

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: Caltrans District 5 – Karen Holmes

Applicant's Agent: Caltrans District 5 – Sarah Sandstrom

Project Name: Boulder Creek Scour Repair Project

Receiving Water: Boulder Creek and unnamed ephemeral drainage

City/County: Boulder Creek / Santa Cruz County

Public Notice: December 5, 2025 – December 26, 2025

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed Project is to repair and prevent further scour damage at the Boulder Creek Bridge Abutment and restore the bridge structure to a state of good repair. The proposed project activities include:

- The placement of a reinforced concrete curtain wall along the full length of the existing Abutment 1 spread footing;
- Patching cracks and defects in the existing concrete on the underside of the bridge at Abutment 1;
- Filling and regrading the streambed erosion adjacent to SR-236;
- Grading the stream channel after access to the creek and structure work is completed;
- Placing rock slope protection;
- Rerouting stormwater to an existing down drain on the northeast side of the bridge; and
- Replacing the existing pipe down drain with a new pipe down drain.

Mitigation activities include:

- Permittee-responsible enhancement of 20 linear feet of stream channel habitat.
- Permittee-responsible restoration of 0.02 acres of riparian zone habitat.