



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
Notice of Exemption

2023-00290

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

County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

**Project Title:** Rodeo Creek Bank Erosion Repair, Project #: WO9N04, CP#: 21-35

**Project Applicant:** Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553  
Main: (925) 313-2000, Contact: Alex Nattkemper, (925) 313-2364

**Project Location:** 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets at Vaqueros Avenue, unincorporated Rodeo, Contra Costa County,  
APNs: 357-151-XXX, 357-140-XXX, 357-120-XXX, 357-161-001, 357-161-002, 357-161-013, 357-132-017, 357-132-019

**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 purpose of the project is to repair two bank failures along the west side of Rodeo Creek at 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets and to remove accumulated sediment within the channel adjacent to the 7<sup>th</sup> Street bank failure and under the 7<sup>th</sup> Street bridge. The 4<sup>th</sup> Street bank failure is approximately 30 feet long and 15 feet wide. The 7<sup>th</sup> Street bank failure, approximately three blocks to the south, is approximately 50 feet long by 15 feet wide. At each site, the project consists of removing the failed bank material within the eroded area by excavating a keyway trench at the toe of the embankment with intermittent benches as the excavation progresses up slope. The bank will then be reconstructed by backfilling with suitable material. Rock slope protection will be placed to protect against erosion; the rock voids will be filled with native soil and a native seed mix. The adjacent access road and trail will be repaved. A temporary water diversion system will be used to dewater the work area. Construction depths will vary among project elements; the maximum depth of excavation will be approximately 5 feet for installation of the keyway. The 4<sup>th</sup> Street repair will extend approximately 70 feet long and the 7<sup>th</sup> Street repair will extend approximately 60 feet long in order to transition the bank failure repair area to the adjacent channel slopes. At the 7<sup>th</sup> Street repair site, a layer of deposited sediment in the streambed will be removed adjacent to the bank failure and under the 7<sup>th</sup> Street bridge to restore drainage capacity. Therefore, including sediment removal activities, the entire work limit along the 7<sup>th</sup> Street site is approximately 200 feet long. The existing curb, guardrail, and fence along the site will be removed and replaced. Tree and vegetation trimming and removal will be necessary to accommodate the project. Real Estate transactions, including temporary construction easements, will be necessary. Construction is anticipated to occur in 2024. Work will take place during the dry season and is anticipated to be completed in approximately 35 working days. The adjacent trails will be closed to the public during the entire period of construction. Temporary traffic control will be required. Appropriate best management practices for water pollution control will be implemented to protect the creek. Applicable regulatory permits will be obtained before construction.

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301[d])
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a])
- General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c])
- Other Statutory Exemption (Sec. )

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The activity consists of the repair of a damaged portion of an existing flood control facility to meet current standards of public health and safety involving no expansion of existing use, pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(d) of the CEQA Statute and 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 project?  Yes  No

Signature: Sybil Sotwood Date: July 3, 2023 Title: Senior Planner

**Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development**

- Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

<b>AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING</b>	
I declare that on <u>AUG 03 2023</u> 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.	
<u>[Signature]</u> Signature	<u>DEPUTY CLERK</u> 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 Wildlife Fees Due**

- De Minimis Finding - \$0  
 County Clerk - \$50  
 Conservation and Development - \$25

Total Due: \$75 Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_

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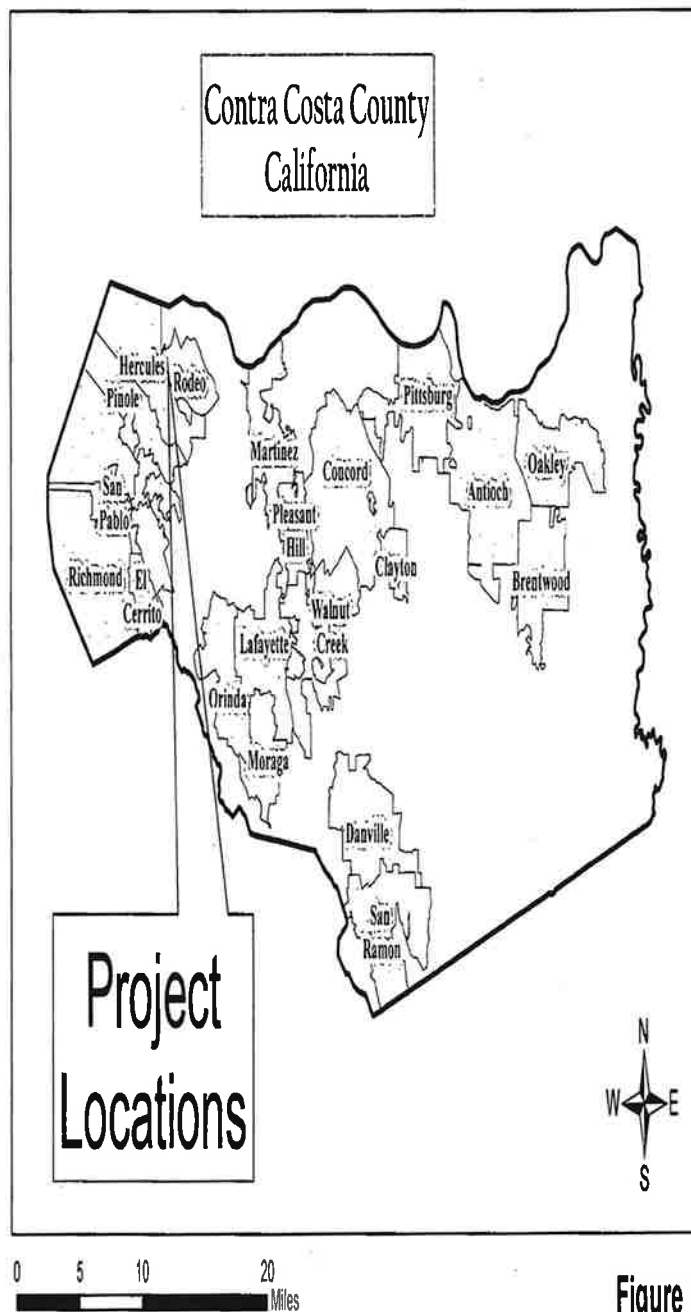


Figure 1

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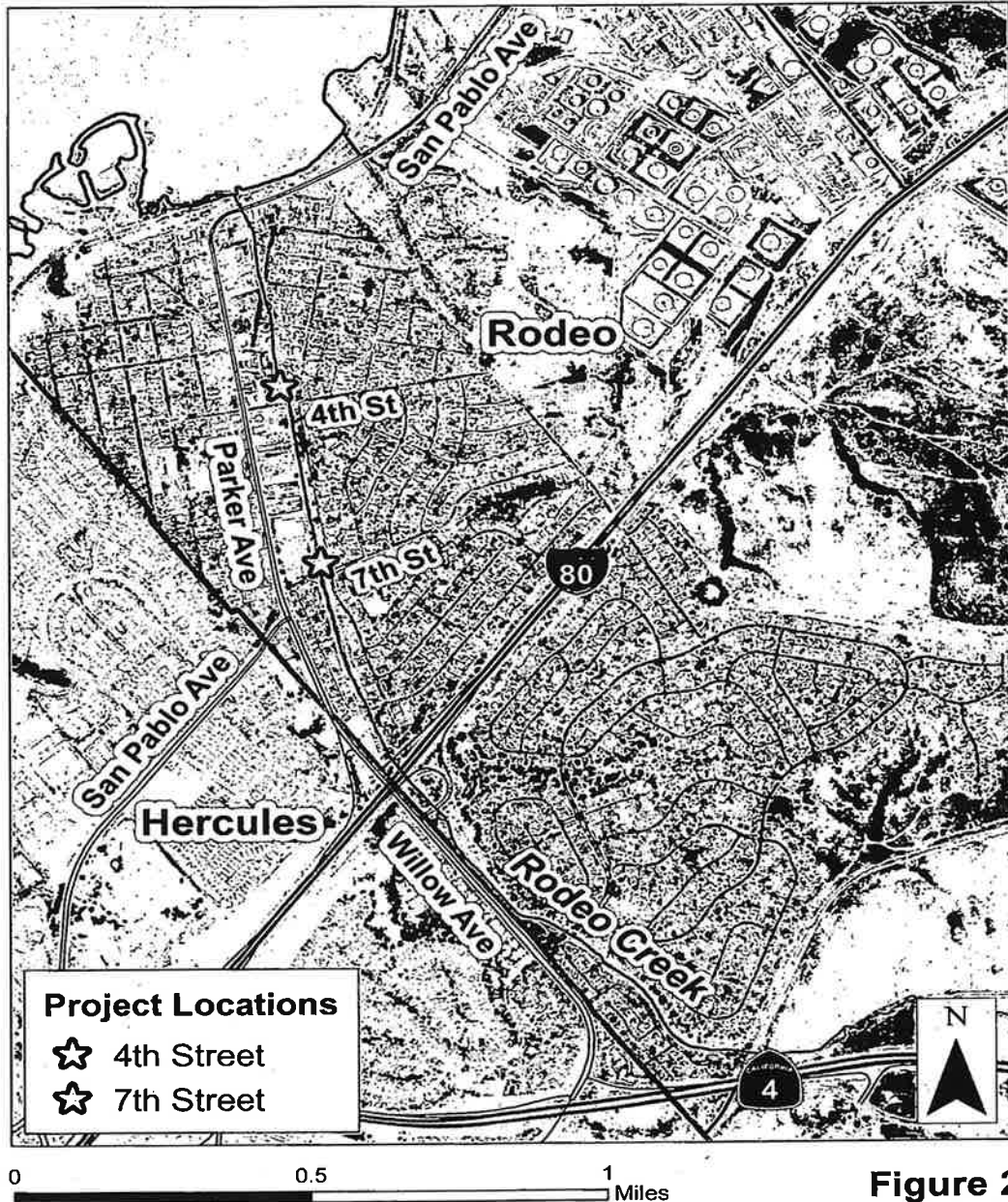
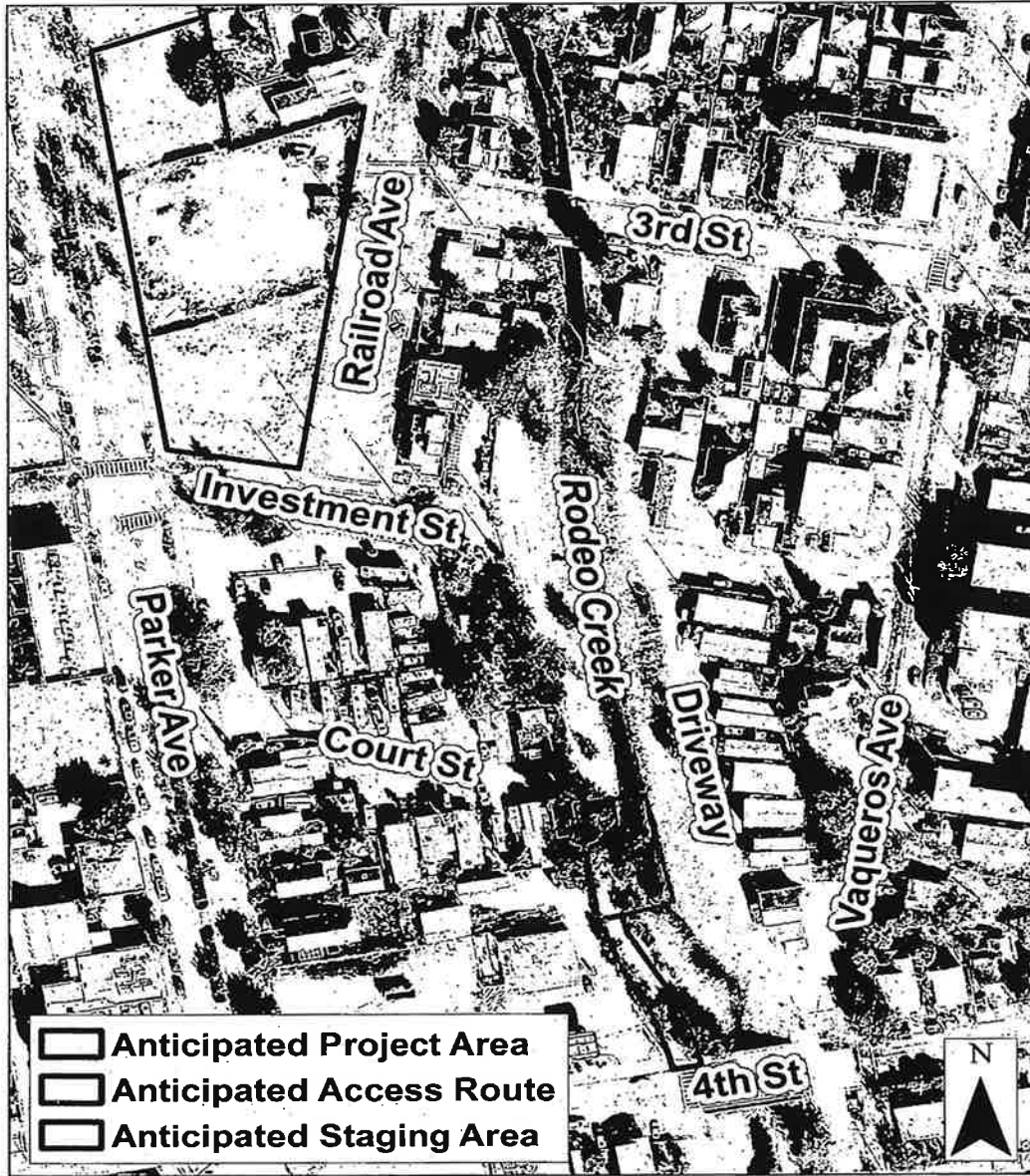


Figure 2

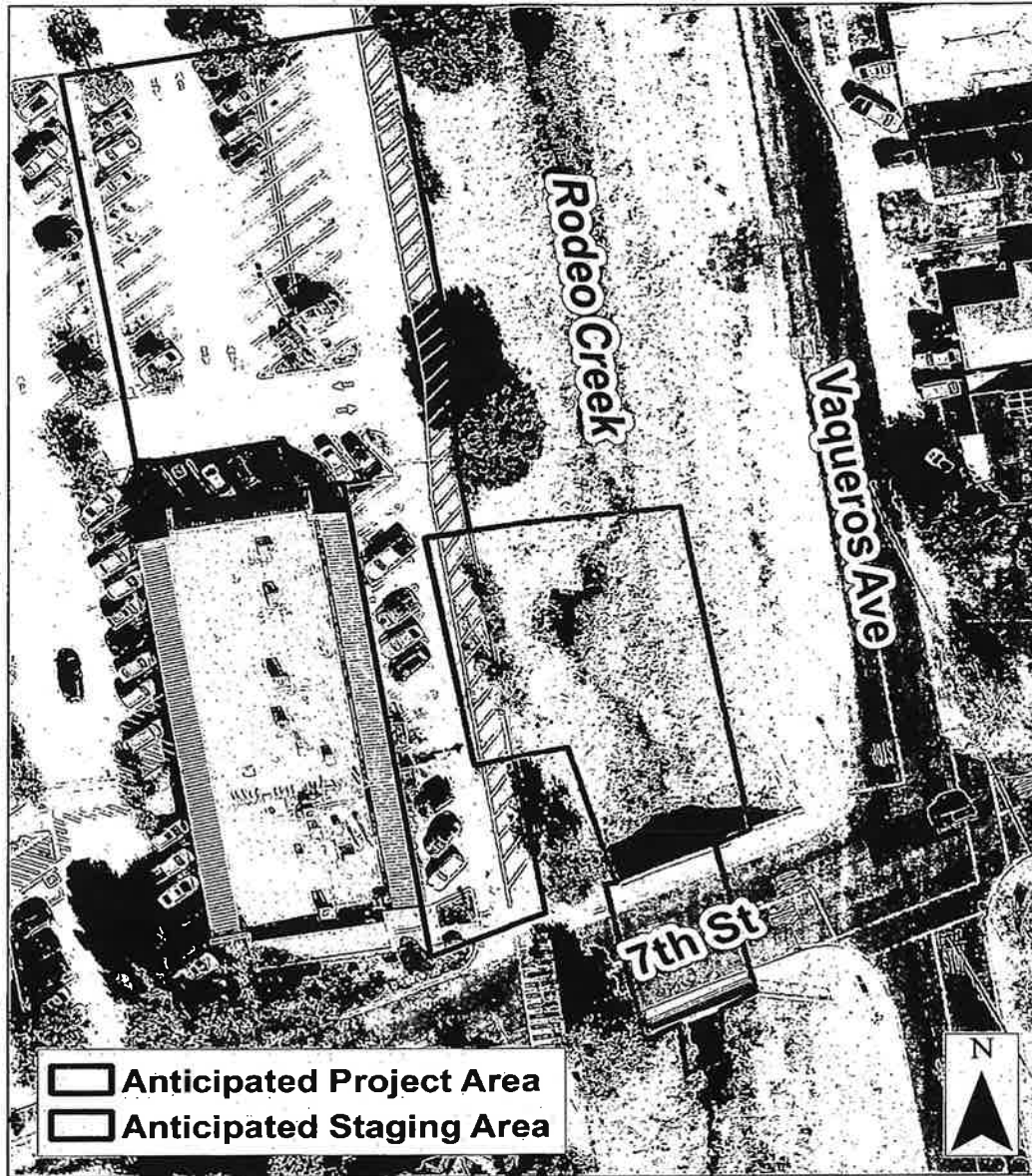
# Rodeo Creek Bank Erosion Repair (4th Street)



0 100 200 Feet

Figure 3

# Rodeo Creek Bank Erosion Repair (7th Street)



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Figure 4