

## **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:** Al Garcia - Southern California Gas Company

**Applicant's Agent:** Chriss Sowell – Southern California Gas Company

**Project Name:** Line 247 Dig 9 Anomaly Repair Project

**Receiving Water:** Atascadero Creek, Goleta Hydrologic Sub-area

**City/County:** Santa Barbara

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

### **Project Description:**

The purpose of the proposed project is to remove and replace approximately 500 linear feet of Line 247 (including two existing support structures) adjacent to Atascadero Creek and repair an anomaly in order to comply with regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the California Public Utilities Commission. This repair project will conform with the Pipeline Safety and Improvement Act of 2002 and other regulations promulgated since that time.

The proposed project activities include:

- Remove and replace 500 linear feet of Line 247.
- Remove two stucco-covered wood support structures and replace them with pre-cast steel and poured concrete support structures.
- Install four concrete pier foundations.
- Contain and properly remove any groundwater and slurry.
- Utilize a temporary non-motorized floating barge and construction platform for in-water work.

Proposed Mitigation:

#### Temporary impacts:

Restoration of 0.06 acre/90 linear feet of riparian habitat.

Restoration of 0.03 acre/80 linear feet of wetlands.

Permanent impacts: Re-establishment of 0.001 acre/15 linear feet of riparian habitat.

This project falls under California Environmental Quality Act Categorical Exemption, Subsection 15302(c).

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