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City of Petaluma
Public Works Department
P.O. Box 61
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Sonoma County Clerk
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Project Title: Petaluma Marina and Petaluma River Turning Basin Maintenance Dredging Project

Project Applicant: City of Petaluma Public Works and Utilities Department

Project Location: Sediment will be dredged from the bottom of the Petaluma River at the Petaluma Marina (781 Baywood Drive) and the Petaluma River Turning basin located adjacent to 150 Weller St, Petaluma, Sonoma County, CA. Dredge material will be placed at Shollenberger Dredge Sediment Decanting Site near 1400 Cader Lane, Petaluma, CA, at the Cullinan Ranch Restoration Project wetland beneficial reuse site (in Napa County, CA north of Hwy 37 between the Napa River and San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge) and in the San Pablo Bay at SF-10 aquatic disposal site.

Project Description: Maintenance dredging of the Petaluma Marina (approximately 7.2 acres) and Petaluma River Turning Basin (approximately 2.6 acres). Approximately 150,000 CY of material will be dredged up to a depth of -10.0 ft MLLW +2.0 ft over-dredge and the docking areas to a depth of -8.0 ft MLLW plus 2.0 ft over-dredge. Work will occur no earlier than June 1, 2020 and be completed no later than November 30, 2020.

EXEMPT STATUS: (CHECK ONE)

Statutory Exemptions

- {Article 18:Section 21080; 15260}**
- Ministerial {Sec.15268}
- Feasibility/Planning Study {Sec.15262}
- Emergency Project {Sec.15269}
- General Rule {Sec.15061(b)(3)}
- Other: _____ {Sec. _____}

Categorical Exemptions

- {Article 19:Section 21084; 15300}**
- Existing Facilities {Sec.15301}
- Replacement or Reconstruction {Sec.15302}
- Small Structures {Sec.15303}
- Minor Alterations {Sec.15304(g)}
- Minor Subdivisions {Sec.15315}

Reasons why project is exempt: Maintenance dredging is categorically exempt and all required state and federal regulatory agency permits will be obtained before dredging commences. Furthermore, the project, including the sediment deposition sites, is consistent with the Programmatic EIR/EIS prepared for the Long Term Management Strategy (LTMS) for Placement of Dredged Material in the San Francisco Bay and the 1998 and 2015 Biological Opinions for the LTMS which specifically identify dredging of the Petaluma Marina Petaluma River Turning Basin. There are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances or other factors that would make the exemption inapplicable. Therefore, this project is exempt under Section 15304 (g), "maintenance dredging where the spoil is deposited in a spoil area authorized by all applicable state and federal regulatory agencies."

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