

The Numbered Roads in Rancho San Pablo

When Contra Costa County built roads in Rancho San Pablo, it assigned the roads numbers rather than names. A review of old maps indicates that 30 numbered roads existed in Rancho San Pablo about 1900. The following descriptions of the numbered roads describe their location in terms of the street names and landmarks in use in 2007.

Road 1 - San Pablo Avenue from the Alameda County line north to San Pablo Dam Road.

Road 2 - San Pablo Avenue between San Pablo Dam Road and Road 20.

Road 3 - San Pablo Avenue from Road 20 to the northern boundary of Rancho San Pablo.

Road 4 - Fairmount Avenue east from San Pablo Avenue all the way to the cemetery, up Colusa and onto the EBMUD access road where Colusa turns away from the cemetery property, running just north of the EBMUD building and then up to about Kingston Road and Lenox Road where it met Road 6; continuing east south of Kingston and crossing Arlington near Wellesley, then running up to where Vassar crosses Cerrito Creek, to the reservoir and on toward Brissac in Wildcat Canyon.

Road 5 - Hill Street east from San Pablo Avenue, on up Cutting Boulevard, continuing beyond the current end of Cutting Blvd. (at Mira Vista Golf & County Club) into Wildcat Canyon. Road 5 did not make the steep climb between Fairview and Irma and on up to Arlington. Instead it followed today's Fairview Avenue and Tamalpais Avenue, then climbing up and onto Arlington Blvd. (just northwest of 1849 Arlington Boulevard), along Arlington Blvd. as it rounds the bend above Tamalpais Avenue, then back onto Cutting Blvd.

Road 6 - Montoya Avenue east from San Pablo Avenue to Glenn Avenue, east on Glenn Avenue to Sonoma Street, along Bernhard Avenue, then roughly following Kensington Ave to its dead end and then onto Arlington Blvd.; at Del Monte Avenue cutting east and then south across Mira Vista Golf & Country Club, crossing Cutting Blvd. just east of the western outlet of Pebble Beach Drive, then continuing south through the golf course property; back onto Arlington Boulevard at about 1530 Arlington and but then diverging a bit east from Arlington at Club View Drive; running along the east side of Arlington Park and then crossing Arlington at Havens Place; running down the north half of Havens and then going down to and largely following Contra Costa Drive to the El Cerrito-Kensington border; running between Franciscan Way and Highgate Road until crossing Sunset Drive at Sunset Court, then finally ending near the intersection of Kingston Road and Lenox Road, where it met Road 4. (It is known that there was a crossing of Cerrito Creek (the County Line) at the end of Eldridge Court and perhaps at some point Road 6 extended down to this crossing.)

Road 7 - San Pablo Dam Road from San Pablo Avenue to the eastern boundary of Rancho San Pablo.

Road 8 - Central Avenue west of San Pablo Avenue to about San Joaquin Street.

Road 9 - Potrero Avenue west from San Pablo Avenue. In the days before freeways, Road 9 ran, with several curves, west as far as Garrard Blvd.

Road 10 - South 47th Street from Potrero Avenue most of the way south to San Francisco Bay.

Road 11 - Macdonald Avenue west from San Pablo Avenue to 23rd Street.

Road 12 - Barrett Avenue west from 23rd Street to Garrard Blvd. and then west on Garrard Blvd. to about Cutting Blvd. Road 26 went north and Road 27 went south from the western end of Road 12.

Road 13 - Carlson Blvd. between 23rd Street and Potrero Avenue.

Road 14 - 23rd Street between Potrero Avenue and Market Avenue.

Road 15 - 10th Street north from San Francisco Bay to Lucas Avenue, east on Lucas Avenue to 13th Street, and north on 13th Street to Brookside Drive.

Road 16 - Market Avenue east from 13th Street to Church Lane and then north on Church Lane to San Pablo Avenue.

Road 17 - Brookside Drive.

Road 18 - Appian Way east from San Pablo Dam Road to Valley View Road and then continuing east on Sobrante Avenue.

Road 19 - Appian Way north from Sobrante Avenue to Allview Avenue.

Road 20 - East on Parr Blvd. from the eastern line of Rancho San Pablo Lot 201 (west of the Union Pacific Railroad) to Road 20, continuing east on Road 20 and then Interstate-80 to El Portal Drive.

Road 21 - Giant Highway from Parr Blvd. north to Point Pinole, west across the Union Pacific railroad, and then along the line dividing Rancho San Pablo lots 227 and 229 as far west as the westernmost line of lot 229.

Road 22 - Along the east side of the Union Pacific railroad from the point where Road 21 crosses the railroad to the northern boundary of Rancho San Pablo.

Road 23 - Generally southeast from the midpoint of Road 22 to the point where the north corner of Rancho San Pablo lot 240 touches San Pablo Avenue.

Road 24 - From San Pablo Avenue east on Robert H. Miller Drive, continuing east on Hilltop Drive, and then east on Manor Road to Appian Way.

Road 25 - Chesley Avenue.

Road 26 - North along the western edge of the slough north of Road 12, from Road 12 to San Pablo Bay.

Road 27 - Western Drive from Point Molate south to Dornan Drive, along Dornan Drive south to Brickyard Cove Road, east along Brickyard Cove Road to Seacliff Drive, north along Seacliff Drive

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Road 28 - Ran east-west a little north of today's Marine Drive, between Roads 26 and 27.

Road 29 - McBryde Avenue east from Sonoma Avenue to Park Avenue, then east on Park Avenue.

Road 30 - Ran east into Wildcat Canyon from about the intersection of Highland Avenue and Taft Avenue.