

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 8, 2010**

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**ITEM NUMBER: 15**

**SUBJECT: EO Report – 401 Water Quality Certification Program Update**

Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Program Update

At the May 13, 2010 Water Board meeting, Water Board members asked questions about two projects applying for 401 Water Quality Certifications. These two projects are the Morro Bay Marina Parking Lot Renovation Project and the Lichen Oaks Ranch Pond Restoration Project. Regarding the project at the Morro Bay Marina, Board members were interested in the cause of the erosion that undercut the parking lot, necessitating its repair. Staff finds the erosion was caused by waves in the bay and the project will prevent further erosion. Staff issued the 401 Water Quality Certification for this project on May 4, 2010 and does not plan to take further action.

Regarding the Lichen Oaks Ranch Pond Restoration Project, Board members asked if the project included dredging and where disposal of dredge spoils would occur. Approximately 2,700 cubic yards of sediment will be dredged from the pond. The dredge spoils will be spread across an adjacent grazing pasture in a thin layer less than 12 inches thick. The dredge spoils will be seeded with a native grass seed mix to prevent erosion. County of Santa Cruz staff have visited and approved the disposal site. Staff issued the 401 Water Quality Certification for this project on March 24, 2010.