



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: [X] Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and
Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

[X] County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Norris Canyon Road Slide Repair Project, WO4029, CP#25-17
Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553,
(925) 313-2000, Contact: Sandeep Kajla, (925) 313-2022,
sandeep.kajla@pw.cccounty.us
Project Location: Norris Canyon Road approximately 600 feet west of Ashbourne Road near the City of
San Ramon, APNs: 211-210-017 and 211-210-029
Lead Agency: Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553
Contact Person: Syd Sotoodeh (925) 655-2877 syd.sotoodeh@dcd.cccounty.us

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to repair an embankment failure and reconstruct the roadway to restore two-way
traffic to a stretch of Norris Canyon Road that was damaged during the 2023 winter storm events. The road is
currently limited to one lane for travel.

The embankment will be repaired by constructing a soldier pile wall and reconstructing a storm drain culvert.
The soldier pile wall will be approximately 278-feet long. The piles for the retaining wall will be set via drilling.
No pile driving will occur. The anticipated excavation depth is approximately 26 feet for the piles and
approximately 4 feet at the base of the retaining wall where the lagging will be installed. A guard rail will be
installed. Drainage improvements include approximately 300 LF of 18-inch reinforced concrete pipe, 18-inch
concrete flared ends, four inlets, and rock slope protection. The roadway thermoplastic striping will conform with
the existing striping. Equipment staging will likely occur adjacent to the slide as the road will be closed throughout
construction, and a detour via Crow Canyon Road and Bollinger Canyon Road will be utilized.

Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) including but not limited to erosion control such as fiber rolls,
and hydroseeding temporarily disturbed areas will be implemented during construction. Regulatory permits will
be obtained before construction. Approximately 34 trees will be removed and approximately 14 trees will need
to be trimmed. Real property transactions, including right-of-way acquisition, will be necessary in support of this
project. Utility relocations may be needed. The project is anticipated to start in the summer of 2026 and take
approximately 55 days to complete. Traffic control signs will be placed before and during construction. No night
or weekend work is anticipated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County

Exempt Status:

- [] Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) [X] Categorical Exemption 15301(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 activity/project consists of the repair and reconstruction of an existing
street, drainage system, and associated embankment failure, involving negligible expansion of use beyond that
previously existing pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(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 project? [] Yes [] No

Signature: Syd Sotoodeh Title: Senior Planner Date: July 14, 2025

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: Sandeep Kajla *SK*
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2022

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

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

Total Due: _____

Receipt #: _____