

Public Notice – 401 Certification Application

Date:

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Applicant:

Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program
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Project Name:

Section 26 Conservation Area, Located in the City of Needles, San Bernardino County, California.

WDID No. 7B363049001, RM 439541, Place ID 868341

Receiving Water:

Colorado River

Location:

City or area: Needles, San Bernardino County, California

Latitude/Longitude: 34.759769; -114.547801

Section/Township/Range: 26, T8N, R23E

Project Description:

The Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado Multi-Species Program proposes to construct and manage the 21-acre backwater as habitat for the flannelmouth and razorback suckers to comply with ESA. The project will be constructed using land-based equipment and a dredge to create the backwater to the conditions suitable for native fishes. The project encompasses a total of 314-acres which includes the designated dredge disposal area. Placement of fill will temporarily impact low quality scrub/shrub land on already existing dredge fill material. The scrub/shrub lands are dominated by invasive salt cedar (*Tamarix ramosissima*). Other associated features include inlet and outlet water control structures set at equal elevations, maintain gravel levee roadway crossings at the north and south ends of the backwater, and a boat ramp intended for use by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation personnel to maintain the backwater. The direct effects of the project include restoration of high-quality wetlands and backwater habitat that will provide critical aquatic habitat for endangered fish species and other wildlife.

Anticipated Project Start and End Dates:

January 2021 – December 2024

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

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Action:

Pending

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