

## **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  
Attention: 401 Coordinator

**Project Applicant:** Max de Vroome

**Applicant's Agent:** Watershed Environmental Inc. – Mark de la Garza

**Project Name:** 1100 Tunnel Road Culvert Removal Project

**Receiving Water:** Unnamed tributary to Mission Creek

**City/County:** Santa Barbara / Santa Barbara

**Public Notice:** December 16, 2024 – January 6, 2025

### **Project Description:**

The purpose of this project is to resolve Notices of Violation issued by CDFW and the County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department for unpermitted installation of a 100-foot-long culvert in a watercourse, unpermitted grading, and unpermitted vegetation removal.

The proposed project activities include:

- Removing 52 feet of a 24-inch high-density polyethylene culvert and associated fill dirt;
- Building sandstone boulder headwalls at the ends of the remaining 48-foot-long culvert section; and
- Placing an ungrouted rip-rap energy dissipater at the culvert outlet.

Mitigation activities include:

- Permittee responsible enhancement of 0.02 acres of riparian habitat; and
- Permittee responsible rehabilitation of 0.21 acres of riparian habitat.