

## **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:** California Department of Transportation – Karen Holmes

**Applicant's Agent:** California Department of Transportation – Meg Perry

**Project Name:** State Route 46 Corridor Improvement Project Antelope Grade Section – Segment 1

**Receiving Water:** Unnamed tributaries to Cholame Creek

**City/County:** Unincorporated / San Luis Obispo County

**Public Notice:** March 4, 2026 – March 26, 2026

### **Project Description:**

The purpose of the proposed project is to convert a 3.6-mile portion of State Route (SR) 46 in San Luis Obispo and Kern counties to an expressway.

The proposed project activities include:

- Constructing a pair of span bridges;
- Removing an existing undersized culvert;
- Reconstructing a stable open channel under the new bridges;
- Placing a temporary crossing and protective platform to prevent materials from falling into waters of the state;
- Implementing a dewatering/diversion system;
- Constructing an embankment to support a new traffic transition; and
- Constructing a new culvert.

Mitigation activities include:

- Permittee-responsible mitigation of 0.09 acres / 200 linear feet of wetlands and stream channel habitat; and
- Permittee-responsible mitigation of 0.15 acres / 200 linear feet of riparian zone habitat.