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
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centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov
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Applicant's Agent: H.T. Harvey & Associates – Kelly Hardwicke

Project Name: Route 1/9 Intersection Improvements Project

Receiving Water: Arroyo de San Pedro Regaldo

City/County: Santa Cruz / Santa Cruz

Public Notice: September 23, 2019 – October 14, 2019

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to widen Route 9 and Route 1 where they intersect to alleviate traffic.

The proposed project activities include:

- Removing ten non-native trees as well as three coastal live oaks and one willow;
- Adding a second 12-foot northbound lane, an 8-foot by 6-foot shoulder, a 5-foot bike lane, and a 13-foot right hand turn lane to northbound Route 9;
- Replacing a double-yellow median traffic striping with a 2-foot raised concrete median along Route 9 from Route 1 to south of Fern Street;
- Constructing an earthen embankment with a 4:1 slope to support the roadway widening from just south of Fern Street to Encinal Street;
- Constructing two retaining walls north of the earthen embankment;
- Adding a shared 12-foot through/left-turn lane and a 6-foot bike lane on the southbound Route 9;
- Reconstructing a masonry block wall;
- Modifying the northbound River Street to provide a shared 12-foot through/left-hand turn lane;
- Extending the queuing length for the two 12-foot right-turn lanes onto eastbound Route 1;
- Realigning the two 12-foot through lanes and 6-foot bike lane on southbound River Street;

- Adding an additional 12-foot left-turn lane on eastbound Route 1;
- Reconstructing the median and restriping eastbound Route 1 lanes;
- Reconstructing curb and gutter returns;
- Narrowing sidewalks; and
- Relocating road sings, a metal picket fence, storm drain inlets, utility boxes, vaults, backflow preventers, streetlights, and electrical poles.

Proposed Mitigation:
Restoring 0.01 acres of streambed and enhancing 0.1 acres of riparian habitat.

Caltrans District #5 filed an Environmental Impact Report on June 20, 2015.