

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	Santa Barbara Flood Control - Seth Shank
Applicant's Agent	Self-Representing
Project Name	Santa Barbara County Annual Routine Debris Maintenance and Removal Plan
Receiving Water	Varies
City/County	Varies/Santa Barbara
Public Notice	February 23, 2017 – March 16, 2017
Project Description	<p>The purpose of this project is to maintain the capacity of key watercourses in the County, to preserve exiting conveyance capacity, and to prevent accumulation of obstructing vegetation and sediment.</p> <p>The project activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selectively removing vegetation from channels;• Applying herbicide to vegetation that reduces channel capacity;• Conducting channel shaping and bank stabilization to redirect flows causing bank erosion or failure;• Repairing unlined channel banks that have been damaged from flood flows;• Maintaining flood control devices that are damaged, such as storm culverts, wire revetments, slope pavings, lined channels, etc.;• Installing grade control structures to reduce erosion associated with channel downcutting;• Maintaining lined channels by trimming overhanging vegetation, repairing damaged concrete sections, and removing accumulated sediment from the channel bottom;• Constructing/maintaining access ways or ramps to gain access to channels, with removal upon completion if possible;• Establishing and maintaining pilot channels; and• Using the Stream Simulation Method for removal of Maria Ygnacio Main and East Branch, Cold Springs, San Ysidro, and Rattlesnake Debris Basins.

	<p>Proposed mitigation consists of 28 acres of mixed wetland, riparian, and upland habitat at the Los Carneros Mitigation Bank.</p> <p>The Santa Barbara County Flood Control District filed an Environmental Impact Report on December 11, 2001.</p>
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