



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: [X] Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and
Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

[X] County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Kensington Library – HVAC Replacement, Project #: WH426A, CP#: 24-18

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553
Main: (925) 313-2000, Contact: Shravan Sundaram, (925) 313-2366

Project Location: 61 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94708; APN 572-040-003

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 current HVAC system, located behind the library, only provides heating and
has reached the end of its life cycle. The new system will be replaced in the same location and will be all
electric and provide heating and cooling. The electrical switchboard will also be upgraded for future
services. Ground disturbance and excavation is anticipated to a maximum depth of approximately 4 feet
for an outdoor equipment pad and piping connections to the back of the building. Vegetation removal
and utility relocations may be necessary. Equipment staging is anticipated in paved areas. Construction
is anticipated to begin sometime in 2025 and take approximately one year to complete.

Exempt Status:

- [ ] Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) [X] Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301(a) & 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 a minor alteration to an existing public structure
(library) through replacement of an existing utility (HVAC system), involving negligible or no expansion
of use, pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15301 and 15302 of the CEQA Statute and 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 [ ] Yes [ ] No
project?

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: August 27, 2024 Title: Senior Planner

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

- [X] 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.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**Applicant**

Public Works Department  
255 Glacier Drive  
Martinez, CA 94553  
Attn: Shravan Sundaram *cg*  
Environmental Services Division  
Phone: (925) 313-2366

**Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due**

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

Total Due: \$75

Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_