



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
Department of Conservation and
Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

[x] County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: CCRMC Cooling Towers Replacement, Project No. WH536B, CP#22-06

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553
(925) 313-2000, Contact: Emma Burckert, (925) 313-2161

Project Location: 2500 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez, CA 94553, APN 372-191-022

Lead Agency: Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553 (925)
655-2705, Contact: Telma B. Moreira (925) 655-2863

Project Description:

The project consists of replacing 3 rooftop cooling towers at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center
(CCRMC) that have exceeded their expected useful lifespan with 3 new cooling towers at a new location,
on grade. The new cooling towers will be placed at a new location to better facilitate future maintenance
needs and to avoid needing to shut down the current system during replacement. The construction
process for this project will include vegetation removal; installing a new support pad, enclosure, and
mechanical equipment, including the 3 new towers; and running new utility lines to connect to the
hospital's existing system. The 3 existing rooftop cooling towers will be decommissioned after
construction of the 3 replacement cooling towers is complete. Approximately 15 trees will be removed
that would interfere with the ongoing operations of the new cooling towers. If tree removal occurs during
nesting bird season, a nesting bird survey will be conducted. Ground disturbance and excavations up to
approximately 18 feet are anticipated. Construction will take approximately 50 weeks to complete.

Exempt Status:

- [] Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) [x] Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15302(c))
[] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a]) [] General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
[] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c]) [] Other Statutory Exemption (Sec.)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing
facilities on the same site and with the same purpose and capacity as the facility replaced or
reconstructed involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, pursuant to Article 19, Section 15302(c)
of the CEQA guidelines.

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 [] Yes [] No
project?

Signature: Telma B. Moreira Date 02/02/2022 Title Principal Planner

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

- [x] 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

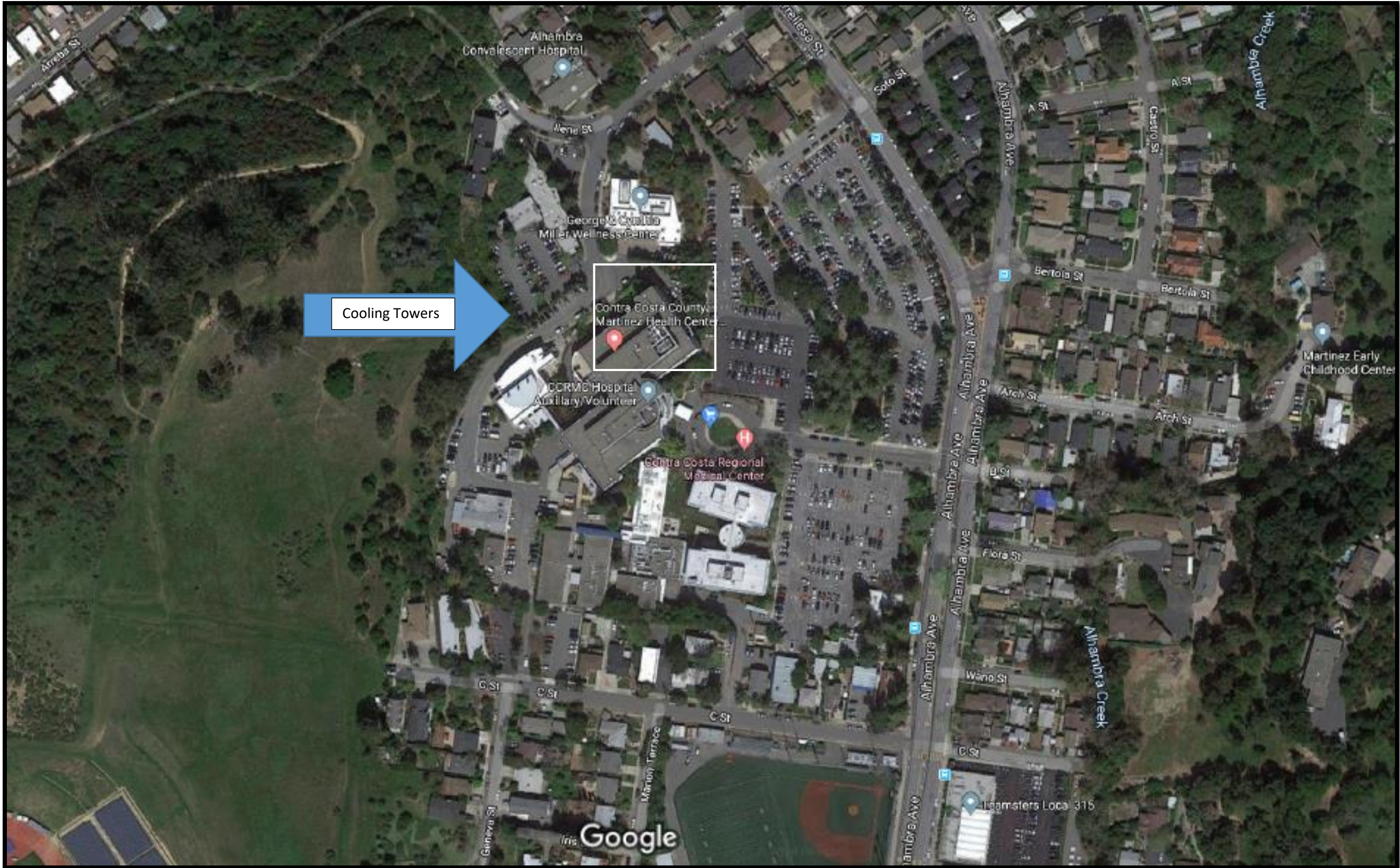
Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Emma Burckert *cg*
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2161

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

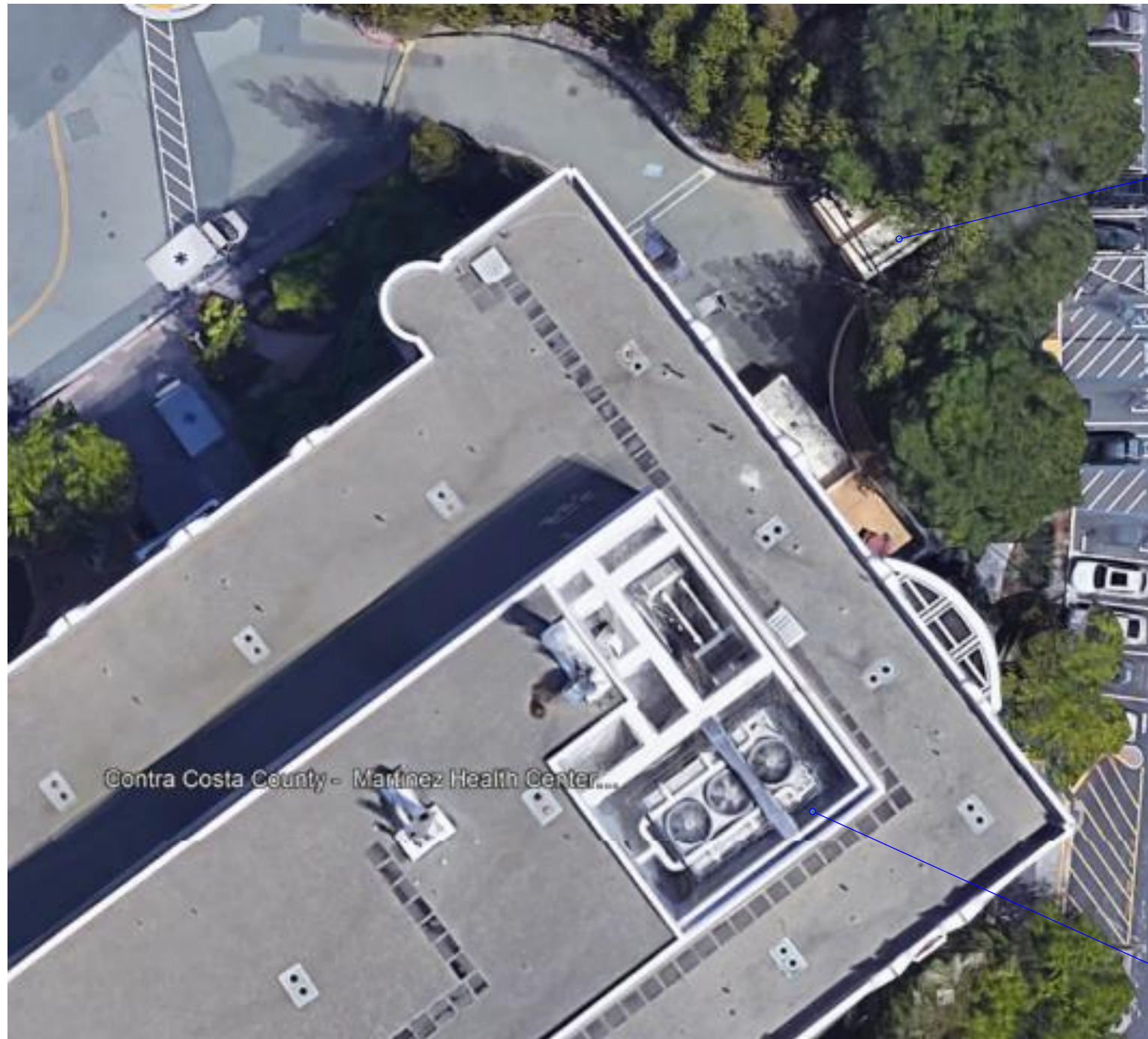
- De Minimis Finding - \$0
- County Clerk - \$50
- Conservation and Development - \$25

Total Due: \$75

Receipt #: _____



CONTRA COSTA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER



PROPOSED LOCATION OF NEW
GROUND BASED COOLING TOWERS

EXISTING ROOFTOP COOLING TOWERS

BLOW UP OF COOLONG TOWER AREA