



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 Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The project outlined below will utilize funds from the DWSRF.

Project Name: Water System Improvements Project – Phase 2 – Booster Station #2 Replacement

Project No.: #15 - Year 2017 Priority List

Applicant: Esmeralda County for the Goldfield Utilities

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

The Goldfield water system serves the Town of Goldfield. The Phase 2 project includes the following improvements:

- Booster Station #2 will be replaced with a new facility that will include: construction of a new pump house; 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.

The existing booster pump station and appurtenances are constructed on public lands that have been granted an easement by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BLM conducted an environmental review and 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 Goldfield's existing easement that allows the construction of the Phase 2 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 will have a beneficial effect by ensuring the customers receive water that is safe to drink. Best management practices will be utilized during construction, and the County will abide by all BLM stipulations to the right-of-way/categorical exclusion.

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 July 18, 2016 to: Michelle Stamates, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701-5405. Comments may also 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.