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--PUBLIC COMMENT--

Dear City Council,

Will you kindly inform the public when you will begin to follow your acknowledgement of our City-wide high flood hazard with regard to building near our rivers and creeks? ...and importantly, cease allowing developers to inject concrete into wetlands?

These dangerous and needless allowances for developers put all who live nearby and downstream at increased personal, and property danger.

Examples: Sid Commons, Riverbend, Casa Grande, Kelly Creek... all entrenched, campaign-contributing developers who have long contributed to City Council member campaigns: LaFranchi, Johnsons, Coombs, Barella... plus some with additional financially-beneficial relationships with City: vendors (LaFranchi) and land leasees with deeply discounted water rates (Coombs).

Why is City allowing developers to do their own flood analysis, submit no storm runoff analysis, destroy river banks, and/or even redo our entire City-wide flood geographical surveying given their river and creek-front developments? This is a clear conflict of interest and is dangerous to resident lives, health (stress of increased flood risk, decreased air and water quality), and property.

Words mean nothing, and false promises are dangerous to lives and property. Actions are what matter to Petalumans. Your first priority as City leaders is to keep Petalumans safe.

PLEASE do what other cities in California have done DECADES ago, and disallow developers the bias privilege of doing their own EIRs, surveys, reports, etc. We need to hire Dr Smallwood to do ALL biological resource analyses for our City, and proven public interest-first consultants for all the other components of EIRs. Not 'Status-Quo-Rolodex' consultants whose track record is developer \$\$/engagement.

Thank you for committing to serve to transform our town by taking action to keep Petalumans safe.

Taryn

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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From: City of Petaluma <listmanager@ci.petaluma.ca.us>

Date: 3/3/23 10:02 AM (GMT-08:00)

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Your property could be at risk for flooding - SU PROPIEDAD PODRÍA ESTAR EN RIESGO





YOUR PROPERTY COULD BE AT RISK

The Petaluma River and our creeks flowing to the River can flood during large storm events. Parts of our community have been identified as being within a Flood Zone, others can be affected indirectly by high storm flows. The City participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). Participation includes the maintenance of information that can help you understand your family and property's risk for flood impacts.

Now is a great time to prepare. Use the following resources to:

SU PROPIEDAD PODRÍA ESTAR EN RIESGO

Le estamos enviando este aviso porque su propiedad se encuentra ubicada en una zona de inundación o en un área propensa a inundarse. En este folleto usted encontrará los pasos a seguir para estar preparado(a) y proteger su propiedad ante posibles inundaciones.

Para más información usted puede encontrar una traducción al español de este folleto ingresando a cityofpetaluma.org/inundaciones

- Research nearby flood zone areas
- Discover ways to protect your property before and during storms
- Learn building rules for areas prone to flooding
- Understand evacuations (zones, preparation, and more)

[Read the full brochure](#)

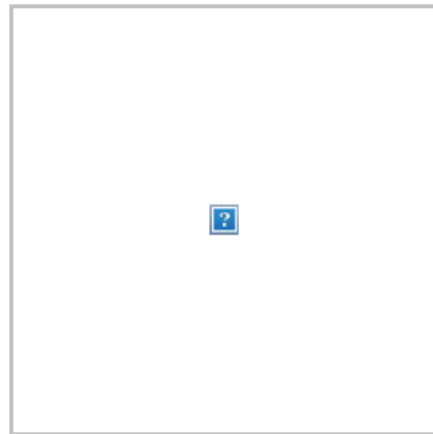
ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A FLOOD IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

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Did you know that Petaluma has experienced five major floods since 1982?

Most of our Floodplain has experienced some level of flooding during significant storms. We've also had several minor floods that have damaged homes and structures as well as routine localized floods that temporarily close roads or disrupt utilities. Petalumans are much safer than in decades past because we have invested in important improvements around our river and adjacent floodplains.

However, weather patterns are changing, and mother nature can surprise all of us and bring about localized flooding that can affect any area of our City. Even if you do not live in an identified flood zone or adjacent to the River or a creek, your property could still be at risk.



STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOU & YOUR PROPERTY



BEFORE A FLOOD

Be prepared

Visit cityofpetaluma.org/flooding to learn how to:

- Sign up for emergency alerts
- Get up to date flood information
- Find your evacuation zone at cityofpetaluma.org/knowyourzone
- Visit cityofpetaluma.org/emergencyprep to learn how to be prepared for any emergency

Protect your property

- Elevate your structure
- Use sandbags

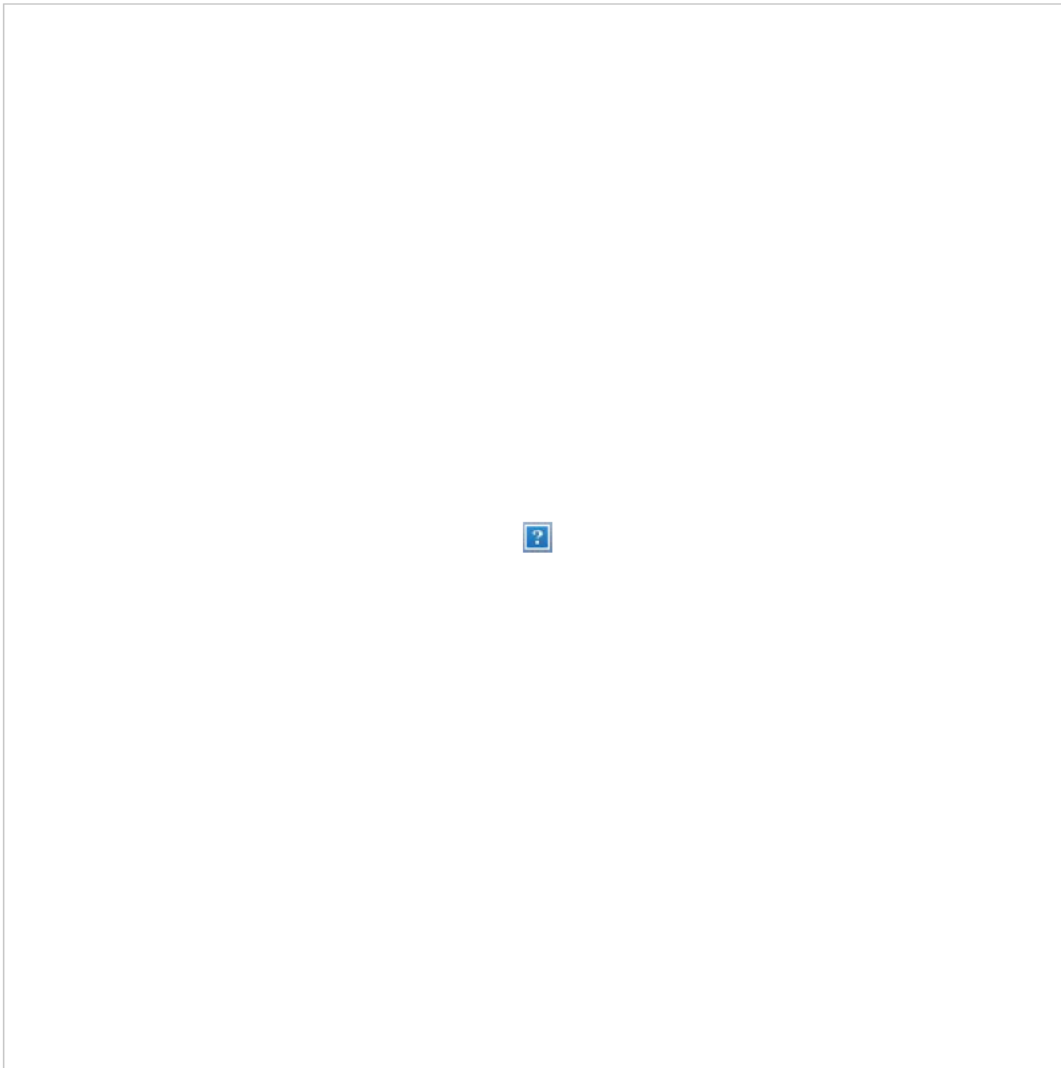
Get information & stay informed

- Contact [Public Works & Utilities](#)
- Contact the [Building Department](#)
- Review the Federal Emergency Management Agency websites:
 - fema.gov/flood-insurance
 - cityofpetaluma.org/femafloodmap
- Call your insurance agency or visit the Sonoma County public library
- [Sign up](#) for our Newsletters
- Follow us on Social Media

Maintain drainage channels & pipes

- Keep drainage areas and pipes around your property clear of debris that could

- Move valuables
- Call City staff for advice about flooding and drainage issues: 707-778-4303
- cause flooding
- Remove or reporting obstructions
- Call the City Public Works department at 707-778-4303 to report obstructions



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DURING A FLOOD

Turn off power & gas

If your property is in imminent danger of flooding, please contact PG&E at 1-800-743-5000 to request that your power and natural gas be shut off, or for guidance on how to do it yourself.

Evacuate

The City of Petaluma Fire Department will order or advise evacuations if needed.

Tune-in to local commercial radio stations

- KZST 100.1, KSRO AM 1350, KCBS AM 740, KBBF 89.1 FM (Spanish)
- NOAA Weather Radio (frequencies 146.460 or 146.535)

Avoid driving

If dangerous flooding conditions are imminent, avoid driving a vehicle. If the roadway is flooded, TURN AROUND –

Visit cityofpetaluma.org/evacuations.

If evacuations are called for, it is imperative that you follow instructions in the time frame noted.

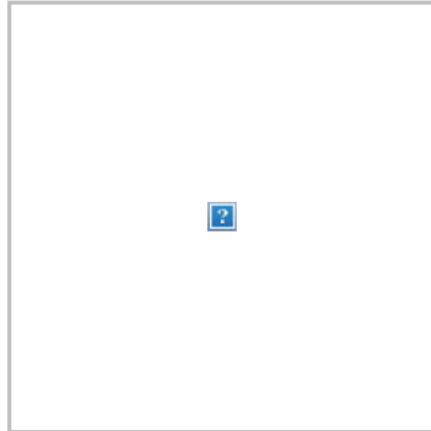
DON'T DROWN! Do not attempt to drive or wade through deep pockets of water or running water. Avoid unstable banks of creeks or the river.

PURCHASE FLOOD INSURANCE

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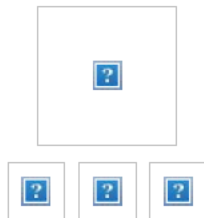
Flood damage is not covered by your standard homeowner's insurance.

Flood insurance is a special insurance that is available for you to purchase from the Federal Government as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This is the best way to protect yourself against losses from flooding. Because Petaluma meets the rigorous standards set by the Federal Government, if your property is within a designated flood zone you will also benefit from a 20% cost reduction on your insurance premium should you choose to buy it. If not within a flood zone, you are still eligible for a discount. The insurance will cover buildings and their contents 30 days after you apply.



IMPORTANT LOCAL CONTACTS & REFERENCES

- **Public Works Department** – Call this department to ask for help regarding how to protect your property or to report obstacles in drainage channels or street storm drain drop inlets - 707-778-4303
- **PG&E** – Call PG&E to get information about, or to turn off, your gas or electricity - 1-800-743-5000

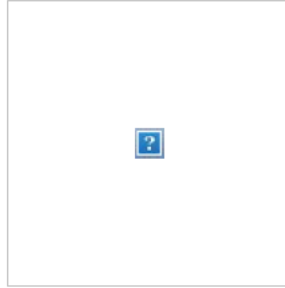


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