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El Sobrante Library to get a new mini-park and parking lot renovation

The El Sobrante Library will be receiving an extensive renovation of its existing landscaping and a newly resurfaced parking lot. The work will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, November 10 and continue through the spring. The library will remain open to the public during the work. The parking lot and Reading Garden will be closed to the public. Library meeting rooms will not be available for use during closed hours. There will be limited street parking available.

The El Sobrante Library shares its location with gardens, including a reading garden, and landscaped walkways and paths leading to a riparian interpretive trail along San Pablo Creek. The work will renovate the existing landscaping along all the walkways and paths, improve the landscaping around the reading garden and remove the deteriorating parking lot surface and replace it with pervious asphalt. An existing open space located at the rear of the library will be converted into a plaza with a raised podium for community events.

“The improvements to the landscaping and parking lot will benefit all El Sobrante residents. The collaboration among the project partners is instrumental in getting the project funded and completed,” said John Gioia, Contra Costa County Supervisor, District I. “I think library customers will greatly enjoy the native landscaping, amphitheater and parking lot when work is complete,” said County Librarian Melinda Cervantes.

This project is a collaboration between public agencies and community partners led by Supervisor John Gioia, including Contra Costa County Public Works, Contra Costa County Library, Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, East Bay Regional Park District, El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council, SPAWNERS, El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce, El Sobrante Planning & Zoning Committee, and Citizens for a Greener El Sobrante.

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