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July 11, 2022

Operations and Readiness Division

SUBJECT: File Number 2011-00153: Petaluma Marina Turning Basin Maintenance Dredging;
Tier 1 Request: DMMO Serial Number: 22-040

Mr. Jason Beatty
City of Petaluma
11 English Street
Petaluma, California 94952

Dear Mr. Beatty:

The Dredged Material Management Office (DMMO) is an interagency group comprised of representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, the California State Lands Commission, and state and federal wildlife agencies. At the meeting on June 15, 2022, the DMMO completed its review of your request for a Tier I exclusion from testing for the approximately 18,605 cubic yards of sediment proposed to be dredged to a design depth of -8 feet mean lower low water, plus an overdepth allowance of 1 foot, from an approximately 1.3-acre dredge footprint at the turning basin and south docks, in the City of Petaluma, Sonoma County, California. This request and characterization of the material for the Tier I decision is contained in the report prepared by Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC, entitled, "2022 Tier 1 Testing Exemption Request for Petaluma Turning Basin Maintenance Dredging Project," dated June 2022.

The members of the above inter-agency group have determined that a Tier I exclusion from testing is appropriate for the material proposed for dredging from Petaluma Turning Basin, as characterized in the above report. The material is suitable for unconfined aquatic disposal at the San Pablo Bay Dredged Material Disposal Site (SF-10) and for upland disposal at Shollenberger Park Dredged Material Disposal Site.

To assist the National Marine Fisheries Service in more accurately assessing the environmental impacts of maintenance dredging, the DMMO is keeping track of the actual acreage that is dredged, to compare that to the amount that is permitted to be dredged. Please include the approximate acreage of the proposed dredge footprint in the dredge operation plan.

Please note that this letter does not constitute an authorization to proceed with your dredge project. You must first obtain appropriate Federal, State and local authorizations and provide all appropriate notifications.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Melissa France at (415) 503-6768 or e-mail at Melissa.M.France@usace.army.mil. If you wish to write, please address all correspondence to Melissa France, Operations and Readiness Division and **refer to the file number at the head of this letter and include the dredge episode number.**

Sincerely,

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