



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: Wildcat Canyon Road Slope Failure Repair, Project #: WO6266, CP#: 24-13

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553
Main: (925) 313-2000, Contact: Sandeep Kajla, (925) 313-2022

Project Location: Wildcat Canyon Road approximately 500 feet west of San Pablo Dam Road near the City of Orinda, APN: 267-030-021

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 purpose of this project is to repair an embankment failure and reconstruct the roadway to restore two-way traffic to a stretch of Wildcat Canyon Road that was damaged during the 2023 winter storm events. The road is currently closed to vehicular traffic.

The embankment will be repaired by constructing a soldier pile wall and reconstructing a storm drain culvert that crosses under the roadway. The cantilever soldier pile wall will be approximately 180-feet long. The top of the wall will be protected with a cable railing system. The wall requires steel piles set in 36-inch diameter, 35-foot-deep drilled holes. Excavations up to approximately 20 feet will be required to install soldier pile wall lagging. No pile impact-driving will occur. The backfill will be comprised of lightweight cellular concrete. Approximately 245 linear feet of roadway will be reconstructed. Guard railing will be installed. The roadway thermoplastic striping will conform with the existing striping. The damaged cross culvert will be replaced with a 30-inch diameter pipe on the same alignment as the existing culvert. Roadway surface storm runoff will be contained with an asphalt concrete dike placed under the guard railing. Equipment staging will likely occur adjacent to the slide, within the currently closed roadway.

Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) including but not limited to erosion control such as fiber rolls, and hydroseeding temporarily disturbed areas will be implemented during construction. Approximately seven trees will be removed. Real property transactions, including right-of-way acquisition and permanent and temporary easements, will be necessary in support of this project. Utility relocations may be needed. The project is anticipated to start in summer of 2025 and take approximately 80 days to complete. No night or weekend work is anticipated.

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Categorical Exemption 15301(c) and 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 activity consists of the repair and reconstruction of an existing street and associated embankment failure, involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) and 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: Syd Sotoodeh Date: August 27, 2024 Title: Senior Planner

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: Sandeep Kajla 
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2022

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

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

Total Due: \$75 _____

Receipt #: _____