

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Public Notice

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing an application for the following project for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. We encourage public comments on the proposed work, which will be considered in the decision on certification. 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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<b>Project Applicant</b>	3250-3282 Via Real, LLC – Neil Botts
<b>Applicant’s Agent</b>	Suzanne Elledge Planning and Permitting Services, Inc. – Laurel Perez
<b>Project Name</b>	Santa Barbara Polo Villas Residential Development
<b>Receiving Water</b>	Garrapata Creek
<b>City/County</b>	Carpinteria / Santa Barbara
<b>Public Notice</b>	June 15, 2018 – July 6, 2018
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The purpose of this project is to provide an 8-foot wide multi-use public trail easement consistent with the Toro Canyon Community Trails Plan.</p> <p>The project activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constructing a new free-spanning bridge over Garrapata Creek to protect the native trees and minimize disturbance to the creek top-of-bank;</li> <li>• Using natural surface materials such as decomposed granite or dirt to construct the trail;</li> <li>• Restoring and enhancing the riparian corridor by removing non-native vegetation and replacing it with native vegetation; and</li> <li>• Removing the existing dirt road that crosses the creek to allow for more natural creek flow.</li> </ul> <p>Mitigation:                      Restoring 0.4 acres of streambed and 0.4 acres of riparian area.</p> <p>County of Santa Barbara filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration.</p>