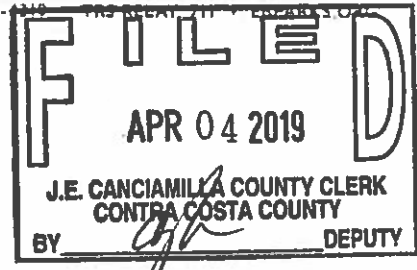




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Thursday, March 21, 2019



**SUBJECT:** NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
**PROJECT TITLE:** GLENSLIDE OLIVEIRA BRIDGE REPLACEMENT  
**PROJECT LOCATION:** LAFAYETTE TO MORAGA TRAIL - LAFAYETTE, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

**PROJECT PURPOSE & DESCRIPTION:**

The purpose of this maintenance repair project is to improve public safety and accessibility by replacing the existing deteriorating bridge within the Lafayette to Moraga Trail (Figure 1). A summary of the work to be accomplished is provided below;

**Project Staging** - All materials will be staged within the existing parking facilities near the north approach – northeast of the bridge. The hours of work shall be any 8.5-hour block as mutually agreed upon between the Contractor and the East Bay Regional Park District ("Park District") between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No night work shall be permitted. The project area will be closed to the public and the Lafayette-Moraga Trail will be rerouted to avoid the project area.

**Removal of damaged structures** - The existing 100 feet by 6 feet pedestrian bridge was constructed in 1976 using wood glulam beams and other wood members. The foundation consists of deep reinforced concrete piers and a reinforced concrete pile cap / abutment; the existing abutments and foundation are not damaged and will be re-used to support the replacement bridge. The damaged structure will be disposed of in compliance with the Park District's adopted sustainability policy including recycling of any lumber, metal, or concrete.

**Replacing the damaged structures** - The existing wood bridge will be demolished and replaced with a pre-fabricated 100 feet by 8 feet steel Corten bridge and re-anchored directly to the existing foundation. The new bridge will be slightly wider than the existing bridge (8 feet instead of 6 feet) but will be lighter. The prefabricated replacement bridge will be delivered in sections on a truck and then transferred to the project site via a crane. The crane will access the site from the trail approach, and it will not enter the stream area.

**Grading** – The approaches to the bridge on both sides will be graded provide uniform ground surface.

**Adverse effects** - The potential impacts to stream water quality will be avoided through best management practices which include the use of netting to catch any falling debris during demolition and special provisions in specifications requiring workers to avoid impacting creek. Any equipment or vehicles operated within or adjacent to the stream shall be checked and maintained daily to prevent leaks of materials that could be deleterious to the stream's ecosystem. Tree trimming was performed before the February 1" nesting window to avoid impacts.

**EXEMPT STATUS & REASONING:**

The Park District has reviewed the proposed project activities, along with its environmental setting, and has determined it to be exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements under *Article 19. Categorical Exemption* of the State CEQA Guidelines: *Section 15302(c)* – Replacement or Reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. The work would allow for the continuation of existing recreation consistent with the Park District's goals for the Lafayette-Moraga Trail.

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# Glenside-Oliveira Pedestrian Bridge Replacement

Lafayette to Moraga Trail  
Lafayette, Contra Costa County, CA

Figure 1

