

**DETERMINATION THAT AN ACTIVITY  
IS EXEMPT FROM THE  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

ACTIVITY No.: WO#8286, CP#19-16

ACTIVITY NAME: West Alamo Creek Maintenance Easement Acquisition

PREPARED BY: Alex Nattkemper

DATE: May 15, 2019

**This activity is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.**

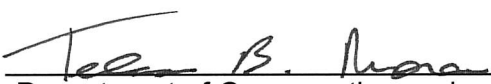
It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant adverse effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY:**

The purpose of this activity is to allow the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) to accept an easement that would provide the District access to three parcels along a portion of West Alamo Creek in order to conduct maintenance work as needed for storm drainage. The District recently received a grant of easement from the Town of Danville (Town), which includes access to the entirety of three parcels (206-010-030, 206-010-038, and 206-010-037) located approximately 200 feet north of Zenith Ridge Drive to the northern boundary of Diablo Vista Park. Although the Town owns the three parcels, the channel maintenance is the responsibility of the District and is part of the District's flood control infrastructure. The activity consists of approval of an acceptance document by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors in order to allow the Public Works Director/Chief Engineer to accept the grant of easement from the Town. The area for Town maintenance has been determined to be approximately 20 feet from the back of sidewalk. Therefore, a maintenance agreement will be created that will hold the Town responsible for maintaining this area within the three parcels. A segment adjacent to the intersection of Stetson Drive and Dunhill Drive that bulbs out approximately 50 feet to the back of sidewalk will be included as part of the agreement as there are several ornamental trees and shrubs within this section that are under the responsibility of the Town. The Town will also maintain an extended portion located at the southeastern end of the southernmost parcel, which has an unimproved path to the creek that is not maintained by the Town or the District. In addition, the Town will be responsible for maintenance of the culverts under Zenith Ridge Drive and Mountain Ridge Drive. No additional work is expected as part of the definition of the access easement. Any future projects that require disturbance within the channel will comply with environmental regulations. This will include any future desilting or vegetation removal projects. General Plan Conformance may be necessary from the Town of Danville.

**LOCATION:** The project is located along West Alamo Creek in Danville (Figures 1 – 3).

REVIEWED BY:  DATE: 5-15-19  
Avé Brown  
Principal Environmental Analyst  
Environmental Services Division  
Contra Costa County Public Works Department

APPROVED BY:  DATE: 5-31-19  
Department of Conservation and  
Development Representative

# West Alamo Creek Maintenance Easement Aquisition

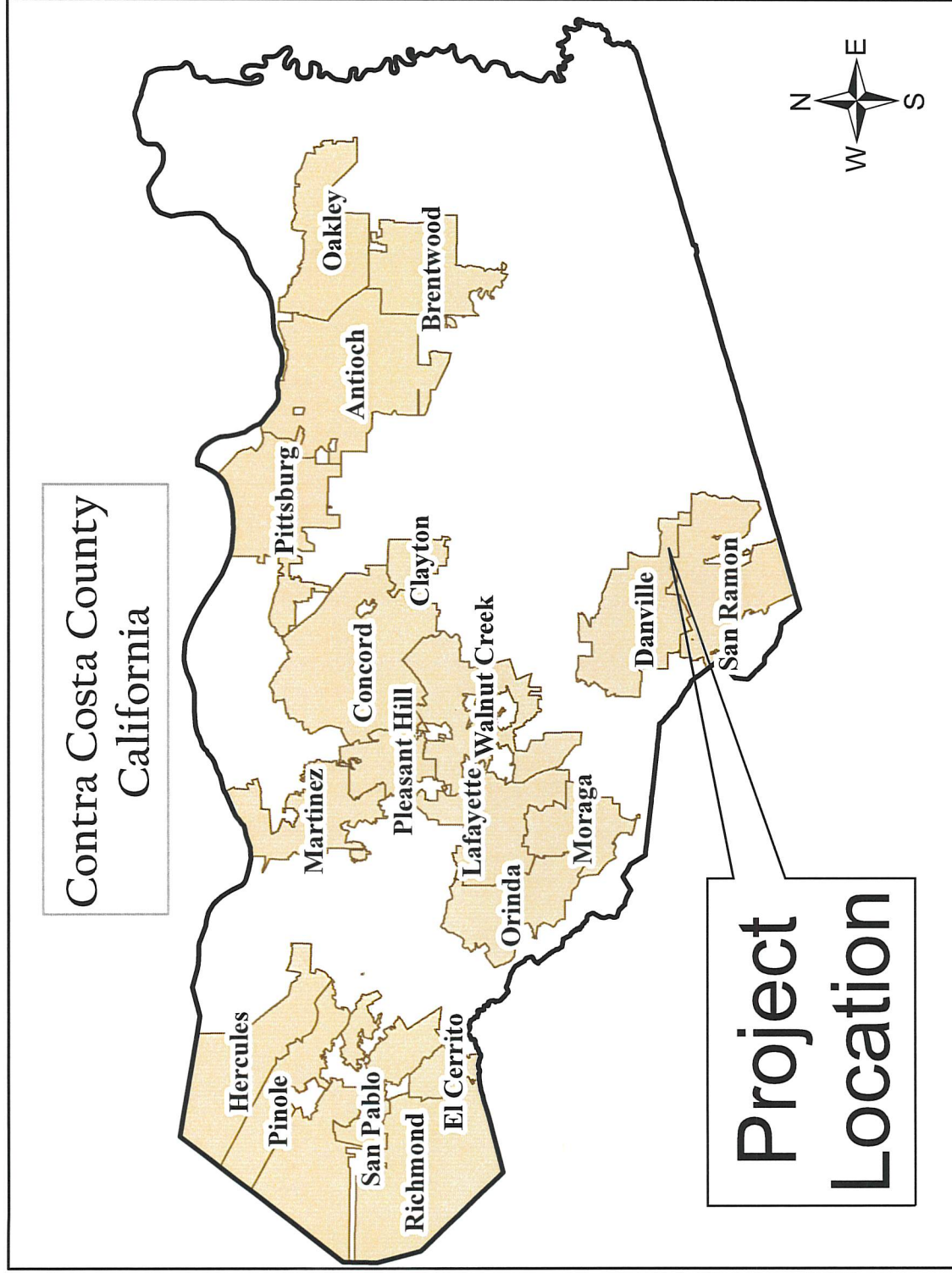


Figure 1

# West Alamo Creek Maintenance Easement Acquisition

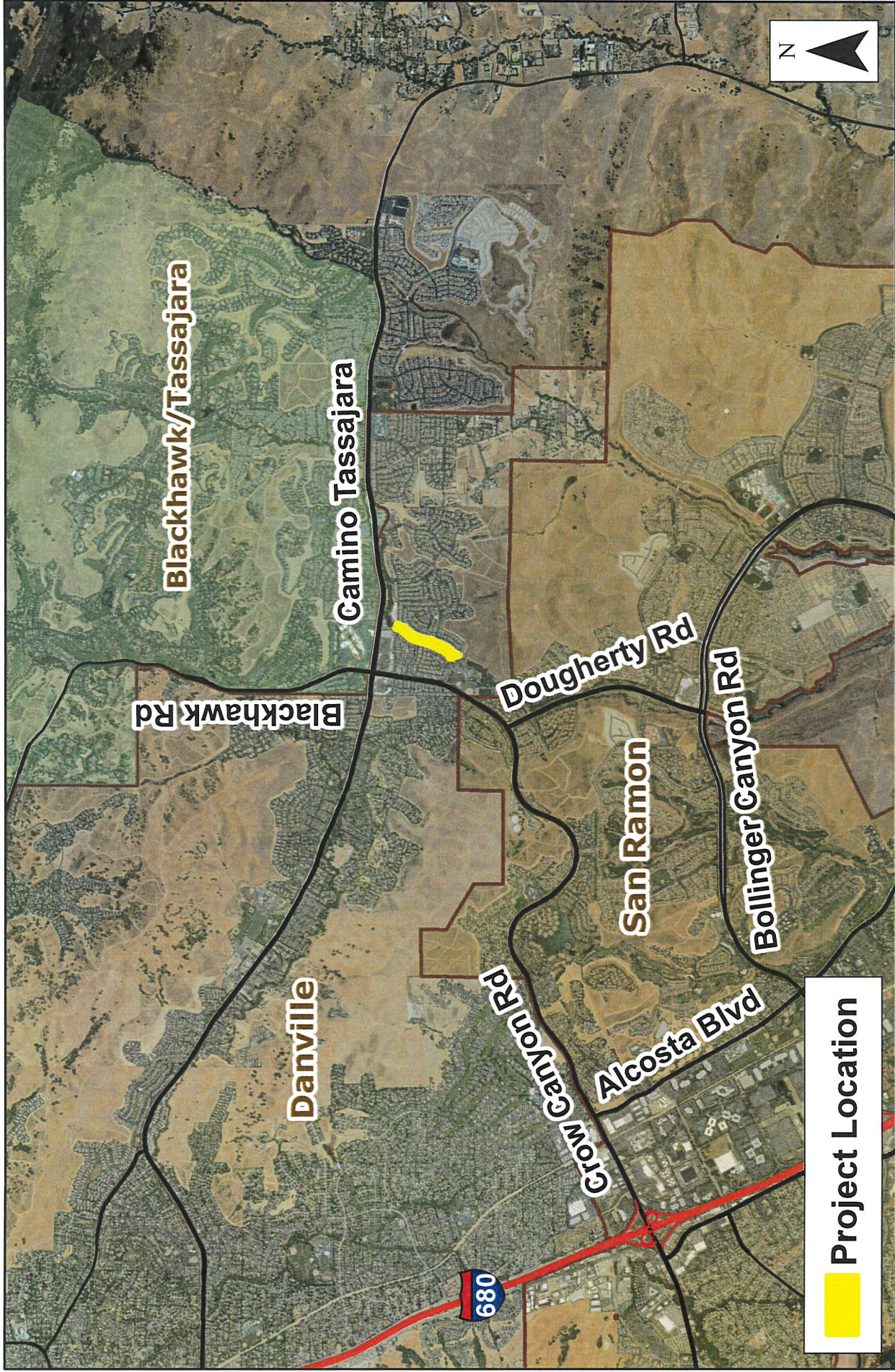
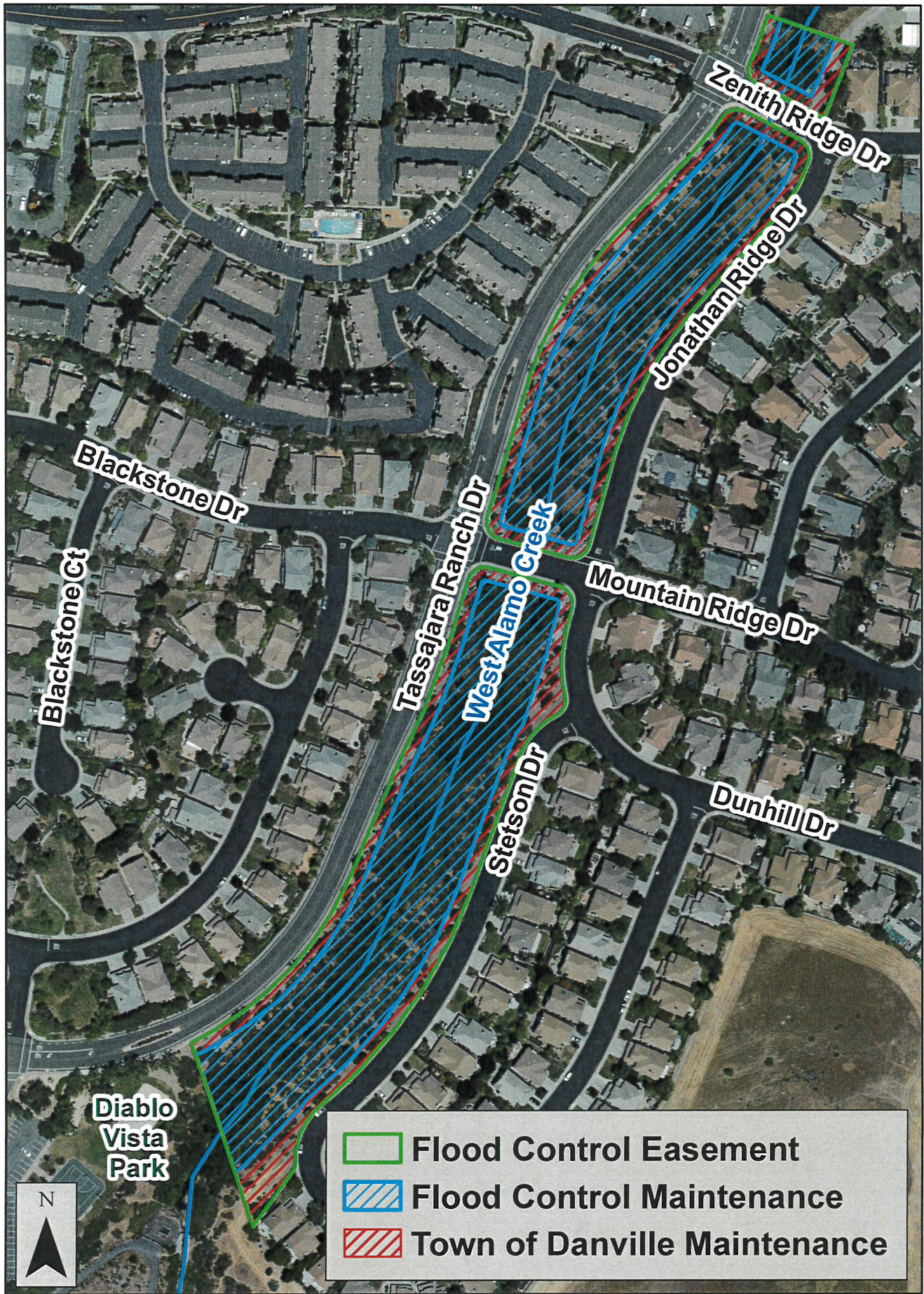


Figure 2

# West Alamo Creek Maintenance Easement Acquisition



0 250 500 Feet

Figure 3

**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:** West Alamo Creek Maintenance Easement Acquisition  
Project No. WO#8286, CP#19-16

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

**Project Location:** West Alamo Creek in Danville in South Contra Costa County

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

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The purpose of this project is to allow the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) to accept an easement that would provide the District access to three parcels along a portion of West Alamo Creek in order to conduct maintenance work as needed for storm drainage. The District recently received a grant of easement from the Town of Danville (Town), which includes access to the entirety of three parcels (206-010-030, 206-010-038, and 206-010-037) located approximately 200 feet north of Zenith Ridge Drive to the northern boundary of Diablo Vista Park. Although the Town owns the three parcels, the channel maintenance is the responsibility of the District and is part of the District's flood control infrastructure. The project consists of approval of an acceptance document by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors in order to allow the Public Works Director/Chief Engineer to accept the grant of easement from the Town. The area for Town maintenance has been determined to be approximately 20 feet from the back of sidewalk. Therefore, a maintenance agreement will be created that will hold the Town responsible for maintaining this area within the three parcels. A segment adjacent to the intersection of Stetson Drive and Dunhill Drive that bulbs out approximately 50 feet to the back of sidewalk will be included as part of the agreement as there are several ornamental trees and shrubs within this section that are under the responsibility of the Town. The Town will also maintain an extended portion located at the southeastern end of the southernmost parcel, which has an unimproved path to the creek that is not maintained by the Town or the District. In addition, the Town will be responsible for maintenance of the culverts under Zenith Ridge Drive and Mountain Ridge Drive. No additional work is expected as part of the definition of the access easement. Any future projects that require disturbance within the channel will comply with environmental regulations. This will include any future desilting or vegetation removal projects. General Plan Conformance may be necessary from the Town of Danville.

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);  Categorical Exemption: Class ( )  
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));  Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));  Common Sense Exemption [Section 15061 (b)(3)]

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3) of the CEQA guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person: **Alex Nattkemper - Public Works Dept.** Area Code/Telephone/Extension: **(925) 313-2364**

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: **Alex Nattkemper**  
Environmental Services Division  
Phone: (925) 313-2364

**Department of Fish and Game Fees Due**

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

**Total Due: \$75.00**

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

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