



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and
Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Basket Removal with CPS Replacement and Trash Capture Augmentation Project, Project #0662-6U4167, CP#22-11

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553
Main: (925) 313-2000, Contact: Laura Cremin, (925) 313-2015

Project Location: Countywide at various unincorporated locations

Lead Agency: Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553
Main: (925) 655-2705, Contact: Syd Sotoodeh (925) 655-2877

Project Description: The County will install new trash capture devices (affixed to existing storm drain systems) and replace existing trash capture devices with more efficient types of devices. The purpose of this project is to reduce trash flow into creeks and reduce maintenance costs. The County is a permittee of the Regional Water Quality Control Board's Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP 2.0 and Tentative Order MRP 3.0). Under this permit the County is required to reduce the amount of trash that reaches San Francisco Bay by 90% in 2023. Full trash capture is one of the control measures used to reduce trash from a moderate, high, or very high level, as specified on the County's trash generation maps, to a low trash rate.

The two types of trash capture devices that will be installed are connector pipe screens (full trash capture device) and automatic retractable screens (partial trash capture device). The connector pipe screens are installed in storm drains in front of the outlet pipe of the drain's catch basin to prevent trash from flowing out. The automatic retractable screens are installed in front of curb inlets to prevent trash from entering the catch basin of the storm drain system. The screens automatically retract during large storms to prevent flooding.

The County will identify new strategic locations to install connector pipe screen devices and automatic retractable screens in areas with moderate or greater trash generation. The County will also remove existing trash capture devices, referred to as baskets, and replace them with connector pipe screens. There are approximately 98 baskets in the Bay Point, El Sobrante, and Pacheco areas. These baskets will be replaced with approximately 40 connector pipe screens, which have a larger drainage area (fewer units provide the same level of trash load reduction) and are easier to maintain. Five of the catch basins associated with these replacements will also have automatic retractable screens installed.

The County will install the trash capture devices in areas where the County has property rights (i.e., fee title ownership or existing easements); therefore, the project will not require right-of-way acquisition or easements. No excavation or vegetation/tree removal will be necessary. The project will not require utility adjustments or relocations. Temporary traffic control may be necessary.

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15302[c])
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a]) General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c]) Other Statutory Exemption (Sec.)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities in the same location and with the same purpose and capacity as the facility replaced or reconstructed involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302(c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Sybil Sotwadeh Date 04/14/2022 Title Planner II

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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

Applicant

Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Laura Cremin *cg*
Environmental Services Division
Phone: 313-2015

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

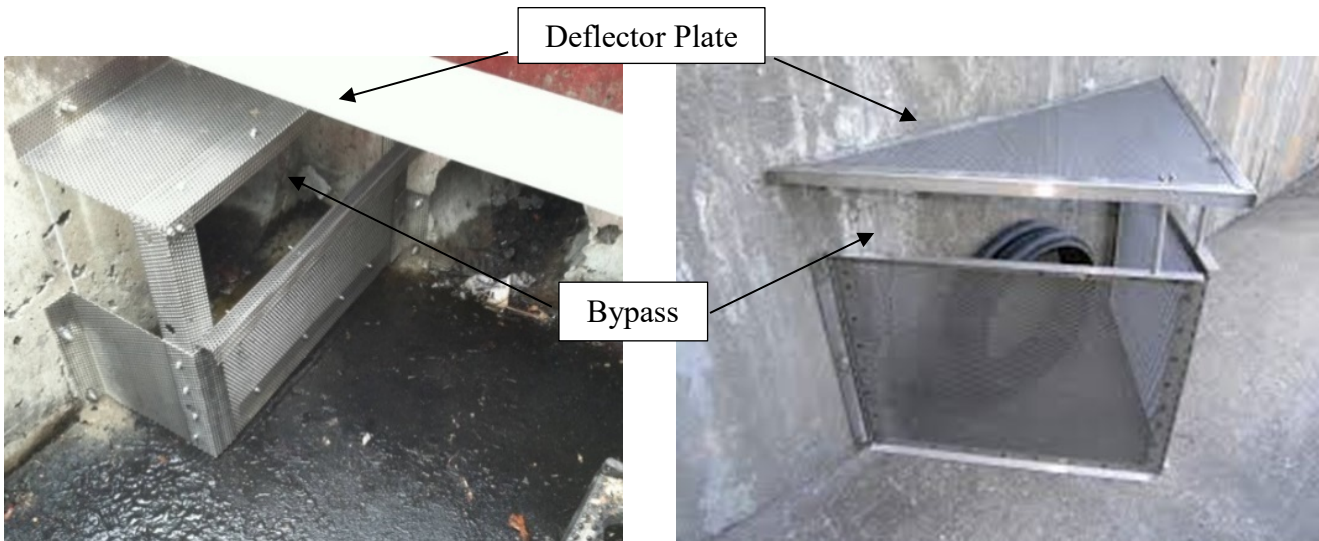
- De Minimis Finding - \$0
- County Clerk - \$50
- Conservation and Development - \$25

Total Due: \$75

Receipt #: _____



Example baskets (top hats and crescent types). Approximately 98 baskets to be removed in Bay Point, El Sobrante, and Pacheco areas.



Example connector pipe screens. To be installed Countywide in strategic locations, including to replace the baskets (40 connector pipe screens would service the same drainage area as 98 basket devices)



Example automatic retractable screens. To be installed Countywide in strategic locations.

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FIGURE 1: Example Photos of Trash Capture Devices