



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE
CITY OF PETALUMA GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**

PROJECT NAME: City of Petaluma General Plan Update

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide and within the Plan Area

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO.: 2025080378

DATE OF PUBLIC NOTICE: March 27, 2026

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: March 27, 2026, to May 18, 2026

Written comments shall be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on May 18, 2026.

HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT: **Email:** planpetaluma@cityofpetaluma.org
U.S. Mail: City of Petaluma Planning Division
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Petaluma, CA 95452

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Petaluma (City), as the Lead Agency, has prepared a programmatic Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the City of Petaluma General Plan Update, pursuant to and in accordance with Title 14, Section 15060(d) of the California Code of Regulations, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the State of California CEQA Guidelines. The City is accepting comments on the DEIR during the required 45-day public review and comment period.

The DEIR document is available in print format for public review at the following locations during their respective business hours:

- City of Petaluma Planning Department, 11 English Street, Petaluma, California 94952
- Lucchesi Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd. Petaluma, California 94952
- Petaluma Public Library, 100 Fairgrounds Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952

A full copy of the DEIR and all project documents can be found on <https://www.planpetaluma.org/eir>.

Written public comments must be submitted on or before 5:00 PM on May 18, 2026. Written comments may be submitted via e-mail to planpetaluma@cityofpetaluma.org or via U.S. Mail sent to City of Petaluma, Planning Division, 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952. Additionally, written or verbal public comments may be provided in-person at the Planning Commission hearing scheduled for April 28, 2026, or the City Council hearing, scheduled for May 18, 2026. A separate notice for these public hearings on the DEIR will be provided at least 10 days in advance of the hearing date.

Project Location: The Plan Area includes the entirety of the City of Petaluma, California and areas inside the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Figure 1 shows the aerial image of the City of Petaluma, City Boundary, Urban Service Area, the Sphere of Influence, and Urban Growth Boundary.

Project Summary: The proposed project consists of a new General Plan that will replace the existing General Plan 2025 and serve as a long-term framework for the future. The General Plan represents the community's vision and guiding principles, and contains goals, policies, and actions that will guide the City in land use and resource decisions. To provide a contemporary plan that will guide the community, the new General Plan considers the next 25 years and addresses community-wide issues, new opportunities, and changes in State law.

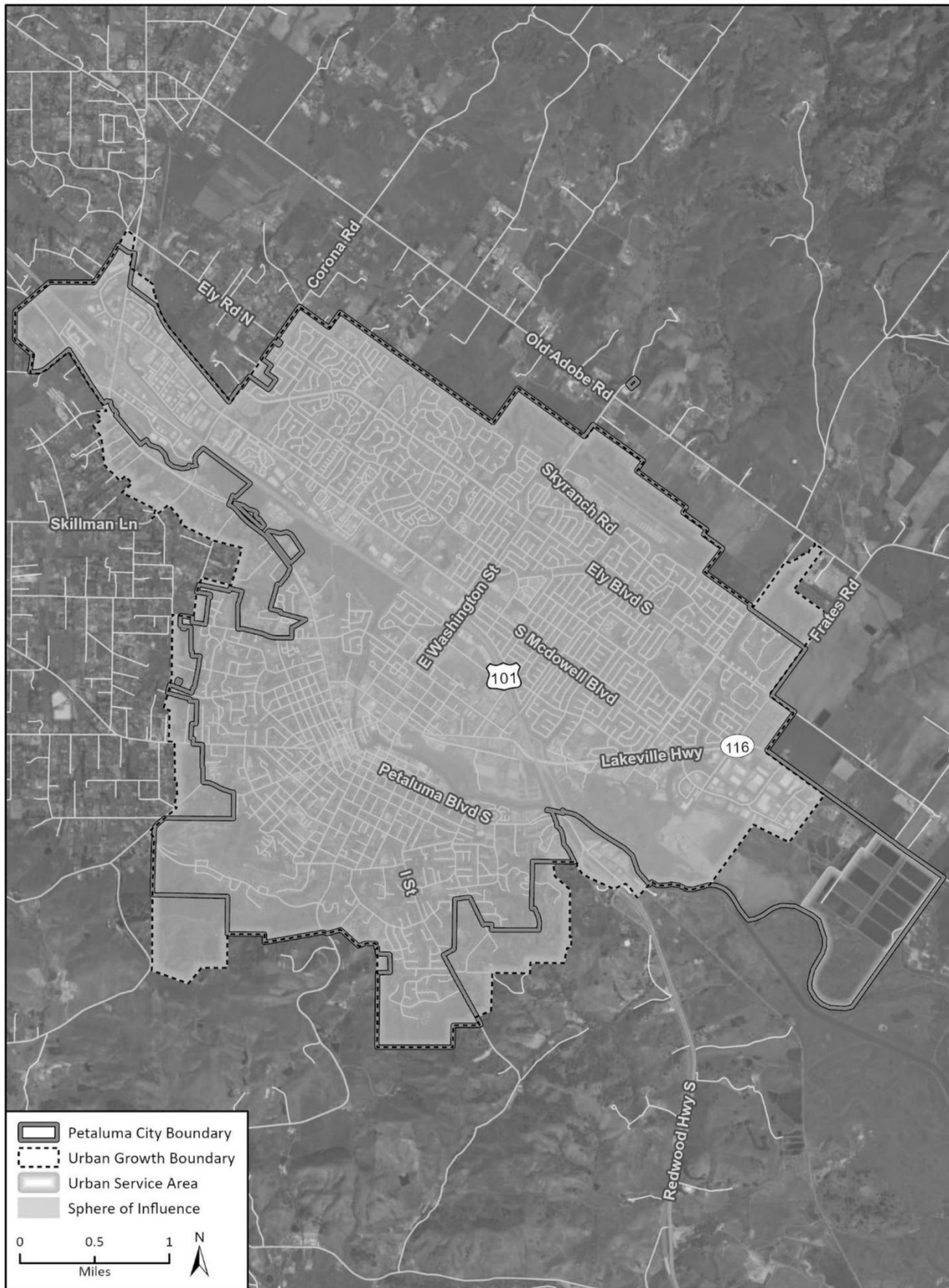
DEIR Analysis: The DEIR focuses on the resource areas/issues applicable to this project. It evaluates the potentially significant environmental impacts of the proposed project and includes mitigation measures that may lessen or avoid such impacts, as feasible. As the General Plan Update does not include any specific construction or development, but rather new policies and actions, land use changes, and the potential for development to be constructed in the future, the impact analysis is programmatic and cumulative in nature. The DEIR evaluates a reasonable range of project alternatives that, consistent with CEQA, meet most of the proposed project objectives and reduce or avoid potential environmental effects, including a required No Project Alternative. The DEIR evaluates potentially significant environmental effects related to the following environmental issues:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire
- Cumulative Effects
- Growth Inducing Effects

Mitigation measures are included in the EIR to reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels; however, significant and unavoidable impacts would remain for impacts to Cultural Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, and Transportation. In accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5, a total of 235 hazardous materials sites are listed in the Plan Area.

If you have questions regarding this Notice, please contact Heather Gurewitz, Senior Planner at (707) 294-1697 or via email at planpetaluma@cityofpetaluma.org.

Figure 1 Project Location



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The Urban Service Area was created based from the Urban Growth Boundary and also digitized in some areas from the General Plan Update.

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Fig 2 Planning Boundaries