STATE OF NEVADA



Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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Notice of Request for Section 401 Water Quality Certification Action - Bureau of Water Quality Planning

Web Posting: 9/23/2025

Deadline for Comments: 10/23/2025

Laughlin Boat Ramp Extension Phase II Clark County

Himes Consulting, LLC 3301 West Genoa Way Chandler, AZ 85226

Certification Action Number NV-401-25-021

The purpose of this project is to extend an existing boat launch ramp within the Colorado River in Laughlin, Clark County, Nevada. To ensure safe launching of watercraft at the project site an additional eight feet of concrete panels would be installed, followed by eight feet of EnviroGrid geocells filled with gravel. Riprap located at the toe of the existing ramp would be removed, the substrate would be prepared, and six-inch thick precast panels would be placed atop six inches of gravel and affixed to the existing upper ramp panels using hook and eye methods or corrosion-resistant hardware. EnviroGrid geocells would be placed with temporary staking and then filled with six inches of gravel at the waterward end of the precast concrete panels. The project proponent has requested certification for the use of Nationwide Permit 3 (Maintenance) administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A 401 certification (or a waiver of certification) is required for any federal license or permit that authorizes activities that may result in any discharge into waters of the United States. Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is in receipt of a complete request for certification in compliance with Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification regulations which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency promulgated in 2023, codified as 40 CFR 121.

The Administrator is evaluating whether the proposed activity will comply with applicable water quality requirements. Certification actions are valid for the duration of the federal license or permit (typically five years). Any conditions contained within the certification action become a condition of the federal license or permit.

Persons wishing to comment on the application for consideration by the Administrator in making a determination regarding the certification action should submit their comments or request a hearing in writing, emailed no later than 5:00 P.M. on 10/23/2025:

Bureau of Water Quality Planning 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249 ndep401@ndep.nv.gov

The request for a hearing must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All water quality-related comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final certification action regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

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The applications, proposed permits, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Zachary Carter, Bureau of Water Quality Planning, at (775) 687-9456 or ndep401@ndep.nv.gov. The public notice for this project can be viewed at the following website: https://ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/water.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons interested in this matter.