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Public Notice

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

[Nevada Administrative Code \(NAC\) 445A.742 to 445A.762](#), 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.744, as it is directed to the rehabilitation of existing facilities, replacement of equipment or the construction of a new ancillary facility adjacent or appurtenant to an existing facility and not affecting the degree of treatment or capacity of that facility. These actions include, without limitation, the replacement of existing mechanical equipment or structures, and construction of small structures on existing sites; sufficient evidence exists that a significant effect on the quality of the environment is unlikely.

Project Name: New Dewatering Facility

Latitude: 39.52815

Longitude: -119.71522

Population: 350,000

The Cities of Reno and Sparks manage the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF), NS2008500, located in the Reno-Sparks area in southern Washoe County, Nevada. This project will utilize the Nevada Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) in the amount of \$50,000,000. This project is listed as #42 on the CWSRF Priority List-Effective May 2026 as: **Class B, Projects Necessary to Increase Reliability or Substantivity.**

TMWRF provides sewer collection service to 103,417 residential and 5,986 non-residential or commercial connections.

NDEP is designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as the lead agency for proposed projects funded by the CWSRF program for the State of Nevada. TMWRF will construct a **new dewatering facility** within the existing fenced property to extract excess water using centrifuges. This technique concentrates the biosolid product “cake,” resulting in a material that is suitable for landfill disposal. The conservation efforts of this project will

lower the emissions from the hauling sludge and trucking chemicals to the plant and will reduce the fouled air emissions from the facility.

TMWRF will replace the existing outdated solids dewatering facility, which dates to the early 1980s. The existing building and equipment require more frequent maintenance and repairs, and pose an increased risk to the safety of staff. The project aims to enhance safety and reliability and provide essential operational redundancy and capacity for future growth.

Sufficient evidence has been provided to ensure that 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 are anticipated to be affected by the project.

A consultation with State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be conducted and Native American entities that may have an interest in the general project area and other potential stakeholders will be given an opportunity to provide their comments and feedback. SHPO concurrence for the finding of direct and indirect Areas of Potential Effects and mitigation plans, if any are needed, is required prior to commencing construction on the project.

Best management practices as stipulated by various permits applicable for this work will be followed during construction. Proposed plans shall appropriately address mitigation needs as required and as identified after construction begins.

Per [NAC 445A.67584](#), the public comment period for this action is 15 days. Individuals wishing to obtain further information regarding the project should submit their comments no later than **October 24, 2026**. 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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