



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

Web Posting: 11/17/2025

Deadline for Comments: 12/17/2025

**Genoa Phase 4 River Restoration – Carnes 2
Douglas County**

**Carson Valley Conservation District
1702 County Rd., Suite A
Minden, NV 89423**

Certification Action Number NV-401-25-023

The purpose of this project is to restore and stabilize an eroded section of the Carson River at the Carnes #2 site of the Genoa Phase 4 River Restoration Project in Douglas County, Nevada. Excess instream materials deposited in the channel during flooding events in 2017 and 2023 would be used to reshape the banks and prevent erosion and degradation during future high-flow events. Additionally, material would be cut from the top of the bank to reshape the channel bank during construction. Approximately 548 linear feet of the project would be reshaped to a 3 to 1 slope with the intent to create a gradual connection of the river to the floodplain. Approximately 537 linear feet of the river would be reshaped with one swale constructed at the top of the bank to allow for stepped overflow above the ordinary high-water mark. Five rock stream barbs would be constructed to reduce hydraulic energy and to encourage sediment deposition. Bioengineering and seeding applications would be used on the rock slope, terraces, and upland areas with the aim of restoring vegetation at the site. The project proponent has requested certification for the use of a Letter of Permission 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 12/17/2025:

Bureau of Water Quality Planning
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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

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.