

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: San Benito County Public Works Department – Steve Loupe

Applicant's Agent: H.T. Harvey & Associates – Steve Rottenborn

Project Name: Rosa Morada Road Bridge Replacement Project

Receiving Water: Arroyo Dos Picachos

City/County: Hollister / San Benito County

Public Notice: February 4, 2026 – February 25, 2026

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed Project is to improve traffic and structural safety of the Rosa Morada bridge, as well as expand the channel flow currently constricted by the encroaching abutments of the current bridge.

The proposed project activities include:

- Construction of a temporary on-site detour across Arroyo Dos Picachos;
- Removal of the existing Rosa Morada Road Bridge;
- Elevation of the eastern approach to eliminate sag and avoid potential for overtopping during flooding; and
- Removal of the temporary detour crossing.

Mitigation activities include:

- Permittee-responsible re-establishment of 0.03 acres / 50 linear feet of stream channel habitat; and
- Permittee-responsible enhancement of 0.16 acres / 130 linear feet of riparian zone habitat.

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