

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
**Notice of Exemption**

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

From: Contra Costa County  
Dept. of Conservation & Development  
30 Muir Road  
Martinez, CA 94553

☒ County Clerk  
County of: Contra Costa

Project Title: County Administration Building  
Proj. No. WO140F CP#17-28

Project Applicant: **Contra Costa County Public Works Department**

Project Location – **Specific:** 651 Pine Street, 1139 Escobar Street, and an existing parking lot on the southwest corner of Marina Vista and Pine Street in the City of Martinez

Project Location: 651 Pine Street, Martinez, CA

Project Location – County: North-central Contra Costa

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The purpose of the project is to construct a new County Administration Building to replace the existing building. The County will build the new approximately 72,000 square foot building on County-owned parcels where Pine Street intersects Escobar Street, adjacent to the existing County Admin Building. Following construction of the new building the existing building would be abated, dismantled, and demolished. The project also includes a two-level parking structure and public plaza on the site of the existing County Administration Building and associated surface parking lot.

In accordance with Section 15332, the proposed project meets the following conditions:

- a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations. The project is located in downtown Martinez in the zone designated as Downtown Government, Civic. The proposed project is consistent with the Central Martinez Specific Area Plan, which zones the area for government use, and the Downtown Specific Plan, which calls for civic buildings to be located in the project area.
- b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses: The proposed project would be located in the downtown government area of Martinez. The County Admin Building would be built on a 1.5 acre site and the two-level parking structure and plaza would be built on a 1.75-acre site for a total site area of 3.25 acres. The site is surrounded by other municipal government buildings including the Contra Costa County Finance Building, the Justice Wakefield Taylor Courthouse, and the Old Jail. A commercial district abuts the government district and is composed of miscellaneous food and retail establishments that provide services to downtown visitors as well as the County work force. The overall setting is urban in character.
- c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species: The project site currently consists of a parking lot and the existing County Admin Building and associated surface parking lot. There is minimal landscaping on the project site, and it does not contain any habitat, riparian area, trees, wetlands, or areas designated as waters of the United States. Due to its developed condition, urbanized surroundings, and lack of on-site natural habitats, no special status plant or wildlife species are expected to occur on the project site. Furthermore, there are no existing trees that could provide nesting habitat for birds.
- d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. The County has conducted construction and operation analyses documented in supporting technical studies that confirm there will be no significant impacts to traffic, noise, or air quality. Additionally, the contract specifications will require the contractor to implement appropriate industry standard Best Management Practices (BMPs) to ensure water quality is maintained. Specifically the following technical analyses were performed: a traffic screening analysis, noise study including appropriate modeling, and an air quality analysis including appropriate modeling. Based on these technical analyses, the project includes several Project Conditions to be implemented as part of the project to ensure that any potential environmental impact is minimized. These Project Conditions include:

- i. Traffic: Implementation of a Construction Management Plan to reduce the potential for construction vehicle conflicts with other roadway users. The plan will include such measures as a construction staging plan, traffic management/control measures, street sweeping, and a parking management and employee shuttle plan for existing employees based out of the County Administration Building.
  - ii. Noise: Implementation of site specific noise BMPs including using approved established haul routes; proximity sensors and self-adjusting ambient-sensitive back up alarms or manually adjustable alarms; acoustical shields on equipment; and quiet models of air compressors, generators, and other stationary noise sources.
  - iii. Air Quality: Use of US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Tier 3 final engines and Level 2 diesel particulate filters when feasible. In addition, industry standard BMPs including measures such as routine watering of exposed surfaces twice daily, covering haul trucks, wet-sweeping public roadways, and managing stockpiles will be employed.
- e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services: All existing utility providers currently serving the site can meet the demand of the proposed project which is expected to be similar to the demands of existing uses.

General Plan Conformance is necessary from the City of Martinez.

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:**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080(b) (1); 15268;     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption: <u>15332 (Class 32 )</u>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: _____                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); | <input type="checkbox"/> General Rule of Applicability [Article 5, Section 15061 (b)(3)] |

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project consists of in-fill development meeting the conditions of Section 15332 of the CEQA guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person: **Leigh Chavez - Public Works Dept.** Area Code/Telephone/Extension: **(925) 313-2366**

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.

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Signature

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Title

**Applicant:**

Public Works Department  
255 Glacier Drive  
Martinez, CA 94553

**Attn: A. Brown**

**Environmental Services Division**

**Phone: (925) 313-2311**

**Department of Fish and Game Fees Due**

- ☐ EIR - \$3,078.<sup>25</sup>
- ☐ Neg. Dec. - \$2,216.<sup>25</sup>
- ☐ DeMinimis Findings - \$0
- ☒ **County Clerk - \$50**
- ☒ **Conservation & Development - \$25**

**Total Due: \$75.<sup>00</sup>**

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