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View, Mission de los Dolores

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(Camino Real de San Jose)
Mission San Jose,
San Leandro,
Oakland, San Pablo,
Mission San Rafael

or to
Benicia, Mission San Francisco Solano de
Sonoma

or to
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Presidio
Maps of El Camino Real, 1912
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San Rafael Mission San Francisco
Presidio
San Francisco water front by water to Mission
San Francisco water front from the
The road closes to

Sonoma
San Rafael de
Benedict, Mission San

San Rafael
Mission San Rafael
Caldwell, San Pablo
San Leonardo
Mission San Jose
José
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San Mateo County, Hayward, Ocean
San Mateo, Califo. Redwood City
San Bruno, Califo. Pacific Grove
San Francisco, Alameda
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