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: Livorna Park Renovation, County File #WO5266, CP#26-03

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: Livorna Park: 2615 Miranda Avenue, Alamo, CA 94507; APN: 187-570-009

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 revitalize the aging infrastructure at Livorna Park and replace it with modern, sustainable materials that enhance accessibility, reduce long-term maintenance, and support water conservation. The project's proposed renovations will replace the existing 8,400 square-foot playground; expand the existing 2,538 square-foot basketball court to a full court by adding approximately 3,074 square-feet and two approximately 4-foot tall concrete retaining walls; repair the bocce court; improve the pavilion by adding perimeter concrete paving and removing its benches and metal railings; improve the main park entrance by removing the existing trellis and adding a new custom metal entrance arbor, removable decorative bollard, and concrete pedestrian walkways to the existing parking lot. Park access will be improved by replacing, relocating, and adding pedestrian walkways, curbs, and paved areas. The project will also install new signage, lighting, fencing, and approximately two parking stalls. Improvements to the playground include installing new shade sails, play area seating, shade structures and umbrellas, drinking fountain(s), and bicycle racks. In addition, park furnishings and restrooms will be upgraded to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The park playground would add a new water play/mister area supported by new water/water treatment tanks and mechanical equipment. Minor improvements to water, sewer, and storm drain utility pipes, inlets, valves, cleanouts, and manholes will occur. Additional enhancements to existing landscaping, irrigation, and electrical systems will occur. Approximately 15 landscape trees (three of which are Coast Live Oaks) and 7,500 square feet of shrub area will be removed. Approximately 58 trees and 12,500 square feet of shrub areas will be planted with native, drought tolerant, non-invasive, and climate-adapted species. Bioretention planters and swales (including stormwater treatment) will be installed and appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) for water pollution control will be implemented during construction. Real estate transactions such as temporary construction easements may be necessary. Construction is anticipated to begin in July 2026 and last for approximately 320 working days.

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)

☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a])

☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c])

☒ Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301[c] and [d]; 15302[c]; 15303[d]; 15304[b] and [f]; 15311[a] and [b])

☐ General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])

☐ Other Statutory Exemption (Sec.)

Reason why project is exempt: The proposed project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301[c] related to existing sidewalks, gutters, bicycle/pedestrian trails and similar; Section 15301[d] related to restoration and rehabilitation of deteriorated structures or facilities to meet current standards; 15302[c] replacement or rehabilitation of existing utility systems; 15303[d] construction of new utility extensions of reasonable length; 15304[b] and [f] related to new gardening or landscaping including replacement of existing landscaping with water efficient landscaping and to minor trenching and backfilling; and 15311[a] and [b] related to new accessory signs and small parking lots. The proposed park renovations consist of minor alterations to an existing public park and land involving a negligible or no change or expansion of use. The renovations include conducting repairs, replacements, and new constructions of small structures or facilities, including landscaping, play areas, and utilities, to an existing public park. There is no substantial evidence that the project involves unusual circumstances resulting in, or which might reasonably result in, significant impacts which threaten the environment. None of the exceptions in the 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: _____ Title: Senior Planner Date: April 2, 2026

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Applicant

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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 #: _____

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

Date Received for filing at LCI: _____

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