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
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

Project Title: Hope House Foundation Repairs Project, Project# WH163A, CP#26-19

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553, (925) 313-2000, Contact: Shravan Sundaram, (925) 313-2366

Project Location: 300 Ilene St., Martinez, CA 94553; APN: 372-182-006

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 Hope House facility serves as a 24-hour residential treatment center providing transitional care for individuals leaving hospitals who require additional support before re-entering the community. The facility accommodates up to 16 residents and plays a critical role in the County's behavioral health continuum by offering an alternative to hospitalization and supporting the recovery and reintegration of vulnerable populations.

The County has determined that comprehensive foundation repairs are necessary to address deficiencies and ensure long-term viability of the building. The existing building foundation will be repaired by hydraulically driven piers which push against the building and drilling new piers that will support the existing foundation and concrete slab. Cracks in the existing slab will be repaired, and the slab is anticipated to be lifted in locations using a polyurethane injection which will also provide waterproofing. New soil nails will be used to stabilize an existing retaining wall. Subsurface drains may be added to control subsurface soil moisture. Additionally, there will be limited interior tenant improvement type work, most notably bathroom upgrades.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2027 and take approximately one year for completion. Appropriate best management practices such as dust control and storm drain inlet protection will be implemented. Ground disturbance and excavations are anticipated for the foundation work. Vegetation trimming and removal may be necessary. Real property transactions, including but not limited to, right-of-way acquisition and permanent and temporary easements, and utility relocations may be necessary in support of this project. Night or weekend work may be necessary and will be performed in accordance with local guidelines. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times.

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[d] and 15302[c])

☐ 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(d) and 15302(c) regarding Existing Facilities and Replacement or Reconstruction respectively, since:

- The repair of the damaged foundation will meet current standards of public health and safety and not involve expansion of existing or former use consistent with Section 15301(d).
- The repair of the foundation will involve an existing structure/facility, and the repaired and improved structure/facility will remain in its current location with no expansion of capacity consistent with Section 15302(c).

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: July 27, 2026

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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

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Applicant

Contra Costa County Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Shravan Sundaram SS
Environmental Services Division
(925) 313-2366

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

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

Total Due: _____ Receipt #: _____

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