

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 Goleta – Gerald Comati

Applicant's Agent: Rincon Consultants, Inc. – Julie Love

Project Name: San Jose Creek Channel Fish Passage Modification Project

Receiving Water: San Jose Creek, Pacific Ocean

City/County: Goleta / Santa Barbara County

Public Notice: November 13, 2025 – December 4, 2025

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed Project is to improve passage for southern California steelhead through the concrete flood control portion of the San Jose Creek channel and upstream to the natural migration corridor that leads to spawning and rearing habitat in the upper watershed.

The proposed project activities include:

- Removing the existing non-functioning wooden weirs and wedges;
- Fixing and modifying the existing concrete weirs;
- Adding new concrete vortex-type weirs; and
- Re-grading a small reach of the upstream natural channel to restore the original channel gradient.

Impacts will be mitigated on site with the installation of native riparian vegetation along the creek banks within the natural migration corridor at the northern portion of the Project site.