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## Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

on the

### Draft Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the 2016-2025 Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) is accepting comments on the Draft Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the 2016-2025 Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program (Draft Certification) from June 6, 2016 to July 29, 2016.

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) seeks authorization to conduct vegetation and sediment management activities in the Salinas River for the purpose of flood risk reduction. The Draft Certification will authorize vegetation and sediment management activities along 92 miles of the Salinas River and in three tributaries in Monterey County in a way that achieves both flood risk reduction and environmental protection, minimizes water quality and beneficial use impacts and any unavoidable impacts, and mitigates for unavoidable impacts.

The Draft Certification, with associated attachments, may be downloaded from our website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water\\_issues/programs/401wqcert/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/401wqcert/index.shtml).

Persons wishing to comment on the Draft Certification must submit comments in writing no later than **July 29, 2016** to [Jon.Rohrbough@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jon.Rohrbough@waterboards.ca.gov), or to the address below:

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San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
Attn: Jon Rohrbough

The Central Coast Water Board will discuss the Draft Certification at its July 29, 2016 meeting in San Luis Obispo. Following the Board Meeting and receipt of public comments, Central Coast Water Board staff will review all comments received and modify the Draft Certification as appropriate. Central Coast Water Board staff will prepare written responses to comments for the Executive Officer's review prior to issuance of the final Certification. Unless directed otherwise by the Central Coast Water Board, the final Certification will be issued by the Central Coast Water Board Executive Officer by August 31, 2016. Following issuance, Central Coast Water Board Staff will post the final Certification, Central Coast Water Board Staff responses to public comments, and the Draft Certification indicating modifications made in response to public comments, on the above website.

### **Additional Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program Information**

You may subscribe to the **Salinas River-401 Water Quality Cert** electronic mailing list at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg3\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg3_subscribe.shtml).

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