

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 Salinas – Heidi Niggemeyer

Applicant's Agent: EcoSystems West Consulting Group – Erin McGinty

Project Name: Gabilan and Natividad Creeks (at Boronda Road) Flood/Erosion Control and Habitat Restoration Project

Receiving Water: Gabilan Creek and Natividad Creek

City/County: Salinas / Monterey County

Public Notice: 10/10/2025 – 10/31/2025

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed Project is to restore hydraulic capacity and reduce sediment accumulation and/or erosion within Gabilan Creek and Natividad Creek, thereby reducing flood risk throughout the City, and to restore native vegetation and natural habitat.

The proposed project activities include:

- Removing approximately 1,000 linear feet of accumulated sediment from the channel in a reach of Gabilan Creek;
- Clearing approximately 1,200 linear feet of obstructive vegetation from the main low-flow channel of Natividad Creek;
- Recontouring the main channel of Natividad Creek to a lower elevation and steepening the channel slope;
- Transplanting some of the existing willows that have completely obstructed the main channel to the banks of the newly excavated channel; and
- Conducting ongoing maintenance activities that may include vegetation trimming or limbing obstructive vegetation and sediment removal at constricted points.

No mitigation is proposed.