

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: Wild Farmlands Foundation – Ed Seaman

Applicant's Agent: N/A

Project Name: Wild Farmlands Foundation Watershed Habitat Repair and Stewardship

Receiving Water: Nojoqui Creek

City/County: Gaviota / Santa Barbara County

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

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance freshwater wetland and riparian habitat for wildlife, increase groundwater recharge, and stabilize sediment.

The proposed project activities include:

- Excavating sediment and reshaping two embankment ponds to create suitable habitat for two endangered species;
- Planting native riparian species in denuded areas of the riparian corridor to promote a continuous stretch of habitat for migratory birds; and
- Installing wildlife-friendly wire fencing to strategically exclude or allow cattle access to water and vegetation.

No mitigation is proposed as the project is self-mitigating.