

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

centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov
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Project Applicant: City of Watsonville – Rene Mendez

Applicant's Agent: City of Watsonville – Courtney Lindberg

Project Name: Middle Struve Slough Habitat and Water Quality Improvement Project

Receiving Water: Struve Slough

City/County: Watsonville / Santa Cruz

Public Notice: September 21, 2023 – October 12, 2023

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to restore and enhance coastal wetlands and watershed habitat within Struve Slough.

The proposed project activities include:

- Installing a temporary diversion and dewatering system during construction;
- Creating three seasonal wetland depressions to improve habitat functions;
- Creating one 3,025 square foot sediment catchment basin fed by existing storm drains;
- Constructing a 207 linear foot vegetated swale;
- Removing invasive vegetation, including Himalayan blackberry, poison hemlock, and wild radish; and
- Revegetating all temporary disturbance areas.