



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Date:** April 15, 2024

**Project Title:** Sir Francis Drake Boulevard North Frontage Landscape

**Project Location:** Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, between La Cuesta and El Portal Drives, Greenbrae, Marin County, California

**Assessor Parcel:** N/A – County-Maintained Public Right-of-Way

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project:** The purpose of the proposed project is to replace and update the existing planting and irrigation between the existing sidewalk and fencing, which would provide privacy screening from adjacent residences and the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard corridor between La Cuesta Drive and El Portal Drive. The existing landscape area is approximately 3,400 square feet. The existing area includes soil, existing trees, and some low shrubs that were planted many years ago or are volunteers.

The proposed project would consist of renovation of the 3,400 square foot existing landscape strip, existing tree protection, soil removal, clearing and grubbing, irrigation, import soil, soil amendment, mulch, planting trees and shrubs, and a 3-month maintenance period. Thirty-one new trees would be planted, providing privacy screening of adjacent property owners to the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard corridor. The maximum excavation depth will be 18-inches for tree planting and irrigation mainline.

Construction equipment that would be expected to be used includes hand tools, shovels, wheelbarrow, and possibly a mini-skid steer. Construction access with small equipment would occur from the existing County-maintained multi-use pathway. Contractor would potentially park small trucks and equipment on La Cuesta Drive in public street parking spots. The specifications state that if equipment or materials would be used on the multi-use path during installation, the contractor would provide and maintain at least four feet clear for pedestrian and bicycle access and traffic safety signage. Construction would likely begin in Spring 2024 and would be expected to require up to 2 months to complete installation, followed by 3 months of maintenance by the contractor.

Vegetation removal would include approximately 16 non-native ornamental shrubs below 5-feet in height would be removed. Shrubs would be surveyed for bird nests by Marin County biologist before removal. No trees would be removed. The proposed project would not affect surface waters, wetlands, special status plants or animals, or habitats. For these reasons, no regulatory permit authorizations would be required. Project implementation would occur after April 15th and therefore stormwater BMPs would not be required.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Marin County Parks

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** Max Korten, Director

**Reasons for Exemption:** Marin County Parks has reviewed the project along with its environmental setting and has determined it to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under the following sections of the California Administrative Code:

**Section 15302: Replacement or Reconstruction.** The proposed project consists of the replacement of existing landscaping and irrigation where the new landscaping and irrigation will be located on the same site as the landscaping and irrigation being replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the landscaping and irrigation being replaced. The proposed project is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. The project area is not located within an officially designated state scenic highway and nonetheless would not affect scenic resources including trees, historical buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources. Implementation of the proposed project would not result in a significant effect to the environment due to unusual circumstances; or change the significance of a historical resource.

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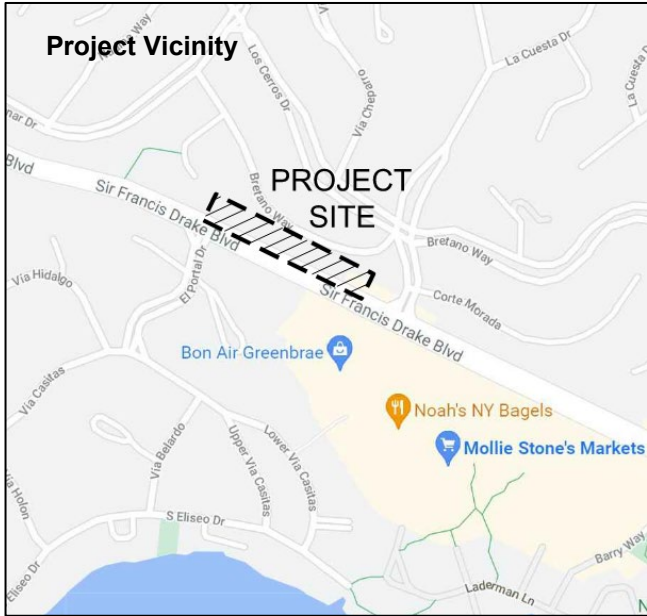
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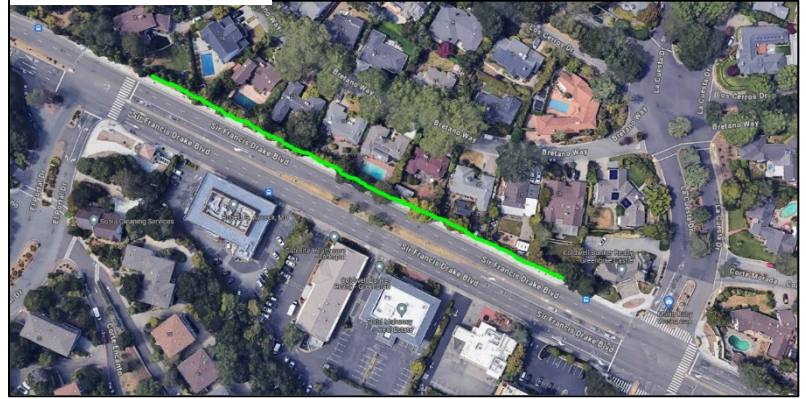
# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – PROJECT LOCATION

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### Project Area



Project area end near La Questa



Project area middle La Cuesta and El Portal



Project area end near El Portal

