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

Web Posting: 9/2/2026

Deadline for Comments: 10/2/2026

**Sierra Street Bridge Replacement
Washoe County**

**Jacobs
50 West Liberty St. Suite 205
Reno, NV 89501**

Certification Action Number NV-401-26-021

The purpose of this project is to replace an existing bridge along Sierra Street over the Truckee River in downtown Reno, Washoe County, Nevada. The bridge would be replaced with a two-span concrete bridge with precast concrete girders. The single-pier concept maintains a similar roadway elevation, and the dimensions of the new bridge would be similar to existing conditions; the bridge would be approximately 144 feet long and 63 feet wide. Grouted riprap would also be replaced and extended along the southern abutment and ramp walls. The project would also improve the existing river access along the south side of the river, reconstruct the current inlet for Cochrane Ditch near the southwest corner of the bridge, and improve kayaker safety by regrading a portion of the river channel around the bridge where sediment aggradation has occurred. The expected construction duration for the entire project is two years. The project is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2027. The project proponent has requested certification for the use of Nationwide Permit 3 (Maintenance) and Nationwide Permit 14 (Linear Transportation Projects) under Clean Water Act Section 404 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 10/2/2026:

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.