

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 – Ryan Diller

Applicant's Agent: San Mateo Resource Conservation District – Jarrad Fisher

Project Name: Green Oaks Habitat Enhancement Project

Receiving Water: Unnamed pond upstream from Green Oaks Creek

City/County: Pescadero / San Mateo

Public Notice: April 26, 2022 – May 17, 2022

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve habitat conditions for the San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*) as well as the California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) by reestablishing the natural hydrology of the landscape, enhancing ecosystem functions of the Greek Oaks property in Ano Nuevo State Park, and reducing the level of future intervention required from State Parks Staff to maintain this habitat.

The proposed project activities include:

- Restore natural sheet flow conditions and reactivate a historic shallow swale/wetland by filling select portions of the agricultural ditch network;
- Install a series of log check dams;
- Decommission segments of the access road west of the pond to match the grade of the adjacent swale/meadow;
- Revegetate impacted areas using native plants and seed;
- Lower and widen remaining berms around the existing 4.4-acre pond;
- Decommission the remainder of the access road that was used to access the project area; and
- Modify and lower select berms around the 4.4-acre Eastern Pond.

No proposed mitigation.

California Department of Parks and Recreation filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration on May 14, 2021.

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