STATE OF NEVADA



Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Brian Sandoval, Governor Bradley Crowell, Director Greg Lovato, Administrator

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Mr. Michael S. Jewell Chief, Regulatory Division U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) Sacramento District 1325 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Jewell,

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) reissues 401 Certification (NV401-18-020) for the Regional General Permit 8 (SPK-1997-00652) for Emergency Repair and Protection Activities. This Regional General Permit (RGP) authorizes fill activities in waters of the U.S. for necessary repair and protection measures associated with *emergency situations which would result in an unacceptable hazard to life, a significant loss of property, or an immediate, unforeseen and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a Department of the Army permit is not undertaken within a time period less that the normal time to process the application under standard procedures.*

Activities authorized under this RGP include, but are not limited to, bank stabilization, restoration of damaged areas, repair of existing wastewater systems or pipelines, irrigation pumps or intakes, roads and bridges. Prior to beginning any activity authorized by this RGP, NDEP must receive notification. Initial contact may be via phone followed by an email which provides contact information of the applicant or agent, project location and description of work needed to rectify emergency. Any modifications to the original 401 notification must be reviewed and approved by this office prior to implementation.

Photographs which document conditions before, during and after construction should be submitted to the Bureau of Water Quality Planning (BWQP) after project completion and must include best management practices (BMPs) used to prevent erosion, control sediment and protect water quality. Photos taken at each stage of the project should be documented using the same locations, camera position, view angles and zoom. If natural materials such as mulch or straw bales are selected as BMPs they should be certified as weed free. Authorized activities should not contribute to any long term instability and have only minimal environmental impacts.

All conditions of Temporary Authorization to Discharge (Working in Waterways permit), or other permits issued by NDEP for the project, must be followed. A copy of the Final Report submitted to the Bureau of Water Pollution Control (BWPC) for the temporary permit will satisfy BWQP's reporting requirement after project completion.

This Section 401 Water Quality Certification is subject to the acquisition of all necessary local, regional, state and federal permits and approvals as required by law. Failure to meet any conditions of this Certification, any other permit required by NDEP for this project or any violation of NAC 445A (http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NAC/NAC-445A.html#NAC445ASec11704) may result in the revocation of this 401 Water Quality Certification.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email at jstone@ndep.nv.gov or at (775) 687-9456.

Sincerely yours,

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