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Notice of Public Workshop

Review of Truckee River Water Quality Standards

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The Bureau of Water Quality Planning of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has begun a review of the Truckee River water quality standards contained in Nevada Administrative Code 445A.1682 through 445A.1694. The current standards were last updated in 1993 and a new review is deemed appropriate. In the past 20 years, there have been significant developments which would warrant the standards review. Considerations include changes in river management, increased understanding of the river dynamics, and establishment of water quality standards by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Additionally, the Cities of Reno and Sparks, Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF), Washoe County, and Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) are pursuing a 3rd party review of the existing nutrient Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) which defines the allowable nutrient loads to the Truckee River. NDEP promotes the review of water quality standards prior to the development or review of any TMDL, as appropriate.

With oversight from NDEP and EPA, the Cities of Reno and Sparks, TMWRF, Washoe County, and TMWA have been leading a 3rd party review of the nutrient water quality standards. The results of the 3rd party effort will be used by NDEP in a review of all the Truckee River standards. A standards review workshop will be held at the following location at the date and time indicated:

January 28, 2014
2:00 – 4:00 PM
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Conference Room
1100 Valley Road
Reno, Nevada 89512

The purpose of the workshop is to begin soliciting additional comments on the review from the broader public. The workshop will consist of a brief presentation of the review process and expected future documents and public meetings, followed by a question and answer period. No items will be voted on and no actions will be taken. Additional information is available at http://ndep.nv.gov/bwqp/truckee_rvw.html. Written comments on the review may be submitted to NDEP until February 28, 2014. Future workshops will occur to present any proposed revisions, and to solicit comments on specific recommendations.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations or assistance at the workshop should notify the Bureau of Water Quality Planning, at (775) 687-9444, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date. Persons unable to attend the workshop, but desiring information on the standards review, please contact:

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