

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT
UNDER UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TREATED WATER PIPELINE
AND RELATED FACILITIES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NEVADA DIVISION OF STATE PARKS ("NDSP") will file an Application with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") for a Permit Under the Utility Environmental Protection Act ("UEPA") to allow NDSP to construct a treated water pipeline and related facilities to extend water service to the Nevada portion of the proposed Van Sickle Bi-State Park, which treated water pipeline upon completion of construction will be dedicated to Edgewood Water Company, a public utility which provides water service at Stateline, Nevada ("Edgewood"). Public fire protection water service will also be provided by Edgewood to the California portion of the Van Sickle Bi-State Park through the same treated water pipeline. The portion of the treated water pipeline located in California has already been constructed by NDSP.

The Van Sickle Bi-State Park is located at Lake Tahoe's south shore, less than a mile from Highway 50, and situated just east and upslope from the Heavenly Village complex, the Stateline, Nevada casino core, and underneath the gondola's path to the top of Heavenly Ski Resort. The project area in Nevada encompasses 262 acres. The portion of the Van Sickle Bi-State Park in Nevada is within portions of the SE 1/4 of Section 27, the SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 of Section 26, and the NW 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of Section 35, T. 13 N., R. 18 E., M.D.M.

The treated water pipeline will extend from Edgewood's water storage facility, which is located approximately one mile east of the shoreline of Lake Tahoe at an approximate elevation of 6,497 feet above sea level, southeast for a short distance, on Edgewood property, before entering the northwest portion of Van Sickle Bi-State Park in Nevada.

Among other improvements for the Van Sickle Bi-State Park, NDSP will construct an engineered, paved, main public access road, beginning in California with an entrance from Montreal Road / Lakeview Parkway at the junction of Heavenly Village Way, and terminating at a Nevada trailhead for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians in the northwestern portion of the Nevada area of the Bi-State Park and a non-public access road from the Nevada trailhead to Edgewood's water tank facilities. Public fire hydrants will be spaced along the main public access road from and including the Nevada trailhead and into California. Approximately seven (7) fire hydrant hookups and related connections will be located along the main treated water pipeline, adjacent to the pipeline and to the planned access roadways.

The path of the proposed Edgewood treated water pipeline will join the planned access roads shortly after entering onto Van Sickle Bi-State Park lands in Nevada. The pipeline will then continue through the Bi-State Park under the access roads to the Nevada-California state line.

The treated water pipeline and related facilities are but a small part of the overall project. Due to the overall project's proximity to an urbanized area and existing disturbance within the

overall project site from undesignated trail use and unimproved maintenance roadways, the overall project is not expected to: reduce the habitat of fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, or reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal. The overall project will result in the removal of some existing trees. However, all applicable regulations, plans, and standards, such as TRPA Code Section 71.2.A, will be followed in the removal of the trees. The removal of trees will not change the diversity of the stand, nor impact the distribution of species. Instead, the removal should improve the health of the residual stand. The overall project will result in a moderate amount of excavation activities that could unearth historic, archaeological or paleontological resources. However, if buried resources are discovered, the NDSP will implement procedures to ensure that all potential impacts are less than significant.

The overall project does not involve any activities during construction or operations that are expected to cause adverse effects on human beings. Temporary adverse effects, such as increased air emission levels during construction, can be reduced to a less than significant level through the implementation of BMPs. Therefore, the overall project is not expected to have the potential to directly or indirectly cause any adverse effects on human beings.

The overall project will have no substantial adverse impacts on scenic vistas, or scenic resources; it will not degrade the visual quality of the area; no portion of the overall project can be seen from any state or federal highway or any public recreation area. The overall project will not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements, or otherwise substantially degrade water quality. Any short-term discharges related to grading associated with construction will be mitigated through implementation of BMPs.