

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
Dept. of Conservation & Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

☒ County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa

Project Title: County Emergency Operations Center and Public Safety Building
Proj. No. WO140D CP#17-23

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

Project Location – **Specific:** the southwest corner of Glacier Drive and Muir Road, in the City of Martinez on the County's existing EOC campus.

Project Location: Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA

Project Location – County: North-central Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project includes the full or partial removal of five existing buildings, relocation of two modular buildings, relocation of four prefabricated bus shelters, and the construction of approximately 37,800 square feet of new uses, including a new EOC building, Sheriff/Public Safety Building and lecture hall for press events. The project will also modify site access and parking, including a new Sheriff's parking lot on the west portion of the site and a new public parking lot along the north edge of the site. These new parking areas will access the public roadway network from two new driveways on Muir Road. The site will have other associated improvements such as pedestrian sidewalks, landscaping, and lighting. As part of the project, a new traffic signal will be installed at the Glacier Drive/Muir Road intersection.

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

- a) The project is located in the City of Martinez in the zone designated as Government Facility. The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.
- b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses: The site is approximately 3.2 acres and is surrounded primarily by other municipal government buildings including the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department, Juvenile Hall, and the Public Works Department, as well as the Deputy Sheriff's Association building. 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 County government buildings and associated surface parking lots. There is minimal landscaping on the project site, and it does not contain any riparian areas, 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. There are several trees on the property frontage that provide a buffer from the street. The plan proposes to leave as many existing trees on-site as possible to retain that buffer. These trees could provide nesting habitat for birds; therefore, a preconstruction survey will be conducted prior to initiation of construction to ensure no active nests are disturbed.
- d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects related to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. Since the surrounding governmental uses provide a buffer between the project area and surrounding residential uses, significant air quality and noise impacts are not anticipated. Regardless, contract specifications will require implementation of industry standard noise and air quality Best Management Practices (BMPs) and the site foreman to be available to address any noise or dust complaints resulting from construction. Contract specifications will also require the contractor to implement all appropriate BMPs for erosion and sediment control; therefore, no significant water quality impacts are anticipated. The County has conducted a Focused Transportation Impact Analysis for the project. With installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Glacier Drive and Muir Road as a component of the

project, the intersection PM Peak Hour Level of Service (LOS) will shift from LOS F to LOS D making the project consistent with the City of Martinez General Plan.

- e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services: The project site is served by existing utilities. All existing utility providers 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:

- ☐ 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: 15332 (Class 32)
☐ Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: _____
☐ 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.

Signature

Title

Applicant:

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255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: L. Chavez
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2366

Department of Fish and Game Fees Due

- ☐ EIR - \$3,078.²⁵
☐ Neg. Dec. - \$2,216.²⁵
☐ DeMinimis Findings - \$0
☒ County Clerk - \$50
☒ Conservation & Development - \$25

Total Due: \$75.00

Total Paid \$ _____

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