Public Notice – 401 Certification /Dredged Or Fill Waste Discharge Requirements Application

Date:

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Applicant:

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Project Name:

Bombay Beach Wetland Project Geotechnical Investigation WDID No. 7A133181001 RM: 455528, Place ID: 892077

Receiving Water:

Waters and wetlands, tributaries to the Salton Sea

Location:

City or area: Unincorporated area, Imperial County, California Longitude/ Latitude: W -115.690472°/ N 33.356056°

Project Description:

Audubon California is planning to collect soil boring samples and bulk soil samples for geotechnical investigation within the Bombay Beach Wetland Project Area of Investigation in February 2024.

The boring locations will be accessed via established access routes from Niland Marina Road across land owned by Imperial Irrigation District. Pickup trucks and trailers will be unloaded at the Niland Marina parking area or may be driven as far as the east side of the dry wash located on APN 002-650-003. The remaining distance to sample locations within iodine bush scrub habitat will be traversed by all terrain utility vehicles or small four-wheel drive pickup trucks if conditions are suitable. Existing two-track routes will be utilized where available.

The geotechnical investigation work will result in 0.0004 acres of temporary impacts to aquatic resources. All impacts associated with geotechnical work are temporary and the area impacted would be restored to pre-survey conditions upon completion of the work. Mitigation measures include avoiding and minimizing impacts to wetlands and waters through the selection of survey locations, best management practices (BMPs), and restoration of temporary impacts.

Proposed Schedule (Start-up, duration, and completion dates):

Start-up: Early February 2024. Duration: 4 days. Completion: Prior to February 15th

US Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit Number(s):

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Action:

Pending

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