



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
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: Countywide Guardrail Upgrades Phase II, WO#4169, CP#24-11

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553, (925) 313-2000, Contact: Alex Nattkemper (925) 313-2364
alex.nattkemper@pw.cccounty.us

Project Location: Several roads throughout unincorporated West and Central Contra Costa County including San Pablo Dam Road, Olympic Boulevard, Pleasant Hill Road, Taylor Boulevard, Danville Boulevard, Reliez Valley Road

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 Contra Costa County Public Works Department (County) proposes to remove sub-standard Metal Beam Guardrails (MBGR) and end treatments and replace them with the current Caltrans standard Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) guardrails and end treatments at the locations identified above. Approximately 52 existing guardrails will be upgraded, and one new guardrail will be installed. The construction process will include removal and replacement of the existing guardrails, end treatments and associated posts, and relocation of several guardrail posts near end treatments with grading as needed. Ground disturbance and excavations up to eight feet are anticipated. Approximately four trees may be removed, and vegetation and tree trimming may be necessary. All applicable regulatory permits will be obtained before construction. Real Property transactions and utility relocations may be necessary.

Construction is currently anticipated to occur in summer 2026 and will take approximately two months to complete. Temporary traffic controls will be implemented during construction activities and may include short-duration lane closures, including one-way traffic control, resulting in short traffic delays. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times. Appropriate best management practices, including but not limited to measures for stormwater control (e.g., storm drain inlet protection) will be implemented during construction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) ☒ Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15302 [c] and 15303 [d])
- ☐ 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.)

Reasons why project is exempt: The activity consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities (guardrails) in the same location and with the same purpose and capacity, and installation of a new facility (guardrail), pursuant to Article 19, Sections 15302 and 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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 14, 2025

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development


☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on _____ I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

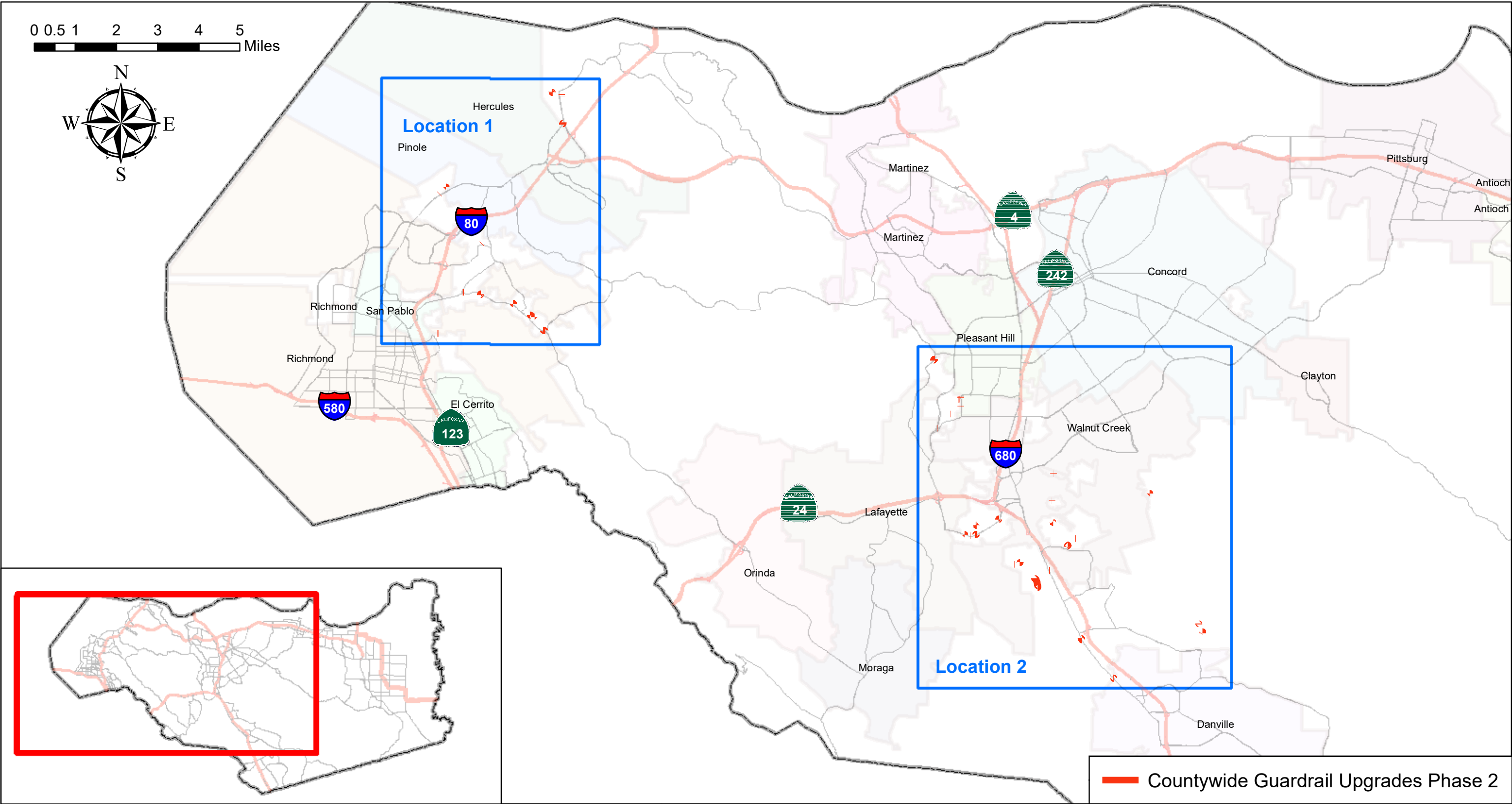
Signature

Title

Applicant
Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Alex Nattkemper 
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2364

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due
☐ De Minimis Finding - \$0
☒ County Clerk - \$50
☒ Conservation and Development - \$25

Total Due: _____ Receipt #: _____



Contra Costa County
**Public Works
Department**

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LOCATION MAP - CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Countywide Guardrail Upgrades - Phase 2

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