

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1-2, 2012
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SUBJECT: Executive Officer's Report to the Board

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This item presents a brief discussion of issues that may interest the Board. Upon request, staff can provide more detailed information about any particular item.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATIONS

[Kim Sanders 805/542-4721]

The tables on the following pages list applications received and certifications issued from October 24, 2011 to December 14, 2011.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATIONS

[Kim Sanders 805/542-4771]

401 Water Quality Certification Applications Received October 24, 2011 – December 14, 2011.

Applicant	Date Received	Project Title	Project Purpose	Location	County	Receiving Water	Total Impact ¹	Status
City of San Luis Obispo - Freddy Otte	10/24/11	Sediment Removal in San Luis Obispo Creek and Prefumo Creek Bypass Channels	Remove sediment from bypass channels to restore conveyance capacities during storm and flood events.	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo Creek and Prefumo Creek	1.31 acres	Cert. about to be issued
California Department of Transportation - Chuck Cesena	11/2/11	Airport Boulevard Interchange - Salinas Reclamation Ditch	Line side slopes of Salinas Reclamation Ditch with Rock Slope Protection to prevent further erosion of the sandy materials found beneath the surface clay layer.	Salinas	Monterey	Salinas Rec Ditch	900 linear feet	Under staff review
County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department - Morgan Jones	11/2/11	Cathedral Oaks Road Bridge 51C-001 Replacement	Remove existing structurally-deficient bridge and construct replacement bridge.	Santa Barbara County	Santa Barbara	San Antonio Creek	300 linear feet	Under staff review
California Department of Transportation - Jim Walth	11/4/11	San Juan Road Interchange Project	Construct an interchange and frontage roads on US Route 101 with on- and off-ramps, an overpass, and changes in local roads to provide controlled access of the highway, to reduce congestion, and to improve safety.	North of Prunedale	San Benito and Monterey	two unnamed tributaries	4673 linear feet, 1.30 acres	Under staff review
City of Santa Barbara - Jessica W. Grant	11/23/11	Lower Sycamore Creek Channel Widening and Punta Gorda	Improve flood capacity by widening the Lower Sycamore Creek Channel north of the Hwy 101 bridge up to 75 ft upstream from Punta Gorda Bridge and	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	Sycamore Creek	380 linear feet	Incomplete application

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		Bridge Replacement	replace the Punta Gorda Bridge.					
Atascadero Department of Public Works - Geoff English	11/30/11	Atascadero Lake Fill Line Protection Project	Install boulders and geotextile fabric to protect a segment of the Atascadero Lake water fill line along the bank of Atascadero Creek to prevent a potentially catastrophic failure of the water line.	Atascadero	San Luis Obispo	Atascadero Creek	25 linear feet	Under staff review
Carpinteria Sanitary District - Craig Murray	12/5/11	Ocean Outfall Maintenance	Stabilize unsupported section of 24-inch diameter ocean outfall pipe by placing grout bags by hand underneath pipe to support approximately 100 linear feet that is not sitting on hard rock substrate.	Carpinteria	Santa Barbara	Pacific Ocean	0.011 acres, 100 linear feet	Withdrawn
Chevron Pipe Line Company - Joseph E. Lopez	12/9/11	SAPCO PIM Repair Project	Conduct maintenance activities at three sites along an existing 16-inch natural gas pipeline, including inspection and necessary repairs.	San Ardo	Monterey	Nelson Creek	0.02 acres	Incomplete application

^[1] Total Impact includes both temporary and permanent impacts to riparian, streambed, and/or wetland environments within federal jurisdiction.

401 Water Quality Certifications Issued October 24, 2011 – December 14, 2011.

Applicant	Date Certified	Project Title	Project Purpose	Location	County	Receiving Water	Total Impact ¹
California Department of Transportation - Lisa Schicker	10/24/2011	Pepperwood Gulch Culvert Replacement	Replace a double pipe culvert under Highway 1 at post mile 0.3 in Monterey County to restore proper function including drainage flow through the culvert and to prevent undermining of the highway.	Unincorporated, Big Sur Coast	Monterey	Pepperwood Gulch	0.057 acres
Virginia and Robert Gonzales	11/4/2011	1660 Mill Street Drainage Project	Remove debris in creek (chain-link fence panel and corrugated tin panel), stabilize banks with native plants, and remove a 45 degree bend in the creek.	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo Creek	0.02 acres
City of Santa Barbara - Jill Zachary	11/14/2011	Andree Clark Bird Refuge Vegetation Maintenance and Habit Restoration	Restore water flow and conveyance in the lake and culverts for the purpose of reducing mosquito production and flooding.	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	Andree Clark Bird Refuge Lake	0.93 acres
Santa Cruz Port District - Marian Olin	11/21/11	Santa Cruz Harbor Tsunami-Related Dock Demolition, Replacement, and Repair	Repair damage to marina infrastructure caused by the March 11, 2011 tsunami by demolishing and replacing 21 docks and repairing 7 docks.	Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz	North Monterey Bay	1.5 acres
California Department of Transportation - Tom Edell	11/21/11	Sediment Removal along SR 246 at PM 13.6 and 19.36	Remove accumulated sediment clogging two culverts to reestablish flow and prevent flooding of roadway.	Buellton/ Lompoc	Santa Barbara	unnamed tributaries to Cebada Canyon Creek and Santa Rosa Creek	0.47 acres
Cal Poly Swanton Ranch - Brian Dietterick	12/5/11	Scott Creek Streambank Stabilization and Bridge Abutment Repair	Protect streambank from further erosion and protect downstream bridge abutment. Provide stable large wood habitat and cover for salmonids. Fill void under bridge abutment with grout to provide critical vertical support.	Swanton	Santa Cruz	Scott Creek	130 linear feet

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Estero Marine Terminal Ballast Pond Piping Removal
[Phil Hammer 805/549-3882]

At the December 1, 2011 Water Board Meeting, Water Board Member Hunter requested information regarding the Estero Marine Terminal Ballast Pond Piping Removal Project (Project). On September 13, 2011, Water Board staff received an application from Chevron Environmental Management Company for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Certification) for the Project. Staff issued a Certification for the project on November 23, 2011.

The project will remove three former wastewater pipeline segments. The site is being decommissioned, and removal of the pipelines will prevent the pipelines from collapsing or serving as conduits for stormwater in the future. The pipelines to be removed are 90, 120, and 170 feet long and traverse a wetland area. The project includes: (1) Excavating and removing three pipelines ranging from 6-8 inches in diameter and buried 2-3 feet below ground; (2) Abandoning in place a portion of one pipeline that crosses a drainage channel; and (3) Backfilling approximately 290 cubic yards of fill. The project is part of the Ballast Pond Closure Phase of a larger Source Removal Project at the site to address soil and groundwater contamination in compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 2002-0002.

During the course of the project, approximately 0.06 acres of wetlands will be temporarily impacted by the project activities. These impacts will be mitigated at a 3:1 ratio through the creation of 0.12 acres and restoration of 0.06 acres of wetlands. Topsoil from the excavations will be preserved and used to establish saltgrass once the pipelines are removed and the excavations backfilled.

The soil in the immediate vicinity and at the shallow depth of the pipelines is not known to be contaminated. The pipelines are inactive and have been drained. The pipeline segment that will be abandoned in place will be filled with grout.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Budget Update

The Governor released his proposed 2012-2013 budget. The budget does not include furloughs, a hiring freeze, or a vacancy sweep (vacancy elimination). For the Water Boards, the budget calls for a reduction in the number of Board Members from nine to seven for each regional board, and for the merger of the Colorado River Basin Regional Board (RB7) with adjacent regional board(s).

Presentations, Education, and Training [Roger Briggs 805/549-3140]

Karen Worcester and Mary Hamilton of the Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program team gave an hour and a half long workshop on water quality monitoring, data management and quality assurance considerations for construction stormwater permittees, at the 2011 California Stormwater Quality Association Annual (CASQA) Conference in Monterey this past fall. The workshop was well attended and the presentation is available on the CASQA website at <https://www.box.com/s/f3zebxx9rf3eakdsfmk>

On November 16-17, 2011, Agricultural Regulatory Program staff (Hector Hernandez, Monica Barricarte, Corinne Huckaby, Elaine Sahl, Jill North, Angela Schroeter, and Lisa McCann) attended the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Fertilizer Research and Education Program (FREP) Annual Meeting. On December 2, 2011, Angela Schroeter gave a presentation at the Cal Poly Sustainable Agriculture Conference to update attendees on water quality and the Agricultural Order.