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City of Petaluma
Water Resources and Utilities
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: CalSIP, California Stream Gage Improvement Program

Project Applicant: City of Petaluma Water Resources and Utilities Department, 202 North McDowell Boulevard, Petaluma, CA 94954

Project Location: Six locations across three creeks and the Petaluma River. The three creeks are Adobe, Washington, and Lichau. City of Petaluma, Sonoma County, California

Project Description: California Stream Gage Improvement Plan. Installation of six stream gage monitoring sites across the Petaluma River, Adobe Creek, Washington Creek, and Lichau Creek. The installation of all six sites will be completed before October 2026. Installation of each site will be done by City Staff, Sonoma RCD and a Field Engineer from Xylem Water Solutions. Equipment may stay in place beyond the one-year reporting period in order to collect internal surface water data. This project will fill data gaps in Californias surface water monitoring network by funding the deployment of stream gage monitoring equipment that provides real time hydrologic data to the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC) and the Public.

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)}
[ ] Other:_____{Sec._____}

Categorical Exemptions
{Article 19:Section 21084; 15300}
[ ] Existing Facilities {Sec.15301}
[ ] Replacement or Reconstruction {Sec.15302}
[X] Information Collection {15306}
[ ] Minor Alterations {Sec.15304}
[ ] Minor Subdivisions {Sec.15315}

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of installation of stream gage and water quality monitoring equipment for resource monitoring and information collection purposes, including sensors and telemetry, with minimal physical disturbance. The project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15306 (Class 6: Information Collection), because it consists of basic data collection and monitoring that does not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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Date: January 8, 2026

Water Resources and Conservation Manager, Water Resources and Utilities

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