

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. 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: Big Sur Land Trust – Rachel Saunders

Applicant's Agent: Denise Duffy & Associates – Josh Harwayne

Project Name: Carr Lake Restoration and Park Development Project

Receiving Water: Hospital, Gabilan, and Natividad Creek

City/County: Salinas / Monterey

Public Notice: May 3, 2022 – May 24, 2022

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to address the community need for more open space and parkland and create wetland habitat in the historic Carr lakebed.

The proposed project activities include:

- Converting existing agricultural land into a restoration area;
- Rerouting Hospital and Gabilan Creeks into restored ecosystems that mimic historical conditions;
- Using existing creek ditches to accommodate runoff and farm drainage systems;
- Creating 20.64 acres of new wetlands;
- Creating an approximately 4-acre seasonal pond; and
- Revegetating the restoration area with native plants.

Proposed Mitigation:

Project is self-mitigating.

The Big Sur Land Trust filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration on September 16, 2021.

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