

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: Federal Highway Administration – Nathan Allen

Applicant's Agent: Federal Highway Administration– Greg Bergquist

Project Name: CA BLM(1) – San Vicente Bridges

Receiving Water: San Vicente Creek

City/County: Davenport / Santa Cruz

Public Notice: October 1, 2020 – October 22, 2020

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace Bridge 1 with a bridge that is better for stream hydrology and completely removing Bridge 2.

The proposed project activities include:

- Replacing Bridge 1 with a bridge that does not encroach and constrict San Vicente Creek;
- Increasing the length of Bridge 1 from 20 to 50 feet;
- Removing bridge abutments on Bridge 1 from within the ordinary high water mark;
- Restoring the low banks and floodplain benches where the Bridge 1 abutments were;
- Removing an additional concrete wing wall on the right bank;
- Removing a concrete weir in the channel;
- Installing wood debris downstream of Bridge 1 to improve in-stream habitat; and
- Removing Bridge 2.

Proposed Mitigation:

Restoring 0.02 acres / 20 linear feet of streambed.

A Categorical Exemption is expected to be filed.