

COMMENT LETTER 16 - CITY OF PETALUMA, PATRICIA M. HILLIGOSS (OCTOBER 2, 1996), RECEIVED OCTOBER 3, 1996

Response to Comment 16-1

Comment Summary: The comment notes that the City of Petaluma has interest in any selected Project alternative(s) that would have a direct impact on it and its constituents.

The City of Santa Rosa will conduct a public process for selection of a Project, and welcomes participation of the City of Petaluma. Specific concerns are expressed in subsequent comments and these comments are addressed specifically in Responses to Comments 16-2 and 16-3.

Response to Comment 16-2

Comment Summary: The comment states that prior to a decision to bring water from the Project to the South County area, there should be a specific determination that planned facilities will not be in conflict with the City of Petaluma's plans for expansion of its wastewater disposal system.

It is recognized that the South County Alternative for the Project would require coordination with the City of Petaluma and that such coordination is an appropriate aspect of the Project selection phase for the Subregional System.

Response to Comment 16-3

Comment Summary: The comment request assurance that additional discharge to the Russian River would not degrade quality of the City's potable water supplies.

Evaluation of discharge options shows that increased discharge of reclaimed water would not affect potable water supplies. Refer to Section 4.7 of the Draft EIR/EIS; discussion of discharge begins on page 4.7-61.

