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**Doc No.49-11052024-374**

RETURN TO:

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

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk  
BY:   
Carrie Anderson, Deputy Clerk



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**Project Title:** Shollenberger Amphitheater & Kiosk Improvement

**Project Applicant:** City of Petaluma Public Works and Utilities Department

**Project Location:** Shollenberger Park, Petaluma, Sonoma County, CA

**Project Description:** The project entails the installation of an informational sign and the construction of a small outdoor amphitheater at Shollenberger Park. The amphitheater will feature three rows of backless metal mesh park benches arranged in an arc, facing the Central Pond, and a 15-foot-diameter semi-circular stamped concrete slab at grade, which will serve as the stage for educational presentations. It will be located near the existing picnic tables, approximately 300 feet from the park's entrance and parking area.

Improvements will be made to the existing gravel pathway, including the installation of geogrid underlayment for enhanced stability, ensuring ease of operations and maintenance, and the creation of an ADA-compliant path from the existing asphalt pavement to the amphitheater stage. Minor grading will shape a gentle slope in the seating area. Additionally, the existing wooden fence adjacent to the amphitheater, which marks the boundary of the environmentally sensitive area, is damaged and decaying. It will be replaced in its current location with a new wooden fence.

An approximately 4' tall pedestal-style informational sign will be installed at the southwest end of Shollenberger Park, near the confluence of Adobe Creek and the Petaluma River.

The construction schedule will be timed to avoid bird nesting season, minimizing any potential impact on nesting habitats. Protective measures will also be implemented to safeguard the wetlands throughout the construction process, preserving the sensitive ecosystems within Shollenberger Park.

Petaluma City Council approved the award of contract on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **EXEMPT STATUS:**

#### **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)}

#### **Categorical Exemptions**

**{Article 19:Section 21084; 15300}**

- ☒ Existing Facilities {Sec.15301}
- ☐ Replacement or Reconstruction {Sec.15302}
- ☒ Small Structures {Sec.15303}
- ☐ Minor Alterations {Sec.15304}

**Reasons why the project is exempt:** Shollenberger Park is an established open space featuring benches, a picnic area, and a walking path around a dredging spoils pond along the Petaluma River. The seating and stage for the educational area will be installed in an area already designated for similar uses and is limited to small structures. The kiosk will replicate several other existing wooden kiosks along the walking path, which provide information about the surrounding ecology. The improvements will take place within areas that have already been disturbed, such as existing trails, pavement, or gravel. There is no expansion of use beyond what currently exists, and the new structures will be small and consistent with the existing benches, picnic tables, and kiosks found throughout Shollenberger Park. There are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other factors that would make this exemption inapplicable. Therefore, this project is exempt under Sections 15301, Existing Facilities and 15303, Small Structures.

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

**Department/Contact Person:** Mateus Oliveira, Assistant Engineer I      **Phone** (707) 787-6533

Steve Worrell

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Steve Worrell, P.E., Senior Engineer

November 04, 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:  
49-11052024-374

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF PETALUMA PUBLIC WORKS	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 11/05/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-1105-01	
PROJECT TITLE SHOLLENBERGER AMPHITHEATER & KIOSK IMPROVEMENT		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF PETALUMA PUBLIC WORKS AND	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707)787-6533
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 11 ENGLISH ST, PO BOX 61	CITY PETALUMA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94953

**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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