

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Contra Costa County
Dept. of Conservation & Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa

Project Title: Clifton Court Road Bridge Repair & CP#15-36
Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department

Project Location: The project is located along Clifton Court Road on Clifton Court Road Bridge that crosses Italian Slough, in south east Contra Costa County: Project Location - County: Contra Costa

The Public Works Department (PWD) plans to conduct repairs to an existing bridge over Italian Slough. The Clifton Court Road Bridge is a 94 foot long timber bridge. Italian Slough eventually enters Clifton Court Forebay, an artificial reservoir in the San Joaquin River Delta. The bridge was built in 1950 and is now in need of maintenance. The purpose of this project is to repair eroded areas around the bridge abutments (Abutments 1 and 6) and repair deteriorating elements (rotting timbers) on the bridge. The project includes stabilizing eroded areas near the bridge structures (abutments, cutoff and retaining walls), as well as replacement of missing and deteriorating timbers along the length of the bridge, as needed. The existing eroded area near the cutoff wall at Abutment 6 (east side of bridge) will have rip rap placed along the abutment face. The missing and deteriorating timbers at Abutment 1 will be replaced with new timber boards. The void behind Abutment 1 will be filled with drain rock wrapped in filter fabric, extending approximately 3 feet beyond the back of the timber retaining wall. Some of the timber replacements near the center of the bridge may be accessed via water craft or bucket truck from the deck that will hang workers over the side of the bridge. No work platforms will be anchored in the slough. The project is located within the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP) Service Area and is a covered project (Bridge Repair). PWD will implement applicable avoidance and minimization measures defined by the HCP/NCCP. In addition, the work falls within potential habitat for Delta smelt, longfin smelt, and steelhead; therefore, consultation with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will be conducted prior to construction to ensure impacts to these fish species are avoided. In order to avoid impacts to nesting migratory birds and the Delta fish species, the work will be conducted during the dry season, anticipated to occur during the month of September. Further, in order to access the work area around the abutments without creating sediment impacts in the slough, the contractor will either dewater the immediate areas around the abutments using clean materials such as sandbags or work in the wet using a weighted floating silt curtain. Project construction may require temporary closure of under deck boat crossings and temporary lane closures. Public notification will occur no less than ten days prior to initiation of the work. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Real property is not anticipated to be necessary in support of the project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Contra Costa County Public Works Department

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: 15301(b)
 Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.:
 General Rule of Applicability [Article 5, Section 15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the repair of an existing public structure, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; pursuant to section 15301(b) of the CEQA guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kimani Birden - Public Works Dept. Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 313-2190

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: Date: Title:

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:
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Martinez, CA 94553
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Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2190

Department of Fish and Game Fees Due
 EIR - \$3,070.00
 Neg. Dec. - \$2,210.25
 DeMinimis Findings - \$0
 County Clerk - \$50
 Conservation & Development - \$25

Total Due: \$ 75.00
Total Paid \$
Receipt #: