

June 10, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT
TO ADOPT A PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

County File No. 19-26

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the “Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970” as amended to date, this is to advise you that the Department of Conservation and Development of Contra Costa County has prepared an Initial Study for the following project:

PROJECT NAME: Contra Costa County Routine Maintenance Program

LEAD AGENCY: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development
Contact: Telma Moreira, Principal Planner (925) 674-7783

APPLICANT: Contra Costa County Public Works Department/Flood Control and Water Conservation District

LOCATION: The proposed program is located at County-maintained flood control channels, basins, bridges, access roads and ramps, and other minor storm drainage facilities in Contra Costa County, California. The program area is organized by three general regions: (1) West County, which includes maintenance facilities in Richmond, San Pablo, Pinole, and Rodeo; (2) Central County which includes facilities in Danville, Alamo, San Ramon, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Concord, Martinez, and Pittsburg; and (3) East County which includes facilities in Brentwood, Discovery Bay, Oakley and Antioch.

ZONING: Various

DESCRIPTION: The Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) and the Contra Costa County Public Works Department (Department) (collectively referred to as the County) are both responsible for conducting routine maintenance activities throughout Contra Costa County to ensure that facilities are properly functioning and operational. The County has developed the Routine Maintenance Program Manual to describe the various routine maintenance activities conducted by the County. The Manual provides a comprehensive and consistent approach to conducting routine maintenance activities consistent with regulatory requirements and incorporates Best Management Practices to avoid impacts to the environment and sensitive resources. Primary maintenance activities include culvert repair and replacement; sediment removal from channels, basins, and culverts; trash and debris removal; and vegetation trimming and removal along and within channels.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Initial Study for the proposed project identified potentially significant impacts in the environmental area of Biological Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Noise. Environmental analysis determined that measures were available to mitigate potential adverse impacts to insignificant levels. As a result, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(c), 21063.5, and Article 6 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Pursuant to the requirements of CEQA (CEQA Guidelines Section 15071) the MND describes the proposed project; identifies, analyzes, and evaluates the potential significant environmental impacts, which may result from the proposed project; and identifies measures to mitigate adverse environmental impacts. Mitigations identified in this document designed for the proposed project will ensure that the project will not cause a significant impact on the environment.

A copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) may be reviewed at the Contra Costa County Public Works Department, 255 Glacier Drive, . Martinez. However due to changing circumstances related to Covid 19, hours may be affected. Please check the Public Works website for updated hours <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/227/Public-Works>.

The MND can also be viewed online at the following link: <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/4841/Public-Input>. Documents referenced in the MND can be provided upon request by contacting the project analyst (contact information provided below)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The period for accepting comments on the adequacy of the environmental document is from **June 17, 2020 to July 17, 2020**. Any comments should be in writing and submitted to the following address and/or e-mail address:

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The environmental document is expected to go before the County Board of Supervisors on **August 11, 2020**. To confirm the Board date, please contact Avé Brown at (925) 313-2311.