



# 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 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 a categorical exclusion and may be exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements.

Project Name: Water System Improvements Project – Phase 1

Project No.: #28 - Year 2015 Priority List

Applicant: Esmeralda County for the Goldfield Utilities

Total Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$500,000

Goldfield Utilities serves the Town of Goldfield. The Phase 1 project includes the following improvements:

- Booster Station #1 will be replaced with a new facility that will include: construction of a new pump house (including HVAC) on the existing easement; installation of two 300 GPM booster pumps including mechanical piping and valves; installation of a precast concrete flow meter vault, flow meter, and site piping and valves; construction of a 20,000-gallon, bolted-steel tank (pump suction forebay); site grading, drainage, and access/fencing improvements; new electrical system, telemetry, controls, and SCADA; and removal of the existing facilities.
- Rehabilitation work at Klondike Well #1 will include: video inspection of the well casing and screen before and after cleaning and flushing; installation of a new pump and motor, mechanical piping, valves, and fittings; and electrical system, telemetry, controls, and SCADA improvements.
- Klondike Well #2 improvements are limited to electrical system, telemetry, controls, and SCADA improvements that will add VFD control to the well pumping operation.

The existing utilities lie on public lands that have been granted easements by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BLM recently determined that the proposed project will not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and is eligible for a categorical exclusion. The BLM has granted an amended right-of-way for the Utility's existing easements that allows the Utility to do the Phase 1 improvements. The NACs allow NDEP to utilize an environmental review conducted by another agency as long as the review complies with NDEP's environmental requirements. NDEP concurs with the BLM's determination and no further environmental review is recommended. The project is eligible for a categorical exclusion under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Documentation to support this conclusion 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 March 6, 2015 to: Michelle Stamates, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701-5405. Comments may be submitted by FAX to (775) 687-9510 or by e-mail to [mstamate@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:mstamate@ndep.nv.gov). Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Michelle Stamates at (775) 687-9331.