



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: [X] Office of Planning and Research
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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: Deer Valley Road Traffic Safety Improvements, Project #: WO4166, CP#24-26

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA
94553 Main: (925) 313-2000, Contact: Claudia Gemberling, (925) 313-2192

Project Location: Four Locations along Deer Valley Road from the Empire Mine Road intersection to
the Briones Valley Road intersection, unincorporated east Contra Costa County, CA 94531

Lead Agency: Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94533
Main: (925) 655-2705, Contact: Syd Sotoodeh (925) 655-2877

Project Description: The purpose of this project is to provide roadway safety improvements along four
curves on Deer Valley Road. This project consists of installing dynamic/variable speed feedback signs
and roadside warning signs, installing guardrail, and widening curves. Curve 1 will install two speed
feedback signs, widen the shoulder by six feet for approximately 350 linear feet, and place shoulder
backing along the edge of the pavement. Curve 2 will install one speed feedback sign and replace the
existing Chevron warning signs to a more reflective material. Curve 3 will widen the existing pavement
by two feet, install one speed feedback sign, and approximately 500 linear feet of new guardrail. Curve
4 will widen the gravel shoulder to six feet from the edge of pavement and install eight Chevron warning
signs along the curve and install two speed feedback signs. Ground excavation to a depth of
approximately six feet will be necessary for installation of speed feedback signs and guardrail. Vegetation
trimming may be necessary. Three mature eucalyptus trees will be removed to increase visibility on one
curve.

The project is in the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and will comply with
HCP requirements. Real estate transactions and utility relocations will be necessary. Construction is
anticipated to begin in summer 2026 and take approximately two months to complete; temporary traffic
control is expected to last for approximately the same period. Emergency vehicles will have access at all
times.

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. 15301[c])
General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
Other Statutory Exemption (Sec. )

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of minor alterations of an existing roadway to
increase roadway safety 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 Date: 11/27/2024 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

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Title

**Applicant**

Public Works Department  
255 Glacier Drive  
Martinez, CA 94553  
Attn: Claudia Gemberling  
Environmental Services  
Division Phone: 313-2192

**Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due**

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

Total Due: \$75

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