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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
Fire Protection District
4005 Port Chicago Hwy, Suite 250
Concord, CA 94520

☒ County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Temporary Fire Station 9, Project No. WH182A, PD265-2601

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, 4005 Port Chicago Hwy, Suite 250, Concord, CA 94520, Contact: Sam Nichols, (925) 941-3300 ext. 1107, sam.nichols@cccfpd.org

Project Location: The project is located on a paved area at Buchanan Field Airport behind the Buchanan Field Clubhouse at 200 Sally Ride Drive, Concord, CA 94520 (APN 125-010-023).

Lead Agency:
Contact Person: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, 4005 Port Chicago Hwy, Suite 250, Concord, CA 94520, Contact: Sam Nichols, (925) 941-3300 ext. 1107, sam.nichols@cccfpd.org

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Temporary Fire Station 9 (project) will be used as interim housing and maintain uninterrupted emergency response services for Fire Station 9 personnel, apparatus, and equipment during demolition and reconstruction of the existing station located at 209 Center Avenue, Pacheco, CA 94553. The project will operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week, for approximately two years during construction of the replacement Fire Station 9.

The project will consist of an approximately 3,000-square-foot prefabricated stressed membrane apparatus structure; a one-story, approximately 1,500-square-foot, prefabricated modular living quarters building; a 200-square-foot Conex storage container; four parking spaces (one ADA-accessible and three staff parking spaces); and new chain-link security fencing with vehicle and personnel access gates. The prefabricated stressed membrane apparatus structure will be used for the storage and protection of two fire engines and associated emergency response equipment. The prefabricated modular living quarters will contain firefighter sleeping quarters, a kitchen, dining and dayroom space, restrooms, laundry facilities, office space, and support areas. The Conex container will serve as supplemental storage for firefighter gear, equipment, and supplies. Additional site improvements such as utility connections, lighting, and circulation areas will be added as necessary to support continuous fire station operations.

Construction is anticipated to begin in March 2027 and take approximately 3 months for completion. Real property transactions, including but not limited to, leases, right-of-way acquisition and permanent and temporary easements may be needed. Utility relocations may be necessary to support this project. Utility connections to existing water, sewer, electrical, and storm drain lines in the project area will be required. Ground disturbance and excavations to a maximum depth of 6 feet are anticipated for utility trenching. Appropriate Best Management Practices for water pollution control will be implemented. Night or weekend work may occur. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Upon completion of the replacement Fire Station 9, operations would transition to the new facility.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

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. 15303[c][d][e])
☐ General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
☐ Other Statutory Exemption (Sec.)

Reason why project is exempt: The project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15303[c][d][e] because:

- it consists of less than four commercial buildings totaling less than 10,000 square feet that will not involve use of significant hazardous substances, is located in an urbanized area where public services and facilities are available, and is not surrounded by environmentally sensitive areas. (15303[c])
- it will include utility extensions (i.e., connections to water, sewer, electrical, and storm drain lines) that are of reasonable length and only necessary to serve the proposed structures on the site. (15303[d])
- it will include accessory structures (i.e., chain-link security fencing and Conex container). (15303[e])

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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: DocuSigned by: Aaron McAllister 4D916ABE223B428... Title: Fire Chief Date: 9/22/2026

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Applicant

Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
4005 Port Chicago Highway, Suite 250
Concord, CA 94520-1180
Attn: Sam Nichols SS
(925) 941-3300 ext. 1107

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

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