

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

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

**From:** (Public Agency): Contra Costa Resource Conservation District  
2001 Clayton Rd., Suite #200  
Concord, CA 94520

(Address)

Project Title: Pinole Library Riparian Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Contra Costa Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

**West bank of Pinole Creek on Pinole Library property, at (37.992411, -122.284538)**

Project Location - City: Pinole Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This is a riparian restoration project that will involve removal of invasive plants (mostly English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, privet, and smilgrass) in the riparian corridor and replacement with native plantings. Soil bioengineering techniques (the embedding and rooting of native riparian tree cuttings) will be employed to stabilize creek banks and prevent erosion. The project will improve habitat for native wildlife and help to control invasive plant species.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Contra Costa Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 33; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15333
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:


"Class 33 consists of projects not to exceed five acres in size to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife." This project site is approximately 0.4 acres, well below the five acre limit.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Chris Lim Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 925-269-9190

**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:  Date: 1/27/25 Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_