



September 7, 2026

PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE SW-169-2026

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Coast Guard Southwest District, has received a proposal from the Petaluma River Park Foundation (PRPF) with plans for construction of a new pedestrian fixed bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States. A Coast Guard Bridge Permit application has not yet been submitted but may be required for this project.

BRIDGE NAME, WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Petaluma River Park Pedestrian Bridge across the Petaluma River (McNear Channel) at mile 13.12 at the City of Petaluma, Sonoma County, California.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The PRPF proposes to construct the new Petaluma River Park pedestrian bridge. The proposed bridge would span the McNear Channel to connect the McNear Peninsula to the Hopper Site as part of the Petaluma River Park Project. The bridge would provide pedestrian and bicycle access, as well as periodic access for emergency and maintenance vehicles, between the two park sites. The bridge is currently envisioned as a low-profile glulam arch bridge that will include utility conveyance beneath the bridge deck and incorporates features such as low-profile lighting, custom wood decking, and a midspan viewing platform. The centerline of the proposed bridge would be located at approximately position 38.23213, -122.6264.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

	Proposed
Vertical	14.08' above Mean High Water at the margin of the channel.
Horizontal	62.85' Measured channel margin to channel margin normal to the centerline of the channel

Datum: Mean High Water elevation 5.88' (NAVD88)

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

Mariners and maritime stakeholders are requested to provide navigational information, such as the sizes and types of vessels presently owned and operated on this section of the waterway and nature of navigation (including the extent of nighttime navigation) on the waterway. Helpful vessel information includes the following: commercial or recreational, length, width or beam, draft, height or air draft, tonnage, normal transit area, and mooring location. Mariners are requested to comment on the navigational clearances and need for bridge protective systems, clearance gauges, and navigational lighting on the proposed bridge.

After a review and adjudication of all comments, the Coast Guard will make a determination if this section of the waterway, McNear Channel, will be designated as an Advance Approval waterway (33 Code of Federal Regulations 115.70) for Coast Guard Bridge Administration purposes.

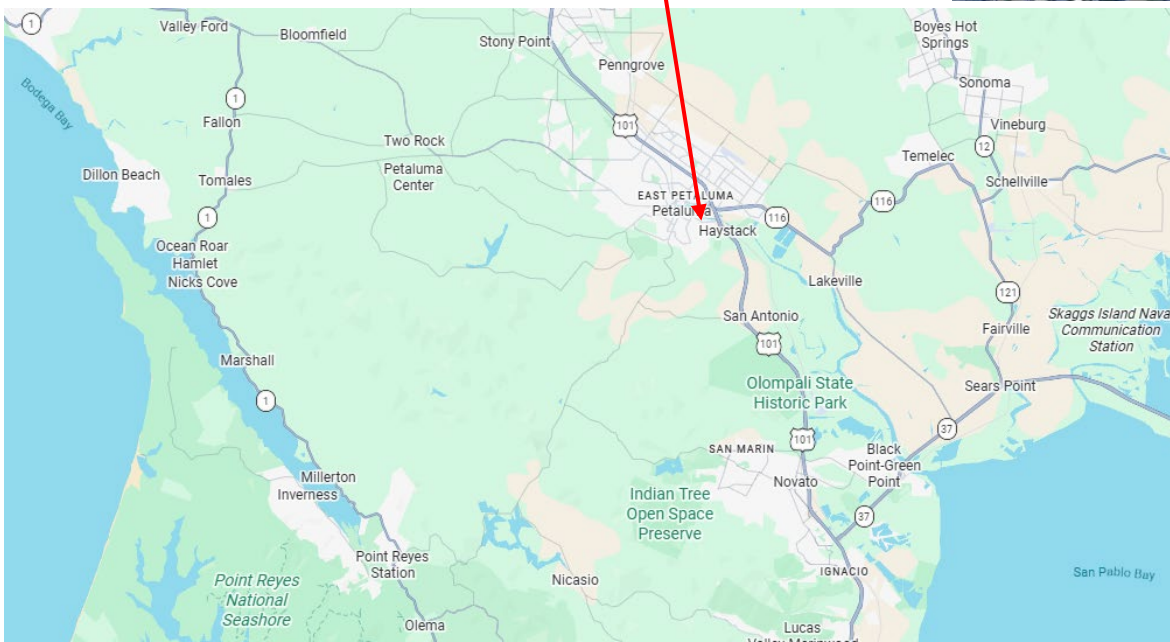
Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed project. Comments will be received for the record at the address in the header or via email SWDBridges@uscg.mil through October 7, 2026.

Map of location and plans attached.

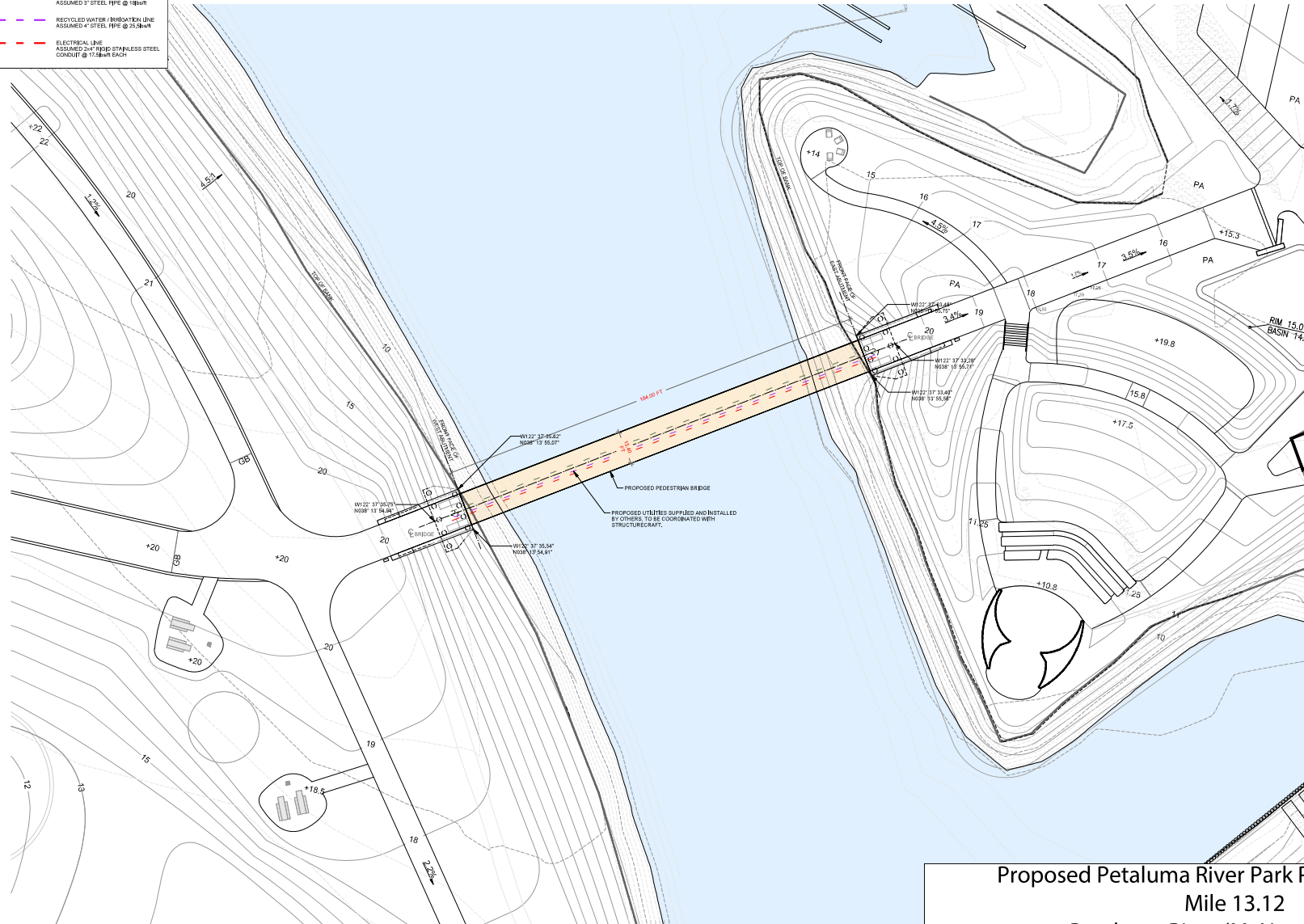
Sincerely,



CARL T. HAUSNER
Chief, Bridge Section
USCG Southwest District
By direction of the District Commander

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Proposed Petaluma River Park Pedestrian Bridge
Mile 13.12
Petaluma River (McNear Channel)
at the City of Petaluma, Sonoma County, CA

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