

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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Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

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Project Applicant: Santa Clara Valley Water District – Jennifer Codianne

Applicant's Agent: Onterris – Ken Schwarz

Project Name: Stream Maintenance Program Renewal (SMP-3)

Receiving Waters: Lions Creek, Uvas-Carnadero Creek, Princevalle Storm Drain, Llagas Creek, West Branch Llagas Creek, Jones Creek, Madrone Channel, North Morey Channel, South Morey Channel, Edmundson Creek, along with various other small tributaries.

City/County: Various Cities / Santa Clara County

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

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to maintain the flow conveyance capacity and structural/functional integrity of Valley Water flood protection facilities and lands to reduce flood risks and ensure public safety.

The proposed project activities include:

- Removing sediment to provide flow conveyance and safety while maintaining habitat functions in creek systems;
- Managing vegetation to maintain access, flow conveyance, flood protection, and public safety in Valley Water's channels and right-of-way, reduce fire fuel loads and wildfire risk, promote overall ecological health, and allow levee inspections by providing inspection visibility;
- Stabilizing eroded stream and channel beds and banks to protect existing infrastructure, maintain public safety, reduce sediment loading, protect water quality, and protect habitat values; and
- Avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating impacts on the environment by identifying and prioritizing when maintenance work is necessary and incorporating stream stewardship measures to further reduce potential impacts and enhance ecologic function where possible.

Mitigation quantities will be determined after annual impacts are quantified.