



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Determination

To:

☒ Office of Land Use and Climate
Innovation
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk
County of Contra Costa
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553

From:

Project Lead Agency:
Contra Costa County
Department of Conservation and Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553
Lead Agency Contact:
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Lead Agency (if different from above):

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: 2009062094

Project Title: Vasco Road Safety Improvements Phase II Project, Project No. WO6X4411, CP#09-55

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department, 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553

Project Location: The project is located along a roughly 2.5 mile stretch of Vasco Road that falls between Camino Diablo Road and the southern entrance to Los Vaqueros Reservoir, roughly three miles north of the Contra Costa-Alameda County Line, in Contra Costa County.

Project Description:

The Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project consists of safety improvements to a 2.5-mile-long stretch of Vasco Road at the location identified above. This stretch of rural, twisting road has a history of high traffic counts of and high speed traffic incidents. The project will construct a concrete median barrier, install road shoulders that meet current design standards, connect two existing southbound truck passing lanes and install associated drainage, retaining walls, signing, striping, turn pockets, guardrail adjustments, wildlife crossing features, barrier end treatments and two bridge widenings. Cut slopes will be excavated where right of way allows. Work will progress through all seasons, though not in adverse weather conditions. Phase 1 of the project was completed in January of 2012. As a result design updates to the current standards, the following modifications to the project elements include:

1. Redesigned wildlife undercrossings
2. Minor changes to bridge design over Brushy Creek
3. Addition of stormwater treatment facilities
4. Changes to grading and associated excavated material volumes
5. Changes to the location of wildlife exclusion fencing
6. (6) Relocation of the existing East Bay Regional Parks District access easement to the north, still within Assessor's Parcel No. 001-011-048.

These proposed modifications were reevaluated under applicable sections of a modified version of Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines to determine if the modifications resulted in a substantial change that would require major revisions of the IS/MND. Re-evaluation of the modifications did not result in significant impacts that would warrant changes to the IS/MND and therefore a CEQA Addendum was prepared.

This is to advise that the Contra Costa County Department of Development and Conservation (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency) has approved the above-described project on July 14, 2026 and has made the following determinations:

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☒ A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval and Addendums 1 and 2 are available to the General Public at:

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation & Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

Signature
(Lead Agency): _____

Title: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Date received for filing at LCI: _____

Applicant

Contra Costa County
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255 Glacier Drive
Martinez, CA 94553
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Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due

☐ Neg. Dec. - \$3,043.75	Total Due: \$ _____
☐ Mitigated Neg. Dec. - \$3,043.75	Total Paid: \$ _____
☐ EIR - \$4,227.50	Receipt # _____
☒ County Clerk - \$50.00	
☐ DCD - \$25.00	