STATE OF NEVADA



Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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Notice of Request for Section 401 Water Quality Certification Action - Bureau of Water Quality Planning

Web Posting: 1/24/2025

Deadline for Comments: 2/24/2025

Green Valley Parkway Channel Maintenance Clark County

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Certification Action Number NV-401-25-001

The purpose of this project is to reduce ponding and improve drainage by creating positive flow around an existing bridge apron in Pittman Wash in Henderson, Clark County. Accumulated sediment and debris would be removed to allow the channel to support its flood control capacity. Additionally, mechanical thinning of noxious/invasive vegetation would occur to reduce fire fuels within the wash. Vegetation removal and thinning would occur within 370 linear feet of Pittman Wash and sediment removal would occur within 200 feet of the bridge. Dredging is anticipated to remove up to five feet (depth) of sediment and would take place in live stream flows. Up to 3,186 cubic yards of sediment would be removed below the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) of Pittman Wash. The only proposed discharge of sediment would result from driving and operating heavy machinery within the wash. No additional fill material would be placed, including temporary fill. The project proponent has requested verification from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the use of Nationwide Permit 3 (Maintenance) under Clean Water Act Section 404.

A 401 certification (or a waiver of certification) is required for any federal license or permit that authorizes activities that may result in any discharge into waters of the United States. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is in receipt of a complete request for certification in compliance with Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification regulations which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated in 2023, codified as 40 CFR 121.

The Administrator is evaluating whether the proposed activity will comply with applicable water quality requirements. Certification actions are valid for the duration of the federal license or permit (typically five years). Any conditions contained within the certification action become a condition of the federal license or permit.

Persons wishing to comment on the application for consideration by the Administrator in making a determination regarding the certification action should submit their comments or request a hearing in writing, emailed no later than 5:00 P.M. on 2/24/2025:

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The request for a hearing must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All water quality-related comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final certification action regarding the application. If written

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comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

The applications, proposed permits, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Zachary Carter, Bureau of Water Quality Planning, at (775) 687-9456 or ndep401@ndep.nv.gov. The public notice for this project can be viewed at the following website: https://ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/water.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons interested in this matter.