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 (Caltrans) District 5 - Karen Holmes

Applicant’s Agent: Self-Representing

Project Name: San Lorenzo River and Kings Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Receiving Water: San Lorenzo River and Kings Creek

City/County: Boulders/ Santa Cruz

Public Notice: March 21, 2022 – April 11, 2022

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to address the superstructure and substructure deficiencies of the San Lorenzo River Bridge (Bridge Number 36-0052) and Kings Creek Bridge (Bridge Number 36-0054) to ensure serviceability of State Route 9. Inspection reports for the San Lorenzo River Bridge and the Kings Creek Bridge have indicated structural deficiencies and nonstandard features that need to be improved.

The proposed project activities along both the San Lorenzo River and Kings Creek include:

- In-water construction work including demolition of existing abutments and construction of debris catchment system;
- Temporary water diversion system for up to three years;
- Temporary relocation of utilities; and
- Replacement of current bridges with a pre-cast single-span bridges of standard width.

The additional proposed project activities along Kings Creek only include:

- Retainment of major portion of sacked concrete armoring on north side of creek to retain slope stability; and
- Removal of minor portion of sacked concrete on top of slope and replaced with rock slope protection.

No proposed mitigation. This project does not have any permanent environmental impacts, and therefore no compensatory mitigation is proposed.

Caltrans District 5 filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration on 2/2/2021.