

## **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

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**Project Applicant:** California Department of Transportation – Karen Holmes

**Applicant's Agent:** California Department of Transportation – Nina Tortosa

**Project Name:** HWY-154 Drainage Improvements Project

**Receiving Water:** Unnamed tributaries to San Jose Creek and Maria Ygnacio Creek

**City / County:** Los Olivos and Santa Barbara / Santa Barbara

**Public Notice:** April 8, 2025 – April 30, 2025

### **Project Description:**

The purpose of the project is to replace and rehabilitate existing culverts in poor condition to maintain the functionality of the culverts and protect the embankments and roadway from potential slope failure at multiple locations on State Route (SR) 154 from post mile (PM) 0.00 to PM 32.84.

The proposed project activities include:

- Restoring 15 drainage systems, 8 of which are jurisdictional, along SR-154 through culvert repairs and cut-and-cover and trenchless culvert replacements;
- Replacing and repairing headwalls at multiple locations;
- Placing rock-slope protection with gravel filters adjacent to culverts for erosion control;
- Potential dewatering of flowing or standing water at four locations; and
- Tree removal to facilitate access and improved drainage within Caltrans right of way and in areas with temporary construction easements.

Mitigation activities include:

- Permittee responsible rehabilitation of 0.042 acres / 270 linear feet of riparian habitat.