

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
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 centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov
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Project Applicant	Lisa Stratton - UCSB Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration
Applicant's Agent	Shari Hammond, UCSB Campus Planning and Design
Project Name	North Campus Open Space Restoration Project
Receiving Water	Devereux Slough and Pacific Ocean
City/County	UCSB North Campus/Santa Barbara
Public Notice	July 26, 2016 – August 16, 2016
Project Description	<p>The purpose of this project is to restore the North Campus Open Space to conditions that existed onsite prior to the construction of the Ocean Meadows Golf Course.</p> <p>The project activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grading and excavating a maximum of 9.05 acres of wetland to create approximately 100 acres of expanded estuarine, riparian, vernal pool, and native upland habitat; • Moving the excavated soil (approximately 350,000 cubic yards) to the South Parcel to recreate the historic drainage and vernal pool complex; • Excavating approximately 36,000 cubic yards from the creek channel itself; • Installing a network of trails, a culvert with a trail crossing, a boardwalk, a 300-foot span steel bridge and a 100-foot steel-span bridge; • Constructing a grade control structure/weir where Phelps Creek would connect to the restored estuary; • Removing the sheet pile sill and amortec scour protection from Devereux Creek Bridge at Venoco Road; and • Removing seven culverts that were installed along Devereux Creek. <p>Proposed compensatory mitigation includes preserving, restoring, and enhancing 132.73 acres of varying habitats.</p> <p>UC Regents, University of California, Santa Barbara filed a (Mitigated) Negative Declaration on March 29, 2016.</p>

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