



# STATE OF NEVADA

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## **Public Notice**

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT 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 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 finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the Town of Gabbs water project. The project will utilize funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund.

Project Name: New Drinking Water Source of Supply

Project No.: 17 - Year 2012 Priority List

Applicant: Nye County for the Town of Gabbs

Total Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$806,376

The Town of Gabbs is located in northwestern Nye County approximately 80 miles southeast of Fallon. The groundwater source of supply currently exceeds the State Drinking Water Secondary Standard Maximum Contaminant Level of 2.0 milligrams per liter for fluoride.

Based on site inspections, previous reports, operations and maintenance information and an extensive 2-year groundwater exploration program, the proposed improvements to mitigate the fluoride issue include: 1) drill an 8-inch production well at or near the new monitoring well site; 2) install a groundwater pumping station including equipping the well and well building; 3) install approximately 2,000 lineal feet of 8-inch PVC water main from the new wellhead to a tie-in location at the existing Well #1 transmission main; and 4) install fencing and back-up power generation (see figures attached). The existing Well #1 would then serve as a back-up or emergency well to the system.

NDEP assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and determined that the project is eligible for a FONSI because it is unlikely to have a negative effect on the quality of the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The proposed improvements will be constructed on Bureau of Land Management property and within existing Public Utility Easements (PUE) and State Rights-of-Way. The area of disturbance will be 1 acre for the well and building site. This site is immediately adjacent to an existing overhead power line where an access road has been established for utility maintenance. The water main alignment will follow the existing overhead power line and will be installed within a new 20-foot utility easement located adjacent to the existing 25-foot PUE.

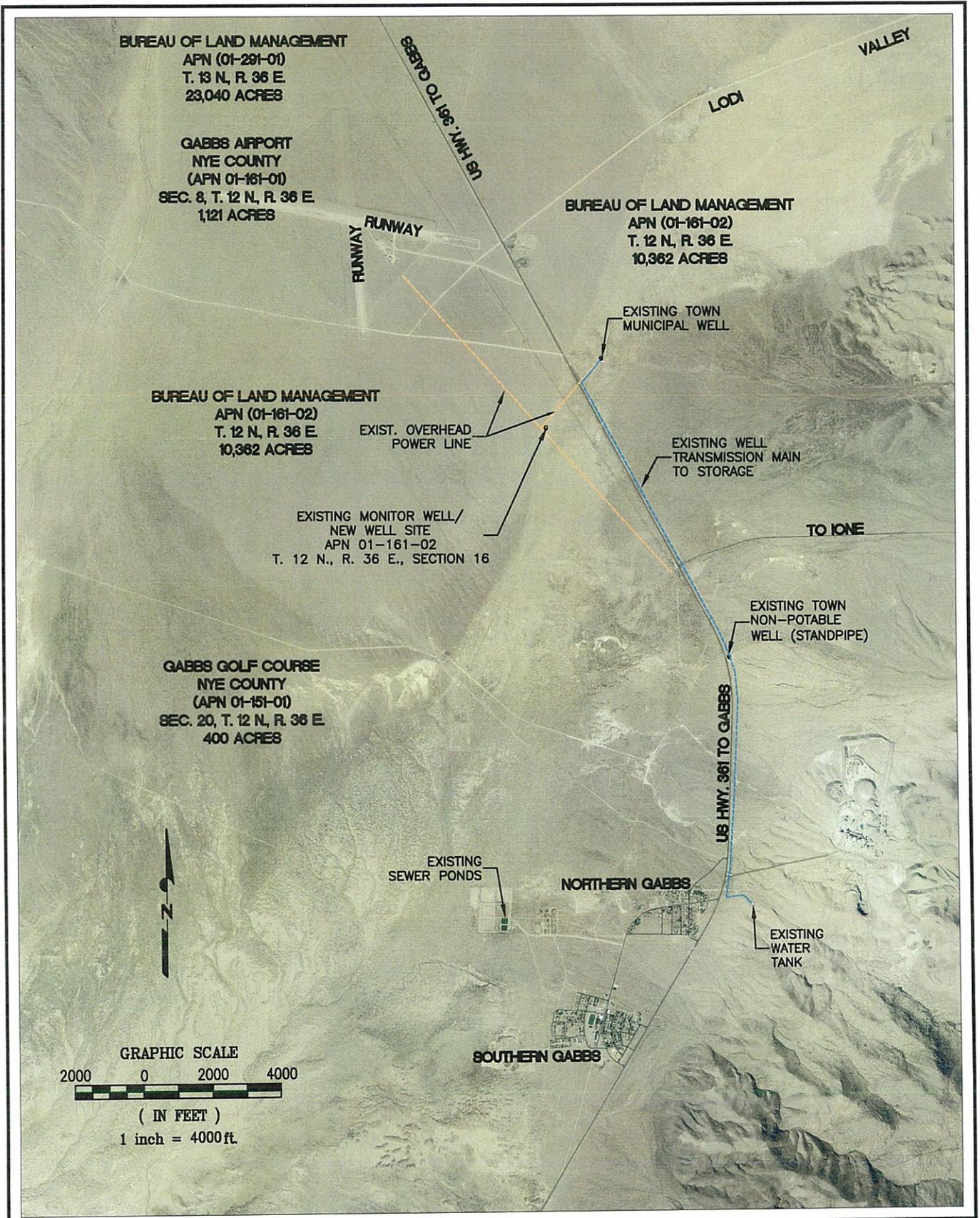
Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office has been initiated. Compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will occur before construction begins. Best management practices will be utilized during drilling and construction. The project will have a beneficial effect by ensuring the customers receive water that is safe to drink.

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 February 20, 2012 to:

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Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program  
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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](mailto:mstamate@ndep.nv.gov).  
Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Michelle Stamates at (775) 687-9331.



**TOWN OF GABBS**  
PROPOSED NEW WELL LOCATION MAP



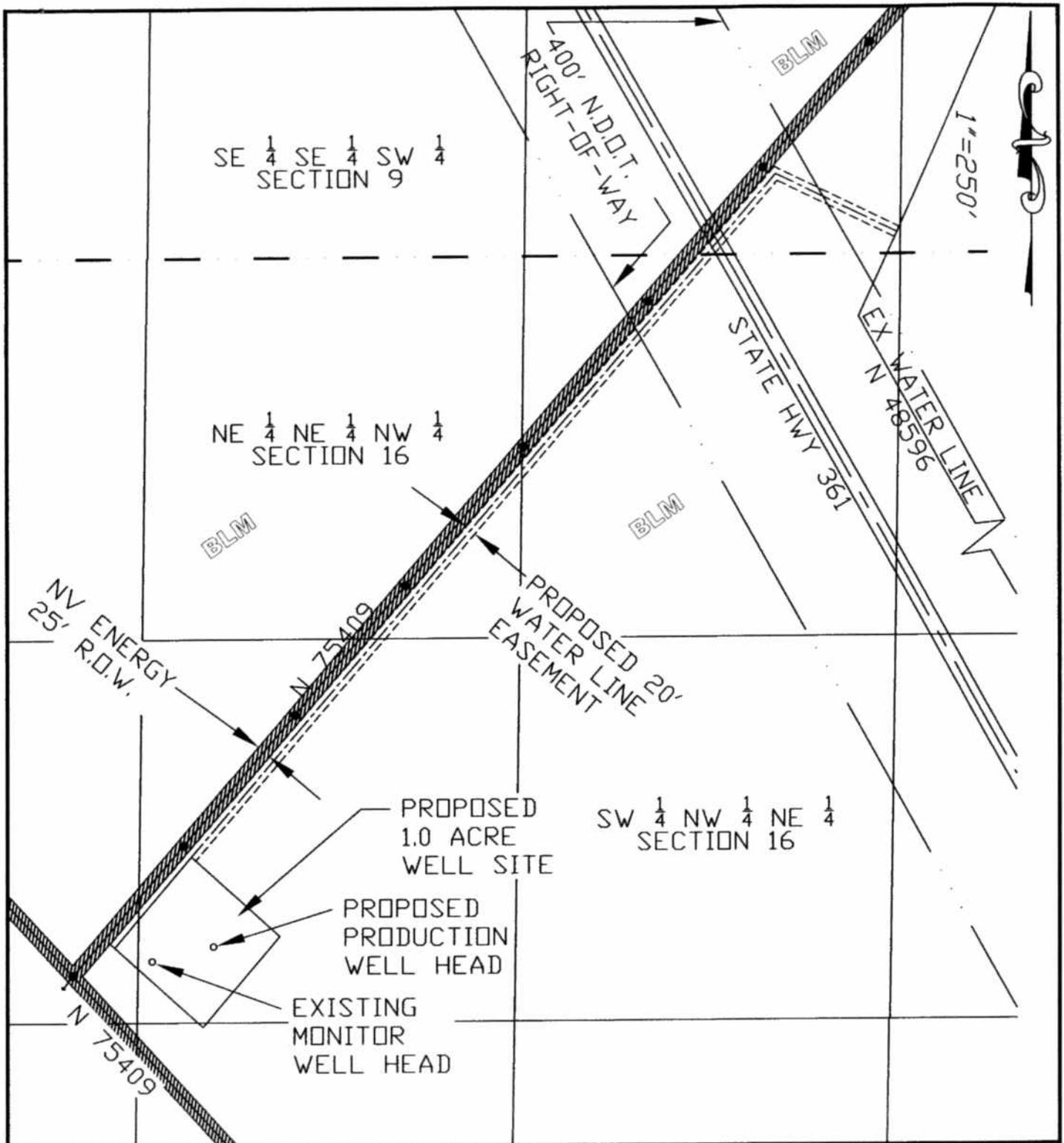


EXHIBIT TO ACCOMPANY  
 SF 299 APPLICATION FOR  
 GABBS NEW WATER WELL  
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Site of new monitoring well & production well (looking to the southeast)  
(Photo taken in 2010 during monitoring well pump testing)





**Well #1**

**Proposed 2,000-LF inter-tie pipeline alignment - looking from the proposed new well site along the existing power lines and PUE towards the existing Well #1 site**