



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

The Nevada Administrative Code 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 (GID) water project. The project will utilize funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund.

Project Name: Replacement of Service Saddles

Project No.: 34 - Year 2014 Priority List

Applicant: Gerlach General Improvement District

Total Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$434,640

The community of Gerlach is located approximately 105 miles north of Reno. All cast iron service saddles in the Gerlach General Improvement District (GID) will be replaced. The GID has approximately 120 cast iron service saddles that were installed approximately 25 years ago. It appears that soil analyses were not done when the system was originally constructed. The corrosive soils in the area have oxidized and damaged the saddles to the point where they are failing and leaking excessively. Depending on material availability, bronze, stainless, or plastic would be suitable materials for the saddle replacements. All work will be done within the existing service area.

NDEP assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and determined that the project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion because it is unlikely to have a negative effect on the quality of the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The project will have a beneficial effect by ensuring the customers receive water that is safe to drink.

Compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will occur before construction begins. 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 March 14, 2014 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.