



Public Notice

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Comments Due: May 4, 2001

**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Sacramento District
1325 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-2922

In reply, please refer to the Public Notice Number

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

SUBJECT: Application for a Department of the Army permit under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and for water quality certification under Section 401 of the CWA to discharge fill material in connection with the construction of a boat harbor in the Great Salt Lake, as shown in the attached drawings.

APPLICANT: Golden West Artemia Inc.
Glen Mecham, Agent
P.O. Box 3190
Ogden, Utah 84409

LOCATION: The project is located on the southern-most tip of Promontory Point in the Great Salt Lake within Sections 32 and 33, Township 6 North, Range 5 West, Box Elder County, Utah.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the project is to provide private, commercial access to the Great Salt Lake. The harbor would protect the Golden West Artemia Inc.'s boats from wind and waves. The boats are used for harvesting artemia cysts (brine shrimp eggs) during the annual harvest season.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to construct a boat harbor by discharging approximately 7,000 cubic yards of fill material into the Great Salt Lake. The material will be transported from a quarry located near the project site. The approximate dimensions of the dikes would be 350 and 230 foot long, 10 feet high, with a 14 foot top width and 32 foot bottom width, with 1:1 side slopes. The harbor also includes a wall built for unloading and boat slips with a pier made from lumber. Approximately 2.3 acres will be enclosed within the harbor.

AREA DESCRIPTION: The project is located at the southern-most tip of Promontory Point. There is a lumber operation/saw mill located on the upland site to north and a small harbor to the east of the project site. The work will take place in open water. The project would impact unvegetated beach and open water of the Great Salt Lake.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Certification that the proposed work, if permitted, will not violate applicable water quality standards has been requested from the Utah Bureau of Water Pollution Control. For further information, please contact Glen Mecham or Mike Swenson with Golden West Artemia Inc., telephone (801) 990-3335, or Mr. Anthony Vigil of the Utah Regulatory Office, 1403 South 600 West, Suite A, Bountiful, Utah 84010, telephone (801) 295-8380, extension 15, or email avigil@spk.usace.army.mil.

The latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places and its monthly supplements have been reviewed and there are no places either listed or recommended as eligible which would be affected. No further cultural resources review is warranted because the permit area has been extensively modified by previous work. This activity would not affect any threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat. The District Engineer has made this determination based on information provided by the applicant and on the Corps' preliminary investigation.

Certification for this project according to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act has been requested from the Utah Division of Water Quality. The Utah Division of Water Quality intends to issue certification, provided that the proposed work will not violate applicable water quality standards. Projects are usually certified where the project may create diffuse sources (nonpoint sources) of wastes which will occur only during the actual construction activity, and where best management practices will be employed to minimize pollution effects. Written comments on water quality certification should be submitted to Mr. William O. Moellmer, Utah Division of Water Quality, 288 N. 1460 West, P. O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870, on or before **May 4, 2001**.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on or before **May 4, 2001**. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Written comments should reference Public Notice No. 200150050 and be mailed to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Utah Regulatory Office, Attn: Anthony Vigil, 1403 South 600 West, Suite A, Bountiful, UT 84010, or emailed to *avigil.spk.usace.army.mil*.

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Enclosures: 3 Drawings