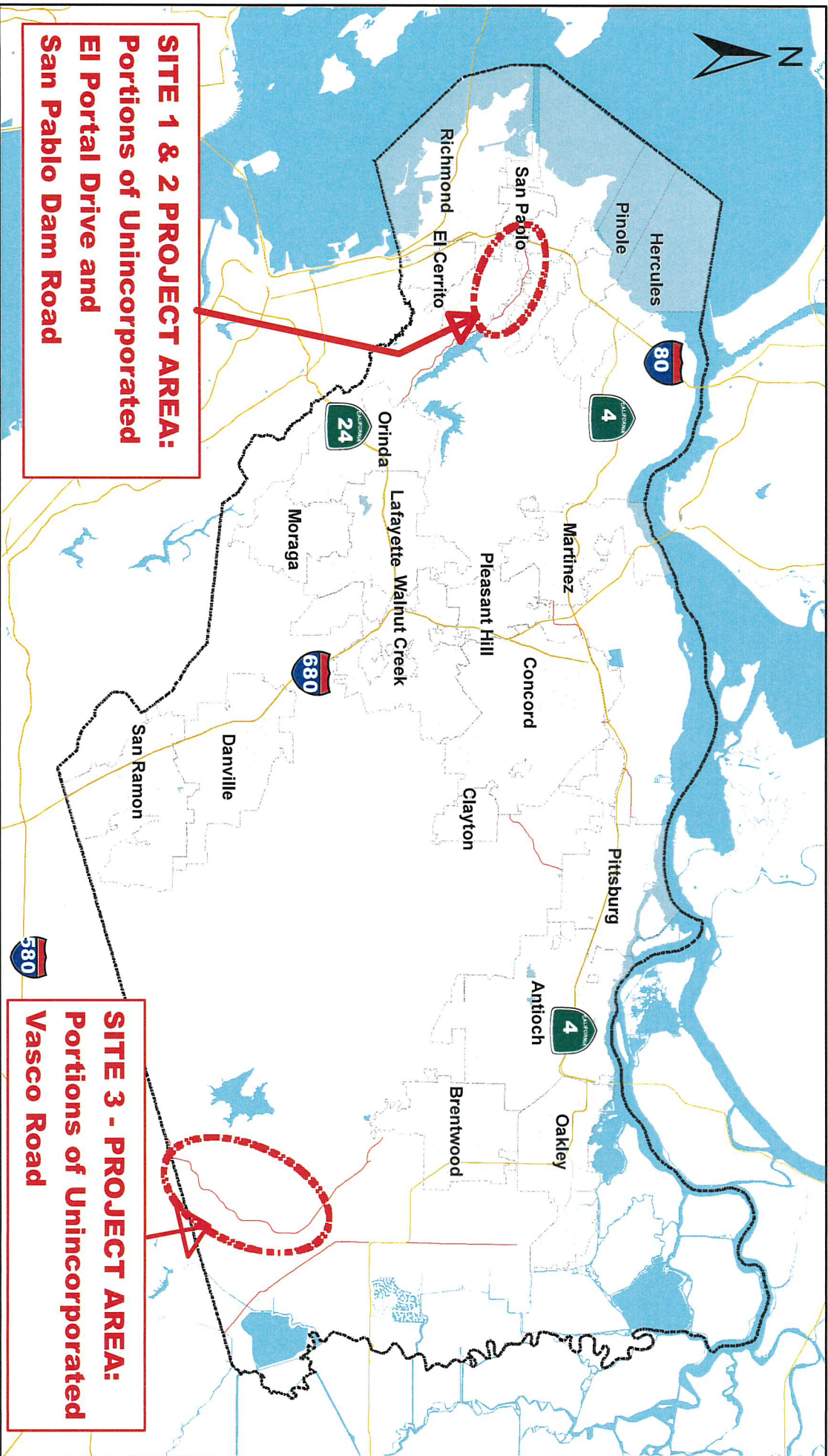
**3. Does it appear that any feature of the project will generate significant public concern?**

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 Richmond**



**SITE 1 & 2 PROJECT AREA:**  
**Portions of Unincorporated**  
**El Portal Drive and**  
**San Pablo Dam Road**

**SITE 3 - PROJECT AREA:**  
**Portions of Unincorporated**  
**Vasco Road**

VICINITY MAP OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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 Department



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Local Streets and Roads Preservation Project

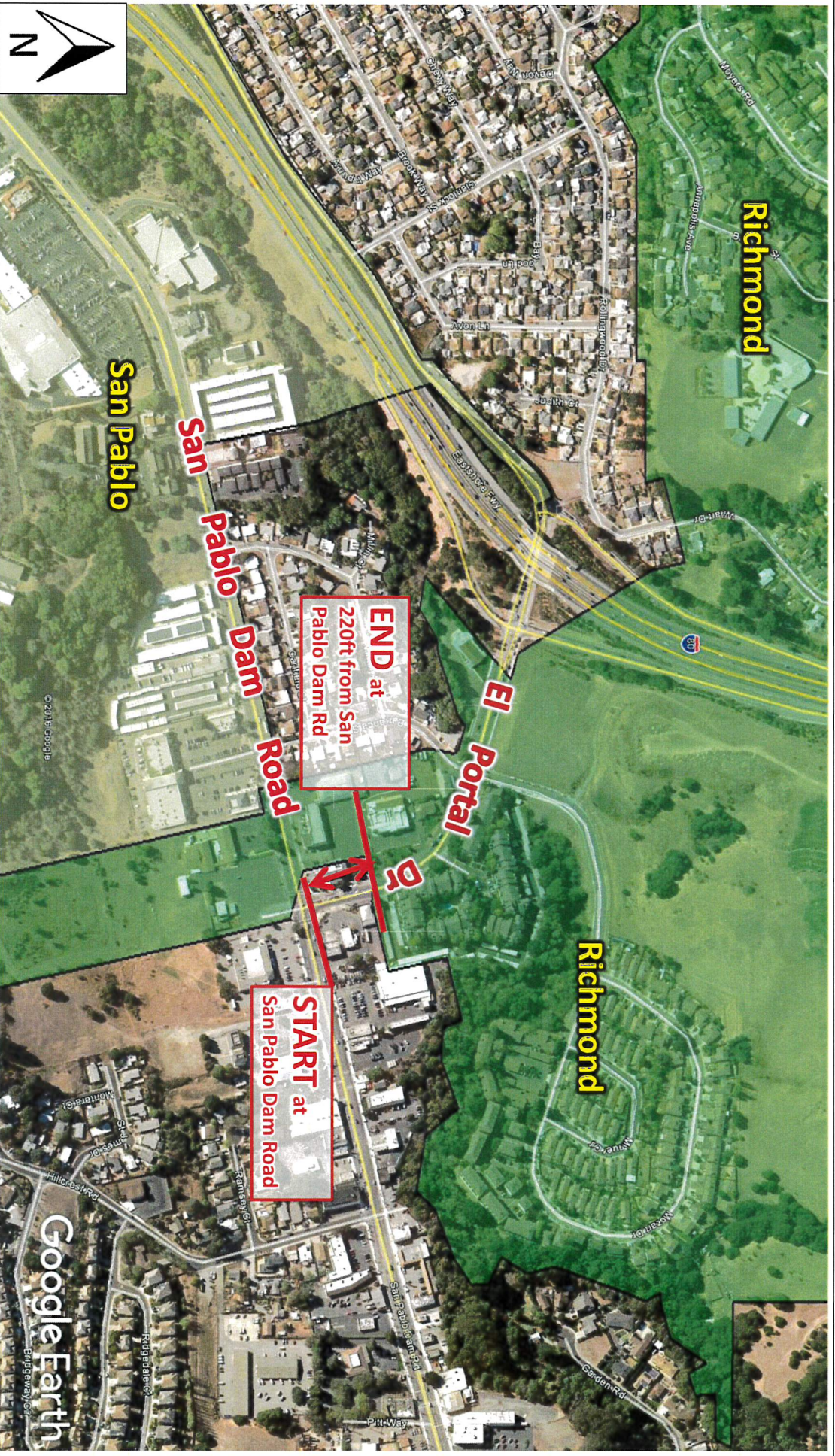
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Figure 1



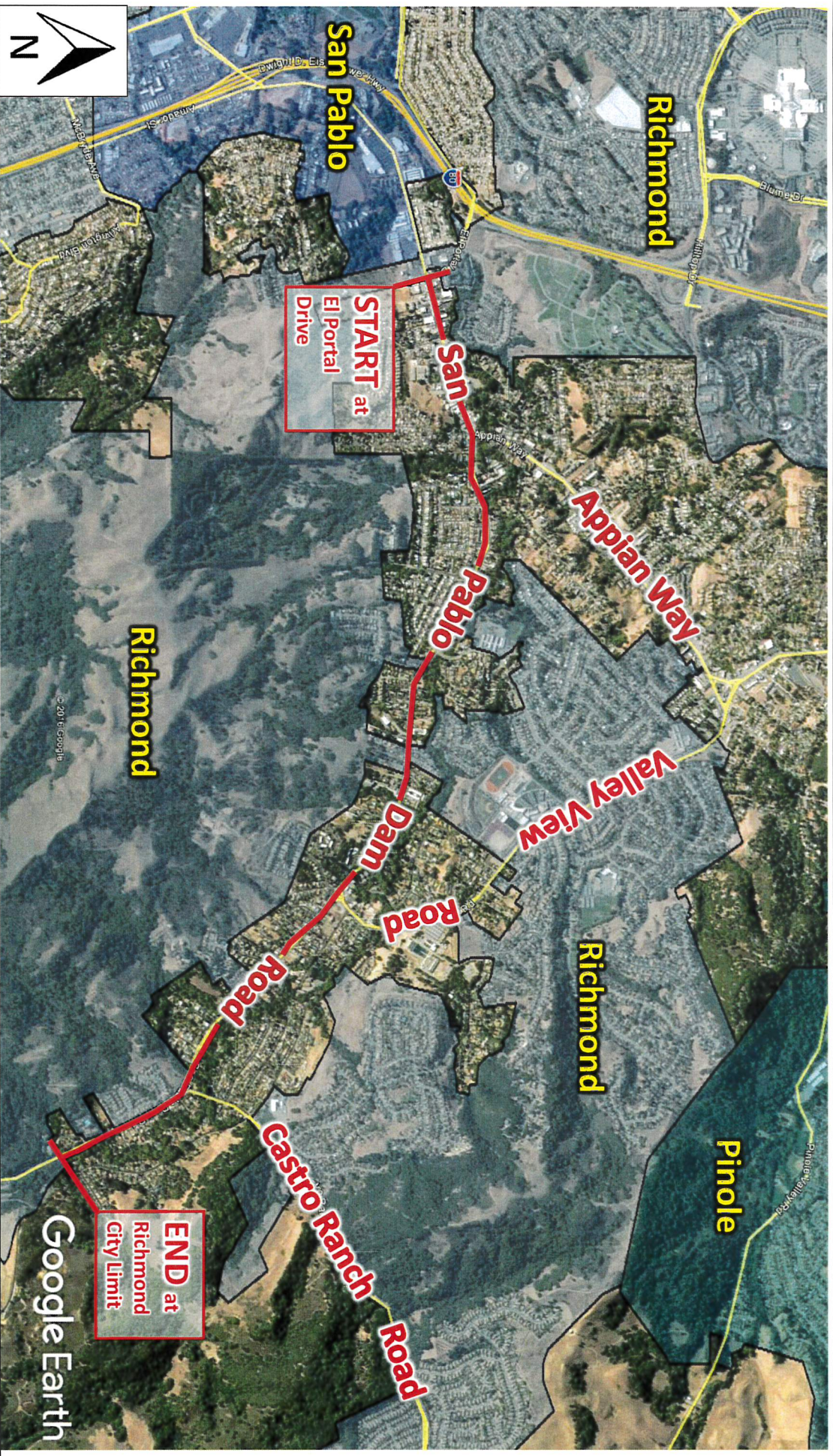
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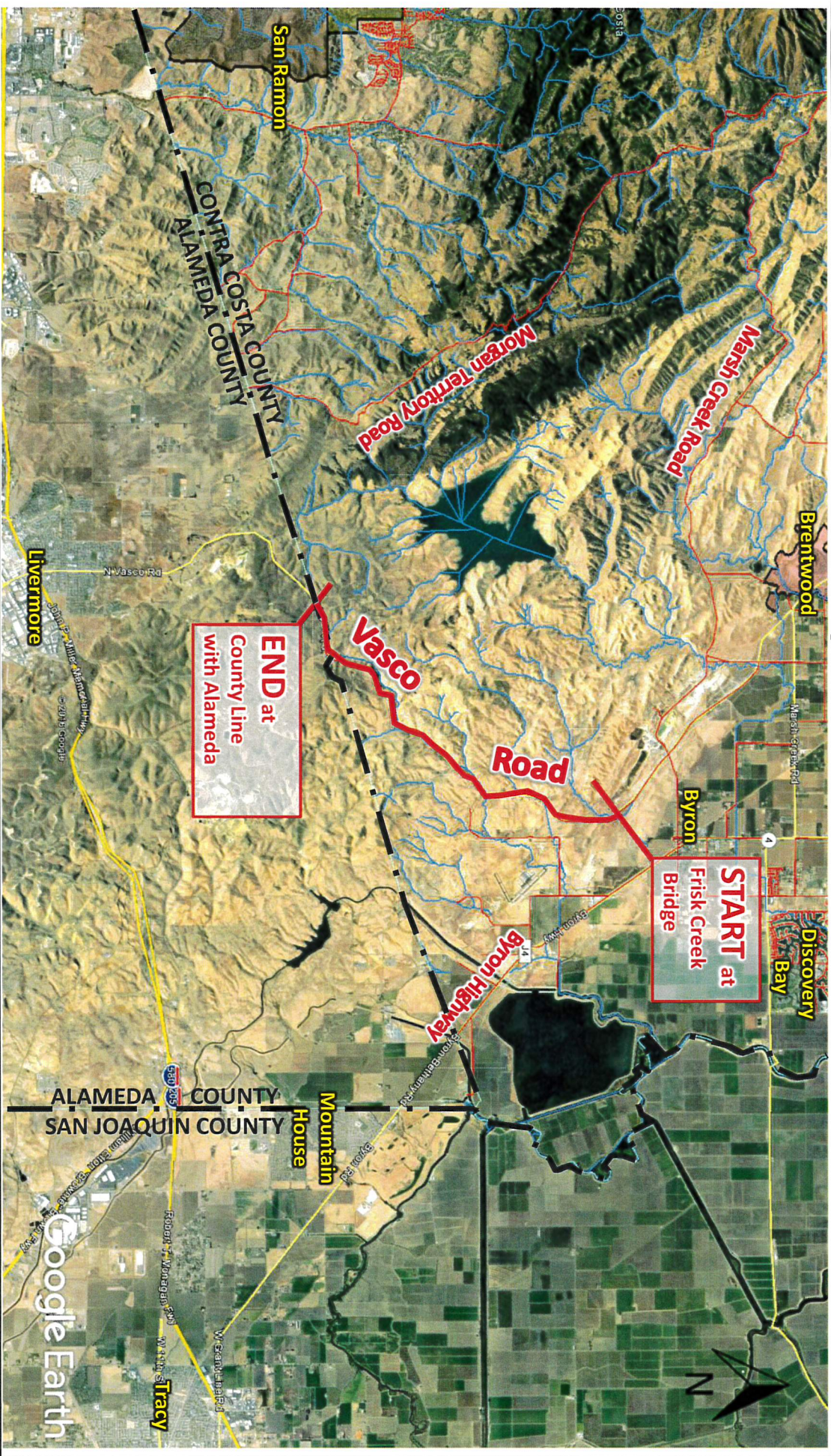
**PROJECT LOCATION MAP**  
Contra Costa County Local Streets and Roads Preservation Project  
El Portal Drive Figure 2  
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Google Earth




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 San Pablo Dam Road Figure 3  
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 Vasco Road Figure 4  
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**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: Contra Costa County Local Streets and Road Preservation  
Proj. No. 0662-6R4138 CP# 17-48

Project Applicant: **Contra Costa County Public Works Department**  
 Project Location – **Specific: El Sobrante, unincorporated south-east Contra Costa County**  
 Project Location: Unincorporated Countywide areas Project Location – County: Contra Costa County (County)

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The purpose of this Project is to conduct pavement preservation on portions of El Portal Drive, San Pablo Dam Road, and Vasco Road (Figures 1 -4). These roads represent approximately 10.8 miles of arterials in Contra Costa County. Preventative maintenance and pavement rehabilitation will prevent further deterioration of the roadway and improve the current pavement condition index (PCI).

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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"/> Categorical Exemption: <u>15301 Class 1(c)</u>       |
| <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 maintenance of existing facilities involving no expansion of use, pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the CEQA guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Laura Cremin - Public Works Dept. Area Code/Telephone/Extension: **(925) 313-2015**

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: Laura Cremin

Environmental Services Division

Phone: **925-313-2015**

**Department of Fish and Game Fees Due**

- EIR - \$3,168.<sup>00</sup>  
 Neg. Dec. - \$2,280.<sup>75</sup>  
 DeMinimis Findings - \$0  
 **County Clerk - \$50**  
 **Conservation & Development - \$25**

**Total Due: \$75.<sup>00</sup>**

Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_