

Notice of Exemption

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research PO Box
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☐ County Clerk County of Sonoma

From: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality
Control Board
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
Oakland, California 94612

Project Title: Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility and its sanitary sewer system – NPDES Permit Reissuance

Project Location – Specific:

The permit regulates the discharge of secondary treated wastewater to Petaluma River (38.2147°, -122.5747°) from the facility located at 3890 Cypress Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954.

Project Location – City: Petaluma

Project Location – County: Sonoma

Description of Project:

The NPDES permit reissuance (Regional Water Board Order R2-2026-0021) establishes Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) that City of Petaluma must comply with to discharge secondary treated wastewater to Petaluma River. The Facility collects and treats domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewater from its service area and has an average daily dry weather design flow of 6.7 million gallons per day. The NPDES permit authorizes discharge of treated wastewater to the Petaluma River from October 21 through April 30.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 13389 of the California Water Code

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is the adoption of an NPDES permit.

Lead Agency: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board

Contact Person: Jerry Xu

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Eileen White Date: October 16, 2026 Title: Executive Officer

Eileen M. White, P.E.

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____