

Contra
Costa
County

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INITIAL STUDY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: WX1012 / WY1012
CP# 19-21

PROJECT NAME: El Sobrante Library-PGE Easement Deed Conveyance and New Utility Service Equipment Installation

PREPARED BY: Trina R. Torres, Environmental Services Division DATE: June 18, 2019

APPROVED BY: *Trina R. Torres* DATE: 6/19/19

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Categorical Exemption: §15303(d) [Class 3(d)] 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 installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, pursuant to section 15303(d) of the State CEQA Guidelines; (d) Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

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

USGS Quad Sheet: Richmond	Base Map Sheet #: J-6	Parcel #: APN 425-150-048-6
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. **Location:** West Contra Costa County at 4191 Appian Way in the unincorporated area of El Sobrante, California (Figures 1-3)
2. **Project Description:** Contra Costa County (County) owns the property and a building at 4191 Appian Way in El Sobrante (APN 425-150-048-6), known as the El Sobrante Library (Library) [Figure 1].

In 2018, a fire severely damaged the Library, therefore it was necessary to close it. The Library is currently being renovated and requires new Pacific Gas and Electric (PGE) utility service and equipment to be installed on the northeast side of the property, facing Garden Road [Figure 2]. Therefore, the County needs to convey easement rights to PGE for the installation and maintenance of a new pad mount and transformer to provide electrical service to the Library.

The Project consists of the County conveying an easement (approximately 280 square feet) [Figure 3] to PGE and installation of new PGE utility service equipment, pursuant to Government Code Section 25526.6. The Project will not interfere with County's use of the property.

No tree removal is required for the Project. Tree and shrubbery trimming may be necessary within the Project area. Appropriate Best Management Practices and recommendations will be implemented. Appropriate traffic control will be implemented during construction activities, if necessary. Real Property transactions, including right-of-way, may be necessary in support of this Project.

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-Richmond

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: El Sobrante Library-PGE Easement Deed Conveyance
and New Utility Service Equipment Installation
Project No. WX1012 / WY1012: CP#19-21

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive Martinez, CA 94553

Project Location: 4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante, CA, in unincorporated West Contra Costa County

Lead Agency: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Contra Costa County (County) owns the
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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: 15303(d) [Class 3(d)]
[] Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.:
[] Common Sense Exemption [Section 15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The recommendation is
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Lead Agency Contact Person: Trina R. Torres- Public Works Dept. Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 313-2176

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:

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

- [] 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: Trina R. Torres
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2176

Department of Fish and Game Fees Due

- [] EIR - \$3,271.00
[] Neg. Dec. - \$2,354.75
[] DeMinimis Findings - \$0
[x] County Clerk - \$50
[x] Conservation & Development - \$25

Total Due: \$75.00

Total Paid \$

Receipt #:

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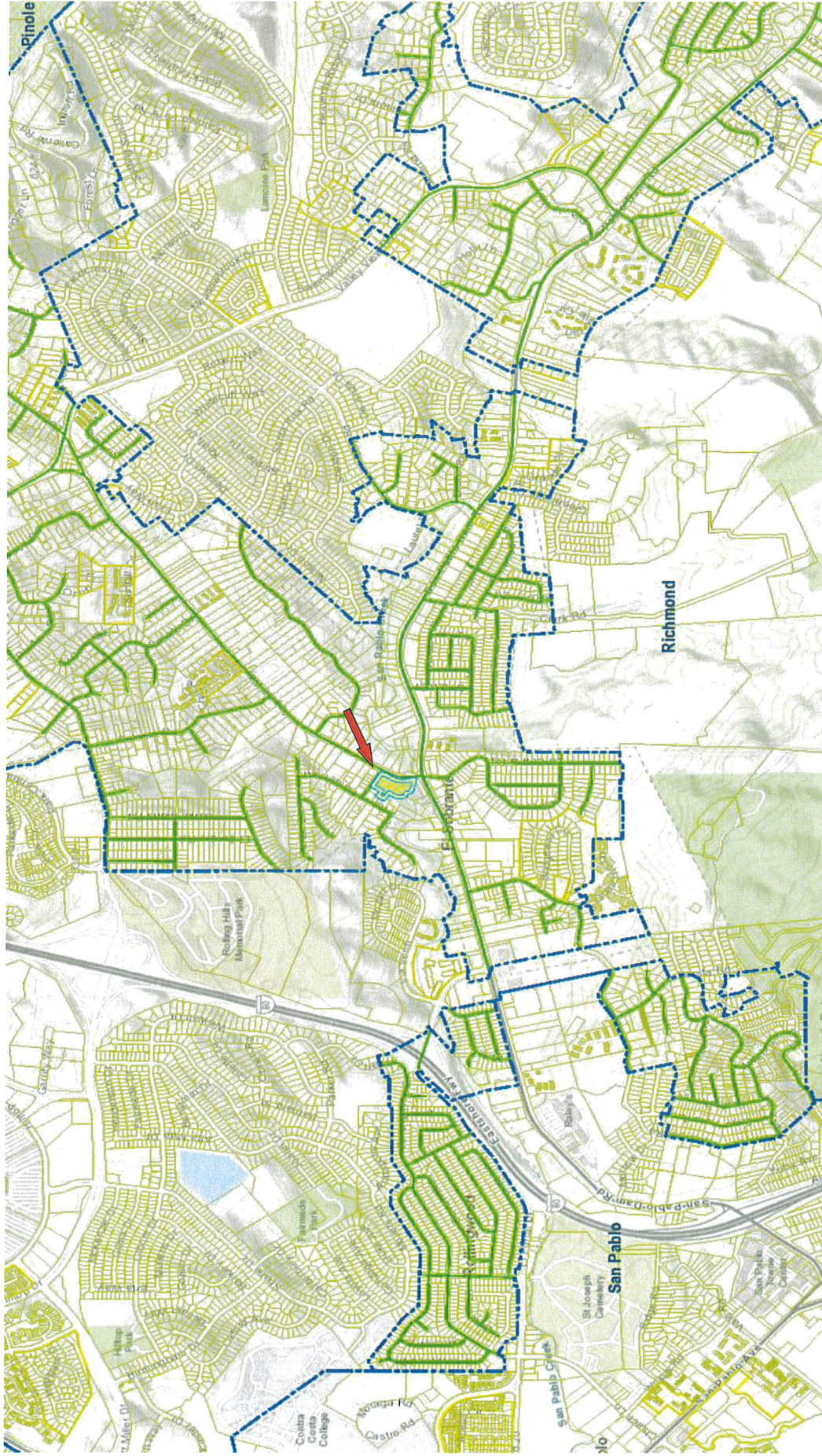


Figure 1

4300 Garden Rd
El Sobrante, California
Google, Inc.
Street View - Feb 2018

El Sobrante Library-PGE Easement Deed Conveyance WX1012/WY1012: CP#19-21



Google

Figure 2

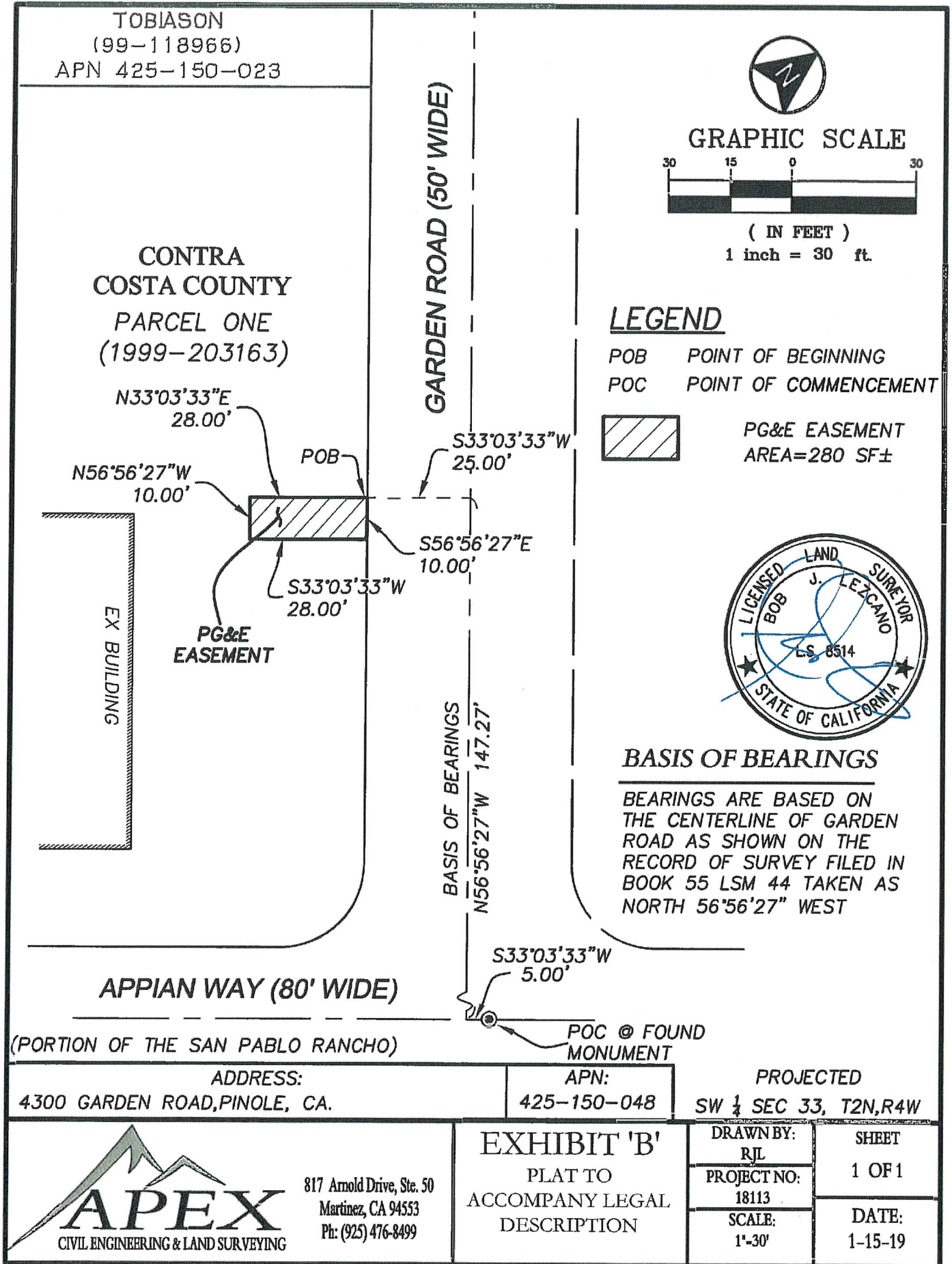


Figure 3