



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

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

(APPLICANT/ LEAD AGENCY)
From: East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy
Department of Conservation and Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 655-2909

[X] County Clerk, County of Contra Costa

Project Title: Knightsen Wetland Restoration Project

Project Applicant: East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy

Project Location: 8831 Byron Hwy, Brentwood, CA, Contra Costa County, APNs 020-171-001 and 020-172-004

Lead Agency: East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy, Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553 (925) 655-2909

Contact Person: Abigail Fateman (925) 655-2908

Project Description: The Knightsen Wetland Restoration project, when constructed, will restore the ranch to high quality habitat for special status species. The ecological benefits will extend beyond target species in the East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP, as the project will also support migratory birds and Delta species. There are also anticipated Delta water quality benefits. This is a large restoration effort that includes reconnecting this parcel to Delta tidal flows. The project is in the planning and design phase with a current action of accepting grant funding from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Wildlife Conservation Board for early implementation actions.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy (925) 655-2909

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080[b][1]; 15268)
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080[b][3]; 15269[a])
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c])
Categorical Exemption (Sec. )
General Rule of Applicability (Sec. 15061[b][3])
Other Statutory Exemption (Sec. 21080.56)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt for the following reasons: (1) The Project is being implemented to conserve, restore, and protect HCP/NCCP covered species and habitat and to achieve HCP/NCCP biological goals and objectives; (2) the Project site will be protected in perpetuity by a conservation easement, ensuring long-term benefits for climate resiliency, biodiversity, and species recovery; (3) the Project will be implemented in accordance with the HCP/NCCP, which includes measures to minimize or avoid environmental impacts and ensures the Project site will be managed and monitored in perpetuity; and (4) all Project construction activities will advance the habitat restoration objectives of the Project.

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: [Signature] Date 12/19/23 Title: Executive Director

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING
I declare that on DEC 21 2023 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] Deputy clerk

Applicant Name Address Phone
2023-00497
FILED
December 21, 2023
KRISTIN B. CONNELLY
CLERK-RECORDER
By [Signature] Deputy clerk

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fees Due
[ ] De Minimis Finding - \$0
[X] County Clerk - \$50
[ ] Conservation and Development - \$25
Total Due: Receipt #:



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 07-12/21/2023-497  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVANCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 12/21/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2023-00497	

PROJECT TITLE  
 KNIGHTSEN WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME EAST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVANCY	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (925) 655-2909
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 30 MUIR ROAD	CITY MARTINEZ	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94553

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency     School District     Other Special District     State Agency     Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 3,839.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,764.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,305.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Exempt from fee
  - Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
  - Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50.00
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash     Credit     Check     Other 2312    TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Yanni Ross</i> Rec# 113559	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Reddiccs Lyric Deputy Clerk
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Kristin B. Connelly  
Contra Costa  
Clerk-Recorder  
555 Escobar Street  
Martinez, CA 94553  
(925) 335-7900

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Receipt No.: RPT20230000115407

Finalization No.: 202300113559

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Date/Time: 12/21/2023 11:04 AM

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fee</u>
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION	
Filing Time:	11:04 AM
Filing Total:	\$50.00
Filing Fee:	\$50.00
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Total Amount Due:	\$50.00
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Total Paid	
Check Tendered:	\$50.00
#2312	
Amount Due:	\$0.00

THANK YOU  
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

