



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.

Project Name: North South Transmission Main

Project No.: No. 7 Year 2011 Priority List

Applicant: Carson City

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$21.9 million

Through interlocal agreements, Carson City will receive Carson City owned water from the Town of Minden, piped through Douglas County to an intertie point at the south end of Carson City. The water from the Town of Minden will be used to blend with high uranium water from wells on the west side of town by constructing blending pipelines from the southern border of Carson City north to the intersection of Fairview Drive and Fifth Street and then from the intersection of Butti Way and Airport Road to the west and continuing on to the Quill Water Treatment Plant. Included in the project will be a booster pump station to move the water and storage tank.

The project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion because it is unlikely to have a negative effect on the quality of the environment. The water transmission lines will be constructed in existing road right of ways on already disturbed land. A small portion of the transmission line crosses open land. The open land portion is not within the flood plain, does not contain wetlands and is adjacent to a completely developed land. The booster station and storage tank are also being constructed on already disturbed land. Best management practices will be utilized during construction. The project will have a beneficial effect by ensuring the customers receive water that is safe to drink. Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office has been initiated. Compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will occur before construction begins.

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 October 18, 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.