



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: [X] Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and
Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

[X] County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Vasco Road Safety Improvements, Project #: WO4100, CP#: 23-31

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Dept., 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez CA 94553
Main: (925) 313-2000, Contact: Sandeep Kajla, (925) 313-2022

Project Location: Along Vasco Road between Walnut Boulevard and the Frisk Creek Bridge
(approximately 1.35 miles south of Camino Diablo), Byron area

Lead Agency: Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553
Main: (925) 655-2705, Contact: Syd Sotoodeh (925) 655-2877

Project Description: This project will install safety improvements which includes constructing an
approximately 2.25-mile-long no-passing zone with centerline rumble strip with surface-mounted
channelizers and median striping along the Vasco Road median between Walnut Boulevard and Frisk
Creek bridge. The existing center median striping will be removed, and the rumble strip will be milled out
using a grinding/milling machine and new striping will be applied. The project will also install signal
hardware upgrades at the intersections of Vasco Road with Walnut Boulevard and Camino Diablo. The
signal hardware will consist of new signal heads with retroreflective borders at all traffic signals.
Emergency battery backup systems for traffic signals will be added in existing cabinets at the intersection
of Vasco Road with Walnut Boulevard and Camino Diablo. The traffic signal at the corner of Vasco
Road/Walnut Boulevard intersection will be relocated further away from the road to better accommodate
turning trucks. The project is located in the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)
area and will comply with HCP requirements. Utility relocations, temporary traffic control, and vegetation
trimming and removal may be necessary. The project is anticipated to be constructed in 2025 and take
approximately 10 working days to complete. Some night work is anticipated during construction to avoid
traffic delays.

Exempt Status:

- [ ] Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) [X] Categorical Exemption (Sec.15301(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 consists of roadway safety improvements with no
expansion of use pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) 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 [ ] Yes [ ] No
project?

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

- [X] 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.

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Signature

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Title

**Applicant**

Public Works Department  
255 Glacier Drive  
Martinez, CA 94553  
Attn: Sandeep Kaja  
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: \$75

Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_