



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: Sherman Recovery Center, Project#: WH154A, CP#25-44

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

Project Location: 2025 Sherman Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523; APN 127-170-027

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 Sherman Recovery Center (project) consists of the construction of a social rehabilitation center and includes an optional permanent supportive housing component. The project will involve demolishing one existing abandoned building that is approximately 3,000-square feet (sf) and one existing 1,400-sf abandoned modular building. The project will involve constructing an approximately 8,000-sf social rehabilitation center and five supportive housing units (two single bedroom units and three studios totaling approximately 2,430-sf) pending state grant funding.

The single-story social rehabilitation center will provide approximately 16 beds and offer behavioral health services focused on recovery, life-skills development, and community integration. The facility will include dining and kitchen areas, bedrooms, educational spaces, laundry facilities, secure outdoor recreation areas, landscaping, and sustainability features. An optional permanent supportive housing component, pending state grant funding, would add five housing units and shared laundry facilities to support clients transitioning to independent living.

Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026 and take approximately two years for completion in 2028. Appropriate best management practices, such as dust control and storm drain inlet protection, will be implemented. Vegetation trimming and removal of approximately eight trees is anticipated. 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:

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| ☐ Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) | ☒ Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15303 (b) and (c)) |
| ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a]) | ☐ General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3]) |
| ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c]) | ☐ Other Statutory Exemption (Sec.) |

Reason why project is exempt:

The proposed project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines, Section 15303 (b) and (c) regarding New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

The project consists of the following components:

- Demolition of existing abandoned buildings totaling approximately 4,400-sf and new construction of an approximately 8,000-sf, single story social rehabilitation center.
- Construction of five supportive housing units providing a total of 2,430-sf housing, pending state grant funding.

The social rehabilitation center will be in an urbanized area that is not environmentally sensitive, under 10,000 square feet in floor area, not involve the use of significant amounts of hazardous substances, and have connections to necessary utilities. Therefore, the recovery center component of the project is categorically exempt under Section 15303 (c).

The new construction of five supportive housing units is under the six-dwelling unit limit for urbanized areas. Therefore, the temporary housing component of the project is categorically exempt under Section 15303 (b).

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: Sybil Sotwadeh Title: Senior Planner Date: January 26, 2026
Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development
☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Applicant

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Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

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

Total Due: _____ Receipt #: _____