

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Contra Costa County
Dept. of Conservation & Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa

Project Title: Carquinez Scenic Drive Embankment Erosion and Guardrail Repair
Proj. No. 0672-6U2341, CP#20-16

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

Project Location: On Carquinez Scenic Drive 1.5 miles west of Talbart Street in unincorporated Crockett, Central 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 reconstruct the road embankment and guardrail along the westbound lane of Carquinez Scenic Drive. The erosion of the westbound lane and embankment occurred during the 2017 winter storms. Traffic has been reduced from a two-way road to a single lane road with stop signs installed on both sides of the erosion, and the westbound lane has been closed off with concrete k-rails. The embankment repair is necessary to prevent further deterioration of the roadway and to restore the westbound lane.

The project will repair an approximately 130-foot stretch of Carquinez Scenic Drive. The embankment will be stabilized by installing rows of soil nails into the slope in a grid pattern. The roadway and shoulder will be reestablished with a concrete-form retaining wall (approximately 120-ft long and 10-ft tall) that is backfilled with low-density cellular concrete. The wall will be further supported by a single row of self-driving micropiles that is covered with reinforced structural shotcrete. The micropiles will be drilled in; no pile driving will occur. The retaining wall will be downslope from the roadway and not visible to drivers. The guardrail will be reconstructed along the entire length of the project. Heavy equipment will be operated from the roadway. The anticipated maximum depth of excavation is 25 feet for installing the rows of soil nails.

Concrete k-rails and channelizers will limit the roadway to one-way traffic for the duration of construction. Temporary construction easements may be required. Equipment staging will likely occur just to the west of the project site on a paved or gravel area. Some debris and eroded soils removal may be required. Roadway surface drainage will be restored to previous conditions, and the retaining wall will incorporate features to promote drainage. Tree removal (approximately four oaks) and vegetation removal may be necessary to prepare the eroded embankment area for the repair work. Construction is currently anticipated to occur in the summer of 2021 and take approximately 25 days to complete.

Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented during construction. Real Property transactions are anticipated for APNs 368-080-003 and 368-080-004, additional transactions may be necessary.

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));
- Categorical Exemption: 15301(c)
- Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: _____
- Common Sense Exemption [Section 15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the repair of an existing street 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: _____

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: Laura Cremin *AB*
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2015

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

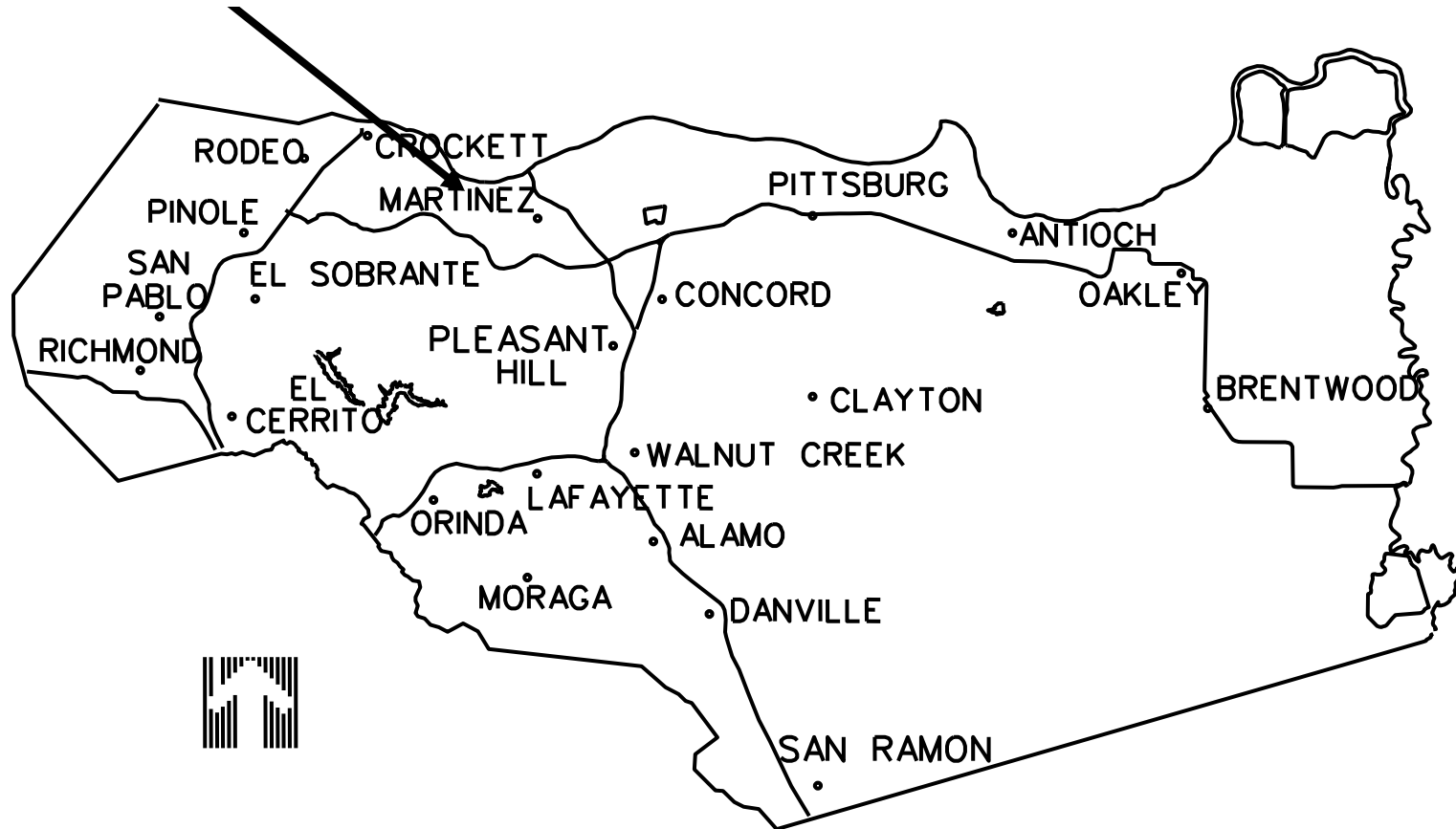
Total Due: \$ 75

Total Paid \$ _____

Receipt #: _____

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PROJECT LOCATION



Carquinez Scenic Drive Embankment and Guardrail Repair
FIGURE 1: Regional Location Map



Carquinez Scenic Drive Embankment and Guardrail Repair
FIGURE 2: Project Vicinity Map