

## **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

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

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**Project Applicant:** California Department of Transportation – Karen Holmes

**Applicant's Agent:** California Department of Transportation – Meg Perry

**Project Name:** 05-1K450 North Nojoqui Grade CAPM Project

**Receiving Water:** Nojoqui Creek, 3 unnamed tributaries to Nojoqui Creek

**City/County:** Unincorporated / Santa Barbara

**Public Notice:** February 23, 2024 – March 15, 2024

### **Project Description:**

The purpose of the North Nojoqui Grade CAPM Project is to comprehensively address roadway deficiencies on SR 101 between PM R52.34 to R56.09, between Santa Rosa Road and Old Coast Highway, with the goals to preserve and extend the service life of the existing pavement, protect the embankments and roadway from potential failure, and rehabilitate or replace culverts in poor condition to maintain the functionality of the culverts.

The proposed project activities include:

- Rehabilitating four culvert systems along State Route 101 in Santa Barbara County, resulting in 0.48 acres of temporary impacts to riparian habitat;
- Repairing a scoured, eroding creek bank along Nojoqui Creek on State Route 101, resulting in 0.53 acres of temporary impacts to Nojoqui Creek streambed habitat;
- Restoring and re-establishing streambank vegetation to offset impacts from construction.

No mitigation is proposed.