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**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

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

County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Briones Valley Road Bridge Painting, WO4516, CP#25-46
Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department, 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553,
(925) 313-2000, Contact: Christian Montoya, (925) 313-2176,
christian.montoya@pw.cccounty.us
Project Location: Briones Valley Road over Briones Valley Creek, approximately 2.9 miles west of Deer
Valley Road in the unincorporated Brentwood area of Contra Costa County
(APNs: 078-100-003 & 078-100-014).
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 clean, paint, and prevent future damage to Briones Valley Road Bridge (Bridge No. 28C0495). The project is needed to remove rust from the bridge as well as preserve the structural condition and remaining service life of the bridge. The maintenance-preventative work will consist of implementing a lead compliance plan and work area monitoring program if needed, blast cleaning, repainting superstructure steel members, applying corrosion inhibitor, and tightening or replacing missing steel bolt connections. Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2027. The project would occur approximately seven feet above the creek bed, therefore no erection of a working platform is anticipated. No ground disturbance or vegetation removal is anticipated. Real estate transactions may be necessary. The project is in the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and will comply with HCP requirements. Work staging area(s) will be placed away from sensitive areas and appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to protect the creek.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Contra Costa County Public Works Department

Exempt Status:

Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301[d])
 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.)

Reason why project is exempt: The proposed project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301(d), regarding minor alterations to an existing bridge structure, including preventative maintenance and repairs. The deteriorated bridge structure did not result from substantial damage due to an environmental hazard and rehabilitation is needed to meet current public health and safety standards.

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: Jan. 2, 2026
Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Applicant
Christian Montoya
255 Glacier Drive
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Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

De Minimis Finding - \$0
 County Clerk - \$50
 Conservation and Development - \$25
Total Due: _____ Receipt #: _____