

Public Notice

**Categorical Exclusion
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan**

Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.6758 to 445A.67612, inclusive, outlines the environmental review procedures to be followed by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP). This is considered the State Environmental Review Process that is to be consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The project listed below qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion under NAC 445A.67583 because it is for the rehabilitation of an existing facility and the replacement of equipment or structures, and sufficient evidence exists that a significant effect on the quality of the environment is unlikely.

Project Name: Gerlach Garden Springs Rehab

Latitude: 40.6520

Longitude: -119.3535

Population: 180

Gerlach General Improvement District (GID) public water system, NV0000071 is located in Northern Nevada in Washoe County. This project will utilize the Nevada Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) in the amount of \$670,600. This project is listed on the DWSRF Priority List - Effective November 2024 as: Class III Rehabilitation #51.

Gerlach GID provides water services to 120 residential connections and 29 commercial connects.

NDEP is designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the lead agency for proposed projects funded by the DWSRF program for the State of Nevada. Gerlach GID has applied for funding for the rehabilitation of the Garden Spring Collection Gallery.

This project will support funding to rebuild the collection infrastructure at Garden Spring. This project will replace the existing collection gallery with a modern design that is environmentally sealed from outside sources and will also replace piping that supports the drain, collection, and overflow. The new collection system will capture source water more efficiently and extend sustainability of the existing system. All construction activities will be limited to pre-disturbed ground.

Garden Springs is within a Freshwater Emergent Wetland and Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland Complex. This site has been a drinking water source site since 1930 and Gerlach GID was granted ownership in 2010. This project is not expected to affect directly or indirectly the wetlands complex.

No floodplains, agricultural lands, or significant fish or wildlife species or habitats will be affected by the project area of potential impacts. No national landmarks or property with nationally significant historic, architectural, prehistoric, archeological, or cultural value will be affected by the project.

As per NAC 445A.67584, the public comment period for this action is 15 days. Persons wishing to obtain further information regarding the project should submit their comments no later than January 20, 2025. Comments can be submitted to Daniel Morgan, Environmental Scientist, Office of Financial Assistance, State Revolving Fund Program, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. The process of environmental review shall be deemed complete if no comments that the NDEP determines to be significant are received within the time allowed for public comment.

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