

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

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San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

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Project Applicant: California Department of Parks and Recreation – Joel Bonilla

Applicant's Agent: ECORP Consulting, Inc. – Tom Scofield

Project Name: Big Basin Redwoods State Park CZU Urgent Fire Structure Replacement Project

Receiving Water: Opal and Blooms Creeks

City/County: Boulder Creek / Santa Cruz County

Public Notice: December 22, 2025 – January 12, 2026

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed Project is to replace two vehicle bridges and three retaining walls in Big Basin State Park that were significantly damaged during the 2020 CZU Lightning Fire.

The proposed project activities include:

- Removing damaged bridge structures, abutments, footings, piers, and debris from the bridge sites;
- Grading creek beds and restoring stream banks after bridge demolition;
- Installing new steel girders and concrete decks for the replacement bridges;
- Regrading and paving roadways with aggregate base;
- Removing and replacing unstable retaining walls with steel soldier piles;
- Drilling shafts and placing concrete backfill;
- Excavating slopes and installing structural fill; and
- Installing erosion-control measures.

No mitigation is proposed.