



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: Piper Road Culvert Replacement, Project #WO6243, and CP#21-23
Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553, (925) 313-2000, Contact: Sandeep Kajla, (925) 313-2022, sandeep.kajla@pw.cccounty.us
Project Location: Piper Road, 475 feet north of its intersection with Gateway Road, in unincorporated Bethel Island in east Contra Costa County. APNs: 029-050-014, 029-060-022, 030-130-006, and 030-130-012
Lead Agency: Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553
Contact Person: Syd Sotoodeh (925) 655-2877 syd.sotoodeh@dcd.cccounty.us

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to replace a failing culvert beneath Piper Road with a new culvert and to repair the roadway. The existing culvert is 52-inch high x 40-inch wide corrugated steel pipe arch that will be replaced with a 54-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe and two concrete flared ends. The culvert conveys flows from an artificial drainage ditch. The project will generally consist of trench excavation and backfill, removal of existing pipe, placement of new pipe, placement of rock slope protection, placement of trash racks, placement of aggregate base and asphalt pavement, and delineators and striping. The ditch in the immediate vicinity of the culvert replacement will be dewatered prior to construction. Excavations up to approximately 12 feet in depth are anticipated for the culvert replacement. All heavy machinery will be operated from the existing roadway. All equipment will be operated from the top of the ditch embankment.

At least one lane will remain open at all times and emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Real Estate transactions, including right-of-way acquisition, may be necessary. Utility relocation, temporary traffic control, and vegetation trimming and removal may be necessary. No night or weekend work is anticipated. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer of 2026 and take approximately 5 weeks to complete.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) Categorical Exemption 15301(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/project consists of the replacement of an existing culvert and repair/reconstruction of the existing roadway with no expansion of use pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(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* Title: Senior Planner Date: Feb. 24, 2025

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 *dkc*
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2022

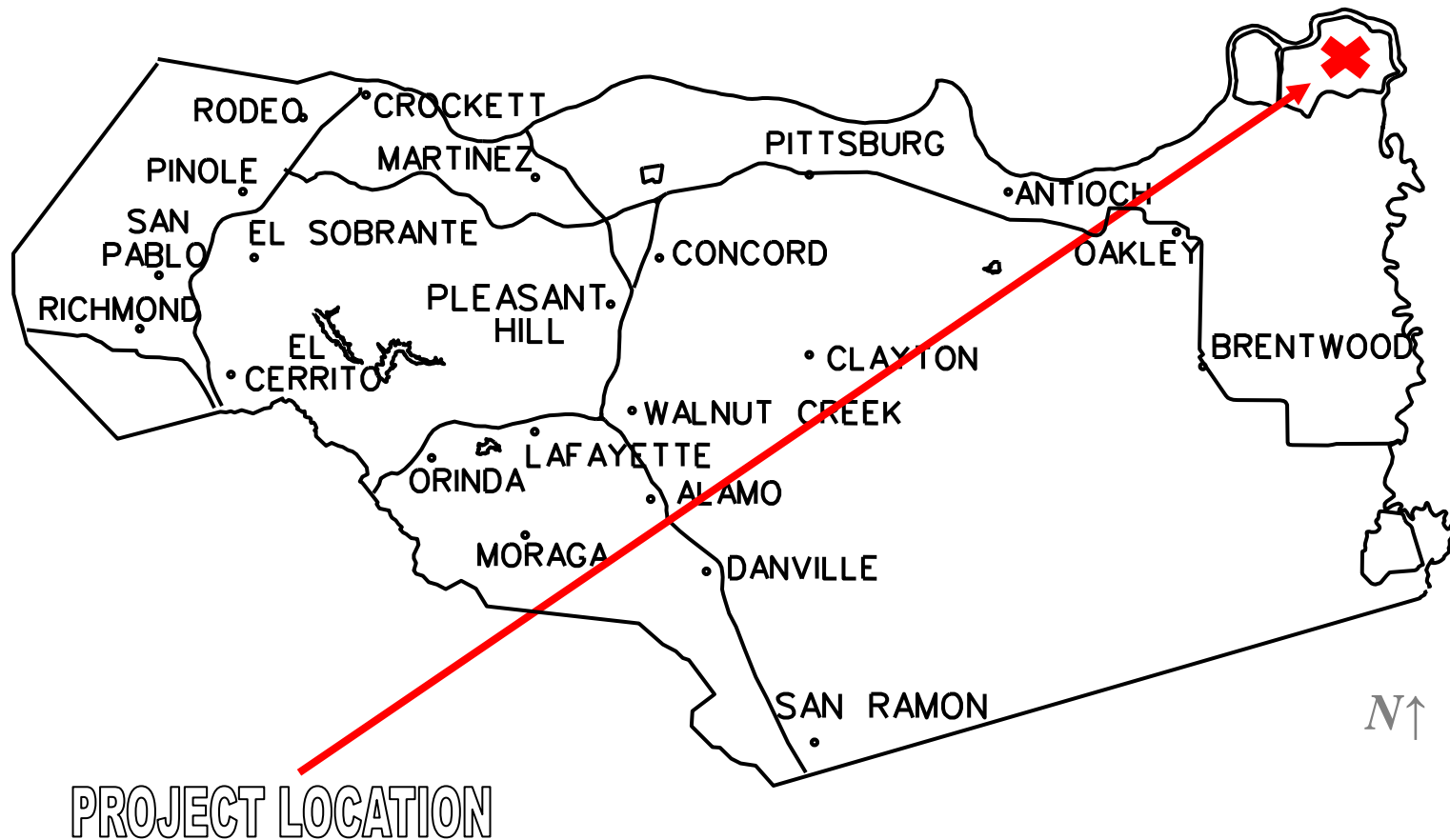
Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

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

Total Due: _____

Receipt #: _____

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Project Site

Piper Road Sinkhole and Culvert Repair Project

FIGURE 2: Project Vicinity Map