



## State Water Resources Control Board

### **Public Notice of Water Quality Certification Application for California Department of Transportation's State Route 243 Rehabilitate Pavement and Drainage Systems Project (08-1J450)**

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Quality  
Water Quality Certification Program  
**Date Posted: May 7, 2024**

#### **Affected County: Riverside**

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Water Quality Certification Program.

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff are proposing to regulate this Project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. **Staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first full date of issuance of this notice (May 7, 2024) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period (May 28, 2024).** To submit comments, or if you have questions, please contact the State Water Board staff person listed below.

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**Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in this public notice.**

## State Route 243 Rehabilitate Pavement and Drainage Systems Project (08-1J450)

(Reg. Meas. ID: 456374 and SWRCB ID: SB24030IN)

**Background:** On March 18, 2024, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) submitted an application for Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification for the State Route 243 Rehabilitate Pavement and Drainage Systems Project (80-1J450; Project).

**Project Description:** Caltrans proposes to conduct minor pavement rehabilitation; repair or replace culverts as needed; upgrade guard rails, lighting, sign panels, and curb ramps; and install roadside safety elements on State Route 243 from postmile 0.0 to 29.7 in Riverside County.

The Project application reports impacts to waters of the state, including waters of the U.S., as shown in Table 1. Temporarily impacted areas would be restored to pre-project condition once the Project is complete.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Impacts to Waters of the State

Aquatic Resource type	Stream Channel
Acres of temporary impact	0.40
Linear feet of temporary impact	1,201
Acres of permanent physical loss of area	0.17
Linear feet of permanent physical loss of area	1,201

Caltrans, District 8, acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Project following completion of the public comment period on May 21, 2022. The MND is available at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research [CEQAnet Web Portal](https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2022020436) (<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2022020436>).

**A Certification or Denial will be prepared by the State Water Board for the State Route 243 Rehabilitate Pavement and Drainage Systems Project (08-1J450) in response to this application.**

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**Date of Application Submittal: March 18, 2024**

Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the U.S. must seek a Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional

Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Board has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple Regional Water Board jurisdictions.

***KEEP INFORMED OF PROJECT MILESTONES***

To be informed of milestones in the development of this proposed Water Quality Certification, any interested persons should enroll in the State Water Board's 401 Program e-mail notification service.

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