



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: [X] Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and
Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

[X] County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Appian Way Utility Undergrounding, Project No. 0676-6P1056, CP#22-15

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553
Main: (925) 313-2000, Contact: Emma Burckert, (925) 313-2161

Project Location: Appian Way between Argyle Road and City of Pinole city limits, unincorporated El
Sobrante, Contra Costa County

Lead Agency: Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553
Main: (925) 655-2705, Contact: Syd Sotoodeh (925) 655-2877

Project Description:

The Contra Costa County Public Works Department (County), in coordination with utility companies, is
planning to underground the overhead utility lines. The project will support the community's desire to
improve aesthetics by removing the overhead lines. The project includes the construction of underground
trenches along the road for installation of utility conduits, construction of a combination of aboveground
facilities and belowground vaults for transformers and switches, and lateral trenching to connect the
newly undergrounded utilities to each residence. Real Estate transactions, utility relocations, temporary
traffic control for lane closures, and excavations up to approximately 10 feet are anticipated. Tree and
vegetation trimming may be necessary. Appropriate best management practices for stormwater (i.e.
storm drain inlet protection) will be in place.

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 (Sec. 15302(d))
General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
Other Statutory Exemption (Sec.)

Reasons why project is exempt: The activity consists of the conversion of overhead electric utility
distribution system facilities to underground pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302(d) of the CEQA
guidelines.

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 [] Yes [] No
project?

Signature: Syd Soto Title: Planner II Date: 3/17/2022

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

- [X] 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: Emma Burckert *cg*
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2161

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

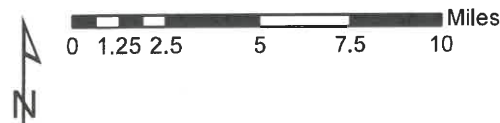
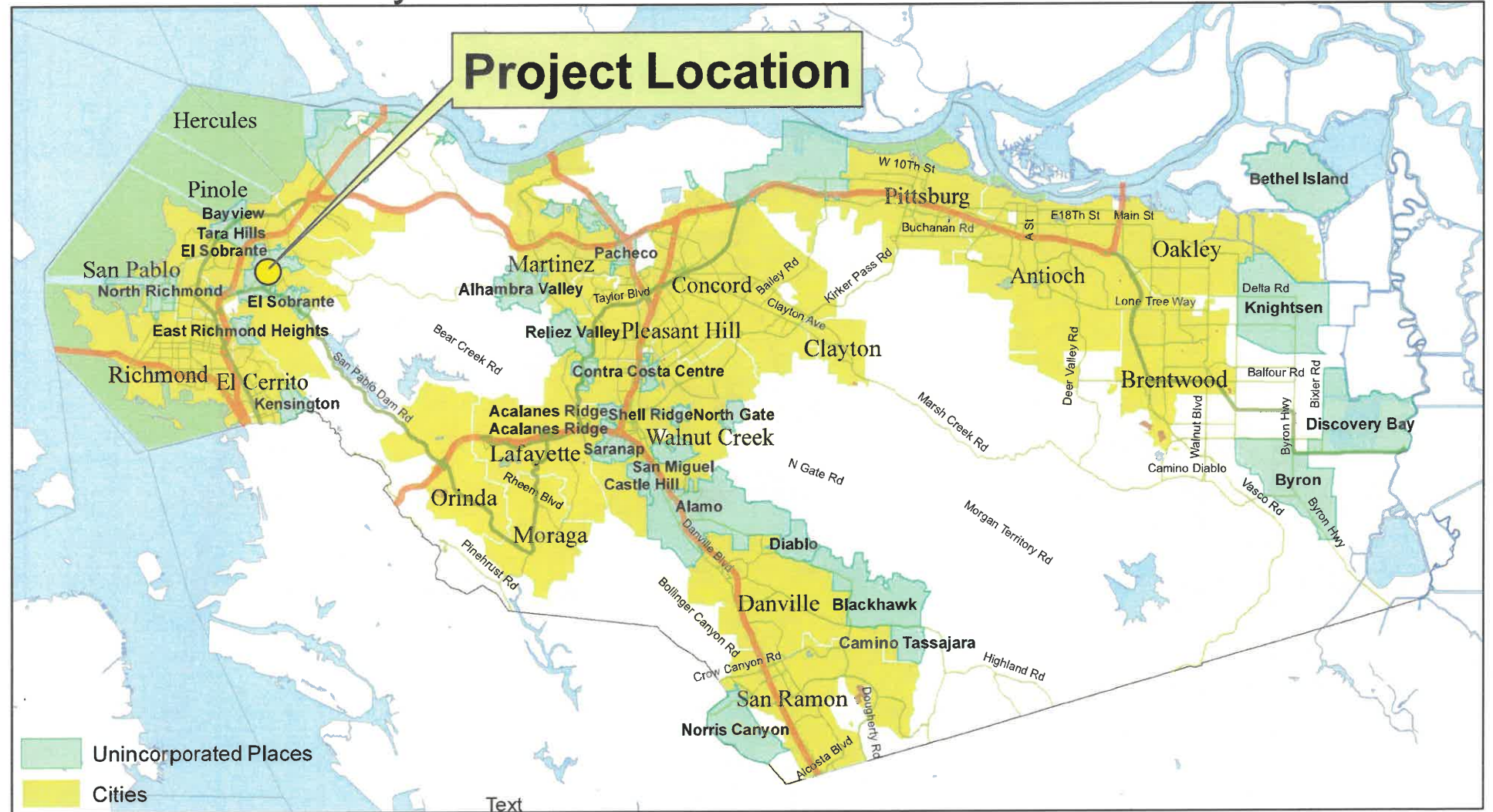
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- County Clerk - \$50
- Conservation and Development - \$25

Total Due: \$75

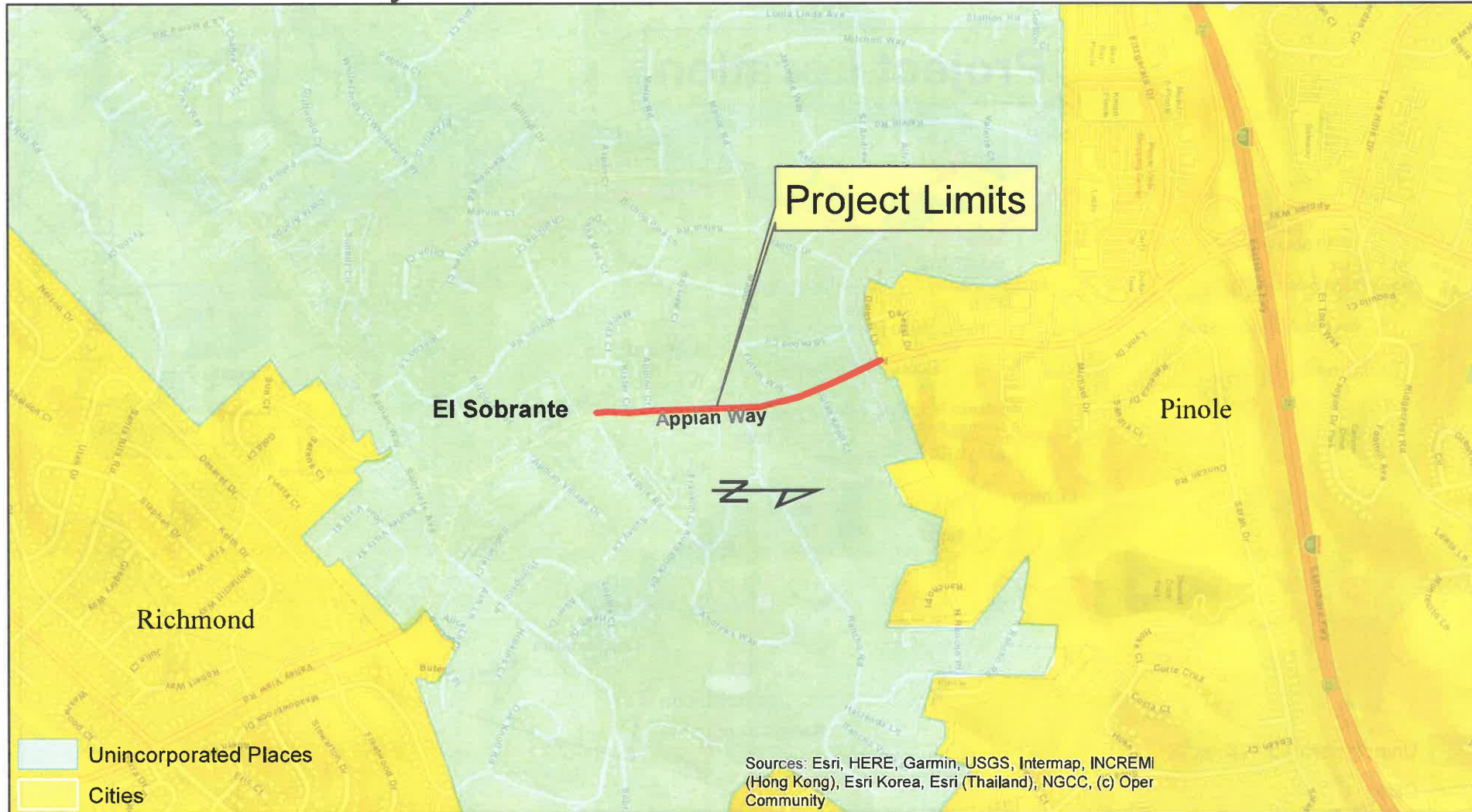
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Project Location Map

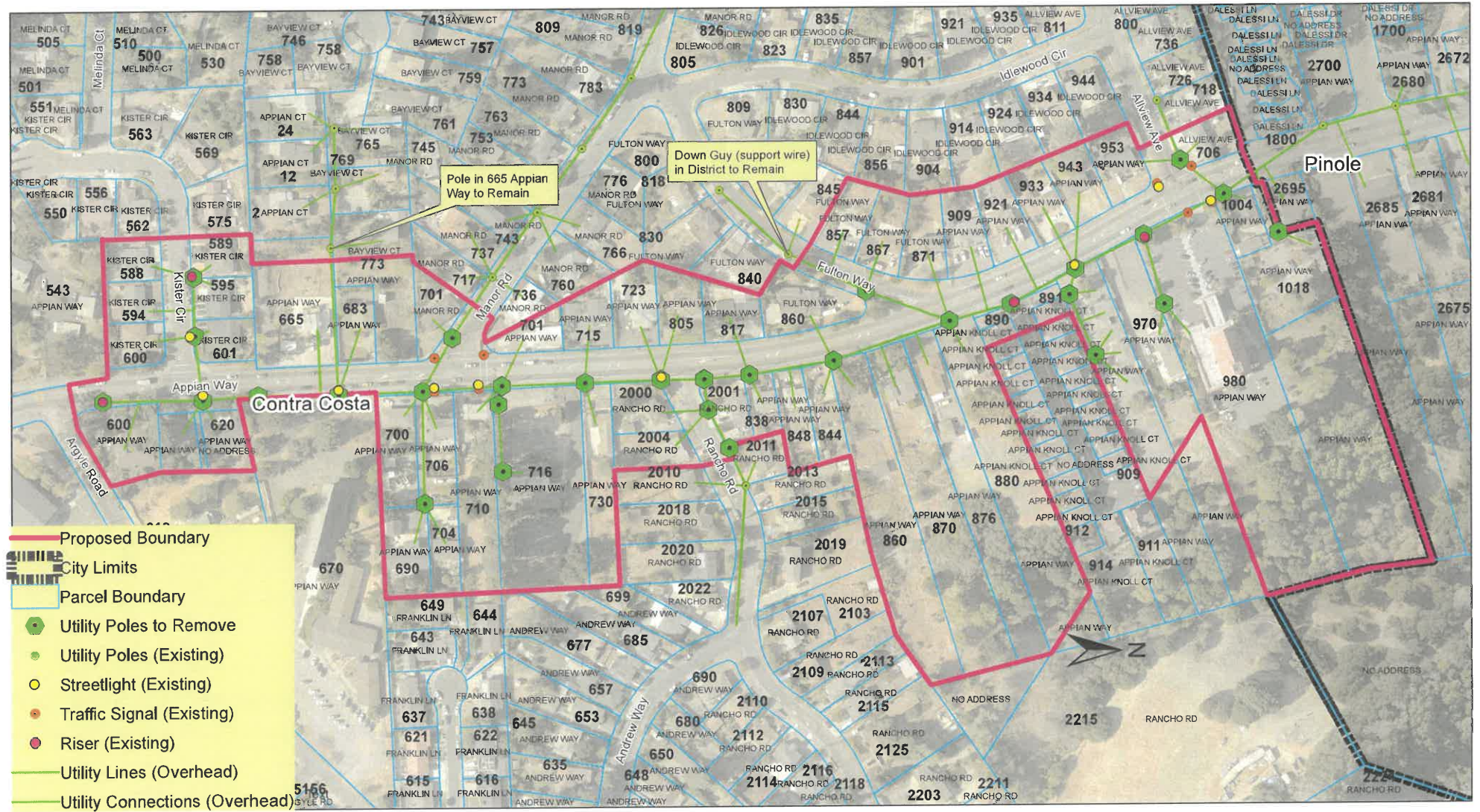


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- Proposed Boundary
- City Limits
- Parcel Boundary
- Utility Poles to Remove
- Utility Poles (Existing)
- Streetlight (Existing)
- Traffic Signal (Existing)
- Riser (Existing)
- Utility Lines (Overhead)
- Utility Connections (Overhead)

0 75 150 300 450 600 Feet
 1 in = 150 feet

Utility Undergrouding Boundary Map

Applan Way -- City of Pinole city limits to Argyle Court -- Utility District No. 32

For Environmental Document



Date: 2/8/2022

Drawn by: Craig Standafer

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