

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program

**Public Notice
of Application for Water Quality Certification**

State Water Resources Control Board file no. SB 10006IN
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers file no. SPN-2010-00056 S.

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ERRATA: This revised public notice corrects typographical errors in the original notice. The original notice referred to Interstate Highway 510 (I-510). The correct Highway number is I-580.

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 (RWQCBs) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Resources Control Board has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple RWQCB jurisdictions.

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 Certification Program.

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Project Name: I-580 East Bound Climbing Lane Project

Date of Application:

**Public Notice for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste
Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)
California Department of Transportation I-580 East Bound Climbing Lane Project**

Affected Counties: Alameda

On Sept. 27, 2010, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) received an application from the California Department of Transportation (DOT, or applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification for activities related to the I-580 East Bound Climbing Lane Project, which proposes to construct a truck climbing lane in the

eastbound direction over the Altamont Pass from the Greenville Road interchange in the City of Livermore to 1 mile east of the North Flynn Road interchange in unincorporated Alameda County. The project is located within the jurisdictional areas of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. A map of the project area is attached to this Notice.

The proposed project will also include pavement rehabilitation, upgrade of drainage facilities, and distressed median slope repair.

DOT, acting as lead agency under CEQA, has approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project.

The proposed activities involve work within Waters of the U.S., including wetlands, and Waters of the State which would entail permanent impacts to 0.055 ac of wetlands and temporary effects to 0.0135 acres (252 linear feet) to streams. A combination of avoidance, minimization and compensatory mitigation measures are proposed to offset potential effects of project implementation, operation and maintenance to wetlands and waters of the U.S. and the state. All feasible and practical measures will be undertaken to avoid or minimize impacts to waters of the state during project activities. A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be prepared.

In compliance with federal Clean Water Act, section 404 and USACE regulations, all project activity will occur under Nationwide Permit number 14, Corps file no. SPN-2010-00056 S.

Water Board staff are proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authority. In addition, staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office by mail during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact Cliff Harvey at (916) 558-1709. (charvey@waterboards.ca.gov).

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Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in this public notice.