

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	Caltrans-Michaela Koenig
Applicant's Agent	Self-Representing
Project Name	Salinas Box Culvert and Concrete Ditch Sediment Removal
Receiving Water	Stormwater Drainage Ditch tributary to Andree Clark Bird Refuge
City/County	Santa Barbara/Santa Barbara
Public Notice	September 30, 2016 – December 21, 2016
Project Description	<p>The purpose of this project is to ensure that the drainage system remains functional, that storm water flows can reach the Andree Clark Bird Refuge, and that the sediment that entered the system during the Monterey Country Club construction is removed before the rainy season.</p> <p>The project activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plugging the culvert northeast of the storm water drainage ditch with a balloon pig to stop all irrigation runoff from entering the system; • Dewatering the area if the channel does not dry out in the next month; • Constructing a plastic wrapped gravel bag dam downstream of the culvert, before work will occur in the drainage; • Removing sediment in the western portion of the channel by hand, with the assistance of a vacuum truck; • Using an excavator in an area at the outlet to remove cattail roots and sediment; • Removing approximately 1,050 cubic yards of sediment and vegetation; and • Staging all equipment above the top of the bank. <p>Planned compensatory mitigation includes preserving 0.44 acres of streambed.</p> <p>Caltrans filed a Categorical Exemption.</p>

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