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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: Treatment for LT2 Compliance

Project No.: #2 Year 2012 Priority List

Applicant: Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID)

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$3,000,000

The Incline Village General Improvement District is located on the northwest shores of Lake Tahoe in Washoe County. The IVGID is required to comply with the US Environmental Protection Long Term 2 Enhance Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2) by 2014. The purpose of the LT2 rule is to reduce illness linked with the contaminant *Cryptosporidium* and other disease-causing microorganisms in drinking water. The Burnt Cedar Water Disinfection Plant Improvements Project is a multi-year mandatory upgrade of the existing facility to attain LT2 compliance. The project will install ultraviolet disinfection for LT2 compliance and will replace the existing aging ozone disinfection equipment with upgraded and more efficient ozone equipment.

In addition, the IVGID is proposing to streamline the entire disinfection treatment process to provide a more reliable and easy to operate disinfection plant. The project will substantially utilize existing buildings and facilities and only one small new building (constructed in the footprint of an existing storage building) will be required.

The IVGID project is eligible for a categorical exclusion under NAC 445A.67583(2)(a), rehabilitation of an existing facility and NAC 445A.67583(2)(b), replacement of equipment or structures. 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 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. Any 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 25, 2011 to:

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Comments may 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.