

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
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Project Name: Lower Chorro Creek Floodplain Resilience Project – Group 1 Sites

Receiving Water: Morro Bay Estuary

City/County: Morro Bay / San Luis Obispo County

Public Notice: June 10, 2026 – July 1, 2026

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to use nature-based solutions to restore floodplain processes while protecting nearby communities and infrastructure.

The proposed project activities include:

- Removing and recontouring an access road to enhance the existing floodplain and wetlands (Site 2C);
- Installing four 24-foot long x 36-inch diameter culverts beneath the contoured access road (Site 2C);
- Recontouring abandoned agricultural land to enhance and create wetlands (Site 6A); and
- Enhancing a large central region of floodplain and providing a continuous setback of the channel-adjacent berm (Site 7A).

The project is self-mitigating, so no mitigation is proposed.