

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

Date:

April 7, 2026

Applicant:

Melinda Dorin, Lead Manager
Salton Sea Restoration Office
California Department of Water Resources
715 P Street, 8th Floor
Sacramento, CA, 95814
(916) 539-0561
Melinda.Dorin@water.ca.gov

Duly Authorized Representative:

Stephanie Gasca, Principal Regulatory Permitting Specialist
Environmental Science Associates
420 Exchange, Suite 260
Irvine, CA 92602
(626) 252-4321
SGasca@esassoc.com

Project Name:

Bombay Beach Wetland Enhancement Project
WDID No. 7A133194001, RM: 463880, Place ID: 904899

Receiving Water(s):

Salton Sea

Location:

City or Area:

Latitude/Longitude: 33.351205°N, 115.697874°W

Section, Township, Range: Section 35, Township 9 South, Range 12 East (SBB&M)

Project Description:

The purposes of the Bombay Beach Wetland Enhancement Project are to protect, enhance, and create wetland habitats threatened by declining shallow groundwater levels due to the receding Salton Sea. The Project will be located on the eastern margin of the Salton Sea adjacent to the community of Bombay Beach and consist of wetland enhancement, creation (re-establishment) of shallow water habitat, vegetation enhancement, non-native species removal, operations and maintenance, as well as providing new public access.

Borrow areas will be excavated to provide fill material for water control berms and will be left in place. These borrow areas will be finished to approximately 4-feet deep and will pond water when storm flows enter and fill the basin.

Eleven trapezoidal bunds and sixteen semi-circular bunds will be constructed to serve as water harvesting features. Each bund will be comprised of a bund berm with riprap-lined tips and an excavated bund borrow area. The tips of each bund will be riprap lined to prevent erosion. Temporary access paths will be constructed to provide access between the bund features.

Access roads will be constructed to provide access from off-site as well as throughout the site. Within the central part of the Project area, the permanent access roads will serve as water control berms and also contain various public access features. Water control berms will be constructed on-site and would overlap with segments of the permanent access roads. The water control berms would also include water control structures, armored weirs, and erodible dips.

In addition to restoration-specific features, various public access features will be constructed: the Bombay Beach Construction Staging Area (future Public Parking Area and Trailhead), laydown areas, the Niland Marina Construction Staging Area, and the Wildlife Viewing Overlook Area.

The Project is expected to enhance approximately 42.37 net acres of existing freshwater wetlands and create (establish) an additional 5.25 net acres of new freshwater wetlands. Furthermore, the Project is expected to enhance approximately 13.24 acres of vegetated upland habitat on the exposed lakebed areas adjacent to the existing wetlands. 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.

Anticipated Project Start and End Dates:

August 2026 – November 2028

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

Letter of Permission. File Number SPL-2024-00030

Public Comment Period:

April 7, 2026-April 28, 2026

Action:

Pending

Water Board Contact:

Logan Raub, Senior Environmental Scientist
(760) 776-8966

Logan.Raub@waterboards.ca.gov