



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) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. In accordance with these procedures, NDEP intends to issue a categorical exclusion for the Gerlach General Improvement District (District) water project. The project will utilize funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF).

Project Name: Raw Water Storage Tank Replacement

Project No.: 46 - Year 2018 Priority List

Applicant: Gerlach General Improvement District

Total Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$400,000

Gerlach is an unincorporated community in Washoe County located approximately 108 miles northeast of Reno. The proposed project will replace the existing 150,000-gallon, redwood, raw water tank with a new 105,000-gallon, welded steel tank. The existing tank is located on parcel #071-220-29 (T32, R23, Section 16 & 17) and is owned by the District. The existing, redwood tank was moved to Gerlach from Crescent City, CA in 1977 and has been in service for approximately 40 years. The tank leaks profusely and has created a continuous water issue in the area.

NDEP determined that the project is eligible for a categorical exclusion under NAC 445A.67583 (2) (b), replacement of equipment or structures, and may be exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements. The project is also eligible for a categorical exclusion under NAC 445A.67583 (2) (e) because there is sufficient evidence that a significant effect on the quality of the environment is unlikely. 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.

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 June 15, 2017 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.