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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 a 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: Douglas County – Zephyr Water Utility District

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: **$**1,300,000

The Zephyr Water Utility District (ZWUD) provides drinking water to the Zephyr Cove area at Lake Tahoe.

The ZWUD is required to comply with the US Environmental Protection Long Term 2 Enhance Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2ESWTR) by 2014. The purpose of the LT2ESWTR is to reduce illness linked with the contaminant *Cryptosporidium* and other disease-causing microorganisms in drinking water. The project will install ultraviolet disinfection for LT2ESWTR compliance. The treatment system will be installed in the existing treatment building.

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 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 the 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 April 13, 2012 to:

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