



Public Notice

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
SEWER OVERFLOW AND STORMWATER REUSE MUNICIPAL GRANTS PROGRAM

The Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), in Sections NAC 445A.742 to 445A.762, inclusive, outlines the environmental review procedures to be followed by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to be consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In accordance with these procedures, NDEP intends to issue a Categorical Exclusion. The proposed project includes the installation of curb and gutter along Shoshone Avenue from 6th Street to Dover Street and the installation of several bioswales to capture sediment from stormwater flows. As specified by NAC 445A.744, the proposed project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion because it is (a)(3) Construction of small structures on existing sites. A significant negative effect on the quality of the environment by this project is unlikely.

The City of Wells Public Works department will maintain the curb, gutter, and bioswales. The Project will utilize grant funds from the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program (OSG).

Project Name: Shoshone Avenue Curb and Gutter Stormwater Project

Applicant: City of Wells

Total Estimated OSG Funding: \$629,115.60

The City of Wells is located in Elko County at the junction of Interstate 80 and U.S Route 93, approximately 50 miles east of Elko. The population of the City of Wells is approximately 1,290 people.

Curb and gutter improvements are needed to manage stormwater drainage that causes flooding and the entrainment of sediment in stormwater that empties to the Humboldt River. This project will be constructed concurrently with sidewalks funded by the Community Development Block Grant provided through the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development.

NDEP has reviewed the environmental checklist and report work conducted by the borrower and agrees that the proposed project work does not have a potential to negatively impact the environment or other interests represented by various Federal cross-cutting regulations. There are no sensitive, threatened, or endangered animal or plant species in the project area. There would be no effects to the species or their critical habitats as a result of the project. No critical habitat for migratory birds has been identified in the project area. Construction and staging activities will occur within existing disturbed areas. Documentation supporting these conclusions is available for public examination from the offices of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada.

A consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has been conducted and Native American entities that may have interest in the general project area and other potential stakeholders were provided an opportunity to provide their comments and feedback. No Native American-related resources have been previously identified within the project area.

This Categorical Exclusion notice soliciting public comments, along with standard unanticipated discovery protocols applicable during the active project construction, form the basis for reasonable assurances that no national landmarks or property with nationally significant historic, architectural, prehistoric, archaeological, or cultural value will be adversely affected by the project. As such, this project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion, and neither a Finding of No Significant Impact nor an Environmental Impact Statement is required.

Comments for consideration on this proposed Categorical Exclusion determination are due on or before **December 14, 2023**. As specified by NAC 445A.746, the public comment period is 30 days. All comments must be submitted to: Elizabeth Kingsland, Environmental Scientist IV, Office of Financial Assistance, State Revolving Fund Program,

901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701-5405. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Elizabeth Kingsland by e-mail to ekingsland@ndep.nv.gov or to the Program Manager, Jason Cooper, by email at j.cooper@ndep.nv.gov or at (775) 687-9531. Email is the most optimal means to reach this office for a timely response. 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.