



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:** Pinehurst Road Erosion Repair at Milepost 1.7, Project# WO4515, CP#26-09

**Project Applicant:** Contra Costa County Public Works Department, 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553, (925) 313-2000, Contact: Sandeep Kajla, (925) 313-2022, [sandeep.kajla@pw.cccounty.us](mailto:sandeep.kajla@pw.cccounty.us)

**Project Location:** Pinehurst Road at milepost 1.7, which is 0.6 miles north of the intersection with Canyon Road in unincorporated Canyon, west Contra Costa County, (APN(s): 257-070-009)

**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](mailto:syd.sotoodeh@dcd.cccounty.us)

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The purpose of this project is to repair an embankment failure and reconstruct the roadway to restore two-way traffic along Pinehurst Road, which was damaged during winter storm events. The road is currently limited to one travel lane.

The embankment will be repaired by constructing two soldier pile walls with root wad revetment and boulder toe armoring, and by replacing a storm drain culvert that crosses underneath the roadway. The soldier pile walls will be approximately 40 and 80 feet long. The piles for the walls will be installed by drilling into 35-foot-deep holes; no pile driving will occur. Excavations up to 25 feet deep are required to install the soldier pile lagging. A guardrail will also be installed.

Drainage improvements include replacing the existing 24-inch corrugated metal pipe culvert crossing Pinehurst Road with a 30-inch reinforced concrete pipe culvert to properly convey flows from the adjacent hillside. A new inlet will be installed at the culvert. The roadway thermoplastic striping will match the existing striping. Equipment staging will likely occur along the closed lane of Pinehurst Road.

Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs), including but not limited to erosion control measures such as fiber rolls, silt fencing, and hydroseeding of temporarily disturbed areas, will be implemented during construction. Regulatory permits will be obtained before construction. Approximately five trees will be removed, and approximately ten trees will require trimming. Real property transactions, including right-of-way acquisition, may be necessary to support the project. Utility relocations may also be needed.

The project is anticipated to begin in summer 2027 and take approximately 80 days to complete. During construction, one-way reversing traffic control will be in place. Emergency vehicles will always have access. Traffic control signs will be installed before and during construction. No night or weekend work is anticipated.

**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:**

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268)     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301(c)) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a])   | <input type="checkbox"/> General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3]) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c]) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Statutory Exemption (Sec. )                |

**Reason why project is exempt:** The project consists of the repair and reconstruction of an existing street, drainage system, and associated embankment failure, with the addition of two soldier pile walls with root wad revetment and boulder toe armoring involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**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: June 24, 2026

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

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

**Applicant**

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Martinez, CA 94553  
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(925) 313-2022

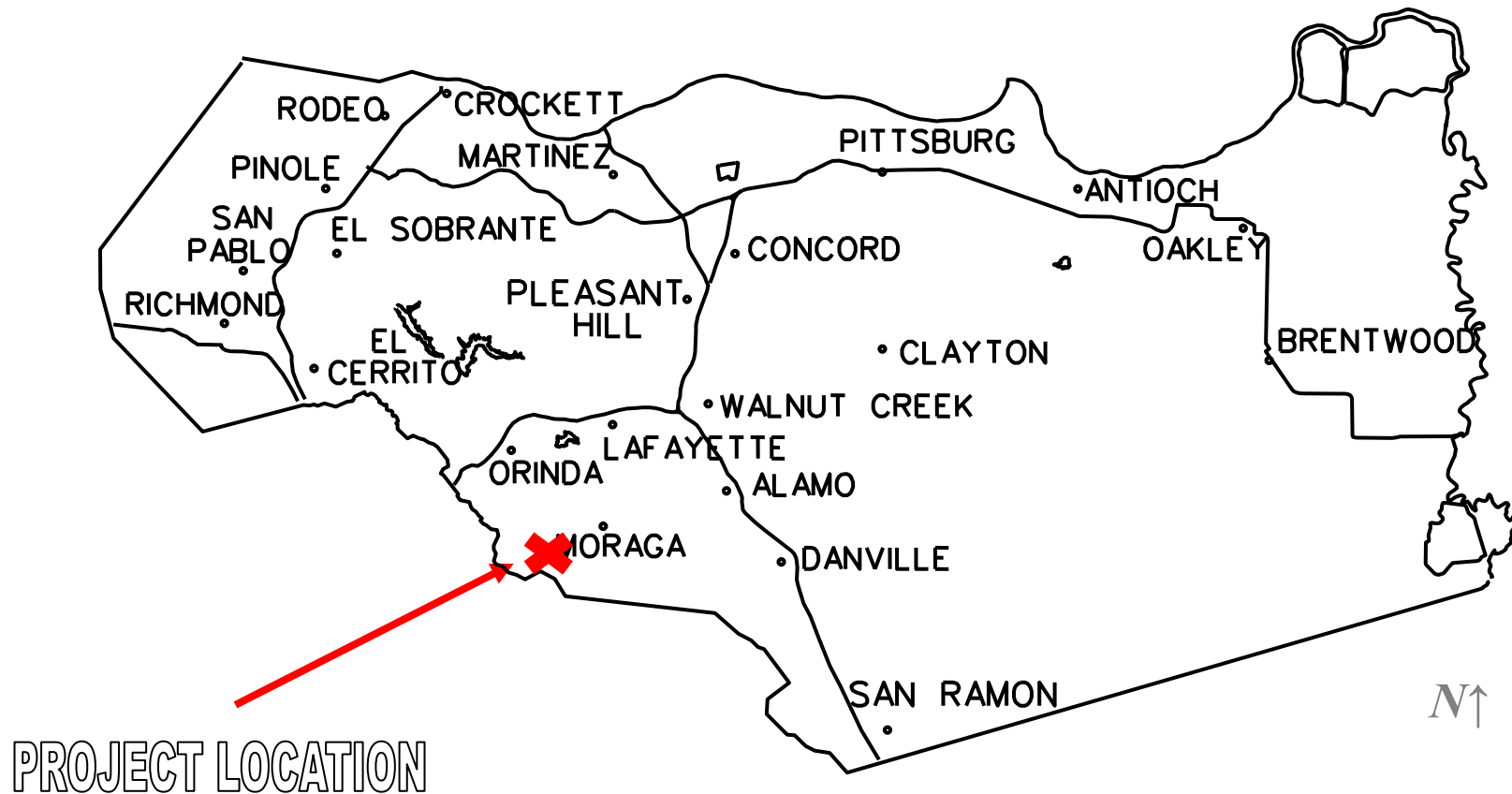
**Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due**

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

Total Due:

Receipt #:

# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CALIFORNIA



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FIGURE 1: Regional Location Map



Project Site