



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

The Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) in Sections NAC 445A.6758 to 445A.67612, inclusive, outlines the environmental review procedures to be followed by the Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In accordance with NAC 445A.67581, NDEP has determined that the applicant has previously completed an environmental review that substantially complies with the provisions of NAC 445A.6758 to 445A.67612, inclusive. The project, if approved, will utilize funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Project Name: Mogul Bypass

Project No.: No. 32 ARRA Funds Year 2009 Priority List

Applicant: Truckee Meadows Water Authority

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$2 million

In April 2008, an earthquake destroyed a flume section of the Highland Canal adjacent to the Mogul subdivision just west of Reno. Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) proposes to construct the Mogul Bypass Pipeline which will reroute and restore water supply through a pipe in a new alignment south of the Mogul area. The pipeline will consist of approximately 9,800 linear feet, of which 8,400 linear feet is 69-inch diameter mortar lined and coated steel pipe. Since the project includes the placement of fill in Waters of the United States, a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is required. As part of the ACOE 404 permit process, formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) was initiated and completed. The USFWS Biological Opinion contained mandatory terms and conditions which were incorporated into the ACOE 404 permit. Since consultation with the USFWS has been completed and the 404 permit has been issued, no further environmental review is necessary and the project is eligible for a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

A Cultural Resources Survey of the construction site has been completed by Kautz Environmental Consultants. This Survey recommended that no further management consideration is required regarding the cultural resources observed within the project area prior to implementation of the project. Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office for compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act has been initiated.

Documentation to support these conclusions is available for public examination at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada.

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