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City of Petaluma, Community Development Department
11 English Street
Petaluma, CA 94953

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

Project Title: City of Petaluma Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Renewal
Project Applicant: City of Petaluma, 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94953; Heather Hines, Special Projects Manager, (707) 778-4316

Project Location: Citywide - Petaluma, Sonoma County, CA

Project Description: The City of Petaluma's UGB was established in 1998 through Measure I and extended in 2010 through 2025. The purpose of the proposed UGB Ballot measure is to extend the UGB for a period of 25 years through 2050, with modifications. Under the proposed renewal, the boundary of the UGB would remain unchanged from its current alignment. Three of the four identified "potential expansion areas" present in the existing 2025 UGB would be removed. The Corona Station expansion area would be retained, and language clarified to allow for "potential expansion" within 1/2 mile of the Corona SMART Station. The proposed UGB renewal would retain the existing four exceptions that provide options for the City Council to consider a proposed expansion of the UGB boundaries absent approval by a vote of the people.

EXEMPT STATUS:

Statutory Exemptions

{Article 18: Section 21080; 15260}
 Ministerial {Sec.15268}
 Emergency Project {Sec.15269}
 General Rule {Sec.15061(b)(3)}

Categorical Exemptions

{Article 19: Section 21084; 15300}
 Existing Facilities {Sec.15301}
 Protection of the Environment {Sec.15307}
 Protection of the Environment {Sec.15308}

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project, to extend the City of Petaluma UGB through 2050, is exempt from CEQA in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule, Section 15307, Protection of Natural Resources, and Section 15308 Protection of Natural Resources. The Project is eligible for the General Rule statutory exemption as there is no physical development that would occur, and it can be seen with certainty that no adverse direct or indirect environmental impacts would result from the extension of the UGB. Further, the project is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of Natural Resources) and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) as it involves continuing well established policies and regulation that create a boundary within which urban growth is limited. Without the proposed extension, through 2050, the UGB will sunset on December 31, 2025, which would remove all limits on urban growth provided by the UGB. The Project would, upon expiration of the current UGB (December 31, 2025), reestablish the UGB with proposed modifications, effective January 1, 2026, for an additional 25 years, through December 31, 2050. The UGB restricts development within the city's planning area to urban and infill properties and prevents urban sprawl. The UGB preserves urban separators, open space, and agricultural lands surrounding the City of Petaluma, thereby protecting natural resources and the environment. The UGB reinforces the General Plan's intent to accommodate planned future growth and to buildout in areas planned for development, in a manner consistent with goals and policies to protect natural resources and the environment, as well as public health and safety, while accommodating a diversity of housing options, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions to advance the City's goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. As the proposed renewal of the UGB through 2050 serves to further the protections to natural resources and the environment afforded since its establishment in 1998, the Project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15307 and 15308. Furthermore, since the project will not result in physical impacts and as it can be seen with certainty that the project will not result in environmental impacts, the Project is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3).

Lead Agency: City of Petaluma 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94953

Department/Contact Person: Heather Hines, Special Projects Manager

Phone: (707) 778-4316

[Signature]
Environmental Planner, Planning Division

July 2, 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:
49-07102024-213

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF PETALUMA	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 07/10/2024
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-0710-01
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PROJECT TITLE
CITY OF PETALUMA URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY (UGB) RENEWAL

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF PETALUMA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707)778-4316
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 11 ENGLISH ST	CITY PETALUMA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 94953
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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) | \$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)

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| <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 Julio Montes Lopez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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