

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Notice of Exemption

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
651 PINE STREET 2ND FLOOR NORTH WING MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA 94553

Telephone: (925) 313-2190

Contact Person: Kimani Birden - Public Works Dept.

Project Title, Description, Common Name (if any) and Location: Hillside Drive Sidewalk Gap Closure Project, Project No. 0676-6P1025 , SCH or CP#:12-03

Project Description: The purpose of this project is to close a sidewalk gap (approximately 225 feet long) on the east side of Hillside Drive just before Castro Ranch Road. The sidewalk gap is earthen, uneven and does not provide all weather access to pedestrian traffic. The closure of this sidewalk gap will improve access to Olinda Elementary School, Kennedy Grove Regional Recreational Area, and transit stops. The western side of Hillside Drive currently has no sidewalk facilities; therefore the proposed Hillside Drive Sidewalk Gap Closure Project will improve the surrounding communities' pedestrian access.

The project will construct 225 feet of new sidewalk on the eastern side of Hillside Drive south of the Castro Ranch Road intersection. The proposed sidewalk will be complaint with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Additionally, the project will construct three ADA compliant curb ramps. Shrub and tree branches will need to be trimmed before the placement of the new sidewalk, and in order to minimize potential damage to trees, any roots exposed will be cut cleanly. No tree removal will occur. A new crosswalk will be striped between Hillside Drive and Olinda Road along the eastern side of Hillside Drive for improved access to Olinda Elementary School. Utility, sign, and culvert extension may be necessary in support of the project. Culvert extension will occur on the roadway end of the culvert. One lane will be open during construction at all times. Real property transactions, including right-of-way acquisition and encroachment permits may be necessary in support of this project.

General Plan Conformance with the City of Richmond may be necessary.

Project location: The project is located in west Contra Costa County in the unincorporated community of El Sobrante.

This project is exempt from CEQA as a:

- ☐ Ministerial Project (Sec. 15268)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption, Class 1c
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269(a))
- ☐ Other Statutory Exemption, Section
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 15269(b) or (c))
- ☐ General Rule of Applicability [Section 15061 (b) (3)]

for the following reason(s): The project consist of the minor alteration of existing public structures, involving negligible expansion of use.

Date: By: Dept. of Conservation and Development Representative

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:	Department of Fish and Game Fees Due	Total Due: \$ 75.00
Public Works Department 255 Glacier Drive Martinez, CA 94553 Attn: Kimani Birden Environmental Section	☐ EIR - \$2,919 ☐ Neg. Dec. - \$2,101. ⁵⁰ ☐ Mit. Neg. Dec. - \$2,101. ⁵⁰ ☒ County Clerk - \$50 ☒ Department of Conservation and Development - \$25	Total Paid \$ Receipt #:

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