

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INITIAL STUDY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: WO5204
CP# 19-33

PROJECT NAME: Fox Creek Park Improvement Project

PREPARED BY: Sandeep Singh, Environmental Services Division DATE: December 9, 2019

APPROVED BY: T. B. Morera DATE: 12/10/19

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Categorical Exemption: §15301(h) and 15304(b) 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 alterations to land and vegetation including the replacement of existing landscaping with water efficient landscaping and hardscaping, pursuant to section 15301(h) and 15304(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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

USGS Quad Sheet: <u>Walnut Creek</u>	Base Map Sheet #: <u>L-14</u>	Parcel #: <u>148-221-046</u>
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. **Location:** The project is located at Fox Creek Park, 118 Anthony Way, unincorporated Walnut Creek, CA 94597 [Figures 1-2].

2. **Project Description:**

The purpose of this project is to enhance Fox Creek Park by replacing some of the landscaping of the park with more sustainable landscaping and increasing American with Disability Act (ADA) accessibility.

The project consists of removing non-native vegetation and removing approximately 20 trees that have either reached the end of their life spans, grow irregularly due to trimming for building clearance, or have been stunted by more mature trees, at the recommendation of an arborist report. The project will install more sustainable landscape that will require less maintenance and water. Lastly, features that impede ADA accessibility including railings and park furniture will be replaced.

Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented during construction. One lane will be open during construction activities. 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

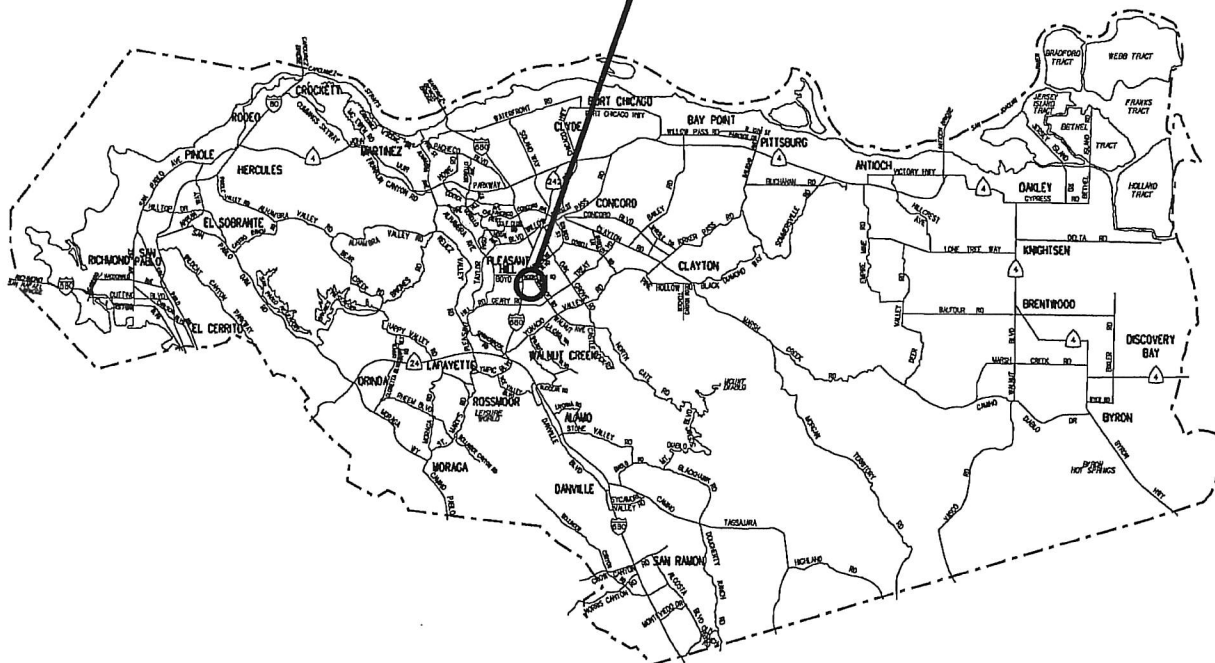
5. **Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city?**

Yes, the project is within the Sphere of Influence of the City of Walnut Creek

Figure 1: Regional Location Map

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
WALDEN/FOX CREEK LANDSCAPE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

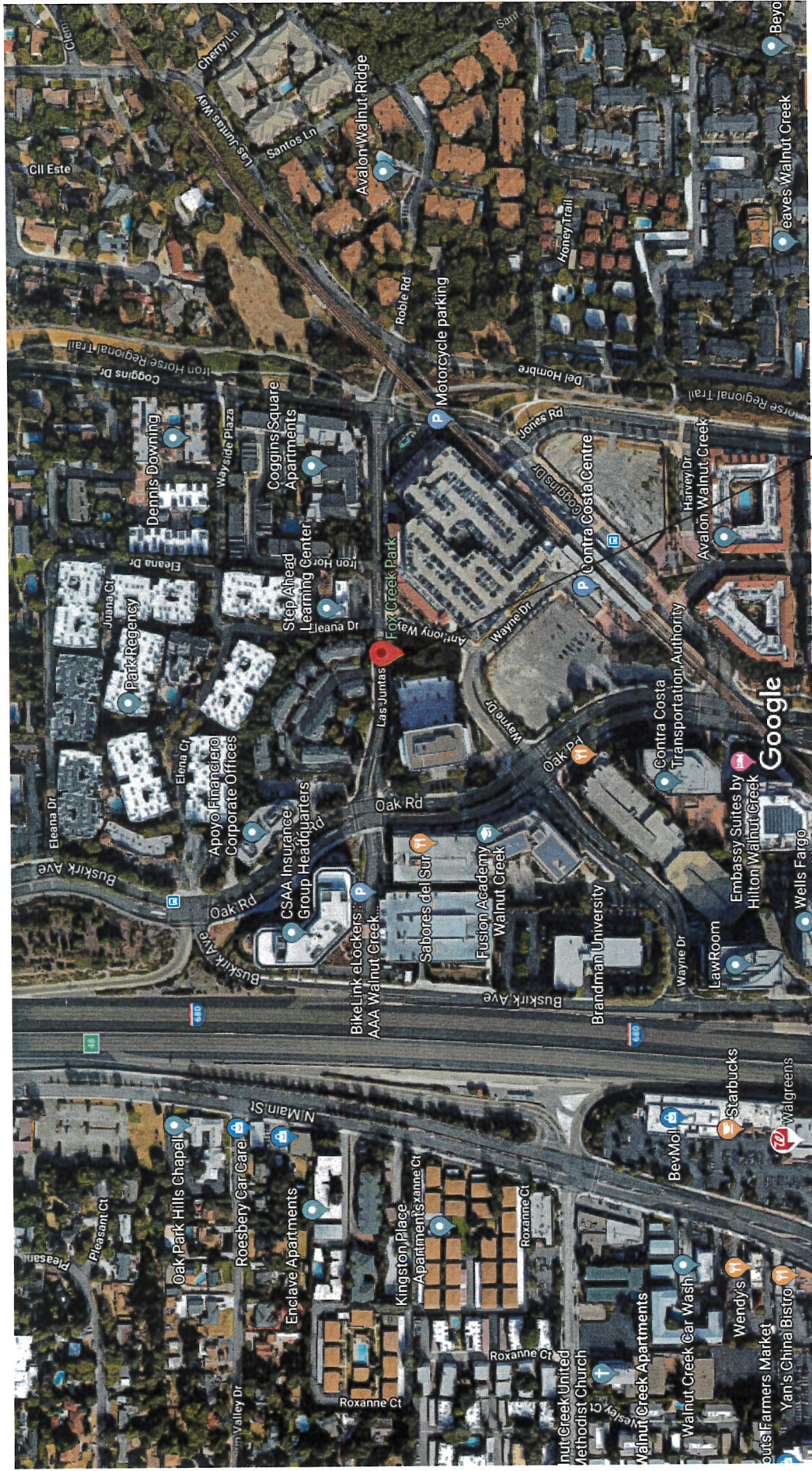
SITE LOCATION



LOCATION MAP
NOT TO SCALE

Figure 2: Project Location Map

Google Maps Fox Creek Park



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Project Location

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: **Fox Creek Park Improvement Project**
Proj. No. WO5204, CP#19-33

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

Project Location: Fox Creek Park, 118 Anthony Way, unincorporated Walnut Creek, CA 94597 in Central Contra Costa County

Lead Agency: **Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development**

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

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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(h) and 15304(b)</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"/> Common Sense Exemption [Section 15061 (b)(3)] |

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of minor alterations to land and vegetation including replacing existing landscaping with water efficient landscaping and hardscaping, pursuant to Section 15301(h) and 15304(b) of the CEQA guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person: **Sandeep Singh - Public Works Dept.** Area Code/Telephone/Extension: **(925) 313-2022**

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: Sandeep Singh
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2022

Department of Fish and Game Fees Due
 EIR - \$3,343.²⁵
 Neg. Dec. - \$2,406.⁷⁵
 DeMinimis Findings - \$0
 County Clerk - \$50
 Conservation & Development - \$25

Total Due: \$75 _____
Total Paid \$ _____
Receipt #: _____