



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
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: Alhambra Valley Road Erosion Repair – 3 Sites Project, WO#6270, CP#25-29
Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553, (925) 313-2000, Contact: Sandeep Kajla, (925) 313-2022, sandeep.kajla@pw.cccounty.us

Project Location: Three embankment failure locations along Alhambra Valley Road at 1 mile, 1.3 miles, and 1.6 miles east of Castro Ranch Road in unincorporated central Contra Costa County. APN: 362-100-004

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 purpose of this project is to repair three embankment failures and reconstruct the roadway to restore two-way traffic to a stretch of Alhambra Valley Road that was damaged during the 2023 winter storm events. The road is currently limited to one lane for travel at two of the embankment failure locations.

The road embankments will be repaired and stabilized by constructing soldier pile retaining walls and reconstructing the collapsed roadway at all three sites. The existing road pavement will also be repaired the length of the erosion within the project area at all three sites. In addition, an existing 18-inch diameter HDPE storm drain culvert crossing Alhambra Valley Road and the bank armoring at the culvert's outfall will be replaced and repaired at the western-most site and an inlet and culvert will be installed at the eastern-most site. The repair work at all three sites will include clearing and grubbing on the embankment, excavation, construction of soldier pile retaining walls, embankment repair and stabilization, installation of rock slope protection and guardrail, and roadway reconstruction.

Real Estate transactions, utility relocations, temporary traffic control, and tree and vegetation trimming and removal may be necessary. The project is anticipated to be constructed in 2027 and take approximately 70 working days to complete. No night or Sunday work is anticipated. Applicable best management practices will be implemented such as storm drain inlet protection, silt fencing, and straw wattles. Regulatory permits will be obtained before construction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County

Exempt Status:

Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) Categorical Exemption 15301(c) and 15302(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.)

Reasons why project is exempt: The activity/project consists of the repair and reconstruction of an existing street at three locations and drainage system at one location, involving negligible expansion of use beyond that previously existing and is therefore exempt pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) and 15302(c) of the CEQA Guidelines. There is no substantial evidence that the project involves unusual circumstances resulting in, or which might reasonably result in, significant impacts which threaten the environment. None of the exceptions in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply.

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: Oct. 30, 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

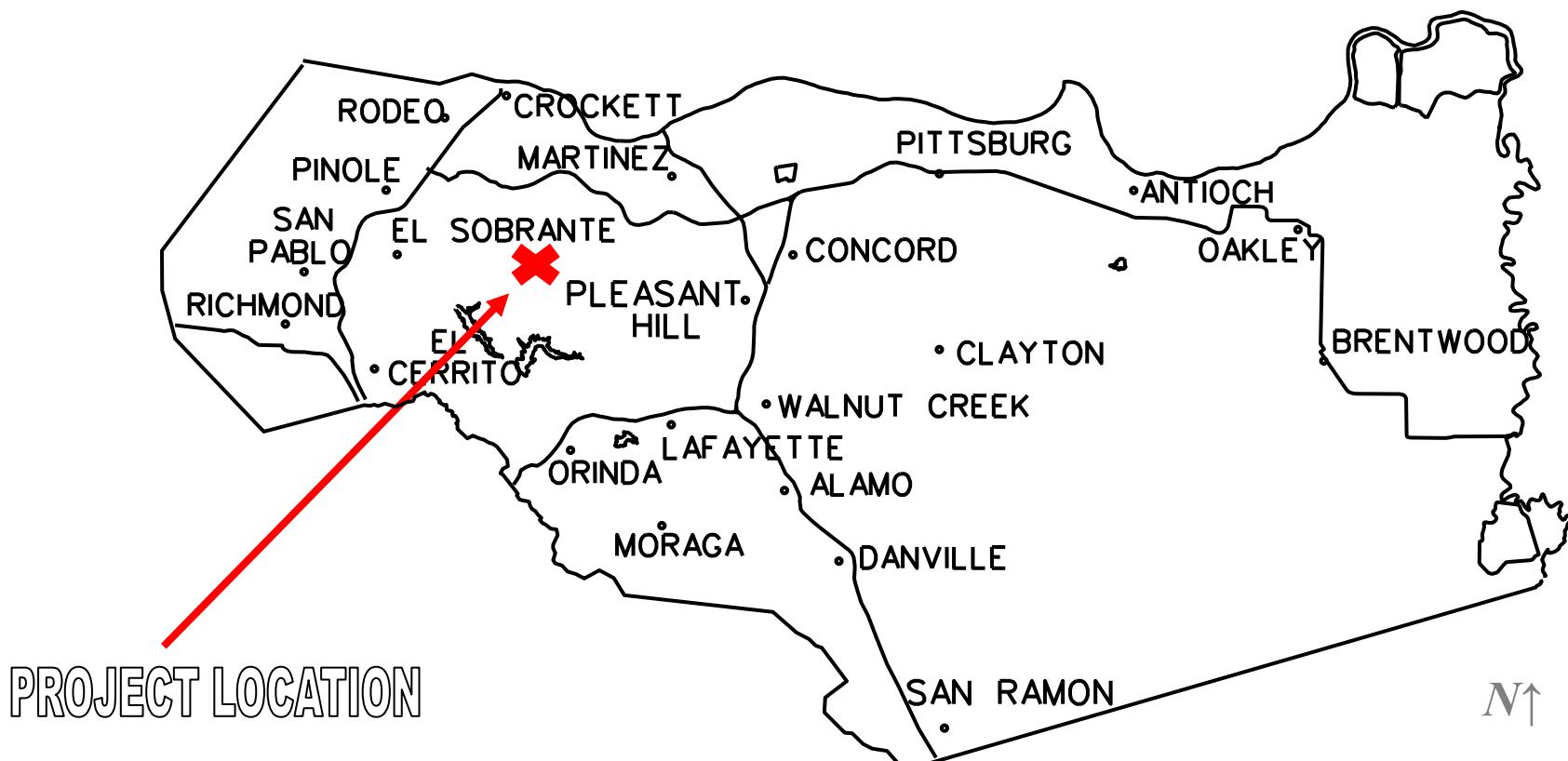
Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Sandeep Kajla 
Environmental Services Division
Phone: (925) 313-2022

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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FIGURE 1: Regional Location Map



Project Sites

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FIGURE 2: Project Vicinity Map