
**Public Notice of Application for
Water Quality Certification for Federal Highway Administration's
Mojave National Preserve Road Repairs (Project)**

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program
Date Posted: June 6, 2023

Affected Counties: San Bernardino

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Water Quality Certification Program.

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff are proposing to regulate this Project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. **Staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this notice (June 6, 2023) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period (June 27, 2023).** To submit comments, or if you have questions, please contact the State Water Board staff person listed below.

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Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in this public notice.

Project Name: Mojave National Preserve Road Repairs

(Reg. Meas. ID: 452786 and SWRCB ID: SB23032IN)

Background: On May 23, 2023, the Federal Highway Administration submitted an application for Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for the Mojave National Preserve Road Repairs (Project).

Project Description: The Federal Highway Administration, Central Federal Lands Highway Division, in coordination with the National Park Service, Mojave National Preserve, is proposing storm repairs along approximately two (2) miles of Kelbaker Road, Black Canyon Road, and Essex Road in San Bernardino County, California. These repairs are planned to start in the Summer/Fall 2023 and take four to six (4 to 6) months to complete.

The proposed repairs consist of thirty-three (33) acres of road embankments, stabilization, low water crossing re-enforcement, and culvert replacements. Proposed activities involve the removal of debris from road sections and streams, and the replacement of road fill and drainage structures in the original footprint of the road. Project impacts to waters of the state are proposed to total 0.053 acre of temporary impact and 0.036 acre of permanent impact.

A Certification or Denial will be prepared by the State Water Board for Mojave National Preserve Road Repairs in response to this application.

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Date of Application Submittal: May 23, 2023

Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Board has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple Regional Water Board jurisdictions.

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http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/index.shtml

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