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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
Notice of Exemption

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Contra Costa County  
Department of Conservation and Development  
30 Muir Road  
Martinez, CA 94553

☒ County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

**Project Title:** Adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-17 amending the 2022 California Energy code to increase requiring energy efficiency standards for certain newly constructed buildings

**Project Applicant:** Contra Costa County – 1025 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553. (925) 655-2075

**Project Location:** Unincorporated Areas of Contra Costa County

**Lead Agency:** Department of Conservation and Development – 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

**Contact Person:** Demian Hardman-Saldana, Dept of Conservation and Development, (925) 655-2816

**Project Description:** Ordinance No. 2024-17 amends the 2022 California Building Code to increase energy efficiency standards for newly constructed residential buildings, offices, hotels, and retail buildings to meet the County's Climate Action Plan goals.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project:** Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development

**Exempt Status:**

☐ Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268) ☒ Categorical Exemption (Sec.15061(b)(3) and 15308)

☐ 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:** Adoption of the ordinance is the project. Based on the record before the County, this project is categorically exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption) and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment). Section 15061(b)(3) is the common sense exemption and applies only to projects where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Section 15308 covers Class 8 categorical exemptions, which consist of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. For the purpose of protecting the environment, the proposed ordinance requires higher energy efficiency standards for all newly constructed residential buildings, hotels, offices, and retail buildings. The regulatory standards contained in the proposed ordinance are more stringent than those set forth in the State Building Standards Code, and as a result there are no reasonably foreseeable adverse impacts or possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/14/2024 Title: Principal Planner

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

Name: County of Contra Costa  
Address: 1025 Escobar Street  
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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 #: \_\_\_\_\_