



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  
Department of Conservation and Development  
30 Muir Road  
Martinez, CA 94553

☒ County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

**Project Title:** Pinole Creek Bank Erosion Repair, Project #: WO9N03, CP#: 21-31

**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:** Between Henry Avenue and Interstate 80, City of Pinole, Contra Costa County, APN: 401-230-CCC

**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 a bank failure that is approximately 30 feet long by 15 feet wide, located on the eastern side of Pinole Creek behind the Gateway Shopping Center. 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 the 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. 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 repair will extend approximately 100 feet long in order to transition the grade of the bank failure repair area to the adjacent channel slopes. The adjacent access road and trail will be repaved. Real Estate transactions, including temporary construction easements, may 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 25 working days. The adjacent trail 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. Tree and vegetation trimming will be necessary. 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 ☐ Yes ☐ No project?

Signature: Syd Sotoodeh Date: 06/21/2023 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**

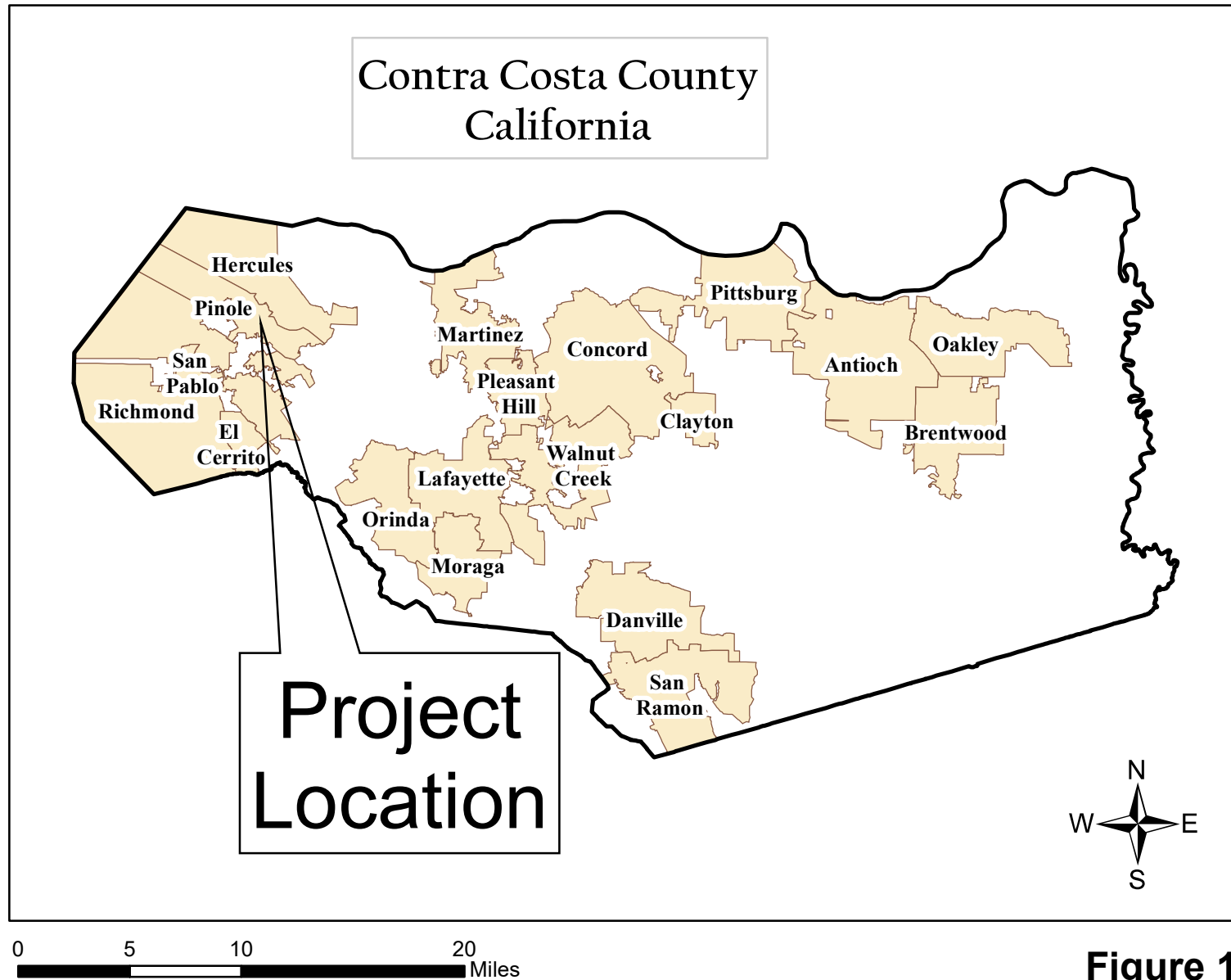
Public Works Department  
255 Glacier Drive  
Martinez, CA 94553  
Attn: Alex Nattkemper   
Environmental Services Division  
Phone: (925) 313-2364

**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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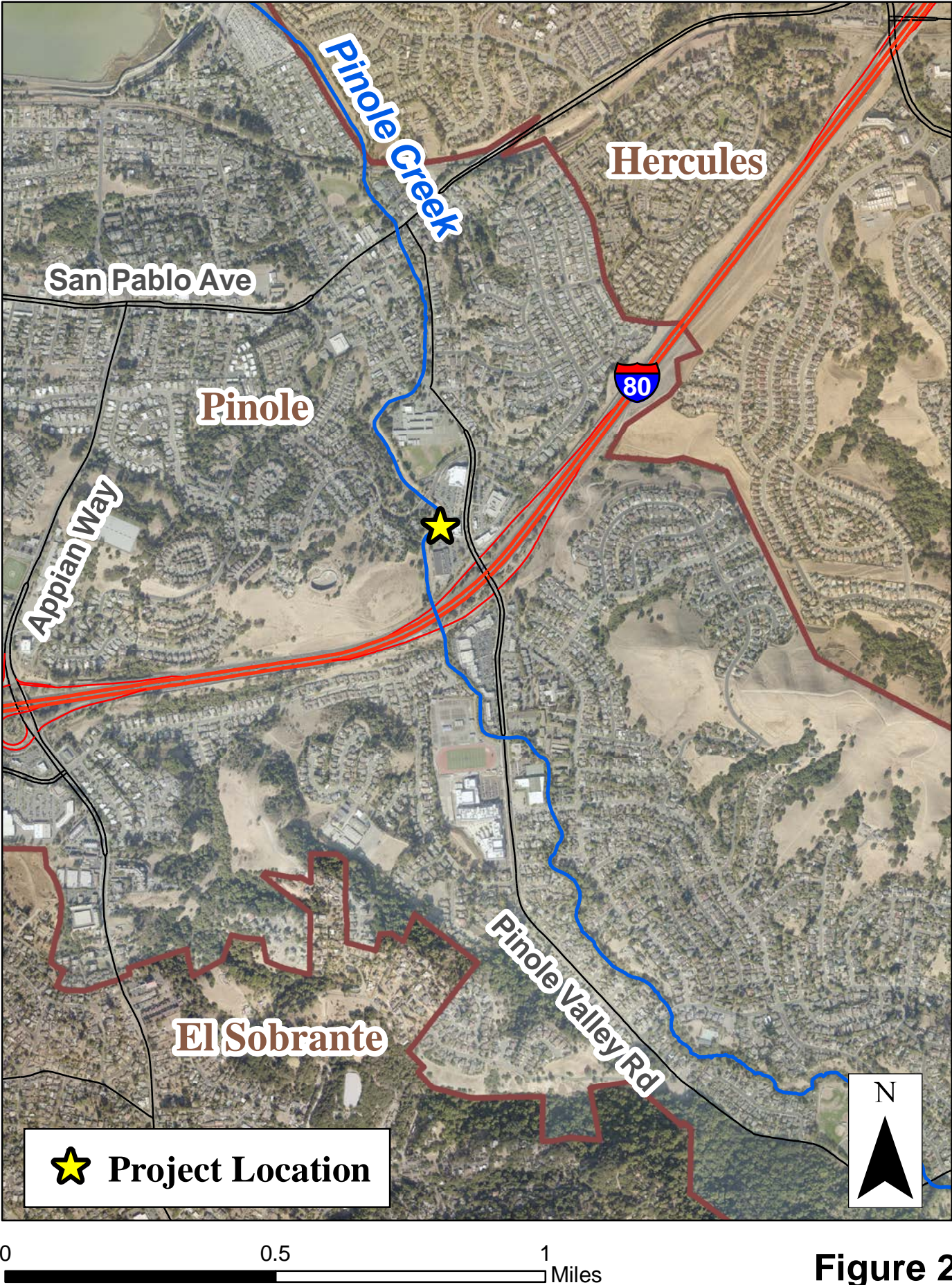


Figure 2



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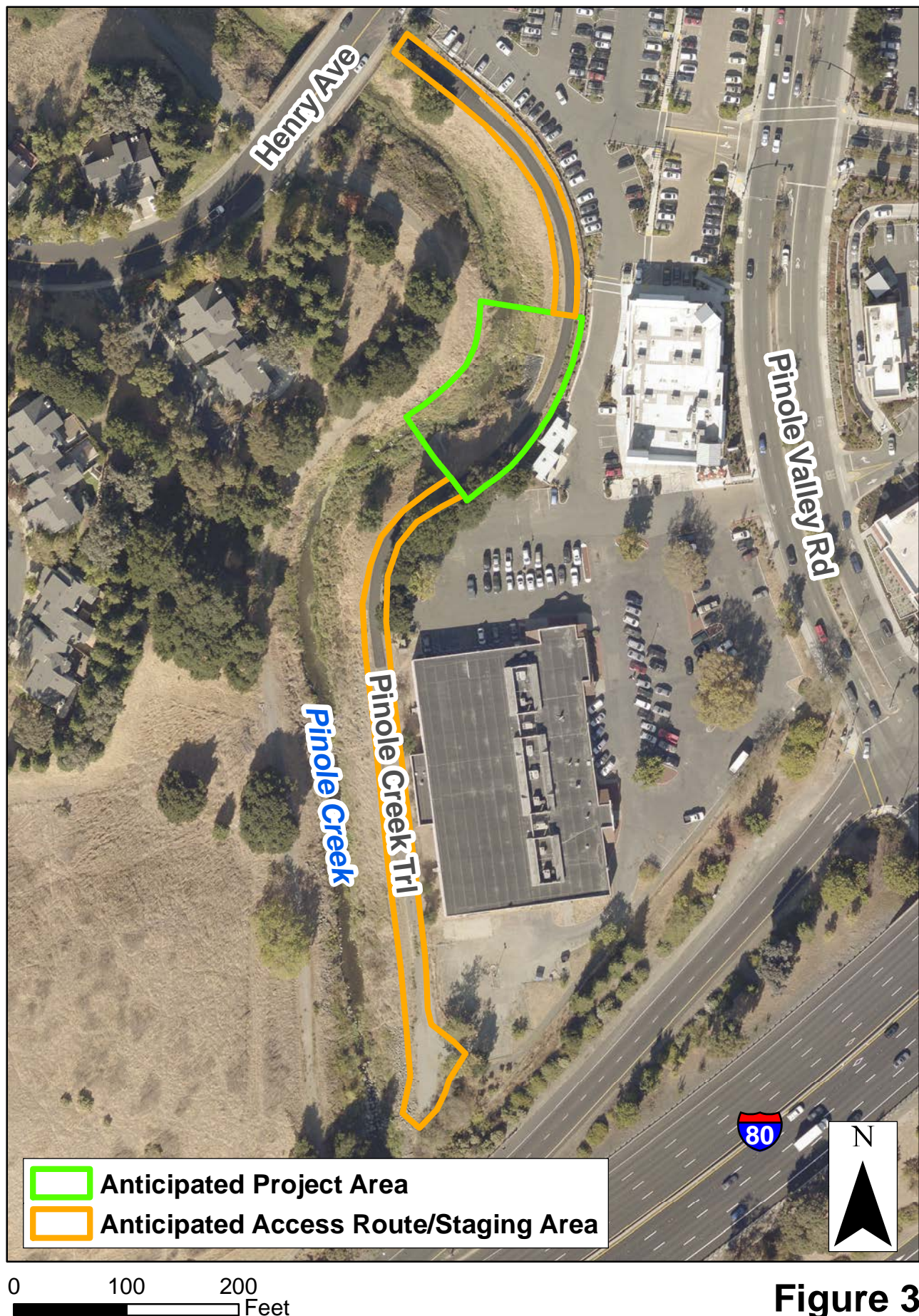


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