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Dear Airfield Park Neighbors:

The City of Santa Rosa has hired Argonaut Construction to build Airfield Neighborhood Park, located at Northpoint Parkway and Fresno Avenue. As you know, this park project has been delayed for many years due to various reasons. We want to assure you this is a priority project for the City. Construction of Airfield Park is projected to begin in Spring of 2010.

Since your neighborhood was created, the California tiger salamander was listed as Endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has jurisdiction over this species, and is currently reviewing the City's Airfield Park project. The Service has determined the salamanders must be removed before park construction can start.

In order to proceed with construction of this park, a passive ramp and fence system will be used to guide the salamanders to an adjacent site. California tiger salamanders migrate to breeding ponds only at night during the first few heavy rains of the year. In order to prevent the salamanders from migrating onto a roadway, the ramp system will include a temporary migration corridor across Fresno Avenue. (see reverse)

A short portion of Fresno Avenue between Northpoint Parkway and Maitland Avenue will be closed for a brief period in order to provide the salamanders a safe migration corridor to protected land to the east of the park site. The period of closure will depend on the rains, but most likely will be between November 1 and December 31. In order to keep you informed about the progress of this park, we have created a webpage dedicated to the project: www.srcity.org/airfieldpark

In the coming weeks Argonaut Construction will be installing a temporary chain link fence around the park site in addition to silt fencing that will be used to guide the salamanders during their migration. It is vital that any vandalism of the fencing be reported immediately to the City's Public Works Department at 543-3800, so the damage can be repaired and the integrity of the fencing maintained. Should the fencing be damaged or the salamander migration disrupted, the park project could be further delayed. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service might then require an additional year to ensure all salamanders have been removed from the site before construction can proceed.

We are counting on the support and assistance of your neighborhood to ensure the removal of the salamanders in a successful manner. Fresno Avenue will be re-opened as soon as the salamanders have safely migrated off the Airfield Park site.

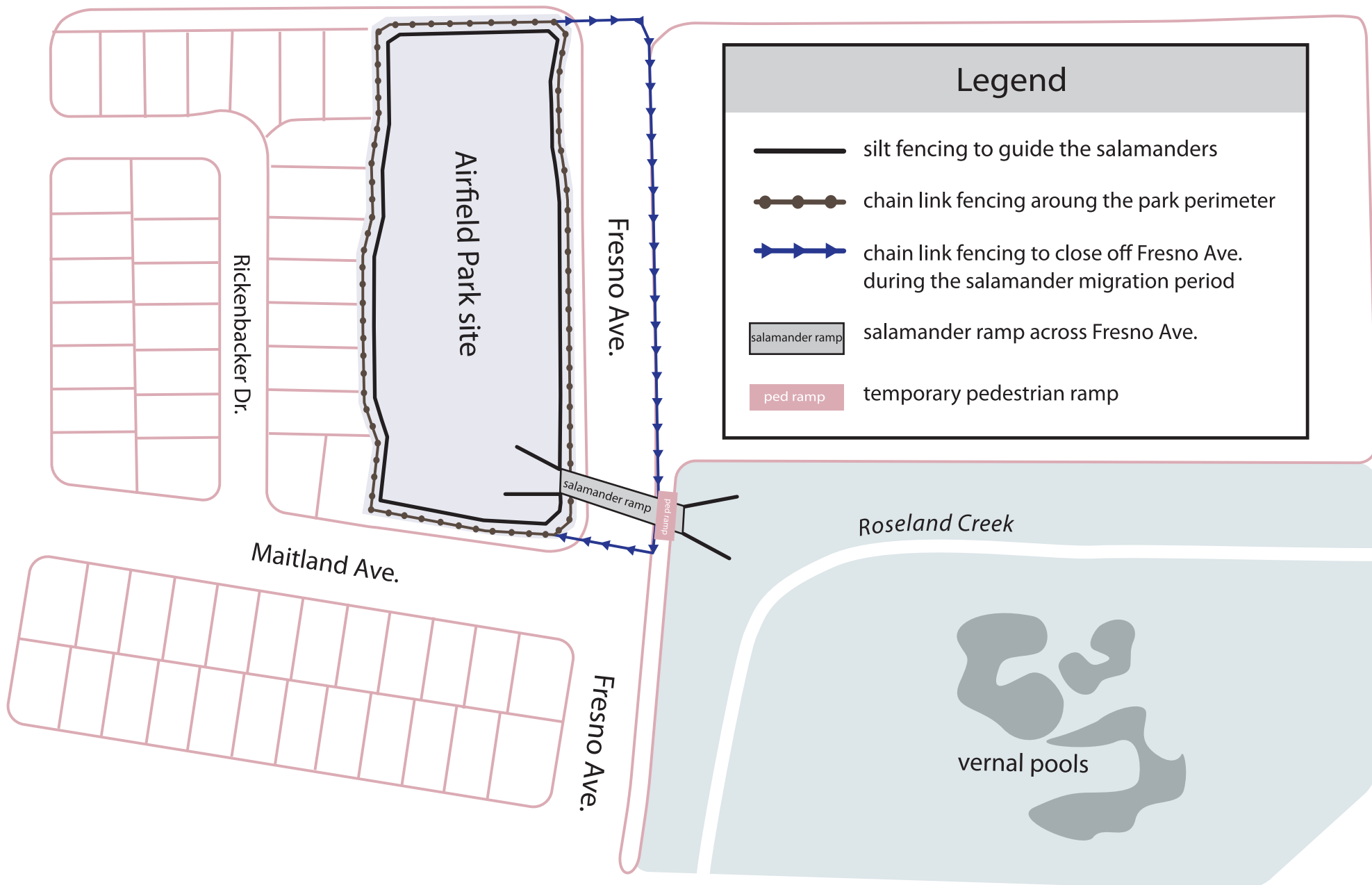
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Northpoint Parkway

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Legend

-  silt fencing to guide the salamanders
-  chain link fencing around the park perimeter
-  chain link fencing to close off Fresno Ave. during the salamander migration period
-  salamander ramp across Fresno Ave.
-  temporary pedestrian ramp

Airfield Park site

Fresno Ave.

Rickenbacker Dr.

Maitland Ave.

Fresno Ave.

Roseland Creek

vernal pools

salamander ramp

ped ramp