

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: Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District – Hallie Richard

Applicant's Agent: Self-representing

Project Name: Remediation of Pesticides in Oso Flaco Creek

Receiving Water: Oso Flaco Creek

City/County: Nipomo / San Luis Obispo

Public Notice: September 14, 2022 – October 5, 2022

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to remove sediment contaminated with legacy pesticides while concurrently implementing upstream sediment controls designed to capture and remove sediment before it enters Oso Flaco Creek.

The proposed project activities include:

- Construct an on-farm, off-channel sediment basin;
- Install rip rap or an alternative bioengineered solution along the bank of a tailwater drainage ditch at the outfall of a culvert to minimize erosion;
- Implement temporary diversion and dewatering for installation of sediment basin intake and outfall structures;
- Install turbidity curtains upstream and downstream of each sediment removal segment prior to sediment removal activities;
- Remove approximately 25,000 cubic yards of sediment contaminated by pesticides for 1.2 miles of Oso Flaco Creek using an excavator located on the top of the bank;
- Place dredged pesticide-containing sediment on approximately 30 acres of an adjacent agricultural parcel for pesticide remediation to attain acceptable toxicity levels;
- Implement temporary best management practices (BMP);
- Conduct pesticide remediation performance monitoring; and
- Engage with agricultural producers to promote the application, benefits, and technical specifications of various BMPs.

No mitigation planned.

Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration on April 23, 2021.

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