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**City of Petaluma  
Department of Public Works & Utilities  
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Denman Reach Phase 3  
February 15, 2012**

The City of Petaluma has been informed by the State of California Department of Water Resources, Riverine Ecosystem Section - Urban Streams Restoration Program, that the City application for a grant to implement the Denman Reach Phase 3 project had been approved in the amount of \$993,375. The City worked in partnership with Conservation Corps North Bay to submit grant applications to two State agencies in 2008. The two grant applications were to fund land acquisition and the engineering, design and construction of physical improvements as originally envisioned in the Petaluma River Access and Enhancement Plan and the General Plan 2025. The land acquisition grant of \$850,000 was awarded in early 2011 from the Natural Resources Agency - California River Parkways program. Local contribution funds were achieved through Zone 2A funding.

"In this time of limited resources I congratulate our staff for acquiring a one million dollar grant which will allow us to implement a program which will provide greater flood protection to our residents and businesses," said Mayor David Glass, when informed of the grant award.

Denman Reach Phase 3 will continue the implementation of the River Access and Enhancement Plan and the General Plan 2025 programs to increase stormwater capacity of the Petaluma River and to reduce the severity of localized flooding, while improving riverine habitat and providing public access. Dirt excavated from the site to create the flood terrace adjacent to the River will be removed from the site entirely, thereby increasing the stormwater capacity of that section of the river corridor. Phases 1 and 2 acquired four parcels and created a flood terrace, river trail, staging area, benches, and educational kiosks along the Petaluma River just upstream of the Corona Road Bridge; the project was completed in 2005.

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Engineering design and construction plans and specifications will be prepared this year for an anticipated construction timeframe of spring/summer 2013.

"Teaming our resources with the State Department of Natural Resources, the local team from Conservation Corps North Bay, the Sonoma County Water Agency, and the property owners who supported this application offers an exciting opportunity to implement the vision of the Petaluma River Plan and the General Plan. The goals of reducing flood impacts, improving water quality in our River through stream restoration, and allowing public access to the River can be successfully achieved through this type of project," said John C. Brown, Petaluma City Manager.

Questions regarding this General Plan 2025 and River Plan implementation project can be directed to Pamela Tuft, City of Petaluma Department of Public Works and Utilities, Special Projects Manager, at 707.778.4546.

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