



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: Proposed Zoning Text Amendment to the County Zoning Code Chapter 82-44 (Temporary Events Ordinance) to prohibit unpermitted commercial temporary events, establish standards for temporary events in agricultural zoning districts, establish new enforcement mechanisms, and related provisions. (County File #CDZT22-00003).

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

Project Location: Countywide

Lead Agency: Contra Costa County, Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA

Contact Person: Jennifer Cruz, (925) 655-2867

Project Description: A Zoning Text Amendment to the County Zoning Code Chapter 82-44 to establish specific land use permit conditions for an event venue located in an agricultural zoning district and establish noise restrictions applicable to all permitted and unpermitted events. This ordinance also further regulates commercial events by: prohibiting unpermitted commercial events; holding commercial event organizers, in addition to property owners, liable for illegal commercial events; and authorizing Sheriff's deputies, in addition to code enforcement officers, to enforce Chapter 82-44.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, (925) 655-2705

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a])
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c])
- Categorical Exemption (Sec.)
- General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
- Other Statutory Exemption (Sec.15274)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The zoning text amendment is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), which provides that a project is exempt from CEQA when it is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and does not apply where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility of a significant effect. The zoning text amendment would amend to Chapter 82-44 (Temporary Events) to include additional land use permit conditions for events located in an agricultural zoning district, additional noise restrictions, additional restrictions on commercial events, and authorization for additional enforcement pathways for violations of the ordinance. These amendments would establish more restrictive regulations on a use already permitted in the County.

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: Jennifer Cruz Date: 03/07/24 Title: Principal Planner
 Jennifer Cruz
 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

Name: Jennifer Cruz
Department of Conservation and Development
Address: 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553
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Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

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

Total Due: _____

Receipt #: _____