## **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: San Luis Obispo County Public Works Department – John Waddell

Applicant's Agent: San Luis Obispo County Public Works Department; Environmental Division

Lisa Bugrova

Project Name: Toro Creek Road at Toro Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Receiving Water: Toro Creek

City/County: Atascadero / San Luis Obispo County

**Public Notice:** 6/16/2025 - 7/7/2025

## **Project Description:**

The purpose of the proposed Project is to improve public safety by replacing the existing bridge, considered functionally obsolete, with a new bridge that will conform to current standards. In addition to serving residences along Toro Creek Road, the bridge also provides access for wildland firefighting. The proposed project activities include:

- Staging
- Clearing and grubbing
- Utility relocation
- Stream diversion and dewatering
- Constructing a temporary detour bridge
- Demolition of an existing bridge
- Excavation and placement of concrete abutments and foundations
- Installation of falsework
- Construction of the concrete deck slab
- Installation of rock slope protection
- Road approach work
- Habitat mitigation

## Mitigation activities include:

 Permittee-responsible re-establishment of 0.005 acres / 40 linear feet of stream channel habitat

<ul> <li>Permittee-responsible enhancement of 0.045 acres / 125 linear feet of riparian zone habitat.</li> </ul>	
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