

## **SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov

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**Project Applicant:** California Department of Transportation – Karen Holmes

**Applicant's Agent:** California Department of Transportation – Nina Tortosa

**Project Name:** Prunedale Drainage Improvements Project

**Receiving Water:** 9 unnamed tributaries to Carneros Creek

**City/County:** Prunedale / Monterey

**Public Notice:** March 25, 2024 – April 15, 2024

### **Project Description:**

The purpose of the project is to replace or rehabilitate existing culverts in poor or fair condition in order to maintain the functionality of the culverts and protect the embankments and roadway from potential slope or pavement failure.

The proposed project activities include:

- Replacing ten existing culverts ranging from 12 inches to 30 inches in diameter, regrading of downstream channels, and removing excess silt buildup downstream of the culverts;
- Repairing one 7 ft by 5 ft concrete box culvert;
- Removing vegetation at all locations, and removing seven trees in the project area.

Mitigation activities include:

- Permittee responsible re-establishment of 0.027 acres / 64 linear feet of stream channel habitat;
- Permittee responsible re-establishment of 0.027 acres / 64 linear feet of riparian habitat, and;
- Permittee responsible re-establishment of 0.003 acres / 12 linear feet of wetland habitat.