

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	City of Watsonville - Rayvon Williams
Applicant's Agent	Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County - Chris Coburn
Project Name	Watsonville Airport Groundwater Recharge Project
Receiving Water	Swale adjacent to Struve Slough within the Pajaro River Watershed
City/County	Watsonville/Santa Cruz
Public Notice	March 14, 2017 – April 4, 2017
Project Description	<p>The purpose of this project is to address water management concerns by constructing a groundwater recharge system to collect and infiltrate peak storm flow, reducing localized and downstream flooding hazards and improving groundwater supply.</p> <p>The project activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installing an intake structure for a MaxWell Plus Drainage (Drywell) System in an existing swale; • Placing a prefabricated concrete drop inlet within the bed of the swale and connecting it to an adjustable prefabricated weir control box; • Using a mobile drill-rig to drill three, 25 ft.-deep bore-holes for the MaxWell Plus drywells; • Using a backhoe or an excavator to dig trenches for PVC supply lines to the drywell array; and • Conducting system maintenance every 3 to 5 years by using a jet wand to break up compacted, accumulated sediment. <p>No mitigation is proposed for this project.</p> <p>The Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County filed an Categorical Exemption on March 3, 2017.</p>