

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
APPLICATION BEFORE THE STATE WATER RESOURCES
CONTROL BOARD**

A request for a water quality certification (certification) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application for certification at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. The notice period may be shortened in an emergency.

Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to Glenn Hoffmann:

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Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	October 29, 2025
PROJECT:	Lake El Estero Diversion Project
APPLICANT:	City of Monterey
CONTACT:	Liz Camilo
COUNTY:	Monterey
PUBLIC NOTICE:	November 24, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Monterey is requesting water quality certification for the Lake El Estero Diversion Project (Project). The Project would involve a new water diversion system to divert surface water from Lake El Estero to the City of Monterey's existing sanitary sewer system in lieu of discharging into the Monterey Bay. Specifically, the Project consists of digging an approximately 30 foot trench from the shore of Lake El Estero to the existing sewer line and dewatering a small section of Lake El Esteros' shore to install a new high level outlet that will discharge into the existing sewer. The Project is a component of the Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project and would divert the portion of untreated stormwater that currently flows from Lake El Estero into the Monterey Bay to the City of Monterey's sewer system to be treated at the Monterey One Water's Regional Treatment Plant and recycled for indirect potable reuse.