
State Water Resources Control Board

Public Notice of Water Quality Certification Application for California Department of Transportation State Routes 94 and 188 Asset Management Project

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program
Date Posted: April 1, 2025

Affected County: San Diego

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of section 3858, title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Water Quality Certification Program.

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff are proposing to regulate this Project pursuant to section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. **Staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first full date of issuance of this notice (April 2, 2025) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period (April 22, 2025).** To submit comments, or if you have questions, please contact the State Water Board staff person listed below.

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Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in this public notice.

Project Name: State Routes 94 and 188 Asset Management Project

(Reg. Meas. ID: 460535 and SWRCB ID: SB25020IN)

Background: On March 19, 2025, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) submitted an application for Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification for the State Routes 94 and 188 Asset Management Project (Project).

Project Description: The Project proposes to rehabilitate culvert systems along State Route 94 to restore serviceability and to prevent culvert failures that may damage the highway. Additionally, the existing pavement on State Route 188 will be rehabilitated to improve ride quality and pedestrian ramps will be upgraded to meet current standards. Project activities will occur between post miles 15.2 to 65.3 on SR-94 and post miles 0.0 to 1.9 on State Route 188.

The Project application reports impacts to waters of the state, including waters of the United States, as shown in Table 1. Temporarily impacted areas would be restored to pre-project condition once the Project is complete.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Impacts to Waters of the State

Aquatic Resource type	Stream Channel	Wetland
Acres of temporary impact	0.32	0.10
Linear feet of temporary impact	565	22

Caltrans is the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. An Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for the Project and is available at the following website: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2024090435>.

A Certification or Denial will be prepared by the State Water Board for the State Routes 94 and 188 Asset Management Project in response to this application.

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Date of Application Submittal: March 19, 2025

Pursuant to federal law (title 33, United States Code, section 1341; Clean Water Act section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek water quality certification (Certification) from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Board has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple Regional Water Board jurisdictions.

KEEP INFORMED OF PROJECT MILESTONES

To be informed of milestones in the development of this proposed Certification, any interested persons should enroll in the State Water Board's 401 Program e-mail notification service.

Click the Submit button after entering a valid email address under the Subscribe to the 401 Water Quality Certification and Wetland Program Email List banner on the 401 Program webpage at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/

By enrolling in this list, you will receive notices for all current Certification applications, including the Project announced in this notice. You will need a valid e-mail address to use this service. If you do not have internet access or do not wish to participate in the email notification service, contact the staff person named in the notice to express your interest in receiving notices by other means. You can enroll or un-enroll at any time.