



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

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

From: Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and
Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

[X] County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Pine Creek Basin Dam Geotechnical Investigation, Project # WO8357, CP#: 25-08

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Flood Control District, 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553
(925) 313-2000, Contact: Claudia Gemberling (925) 313-2192
claudia.gemberling@pw.cccounty.us

Project Location: Between Castle Rock Road and North Gate Road, unincorporated area east of Walnut
Creek, APN 125-010-023

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 geotechnical investigation is to
characterize the subsurface conditions to support a seismic assessment of the dam. Soil samples will be
collected from borings and analyzed to classify the dam foundation material. Soil boring depths will range
between 40 and 80 feet. Borings will be backfilled with bentonite/cement grout as required by the Contra Costa
County Environmental Health Department permit. Drilled-out soil will be disposed of at the appropriate landfill.
The investigation is anticipated to occur in 2025 and is expected to take approximately one week to complete.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) [X] Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15306)
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 project consists of information collection (soil investigation) that will not
result in a major disturbance to the environment pursuant to Article 19, Section 15306 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: [Handwritten Signature] Title: Senior Planner Date: March 27, 2025

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.

Signature

Title

Applicant

Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Claudia Gemberling
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2192

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

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

Total Due: _____ Receipt #: _____