

## **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:** Upper Struve Slough Enhancement 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 stabilize an eroding bank, improve runoff conveyance, restore native wetland and riparian habitat.

The proposed project activities include:

- Lowering the slough's floodplain and removing 1,425 yards of sediment material from the slough;
- Constructing a new swale and secondary flow channel for residential runoff management;
- Dewatering 630 linear feet of the slough channel during construction;
- Removing non-native vegetation and preserving native vegetation in the site area;
- Upgrading four urban storm drain manholes for 100-year flood events; and
- Revegetating all temporary disturbance areas.