

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: City of Goleta – Luz “Nina” Buelna

Applicant’s Agent: Rincon Consultants, Inc. – Melissa Pechter

Project Name: Ellwood Mesa MBHMP Implementation – Phase 1

Receiving Water: Devereux Creek

City/County: Goleta / Santa Barbara

Public Notice: September 9, 2024 – September 30, 2024

Project Description:

The purpose of this project is to restore and enhance monarch butterfly habitat at Ellwood Mesa.

The proposed project activities include:

- Planting 1,000 coast live oak, 200 sycamore, bay laurel, and cottonwood, and 700 eucalyptus trees for monarch habitat enhancement;
- Creating 975 linear feet of new public earthen trail, and decommissioning 1,150 linear feet of existing trails;
- Replacing an existing access road to Ellwood Mesa;
- Placing earthen and/or rock weirs and planting wetland vegetation in Ellwood Main drainage gully;
- Installing four 24-inch CMP culverts around the site to reduce erosion; and
- Constructing an elevated wooden pedestrian bridge to span Devereux Creek.

No mitigation is proposed.