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**Public Notice of Water Quality Certification Application
for the California Department of Transportation
(District 4) Napa County State Route 121 Repair and
Restoration Project EA 04-0Q790**

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program
Date Posted: May 1, 2024

Affected Counties: NAPA

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 Program 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 (May 1, 2024) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period (May 21, 2024).** 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: Napa County State Route 121 Repair and Restoration Project EA 04-0Q790

(Reg. Meas. ID: 456567 and SWRCB ID: SB24042IN)

Background: On Feb 28, 2024, the California Department of Transportation (District 4) submitted a Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification application for the Napa County State Route 121 Repair and Restoration Project EA 04-0Q790 (Project) by requesting authorization under the CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND ORDER.

Project Description: The purpose of this Project is to stabilize streambanks near washed-out and prevent further erosion and deterioration of the slopes and embankments along State Route 121. Heavy rainfalls saturated the slopes and the embankment soils, causing slope and embankment failures along State Route 121. Damage Assessment Form CT-04-0340, dated February 16, 2017, documented the need to permanently restore the roadway at the locations because of the damage caused by the heavy rainfall.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) identified a need to permanently restore the roadway at the locations to reduce driving hazards along State Route 121. It is imperative to fix roadway slopes to ensure stability and safety for all uses and help prevent future slope failure.

The Program 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 Program activities are complete. The application further reports total quantities of restored waters of the state, as provided in Table 2.

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

Aquatic Resource type	Riparian Zone	Stream Channel
Acres of temporary impact	0.093	0.010
Linear feet of temporary impact	225	155
Acres of permanent physical loss of area	0.004	0.0004
Linear feet of permanent physical loss of area	51	16

Table 2: Total Program Restoration¹ of Waters of the State

Aquatic Resource type	Riparian Zone
Acres of restoration	0.10951

¹ Restoration as used in this table is a general term that includes Re-Establishment, Enhancement, and Rehabilitation.

A Certification or Denial will be prepared by the Napa County State Route 121 Repair and Restoration Project EA 04-0Q790 (Project) in response to this application.

Applicant: California Department of Transportation District 4

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Date of Application Submittal: Feb 28, 2024

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 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.

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

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http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/index.shtml

By enrolling in this list, you will receive notices for all current 401 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.