



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

The Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 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 Montello water project. The project will utilize funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund.

Project Name: New Water Storage Tank

Project No: 36 - Year 2014 Priority List

Applicant: Elko County for the Town of Montello

Total Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$380,151

The unincorporated Town of Montello is located in Elko County approximately 100 miles northeast of the City of Elko. This project will construct a new 150,000-gallon, welded steel, storage tank adjacent to the existing 150,000-gallon tank.

The NACs allow NDEP to utilize an environmental review (ER) conducted for another agency as long as the review complies with NDEP's environmental requirements. In 2012, an application for funding for this project was made to the US Department of Housing & Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and an ER was required as a part of the CDBG application. The ER provided documentation of consultation with federal and state environmental regulatory and natural resource agencies. NDEP reviewed the ER and agency correspondence and determined that no further environmental review is recommended and the project is eligible for a FONSI because it is unlikely to have a negative effect on the quality of the environment. The proposed improvements will be constructed on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management with the approval of an amendment to the Town's existing right-of-way (CC-020892).

Compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act will occur before construction begins. Best management practices will be utilized during construction. The project will have a beneficial effect by ensuring the customers receive water that is reliable and 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 July 12, 2013 to:

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Comments may also 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.