

**Department of
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November 21, 2017

Claudia Gemberling
Contra Costa County Public Works
CP17-39

Dear Applicant:

The Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, Community Development Division, has completed an initial study of the environmental significance of the project represented by your pending application bearing County File Number **CP17-39**. In conformance with Contra Costa County Guidelines for implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), it has been determined that your project will not have a significant effect on the environment. Your project falls within the following category:

(X) AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) IS NOT REQUIRED.

- (X) Categorical Exemption 15301 (d) [Class 1]
- () The CEQA requirements are accommodated by the EIR previously prepared for _____.
- () A statement that an EIR is not required. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA Section 15063(b)(2).
- () General Rule of Applicability [Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3)]

() AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) IS REQUIRED.

- () The complexity of your project requires your submission of additional special reports or information (as outlined on the attached sheet) (which will be outlined in a forthcoming letter).
- () A consultant will be hired to prepare the environmental impact report. This procedure is explained on the attached sheet.
- () Preparation of the EIR cannot be started until the fee and additional information requested is received by the Community Development Division.

If you have questions concerning this determination or desire additional information relative to environmental impact report regulations, please call 925-674-7786 and ask for **Lashun Cross**.

Sincerely yours,

John Kopchik, Director
Department of Conservation and Development

By: Danielle Kelly

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

DATE: November 21, 2017

TO: Claudia Gemberling
Public Works Department- Environmental Services Division
FROM: Aruna Bhat, Deputy Director, Community Development Division
By: Telma Moreira; CEQA Coordinator
Via: Danielle Kelly

SUBJECT: CEQA REVIEW, PROJECT CP#17-39 Attached are the following environmental documents relative to the above-referenced project, which have been reviewed by the Department of Conservation and Development, Community Development Division. Please review the documents to determine if there are any posting periods and/or hearings required before the Board of Supervisors can take action on the project. These documents should be kept in the project file for future reference.

- Initial Study of Environmental Significance
- Copy of the Notice of Exemption (w/receipt).** (The original is: ____ on file in the Community Development Division; **on file with the County Clerk**; ____ being returned for filing in the project file.)
- Copy of the Notice of Determination. (The original is: ____ on file in the Community Development Division; ____ on file with the County Clerk; ____ being returned for filing in the project file.)
- Notice of Negative Declaration - including mail out list
- Draft EIR
- Mandatory Referral (copy)
- Proof of Publication
- Letter of CEQA determination
- Comments:
- ONE UNSIGNED COPY OF THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION/DETERMINATION ARE ATTACHED. WHEN YOU HAVE SCHEDULED THIS ITEM WITH THE BOARD, PLEASE RETURN ONE COPY TO ME WITH A NOTE STATING THE DATE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS TO HEAR THE ITEM.

When the Board of Supervisors takes action on the project, it must "review" and "consider" the environmental impact report or negative declaration, together with any comments received during the public review process. They must then adopt the environmental document prior to approving the project. You must, therefore, provide copies for each member of the Board of the respective environmental impact report, notice of negative declaration or the notice of exemption, along with any comments received during the review period. They must review and consider these items prior to approving the project. If they do not physically have the documents, they cannot consider them.

In the case of projects, which are exempt from CEQA, the Board Order, should concur in the determination that the project is categorically exempt, and direct the filing of the Notice of Exemption.

PLEASE NOTIFY US WITHIN TWO DAYS OF THE BOARD HEARING ON THIS PROJECT, WHAT ACTION THE BOARD TOOK SO THAT WE CAN INITIATE THE FILING OF THE NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OR NOTICE OF DETERMINATION WITH THE COUNTY CLERK. THE FILING OF THESE NOTICES STARTS THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON COURT CHALLENGES TO THE APPROVAL UNDER CEQA. HENCE, THE FILING OF THESE NOTICES IS IMPORTANT SINCE IT LIMITS THE COUNTY'S LIABILITY.

If you have any questions concerning the above documents or the CEQA process, please contact **Lashun Cross** at 674-7786.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
Department of Conservation & Development
Community Development Division
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553
Telephone: 925-674-7205

TO: Development Engineer/Architect

DATE: 11/21/17

FROM: Will Nelson, Advance Planning

(Signature)

SUBJECT: MANDATORY REFERRAL FOR GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE

Community Development staff has reviewed the attached project, **CP#17-39** to determine if mandatory referral for General Plan Conformance, as required by Government Code Section 65402, is necessary.

The project needs no further mandatory referral clearance from County staff subject to the following actions:

- Staff has determined that further 65402 review is not necessary.
- This project has been determined to be exempt from 65402 review in accordance with the Board of Supervisors Resolution 81/522 because the project involves a road alignment project of a minor nature.
- The project site is located within the City of _____. Our Department does not review projects for General Plan Conformance, which are located within a City (refer to Government Code Section 65402).
- Staff makes the following attached recommendation which should be incorporated into the staff report on this matter.

This project needs mandatory referral and County staff will process this project in the following manner:

- 65402 review is required. Staff will carry this matter before County Zoning Administrator.
- 65402 review must be withheld until completion of an Environmental Impact Report on this project.
- Other procedures.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INITIAL STUDY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

PROJECT NUMBER: WO5309
CP# 17-39

PROJECT NAME: Runway 14L-32R Rehabilitation, Buchanan Field

PREPARED BY: Claudia Gemberling, Environmental Services Division, 313-2192 *CG* DATE: November 16, 2017

APPROVED BY: *Lucretia C. Co* DATE: 12/4/17

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Categorical Exemption: 15301(d) [Class 1]** Negative Declaration
 Environmental Impact Report Required Conditional Negative Declaration

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The recommendation is based on the following: The project consists of minor alterations to existing public infrastructure involving negligible or no expansion of use pursuant to section 15301 of the CEQA guidelines.

What changes to the project would mitigate the identified impacts: N/A

USGS Quad Sheet: <u>Walnut Creek</u>	Base Map Sheet #: <u>G-14, H-14</u>	Parcel #:
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GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

1. **Location:** The project is located in Concord, an unincorporated area of Contra Costa County (Figure 1).
2. **Project Description:** Runway 14L-32R is approximately 4,600 square feet long and 150 feet wide; each end has a blast pad made of asphalt that is approximately 150 feet long. The project description included reconstructing any area where the pavement has failed, overlay paving for the entire runway, applying new striping, repairing or replacing existing conduit as necessary, repairing or replacing the existing shoulder material, and potentially replacing runway edge lighting with more efficient lighting alternatives and removing a portion of the existing airfield pavement on the approach end of Runway 32R as required to conform to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards. All project activities would not extend much beyond the existing pavement except for work on the shoulder. On April 14, 2014, the proposed maintenance activity was determined to be exempt from CEQA based on Class 1, Section 15301 (CP# 14-12).

Since then the project design has determined that the haul routes and equipment staging areas would need to be in different locations to minimize negatively impacting other airfield pavement surfaces. Two temporary haul routes and equipment staging areas would be needed and would occur primarily within existing access routes and already disturbed areas with the exception of the southern haul route (towards John Glen Drive) of which a portion of the route would occur across vegetated areas between the runways (Figures 2 and 3). These vegetated areas are routinely mowed and managed for maintenance of habitat wildlife hazards. A thin layer of gravel would be added to the temporary haul routes during construction to keep dirt and other debris from coming on the airfield surfaces which could create a safety hazard.

The project is necessary to maintain the structural integrity of the runway as required by the FAA for safety and operational purposes. The project is consistent with the Airport Master Plan for the Buchanan Field Airport.

3. Does it appear that any feature of the project will generate significant public concern?
 Yes No maybe (Nature of concern):
4. Will the project require approval or permits by other than a County agency?
 Yes No Caltrans
5. Is the project within the Sphere of Influence of any city? Concord

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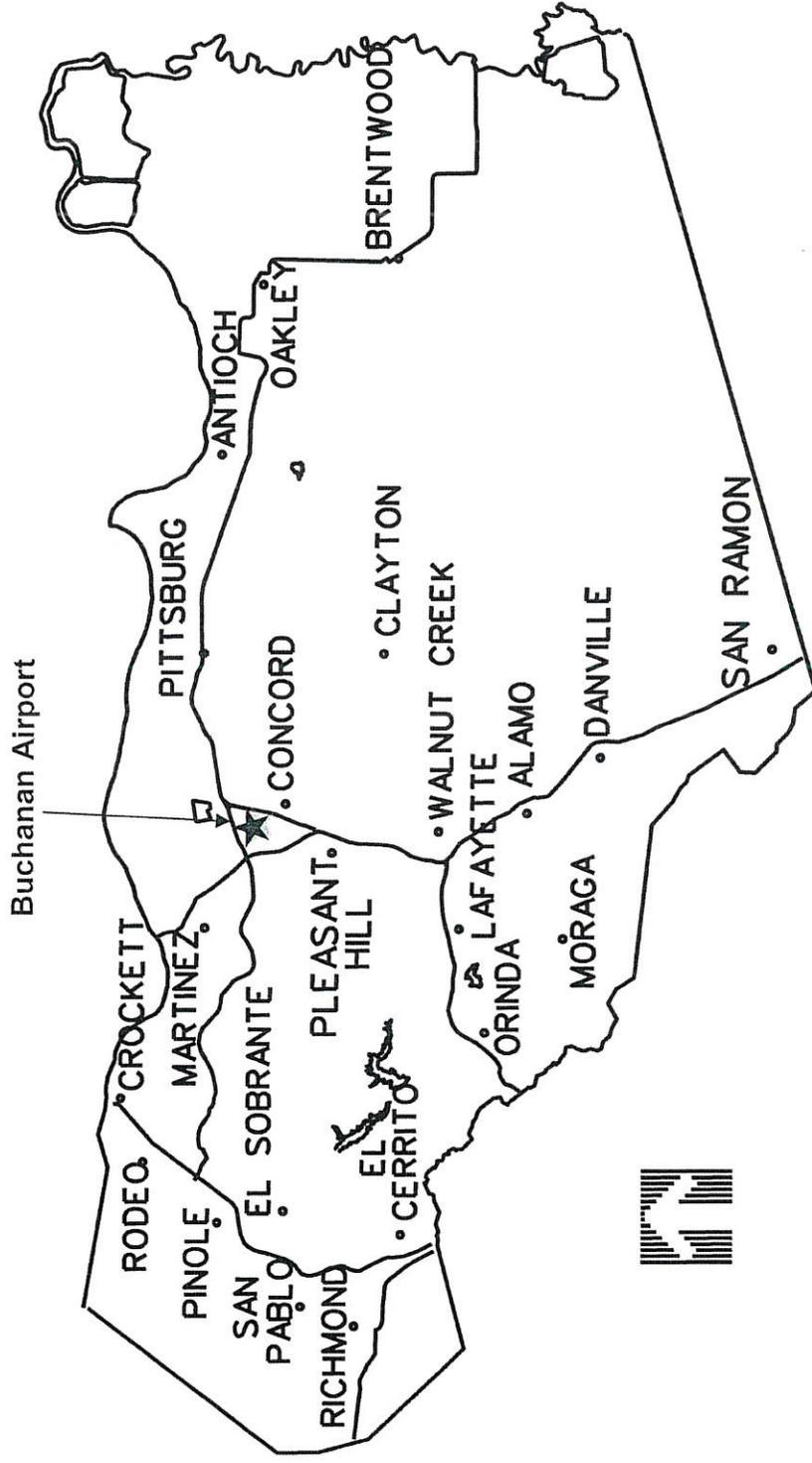


FIGURE 1: PROJECT LOCATION

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: Runway 14L-32R Rehabilitation, Buchanan Field
Project #: WO5309 CP#: 17-39

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department – Airports Division

Project Location – Specific: 550 Sally Ride Drive

Project Location: Concord Project Location – County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Runway 14L-32R is approximately 4,600 square feet long and 150 feet wide; each end has a blast pad made of asphalt that is approximately 150 feet long. The project description included reconstructing any area where the pavement has failed, overlay paving for the entire runway, applying new striping, repairing or replacing existing conduit as necessary, repairing or replacing the existing shoulder material, and potentially replacing runway edge lighting with more efficient lighting alternatives and removing a portion of the existing airfield pavement on the approach end of Runway 32R as required to confirm to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) standards. All project activities would not extend much beyond the existing pavement except for work on the shoulder. On April 14, 2014, the proposed maintenance activity was determined to be exempt from CEQA based on Class 1, Section 15301 (CP# 14-12). Since then the project design has determined that the haul routes and equipment staging areas would need to be in different locations to minimize negatively impacting other airfield pavement surfaces. Two temporary haul routes and equipment staging areas would be needed and would occur primarily within existing access routes and already disturbed areas with the exception of the southern haul route (towards John Glen Drive) of which a portion of the route would occur across vegetated areas between the runways (Figures 2 and 3). These vegetated areas are routinely mowed and managed for maintenance of habitat wildlife hazards. A thin layer of gravel would be added to the temporary haul routes during construction to keep dirt and other debris from coming on the airfield surfaces which could create a safety hazard.

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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); **Categorical Exemption: 15301(d) (Class 1)**
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); Other Statutory Exemption, Code No.: _____
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); General Rule of Applicability [Article 5, Section 15061 (b)(3)]

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The recommendation is based on the following: The project consists of minor alterations to existing public infrastructure involving negligible or no expansion of use pursuant to section 15301 of the CEQA guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Claudia Gemberling, Public Works Department Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 313-2192

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:

Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: C. Gemberling
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2192

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 \$ _____
Receipt #: _____