CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

# Notice of Exemption

**To:** ☐ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

**From:** Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

**Project Title**: Ordinance No. 2025-19, adopting the 2025 California Building Standard Codes

**Project Applicant**: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, Building Inspection, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553, 925-655-2704: Contact: Jason Crapo, Deputy Director, 925-655-2800

**Project Location**: Contra Costa County, Countywide (unincorporated)

**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 Department of Conservation and Development is responsible for enforcing the California Building Standards Code (CBSC) within the unincorporated area of Contra Costa County. This is a hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 2025-19, amending and adopting the 2025 CBSC, replacing the 2022 CBSC, including changes additions and deletions to: the 2025 California Building Code, the 2025 California Residential Code, the 2025 Electrical Code, the 2025 Mechanical Code, the 2025 Plumbing Code, the 2025 Energy Code, the 2025 Historical Building Code, the 2025 Existing Building Code, and the 2025 California Green Building Standards Code. County-initiated modifications to the CBSC pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 17958.5 and 18941.5 are based on local climatic, geographical, topographical, and environmental conditions.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

**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 (Sec. 15301(b)
☒ General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
☐ Other Statutory Exemption (Sec. )

**Reasons why project is exempt**: The proposed Ordinance No. 2025-19 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which provides that a project is exempt when it is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The proposed action would amend and adopt the 2025 California Building Standards Code (CBSC) for the County pursuant to Health and Safety Code sections 17958.5 and 18941.5. No specific project or action is approved by this Ordinance. Any future projects or actions would each be separately reviewed under their own subsequent CEQA analysis. Thus, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed action could have a significant effect on the environment.

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: Nov. 12, 2025

**Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development**

☒ 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**

Dept. of Conservation & Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Jason Crapo, Deputy Director
Phone: 925-655-2800

**Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due**

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

Total Due: _____ Receipt #: _____