

**Public Notice – 401 Certification / Dredge or Fill Waste Discharge Requirements  
Application**

**Date:**

February 19, 2026

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**Project Name:**

I-40 Colorado River Bridge Replacement  
WDID No. 7B363065001, RM: 463872, Place ID: 904893

**Receiving Water(s):**

Colorado River

**Location:**

City or Area: Along Interstate 40 (I-40) approximately 13.9 miles south of Needles, San Bernardino County, California  
Latitude/Longitude: 34.717° N, 114.488° W  
Section, Township, Range: Section 08, Township 7N, Range 24E

**Project Description:**

The Project includes replacement of the Colorado River Bridge (California Bridge No. 54-0415, Arizona Bridge No. 957) spanning the California/Arizona state line on I-40. The new bridge will match the current alignment but will be wider than the existing bridge. The 84-foot-wide deck will carry two 12-foot lanes, a 5-foot inside shoulder, and a 10-foot outside shoulder in each direction. Sheet pile coffer dams will be constructed, and the enclosed area will be temporarily dewatered for removal of existing piers and installation of the new bridge piles. Construction will be completed in two stages over approximately a 3-year duration.

A system of temporary trestles will be constructed along each side and under the existing bridge to serve as the primary access and work platform for foundation

construction, material staging and hauling, supports and framing for concrete work, and bridge removal. The trestle structure will consist of 18-24 inch diameter pipes and 12 by 12 inch timbers overlain with plywood decking. A crane will be used to install the trestle initially from each shoreline then proceeding on the newly constructed sections of trestle towards the center of the bridge until completion. The trestle structure will be removed in a similar manner upon project completion. The trestle will be designed to carry heavy construction equipment, such as material trucking, cranes, drilling rigs, concrete trucks, and pumps. The trestle foundations will include a combination of pipe piles or cast in steel shell piles and steel beams and columns bolted into the pile foundations.

Riparian vegetation will be cleared, and temporary access routes and staging areas will be established near each bridge abutment for construction of the trestle structure and bridge removal and replacement. All areas of temporary impacts to waters of the U.S./state and all upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the U.S./state will be restored to pre-project conditions. Compensatory mitigation may be required for unavoidable permanent impacts to waters of the U.S./state due to physical loss of area and/or permanent degradation of ecological condition.

**Anticipated Project Start and End Dates:**

October 2026 - July 2029

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit Number(s):**

NWP 15

**Public Comment Period:**

Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board staff will consider all comments pertaining to this discharge submitted in writing and received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the issuance date of this notice (Notification Date) and ends at **5:00 p.m. on March 12, 2026.**

**Action:**

Pending

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