

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: California Department of Transportation – Karen Holmes

Applicant's Agent: California Department of Transportation – Nina Tortosa

Project Name: Monterey 101 Drainage Improvements Project

Receiving Water: Alisal Creek, unnamed tributaries to Salinas River

County: Monterey

Public Notice: October 23, 2024 – November 13, 2024

Project Description:

The purpose of the project is to improve assets in poor condition to ensure the long-term serviceability of State Route (SR) 101 in Monterey County.

The proposed project activities include:

- Repairing two existing 4-foot by 4-foot concrete box culverts;
- Replacing nine existing culverts with new, upsized culverts;
- Constructing new headwalls and placing new rock slope protection at all culvert replacement sites; and
- Removing six arroyo willow trees and replanting at a ratio of 3:1.

Mitigation activities include:

- Permittee responsible establishment of 0.018 acres of stream channel habitat;
- Permittee responsible establishment of 0.012 acres of riparian habitat; and
- Permittee responsible re-establishment of 0.006 acres of wetland habitat.