

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: Darryl York – Vandenberg Space Force Base

Applicant's Agent: LynneDee Althouse – Althouse and Meade, Inc.

Project Name: La Cañada Honda Bridge Replacement

Receiving Water: Cañada Honda Creek Estuary, unnamed ephemeral stream

City/County: Santa Barbara County

Public Notice: December 20, 2022 – January 9, 2023

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to remove and replace La Cañada Honda Bridge to meet safety standards consistent with the Federal Railroad Administration and Union Pacific Railroad.

The proposed project activities include:

- Removal of the current bridge.
- Staging and construction of the bridge (including installation of cast-in-place concrete columns, steel piles, and casings to support bridge piers).
- Relocation and replacement of fiber optic cables.
- Restoration and mitigation.

Proposed Mitigation:

Temporary Impacts:

Restoration of 0.40 acre/238 linear feet of estuary.

Restoration of 0.11 acre/286 linear feet of stream channel.

Restoration of 0.07 acre of riparian zone.

Restoration of 0.57 acre of wetlands.

Permanent Impacts:

Establishment of 0.001 acre/15 linear feet and re-establishment of 0.40 acre/238 linear feet of estuary.

Establishment of 0.003 acre/45 linear feet and re-establishment of 0.13 acre/286 linear feet of stream channel.

Re-establishment of 0.16 acre of riparian zone.

Establishment of 0.155 acre and re-establishment 0.60 acre of wetlands.

A Draft Environmental Assessment has been prepared for the project.

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