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Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Name: Lobecks Pass Highway Repair Project

Receiving Water: Colorado River

Location: 34° 40' 18.79" N Latitude by 114° 37' 35.96" W Longitude
US Highway 95 near Lobecks Pass, San Bernardino County

Project

Description: Caltrans proposes to perform emergency repairs to U.S Highway 95 near Lobecks Pass. Heavy rain and flooding from recent storms caused a portion of the roadbed and shoulders to wash out.

Caltrans provided the Regional Water Board with an Emergency Highway Repair Interagency Notification for the proposed emergency repairs to U.S. Highway 95 on August 1, 2006. However, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) determined that the proposed project repairs exceeded the authorization under the ACOE's Emergency Permit, Regional General Permit No. 63. The ACOE has authorized Caltrans to begin the repair project and obtain a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit "after the fact".

Caltrans provided the Regional Water Board with a draft Section 401 Water Quality Certification Application for the proposed emergency repair project for U.S. Highway 95 on August 14, 2006. Caltrans proposes to: repair the damaged pavement and shoulder; remove debris; restore RSP, asphalt concrete aprons at spillway and breach in damaged berm; reestablish existing earthen storm water deflection dike; and, replace spillway aprons and lateral support. Caltrans stated that repairs to U.S. Highway 95 were started on August 7, 2006 and proposes to complete the project within 25 working days. Caltrans has estimated that the proposed project will have the following impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States: permanent impacts to 0.69 acres and 5,040 linear feet and temporary impacts to 2.05 acres and 5,290 linear feet. Caltrans specified that all areas outside the project footprint shall be delineated as Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs), the boundaries of the ESAs will be fenced with orange plastic snow fencing and a biologist will monitor construction to ensure that best management practices (BMPs), ESAs and all avoidance measures are properly addressed and/or implemented. In addition Caltrans identified BMPs that shall be implemented to address equipment

storage areas, equipment maintenance/parking, construction related debris and litter.

Action: Pending

Water Board
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