

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: City of Santa Cruz Water Department – Heidi Luckenbach

Applicant's Agent: City of Santa Cruz Water Department – Daniel DeBrito

Project Name: Newell Creek Pipeline Improvement Project Phase 1

Receiving Water: Zayante Creek, Eagle Creek, unnamed tributaries to the San Lorenzo River

City/County: Ben Lomond / Santa Cruz

Public Notice: August 31, 2022 – September 21, 2022

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to address the identified deficiencies in the existing pipeline and provide improved access.

The proposed project activities include:

- Replacement of 8.75 miles of the existing Newell Creek Pipeline (NCP) with 24-inch ductile pipeline;
- Realignment of multiple pipeline sections to avoid crossing private property;
- Installation and replacement of minor appurtenances, such as air release and isolation valves; and
- Application of approximately 165 square feet of geotextile fabric and gravel to improve road access for future maintenance.

No mitigation proposed.

The City of Santa Cruz filed an Environmental Impact Report on May 10, 2022.

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