

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To:
 Office of Planning and Research
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From:
Contra Costa County
Dept. of Conservation and Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 655-2705

County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553

Project Lead Agency: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development,
30 Muir Rd., Martinez, CA 94553 Phone: 925-655-2705

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021100347

Project Title: Walnut and Grayson Creeks Desilting Project; WO#8334, CP# 21-29

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553, Alex Nattkemper, (925) 313-2364,
alex.nattkemper@pw.cccounty.us

Project Location: Unincorporated Contra Costa County, City of Concord, and City of Pleasant Hill

Lead Agency Contact: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, Syd Sotoodeh, (925) 655-2877, syd.sotoodeh@dcd.cccounty.us

Project Description: Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District), in cooperation with the Contra Costa County Public Works Department (CCCPWD), proposes to remove sediment from Walnut and Grayson Creeks that has accumulated since the last desilt operation in 2006 (Project). This work is part of periodic maintenance of these channels as required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In their current state, the hydraulic capacity of both channels is reduced from the design capacity due to siltation. The hydraulic function of these channels is critical to the operations of the District facilities in the area, and this Project will help regain the hydraulic capacity of both channels. The proposed desilt locations are as follows: Grayson Creek from Chilpancingo Parkway to Imhoff Drive; and Walnut Creek from approximately 1,200 feet downstream of Diamond Boulevard to approximately 1,300 feet downstream of Concord Avenue. These reaches were chosen due to their cost-effectiveness and ability to provide the most flood risk reduction in high-priority areas of Concord, Pleasant Hill, Pacheco, and Vine Hill while minimizing impacts to Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) such as wetlands and marshes. The vertical limit of sediment removal (2 to 7 feet) will be to the original designed geometry of the channels, derived from the as-built plans. A total of about 172,300 cubic yards (cy) of sediment will be removed; 129,800 cy from Walnut Creek and 42,500 cy from Grayson Creek. All ESAs in the vicinity will be separated from the work by a temporary fence or flagging, with an additional 2-foot berm buffering the creek channel from excavation. After desilting, the disturbed areas at all Project sites will be reseeded with a mixture of native plants. Work is proposed to occur from April to October of two consecutive years expected to start in 2023.

The project was approved on: May 17, 2022, by the County Board of Supervisors

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Notice of Determination sent to Office of Planning and Research.

This is to certify that the final Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/73004/Final-CEQA-for-DCD-website-CP21-29?bidId=>

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation & Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

Signature:  Title: Planner II

Print Name: Syd Sotoodeh Date: May 17, 2022

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on _____ I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due:

Applicant's Name: Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Address: 255 Glacier Drive Martinez, CA 94553 Phone: (925) 313-2364	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; width: 50px;"> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">x</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">x</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">x</td></tr> <tr><td style="height: 20px;"> </td></tr> </table>		x	x	x		EIR - \$3,539.25 Neg. Dec. - \$2,548.00 County Clerk - \$50.00 DCD- \$25.00	Total Due: \$ Total Paid: \$ Receipt #
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