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Clearinghouse Coordinator
Department of Administration
Budget Division - State Clearinghouse
209 E. Musser, Room 200
Carson City, NV 89701

Subject: Truckee Canal Fernley Reach Turnouts Rehabilitation Project

Dear Coordinator:

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our agencies, this is to notify you that the USDA - Rural Development has been contacted for financial assistance from Truckee Carson Irrigation District. The proposed undertaking would repair, remove or relocate 31 turnouts on a portion of the Truckee Canal, a feature of Reclamation's Newlands Project near Fernley, Nevada within Storey and Lyon Counties. On those where the turnout structure will be replaced, the existing structure and any associated pipes would be removed and a new concrete structure poured in place. Pipes would be installed on the back of the structure, the excavated area will be refilled and re-compacted, and the embankment will be re-contoured. The area will not be re-seeded. On those turnouts where the existing structure will be permanently removed, the excavated area will be refilled and re-compacted, and the embankment will be re-contoured. The area will not be re-seeded. Turnout structures for stock water will be removed and restored as described above but will be relocated to a nearby turnout that has been replaced as described above. At the TC-8, (ID:24) the existing structures, including a headgate, check structure and a 36 inch corrugated pipe would be removed. The old lateral adjacent to the canal will be filled in. A new turnout will be constructed approximately one quarter mile east of the old turnout. The rehabilitation project would involve the use of four contracted teams working in different areas. These teams will be able to stage construction equipment on the canal embankment itself, with the exception of the team working the west end of the project. This team will stage at the site of the old Fernley ditch-rider house. The only road closure will be "Canal Road", along the canal between Highway 95 Alt and Miller Lane. This section will be closed to the public during construction. On October 25, 2011, the Bureau of Reclamation has determined this project to be a Categorical Exclusion. The proposed project area is previously disturbed.

In addition, the District has identified a disposal area that is withdrawn land held by Reclamation for the Newlands Project. The site has historically been the location where the District has placed spoil, or utilized materials for fill along the embankments of the canal. For this project, the contractor will be creating the embankment materials in their own gravel pits in the area.

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Attached are maps and photos showing the location of the proposed project area.

Unless the Clearinghouse Coordinator advises us otherwise, within 30 days of this notice, we will assume that the final Clearinghouse comments will not be forthcoming and, therefore, the State Clearinghouse responsibilities of USDA - Rural Development will have been satisfied.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at 775-887-1222, ext. 114 or by e-mail at Lisa.Goodfellow@nv.usda.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachments