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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE TO ISSUE A §401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to declare the State of Utah's intention to issue a §401 Water Quality Certification with Conditions under the authority of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341), and consistent is with the Utah Water Quality Act, Title 19, Chapter 5, Utah Code Ann. 1953, as amended and Utah Administrative Code R317-15.

PERMIT INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME: Washington County Water Conservancy District
MAILING ADDRESS: 533 E. Waterworks Dr., St. George, UT 84770
PROJECT LOCATION: Latitude: 37.397°, Longitude: -113.2384°
DWQ CERTIFICATION NO.: DWQ-2020-03001
WATERCOURSES: Ash Creek, Leave Creek, South Ash Creek, Dry Sandy, & Wet Sandy

BACKGROUND

The applicant is proposing to construct the Toquer Reservoir, install four water transmission pipelines, and reconstruct the South Ash Creek Diversion Structure. The majority of the proposed project is located on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property. The proposed reservoir would have an inundation surface area of 115 acres with a capacity of 3,638 acre-feet. A 12-acre recreation area would be constructed on the southwest side that would include a primitive campground, parking lot, boat ramp, restroom, group pavilion, and interpretive kiosks. The reservoir would permanently impact 6,703 linear feet of two ephemeral channels from the dam footprint and the inundation of these channels. The project would also include four water transmission pipelines that would distribute water between the existing Ash Creek Reservoir and the proposed Toquer Reservoir, and existing regulating ponds. These pipelines would involve 10 channel crossings and construction disturbance to Ash Creek where the main pipeline would run parallel. The water pipelines would be installed using the trench and backfill method to a minimum depth of 8 feet with riprap placed to a minimum depth of 3 feet on the downstream side to protect the pipe from scouring.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on **May 18, 2020**. Written public comments can be submitted to: Leanna Littler, UPDES Surface Water Section, Utah Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: lnlittler@utah.gov. After considering public comment the Utah Division of Water Quality may execute the Certification issuance, revise it or abandon it. The permit is available for public review under <https://deq.utah.gov/water-quality/water-quality-public-notice>. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Leanna Littler at 801-536-4397.

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