

## **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:** Santa Barbara County Flood Control District – Heather Moine

**Applicant's Agent:** Santa Barbara County Flood Control District – Seth Shank

**Project Name:** Flood Control Maintenance Activities in Goleta Slough and Lower Atascadero Creek

**Receiving Water:** Goleta Slough and Lower Atascadero Creek

**City/County:** Santa Barbara / Santa Barbara County

**Public Notice:** 6/24/2025 – 7/15/2025

### **Project Description:**

The purpose of the proposed Project is to conduct desilting and vegetation removal operations for flood control purposes. The proposed project activities include:

- Removing sediments, increasing creeks capacity, increasing tidal prism, and replenishing a local beach (Goleta Slough); and
- Discing channel bottom, applying herbicides, desilting channel and stockpiling sediments, and hauling stockpiled sediments (Lower Atascadero Creek).

Proposed mitigation activities include:

- Permittee-responsible restoration and protection of emergent and forested wetlands habitat; and
- Permittee-responsible creation and long-term protection of riparian woodland.