

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
INITIAL STUDY OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: 0662-6U4203  
CP# 18-29

PROJECT NAME: Alhambra Valley Road and Bear Creek Road Intersection Safety and Sideshow Deterrence

PREPARED BY: Laura Cremin *LC*

DATE: July 31, 2018

APPROVED BY: *Tessa B. Moore*

DATE: 8/6/2018

**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 minor alteration 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: Briones Valley	Base Map Sheet #: J - 9	Parcel #: N/A
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**GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- 1. Location:** The Project is in unincorporated West Contra Costa County (Figure 1), at the intersection of Alhambra Valley Road and Bear Creek Road (Figure 2).
- 2. Project Description:** The purpose of this Project is to install and evaluate the effectiveness of a road feature to deter illegal sideshow activities (spinning circles and other illegal vehicular stunts) at the intersection of Alhambra Valley Road and Bear Creek Road. The community has voiced concerns about the sideshows. In response, District I Supervisor's Office has directed Contra Costa County Public Works to determine measures to prevent these illegal activities.

The Project consists of installing a series of 6-inch and/or 8-inch raised ceramic domes at the four approaches to the intersection (Figure 3). The ceramic domes will be strategically placed along the centerline striping and in the shoulder areas. The intent of the raised features is to provide a visual, auditory, and sensory deterrence, while minimizing the impact to most road users who follow the vehicle code. The Project will test if raised ceramic domes have the intended deterrent effect on sideshow activities.

The Project will not require any excavation. All features will be applied to the surface of the roadway. The Project will be completed by the Contra Costa County Public Works Maintenance Division.

The Project will maintain the existing drainage pattern and will not create new impervious areas. There will not be any impact to utilities. No tree removal will be necessary. Temporary traffic control will be required during construction, and temporary lane closure may be necessary. At least one lane will be open during construction activities and emergency vehicles will have access at all times.

- 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?** No

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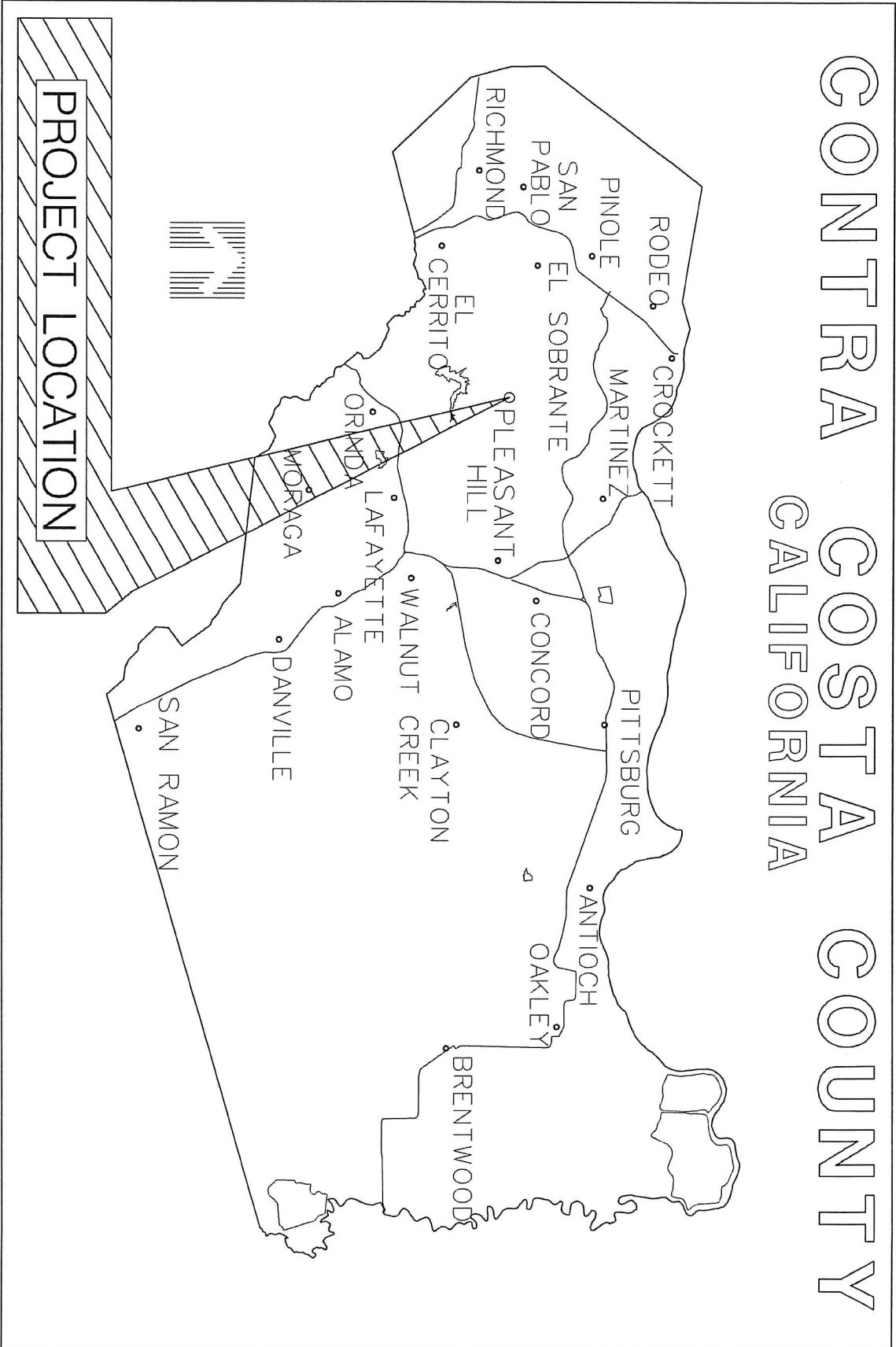


Figure 1: Project Location Map

Alhambra Valley Road at Bear Creek Road Intersection Safety and Sideshow Deterrence Project

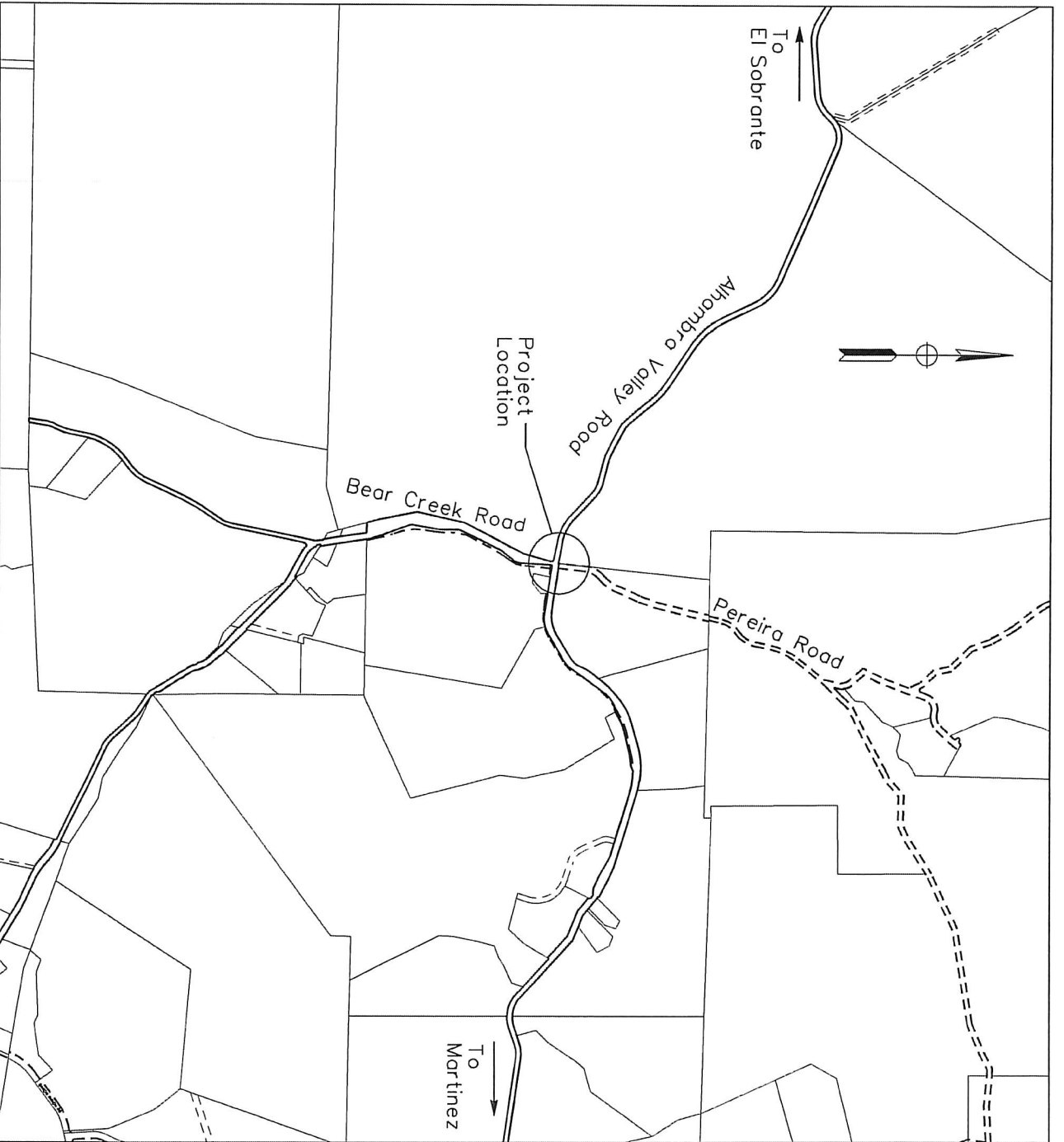
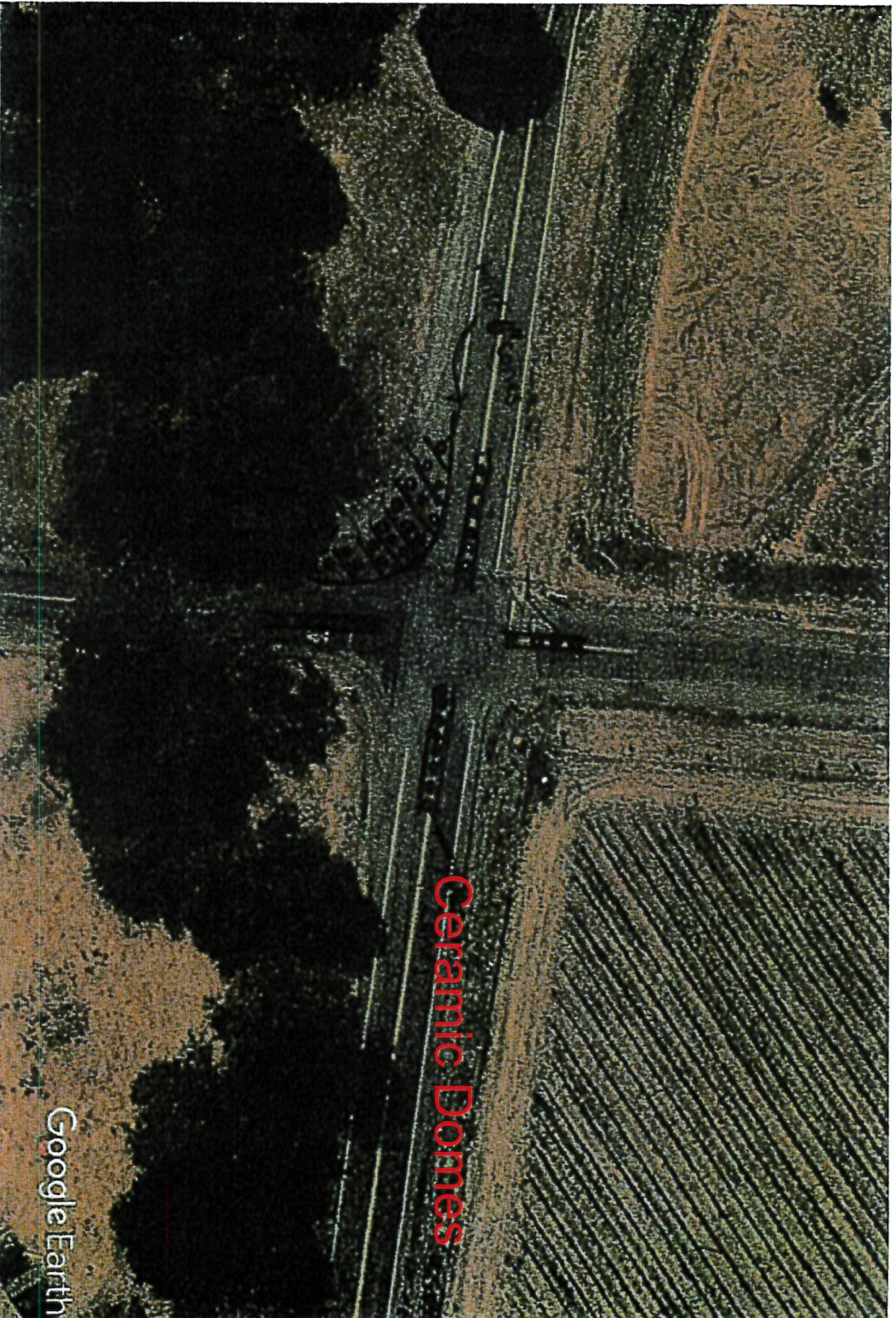


Figure 2: Project Vicinity Map



Alhambra Valley Road and Bear Creek Road Intersection and Sideshow Deterrence Project



Google Earth

feet  
meters



100

400

Google Earth

Figure 3: Project Plans



**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: Alhambra Valley Road and Bear Creek Road Intersection Safety and Sideshow Deterrence  
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Project Applicant: **Contra Costa County Public Works Department**  
Project Location – **Specific: Alhambra Valley Road and Bear Creek Road Intersection (Figures 1 – 2).**  
Project Location: Unincorporated Briones Valley Project Location – County: West Contra Costa

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The purpose of this Project is to install and evaluate the effectiveness of a road feature to deter illegal sideshow activities (spinning circles and other illegal vehicular stunts) at the intersection of Alhambra Valley Road and Bear Creek Road. The community has voiced concerns about the sideshows. In response, District I Supervisor's Office has directed Contra Costa County Public Works to determine measures to prevent these illegal activities.

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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 minor alteration 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 #: \_\_\_\_\_