From: Ken@Home <watseyk@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 3:43 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

Subject: Dutra

I am a long time resident and property owner in Petaluma and feel Dutra has been extraordinarily responsible in their proposed Haystack Landing project here. I fully support the project and hope the Board will grant whatever permits necessary to bring it to fruition.

Ken Watsey

Sent from Ken's iPad

**From:** Spencer Sutton < thethingsofnature@gmail.com>

Sent:Thursday, December 10, 2015 7:52 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsSubject:Dutra Asphalt Plant Petaluma

Hello Xavier.

Thank you for taking the time hear and read the public's comments on important issues regarding our community.

I hope you will take this to heart and understand that I, along with many others in this city, do not want Dutra coming to Petaluma. We don't want a big polluter of air and water quality parking itself on our tidal sleugh next to our park and on our river. The Petaluma River is connected to the biggest natural Wetland in the Northern Hemisphere and we need to keep Dutra and any other companies from running toxic businesses that will further pollute the natural systems we have left. Please do what you can to make this happen.

Thank you.

From:kathleenkneeland@comcast.netSent:Friday, December 11, 2015 2:43 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Protest the asphalt plant

I don't want this asphalt plant! I protest the development of the lands around the Petaluma River and/or the river itself. We need to preserve and protect our river and surrounding lands, not continue to build and damage these areas. I strongly protest this and any other project that will take away from us our beautiful slice of nature we have here in Sonoma County. WE MUST SAVE WHAT IS LEFT! Kathleen Kneeland, Petaluma resident.

From:karen brown <karenie@pacbell.net>Sent:Sunday, December 13, 2015 2:36 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Comments on Asphalt plant in Petaluma

Hello,

I am a Petaluma resident, and I am writing to submit comments on the proposed asphalt plant facility in Petaluma at the Haystack site. I vigorously oppose the plant and feel that the environmental impact assessments are inadequate. Furthermore, I am unaware of any study related to how the plant would negatively affect property values in Petaluma. All owners of real property stand to lose based on the filth, pollution, and unsuitability of this kind of operation within our boundaries. Please respond regarding how the plant's developers intend to compensate property owners in Petaluma for their losses, including loss of tourism related to putting this kind of operation directly on the main road leading to town. Until the plants' operators have established a plan for directly compensating the town and its residents for its losses, no construction should proceed.

Thank you,

Karen Brown

From:Steve Masley <masleys@gmail.com>Sent:Sunday, December 13, 2015 11:51 AMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsSubject:Dutra Asphalt Project in Petaluma

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

As a nearby resident, I am very concerned about the prospect of an asphalt production facility nearby.

My primary concerns are noise and pollution from the facility. It does not make sense to have potential pollution sources so close to our waterways, and large-scale, noisy production facilities are out of place close to residential neighborhoods.

I urge you to REJECT the Dutra project application and keep Petaluma a beautiful--and relatively quiet--place to live.

Thanks,

Steve Masley 517 G Street Petaluma, CA 94952

From:sharmainecollier@comcast.netSent:Friday, December 11, 2015 8:39 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra Asphalt Plant application in Petaluma Ca

Mr Fernandez,

I am a 28 year resident of Petaluma. During the time of my residency the City of Petaluma has developed a wetlands renewal park which would be directly across the Petaluma river to the proposed Dutra Asphalt project.

I am opposed to the Dutra project in every way. Schollenberger Park is a fantastic wildlife sanctuary as well as a well loved place to walk, run, walk the dog. At the apex of the walking trail is a lovely spot on the Petaluma river bank. Dutra's project would be a mere few feet away from this (currently) serene spot. Having an asphalt plant across the tiny river will not only endanger the wildlife, the water and the air, but it will be a blight on the landscape.

I urge you and your department to deny this project post haste.

Thank You,

Sharmaine Collier 415 5th St. Petaluma Ca 94952

**From:** mmmalmberg@comcast.net

**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2015 2:49 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** asphalt plant???

This seems like the last thing Petaluma needs. Noise, smell, pollution, traffic, dust... And along one of the main entrances to the city. This sounds like a very backwards step with long term detriments to both the quality of life for residents and also for the impression we make on visitors, who bring so much financial vitality to our city. This sounds to me like a lousy way to use our riverfront.

-Mark Malmberg (Petaluma resident)

From: sara Peracca <speracca@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2015 9:45 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Comments regarding Dutra Plant at Haystack Landing Petaluma

#### To Whom in May Concern:

Although the representatives of Petaluma unanimously opposed this application and it only received a 3-2 vote from the supervisors, the plant will be a reality. I am concerned that data that the San Francisco Conservation and Development Commission provides on their website, indicates that there is a 9% cumulative likelihood that sea level rise will lead to floods in the area of 3 feet, which will put Haystack landing under water. This risk increases to 55% by 2040 and continues to increase to 100% by 2060. If the Dutra facility is under water for any extended time, will not the toxics from the Asphalt plant enter the water system? Why do we view a few jobs, or a desires of a company, more valuable than the health of the planet. I hope at a minimum you require that the Dutra Company engineer flood walls to accommodate a minimum of 3 feet water rise.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sara Peracca

Data for sea level rise

estimates: <a href="http://ssrf.climatecentral.org/#location=CA">http://ssrf.climatecentral.org/#location=CA</a> City 0667000&state=California&level=3&geo=City&pt=t&target=&p=P&stn=9414290&setting=NRC\_Medium&protection=&stLoc=CA\_City\_0667000&proj=Tota\_1

http://www.bcdc.ca.gov/slr.shtml

Sara B. Peracca, MS, MPH, PhD Peracca & Associates 707-758-6706

**From:** whitehouse.bex <whitehouse.bex@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2015 1:45 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Asphalt Plant Project

I live in the area and work very close to where the asphalt plant would be built. My company is already struggling to stay in Petaluma because employees don't live locally, but it is such a beautiful location in a charming town that people don't mind commuting. I am afraid that this would ruin that and my battle to stay in petaluma would be lost.

I also feel in general the town of petaluma feels more and more crowded every day with unfortunate traffic as of lately. I do not think this would help.

Thanks

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® 6, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: Black, Ronda < BlackR@MarinGeneral.Org>

Sent:Friday, December 11, 2015 7:14 AMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsSubject:Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project

I do not want the asphalt plant in the town that I live, or near the town I live in. Please don't build it in Petaluma or near :+

Thank you.

Sincerely Ronda



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From: Adrienne Bell <adrienneleebell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 4:03 PM

**To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** strongly oppose

Hello Xavier,

I strongly oppose this project. Please do not build or develop an asphalt plant in beautiful Petaluma. Tylehis is a town build around agriculture - not industrial materials. The air quality and possibly the water could be effected (not to mention the expansive natural landscape).

best,

Adrienne Argyle

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From: Sent: To: Subject:	Sue Bates-Pintar <sweetums.sbp@gmail.com> Tuesday, December 15, 2015 6:51 PM Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards Re: Comment Period Extension for Water Quality Certification Application for Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project</sweetums.sbp@gmail.com>
Hello Xavier,	
Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the proposed Dutra plant by the Petaluma River South.	
As a Petaluma resident, and appreciator of Nature, my husband and I strongly oppose the proposed Dutra Asphalt Plant RIGHT BY the Petaluma River, In looking over the plans, I was even more appalled at how close to the River the Section A was planned, and the history of violating rules as it went about grading and changing the shoreline.	
As it is one of the first aspects of Petaluma as a person drives north on 101, it is a terrible welcome to the City.It sets a tone of Industrial use of a natural area that should be respected. Situated right across the River from Shollenberger Park makes it even more offensive.	
The environment impacts of an active asphalt plant in that location are horrendous! The noise, eventual waste into the River, disruption of the pristine setting for the birds and wildlife that visit the Park would be a horrible transgression.	
We don't believe the former environmental report adequately addressed the issues that affect the wildlife and pollution effects of such a use of that property, or the lack of respect shown by the owners former unapproved changes to the property.	
Thank you for passing on our concerns regarding the proposed Dutra Asphalt Plant.	
Sue Bates-Pintar Jeffrey M.Pintar	
On Mon, Dec 14, 2015 at 9:40 AM, Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards < <a href="mailto:Xavier.Fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov">Xavier.Fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov</a> wrote: > Dear Interested Parties:	
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<ul><li>The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water</li><li>Board) is extending the comment period on the application for a Clean</li></ul>	
> Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Application) for	
> the Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project (Project). The proposed	
> Project would construct an asphalt plant facility and associated	
> conveying system on the approximately 35-acre Haystack Landing site, located at 3355 Petaluma Boulevard South.	
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> The Application for the Project is available for public review on line at:	
> <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/401/dutra/index.shtml">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public_notices/401/dutra/index.shtml</a> .	

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> Comments on the Application will be accepted by the Water Board for 21
> 35 days, and may be submitted via email to:
> xavier.fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov, or by sending hardcopies to: 1515
> Clay St., Oakland, CA, Suite 1400, to the attention of Xavier
> Fernandez. Comments on the Application must be submitted no later than January 15, 2016.
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> If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via phone at
> 510-622-5685 or email at <a href="mailto:xavier.fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov">xavier.fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov</a>.
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> Regards,
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> Xavier Fernandez
> Environmental Scientist
> SF Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
> 510-622-5685
> xavier.fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov
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Sue B-P

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From: Heather Kurland <a href="https://www.nkurland@pointblue.org">hkurland@pointblue.org</a>

Fent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 5:39 PM

Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

Subject: Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant

Dear Mr. Fernandez,

For the past 6 years, I've worked at a location on Shollenberger Wetlands, directly across from Dutra Landing, where the proposed plant will be built. As I'm sure you hear with many new industrial construction projects, this one is not wanted by the community (including the City of Petaluma, several local non-profit organizations, and the community at large). Perhaps unlike other industrial plant construction projects, the proposed location of this one is directly across from a much used park and wetlands. Almost every day at lunchtime, I go for a jog around the marsh and in addition to the pristine hills and river views, I pass by hundreds of path users rain or shine. This park is loved and much used by the public. The wetlands are invaluable habitat for resident and migrating birds, as well as numerous mammals, amphibians and invertebrate life. I meet birders from all over the country who come to Shollenberger specifically to look for birds. This project, with its added noise and air and water quality degradation will negatively impact the important habitat adjacent to the proposed project.

The noise and air pollution that this plant will produce make it extremely unwelcome. Particulate pollution and water quality are not friends. The use of toxics literally at and on the river is just a bad idea. Its construction and operation would severely damage and degrade wetlands and river restoration projects directly across the river from the proposed site, which have been funded with millions of public dollars in recent years. The Dutra project would undo that work and reindustrialize this area with a noxious and polluting asphalt factory. Alternative sites should be thoroughly examined. Prior to passing this through, I strongly urge you to raise the level of review for the Dutra project to a full Environmental Impact Statement under NEPA, including a more accurate and complete project and alternatives description, wetlands, avian and fish impacts analysis, avoidance and mitigation proposals.

Thank you, in advance, for at minimum, requiring a more thorough review of the proposed project.

Best, Heather Kurland 940 Mountain View Ave Petaluma CA 94952

#### **Heather Kurland, Facilities Manager**

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From:paulalecht <paulalecht@yahoo.com>Sent:Tuesday, December 15, 2015 2:15 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Proposed Dutra Asphalt Plant in Petaluma

Dear Mr. Fernandez,

As a resident of Petaluma, I am writing to express my opinion / concerns about the proposed asphalt plant to be located on the Petaluma River.

As you have probably heard by now, the location of the plant is a concern to many residents. First, it's located directly across from a bird estuary and park named Shollenberger Park. Many migrating birds call this estuary home and the asphalt plant will undoubtedly present diminished health and safety for these birds.

Secondly, we Petalumans love the park and feel that the asphalt plant will spoil the beauty and sanctuary atmosphere in addition to potential health risks brought about by the environmental impacts of the asphalt plant. This in addition to the environmental impact of the plant on air quality associated with its transport of materials via Highway 101 which is particularly narrow and congested already.

I find it hard to believe that an asphalt plant could safely do business on a small river in a small town so close to the people and animals that will share resources and environment. Please do everything you can to rigorously test the impact of the proposed plant and find in favor of the residents who don't want it if you find a problem. We've been fighting this plant development now for 6 years and you are our last hope in denying this terrible choice for Petaluma.

Thank you, Paula Lecht 608 East D Street Petaluma, CA 94952 415-710-5203

From: Shawna Fross <smfross@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 10:07 AM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra Plant in Petaluma

Hello,

Thanks for taking our feedback. Bottom line is that there is surly a better location to put this plant that is further away from wildlife, hiking trails and the town of Petaluma. We deserve better

Thanks,

Shawna Fross Petaluma resident

From: Steve Schramm < reelsafari@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:17 AM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

Subject: Public comment on the Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant project

Mr. Fernandez:

RE:Public comment on the Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant project

The proposed construction and operation of the Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant would severely damage and degrade wetlands and river restoration projects directly across the Petaluma river from the proposed site, which have been funded with millions of public dollars in recent years. The Dutra project would undo that work and re-industrialize this area with a polluting asphalt factory. Alternative sites should be thoroughly examined.

Review for the Dutra project should be a full Environmental Impact Statement under NEPA, including a more accurate and complete project and alternatives description, wetlands, avian and fish impacts analysis as well avoidance and mitigation proposals.

Particular attention should be paid in regard to federally threatened steelhead trout as part of the water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act as several forms of water related pollution including significantly increased barge traffic as well as potentially toxic land runoff from associated plant operation will be created.

The proposed 64,000 gallons plus petroleum based product storage is of particular concern in a wetlands environment. While secondary containment is proposed in the plan there are 40 hour periods with no personnel on site to monitor for spills and the site will have a conveyor belt that will cross twin twelve in Pas Gas and Electric high pressure gas lines in an area that is prone to earthquakes, ground liquefaction and severe seasonal flood events.

The recipe of high pressure gas lines, large amounts of petroleum products (even if contained in open secondary spill enclosures in the event of a spill) and a natural flood or earthquake event are a recipe for disaster.

Minor spill events, such as those describe as under 10 gallons, over the life of the project in addition to the unavoidable loss of asphalt material in a partially open manufacturing system will provide a constant petroleum contaminated pollution source that will continually imperil the surrounding wetland and bay for the life of the project and beyond.

Dutra does not have a good history with regard to the safe, legal operation and monitoring of its manufacturing plants as evidenced by Grand Jury findings at its San rafael operation in Marin County. A similar pattern can

be expected in Petaluma given the same principals are associated with the business operations. Therefore a more rigorous review of the project is necessary.

Additionally, the project's barge and tug traffic will also interfere with safety of other commercial and recreational users of the Petaluma River, and stacked moored barges will intrude into the Army Corps of Engineers' 100' navigational channel.

Furthermore, this project's location, construction and operations will diminish the wetlands and tarnish permanently the allure of Petaluma as a healthy place. It is proposed directly across the Petaluma River from the City's most popular park, Shollenberger Park, which is visited by over 150,000 people every year.

There needs to be a full EIS, including formal consultations with US Fish & Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife prior to any issuance of permits for the project.

Sincerely,

Steve Schramm 198 Fair Street Petaluma, CA 94952

**From:** Margaret Boeger < margaretboeger@hotmail.com>

Sent:Monday, December 14, 2015 9:13 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsSubject:Dutra Asphalt Plant in Petaluma

Dear Mr. Fernandez,

Thank you for reading this email. I'm strongly opposed to the Dutra Asphalt Plant that is due to get constructed in Petaluma in 2016. Bullet point reasons:

- As a wildlife biologist, I know this will negatively impact the shorebirds that nest nearby in Schollenberger park. There are nesting migratory birds that are site fidelic (they return to the same nesting spot each year to have their babies) and they would be permanently displaced.
- As a local resident within 1/4 mile of the sight, I'm concerned about the chemical discharge that this plant will produce (not only do I live near Petaluma Blvd South, but my kids go to school at a nearby elementary, McNear).
- As someone who moved to Petaluma 10 years ago, we have a lovely community and this plant would be an ugly and toxic entry right at the entrance to our town. Couldn't we find a better spot?

Thanks for listening, Margaret Boeger

Sent:Monday, December 14, 2015 7:08 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsSubject:Dutra Plant on the Petaluma River

**Attachments:** DSC\_0057.JPG; DSC\_0053.JPG; 2011-09-17\_12-51-25\_914.jpg

#### Hello Xavier

My name is Bruce Cohn, I participate in the graffiti cleanup in Petaluma as well as run the Petaluma Holiday Treasure Hunt, I am an avid photographer as well and try to protect the environment by bring in bags of trash each time I take my kayak out on the river (3-4 times a week for the past 6 years) the attached photos are from Shollenberger Park, directly across from the proposed Dutra plant, not only will the poisonous fumes from the plant kill or maim the fowl, more pollution is most certain to get into our river. This plant is a bad idea in this location, it is too environmentally sensitive.

Regards Bruce Cohn 707-789-0783

From: Aldalecio@aol.com

**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2015 8:53 AM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

Cc:adutra@dutragroup.comSubject:Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board:

I am submitting this letter of support to approve the federal permits needed to open the Dutra Petaluma Asphalt Plant facility.

This asphalt plant will provide numerous community benefits and ensure we can soon return to Petaluma by providing asphalt to local construction and infrastructure projects in our community. By barging more of our materials to the project site, we will be able to reduce the number of trucks that have to haul materials on our roadways, resulting in lower greenhouse gas emissions, while providing needed materials that will benefit the public and strengthen our community's infrastructure.

- The Project was reviewed by virtually every state and federal resource agency with no objections: not the Air Board, not the Water Board, not Fish & Game, not Fish & Wildlife, not the Corps of Engineers. That is an impressive report card and belies the opponents many unfounded arguments.
- The Project is located in an area that is generally industrial.
- The Project was carefully studied and approved by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.
- . The Project ultimately approved was much smaller than originally proposed.
- The Board of Supervisors found the Project will not substantially change the character of the area as there are already existing industrial uses adjacent to the project site.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Alfred J Dalecio Petaluma, CA

From: Jenny Daly Griffo <daly.jen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 4:23 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant - Not in our town!

An asphalt plant in the middle of a highly residential area is not appropriate. High correlations of asthma and lung issues. No system is 100% clean. Please know that we do NOT support this and we hope you will not support it either.

Jennifer Griffo

Local Small Business Owner (Griffo Distillery), Resident

From: Valerie C.Williams <vcw.coach@sbcglobal.net>

**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2015 3:21 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra Plant

Even consideration of this proposal is an outrage. Dutra has proven themselves to be, to put it kindly, duplicitous at best, as evidenced by their plant in San Rafael. In that instance, a lawsuit was required to get them to abide by their agreements. In another instance, Dutra misrepresented (one could say, downright lied) about the Coast Guard's comments, which Dutra suggested were supportive of their plant. In actual fact, they had provided totally (and knowingly) inaccurate data to the Coast Guard, which then rescinded it's approval.

This is next to Shollenburger Park, a beloved and much used bird sanctuary and the Audubon Society has opposed this usage. The Plant anticipates running 24/7 with trucks blasting pollutants over the river and our little town. In addition, the river will be adversely affected with the loading onto barges. There is insufficient space for other water craft to bypass barges parked at Dutra. Further, Dutra has no contract for tugboat activities, which was a prerequisite for approval.

The City of Petaluma is adamantly opposed to this facility, which, unfortunately lies just outside the city limits.

There has been a groundswell of support for deep-sixing this project in the local community, and many of us have contributed to the costs of trying to rein them in. There is no need for additional asphalt, (another supplier is only a couple of miles away), despite Dutra's claim that there is such a need.

If there were no other reason than their frequent (actually, constant) duplicity to deny them a permit, the fact that the product is not needed, will pollute the river and local environment from both a materials standpoint and from the constant use of 24/7 noise and other pollution from trucks and lights in an area where unusual birds are nesting should do it. Not to mention the local schools where children's lungs are definitely at risk. Dutra cares nothing for any of this. They are a blight on the river, not to mention a blight on humanity. Please help us, Mr. Fernandez, and do anything you can to prevent this catastrophic situation from occurring. Thank you for your consideration. Valerie Williams Reisinger

From: Edie Chaska <ediechaska@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 3:09 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Petaluma asphalt plant

Please reconsider the location for the new asphalt facility.

Our town is a small community where children and families grow together.

Petaluma has worked hard to create a family friendly environment and are hopeful we can continue to attract businesses that will benefit our residents. This plant is not in keeping with the spirit of Petaluma.

Please consider a different location for this facility.

Thank you.

The Dinsmore family

Scot, Edie, Bea and Hogan

From: Karen Guma <guma@sonic.net>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 2:53 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra plant

The Petaluma River is perhaps the best and most underutilized asset that Petaluma has. It is a mecca for small boats, various aquatic exercisers, and to the extent it is accessible, walkers and bikers. The proposed asphalt plant would permanently disfigure the riverfront, adding noise and pollution to an already problematically polluted waterway. It would provide very few jobs. Please don't go through with this plant; the damage would be irreversible.

Sincerely, Karen Guma resident of Petaluma and outrigger canoeist 121 White Oak Circle Petaluma, CA 94952

From: Sarah Kistner <sarahrosekistner@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2015 2:48 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Public Comment on Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant

Dear Xavier,

As a mother and concerned Petaluma citizen, I strongly oppose the proposed Dutra asphalt plant project. Dutra's track record clearly indicates that they do not have our citizen's best interests at heart. Not only would they be destroying a rare wildlife area that the city has spent over a decade restoring, they would be risking the health of Petaluma's most precious commodity: our children. This proposed plant would be located less than 2 miles from 22 Petaluma schools and within 3 miles of 42 schools.

Anyone who lives in Petaluma can attest to what a wonderful community and unique and historic city we have. Please, do let Dutra destroy our home.

Thank you for your attention. Sincerely,

Sarah Kistner

From:Sandra Powell <sandy@catsrock.net>Sent:Monday, December 14, 2015 2:44 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** asphalt plant in Petaluma

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) received an application for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Application) for the Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project (Project). The proposed Project would construct an asphalt plant facility and associated conveying system on the approximately 35-acre Haystack Landing site, located at 3355 Petaluma Boulevard South.

Please do not allow this plant to be constructed at this location. This is across from a beautiful park that belongs to all of us In Petaluma and allowing an asphalt plant just across from it is crazy! Please stop this.

Sandra Powell 778 -750

From: Jennie Kimmel <jennie.kimmel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 2:20 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards
Subject: Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant

Hi Xavier,

I do not want a asphalt plant in Petaluma. I moved to this lovely community 3 years ago to raise my daughter and the thought of an asphalt plant is horrifying. Enough to make me want to move.

Please let me know who else I can voice my concerns about this plant to.

Thank you, Jennie Kimmel Petaluma Resident, 94952

From: Maggie Hohle <maggietext@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 1:20 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards
Subject: Dutra Asphalt Plant in Petaluma

**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Fernandez,

Personally I oppose this plant, and as a member of the North Bay Rowing Club and a strong supporter and fundraiser for Petaluma Small Craft Center, both non-profits that put people on the river for healthy recreation, including students in the rowing club and kids who take part in our summer camps, I oppose it on moral grounds.

There is no reason to site a polluting industrial plant that will be running 24/7 when working on CalTrans jobs, which will be the majority of the jobs, near a protected watershed AND homes, schools, recreational boating clubs and businesses, not to mention the Marina, Sheraton hotel, and a brand new planned development, River Front.

While Petaluma strives to promote its waterway as a public asset and resource, Sonoma County is threatening to pollute our air and water with particulates that will show up in health outcomes long after the asphalt that caused them is laid on the roadways.

This is a dirty deal, and should never have gotten this far.

We, the citizens of Petaluma, will be forced to police this industrial plant, because we already know that no resources will be devoted to keeping it maintained or following whatever rules of operation are placed on it.

Shame on Sonoma County.

Sincerely, Maggie Hohle Mother of four.

From: Colleen Chavez < CChavez@jtm-esc.org>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 1:10 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** We do not want Dutra Haystack Asphal Plant in Petaluma

Dear Mr. Fernandez,

I am writing on behalf of my family, neighbors, and community of Petaluma who do not want Dutra Haystack Plant in Petaluma. Please do not allow this in our community. There are many of us who has asthma and this is a threat to our loved ones health, as long as to the long term healthy hazards of this plant. We voted against this and we still don't want it in Petaluma.

Please help the voices of parents and children of Petaluma who say no to this plant. Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Colleen Chavez Petaluma resident

From: Shawn Rohwedder < goanywhere@rushpost.com>

Sent:Monday, December 14, 2015 5:47 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsSubject:Dutra Haystack application

Greetings Mr. Fernandez,

I am a home owner and a parent of a young child in Petaluma not far from the proposed asphalt plant. I am writing today to urge the Water Quality Board to deny Dutra Haystack their certification for the operation of the proposed asphalt plant. Dutra's history of violations at their San Rafael facility should weigh in heavily here. Giving this company additional opportunities to violate clean air and water laws is not acceptable. Petaluma's river heritage is a source of community pride and today the river is a focal point of our downtown. Placing an asphalt plant on our waterway is not environmentally sound and not what the residents of this town desire. There should be more comprehensive study about the potential negative impacts an asphalt plant would have to the river, air quality, local bird habitat, and safe rail transit. What exactly would happen if the conveyor filled with aggregate material failed and spilled into the river or onto the light-rail tracks? Could this possibly de-rail a train full of passengers?

Please don't approve this application.

Thank you,

Shawn Rohwedder 591 Kent street Petaluma, CA 94952

From: Josh Argyle <joshargyle@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 4:05 PM

**To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards **Subject:** Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project

Dear Xavier,

I strongly opposed this project, and would like this project to be denied for the following reasons...

- Pollution
- Salt Marsh and possible negative effect on local ecosystem
- Noise
- Diminishing surrounding real estate value

Thanks,

Josh

From:roger willis <rawill1@pacbell.net>Sent:Wednesday, January 06, 2016 10:34 AMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsCc:Davd.Rabbitt@Sonoma-County.org

**Subject:** Approve Dutra's Water Quality Certification for Petaluma Asphalt Plant Facility

Please approve this project. It has been stalled for much to long a time without cause or merit.

The Project was reviewed by virtually every state and federal resource agency with no objections: not the Water Board, not Fish & Game, not Fish & Wildlife, not the Corps of Engineers. That is an impressive report card and belies the opponents many unfounded arguments.

- The Project will not negatively impact water quality along the river.
- The Project was carefully studied and approved by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.
- The Project ultimately approved was much smaller than originally proposed.
- The Board of Supervisors found the Project will not substantially change the character of the area as there are already existing industrial uses adjacent to the project site

Sincerely,

Roger Willis 276 Fairview CT Petaluma, CA 94952

From: tugcomp@gmail.com on behalf of Dana Teicheira <dt@maritimesurveyor.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2016 10:13 AM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Cc:** Rabbit, David@Sonoma; adutra@dutragroup.com

**Subject:** Approve Dutra's Water Quality Certification for Petaluma Asphalt Plant Facility

Dear Mr. Fernandez,

I am writing to you in support of Dutra Construction's water quality certification. It is my understanding that this project has been reviewed by numerous agencies and it has been determined that the plant will not adversely affect the quality of water on the Petaluma River.

I am a licensed tugboat captain and have made numerous trips up and down the Petaluma River. Based upon my education (California Maritime Academy) and experience (36 years) in the maritime industry, in my opinion the proposed plant will improve the environmental quality of the area by transporting the aggregate used in the asphalt by barge, as opposed to trucks. A 2000 ton capacity barge will haul as much product as 60-70 truck/trailer units. Transportation of bulk products by water is substantially more efficient than over-road transport.

As an added benefit the additional commercial traffic will support federal funding of the Petaluma River dredging, which is way overdue.

For these reasons I urge you to grant the requested certification for the Dutra asphalt plant.

Regards,

Dana R. Teicheira

From: Matt Richman < Matt.Richman@earthlink.net>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2016 7:13 AM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Petaluma plant

Hi. I'm writing to comment on the proposed asphalt plant in Petaluma.

I cringe at the thought of this plant. It will be a smelly, polluting blight on our waterway, on the nearby park, and on the town.

This is a terrible place for a plant, on the edge of Shollenberger park, where we often take the kids walking and where many animals make their home. The site would also greet all drivers on Northbound 101. Any water pollution would ruin that natural area as well as the town's waterway, which travels straight through the middle of Petaluma. Any air pollution would sit right on top of town.

I hate this proposed plant and hope it can be stopped.

Thank you, Matthew Richman Petaluma Resident

**From:** Cynthia Murray <cmurray@northbayleadership.org>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2016 11:15 AM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

Cc: Rabbit, David@Sonoma

**Subject:** Support for Water Quality Certification for Dutra Petaluma Asphalt Plant facility

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

North Bay Leadership Council (NBLC), who represents the leading employers in Marin, Sonoma and Napa Counties, urges the Regional Water Quality Control Board to support the Water Quality Certification for the Dutra Petaluma Asphalt Plant facility. This asphalt plant is important to the North Bay's infrastructure as having a local source of asphalt will save money and time on completing our much needed improvements.

NBLC is impressed that this project was reviewed by virtually every state and federal resource agency with no objections: including the Water Board, state Fish and Wildlife, federal Fish and Wildlife, and the Army Corps of Engineers. The lack of objections underlines the fact that the project will not negatively impact water quality along the river.

In addition, the Project was carefully studied and approved by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. And the project that was approved is much smaller than originally proposed. The Board of Supervisors found the Project will not substantially change the character of the area as there are already existing industrial uses adjacent to the project site.

For all of the above reasons, NBLC urges support of the Water Quality Certification for this project. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Murray

Cynthia Murray

North Bay Leadership Council 775 Baywood Drive, Suite 101 Petaluma, CA 94954 (707) 283-0028

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"Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for."

-- Joseph Addison

## 27 December 2015

San Francisco Bay Regional Water Control Board

1515 Clay St

Suite 1400

Oakland, CA 94612



Dear SFBRWCB Board Members:

I am writing to record my opposition to the approval of the Dutra asphalt plant planned for operation at Haystack Landing on the Petaluma River.

The additional environmental impact on the area by industrial asphalt production will be significant with more water traffic hauling thousands of tons of material and occupying the river channel. Runoff from this site too must be prevented from entering the Petaluma River habitat, especially hydrocarbon products. Impact on endangered species – salmonoids in particular – must be avoided at all cost.

Considerations must be given to the entire watershed and the endeavors that make it a whole functioning ecosystem. This plant will ultimately be a detrimental influence on the immediate environs and has potential to be more widespread in these impacts. Many rare and endangered bird species make this estuary home or a seasonal stopover. Please give them the consideration on what will affect their ability to survive and thrive.

Sincerely,

Ervand M. Peterson, Ph.D.

179 Marshall Ave.

Petaluma, CA 94952

Judie Peterson 179 Marshall Ave Petaluma. CA 94952 DEC 3 0 2015

QUALITY CONTINUE BUARD

Dear San Francisco Bay Regional Water Control Board

The proposed Dutra Asphalt plant should not be allowed across the river from Petaluma's beautiful Shollenberger Park estuary. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know this. The park is home to many birds, rabbits and other wild creatures.

Our city of Petaluma has spent thousands of dollars to oppose this plant's location, much of this donated money from people who use Shollenberger Park to walk, bike or take family or/and visitors to enjoy. Visitors who will hear, see and smell, not the beauty of the park, but the noxious business just across the river if the asphalt plant is permitted.

It is immoral, unconscious and wrong to permit an asphalt plant to operate in this location.

Shollenberger Park is a place of refuge for many people and wildlife. Please do not allow the Dutra asphalt plant to destroy this peaceful, beautiful gem which sits right at the gateway of Sonoma County welcoming visitors and representing the citizens of Petaluma.

Yours truly,

Judie Peterson

12/26/15

From:Rachel Kaplan < rachelkap@fullcup.info>Sent:Sunday, December 27, 2015 11:55 AMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsSubject:Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant

Dear Mr. Fernandez

I am writing to you about the proposed Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant in Sonoma County, CA.

As an ecologist and environmentalist, I believe this is an extremely misguided project. Firstly, siting of the proposed plant is in the middle of a bird sanctuary. How stupid is that? Secondly, the county is in no need of asphalt, now or in the future. Thirdly, Dutra's political maneuverings and poor environmental accountability history does not make them a reliable partner in this kind of project. There is a long history of unwise grading and dredging in the waterway where this plant is proposed. The waterway has yet to recover from this kind of historical abuse, and it needs no more assaults from Dutra.

Sonoma County does not need or want this development. Our waterways are already compromised to the breaking point. We don't have enough, and what we do have is already damaged by industrial overflows. We need you to take responsible action and deny this application based on the compromise to water quality that it represents.

Please do the right thing and deny this permit.

Sincerely,

Rachel Kaplan 415-269-2721

# www.RachelKaplanMFT.net www.Urban-Homesteading.org

...nurture all that is authentic by acknowledging three simple realities: nothing lasts, nothing is finished, and nothing is perfect. To accept these realities is to accept contentment as the maturation of happiness, and to acknowledge that clarity and grace can be found in genuine unvarnished existence. Filled with subtlety and depth, this way is a river flowing toward and away from you, and always within you. -- Richard Powell

From:Scott Hess <Scott@ScottHessPhoto.com>Sent:Friday, December 18, 2015 9:02 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra asphalt on the river

## http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/public\_notices/401/dutra/index.shtml

I'm not sure if this is the place for public comment on this project but i will make one anyway. This is a horrendous site for an asphalt plant!. It is right on the banks of the Petaluma River across from the much beloved Shollenberger Park. It would be such a tragedy to put this polluting factory on this site. The Petaluma City council opposes this plant and is totally ignored- even though the site is the southern gateway to the city. It's horrendous, disgusting and infuriating that Dutra would try to put a smoking pile of crap in this site - a historic site directly across from the mouth of Adobe Creek. PLEASE SAVE US from this abomination. There are much better places to site it.

Scott Hess 707-765-0580 Scott@ScottHessPhoto.com 1107 F Street Petaluma, CA 94952

From: kathleen kestelyn <kkestelyn@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2015 6:10 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plan in Petaluma, Sonoma County

I am submitting a comment about the proposed asphalt processing plant in the community of Petaluma.

I am concerned for the safety and health of the people and wildlife in this community. This place is near an area of wetlands and close to the town of Petaluma.

How will this asphalt be handle to prevent any spills into the water, air, and soil?

I've tried to read all the data about this, but I can't find anything that ensures the safety and health of all of us,

Sincerely,

Kathleen Kestelyn, Petaluma Resident

From: Lindsey Thordarson <thor.lindsey@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2016 10:01 AM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Public comment: Dutra asphalt plant at Haystack Landing

Hello,

I am a resident of Petaluma and strongly oppose Dutra's plans for the asphalt plant at Haystack Landing. Our city has invested a lot of time, money, and resources in restoring Shollenberger Park, a vital wetland habitat that will be threatened by noise and air pollution if Dutra's plans are approved.

Shollenberger park is so important to our citizens and our many visiting migratory birds. Please help us protect our river and wetlands for future generations and deny Dutra this certification!

Thank you,

Lindsey Thordarson

From: katebolton@comcast.net

Sent:Tuesday, January 12, 2016 10:53 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsCc:joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act

#### Dear Mr. Fernandez:

I am writing to ask your help in protecting the Petaluma River, wetlands, fish and wildlife, and public investments, including Shollenberger Park. I am concerned that the likely degradation of these public resources and assets by the proposed Dutra asphalt factory project is not being sufficiently scrutinized under the above Public Notice.

The City of Petaluma, a number of local non-profit and community organizations, thousands of residents, businesses, educators and visitors continue to strongly oppose this project. This project's location, construction and operations will harm the wetlands; the project is poorly mitigated, and will tarnish permanently the allure of Petaluma as a healthy place. It is proposed directly across the Petaluma River from the City's most popular park, Shollenberger Park, which is visited by over 150,000 people every year for recreation, exercise, bird watching, and contemplation.

Dutra's construction and operation would severely damage and degrade wetlands and river restoration projects directly across the river from the proposed site, which have been funded with millions of public dollars in recent years. The introduction of a heavy industrial and pollutant-emitting asphalt manufacturing project into the northern extent of the Petaluma Marsh goes against over 50 years of protection, restoration and reclamation work around the San Pablo and San Francisco Bay.

The Dutra project would undo that hard work and progress, and reindustrialize this area with a noxious and polluting asphalt factory. Alternative sites should be thoroughly examined, particularly as this factory is not water-dependent, and there are no known agreements for unloading Dutra's barges at Shamrock's dock and e-crane.

I also want to note that Dutra's existing asphalt plant, located in San Rafael, has been the recipient of numerous environmental complaints and regulatory objections. This long term track record provides little indication that Dutra's management will perform any better in Petaluma.

I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

From: Sandra Ducoff Garber <sanducgarb@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 12, 2016 9:53 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

Please protect the Petaluma River, wetlands, fish and wildlife, and public investments including Shollenberger Park. The likely degradation of these public resources by the proposed Dutra asphalt factory project is not being sufficiently scrutinized under the above Public Notice.

The City of Petaluma, a number of non-profit and community organizations, and thousands of residents, businesses, educators and visitors oppose the project.

This project's location, construction and operations is poorly mitigated, will harm the wetlands, and will tarnish permanently the allure of Petaluma as a healthy place. Its site is directly across the Petaluma River from the City's most popular park, Shollenberger Park, which is visited by over 150,000 people every year for recreation, exercise, bird watching, and contemplation.

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We urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Sincerely, Sandra and Ken Garber 320 Smith Dr. Petaluma CA 94952

From: Linda <acmwc@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 8:43 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra Asphalt Plant

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

I am writing to ask your help in protecting the Petaluma River, wetlands, fish and wildlife, and public investments including Shollenberger Park. I am concerned that the likely degradation of these public resources and assets by the proposed Dutra asphalt factory project is not being sufficiently scrutinized under the above Public Notice.

The project continues to be opposed strongly by the City of Petaluma, a number of non-profit and community organizations, and thousands of residents, businesses, educators and visitors.

This project's location, construction and operations will harm the wetlands, is poorly mitigated, and will tarnish permanently the allure of Petaluma as a healthy place. It is proposed directly across the Petaluma River from the City's most popular park, Shollenberger Park, which is visited by over 150,000 people every year for recreation, exercise, bird watching, and contemplation.

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Linda Petrulias 23 Silvia Drive, Cazadero, CA 95421 acmwc@comcast.net

From: Lynne Bender < lbender887@outlook.com>

Sent:Tuesday, January 12, 2016 7:50 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsSubject:RE: Application by Dutra Haystack

To: Xavier Fernandez

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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My family and I regularly walk and bike at this park. It is part of why we live in Petaluma.

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Sincerely,

Lynne Bender 887 olive street Petaluma, CA 94952

Sent from my iPhone

From: Elaine Woodriff <ew0220@sonic.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 7:33 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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Thank you for your kind attention to this letter.

Elaine Woodriff, 717 N. McDowell Blvd., #307, Petaluma CA 94954

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

From:maria krahn <mkrahn2001@yahoo.com>Sent:Tuesday, January 12, 2016 7:32 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra Asphalt Project

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application. Sincerely,
Maria Krahn,
171 Kylers Court,
Penngrove, Ca

I am the Open Heart that inspires deep exploration of inner and outer connections with all Life

From: Ellen Franzen <ellen\_franzen@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 12, 2016 5:41 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards **Cc:** joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act

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As a birdwatcher for over 50 years and visitor to Shollenberger Park, I strongly urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Ellen L. Franzen 970 Jones Street Berkeley, CA 94710

From: JoAnn Blackburn <jblackburn.51@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 12, 2016 5:05 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

Cc: Joan Cooper

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project

To: Xavier Fernandez

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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Jo-Ann Blackburn

856 6th Street

Petaluma, CA 94952

## jblackburn.51@comcast.net

From: mrkarat@comcast.net

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2016 7:08 AM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Shollenberger Park

Dear Mr. Fernandez,

The Pt. Reyes Bird Observatory is located at Schollenberger Park in Petaluma. This is the site of the proposed Dutra Asphalt Plant. The wetlands at Schollenberger Park are a natural path for migratory birds. Many endangered species have been sited here. Over 150,000 guests visit our park every year to watch wildlife.

Our Petaluma City Council members voted against this factory being built. I have lived in this community for over 30 years and have enjoyed its beauty. I have found it a wonderful place to raise a family and consequently, a son who is a wildlife biologist. He became a biologist thanks to the influence of the Petaluma wetlands. I have no doubt that this factory will spoil the park, our air, and our quality of life here. I encourage you to deny any permits for the Dutra Asphalt Plant to be built at the gateway to Petaluma.

Warmly, Beth Bates-Stokes

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

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Beth Bates-Stokes 1575 Bungalow Lane Petaluma, CA 94954

From: Alan Spiro <ulq@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 4:54 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra Plant

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Alan Spiro

1856 Adobe Creek Drive

Petaluma, CA 94954

From: RoseLight <roselight@roselight.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 4:45 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

Subject: RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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## Amy Skezas

4775 Redwood Highway South Petaluma, CA 94952

From: Karen Collum <karenkcollum@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 12, 2016 4:44 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

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Karen Collum 4850 Bodega Ave Petaluma, CA 94952

From: Sandy Kelly <traxmom@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 4:36 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards
Cc: joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Sincerely,

Sandy Kelly

496 Casa Verde Cir., Petaluma, CA 94954

**From:** Steve Birdlebough <affirm@friendshouse.org>

Sent:Tuesday, January 12, 2016 3:58 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsCc:joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

There are many asphalt plants that can serve Petaluma adequately. In addition, new methods of re-using existing pavement on site are reducing the need for fixed-site plants to produce paving material. Finally, the pace of constructing new roads is slowing for various reasons. All of these factors suggest that any proposed asphalt plant near a waterway merits strict scrutiny regarding water quality impacts.

I will be pleased if the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board denies this application.

Steve Birdlebough 684 Benicia Drive, Santa Rosa 95409

From:
Paula Zerzan <pzerzan@comcast.net>
Sent:
Tuesday, January 12, 2016 2:59 PM
To:
Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Cc:** joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project Certification

To: Xavier Fernandez

xavier.fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov

cc: joancooper115@gmail.com

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application. Please respect and enhance this vital community natural resource.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paula Zerzan 16912 Falcon Lane Sonoma, CA, 95476-7250

pzerzan@comcast.net

From: Willie McDevitt <willie@mcdevittconstruction.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2016 9:45 AM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

Cc: David Rabbitt (david@davidrabbitt.com)

**Subject:** Dutra Petaluma Asphalt

#### Mr Fernandez

The proposed asphalt plant has met all regulatory and environmental approvals and should also be approved BARWQCB. It is designed with a series of mitigation measures including sand filters and bio-retention areas to meet current storm water management guidelines.

There are also intangible water quality benefits created by this project;

First, it will drastically reduce truck trips related to paving projects in northern Marin & southern Sonoma Counties. Currently asphalt for these areas is supplied from San Rafael, Santa Rosa and occasionally Vallejo or Benicia. Each truck mile saved reduces road wear, tire wear & carbon emissions which can affect water quality.

Second, aggregate material for the plant will be delivered by barge from San Rafael. This also reduces truck trips and related pollution. In addition use of San Rafael aggregate replaces the need for aggregate sourced from the Russian River or remote Sonoma County quarries.

The greatest environmental benefits of this project are related to air quality & traffic reduction. Meeting the storm water management guidelines will result in a project whose run-off is as clean or cleaner than the existing native site.

I urge you to recommend to the Board approval of the Dutra Petaluma Asphalt Plant.

Willie McDevitt McDevitt Construction Partners, Inc 3820 Cypress Drive Petaluma, CA 94954

Phone 707-763-3000 Direct 707-766-1555 Fax 707-778-0386

Email willie@mcdevittconstruction.com

From: Bill Chipman <bill\_chipman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 8:01 AM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra Co. "Haystack Landing" certification application in Petaluma

Please APPROVE the Water Quality Certification application for the Dutra Co. proposed asphalt plant in Petaluma.

I am a resident of Petaluma and live not far from the proposed asphalt plant. I frequently walk in Schollenberger Park, which is located just across the river from the Dutra site, so I am not just talking theory when I ask that you approve their application.

To be very blunt, having the asphalt plant constructed would be an IMPROVEMENT to the area, which is already thoroughly industrial. On one side of the site are mountains of gravel and sand which come in on large barges. Kids love watching the barges and the unloading operations. On the other side of the site are a whole string of filthy dirty, rotting, garbage-strewn shacks and mouldering boats. Behind the proposed Dutra site is a newly built UGLY retaining wall for the freeway, which can be seen from all the way across Schollenberger Park. The actual Dutra site is currently a weedy mess.

And the thought of LESS truck traffic on Hwy. 101 is very appealing to me, too, as I often have to deal with the traffic along there. Dutra would be able to use the river instead of the highway, which would be a real help.

Water quality...have you ever personally been to Petaluma and looked at the water? It is filthy dirty. My brother in law, who has his own sailboat, once sailed up the river to Petaluma and said, "Never again!" He had a terrible time cleaning his boat afterwards. The Dutra people if anything would IMPROVE the water, because if their plant were there, we'd see less muddy runoff into the river, which is the case now.

Opponents of this proposed plant site are not giving you the truth about what is really happening.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Monty Chipman

From: Aldalecio@aol.com

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2016 1:31 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

Cc: Rabbit, David@Sonoma

**Subject:** Support / Dutra Petaluma Asphalt Plant

Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Flagged

#### **Regional Water Quality Control Board:**

I urge your support for approval on the Dutra Petaluma Asphalt Plant, which will provide local service for asphalt to the Petaluma and Sonoma County.

This project has been reviewed by many state & federal agency's with no objections and has been approved by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

Contrary, to opponents arguments.

This project will not have a negative impact on the water quality along the river, is smaller than originally proposed and will not substantially change the character of our area.

Thank you for your support.

Alfred J Dalecio 2164 Falcon Ridge Drive Petaluma, CA 94954

From: Laurie MacMillan < laurie@sunfielddesign.com>

Sent:Tuesday, January 12, 2016 5:01 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsCc:joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** Impact of Dutra Asphalt Plant on Shollenberger Park

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

## Dear Mr. Fernandez:

At what point will the preservation of our very finite natural resources take precedence over industry and profit? What will the tipping point look like that finally brings us to the realization that we have given priority to entirely the wrong thing? This question is very much in play regarding the Petaluma River and the **very widely opposed** Dutra Asphalt plant.

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Thank you for considering that a plant like this can be located elsewhere, but we can't move the river, and we can't protect it without your thorough consideration of the damage this plant will do to such a fragile habitat.

Sincerely,

Laurie MacMillan

P.O. Box 425

Valley Ford, CA 94972

From: Margi Walker <lordruxton@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 7:06 AM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Cc:** joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act

To: Xavier Fernandez

xavier.fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov

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Margaret Walker PO Box 137 Penngrove, CA 94951

From: Mickles Enterprises <mickent@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 8:55 AM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

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## Dear Mr. Fernandez:

Shollenberger Park is the North Coast's most popular bird sanctuary, host to constant field trips by all K-9 classes - a priceless source of wonder and exploration.

The stench of hot macadam will make the park unavailable to most visitors i.e. joggers, birders, field trippers, etc. (almost 20% of tested schoolchildren in this county have some form of asthma).

A house of prostitution, no matter how well regulated as to hours of operations, signage, and noise does not belong next to the National Boy Scout Jamboree site.

Lindsay M. Mickles Resident and Business Owner P.O. Box 2598 Petaluma, CA 94953 (707) 766-6680

From: Edin Goolan <sir.edin@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 8:53 AM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Cc:** Joan Cooper **Subject:** Dutra asphalt plant

#### Dear Mr. Xavier Fernandez

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Thanks for your attention to this important matter. With best regards, Edin Goolan. (1040 Addison circle, Petaluma, Ca 94952)

Edin Painting and Decorating

Cell: (707) 688-4992 Home: (707) 778-8198 sir.edin@comcast.net

From: Harry Shaw <badabing@sonic.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 8:30 AM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards
Cc: joancooper115@gmail.com

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# Sincerely,

# **Harry Shaw**

## 820 Schuman Lane

# Petaluma, CA 94952

From: Dana Garcia <weaver347@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 8:12 AM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards
Subject: Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project

To: Xavier Fernandez

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Dana Garcia Roland Garcia 347 Walnut St. Petaluma, Ca. 94952

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From: Edin Goolan <sir.edin@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 7:36 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra asphalt plant issue

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From:Majida Gibson <majidag@att.net>Sent:Wednesday, January 13, 2016 12:18 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Cc:** joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

With sincere thanks,

Majida Gibson 1544 Crown Road Petaluma, CA 94954

From: Jane Hamilton <jane.hamilton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 11:45 AM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Public Comment for Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Application

Attachments: Water Quality & Dutra.doc

Dear Mr. Fernandez

please find attached my comments for the Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for water quality certification under section 401 of the clean water act.

Thank you Jane Hamilton 707-478-4422 To: Xavier Fernandez
Xavier.fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov

From: Jane Hamilton jane.hamilton@gmail.com

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, STE 1400, Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for water quality certification under section 401 of the clean water act.

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

Please take decisive action to protect the Petaluma River, surrounding marshes and the public investment which includes Schollenberger Park. These public lands stand to suffer significant degradation by the proposed Dutra asphalt factory project and I want to make sure this project is thoroughly scrutinized under the Water Quality prevue.

This project has been and still is unanimously opposed by the City of Petaluma, numerous non-profit and community organizations and the majority of local residents and businesses.

This project is proposed directly across the river from Petaluma's most visited park, Schollenberger Park. This park is one of only two in the city where it is possible to go for a long walk in nature. Schollenberger Park is a major destination for birders, a very popular exercise spot and an educational site used expensively by local schools. Schollenberger is visited by 150,000 people every year. The location of this proposed asphalt plant, its construction and operations will harm the existing wetlands and the water quality. The conditions of approval do not mitigate these impacts sufficiently. This project will permanently degrade Petaluma as a healthy place to live and visit.

The wetlands and river restoration projects directly across the river from the proposed project have been funded with millions of public dollars in recent years. The construction and operation of the Dutra Plant will cause serious and irreversible damage to these restoration projects. Introducing a heavy industrial and polluting asphalt manufacturing plant into the Petaluma Marsh flies in the face of over 5 decades of protection, restoration and reclamation work that has taken place.

I am a former 8 year Petaluma City Council member who chaired the Petaluma River and enhancement plan. Many of us put many years of work into restoring the wetlands in this area. The Dutra project will undermine that work and degrade the area with a toxic and polluting asphalt factory. This project is not water dependent. There are no agreements for unloading Dutra's barges at Shamrocks site as was once claimed.

Please scrutinize this application and deny its certification.

Jane Hamilton 110 G Street Petaluma, CA 94952

From: Sim Schwartz <simeonschwartz@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 10:40 AM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Cc:** joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** Public Comment re Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant

To: Xavier Fernandez

xavier.fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov

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Sim Schwartz 1898 Mountain View Ave Petaluma CA 94952

From: nlaugust@comcast.net

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2016 10:39 AM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Cc:** joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** Public Comment re Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant

To: Xavier Fernandez <u>xavier.fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov</u>

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Thank you for your careful consideration, Nancy August 1898 Mountain View Ave Petaluma CA 94952

From: Jeff Mazzeo <jeffmaz@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 9:02 AM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards
Subject: Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project

13 January 2016

Xavier Fernandez

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Sincerely,

Jeff Mazzeo Glenwood Drive Petaluma, CA

From: Roger Deschenes < rogdeschenes@gmail.com>

Sent:Wednesday, January 13, 2016 2:11 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsCc:joancooper115@gmail.com

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These are exactly my sentiments. I could not have said it any better.

Roger Deschenes

1861 Sophia Circle, Petaluma CA 94954

From: Kaye Chandler <kayec@sonic.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 2:09 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Elaina Kaye Chandler

kayec@sonic.net

301 Dana Street Petaluma, CA 94952 707-280-0291

From:Sheila Joshi <sheilajoshi@earthlink.net>Sent:Wednesday, January 13, 2016 1:56 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Cc:** joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma

To: Xavier Fernandez

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Sheila Joshi, Ph.D. 123 Westridge Drive Petaluma CA 94952

From: Jemetha < jemetha@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 1:30 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards
Cc: joancooper115@gmail.com

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Sincerely, Jemetha Clark 319 Howard Street Petaluma, CA

From: Judy Mazzeo <jmaz0415@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 12:29 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards
Subject: Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project

Xavier Fernandez

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board

1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400

Oakland, CA 94612

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Judy Mazzeo Glenwood Drive Petaluma, CA

From: Owen Lang, FASLA <owen@owenlang.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 7:55 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Cc:** Joan Cooper

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma

To: Xavier Fernandez

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

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Owen Lang, FASLA
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(415) 200-8386
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From: Faye Reddecliff < freddecliff@juno.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 7:46 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards
Cc: joancooper115@gmail.com

Subject: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act

#### Dear Mr. Fernandez:

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Sincerely,

Faye Reddecliff

25 A Myrtle Court

Petaluma, CA 94952

From: Helen Deschenes < helendeschenes@gmail.com>

Sent:Wednesday, January 13, 2016 5:29 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsCc:joancooper115@gmail.com

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Insert your name/address

The above statement reflects my opinion. Helen Deschenes 1861 Sophia Cir Petaluma CA 94954

From: susan@lucky-duck.com

Sent:Wednesday, January 13, 2016 4:27 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsSubject:Dutra asphalt plant proposal

Dear Sir,

As a resident of Petaluma I wish to submit my opinion on the proposed Dutra asphalt plant.

I am unequivocally opposed to the construction of the plant at its proposed location near Schollenberger Park. It is totally incompatible with a public park and a wetlands preserve.

The plant, if built, will result in both air and noise pollution.

The Dutra company has a dismal record of operating within the parameters of its use permit. And I can attest to the fact, from personal experience, that both Sonoma County and the Water Quality Control Board have stated that they do not have enough personnel to enforce conditions of use permits that are granted. This means that any mitigating measures written into the permit are meaningless.

The vast majority of Petaluma residents and the entire City Council are opposed to this plant. Why then is the Water Board even considering approving its construction?

Susan Corwin Petaluma, CA

From: Peter Markey <eplane@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 9:02 AM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** RE: San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board

To: Xavier Fernandez

xavier.fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov

#### joancooper115@gmail.com

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[Peter Markey] Petaluma

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From:s.herman <jude1248@comcast.net>Sent:Thursday, January 14, 2016 4:51 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

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We urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Susan & Ted Herman 127 Sunny Hill Drive Petaluma, California 94952-4748

"nothing is worth more than this day." goethe

From: Scott Turner <scott@guayaki.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 4:25 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards
Cc: joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

**Importance:** High

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I strongly urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Best Regards, Scott Turner, CTA Guayaki Sustainable Rainforest Products phone 707-824-6612 fax 707-824-6613

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If the machine of government is of such a nature that it requires you to be the agent of injustice to another, then, I say, break the law.

- Henry David Thoreau

From: Natalya W <natalyaw23@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 3:40 PM

**To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards; joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

To: Xavier Fernandez

xavier.fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board

1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Natalya Warner PO Box 101808 Arlington, VA 22210

From: Susie Maurer <susie@landmarktravel.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 11:03 AM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards
Cc: joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act

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Sincerely,

Susan Maurer 75 Candlewood Drive Petaluma, CA 94954

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From: Suzanne Clarke <sjclarke232@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 5:06 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards
Subject: Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

I am asking for your help in protecting the Petaluma River, wetlands, fish and wildlife, and public investments including Shollenberger Park from devastation for the proposed and widely opposed Dutra Asphalt Plant on our river. I am concerned that the pollution of our public resources and assets by this commercial project is not being sufficiently scrutinized under the above Public Notice for a Sec. 404 Permit.

I am a volunteer with the Petaluma Wetland Alliance. We bring third grade students to Shollenberger Park and tell them about the importance of the wetlands, by acting as:

- \* a natural filter and that purifies surface water,
- \* a sponge and thus provides flood control to protect the lands near the river,
- \* a source for infusing nutrients into the water for a healthy diet for marine life,
- \* a nursery for young fish, amphibians, and reptiles, by providing shelter in their early lives,
- \* a safe refuge for migrating bird life in a world where natural habitats are increasingly more scarce.
- \* a place within our city where young and old alike can walk, sit, or relax in a beautiful, natural habitat.

In other words, unlike most other habitats, wetlands directly improve other ecosystems. Because of its many cleansing benefits, wetlands have been compared to kidneys. This is a very apt analogy since wetlands and kidneys both help control water flow and cleanse the system. Understanding these facts, how could I possibly explain to these third graders any rational justification that now, in the 21st Century, anyone would ever consider installing an asphalt plant right across from our precious Petaluma wetlands at Shollenberger Park? Surely, this sort of action is exactly the opposite of what we should be doing?

The project continues to be opposed strongly by the City of Petaluma, a number of non-profit and community organizations, and thousands of residents, businesses, educators and visitors.

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I strongly urge you to raise the level of federal review for the Dutra project to a full Environmental Impact Statement under NEPA, including a more accurate and complete project and alternatives description, wetlands, avian and fish impacts analysis, avoidance and mitigation proposals.

The current Public Notice for Sec. 404 available for review and comment is insufficient to address the multiple substantial problems associated with this project. Impacts of this project to on-site and adjacent wetlands are understated and must be corrected.

The project's barge and tug traffic will likely interfere with safety of other commercial and recreational users of the Petaluma, and stacked moored barges will intrude into the Corps' 100' navigational channel. This project would require construction and operation of a conveyor belt over twin 12" PG&E high-pressure gas lines and SMART passenger rail tracks, with potentially disastrous results.

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Sincerely, Suzanne Clarke 215 5th Street Petaluma, CA 94952 707-364-6298

From: Lucy Kortum <blkortum@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 10:21 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act

#### Dear Mr. Fernandez:

I want to add my voice to those seeking your help in protecting the Petaluma River wetlands and the wildlife it supports, as well as Petaluma's Shollenberger Park. These River related amenities have been enhanced by costly restoration to provide significant benefit of the people of Petaluma and of Sonoma County, as well as visitors to our area. They must b protected from the threat posed by the proposed Dutra asphalt factory project

This project which affects both public health and public expenditure, requires rigorous scrutiny. The City of Petaluma, many non-profit and community organizations, and thousands of residents, businesses, educators and visitors do not believe that this heavy industrial and pollutant emitting project has been sufficiently scrutinized. Their concerns extend beyond the local to include years of protection, restoration, and reclamation work around San Pablo Bay and San Francisco Bay.

I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to consider the danger to these important local and regional assets and to deny this application.

Sincerely,

Lucy Kortum 180 Ely Road North Petaluma CA 94954

From: Carol Crabill < carol.crabill@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 9:42 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project Application

To: Xavier Fernandez San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Please Deny Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Sincerely,

Carol Crabill Petaluma

**From:** eraff@ix.netcom.com

**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2016 9:01 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma

To: Xavier Fernandez

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Sincerely,

Eugenie Raff 196 Fair St., Petaluma, CA 94952 707/658-1858

From: Peter de Boom <peter-huu@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 8:49 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Shollenberger Park

Dear Mr. Fernandez,

May I urge you not to issue a certification for building a stinking, noisy asphalt plant right next to a popular and much beloved public park in Petaluma.

The people of Petaluma will thank you.

Respectfully,
Peter de Boom
45 Alta Dr., Petaluma

From: Steve Schramm < reelsafari@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 7:26 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

Subject: RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Steve Schramm 198 Fair Street Petaluma, CA 94952

From: mikeo707 <mikeo707@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 7:09 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards
Subject: Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project

To: Xavier Fernandez

xavier.fernandez@waterboards.ca.gov

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Michael Orton 1182 Lombardi Ave. Petaluma , Ca. 94954 (707) 849-9950

From: Jesse kaltenbach < jessekaltenbach@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2016 7:00 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

Subject: Dutra

This not an acceptable factory for Petaluma no mater how much it might bring. The environment is more important and as a father of three and an avid Sholenbuger park walker I say HELL NO and so do my kids.

Jesse KALTENBACH

707-205-6768

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kathleen Hanna <katehanna8@yahoo.com>

Sent:Friday, January 15, 2016 4:19 AMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsSubject:Dutra Project for Petaluma

## Sir,

It is obvious to everyone that a project as environmentally damaging as the Dutra asphalt plant could not go forward without the complicity of person or persons in city or county government.

The people will not stop investigating until the graft and corruption have been uncovered.

Kathleen Hanna 1594 Eastman Lane Petaluma, CA 94952 707-338-3888

From: ~lofroos <peregrinelofroos@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 6:19 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project PETALUMA, CA

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board

1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400

Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act

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Kit Lofroos

101-A Post Street

Petaluma, CA

94952

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From: Broadway Catering & Events <br/> <br/>broadwaycatering@vom.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2016 5:53 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra Asphalt Plant

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

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Our family has walked that park and the Wetlands area for years with our now 84 year old mother, and would like to continue to share this nature area unspoiled, for us and future generations.

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Linda Gilbert 190 San Luis Rd Sonoma, California

and on behalf of my Mom, Ann Amyes, Petaluma Resident

From: Magick Altman <magick@sonic.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 5:46 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Dutra Plant

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

#### Greetings!

It should be noted that this is the gateway to Sonoma County and the beautiful Wetlands are a home to thousands of species and a layover point for many bird species. Birds have rights, too. As more cities and counties adopt the Rights of Nature we are learning to not only consider human needs but the needs of all life.

The CELDF, Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund is helping communities across the country protect our land, air and water.

There has been a loss of 90% of California wetlands, and they are the wombs of life and keep a thriving and diverse culture alive.

There is no "concrete" reason for the plant.

I urge you to remember that life itself is in the balance in each decision we make.

I urge you to follow your consciences and do your part, In truth, Magick Altman

From: Tamara Miller <tjmrn@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2016 5:39 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards
Cc: joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, Ca.

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These passed years of severe drought have put a spot light on how communities are responding to it. Including how State and Federal legislation passed related to drought is being implemented locally.

Restoring, Protecting and Preserving our Wetland habitats is primary and integral to that end.

It has taken Generations for us to finally understand the importance Wetlands habitats play with regard to our Fresh Water Resources.

It has taken Generations of Restoration work to begin to bring what little Wetlands habitat we have left back to life and functioning in their vital role of Fresh Water Resource management.

It will take no time at all for an Asphalt Plant located in a Wetlands habitat to destroy it all.

Allowing industry like an Asphalt Plant to be located directly within such important, fragile and Nationally recognized Wetlands areas is irresponsible and negligent.

We can't afford that kind of mistake.

I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Thank you, for your time and attention on this vital matter.

Sincerely,

Tamara J. Miller RN

A Petaluma Resident Volunteer for Petaluma Wetlands Alliance Ca. State Parks Volunteer ~ Citizen Science

From: Suzanne Biaggi <susanna@sbiaggi.com>
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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Suzanne Biaggi 240 Keokuk St., Petaluma, 94952



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From: Jdomski@aol.com

**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2016 4:34 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Cc:** joancooper115@gmail.com; dkeller1@sonic.net

**Subject:** App.by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma

To: Xavier Fernandez, San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application. Please provide an opportunity to be heard by the opponents of this project before a decision is made. Due process requires that your Board provide the opportunity for the opponents to be heard before a decision is made.

Thank you,

James M. Dombroski, Esq.

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From: pukip@aol.com

**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2016 4:32 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Please help save Shollenberger Park from asphalt plant

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

From: Lorna Johnson <Lorna@lornajohnson.com>

**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2016 2:28 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma

Xavier Fernandez San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

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This asphalt plant is proposed directly across the Petaluma River from the City's most popular park, Shollenberger Park, which is visited by over 150,000 people every year for recreation, exercise, bird watching, and contemplation. It will be so close that you could lob a softball to it. It would also have two unslightly 62-foot towers that would mar the scenic view at the entrance to Petaluma.

Please consider: Petaluma with a population of 60,000 people has only two parks for walking/hiking/cycling - Putnam Park and Shollenburger Park. Putnam Park is beautiful - but very hilly, with the entrances being a very steep ascent and so you must in be good shape to even enter this park.

Shollenberger Park is flat, which means it is accessible by everyone - little old ladies, babies in strollers, small children, folks in wheelchairs - as well as the able-bodied.

Having a noxious asphalt plant located smack dab on the shores of our only all-accessible park would render Shollenberger Park unusable, and only able-bodied folks would be able to enjoy Putnam Park.

On a cold windy February 12 2012, over 1400 people gathered together at Shollenberger Park to show our support and love for our park - "A Valentine for Our Park." We all wore red and held outstretched hands to circle the circumference of the park, and an aerial photo was taken.

This rally followed on the heels of an impromptu rally a month earlier on January 15 "Stand Up for Your Park/SOS Save Our Shollenberger" when 300 people showed up to to express their concerns. See this U-Tube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ah5BkEPisE0&feature=share">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ah5BkEPisE0&feature=share</a>

Did you know that Harpers Bazaar had published Petaluma as the Number ONE fall destination location in 2014?

An asphalt plant would certainly negate that designation!

What tourist would want to visit a town that has an asphalt plant at its entrance?

Additionally, Petaluma is poised to receive recognition as an AVA for our Petaluma Gap viticultural region - wine oriented venues would be a much more suitable way to welcome tourists to our town than an asphalt plant.

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Lorna Johnson 559 Danby Court Petaluma, CA 94954

From: Pamela Torliatt <ptorliatt@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2016 2:17 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

Subject: Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project - Public Comment

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

As the former Mayor of the City of Petaluma and Chair of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, I am writing to ask your help in protecting the Petaluma River, wetlands, fish and wildlife, and public investments including Shollenberger Park. I am concerned that the likely degradation of these public resources and assets by the proposed Dutra asphalt factory project is not being sufficiently scrutinized under the above Public Notice.

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Pamela Torliatt 27 Townview Lane Petaluma, CA 94952

**From:** Sheri Chlebowski <swrightesq@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2016 2:15 PM

**To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards; Joan Cooper

**Subject:** RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

-- San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

swrightesq@gmail.com 1037 Warren Drive

Petaluma, CA 94952

From: Pamela Tambe <ptambe@inverness-research.org>

Sent:Friday, January 15, 2016 2:54 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsCc:joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project

To: Xavier Fernandez

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

I am a Petaluma resident who has lived in Petaluma for the past 25 years.

I am writing to ask your help in protecting the Petaluma River, wetlands, fish and wildlife, and public investments including -- and in particular -- Shollenberger Park. I am concerned that the likely degradation of these public resources and assets by the proposed Dutra asphalt factory project is not being sufficiently scrutinized under the above Public Notice.

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Please do not sacrifice a beautiful nature preserve for a project that could be located elsewhere. I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tambe

11 Batchelor Terrace Petaluma, CA 94952

From: Brian Way <bedubyoo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2016 12:14 PM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Sincerely, Brian Way 2 Jensen Drive Petaluma, CA 94952

From:Margie Goolan <m.goolan@comcast.net>Sent:Friday, January 15, 2016 11:38 AMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Cc:** joancooper115@gmail.com

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

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San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

I am writing to ask your help in protecting the Petaluma River, wetlands, fish and wildlife, and public investments including Shollenberger Park. I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

- -- This project's location, construction and operations will harm the wetlands and is poorly mitigated. It is proposed directly across the small Petaluma River from the City's most popular park, Shollenberger Park, which is visited by over 150,000 people every year for recreation, exercise, bird watching, and contemplation.
- -- Alternative sites should be thoroughly examined, particularly as this factory is not water-dependent, given no known agreements for unloading Dutra's barges at Shamrock's dock and e-crane.
- -- The Dutra project would undo the thousands of volunteer hours and millions of public dollars invested to restore the park and area. Instead, the plant will re-industrialize this area with a noxious and polluting asphalt factory.
- -- The introduction of a heavy industrial and pollutant-emitting asphalt manufacturing project into the northern extent of the Petaluma Marsh goes against over 50 years of protection, restoration and reclamation work around the San Pablo and San Francisco Bay.
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I lived in Petaluma for 30 years and was so happy to see the wetlands around Petaluma restored and the development of Shollenberger Park. Along with the natural value of restored wetlands, Shollenberger Park's extensive level walking paths make it possible for my mother, who has COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), to also enjoy the natural beauty of the wetlands.

I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Best wishes,

Margie Goolan

7838 Revard Court Cotati, CA 94931 707-486-3741

From:Joyce Delario <joydana@me.com>Sent:Friday, January 15, 2016 11:22 AMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Cc:** Joan Cooper

**Subject:** Application by Dutra Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, CA

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Please do not allow this or any similar industrial operation to be built in such a sensitive area of Sonoma County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly, Joyce Delario Cotati, CA

From: Janie Castles <janie.castles@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2016 10:42 AM
To: Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Cc:** Janie Castles

**Subject:** RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality

Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

To: Xavier Fernandez

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

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I strongly urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Janie Castles 315 Petaluma, CA 94952

707-763-9635

From: wppicard@gmail.com on behalf of Patrick Picard <patrick@equinox-landscape.com>

**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2016 12:14 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Patrick Picard

101 Ross Street--

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From: Connie Goldman < connie.goldman@me.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, January 17, 2016 8:52 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

Cc: Joan Cooper

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

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I urge the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board to deny this application.

Connie Goldman 820 Elm Dr.

Petaluma, CA. 94952

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From:Rebecca Bebe <buflobec2@gmail.com>Sent:Saturday, January 16, 2016 7:55 PMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@WaterboardsSubject:Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project

To: Xavier Fernandez

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board 1515 Clay Street, Ste 1400 Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Application by Dutra Haystack Asphalt Plant Project, Petaluma, for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

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Rebecca Bebe

4903 Petaluma Hill Rd, Santa Rosa, CA

From:Scott Hess <Scott@ScottHessPhoto.com>Sent:Saturday, January 16, 2016 7:19 AMTo:Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

**Subject:** proposed Dutra plant on the Petaluma River

Dear SF Regional Water Board,

I am writing to urge you to reject the Dutra application to build their asphalt factory on the Petauma River at Haystack Landing directly across from the mouth of Adobe Creek. This is also directly across from a wetlands park, at the entrance to Petaluma. The thought of having an ugly, polluting plant located there is shocking and depressing. PLEASE stop this power play (The full Petaluma City council and a huge majority of the Petaluma population oppose this factory) by Dutra. Please do not let them destroy this site with blind, utilitarian, greed and thoughtlessness. Protect Petaluma and the River from this onslaught. It would be a tragedy to let this plant happen.

Sincerely yours, Scott Hess 1107 F Street Petaluma, CA 707-776-7023

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From: Robert Thompson < RThompson@marin.edu>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2016 3:19 PM **To:** Fernandez, Xavier@Waterboards

Cc: Rabbit, David@Sonoma

**Subject:** Haystack Landing Asphalt Plant.

#### Mr. Xavier Fernandez:

I am in compete and whole hearted support of Dutra's Haystack Landing project!!! They have meet all the requirements of a myriad of Governmental agencies seemingly many times over for several years. The area already has many and varied industrial uses. Dutra has willing reduced the size of the plan and accommodated all the challenges presented to them!. All of their communications have been positive and informative, never deriding the vocal minority, but seeking to answer their concerns. Dutra has an excellent business and environment reputation lasting many years. A local source of asphalt would be a significant economic advantage for surrounding cities and counties. I have been a lifelong resident of Petaluma, my family having been part owners of the Marin French Cheese Co. Your consideration and approval of Dutra's request would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Sincerely Yours:**

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