

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
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**Project Title:** City of Petaluma Maintenance Dredging (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0016-R3)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located on the Petaluma River at 781 Baywood Drive, Petaluma, in the County of Sonoma.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0016-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to City of Petaluma.

The project is limited to the dredging of sediment from the Petaluma Marina and the Petaluma River Federal Navigation Channel and Turning Basin. Routine dredging episodes will occur over 5 years and will encompass the entire footprint of the Petaluma Marina and selected areas of the Federal Channel and Turning Basin as needed. It is estimated that up to 120,000 cubic yards of material will be removed from the 7.2-acre marina during the first dredging episode. This project includes up to five dredge episodes, for a maximum a total of 350,000 cubic yards of sediment to be removed.

The project as amended also includes removal of six 16-inch diameter steel piles and nine 12-inch creosote treated timber piles to be replaced with fourteen 16-inch diameter steel piles and removal of existing gangways and adjacent structures, to be replaced with steel gangways and gangway landing platforms.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Petaluma

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

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