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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: Replace water lines and ozone generators

Project No.: #1 Year 2010 Priority List

Applicant: Douglas County – Zephyr Water Utility District

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

The Zephyr Water Utility District (ZWUD) provides drinking water to the Zephyr Cove area at Lake Tahoe. The proposed project is to replace old leaking pipelines on Lakeview Dr. and Lakeview Court. In some months, water lost through leaking waterlines in this system has been as high as 50% of the water pumped. The proposed project also includes replacing the ozone generators in the treatment plant. One of the two generators has failed. It is recommended that both generators be replaced since the existing units are 14 years old and replacement parts are not available.

The ZWUD project is eligible for a categorical exclusion under NAC 445A.67583(2)(a), rehabilitation of an existing facility. The project is also eligible under NAC 445A.67583(2)(e) because there is sufficient evidence that a significant effect on the quality of the environment is unlikely. The construction the waterline replacement is within street right of ways on land that is already disturbed. The replacement of the ozone generators is inside of the treatment building. Both the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Douglas County building permit will require appropriate mitigation during construction. The Douglas County building permit will require that the environment is returned to conditions which existed prior to 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 April 23, 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. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Adele Basham at (775) 687-9488.