



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## Public Notice

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

The Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) in Sections NAC 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 change of scope to the Cave Rock/Skyland water project described below is eligible for a Finding of No Significant Impact.

Applicant: Douglas County Cave Rock/Skyland Water System  
Project Name: Drinking Water System Capital Improvement Project  
Project No.: No. 43, 2008 Priority List  
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$3.5 million

In 2008, NDEP entered into a loan contract with Douglas County to fund a variety of improvements to the Cave Rock/Skyland water system located at Lake Tahoe. The project did not include any modifications to the lake intake pumps. Recently, one of the three lake intake pumps failed. Douglas County has requested a modification to the original scope of work for the Cave Rock/Skyland project to include moving the pumps out of the lake and installing them in an existing building that is located on the beach.

This work can be accomplished under an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Douglas County and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA). Section II.H.2 of the MOU includes *"repair or replacement of existing water intake lines, vertical wells, horizontal wells, and infiltration galleries with facilities of similar type and function, and no increase in size or capacity"*. Since Douglas County will be required to comply with Best Management Practices and the TRPA Code of Ordinances, including the use of turbidity/silt curtain for work within the lake, the project is unlikely to have a negative impact on the environment. Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office has been initiated. Compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will occur before construction begins.

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 25, 2009 to:

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