

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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<b>Project Applicant</b>	Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E - Kris Vardas)
<b>Applicant's Agent</b>	None
<b>Project Name</b>	Pecho Creek Berm Removal Project
<b>Receiving Water</b>	Pecho Creek
<b>City/County</b>	Avila Beach/San Luis Obispo
<b>Public Notice</b>	March 2, 2016 – March 23, 2016
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The purpose of this project is to remove an existing 40-year old berm, a damaged 48-inch culvert, and any other debris or piping from the bed and bank of Pecho Creek, in an effort to prevent damage to the main access road to Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant during high-intensity storm events.</p> <p>The project activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removing the existing damaged culvert from the bed and bank of Pecho Creek;</li> <li>• Removing the earthen berm with a backhoe, excavator, haul trucks, etc;</li> <li>• Removing existing coyote brush scrub and mature willow trees in the immediate berm vicinity;</li> <li>• Re-contouring creek banks to a 2:5:1 slope in the berm removal area to match slope contours in adjacent areas;</li> <li>• Stabilizing slopes with erosion control blankets, straw wattles, and hydroseed application; and</li> <li>• Re-vegetating banks and replanting willows.</li> </ul> <p>Compensatory mitigation for this project includes restoring 0.04 acres of streambed and 0.43 acres of riparian habitat.</p> <p>The County of San Luis Obispo filed a (Mitigated) Negative Declaration.</p>