

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: California Department of Parks and Recreation – Dan Falat

Applicant's Agent: California Department of Parks and Recreation – Katie Drexhage

Project Name: Villa Creek Estuary Restoration Project

Receiving Water: Villa Creek

City/County: Cayucos / San Luis Obispo

Public Notice: March 6, 2025 – March 27, 2025

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed Project is to reconnect portions of the Villa Creek estuary to its historical floodplain.

The proposed project activities include:

- Excavating and regrading 3.87 acres in the floodplain on the left bank of Villa Creek;
- Placing two wood-and-boulder structures in the estuary;
- Removing artificial fill and excavating backwater channels;
- Placing four large wood structures in the floodplain; and
- Lowering sections of the streambank to reconnect the floodplain.

No mitigation is proposed.

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