

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 31, 2009

Prepared on July 30, 2009

ITEM NUMBER: 18

SUBJECT: Executive Officer's Report to the Board

This item presents a brief discussion of issues that may interest the Board. Upon request, staff can provide more detailed information about any particular item.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATIONS

[Dominic Roques 805/542-4780]

In general, staff recommends "Standard Certification" when the applicant proposes adequate mitigation. Measures included in the application must ensure that beneficial uses will be protected, and water quality standards will be met.

Conditional Certification is appropriate when a project may adversely impact surface water quality. Conditions allow the project to proceed under an Army Corps permit, while upholding water quality standards.

Staff will recommend "No Action" when no discharge or adverse impacts are expected. Generally, a project must provide beneficial use and habitat enhancement for no action to be taken by the Regional Board. A chart on the following pages lists applications received from July 1, 2009 to August 5, 2009.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH AUGUST 5, 2009

Applicant	Project	Purpose	Location	County	Receiving Water	Total Acreage¹	Mitigation	Status of Application
Chevron Environmental Management Company	Facility Piping Removal Project	The objective is to properly decommission and remove the on-sit petroleum and water pipeline segments in a safe and environmentally-sensitive manner.	Morro Bay	San Luis Obispo	Alva Paul Creek	0.000432		cert drafted 7/22, waiting on CEQA
San Luis Obispo airport Hotel, LLC	San Luis Obispo Airport Hotel	Filling approximately 0.065 acres of a seasonal wetland to construct access to the hotel.	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo	Unnamed drainage to San Luis Obispo Creek	0.065	0.13	Certified July 29, 2009
Santa Barbara Flood Control and Water Conservation District	Jesuita Post-Fire Emergency Response Project	To protect watersheds and downstream property and resources from flood damage and erosion hazards.	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	Mission Creek, Rattlesnake Creek, San Antonio Cree, Barger Creek/San Roque Creek, Pacific Ocean	1.3		Certified July 23, 2009
Freddie Lewis--NorCal Waste Systems Pacheco Pass Road	Pacheco Pass Landfill Composting Facilities Expansion Project	To increase the allowable throughput of the existing composting facility from the current capacity of 250 tons per day of feedstock to a new permitted maximum of 750 tons per day and an average of 450 tons per day.	Gilroy	Santa Clara	drainage to Pajaro River	0.32	1.4	To Be Determined

¹ Total Acreage includes both temporary and permanent impacts to riparian, streambed, and/or wetland environments within federal jurisdiction.

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Karen Bewley-- Caltrans	Santa Maria Bridge Widening	The purpose of the project is to relieve traffic congestion and improve both safety and operational efficiency of this stretch of U.S. Route 101 for local, regional and interregional travel for present and future traffic demands	Santa Maria	San Luis Obispo	Santa Maria River	14		To Be Determined
San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works	Amendment: Nacimiento Water Project	Installation of an intake facility, a raw water pipeline, three pumping stations, four water holding tanks, and associated facilities to provide water from Lake Nacimiento to San Luis Obispo County Cities.	Paso Robles/ San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo	Lake Nacimiento, Nacimiento River, Dry Creek, San Marcos Creek, Salinas River, Santa Margarita Creek, Yerba Buena Creek, Stenner Creek			To Be Determined
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Upper San Vicente Creek Backwater Pond Restoration Project	To reconnect upper backwater complex with main channel.	Davenport	Santa Cruz	San Vicente Creek			July 13, 2009
Monterey County	Salinas River Channel Maintenance Program	To continue to maintain the capacity of the Salinas River in order to reduce the potential for flooding during the upcoming wet season.	Salinas	Monterey	Salinas River	300 to 600		To Be Determined

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County of San Luis Obispo	Willow Road Extension/US 101 Interchange Project	To provide circulation improvements to accommodate existing and planned future growth as identified in the South County Area Plan, enhance emergency access to the Nipomo area via US 101, and reduce the need for and extent of improvements required to improve the level of service at the US 101/Tefft Street interchange in Nipomo.	Nipomo	San Luis Obispo	Nipomo Creek	0.099		To Be Determined
ALBA	Triple M Wetlands	To improve water quality on the Triple M ranch and in the Elkhorn Slough Watershed, restore diverse native plant communities to increase biodiversity and ecological integrity and diversify the habitat, and to reconnect the creek to the floodplain.	Royal Oaks	Monterey	Carneros Creek	17		To Be Determined
County of Santa Cruz	Hopkins Gulch Road Culvert and Headwall Replacement at Dorrance Road Intersection Project	The project proposes to replace the damaged 65 inch steel cross culvert and failed western headwall so Hopkins Gulch Road can be restored to its pre-disaster conditions. The project will discharge to John Hopkins Creek and Hopkins Gulch	Boulder Creek	Santa Cruz	Hopkins Gulch/ John Hopkins Creek	0.004		Certified July 23, 2009
Dave Flynn-- County of San Luis Obispo	San Simeon Creek Road Bridges Replacement	Replace two existing bridges to improve safety and facilitate continued access to the community of Cambria.	Cambria	San Luis Obispo	San Simeon Creek	0.13	0.27	Under Review

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Karen Bewley-- Caltrans	Atascadero 101 Rehabilitation	The purpose of the project is to rehabilitate the roadway along this section of Highway 101 in San Luis Obispo County to prevent further deterioration and to reduce the cost of maintenance.	Atascadero	San Luis Obispo	Santa Margarita Creek, Paloma Creek	0.21		Under Review

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Presentations and Training [Roger Briggs 805/549-3140]

Executive Officer Roger Briggs gave a presentation as part of a panel on stormwater and watershed protection at the American Public Works Association training conference in Salinas on July 22nd. Dr. Darla Inglis, Director of the Central Coast Low Impact Development Center, and Jerry Bunin, Governmental Affairs Director, Central Coast Home Building Association were part of the panel, which was well received by the approximately 90 people in attendance. Roger discussed the draft update of the statewide construction permit, as well as current status and direction of municipal stormwater regulation.

Environmental Scientist Dave Lacaro and Executive Officer Roger Briggs met with San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Adam Hill on July 23rd, at Supervisor Hill's request, to discuss water and wastewater management and recycling in Avila Valley as well as other water issues in the county.