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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa
555 Escobar Street
Martinez CA 94553

From: (Public Agency): City of Richmond (Lead Agency)
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804 (510) 620-6706
(Address)

Project Title: Extension of Temporary Moratorium on New Data Centers — Urgency Ordinance No. 13-26 N.S.

Project Applicant: City of Richmond Planning, 450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804 (510) 620-6841

Project Location - Specific:
Citywide Moratorium

Project Location - City: Richmond Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project is the extension, for an additional 22 months and 15 days through September 15, 2028, of the City of Richmond's temporary citywide moratorium on the approval or issuance of permits, licenses, and land use entitlements for new data centers. The extension preserves the status quo while the City conducts research, community and stakeholder engagement, and a public planning process to evaluate whether data centers should be permitted within Richmond and, if permitted, what General Plan, zoning, land use, operational, infrastructure, environmental, and public-safety regulations should apply. The beneficiaries are the City of Richmond, its residents, businesses, property owners, and the broader community, who will benefit from a comprehensive and publicly informed evaluation of potential regulations intended to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Richmond

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Richmond

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15060(c)(2)(3); 15061(b)(3); 15064(d); 1537(a); 15378(a))
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The ordinance extension preserves the status quo and does not authorize or approve any physical development. It will not cause a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Accordingly, the action does not constitute a "project" subject to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(c)(2)–(3), 15064(d)(3), and 15378. Even if the action were considered a project, it is exempt under the common-sense exemption in CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that extending a temporary moratorium that authorizes no development has no possibility of causing a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Lina Velasco Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 510-620-6841

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: Date: 10/26/2026 Title: Dir. of Community Dev.

▪ 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
CITY OF RICHMOND		10/26/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	2026-00345

PROJECT TITLE

EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON NEW DATA CENTERS - URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 13-26 N.S.

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
CITY OF RICHMOND			(510) 620-6706
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	**CITY**	**STATE**	**ZIP CODE**
450 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, ATTN: PLANNING	RICHMOND	CA	94804

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$ 4,227.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$ 3,043.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$ 1,437.25	$
☒ Exempt from fee		
☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)		
☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		
☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$ 850.00	$
☒ County documentary handling fee	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	William Smiglewski Deputy Clerk

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Finalization No.: 202600107940
Cashier: wsmiglewski
Register: WINDOW7
Date/Time: 10/26/2026 03:29 PM

Description	Fee
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION	
Filing Time:	03:29 PM
Filing Total:	$50.00
Filing Fee:	$50.00
Total Amount Due:	$50.00
Total Paid	
House Charge:	$50.00
Amount Due:	$0.00

EACH TRANSACTION IS FINAL AND
NON-REFUNDABLE.

THANK YOU
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE