

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: Elkhorn Slough Foundation – Dash Dunkell

Applicant's Agent: Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County – Dan Hermstad

Project Name: Brothers Ranch Hydrologic Restoration Project

Receiving Water: Unnamed ephemeral stream, Carneros Creek

City/County: Las Lomas / Monterey County

Public Notice: April 17, 2026 – May 8, 2026

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to restore a balanced functioning hydrologic regime at the project site.

The proposed project activities include:

- Installing two infiltration basins in what is currently farmland to capture peak run-off and infiltrate into soil;
- Improving the creek and riparian corridor through removal of agricultural refuse; and
- Creating new process-space within the degraded creek channel.

No mitigation is proposed.