



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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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: Briones Area Guardrail Upgrades, Project #: WO4158, CP #: 21-25

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553
Main: (925) 313-2000, Contact: Shravan Sundaram, (925) 313-2366

Project Location: This project is located along portions of Reliez Valley Road, Alhambra Valley Road and Bear Creek Road which are arterials and major collector roadways in unincorporated Briones area, 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: Contra Costa County Public Works Department (County) proposes to remove sub-standard Metal Beam Guardrails (MBGR) and end treatments and replace them with the current Caltrans standard Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) and end treatments at the locations identified above. Upgrading the guardrails to current Caltrans standards will improve public safety.

Approximately 43 existing guardrails with a total length of approximately 14,238 linear feet, including end treatments, will be upgraded. The construction process will include removal and replacement of guardrail and posts, relocation of several guardrail posts near end treatments with grading as needed, and miscellaneous repairs as needed. Ground disturbance and excavations up to 8 feet are anticipated. Construction is currently anticipated to occur in summer 2024 will take approximately 9 weeks to complete.

Real Property transactions may be necessary. Temporary traffic controls will be implemented during construction activities. Short-duration lane closures may be required and there may be short traffic delays for deliveries or during ingress and egress from the sites. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Appropriate best management practices, including but not limited to measures for stormwater control (i.e., storm drain inlet protection) will be implemented during construction. Utility relocations and vegetation trimming and removal may be necessary. All applicable regulatory permits will be obtained before construction.

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) ☒ Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15302 (c))
☐ 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 replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities (guardrails) in the same location and with the same purpose and capacities as the facility replaced or reconstructed, pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302(c) 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 Sotoodeh Date: 09/20/2023 Title: Senior Planner

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

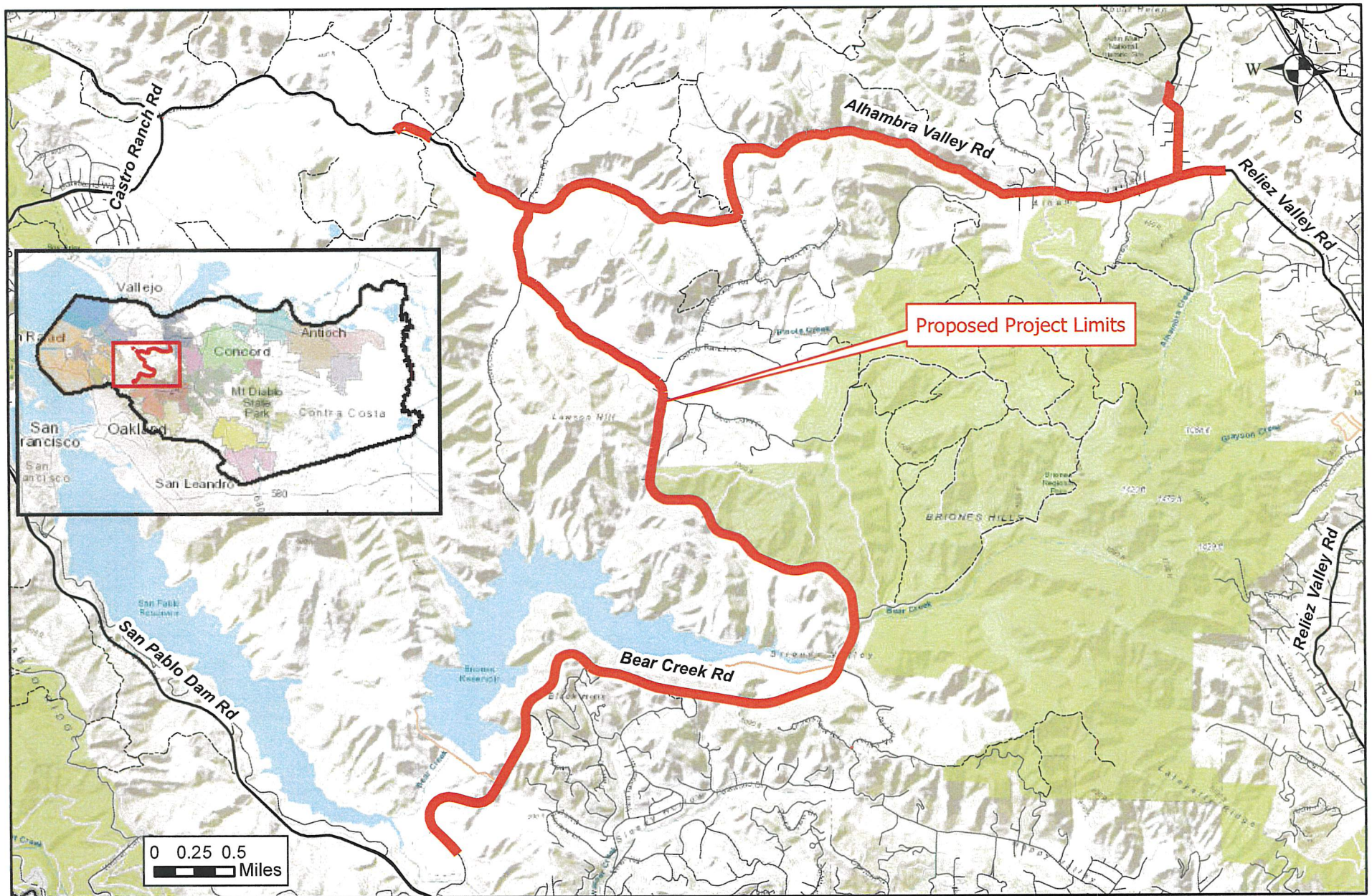
Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Shravan Sundaram 
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2366

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

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

Total Due: \$75

Receipt #: _____



Contra Costa County
Public Works
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PROJECT LOCATION MAP - CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Briones Area Guardrail Upgrade Project

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