

## **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

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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:** State Route (SR) 68 Drainage Improvements Project

**Receiving Water:** Canyon Del Rey Creek, El Toro Creek, Del Monte Lake, Monterey Bay

**City / County:** Monterey / Monterey

**Public Notice:** October 28, 2024 – November 18, 2024

### **Project Description:**

The purpose of the project is to ensure the long-term serviceability of the highway by restoring and improving drainage facilities and lighting and traffic monitoring equipment at multiple locations on SR-68 from post mile (PM) 0.2 to PM 15.7.

The proposed project activities include:

- Repairing various culverts at 12 distinct locations using cut-and-cover, trenchless, and cured in place pipe liner methods;
- Constructing new headwalls using pre-cast or cast-in-place concrete structures;
- Placement of rock-slope protection adjacent to culverts for erosion control; and
- Potential dewatering of flowing or standing water at four locations.

Mitigation activities include:

- Permittee responsible re-establishment 0.023 acres / 90 linear feet of riparian habitat.