



**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption**

To: 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

County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Highland Road Erosion Repair, WO#6259, CP#23-30
Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553, (925) 313-2000, Contact: Shravan Sundaram, (925) 313-2366, shravan.sundaram@pw.cccounty.us
Project Location: Highland Road approximately 50 feet northwest of the T-junction of Highland Road and Collier Canyon Road, unincorporated Contra Costa County near the City of San Ramon
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 this project is to repair the road shoulder, guardrail, and embankment along the eastbound lane of Highland Road which was damaged by the 2023 winter storms.

The embankment will be repaired by constructing an approximately 16-ft long soldier pile wall, restoring the existing shoulder and damaged roadway. In addition, the project will install rock slope protection and an overside drain to convey road runoff away from the embankment and into the Tassajara Creek tributary. Restoration of the inlet, outlet, and culvert may be necessary. Ground disturbance will occur and the maximum depth of excavation is anticipated to be approximately 35 feet for the soldier pile wall. Vegetation trimming and removal of one tree is anticipated. Appropriate best management practices including but not limited to erosion control such as hydroseeding temporarily disturbed areas and installing fiber rolls, storm drain inlet protection, will be implemented upon construction completion. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026 and take approximately two months to complete.

Real property transactions, including but not limited to, right-of-way acquisition and permanent and temporary easements, and utility relocations may be necessary in support of this project. Night or weekend work may be necessary and will be performed in accordance with local guidelines. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County

Exempt Status:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301(c) and 15302(c)) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a]) | <input type="checkbox"/> General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3]) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c]) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Statutory Exemption (Sec.) |

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the repair and reconstruction of an existing street and associated embankment failure with no addition of travel lanes. Therefore, the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing use/capacity and is exempt pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) and 15302(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: April 8, 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: Shravan Sundaram 
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: _____

Receipt #: _____