

**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 directed to the rehabilitation of existing facilities and minor upgrading or expansion of the existing distribution system of a public water system. These actions include, without limitation, the replacement of existing mechanical equipment or structures, and sufficient evidence exists that a significant effect on the quality of the environment is unlikely.

Project Name: Backup Power Supply

Latitude: 38.988

Longitude: -119.208

Population: 400

Weed Heights utility services is operated by the Weed Heights Development, NV0000242, and is located in western Nevada in Lyon County. This project will utilize the Nevada Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) in the amount of \$500,000. This project is listed on the DWSRF Priority List-Effective November 2024 as: Class III Rehabilitation #141

Weed Heights Development provides utility services for 400 residents.

NDEP is designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as the lead agency for proposed projects funded by the DWSRF program for the State of Nevada. Weed Heights has applied for funding for the acquisition and installation of backup power generators for two wells and two booster pump stations.

This project is located at four locations within the jurisdiction of Weed Heights Development, west of Yerington, Nevada. The project will install backup generators and control systems for two well sites named BLM and Tac, along with two booster pump stations named Vorra and Austin. With the increase in frequency of NV Energy implementing Public Safety Outage Management (PSOM), an action to protect customers and community from the risk of wildfires by cutting power to areas during certain conditions, this project is a proactive effort to maintain safe drinking water to the residents if a loss of power were to occur.

No wetlands, 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 March 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.

A link to NDEP's public notices can be found at: <https://ndep.nv.gov/post>

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