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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 these procedures, NDEP intends to issue a finding of no significant impact for the Verdi Business Park water project. The project, if approved, will utilize funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund.

Project Name: Consolidation with Truckee Meadows Water Authority

Project No.: 18 - Year 2012 Priority List

Applicant: Verdi Business Park Water Cooperative

Total Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$635,200

The proposed project is to provide safe drinking water to businesses in the Verdi Business Park through consolidation of the existing Verdi Business Park (VBP) water system with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) water system. The most cost effective project includes two connections to existing TMWA infrastructure: 1) connecting the VBP water system via 1,300 lineal feet of main from the existing VBP tanks to an existing TMWA 10-inch ductile iron high pressure main located a Bennetts Court and 2) connecting the VBP system to the TMWA system at the 12-inch ductile iron water main at the new roundabout at Highway 40 and Somerset Ridge Parkway.

Specific activities to construct this proposed project that may constitute an environmental disturbance include excavation and grading for the intertie at Bennetts Court. NDEP assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the human environment and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The basis of this determination is that no floodplains, wetlands, sensitive species, cultural resources, waterways or important farmlands will be affected by this project. The new, inter-tie water lines will be installed in public rights-of-way and private lands. This project is eligible for a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) because it is unlikely to have a negative effect on the quality of the environment.

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office reviewed the project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996 and consulted the online statewide archaeological inventory. According to these records, the project area has been inventoried for cultural resources, no previously recorded resources are in the proposed project area and no additional cultural resource inventories are recommended. 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.

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 February 10, 2012 to:

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Comments may be submitted by FAX to (775) 687-9510 or by e-mail to mstamate@ndep.nv.gov. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Michelle Stamatēs at (775) 687-9331.

