



# Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

February 24, 2022

John Waddell County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Dept. County Government Center, Rm 206 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 Email: jwaddell@co.clo.ca.us

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear John Waddell:

#### WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION NO. 34020WQ21 FOR EL CAMINO REAL AT SANTA MARGARITA CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, 300439 PROJECT, SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Thank you for the opportunity to review your May 15, 2020 application for water quality certification of the El Camino Real at Santa Margarita Creek Bridge Replacement, 300439 Project (Project). The application was completed on May 18, 2020. All supplemental information requested was received on February 8, 2022. The project, if implemented as described in your application and with the additional mitigation and other conditions required by this Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Certification), appears to be protective of beneficial uses of State waters. We are issuing the enclosed Certification. Should new information come to our attention that indicates a water quality problem, we may require additional monitoring and reporting, issue waste discharge requirements, or take other action.

Your Certification application and submitted documents indicate that project activities have the potential to affect beneficial uses and water quality. The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) issues this Certification to protect water quality and associated beneficial uses from project activities. We need reports to determine compliance with this Certification. All technical and monitoring reports requested in this Certification, or any time after, are required per section 13267 of the California Water Code.

Failure to submit reports required by this Certification, or failure to submit a report of technical quality acceptable to the Executive Officer, may subject you to enforcement action per section 13268 of the California Water Code. The Central Coast Water Board will base enforcement actions on the date of certification. Any person affected by this Central Coast Water Board action may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to review this action in accordance with California Water Code section 13320; and Title 23, California Code of Regulations, sections 2050 and 3867-3869. The State Water Board, Office of Chief Counsel, PO Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812, must receive the petition within 30 days of the date of this Certification. We will provide upon request copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions.

DR. JEAN-PIERRE WOLFF, CHAIR | MATTHEW T. KEELING, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

If you have questions please contact **Kathleen Hicks** at (805) 549-3458 or via email at Kathleen.Hicks@waterboards.ca.gov, or Diane Kukol at (805) 542-4637. Please mention the above certification number in all future correspondence pertaining to this project.

Sincerely,

for Matthew T. Keeling Executive Officer

Enclosure: Action on Request for CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification

#### cc: With enclosures

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Action on Request for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for Discharge of Dredged and/or Fill Materials

- **PROJECT:** El Camino Real at Santa Margarita Creek Bridge Replacement, 300439
- PERMITTEE: John Waddell County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department County Government Center, Rm 206 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

#### ACTION:

- 1. 
  □ Order for Standard Certification
- 2. Order for Technically-Conditioned Certification
- 3. 
  Order for Denial of Certification

# **STANDARD CONDITIONS:**

- 1. This Certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment per section 13330 of the California Water Code and section 3867 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (23 CCR).
- 2. This Certification action is not intended to apply to any discharge from any activity involving a hydroelectric facility requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent Certification application was filed per 23 CCR subsection 3855(b) and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license was being sought.
- 3. The validity of any non-denial Certification action (Actions 1 and 2) is conditioned upon total payment of the fee required under 23 CCR section 3833, unless otherwise stated in writing by the certifying agency.

## ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS:

- 1. This Certification is subject to the acquisition of all local, regional, state, and federal permits and approvals as required by law. Failure to meet any conditions contained herein or any conditions contained in any other permit or approval issued by the State of California or any subdivision thereof may result in the revocation of this Certification and civil or criminal liability.
- 2. In the event of a violation or threatened violation of this Certification, the violation or threatened violation shall be subject to any remedies, penalties, process or sanctions as provided for under state law. For purposes of section 401(d) of the Clean Water Act, the applicability of any state law authorizing remedies, penalties, process or sanctions for the violation or threatened violation constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements incorporated into this Certification.

- 3. In response to a suspected violation of any condition of this Certification, the Central Coast Water Board may require the holder of any permit or license subject to this Certification to furnish, under penalty of perjury, any technical or monitoring reports the Central Coast Water Board deems appropriate, provided that the burden, including costs, of the reports shall have a reasonable relationship to the need for the reports and the benefits obtained from the reports.
- 4. In response to any violation of the conditions of this Certification, the Central Coast Water Board may add to or modify the conditions of this Certification as appropriate to ensure compliance.
- 5. The Central Coast Water Board reserves the right to suspend, cancel, or modify and reissue this Certification, after providing notice to the Permittee, if the Central Coast Water Board determines that the Project fails to comply with any of the terms or conditions of this Certification.
- 6. A copy of this Certification, the application, and supporting documentation must be available at the Project site during construction for review by site personnel and agencies. A copy of this Certification must also be provided to the contractor and all subcontractors who will work at the Project site. All personnel performing work on the proposed Project shall be familiar with the content of this Certification and its posted location on the Project site.
- 7. The Permittee shall grant Central Coast Water Board staff, or an authorized representative, upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, permission to enter the Project site at reasonable times, to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Certification and/or to determine the impacts the Project may have on waters of the State.
- 8. The Permittee must, at all times, fully comply with the application, engineering plans, specifications, and technical reports submitted to support this Certification; all subsequent submittals required as part of this Certification; and the attached Project Information and Conditions. The conditions within this Certification and attachment(s) supersede conflicting provisions within Permittee submittals.
- 9. The Permittee shall notify the Central Coast Water Board within 24 hours of any unauthorized discharge to waters of the U.S. and/or State; measures that were implemented to stop and contain the discharge; measures implemented to clean-up the discharge; the volume and type of materials discharged and recovered; and additional BMPs or other measures that will be implemented to prevent future discharges.
- 10. This Certification is not transferable to any person except after notice to the Executive Officer of the Central Coast Water Board. The Permittee shall submit this notice in writing at least 30 days in advance of any proposed transfer. The notice must include a written agreement between the existing and new responsible party containing a specific date for the transfer of this Certification's responsibility and coverage between the current responsible party and the new responsible party. This agreement shall include an acknowledgement that the existing responsible party is liable for compliance and violations up to the transfer date and that the new responsible party is liable from the transfer date on.

- 11. This Order and all of its conditions contained herein continue to have full force and effect regardless of the expiration or revocation of any federal license or permit issued for the Project. For purposes of Clean Water Act, section 401(d), this condition constitutes a limitation necessary to assure compliance with the water quality standards and other pertinent requirements of state law. This Order expires if Project construction does not begin within five years from the date of this Order.
- 12. The total application fee for this project is \$3,127. The remaining application fee payable to the Central Coast Water Board is \$0. Annual fees may apply.

## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS:

## A. Environmental Review

On October 16, 2018, the County of San Luis Obispo, as lead agency, adopted an initial study/mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND) (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2018061052) for the Project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the County Clerk's Office on October 18, 2018. The Central Coast Water Board is a responsible agency under CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, § 21069) and in making its determinations, must presume that County of San Luis Obispo's adopted environmental document comports with the requirements of CEQA and is valid. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21167.3.) The Central Coast Water Board has reviewed and considered the environmental document and the environmental effects of the Project on water quality and beneficial uses. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096, subd. (f).)

## **B.** Incorporation by Reference

CEQA project impacts are analyzed in the Project Final IS/MND which is incorporated herein by reference. Requirements under the purview of the Central Coast Water Board in the MMRP are incorporated herein by reference. The Permittee's application for this Order, including all supplemental information provided, is incorporated herein by reference.

## CENTRAL COAST WATER BOARD CONTACT PERSON:

Kathleen Hicks (805) 549-3458 Kathleen.Hicks@waterboards.ca.gov

Please refer to the above certification number when corresponding with the Central Coast Water Board concerning this project.

## WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:

I hereby issue an order certifying that as long as all the conditions listed in this Certification are met, any discharge from the El Camino Real at Santa Margarita Creek Bridge Replacement, 300439 Project shall comply with the applicable provisions of sections 301 ("Effluent Limitations"), 302 ("Water Quality Related Effluent Limitations"), 303 ("Water Quality Standards and Implementation Plans"), 306 ("National Standards of Performance"), and 307 ("Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Standards") of the Clean Water Act. This discharge is also regulated pursuant to State Water Board Water Quality Order No. 2003-0017-DWQ, which requires compliance with all conditions of this Certification. Except insofar as may be modified by any preceding conditions, all Certification actions are contingent on (a) the discharge being limited and all proposed mitigation being completed in strict compliance with the Permittee's project description, Certification conditions, and the attached Project Information and Conditions, and (b) compliance with all applicable requirements of the Central Coast Water Board's policies and Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan).

for Matthew T. Keeling Executive Officer Central Coast Water Board

February 24, 2022

# PROJECT INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

Application Date	Received: May 15, 2020 Completed: May 18, 2020				
Permittee	John Waddell County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department County Government Center, Rm 206 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 jwaddell@co.slo.ca.us 805-781-5252				
Permittee Representatives	Henry Bonifas County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department County Government Center, Rm 206 San Luis Obispo, CA 93408 hbonifas@co.slo.ca.us 805-781-1229				
Project Name	El Camino Real at Santa Margarita Creek Bridge Replacement, 300439				
Application Number	34020WQ21				
Type of Project	Transportation: Roads, Highways and Bridges				
Project Location	Santa Margarita Latitude: 35° 25' 43" N Longitude: -120° 36' 21" W				
County	San Luis Obispo				
Receiving Water(s)	Santa Margarita Creek 309.81 Salinas Hydrologic Unit				
Water Body Type	Streambed, riparian				
Designated Beneficial Uses	Municipal and Domestic Water Supply Protection of both recreation and aquatic life				
Project Description (purpose/goal)	<ul> <li>The purpose of this project is to replace the existing El Camino Real Bridge (Bridge Number 49C0130) over Santa Margarita Creek and improve the roadway approaches.</li> <li>Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) staff understands that the project includes the following activities:</li> <li>Install diversion and dewatering and temporary access path to and within the creek channel.</li> <li>Install temporary free-span bridge for a temporary traffic detour, to be removed once the new bridge construction is complete.</li> <li>Remove existing bridge.</li> <li>Construct four sets of CIDH columns and piles.</li> <li>Install cast-in-place pre-stressed concrete slab bridge, including falsework within the creek channel.</li> <li>Place ungrouted RSP around the abutments.</li> <li>Utility relocation.</li> <li>Construct new road approaches and install post-construction BMPs.</li> </ul>				

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit No.	Nationw	ide Pern	nit 14 – Li	inear Tra	nspo	ortatior	n Proje	cts			
Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Streambed Alteration Agreement	Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration No. 1600-2020-0111-R4 was authorized by operation of law on November 6, 2020										
CEQA Information	Mitigated Negative Declaration Lead Agency: County of San Luis Obispo										
Total Certification Application Fee	\$3,127	\$3,127									
Total Authorized P	roject Fi	ll/Excav	ation Qua	antity							
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			LF						120		
Stream Channel	PR	R	Acres			0.00					
			LF			10					
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Compensatory Mitigation Requirements	<ol> <li>The Permittee shall implement compensatory mitigation installation, maintenance, and monitoring as described in the <i>County of San Luis</i> <i>Obispo Department of Public Works El Camino Real Bridge Replacement</i> <i>Project Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan</i> dated May 2021.</li> <li>Offsite compensatory mitigation shall be installed within 12 months of the commencement of project construction. Onsite compensatory mitigation shall be installed within 12 months of completion of project construction.</li> </ol>										
Project Requirements	The Per	mittee s	hall comp	ly with th	e fol	llowing	requir	ements:			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cubic Yards (CY); Linear Feet (LF)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Methods: establishment (Est.), reestablishment (Re-est.), rehabilitation (Reh.), enhancement (Enh.), preservation (Pres.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mitigation Type: in-lieu fee (ILF); mitigation bank (MB); permittee responsible (PR)

<ol> <li>All personnel who engage in construction activities or their oversight at the project site (superintendent, construction manager, foreman, crew, contractor, biological monitor, etc.) must attend trainings on the conditions of this Certification and how to perform their duties in compliance with those conditions. Every person shall attend an initial training within five working days of their start date at the project site and follow-up trainings annually until the project is completed. Trainings shall be conducted by a qualified individual with expertise in 401 Water Quality Certification conditions and compliance.</li> <li>All work performed within waters of the State shall be completed in a</li> </ol>
2. All work performed within waters of the State shall be completed in a manner that minimizes impacts to beneficial uses and habitat. Measures shall be employed to minimize land disturbances that will adversely impact the water quality of waters of the State. Disturbance or removal of vegetation shall not exceed the minimum necessary to complete Project implementation.
<ol> <li>Portions of the project that occur below top of creek banks or in other waters of the State shall be stabilized for the winter prior to October 1 of each year, either by completing construction of those portions of the project (including installation of permanent erosion control measures) or by implementing winterization stabilization measures capable of effectively stabilizing the area and preventing erosion under winter rain and flow conditions generated by the 10-year 24-hour storm event. No construction activities shall be conducted below top of creek banks or in other waters of the State during the winter period (October 1 – June 1), unless prior written approval has been obtained from Central Coast Water Board staff. Requests to conduct construction activities below top of creek banks or in other waters of the State during the winter period shall be submitted to Central Coast Water Board staff at least 21 days prior to the planned winter period work date. The request shall include a Preparedness Plan for Rain and Water Body Flows that contains the following:         <ul> <li>Identification of project and site-specific measures that will be implemented to stabilize the site and water body, including locations. Measures must address current and expected conditions at the site.</li> <li>Identification of steps that will be taken to remove all construction equipment and materials from the water Body Flows.</li> <li>Confirmation materials and equipment needed to implement the Preparedness Plan for Rain and Water Body Flows.</li> <li>Confirmation materials and equipment needed to implement the Preparedness Plan for Rain and Water Body Flows.</li> <li>Confirmation materials and equipment needed to implement the Preparedness Plan for Rain and Water Body Flows will be located on site.</li> <li>Responsibilities of personnel to implement the Preparedness Plan for Rain and Water Body Flows, including weather monitoring and best manag</li></ul></li></ol>

4.	Erosion and sediment control measures shall be on site prior to the start
	of construction and kept on site at all times so they are immediately
	available for installation in anticipation of rain events.
	The Permittee shall implement and maintain an effective combination of
	erosion and sediment control measures (e.g., revegetation, fiber rolls,
	erosion control blankets, hydromulching, compost, straw with tackifiers,
	temporary basins) to prevent erosion and capture sediment. The
	Permittee shall implement and maintain washout, trackout, dust control,
	and any other applicable source control BMPs.
	Erosion and sediment control measures and other construction BMPs
	shall be implemented and maintained in accordance with all specifications
	governing their proper design, installation, operation, and maintenance.
7.	At any time of year, the Permittee shall not conduct construction activities
	below top of creek banks or in other waters of the State during rain events
	or on any day for which the National Weather Service has predicted a
	25% or more chance of at least 0.1 inch rain in 24 hours (Predicted Rain
	Event). The Permittee shall install effective erosion control, sediment
	control, and other protective measures no later than the day prior to the
	Predicted Rain Event, and prior to the start of any rainfall. Construction
	activities below top of creek banks or in other waters of the State may
	resume after the rain has ceased, the National Weather Service predicts
	clear weather for at least 24 hours, and site conditions are dry enough to
	continue work without discharge of sediment or other pollutants from the
	project site.
8.	Any material stockpiled that is not actively being used during construction
	shall be covered and surrounded with a linear sediment barrier.
	The Permittee shall retain a spill plan and appropriate spill control and
	clean up materials (e.g., oil absorbent pads) onsite in case spills occur.
	The Permittee shall confine all trash and debris in appropriate enclosed
10.	bins and dispose of the trash and debris at an approved site at least
	weekly.
11.	All construction vehicles and equipment used on site shall be well
	maintained and checked daily for fuel, oil, and hydraulic fluid leaks or
	other problems that could result in spills of toxic materials.
	The Permittee shall designate a staging area for equipment and vehicle
	fueling and storage at least 100 feet away from waterways, in a location
	where fluids or accidental discharges cannot flow into waterways.
13.	All vehicle fueling and maintenance activity shall occur at least 100 feet
	away from waterways and in designated staging areas, unless a
	requested exception on a case-by case basis granted by prior written
	approval has been obtained from Central Coast Water Board staff.
	Dewatering and stream diversion shall be implemented in compliance with
'*.	the Diversion/Dewatering Plan dated August 2020. If the project requires
	changes to the Diversion/Dewatering Plan dated August 2020, if the project requires
	Permittee shall submit revised plans for Central Coast Water Board staff
	approval at least 21 days prior to any dewatering or diversion.
	Dewatering/diversion plans shall include the area to be dewatered, timing
	of dewatering, and method of dewatering to be implemented. All
	temporary dewatering/diversion methods shall be designed to have the
	minimum necessary impacts to waters of the State to isolate the
	immediate work area. All dewatering/diversion methods shall be installed
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	<ul> <li>such that natural flow is maintained upstream and downstream of the project area. Turbidity sample results from receiving waters shall be compared to the following receiving water quality goals: where natural turbidity is between 0 and 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs), increases shall not exceed 20 percent; where natural turbidity is between 50 and 100 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 10 NTUs; where natural turbidity is greater than 100 NTUs, increases shall not exceed 10 percent. Any temporary dams or diversions shall be installed such that the diversion does not cause sedimentation, siltation, or erosion upstream or downstream of the project area. All dewatering/diversion activities.</li> <li>15. Post-construction stormwater BMPs are described by the <i>Stormwater Control Plan for El Camino Real at Santa Margarita Creek Bridge Replacement Project</i> dated March 5, 2020 and the <i>Stormwater Control Plan Addendum for El Camino Real at Santa Margarita Creek Bridge Replacement Project</i> dated November 1, 2021. Post-construction stormwater control will be achieved with bio-retention basins. Stormwater BMPs will include offsite compliance, treating run-on from an additional area of roadway. Treatment shall be provided for the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile 24-hour rain event, and retention shall be provided for the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile 24-hour rain event. Post-project peak discharges shall be reduced relative to pre-project conditions. The County of San Luis Obispo will be responsible for maintaining all stormwater facilities that have been installed as a requirement of this project.</li> <li>17. Central Coast Water Board staff shall be notified if mitigation as described in the 401 Water Quality Certification application for this project is altered by the imposition of subsequent permit conditions by any local, state or federal regulatory authority. The Permittee shall inform Central Coast Water Board staff of any modifications that interfere with compliance with this Certification.</li> </ul>
Monitoring and Reporting Requirements	<ul> <li>The Permittee shall conduct the following monitoring:</li> <li>1. While in-water work, dewatering, and/or diversion continues, the Permittee shall conduct the following monitoring: <ul> <li>a. Daily visual monitoring and record keeping that document in-water work, dewatering, and/or diversion activities, control measures used in the process, estimated volume of diversion/dewatering discharges, and visible water characteristics (e.g., visible turbidity, sedimentation, and/or erosion) during in-water work, dewatering, and/or diversion.</li> <li>b. Analyze representative samples of receiving waters upstream and immediately downstream of in-water work, dewatering, and/or diversion for turbidity daily.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Visually inspect the project site and areas of waters of the State adjacent to project impact areas following completion of project construction and for five subsequent rainy seasons to ensure that the project is not causing excessive erosion, stream instability, or other water quality problems. If the project does cause water quality problems, contact the Central Coast Water Board staff member overseeing the project. You will be responsible</li> </ul>

3.	for obtaining any additional permits necessary for implementing plans for restoration to prevent further water quality problems. <b>Monitor the compensatory mitigation site for five years.</b> If success criteria are not achieved within that time, continue annual monitoring and maintenance until success criteria are achieved. Compensatory mitigation monitoring shall include assessment of growth, percent cover of native and non-native species, general health and stature, signs of reproduction, progress towards achieving success criteria, and any other measures identified in the <i>County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works El Camino Real Bridge Replacement Project Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan</i> dated February 2022.
R	<ul> <li>he Permittee shall provide the following reporting to</li> <li>B3_401Reporting@waterboards.ca.gov [Note: Annual fees are based</li> <li>h submittal and approval of reporting item 2 below]:</li> <li>Diversion and Dewatering Report - Weekly each Wednesday, starting when in-water work, dewatering, and/or diversion commences, until such work is completed and areas impacted are restored, the Permittee shall submit a report including the following information:</li> <li>a. A description of in-water work, dewatering, or diversions implemented, including time, date, duration, and location.</li> <li>b. A description of water quality control measures implemented.</li> <li>c. All monitoring results, including visual monitoring.</li> <li>d. Estimated volume of discharge.</li> <li>e. Representative photographs of in-water work, dewatering, or</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>diversions.</li> <li>f. If applicable, representative photographs of the restored site following completion of in-water work, dewatering, or diversions.</li> <li>g. A description of corrective actions implemented, if water quality standards were exceeded.</li> </ul>
	h. Any other information specified in the approved Diversion/Dewatering
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	<ul> <li>coverage, the Permittee must submit for Central Coast Water Board staff review and approval a Certification Termination Report demonstrating compensatory mitigation success criteria achievement and monitoring completion. The Certification Termination Report shall include all information required for Annual Project Status Reports as specified below. The Certification Termination Report may serve as the final Annual Project Status Report. The Certification Termination Termination Report submittal must include "Certification Termination Report" in the title.</li> <li>Annual Project Status Report – The Permittee shall submit to the Central</li> </ul>
	Coast Water Board an Annual Project Status Report <b>by May 31</b> of each year following the issuance of this Certification, <b>regardless of whether</b> <b>project construction has started or not.</b> At a minimum, Annual Project Status Reports shall address activities conducted during the prior calendar year. The Permittee shall submit Annual Project Status Reports until the Permittee has conducted all required monitoring, mitigation has achieved all success criteria, and the Permittee has submitted a

Certification Termination Report. Each Annual Project Status Report shall include at a minimum:
a. The status of the project: construction not started, construction started,
or construction complete.
b. The date of construction initiation, if applicable.
c. The date of construction completion, if applicable.
d. If project construction is complete:
i. A summary of daily activities, monitoring and inspection
observations, and problems incurred and actions taken;
ii. Status of permanent post-construction stormwater management
BMPs, including photo documentation of all BMPs;
iii. Identification of when site personnel trainings occurred, description
of the topics covered during trainings, and confirmation that every
person that engaged in construction activities or their oversight at
the project site was trained initially and every year thereafter.
iv. A description of the results of the annual visual inspection of the
project site and areas of waters of the State adjacent to project impact areas, including:
1. Erosion conditions;
<ol> <li>2. Stream stability conditions;</li> </ol>
3. Water quality and beneficial use conditions;
4. Clearly identified photo-documentation of all areas of
permanent and temporary impact, prior to and after project
construction; and
5. Clearly identified representative photo-documentation of other
project areas, prior to and after project construction.
6. If the visual inspection monitoring period is over, but water
quality problems persist, the Annual Report shall identify
corrective measures to be undertaken, including extension of
the monitoring period until the project is no longer causing
excessive erosion, stream instability, or other water quality problems.
e. Mitigation reporting, if mitigation installation has started, including the
following information:
i. Date of initiation of mitigation installation and date mitigation
installation was completed;
ii. If mitigation installation was completed, confirmation mitigation
was installed according to the requirements of this Certification
and as described in the application, <i>County of San Luis Obispo</i>
Department of Public Works El Camino Real Bridge Replacement
<i>Project Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan</i> dated February 2022, and any other associated submittals;
iii. Analysis of monitoring data collected in the field;
iv. Quantification of growth, percent cover of native and non-native
species, general health and stature, signs of reproduction, and
documentation of progress toward achieving all mitigation
performance criteria;
v. Qualitative and quantitative comparisons of current mitigation
conditions with preconstruction conditions and previous mitigation
monitoring results;
vi. Any remedial or maintenance actions taken or needed;

<ul> <li>vii. Any additional information specified in the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works El Camino Real Bridge Replacement Project Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan dated February 2022; and</li> <li>viii. Annual photo-documentation representative of all mitigation areas, taken from vantage points from which Central Coast Water Board staff can identify changes in size and cover of plants. Compare photos of installed mitigation with photos of the mitigation areas prior to installation.</li> <li>f. A description of mitigation completion status that identifies the amount of mitigation monitoring and maintenance remaining, or certifies and demonstrates that mitigation is complete and all required mitigation monitoring and maintenance has been conducted and all success criteria achieved. If the monitoring period is over, but all success criteria have not been achieved, the Annual Project Status Report shall identify corrective measures to be undertaken, including</li> </ul>
criteria have not been achieved, the Annual Project Status Report shall identify corrective measures to be undertaken, including extension of the monitoring period until the criteria are met.