

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: [] Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
[] County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa
From: Contra Costa County
Dept. of Conservation & Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015052041
Project Title: Balfour Road Shoulder Widening
CP#: 15-06; WO#: 0662-6R4002

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department

Project Location: Sellers Avenue (Brentwood) to Bixler Road (Discovery Bay), East Contra Costa County (Figure 1)

Project Description: Contra Costa County Public Works Department (CCCPWD) plans to widen Balfour Road to bring the shoulders up to current design standard to provide a driver recovery area and a bike lane. The project segment is approximately three miles long and is a narrow, two-lane road that receives substantial traffic as it is used as a thoroughfare between Brentwood and Discovery Bay as well as a commuter route to State Route 4. The project consists of widening the existing 18- to 20-foot pavement width to 36 feet wide (two 12-foot wide travel lanes with 6-foot wide paved shoulders/bike lanes and 2-foot wide shoulder backing on each side). The project does not increase the number of travel lanes and will therefore not increase the capacity of the roadway. The majority of the widening will occur along the south side of Balfour Road. The segment between Byron Highway and Bixler Road will require adding 16 to 18 feet of asphalt pavement primarily along the south side of the road. The segment between Sellers Avenue and Byron Highway will require adding 16 to 28 feet of asphalt pavement along the south side. Left turn lane pockets will be added on the east and west legs of Balfour Road at Byron Highway and a left turn pocket lane will be added on the west leg of Balfour Road at Bixler Road. A drainage system consisting of an open roadside ditch and underground pipe will be installed to collect and convey roadside runoff. The existing County road ROW varies from 40 feet to 100 feet. CCCPWD will need to acquire strips of land in those areas where the existing ROW cannot accommodate the shoulder widening, and utility relocations. The strips of land to be acquired vary between 5 to 15 feet along the north side of Balfour Road from various parcels and between 5 to 44 feet from various parcels along the south side of the road. The ECCID holds easements and fee titles within some of the parcels where they have their canal and underground pipe facilities. Residential landscape trees and fences located within the proposed ROW will need to be removed. Temporary construction easements will also be needed for construction staging areas. Construction of the project is anticipated to start in 2017 and take approximately six months to complete.

The project was approved on:

- 1. The project [] will [X] will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. [] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. [X] A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3. Mitigation measures [X] were [] were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [X] was [] was not adopted for this project.
- 5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [] was [X] was not adopted for this project.
- 6. Findings [X] were [] were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Notice of Determination was sent to Office of Planning and Research.*

This is to certify that the final Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Contra Costa County Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553

Signature (Contra Costa County): Title:

Date: Date Received for filing at OPR:

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:

Table with 3 columns: Applicant information, Department of Fish and Game Fees Due, and Total Due/Paid/Receipt information.

*Notice of Determination may be sent by fax to (916) 323-3018, if followed up with a duplicate mailed copy.