

03/15/2021

FILING REQUESTED BY AND
WHEN FILED RETURN TO:

Marin County Community Development Agency
Planning Division
3501 Civic Center Drive, #308
San Rafael, CA 94903

SHELLY SCOTT
MARIN COUNTY CLERK
By J. Gilardi, Deputy
21-2021 - 57

Attn: Don Alee

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
Marin County
Environmental Coordination and Review

March 8, 2021

1. **Project Name:** Access Ramp to Corte Madera Creek Channel; Cedar Ave, Kentfield, Marin County
2. **Project Location:** The project site is located on an undeveloped Flood Control District-owned parcel (APN 074-011-61) adjacent to the Corte Madera Creek concrete channel at the intersection of Locust Ave. and Cedar Ave. in the unincorporated community of Kentfield in Ross Valley.
3. **Project Description:** The primary project objective is to construct a permanent ramp into the concretized section of the Corte Madera Creek so that construction and maintenance equipment, such as trucks, excavators and skid steer loaders, can access the channel for creek maintenance. The project will construct a permanent access ramp approximately 15 feet wide by 80 feet long (1200 sq ft), and sloping from Cedar Avenue down to the existing creek channel bed that is approximately 10 feet below ground at an approximately 15 percent grade. Concrete floodwalls will be constructed adjacent to the ramp on both the upstream and downstream side of the ramp that connect into the existing Corte Madera Creek concrete channel walls. After construction, the floodwalls will be approximately 80 feet long and up to one (1) foot above existing ground elevation.
4. **Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Marin Department of Public Works;
Patrick Echols, Interim Director
5. **Project Sponsor:** Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
6. **CEQA Exemption Status:** Categorical Exemption: 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
7. **Reasons for Exemption:** This project qualifies for the 15303 exemption because it involves new minor construction of a small structure, an access ramp with a footprint of 1200 sq ft, on a vacant parcel. The project is designed to avoid potential for significant environmental impacts. The new access ramp floodwalls join to the existing concrete channel walls seamlessly and do not intrude into the creek channel, so there are no negative impacts to streamflow. The height of the access ramp walls have been minimized as much as possible to reduce the size of the structure while providing an equivalent level of flood protection to proposed floodwall at the adjacent Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project. During construction, erosion and water quality best management practices will be followed. After construction, all disturbed areas will be replanted with native grass seed and covered with erosion control blankets.

Project Planner

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Reviewed by:

J. Reid
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Environmental Planning Manager



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2021 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/21) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: — —
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
PROJECT TITLE		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER ()	
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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|---|------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$3,445.25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$2,480.25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,171.25 | \$ _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy) | | |
| <hr/> | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee | | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | \$ _____ |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other
 TOTAL RECEIVED
 \$ _____

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- Mail filing fees for **CRP** document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) *(Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))*

- Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Accounting Services Branch
 P.O. Box 944209
 Sacramento, California 94244-2090