

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: City of Santa Barbara, Parks & Recreation – Jill E. Zachary

Applicant's Agent: City of Santa Barbara, Parks & Recreation – Monique O'Conner

Project Name: Andrée Clark Bird Refuge Maintenance Project

Receiving Water: Andree Clark Bird Refuge Estuary and Pacific Ocean

City/County: Santa Barbara / Santa Barbara County

Public Notice: March 30, 2026 – April 22, 2026

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed Project is to restore and maintain water flow and conveyance in the lake and culverts to reduce mosquito production, provide access for vector control personnel for mosquito abatement, reduce flooding potential, and maintain recreational access via maintenance of viewing platforms, pathways, and general viewsheds.

The proposed project activities include:

- Removing emergent vegetation within five distinct areas and along segments of shorelines, viewing platforms, and the islands; and
- Conducting annual culvert maintenance to maintain water flow.

No mitigation is proposed.