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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk

BY: 
Carrie Anderson, Deputy Clerk



RETURN TO:

City of Petaluma
Community Development Department
11 English Street
Petaluma, CA 94952

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

Project Title: Trestle Encampment Cleanup Project

Project Applicant: City of Petaluma
11 English St, Petaluma, CA 94952

Project Location: 196 Cinnabar Road, Petaluma CA 94952 (APNs: 048-142-015, 048-142-014) and
Petaluma Boulevard North, Petaluma, CA 94952 (APNs: 007-391-009, 007-391-005)

Project Description: This project is being undertaken to protect the Petaluma River and prevent future damage to the riparian channel from encampments of unhoused. The purpose of the Trestle Encampment Cleanup Project is to remediate two unpermitted encampments on private property near the Petaluma River that are a public safety issue for the unhoused residing there and for the surrounding areas. The City is coordinating with property owners where the encampments have been formed, as well as with at least one representative from all City departments and lead representatives from local partners, such as HomeFirst, DST, and COTS, on project planning. The week of September 30, 2024, the City received notice of funding award for the Project and is taking immediate action to mobilize cleanup efforts. The encampment at APNs: 007-391-009, 007-391-005 is located within an area of approximately 20,000 square feet from 15 to 300 feet of the top of bank of the Petaluma River in a riparian area. The encampment at APNs: 048-142-015, 048-142-014 is located in an area of approximately 10,000 square feet from 15 to 120 feet of the Petaluma River in a riparian area. Both encampment areas are partially or wholly within the floodway of the Petaluma River. The encampment includes unpermitted structures such as shed-like buildings, retaining walls built into the embankment of the river, and other modifications that have altered the riverbank and are not safe for human habitation.

On September 30, 2024 residents of the encampments were notified that an abatement was in process due to public safety issues. HomeFirst, DST, and COTS provided outreach, supplies, and shelter options. The encampments were red tagged by Code Enforcement on October 8, 2024, signaling to encampment residents that they could move items out, but no longer reside at the encampments. All service providers continue to case conference all individuals that resided at the encampment and provide them services.

A remediation plan was then put in place with both property owners to remove any and all encampments from both properties. Remediation will include removal of all structures and waste accumulated on the site. Heavy machinery including but not limited to bulldozers, front-end loaders, and backhoes as well as hand tools such as chainsaws and shovels may be used in the areas outside of the top of the bank of the Petaluma River. Top of bank shall be marked by a biologist retained by the Department of Public Works. Unpermitted encampment debris and structures within the top of bank will be removed by personnel using hand tools.

All work crews will be protected from exposure to hazardous waste and materials by personal protection equipment (PPB) including gloves, face masks, and full body coverage where necessary. All debris will be placed in containers provided by Recology and transported offsite for disposal at a licensed facility. All biohazardous material, including human waste and impacted soils will be removed by FS Global Solutions and disposed in appropriate facilities. Non-native, invasive blackberry brambles and other brush will be removed from both sites to eliminate cover and prevent future encampments from being built in this area. No protected trees will be

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.

removed without a Tree Removal Permit issued from the City of Petaluma. FS Global Solutions will direct the installation of erosion control treatments including but not limited to mulch cover and straw wattles where necessary to prevent topsoil erosion into the waterway where necessary. The debris removal and site remediation work will occur from October 31, 2024 until completed but no later than November 22, 2024. All work will pause during any periods of rainfall and will recommence after soils have dried.

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}

☒ **Minor Alterations {Sec.15304}**

☒ **Enforcement Actions {Sec.15321}**

☒ **Minor Actions to Prevent {Sec.15330}**

Reasons why project is exempt:

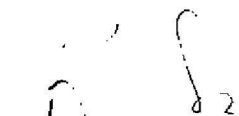
Two established encampments have been identified for cleanup through the grant-funded Trestle Encampment Cleanup Project. Both encampments are on private property and include unpermitted structures that have been built into the banks of the Petaluma River. Due to proximity to the Petaluma River, the encampments pose a threat to the water quality of the Petaluma River and the health and safety of the public. The City received notice of funding award for the Project the week of September 30th, 2024, and is taking immediate action on a coordinated cleanup effort in order to protect public health, safety, and welfare, as well as protection of the environment including the Petaluma River.

The trestle encampments present 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 15304 Minor Alteration to Land, 15321, Enforcement Actions By Regulatory Agencies, and 15330, Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate or Eliminate the Release or Threat of Release of Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substance, and because the activity involves the removal of unpermitted structures and debris within the Petaluma River floodplain and riparian corridor. 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 15304(f), Minor Alteration to Land, 15321(b), Enforcement Actions, and 15330 Minor Actions to Prevent Release.

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

Department/Contact Person: Karen Shimizu **Phone**(707)324-0708



Karen Shimizu, Deputy Community Development Director

October 31, 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:
49-11012024-372

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF PETALUMA	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 11/01/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-1101-01	
PROJECT TITLE TRESTLE ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP PROJECT		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF PETALUMA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 324-0708
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 11 ENGLISH ST	CITY PETALUMA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94952

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 Carrie Anderson, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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