

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: Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency – Nathan Hale

Applicant's Agent: H.T. Harvey and Associates – Kate Drake

Project Name: Pacheco Creek Restoration Project

Receiving Water: Pacheco Creek

City/County: Hollister / Santa Clara

Public Notice: January 24, 2023 – February 14, 2023

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to preserve, enhance, and restore the Pacheco Creek Watershed.

The proposed project activities include:

- Implementing cattle and pig exclusion to promote habitat enhancement;
- Controlling invasive weeds to increase native vegetation regeneration;
- Restoring secondary channels by the addition of large woody roughness elements;
- Installing turtle basking structures and controlling bullfrogs to enhance ponds; and
- Creating a seasonal wetland through excavation, grading, and topsoil preparation.

Proposed Mitigation:

Mitigation obligations met under the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan.