

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
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Project Applicant: City of Santa Cruz – Scott Ruble

Applicant's Agent: Dudek – Laurie Monarres

Project Name: San Lorenzo River Culvert

Receiving Water: San Lorenzo River and Pacific Ocean

City/County: Santa Cruz / Santa Cruz

Public Notice: April 12, 2022 – May 3, 2022

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to

- Maintain beneficial uses of the lagoon including the aquatic habitat necessary to support anadromous fish and other aquatic species; and
- Control the lagoon water surface elevation through passive drainage of the lagoon to alleviate localized flooding of public and private properties and infrastructure.

The proposed project activities include:

- Installing a passive, head-driven culvert on an approximately 750-foot-long segment along the eastern bench of the San Lorenzo River at the base of San Lorenzo Point;
- Keeping the water level at an elevation to allow three feet of draft for the construction barge;
- Using the Permittee's "tool-kit" so that the bench feature is not under water;
- Excavating sand to expose the outfall of the culvert;
- Flushing the culvert interior and repositioning the infiltration gallery approximately once per year;
- Adjusting valves and weirs approximately twice per year; and
- Frequent removal of debris at the junction box.

No mitigation proposed.

The City of Santa Cruz filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration on March 19, 2019.

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