



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice

Categorical Exclusion 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 these procedures, NDEP has determined that the project described below is eligible for Categorical Exclusion and may be exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements. The project, if approved, will utilize funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Project Name: Energy Audit and Implementation

Project No.: No. 34 ARRA Funds Year 2009 Priority List

Applicant: Southern Nevada Water Authority

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$2.75 million

The project includes two phases: Phase 1 is a facility audit of the Alfred Merritt Smith and River Mountain Water treatment facilities to identify improvements that will yield energy, water, gas and other conservation benefits. This three month process will include a cost-benefit analysis to ensure that loan funding is applied toward the most beneficial facility improvements. Phase II is implementation those actions that provide the highest value, both in terms of conservation and cost.

The project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion because all of the work will be conducted within existing facilities and is unlikely to have a negative effect on the quality of the environment.

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.

Comments for consideration on this proposed decision must be submitted by August 31, 2009 to:

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Comments may be submitted by FAX to (775) 687-9510 or by e-mail to abasham@ndep.nv.gov. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Adele Basham at (775) 687-9488.