

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

Date:

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Project Name:

TD2241385 Twentynine Palms Highway Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project
WDID No. 7A333003001, RM: 464106, Place ID: 905403

Receiving Water(s):

Wash (Ephemeral Stream)

Location:

City or Area: approximately 0.4 mile southwest of the intersection of Highway 62 (29 Palms Highway) and Indian Canyon Drive near the city of Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County, California
Latitude/Longitude: 33.999717° N, 116.580369° W
Section, Township, Range: Section 17, Township 2 South, Range 4 East

Project Description:

The Project involves the removal and replacement of one wooden utility pole (Pole 1685543E), installation of a new supporting caisson, and access road repairs. The Project site will be accessed via an existing unpaved road off Indian Canyon Drive. Approximately 495 feet of this road will be re-grading to its design width of 12 feet using a motor grader or backhoe loader. The new pole and supporting caisson will be set north and within 3 feet of the old pole. The caisson will be comprised of a corrugated steel casing measuring 3 feet in diameter and 22 feet in length. It will be embedded 19 feet into the ground with 3 feet projecting above grade. The internal set material will consist of concrete, and the exterior material will consist of two-sack slurry backfill. The caisson will be installed on top of a layer of crushed rock aggregate. Installation of the

new pole and supporting caisson will require backhoe excavation of approximately 4 feet wide by 4 feet long by 20 feet deep. Soil disturbance associated with the pole and caisson installation would be limited to approximately 10 feet around the pole, and a 100-foot temporary work area will be established for staging and operation of construction vehicles and equipment.

The project will result in up to 0.8 acres (495 linear feet) of temporary impacts and 0.001 acres (1 linear foot) permanent impacts to jurisdictional waters of the U.S./state within the Whitewater Hydrologic Unit (719.00). 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 state will be restored to pre-project conditions. No compensatory mitigation will be required.

Anticipated Project Start and End Dates:

March 2026 - March 2031

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

NWP 57

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 and ends at **5:00 p.m.** on **March 6, 2026**.

Action:

Pending

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