



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Jim Gibbons, Governor

Allen Biaggi, Director

Leo M. Drozdoff, P.E., Administrator

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 intends to issue a finding of no significant impact for the Topaz Lake Water Company water project. The project, if approved, will utilize funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Project Name: Arsenic Treatment

Project No.: No. 7 ARRA Funds Year 2009 Priority List

Applicant: Topaz Lake Water Company

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$770,800

The service area of Topaz Lake Water Company encompasses approximately 40 acres and is situated between US Highway 395 and the west shore of Topaz Lake. The proposed project is necessary to bring the Topaz Lake Water Company into compliance with the drinking water standard for arsenic. The project consists of a water treatment facility that will remove arsenic and installation of water mains to bring raw water from the wells to the treatment location. An existing building will be expanded to house the treatment facility.

The project is eligible for a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) because it is unlikely to have a negative effect on the quality of the environment. The transmission line will be installed in previously disturbed areas and in existing utility rights of way. The building for the treatment facility is also located in an area that has been previously disturbed. Best management practices will be utilized during construction. The project will have a beneficial effect by ensuring the customers receive water that is safe to drink. 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 June 12, 2009 to:

Adele Basham
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 abasham@ndep.nv.gov. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Adele Basham at (775) 687-9488.