
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF WASTEWATER CHANGE PETITION WW0108

COUNTY: Sonoma

STREAM SYSTEM: Petaluma River

The City of Petaluma (City) has filed a wastewater change petition with the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights (Division) pursuant to Water Code section 1211. Currently, the City discharges 1,550 million gallons (MG) of treated wastewater over the period of October 21 to April 30 to the Petaluma River from the Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility. The City requests authorization to reduce discharges by up to 181 MG per year. The City proposes to eliminate discharge during the period of October 21 to October 31; the current average discharge during this period is 2.5 million gallons per day (MGD). The City also proposes to reduce discharge by an average of 0.86 MGD of stored treated wastewater from November 1 through April 30. The City is prohibited from discharge to the Petaluma River from May 1 to October 20 per its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit and either recycles or stores treated wastewater during this period. Currently, water not recycled during the May 1 to October 20 discharge prohibition period is either recycled or discharged to the Petaluma River starting October 21. The proposed change would delay commencement of this discharge until November 1 of each year.

Any correspondence directed to the City should be mailed to: Leah Godsey Walker, P.E., Deputy Director – Environmental Services, City of Petaluma Department of Public Works & Utilities, 3890 Cypress Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954, or by email to lwalker@cityofpetaluma.org.

Summary of Wastewater Discharge and Proposed Change:

Source of Discharge:

Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility

Receiving Water:

Petaluma River

Point of Discharge:

Present: California Coordinate System, NAD 83, Zone 2: North 1,838,396.94 feet and East 6,394,428.08 feet

Proposed: No Change

Amount and Rate of Discharge:

Present: An average discharge of 8.12 MGD to the Petaluma River from October 21 to April 30 of each year, and a 2.5 MGD average discharge to the Petaluma River during October 21 to 31 of each year.

Proposed: Zero discharge to the Petaluma River from October 21 to 31 and a reduction of up to 156 MG to the Petaluma River from November through April.

Purpose of Use:

Present: None

Proposed: Irrigation

Place of Use:

Present: None

Proposed: Up to 19,972.97 acres within the City of Petaluma and surrounding parcels being within T4N and T5N, R6W and R7W, MDB&M

More information regarding this petition can be obtained by contacting the Division staff indicated below.

Any interested person may file a written protest against the approval of this petition. (Wat. Code, § 1703.1.) Protest submittal information is available at:

[Protest Submittal Information](#)

Protests must be received by the Division of Water Rights by **4:30 p.m. on January 16, 2020**. A copy of the protest must also be provided to City at the address noted above. Protests may be provided via email prior to the deadline; however, a copy of the original signed protest must be subsequently filed with the Division.

For more information, please contact Patricia Fernandez at (916) 319-9141 or patricia.fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Attn: Patricia Fernandez, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA, 95812-2000.

Date of Notice: **December 17, 2019**