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CLERK-RECORDERBy *L. Fallas*L. Fallas
Deputy Clerk**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION****TO:** Contra Costa County
County Recorder
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553**FROM:** Contra Costa Water District (CCWD)
P.O. Box H2O
Concord, CA 94524
925-688-8000
Lead Agency/Project Applicant
Filing Agency**PROJECT TITLE:** Gehringer Drive and Vicinity Main Replacement Project

PROJECT LOCATION AND ACCESS: The Gehringer Drive & Vicinity Main Replacement Project (Project) is located in the public right-of-way and on private property within the City of Concord (Concord) on Gehringer Drive, Krueger Drive, Acacia Drive, Ash Street, Ponderosa Drive, Tosca Way, Gratton Way, Justin Way, Channing Court, Dundee Court, Bertram Court, Chrisland Court, and Laurence Court (see Figure 1, Vicinity Map, and Figure 2, Location Map, at the end of this document). From CCWD's corporation yard at Bisso Lane, Concord, the site may be accessed by heading south towards Concord Ave, turning left at the first cross street onto Concord Avenue, taking the ramp onto California State Route (SR) 242 North, taking exit 3A onto Olivera Road, turning right onto Port Chicago Highway, and turning right onto Gehringer Drive.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project will replace approximately 1.6 miles of existing water main infrastructure on 13 suburban streets within Concord. The purpose of the Project is to upgrade the neighborhood's aging water system with new water mains, lateral service lines, valves, hydrants, and all other equipment necessary to provide potable water service to customers. The Project is entirely within the existing CCWD treated water service boundary, and since the parcels now receive CCWD water, the Project will not result in an expansion of service.

The construction of this water pipeline replacement is expected to take 18 months, starting in November 2025 completed by May 2027. This Project consists of the installation of new 6-inch and 8-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and ductile iron (DI) pipes. These pipes will be transported in 20-foot sections to the area. Since the area is developed with single-family homes, the pipes will be stored in small piles throughout the work area to reduce disruption of both pedestrian and vehicular circulation. The Project will be under construction for a few days in front of each residence and therefore, these 20-foot sections of pipes will typically be stationed in one place for a maximum of one week at a time. The existing pipelines and old service lines that will be replaced by this Project will be abandoned in place per CCWD Standards. Therefore, no disruption will occur from pipe removal.

A backhoe will be used to dig a trench approximately two feet wide by four feet deep on these streets within the pipeline replacement construction area for this Project. The trench will be covered each night using metal trench plates; wood, metal and/or hydraulic shoring and bracing will be used as necessary to shore up the sides of the trench in all locations. This trench covering and shoring materials will be

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stored onsite in an area that minimizes disruption to the surrounding residents. Once the pipeline is installed, the trench will be compacted and backfilled with imported aggregate base and/or excavated soils, and the site will be restored. It is possible during construction that existing service lines in the area could be disrupted, however this will be temporary and not exceed longer than eight hours at any given time during construction. CCWD will provide advance notice to homeowners in the vicinity before the start of construction activities. Homeowners will also be given notice 24-hours in advance of any service disruption. Finally, the asphaltic concrete (AC) pavement surface will be repaired and reconstructed to match existing conditions and conform to city standards.

It is expected that up to one hundred twenty (120) round-trip truck trips (240 one-way) will be needed to transport the pipes and other material over the life of the project. No more than twenty round-trip truck trips (40 one-way) will occur on any given day and will be typically spread out over a 10-hour work period, from 7 am to 5 pm.

The Project will require obtaining an encroachment permit from the City of Concord. The permit will be completed before construction starts and will contain all city requirements for the work. There will be no full street closures or detours because of this project; a minimum of one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times. Flag persons will be on-site as necessary.

CCWD intends to acquire permanent easements and temporary construction easements from private property owners in the Project area for new and replacement fire hydrants that are required under this Project. Any existing hydrants that need to be removed where there are no permanent easements recorded will require a temporary construction easement. The total number of permanent easements and temporary construction easements needed will be determined before construction.

During the pipeline installation process, it will be necessary to flush the new lines, and up to 120,000 gallons of treated water may be discharged cumulatively during the life of the Project. This water will be dechlorinated pursuant to CCWD's Best Management Practices (BMPs), and then will be discharged into the County's storm drain system. This discharge will be covered under the Order WQ 2014-0194-DWQ GENERAL ORDER NO. CAG140001 Statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for drinking water system discharges to water of the United States.

The following equipment will be used during construction: saw cutting machine, backhoe, backhoe trailer, excavator, dump truck, boom truck, and crew vehicles. As stated above, all construction materials and equipment will utilize lay down areas located within the public right-of-way but will be stationed in one place for a maximum of one week at a time.

The Project site is within a suburban residential housing area and thus the Project will not adversely affect natural resources such as open space areas, wetlands, and riparian corridors or areas of known cultural and historic resources. Much of the Project area is already disturbed, and the Project would take place in roadways within the public right-of-way and on private property. As a result, impacts on natural and/or cultural resources are not anticipated.

CCWD will use the following standard CCWD conditions/Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect the environment:

1. All trash will be properly contained, removed from the work site, and disposed of on a daily basis.
2. CCWD will ensure that all raw construction materials, wastes, temporary fences, barriers, and/or flagging are removed and properly disposed of from the Project area immediately following the completion of construction.
3. The storage and handling of hazardous materials within the Project site is prohibited and any unused or leftover hazardous products shall be properly contained and disposed of off-site.

AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Contra Costa Water District

AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Contra Costa Water District

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project is exempt under CEQA Section 15301(b) Existing Facilities, Class 1, repair and maintenance of existing public facility involving no expansion of use. The existing facility involves publicly owned utilities used to provide treated water service. The Project is also exempt under CEQA Section 15302(c), which exempts "replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacities".

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Figure 1 Vicinity Map

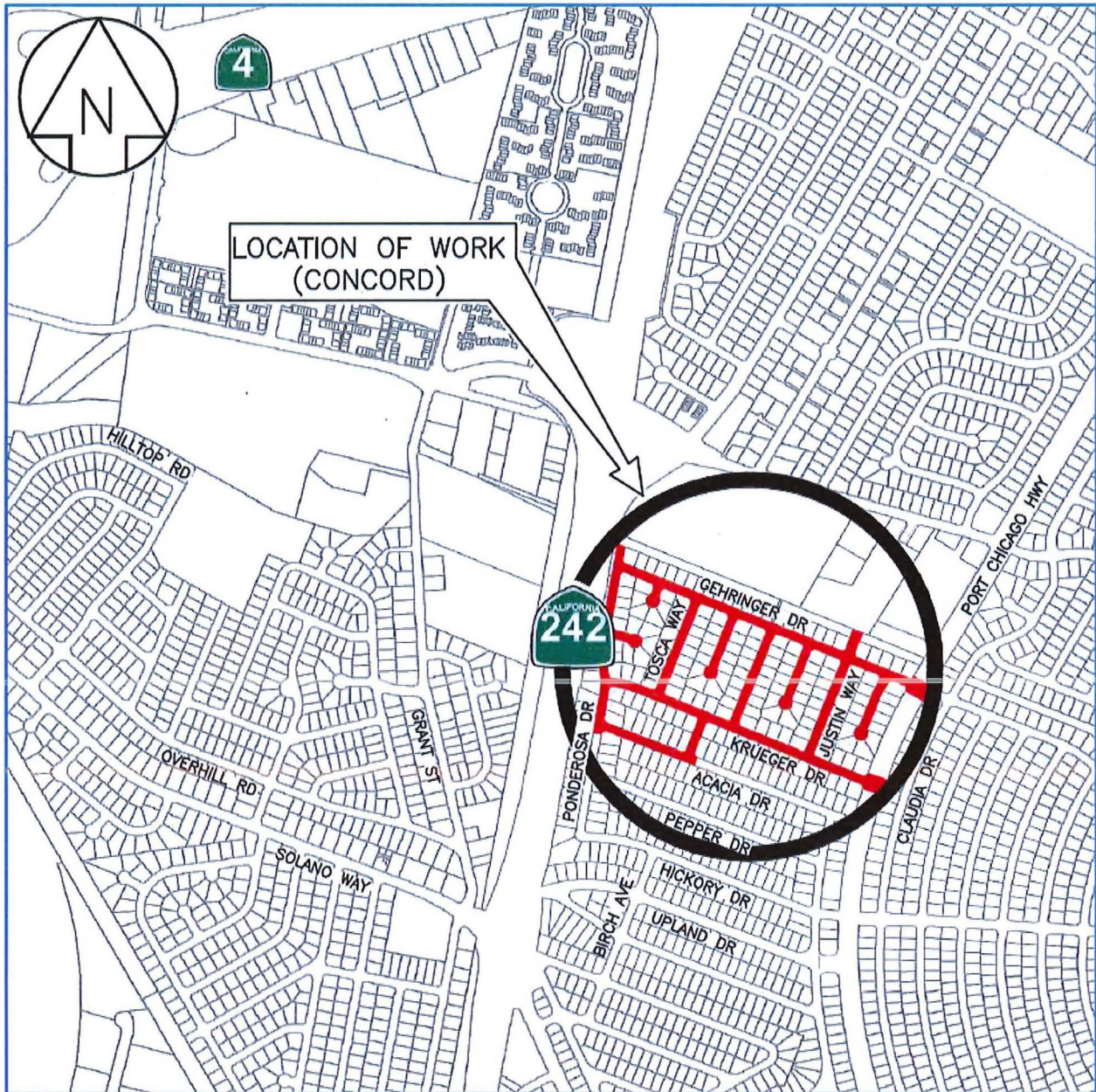


Figure 2 Location Map

