



Notice that the New Mexico Environment Department, Surface Water Quality Bureau is Reviewing the Village of Ruidoso Hazard Mitigation and Stabilization for Sewer Lines Project SPA-2018-00034-ABQ for the Purpose of Preparing a State Certification or Denial Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, and Opportunity for Public Comment

Pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 404 (CWA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is in the process of evaluating an Individual Permit application for the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, Hazard Mitigation and Stabilization for Sewer Lines Project, SPA-2018-00034-ABQ, affecting the Rio Ruidoso. The purpose of the permit is to authorize discharges of dredged or fill material into Waters of the United States for project work to mitigate future hazards from major storm events by protecting the sanitary sewer line from river erosion, degradation, and lateral meander. Project work would include excavation of the river and adjacent areas downstream of the sewer line river crossings and along the banks of the Rio Ruidoso. New sewer line sections, manholes, and encasement would be installed, as well as scour walls, new sewer line encasements, grouted boulder grade control structures, dumped river rock/boulder channels, grouted boulder bank protection, and other bank protection. The project also involves replacing and re-routing selected segments of the sanitary sewer line and related manholes to mitigate flood damage. The project incorporates stream bank restoration and the reseeding and planting of disturbed areas after construction.

More information on SPA-2018-00034-ABQ is available at:

<https://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/Public-Notices/>.

This Notice serves to notify the public that the New Mexico Environment Department (Department), Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) will consider issuing certification under Section 401 of the CWA. The purpose of certification is to reasonably ensure that the permitted activities will comply with applicable New Mexico water quality standards, including the anti-degradation policy, and the statewide water quality management plan. This Notice is also posted on the SWQB website at <https://www.env.nm.gov/surface-water-quality/public-notices/>.

The Department will accept written comments regarding the state certification of the draft permit until 5:00 p.m. MDT on July 12, 2019. The Department will consider all comments timely received in its preparation of the state certification. Comments may be submitted electronically or by hard copy to:

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