

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #

Project Title: Lower Wildcat Creek Restoration Project, CP#25-31

Lead Agency: Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

Contact Person: Syd Sotoodeh

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Phone: 925-655-2877

City: Martinez

Zip: 94553

County: Contra Costa

Project Location: County: Contra Costa

City/Nearest Community: North Richmond

Cross Streets: North Verde Ave and 4th Street

Zip Code: 94801

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 57 ' 35.8 " N / 122 ° 22 ' 09.5 " W Total Acres: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: 408-170-064, 409-300-CCC, 409-300-XXX, 409-300-036, 409-311-001

Section: N/A Twp.: T01N Range: R05W Base: Mt. Diablo

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-80, I-580

Waterways: Wildcat Creek, San Pablo Creek, San Pablo Bay

Airports: N/A

Railways: See Attachment A

Schools: See Attachment A

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP

☐ Draft EIR

NEPA: ☐ NOI

Other: ☐ Joint Document

☐ Early Cons

☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR

☐ EA

☐ Final Document

☐ Neg Dec

(Prior SCH No.) _____

☐ Draft EIS

☐ Other: _____

☒ Mit Neg Dec

Other: _____

☐ FONSI

Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update

☐ Specific Plan

☐ Rezone

☐ Annexation

☐ General Plan Amendment

☐ Master Plan

☐ Prezone

☐ Redevelopment

☐ General Plan Element

☐ Planned Unit Development

☐ Use Permit

☐ Coastal Permit

☐ Community Plan

☐ Site Plan

☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

☒ Other: Fish Passage/Flood Control

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____

☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____

☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____

☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____

☐ Educational: _____

☐ Recreational: _____

☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

☐ Transportation: Type _____

☐ Mining: Mineral _____

☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____

☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____

☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____

☒ Other: Fish passage restoration and flood control

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☐ Aesthetic/Visual

☐ Fiscal

☐ Recreation/Parks

☒ Vegetation

☐ Agricultural Land

☒ Flood Plain/Flooding

☐ Schools/Universities

☒ Water Quality

☒ Air Quality

☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard

☐ Septic Systems

☒ Water Supply/Groundwater

☒ Archeological/Historical

☐ Geologic/Seismic

☐ Sewer Capacity

☒ Wetland/Riparian

☒ Biological Resources

☐ Minerals

☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading

☐ Growth Inducement

☐ Coastal Zone

☒ Noise

☐ Solid Waste

☐ Land Use

☐ Drainage/Absorption

☐ Population/Housing Balance

☒ Toxic/Hazardous

☐ Cumulative Effects

☐ Economic/Jobs

☐ Public Services/Facilities

☐ Traffic/Circulation

☐ Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Light industrial, residential/Planned Unit (P-1)/Open Space (OS), Public/Semi-Public (PS), Light Industry (LI); Parks and Recreation, Business/Light Industrial

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

See Attachment A

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

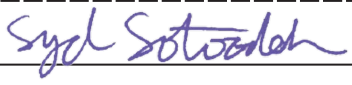
☒ Air Resources Board	☒ Office of Historic Preservation
☐ Boating & Waterways, Department of	☐ Office of Public School Construction
☐ California Emergency Management Agency	☐ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☐ California Highway Patrol	☐ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☐ Caltrans District # _____	☐ Public Utilities Commission
☐ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☒ Regional WQCB # <u>2</u>
☐ Caltrans Planning	☐ Resources Agency
☐ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	☐ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
☐ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	☒ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
☐ Coastal Commission	☐ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Colorado River Board	☐ San Joaquin River Conservancy
☒ Conservation, Department of	☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Corrections, Department of	☐ State Lands Commission
☐ Delta Protection Commission	☐ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
☐ Education, Department of	☒ SWRCB: Water Quality
☐ Energy Commission	☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☒ Fish & Game Region # <u>3</u>	☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☐ Food & Agriculture, Department of	☒ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☐ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	☒ Water Resources, Department of
☐ General Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Health Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Housing & Community Development	
☒ Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date July 23, 2026 Ending Date August 21, 2026

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: <u>Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>255 Glacier Dr</u>
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: <u>Martinez, CA 94553</u>
Contact: _____	Phone: <u>925-313-2015</u>
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 7/23/2026

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

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Attachment A
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Project Location:

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Railways: Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Amtrak, Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR)

Schools: Bayview Elementary School, Lake Elementary School, Verde Elementary School, Dover Elementary School, Downer Elementary School, Chavez Elementary School, Peres K-8 School, Rivet School, Sylvester Greenwood Academy, West Contra Costa Unified School District, Nystrom Elementary School, Coronado Elementary School, Richmond College Prep Schools Charter

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Present Land Use: The land uses adjacent to and included in the Project Site are light industrial and residential, with light industrial buildings, schools, and housing along the creek corridor. Adjacent lands include a railroad line.

Zoning:

Contra Costa County: Planned Unit (P-1)

General Plan Designation:

Contra Costa County: Open Space (OS), Public/Semi-Public (PS), Light Industry (LI)
City of Richmond: Parks and Recreation, Business/Light Industrial

Project Description:

The purpose of the Lower Wildcat Creek Restoration Project (Project) is to restore flood conveyance capacity of an approximately 4,500-foot stretch of lower Wildcat Creek to restore fish passage within that reach, and to enhance the vegetated riparian habitat. This will be accomplished by removing excess sediment and vegetation so that water can move more freely through the low-flow channel and adjacent high-flow floodplain of the creek. The Project consists of the following elements:

- Remove excess sediment and debris from select reaches of the creek. Within the creek's previously excavated low-flow channel, recently accumulated sediment which has deposited to depths up to approximately 2-6 feet and debris jams or other obstructions that impede fish passage and/or flows will be removed. Within the north floodplain between the low-flow channel and the trail, silt and other recent deposits will be excavated up to approximately 1-5 feet where necessary to improve flood capacity.
- Remove vegetation and trees, predominantly willows, that have spread onto the northern floodplains beyond established maintenance zones of the riparian forest that flanks the established low-flow channel. The Project will promote a shift of species in the riparian corridor to ecologically desired native species with lower hydraulic roughness that do not significantly impede stream flows. This will be done by removing willows that trap sediment, and planting tree species that allow sediment to flow through. Trees growing in the channel that block the flow of the creek will also be removed.

- Install several small drainage swales within the floodplain to help return water back to the creek's low-flow channel and reduce the formation of unwanted secondary low-flow channels on the floodplain. Where they connect to the low-flow channel, these drainage swales will create habitat alcoves that add ecological value and help to reduce fish stranding following high-flows. Several other channel stabilizing measures are proposed to prevent a secondary low-flow channel from forming on the unshaded floodplain.
- Create in-stream habitat features for fish, including two log habitat structures that also help to retain baseflow within the low-flow channel and fish resting pools.
- Enhance the adjacent riparian corridor habitat through removal of invasive plants and installation of native vegetation.
- Increase the level of flood protection from approximately 700-800 cubic feet per second to approximately 1,130 cfs in the Project reach.