



# STATE OF NEVADA

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## **Public Notice**

### Categorical Exclusion 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 project described below is eligible for Categorical Exclusion and may be exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements.

Project Name: New storage tank

Project No.: #73 Year 2011 Priority List

Applicant: Roundhill General Improvement District (RGID)

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$1,200,000

The Round Hill General Improvement District (RHGID) is located on the Southeast shores of Lake Tahoe in Douglas County. The existing 250,000 gallon storage tank located adjacent to the District's office is in need of repair or replacement. In addition, this tank does not meet seismic design standards. The 2 to 3 aspect ratio (height/diameter) of the tank, without anchoring, creates a hazard for overturning during a seismic event. This tank, located mid-level in the distribution system, is essential for operation and must remain on-line until additional or replacement storage is provided at that location. The project funded by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) consists of constructing a new 500,000 gallon tank which will increase storage capacity, improve firefighting capabilities and allow RHGID to take the existing tank out of service while maintaining service to RHGID customers.

In addition to the construction of the new tank, RHGID is proposing to replace the three booster pumps located adjacent to the new tank. These pumps were installed in the 1960's and will be replaced with new high efficiency pumps and motors. RHGID is required by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) to implement erosion control strategies at the office facility. Since required erosion control strategies are intended to protect source water, they are eligible to be funded with the DWSRF loan.

The RHGID project is 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 since construction will be permitted by Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and subject to strict environmental criteria and mitigation if necessary. A Best Management Plan (BMP) will be developed and followed for the entire project area. All barren areas and areas disturbed by construction will be revegetated in accordance with the TRPA Handbook of Best Management Plan Practices and Living with Fire, Second Edition, Lake Tahoe Basin.

Documentation to support this conclusion 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 10, 2011 to:

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Comments may be submitted by FAX to (775) 687-9510 or by e-mail to [abasham@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:abasham@ndep.nv.gov).  
Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Adele Basham at (775) 687-9488.