



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 (lead agency)
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

Project Title: Development Plan for a Small Lot Design Review for Detached Pergola, County File #CDDP25-03019

Project Applicant: Christopher Mills, 4010 Wellington Place, Lafayette, CA 94549, (925) 383-0981

Project Location: 4010 Wellington Place, Lafayette, CA 94549 (APN: 169-040-036)

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

Contact Person: Chloe Partain, (925) 655-2857, chloe.partain@dcd.cccounty.us

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: A Development Plan permit to allow the issuance of building permits for an as-built 370-square-foot pergola on a lot of substandard average width (109 feet where 120 feet is the minimum required).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) ☒ Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15303(e))
☐ 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 proposed project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15303(e), regarding "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures," which specifies that the construction or conversion of accessory (appurtenant) structures, including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools, and fences, are categorically exempt from CEQA review. The approved pergola structure is accessory to an existing single-family residence. There is no substantial evidence that the project involves unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in, or which might reasonably result in, significant impacts which threaten the environment. None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply.

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: Chloe Partain Title: Planner I Date: 12/04/25
Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on DEC 04 2025 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 [Signature]

Title Deputy Clerk

Applicant

Christopher Mills
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Lafayette, CA 94549
(925) 383-0981

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

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

Total Due: _____

Receipt #: _____

2025-00360

FILED

December 4, 2025

KRISTIN B. CONNELLY
CLERK-RECORDER

By [Signature]

A. Barton
Deputy Clerk