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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and/or the Clean Water Act, where applicable. The Administrator has received an application for a Groundwater Discharge, permit number NS0040024 from the following applicant:

WASHOE COUNTY UTILITY SERVICES DIVISION
4930 ENERGY WAY
RENO, NV - 89502

Permit NS0040024, SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY:

The Permittee has applied for renewal of water pollution control discharge permit NS0040024 (formerly NEV40024) to operate a wastewater reclamation plant. The plant provides tertiary treatment of domestic residential and commercial sewage generated in the South Truckee Meadows service area. The plant utilizes an activated sludge process to biologically treat influent wastewater to tertiary treatment standards in the aerated "race track" type oxidation ditch systems to reduce BOD and nitrogen. Activated sludge generated in the treatment process is either returned to the oxidation ditches as return activated sludge, or removed as waste activated sludge, which is pumped to the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF) via a City of Reno sanitary sewer interceptor. After clarification the effluent is then passed through tertiary sand filters and chlorine contact basins for disinfection. The treated effluent is then pumped to a wet well where it may be mixed with creek water to supplement flow. The effluent is then pumped into the effluent export pipeline for reuse deliveries during the irrigation season. The lined Huffaker Reservoir adjacent to the plant provides winter and emergency storage for the treated effluent. The tertiary treated, denitrified and disinfected effluent is delivered via reuse pipeline for landscape irrigation at several permitted golf courses, miles of common and median roadway areas, the South Valley Sports Complex, South Meadows Business Park, and other permitted sites located both east of Highway 395 and west of Highway 395 in the greater southwest Reno and southern Truckee Meadows area.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue Permit NS0040024 to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on 05/17/2013, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the

tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The applications, proposed permits, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Michele Reid, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9434 or at mreid@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.

Please bring the forgoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.