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 Attention: 401 Coordinator

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation – Karen Holmes

Applicant's Agent: California Department of Transportation – Nina Tortosa

Project Name: SLO County Asset Management Improvements Project

Receiving Water: Los Berros Creek, Pismo Lake, Pismo Creek, Pacific Ocean

City/County: Unincorporated / San Luis Obispo

Public Notice: January 8, 2024 – January 29, 2024

Project Description:

The purpose of the Project is to improve assets of State Route 101 to ensure long-term serviceability.

The proposed project activities include:

- Repairing joints in an existing 4-feet by 5-feet concrete box culvert;
- Reconstructing and replacing an existing 12-foot section of damaged reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) with a new 12-foot RCP complete with a new headwall, rock slope protection, and willow cuttings;
- Recontouring 55 feet of a median crossover to match natural stream channel grade complete with vegetation;
- Replacing an 18-inch corrugated steel pipe with a 24-inch polyethylene pipe, with willow cuttings and RSP at the outlet, and;
- Installing a new 18-inch CMP down drain in place of an existing CMP.

Proposed mitigation activities include:

- Permittee responsible re-establishment of 0.012 acres / 177 linear feet of riparian habitat, and;
- Permittee responsible re-establishment of -.012 acres / 96 linear feet of stream channel habitat.

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