

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Public Notice

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing an application for the following project for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. We encourage public comments on the proposed work, which will be considered in the decision on certification. 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	City of Santa Maria Dept. of Public Works- Rodger Olds
Applicant's Agent	Terra Verde Environmental Consulting, LLC- Brian Dugas
Project Name	Blosser Bioretention Project
Receiving Water	Santa Maria River
City/County	Santa Maria/Santa Barbara
Public Notice	January 21, 2016 – February 11, 2016
Project Description	<p>The purpose of this project is to enhance an existing stormwater conveyance feature for the purpose of reducing stormwater contamination downstream.</p> <p>The project activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing approximately 755 cubic yards (CY) of soil from Blosser Ditch; • Backfilling approximately 559 CY of materials, including soil, concrete, and rock riprap; • Installing a new commercial driveway on the northern side of the bioretention basin; • Placing rock riprap in the newly contoured channel with a base layer of filter fabric topped with 2 to 6-inch smaller rock and topped with a 33-inch layer of ¼-ton rock; • Removing an existing concrete swale and replacing it with a cobble channel section; • Constructing an infiltration area that will be approximately 1,950-feet-long with a bottom width of 12 feet to 25 feet; • Constructing three reinforced-concrete-features to support the trash collected device, sedimentation forebay wall, and the check wall; • Bolting seven, 18-inch StormX headwall trash trap features to the reinforced concrete structures, which will collect trash, litter and debris while allowing water to filter through; • Constructing the sedimentation forebay wall with an eight-inch-diameter hole for low flows and a weir for larger flows; and, • Installing a check wall that will keep storm water up to an elevation of 188 feet.

	<p>Compensatory mitigation for the project consists of creating 0.90 acres of streambed.</p> <p>The City of Santa Maria filed a (Mitigated) Negative Declaration.</p>
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