



Public Notice

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT 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) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Project Name: Silver Springs Deodar Well Replacement

Project No.: 30 on the SFY-2015 Priority List

Applicant: Silver Springs Mutual Water Company

Estimated DWSRF Assistance: \$500,000

The DWSRF funds will be used for hydrogeologic testing and exploratory drilling prior to drilling and constructing a new municipal well at the existing Deodar Well site. The old Deodar Well will be abandoned per NAC Chapter 534. Best management practices will be utilized during construction.

The NACs allow NDEP to utilize an environmental review conducted by another agency as long as the review complies with NDEP's environmental requirements. In accordance with NAC 445A.67581, NDEP determined that the applicant completed an environmental report (ER) for the proposed project. An environmental assessment of this project along with additional project elements was conducted by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a condition of the funding they provided to the Silver Springs Mutual Water Company in February 2013. The USDA conducted their review of the ER and consulted with federal, state, and local environmental regulatory and natural resource agencies, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, and local tribes. Based on the information and comments received, the USDA determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the human environment and issued a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). NDEP reviewed the ER and the USDA environmental assessment and concurs with the determinations of the USDA. No further environmental review is recommended and the project is eligible for a FONSI under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

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 concurrence with the USDA findings must be submitted by September 21, 2015 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. The process of environmental review shall be deemed to be complete if no comments that the NDEP determines to be significant are received within the time allowed for public comment.