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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: Jefferson Street Emergency Sewer Main Replacement

Project Applicant: Steve Worrell P.E. Senior Civil Engineer (707) 776-3608 sworrell@cityofpetaluma.org
City of Petaluma Public Works Department
1318 Redwood Way, Ste 120, Petaluma, CA 94954

Project Location: Jefferson Street – Payran Street to Vallejo Street, Petaluma CA 94952

Project Description: The purpose of this project is to replace sanitary sewer gravity mains. The gravity mains in the area are aged and the material is prone to cracking. Additionally, the gravity mains have had reports of sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) in the past. On December 18, 2025, it was discovered that there were multiple breaks in the sewer main via closed-circuit television (CCTV) inspection. 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 replacing 465 linear feet of new 6-inch and 10-inch PVC SDR-26 gravity mains at different slopes to improve the flow and provide longevity. The work involves replacement of two (2) sanitary sewer mains, extending or shortening and reconnection of fourteen (14) sewer laterals, and the replacement of one (1) sewer manhole. 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:

On December 18, 2025, the sewer main on Jefferson Street showed signs of deterioration and multiple breaks. The sewer main is a critical infrastructure and requires an immediate replacement 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.

The 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 East 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, because the project involves replacement of existing sanitary sewer gravity mains and a manhole, and extending or shortening of sewer laterals. The replacement of existing utility infrastructure 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).

Lead Agency: City of Petaluma Public Works, 1318 Redwood Way, Ste 120, Petaluma, CA 94954

Department/Contact Person: Steve Worrell

Phone (707) 776-3608

Steve Worrell P.E., Senior Civil

Steve Worrell

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Date February 6, 2025



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 49-02062025-033
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF PETALUMA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 02/06/2025
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 25-0206-01
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PROJECT TITLE
 JEFFERSON STREET EMERGENCY SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME STEVE WORRELL P.E. SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL SWORRELL@CITYOFPETALUMA.ORG	PHONE NUMBER (707)776-3608
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1318 REDWOOD WAY, STE 120	CITY PETALUMA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 94954
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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)	\$4,123.50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$ _____

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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