

## **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:** Michael Towne/California Department of Parks and Recreation

**Applicant's Agent:** Stephanie Castle

**Project Name:** Castle Rock State Park Saratoga Gap Trail Bridge Replacement Project

**Receiving Water:** Two unnamed tributaries to the San Lorenzo River

**City/County:** unincorporated / Santa Cruz

**Public Notice:** April 28, 2025 – May 19, 2025

### **Project Description:**

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace failing bridges along the Saratoga Gap Trail within Castle Rock State Park and restore natural stream morphology.

The proposed project activities include:

- Demolition of two timber bridges, associated footings, and abutments;
- Excavating fill to limit erosion into the opposite bank;
- Construction of one 24-foot and one 20-foot clear span weathered steel girder bridge with metal bar grate decking;
- Re-grading the bank slopes and adjacent areas to a more natural angle; and
- Installing brush boxes to curtail erosion.

Proposed Mitigation:

- Increasing the channel width at each bridge location;
- Installation of brush boxes to protect the upstream bank at the south bridge; and
- Replacement of some impacted trees.