

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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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.

Project Name: Glendale Diversion

Project No.: No. 62 Year 2010 Priority List

Applicant: Truckee Meadows Water Authority

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$8.5 million

TMWA is seeking a loan for \$8.5 million from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to revamp the intake structure for the Glendale Water Treatment Plant. The existing intake structure for the Glendale Plant is essentially a pile of rock and rubble in the Truckee River that backs up water just upstream of the plant. The proposed project entails the reconstruction of the existing diversion and intake structure to TMWA's Glendale Water Treatment Facility. Elements of the project include the following:

- 1. removal of rock-rubble structure in the river
- 2. construction of a low profile weir with roughened channel, a pool and shoot fish-way and boat-way.
- 3. new intake channel, new fish screens and fish return

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.

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 April 21, 2010 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.