



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

Web Posting: 2/27/2026

Deadline for Comments: 3/30/2026

**Somerset Golf Course Pond Maintenance
Washoe County**

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Reno, NV 89502**

Certification Action Number NV-401-26-007

The purpose of this project is to restore the original water-holding capacity of multiple ponds located within the Somerset Golf Course in Reno, Washoe County, Nevada. The objectives of the proposed activities include improving overall pond health, reducing foul odors, complying with mosquito abatement requirements, and enhancing aquatic habitat conditions. To achieve these goals, accumulated sediment would be removed, temporarily stockpiled in upland areas of the golf course, and subsequently hauled offsite once adequately drained. Implementation of the project would require diverting water from each pond using sandbags, which would result in a temporary discharge of fill material. Remaining pond water would then be drawn down to create a workable area for sediment removal. Once sufficiently dewatered, sediment would be removed from within the pond footprint and transported to an upland staging location prior to final offsite disposal. The project is anticipated to occur between January 15 and June 15, 2026. The project proponent is seeking authorization under Nationwide Permit 33 (Temporary Construction, Access, and Dewatering) pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, as 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 3/30/2026:

Bureau of Water Quality Planning
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249
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. 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.