



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

**Web Posting: 3/17/2025**

**Deadline for Comments: 4/16/2025**

**Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area Dredging  
Clark County**

**Nevada Division of State Parks  
901 S Stewart Street, Ste 5005  
Carson City, NV 89706**

**Certification Action Number NV-401-25-007**

The purpose of this project is to perform maintenance dredging at the Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area in Clark County, Nevada. Dredging 700 - 1,000 cubic yards of sediment is necessary to improve access to the existing cove and boat ramp. Nevada Division of State Parks will require the selected contractor to utilize a suction dredge mounted on a barge in order to minimize turbidity impacts during operations. Dredged sediment will be pumped from the barge and disposed in an upland position via an existing pipe installed beneath the main parking lot of the Recreation Area. The disposed material will be dewatered and retained in an upland area containing no Waters of the United States. Filter fabric will be installed downslope of the disposal site to prevent sediment from leaving the site. The dredging and sediment disposal are anticipated to take no longer than two weeks to complete. Work is planned to begin on May 31, 2025, and be completed by July 31, 2025 (for a total of 14 days of work). The project proponent has requested certification for the use of Nationwide Permit 35 (Maintenance Dredging of Existing Basins) administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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 4/16/2025:

Bureau of Water Quality Planning  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249  
[ndep401@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:ndep401@ndep.nv.gov)

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

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](mailto: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.