Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of: Solano
675 Texas Street, Suite 1900
Fairfield, CA 94533

From: (Public Agency): City of Benicia,
Lead Agency
250 East L Street
Benicia, CA 94510

Project Title: 720 West I Street Revetment Project

Project Applicant: Nick Wiemar, Cullen-Sherry and Associates, 1090 Adams Street, Suite A, Benicia, CA 94510 (707) 745-3219

Project Location - Specific:

The proposed project is comprised of two independent projects within separate sites (Site One and Site Two), which are located near an existing residential property at 720 West I Street in the City of Benicia, California. The proposed improvements to Site One and Site Two are not connected, and do not represent components of a larger project. Site One is generally located northeast of the residential property and consists of a drainage canal with surrounding vegetation, which outfalls into the Carquinez Strait. An existing block wall runs along a portion of the drainage canal. Site One is surrounded by single-family residences to the north and west; undeveloped land and single-family residences to the east; and a single-family residence and the Carquinez Strait to the south. Site Two is generally located southwest of the 720 West I Street residential property along the sloped shoreline of the Carquinez Strait and consists of an existing riprap slope. Site Two is surrounded by single-family residences to the north and west, and the Carquinez Strait to the east and south. The City of Benicia General Plan designates Site One and Site Two as low-density residential (LDR) and the sites are zoned single-family residential (RS).

Project Location - City: Benicia Project Location - County: Solano

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed improvements on Site One would include the construction of approximately 92 linear feet of new concrete block keystone wall, which would connect to the existing block retaining wall located along the drainage canal. The new concrete block keystone wall would be 7.9-feet-tall and would have a two-foot-wide wall footing. The wall would be constructed on a six-inch, unreinforced concrete leveling pad.

The proposed improvements to Site Two would include the installation and replacement of approximately 105 linear feet of riprap rock slope protection along the shoreline of the Carquinez Strait. The proposed riprap slope would be constructed using California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Class III riprap. The layer of riprap along the proposed slope would be approximately 2.7-feet-thick and would extend eight feet above mean seal level (amsl).

The proposed project would require the City's approval of a Grading Permit.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Benicia, Lead Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Nick Wiemar, Cullen-Sherry and Associates, 1090 Adams Street, Suite A, Benicia, CA 94510, (707) 745-3219

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ✖ Categorical Exemption. State code number: Section 15301 through 15303, Classes One, Two, and Three

Reasons why project is exempt:

Article 19 of the CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15300 through 15333, includes a list of classes of projects that have been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment, and are therefore exempt from CEQA. As demonstrated throughout the Categorical Exemption Memorandum prepared by the City, Site One qualifies for a Class 3 Exemption, while Site Two qualifies for a Class 1 and Class 2 Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, 15302, and 15303, respectively. For example, improvements to Site Two would include the reconstruction of an approximately 105-foot linear segment of degraded riprap rock revetment to meet current public health and safety standards, and thus, would meet Criterion 15301(d) and (f). In addition, the Site Two improvements would meet Criterion 15302(c), as the proposed improvements would repair and replace the existing riprap and would not increase the dimensions or area of the existing slope protection. The Site One improvements would include the construction of an approximately 92-linear foot new concrete block keystone wall that would connect to and extend the existing concrete block keystone wall within the project site. The Site One improvements would improve the existing drainage canal and would not impact the existing function or area of the canal, and thus, the Site One improvements would meet Criterion 15303(d). It should also be noted that exceptions to the exemptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would not apply to the proposed project. Therefore, the proposed project would be considered exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 through 15303, Classes One, Two, and Three.

Lead Agency

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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: 11/17/25 Title: Associate Planner

☑ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____