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
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centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov
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Project Applicant: City of Salinas – Heidi Niggemeyer

Applicant's Agent: EcoSystems West Consulting Group – Erin McGinty

Project Name: Gabilan and Natividad Creeks at Boronda Road Flood/Erosion Control and Habitat Restoration Project

Receiving Water: Natividad and Gabilan Creeks

City/County: Salinas / Monterey

Public Notice: November 4, 2026 – November 25, 2026

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to restore hydraulic capacity for flood control by removing accumulated sediment within Gabilan Creek and Natividad Creek, reconstructing primary flow paths to accommodate up to the five-year flow event, and conducting habitat restoration by replanting native vegetation and controlling invasive species.

The proposed project activities include:

- Removing accumulated sediment to reconstruct and maintain primary flow channels;
- Transplanting riparian trees from within the channel bed to the banks;
- Trimming riparian vegetation;
- Conducting habitat restoration activities by planting native species; and
- Controlling invasive species.

Proposed mitigation activities include:

- Permittee-responsible establishment of 0.245 acre / 325 linear feet of riparian habitat
- Permittee-responsible rehabilitation of 0.486 acre / 1,200 linear feet of riparian habitat
- Permittee-responsible rehabilitation of 0.245 acre / 80 linear feet of wetland habitat