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City of Petaluma
Public Works Department
P.O. Box 61
Petaluma, CA 94953

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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: *NG*
Norma Gonzalez, Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

Project Title: First Street Water and Sewer Main Replacement (Emergency Project)

Project Applicant: City of Petaluma Public Works and Utilities Department
11 English St, Petaluma, CA 94952

Project Location: First Street – F Street to H Street, Petaluma CA 94952

Project Description: The purpose of this project is to relocate and replace sanitary sewer gravity mains and install a new water main. The gravity mains in the area are aged and the material is prone to cracking. Additionally, the gravity main between F Street and G Street has been experiencing reverse flow. The manhole can fill up quickly and needs to be cleaned out twice a week. The week of May 6, 2024, it was discovered that there was a break in the sewer main and Operations crews did a temporary spot repair which cannot tolerate line cleanings. Repair of the sewer main is now urgent and essential for the continued function and operation of the City’s municipal services. The emergency repair work will include relocating and replacing 1100 linear feet of new 8-inch SDR-26 gravity mains at different slopes to redirect the flow and provide longevity. Relocating the lines is necessary to preserve the historic rails that the existing sewer mains are under. The work involves replacement of two (2) sanitary sewer mains and relocation and replacement of three (3) sanitary sewer gravity mains along 1st Street between F Street, and H Street and along G Street between 1st and 2nd Street, plug and abandonment of five (5) existing sanitary sewer mains, extension or shortening and reconnection of 23 sewer laterals, removal and replacement of sewer manholes, backfill and abandonment of three (3) sewer manholes, removal and replacement of a sewer clean out, and sewer manhole lining. The work will also involve the installation of 230 linear feet of new 8-inch C900 water main on 1st Street between G Street and H Street, with the addition of three (3) new water services and a gate valve. All improvements will occur within the existing right-of-way.

EXEMPT STATUS: (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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}
- Minor Subdivisions {Sec.15315}

Reasons why project is exempt:

The week of May 6, 2024, the sewer main on First Street experience a break in the line and was spot repaired, which provides for a temporary fix. However, the sewer main is a critical infrastructure and requires an immediate and permanent fix in order to maintain municipal sewer service and protect public health, safety, and welfare, as well as protection of the environment including the Petaluma River.

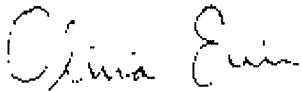
Pursuant to Section 711.4(d)(2) of the Fish and Game Code, statutory and categorical exemptions are exempt from Department of Fish and Wildlife filing fees.

The permanent repair, relocation in the same general vicinity, and replacement of the sewer main will restore its full function and service and correct the imminent risk of further failure. As the failure of a sewer main in downtown Petaluma and proximate to the Petaluma River presents a clear and imminent danger, that poses a risk to public health, safety and welfare, the subject undertaking is statutorily exempt pursuant to Section 15269(b), Emergency Project (and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(2)).

Additionally, the project is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, Existing Facilities, 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction, and 15303 New Construction or Conversation of Small Structure because the project involves relocation and replacement of existing sanitary sewer gravity mains, and the installation of a new water main to provide service to three (3) users and for fire flows. The replacement and reconstruction of existing utility infrastructure and the new water main extension will support existing development in the area and there is negligible or no expansion of use beyond what currently exists. There are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances or other factors that would make the exemption inapplicable. Therefore, this project is categorically exempt under CEQA sections 15301(b), Existing Facilities, and 15302(c), Replacement or Reconstruction, and 15303 New Construction (d).

Lead Agency: City of Petaluma Public Works, 11 English Street, P.O. Box 61, Petaluma, CA 94953

Department/Contact Person: Dan Herrera **Phone** (707) 778-4589



Olivia Ervin, Principal Environmental Planner, Planning Division

May 29, 2024
Date



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
49-05292024-156

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF PETALUMA PUBLIC WORKS	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/29/2024
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-0529-02
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PROJECT TITLE
FIRST STREET WATER AND SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT (EMERGENCY PROJECT)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF PETALUMA PUBLIC WORKS AND	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707)778-4589
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 11 ENGLISH ST	CITY PETALUMA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 94952
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$ _____

Exempt from fee

Notice of Exemption (attach)

CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

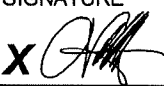
Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$ _____ \$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ _____ \$50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Norma Gonzalez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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