



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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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 Walker Lake well project. The project will utilize funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Project Name: New Municipal Well

Project No.: No. 55 ARRA Funds Year 2009 Priority List

Applicant: Walker Lake General Improvement District

Total Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$530,671

The community of Walker Lake is on the west shore of Walker Lake, about 12 miles north of Hawthorne and 120 miles south of Reno on US 95. The drinking water wells in the community have had a history of sanding. As Walker Lake's water surface elevation continues to decline, both water quality and water quantity of the drinking water wells appear to be declining. The proposed project included groundwater resource exploration. The outcome of the exploration was successful, and a production well was drilled and constructed. This phase of the project will equip the well and connect it to the water system.

The project is eligible for a Finding of No Significant Impact because it is unlikely to have a negative effect on the quality of the environment. The sites for the new pipeline and well house are already disturbed. 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 May 10th, 2013 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 Stamates at (775) 687-9331.