

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  
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<b>Project Applicant</b>	Monterey County RMA-Carl Holm
<b>Applicant's Agent</b>	RMA Services Manager-Melanie Beretti
<b>Project Name</b>	Carmel River Interim Sandbar Management
<b>Receiving Water</b>	Pacific Ocean
<b>City/County</b>	Carmel-By-The-Sea / Monterey County
<b>Public Notice</b>	June 28, 2017 – July 19, 2017
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The purpose of this project is to conduct sandbar management to encourage natural breaching of the sandbar at the mouth of the Carmel River lagoon and to alleviate flood risk while enhancing lagoon habitat.</p> <p>The project activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excavating using a bulldozer or excavator to dig a channel through the sandbar;</li> <li>• Placing a sand plug at the end of the excavated channel, closest to the lagoon, so that wave action or rising lagoon levels will break the plug;</li> <li>• Excavating the sand plug if there is an immediate need to breach the lagoon;</li> <li>• Closing the sandbar with stockpiled sand, if necessary, to protect fish habitat;</li> <li>• Stockpiling excavated sand at a safe distance, where it is not in danger of being washed away by the breach; and</li> <li>• Conducting manual or mechanical breaching of the sandbar only if necessary.</li> </ul> <p>No mitigation is proposed for this project.</p> <p>County of Monterey Resource Management Agency filed a Categorical Exemption on June 7, 2017.</p>