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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

Proposed Changes to Nevada Surface Water Quality Standards

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The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Quality Planning (NDEP-BWQP) is proposing modifications to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) removing waterbodies or portions of waterbodies in the NAC pertaining to State Water Quality Standards on Federal Indian Reservations.

Workshops will be held at the locations at the dates and times indicated below. The workshops will consist of brief presentations by NDEP-BWQP followed by a question and answer period. The purpose of the workshops is to solicit public comments on the proposed revisions to the Nevada surface water quality regulations. No items will be voted on and no actions will be taken.

Carson City	Las Vegas	Elko
August 19, 2013 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Department of Conservation & Natural Resources Richard H. Bryan State Office Building 901 South Stewart Street Multipurpose Room, 1 st Floor Carson City, Nevada 89701	August 26, 2013 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Clark County Wetlands Park Nature Center 7050 E. Wetlands Park Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89122	August 29, 2013 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Elko County Library Meeting Room 720 Court Street Elko, Nevada 89801

Following the workshops, NDEP-BWQP will incorporate any pertinent changes to the petition and the proposed revisions to the surface water quality regulations will be considered for adoption by the State Environmental Commission at a public hearing. The date and place of that hearing will be announced at a later date (anticipated December 2013).

The petition will be presented and discussed at each of the workshops. Below is a brief description of the petition. Additional information for each petition is available under Water Quality Planning online at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

PETITION: Changes to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) removing sections of the NAC pertaining to State water quality standards on Federal Indian Reservations

The workshops will discuss proposed changes to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) removing waterbodies or portions of waterbodies in the NAC pertaining to State Surface Water Quality Standards on Federal Indian Reservations. During the 1970's, when Nevada was establishing its water quality standards, Nevada set standards on several Federal Indian Reservations. In 1983, the Federal government established a federal Indian policy to treat Tribal governments on a government-to-government basis, and to support the principle of self-determination and local decision making by Indian

Tribes. Section 518(e) of Clean Water Act (CWA) was added as part of the 1987 Amendments. This section authorizes the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to treat federally recognized Indian Tribes in a similar manner as states for certain provisions of the CWA, including the water quality standards program.

Changes will be made to the following NACs to exclude length(s) of the waterbodies within the exterior borders of Federal Indian Reservations.

- NAC 445A.120 – Applicability
- NAC 445A.1296 – Black Rock Region: Mahogany Creek
- NAC 445A.1464 – Humboldt Region: Humboldt River, South Fork and tributaries at Lee
- NAC 445A.1466 – Humboldt Region: Humboldt River, South Fork at the Humboldt River
- NAC 445A.1556 – Humboldt Region: Reese Creek at Indian Creek
- NAC 445A.1558 – Humboldt Region: Reese River at State Route 722
- NAC 445A.1694 – Truckee Region: Truckee River at the Wadsworth Gage
- NAC 445A.1804 – Carson Region: Carson River, East Fork at U.S. Highway 395 south of Gardnerville
- NAC 445A.1806 – Carson Region: Carson River, East Fork at Muller Lane
- NAC 445A.1812 – Carson Region: Carson River at Cradlebaugh Bridge
- NAC 445A.1836 – Carson Region: Clear Creek at the gaging station
- NAC 445A.1838 – Carson Region: Clear Creek at the Carson River
- NAC 445A.1906 – Walker Region: Walker River at the inlet to Weber Reservoir
- NAC 445A.1908 – Walker Region: Walker River at Schurz Bridge
- NAC 445A.2146 – Colorado Region: Colorado River below Davis Dam

The following NACs will be removed because they are entirely within exterior borders of Federal Indian Reservations:

- NAC 445A.1294 – Black Rock Region: Summit Lake
- NAC 445A.16965 – Truckee Region: Truckee River at Pyramid Lake
- NAC 445A.1924 – Walker Region: Weber Reservoir

No changes to the criteria are proposed.

Written comments to the proposed petitions will be accepted by NDEP until **September 18, 2013**. NDEP will incorporate any pertinent changes to the petitions and the proposed revisions to the water quality standards will then be considered for adoption by the State Environmental Commission.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations or assistance, or persons unable to attend these workshops, but desiring information on the regulation changes, please contact:

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