

ATTACHMENT D  
Public Participation Plan



## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

### **I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (Division) provides meaningful public involvement in all of its programs, activities, and services no matter the location of the program in the State of Nevada or the community potentially impacted. The Division considers early and ongoing public involvement critical to its decision-making process because it brings forth diverse opinions and values and offers opportunities to collaborate with stakeholders. In addition to satisfying its statutory and regulatory public participation requirements, the Division will make reasonable efforts to meaningfully involve all communities in its programs, activities, and services. This Public Participation Plan provides a summary of the goals and outreach methods the Division will use as part of the Public Participation Plan.

The Division's public participation requirements and goals are as follows:

- a. The Division will seek public input and will consider the views of the public in making decisions as required by the statutes and regulations it administers and implements.
- b. The Division will ensure fair treatment of all Nevada citizens by providing, where appropriate or required, meaningful public participation in its programs, activities, and services.
- c. The Division will ensure that the decision-making processes are accessible to all interested and impacted communities and groups, including those that are financially limited or potentially vulnerable.
- d. The Division will make reasonable efforts to identify and seek the input of all interested stakeholders.
- e. The Division will respond in a reasonable and timely manner to requests for public records under Nevada's Public Records Law (NRS Chapter 239).
- f. The Division will offer and provide language translation and accessibility services in accordance with its Language Access Plan (LAP).
- g. The Division will make reasonable efforts to engage overburdened populations in the public participation process.

The following are various methods Division staff may use to support meaningful public participation:

- a. The Division will continue to notify the public of its programs, activities, and services through notices sent by mail and email, posted on the Division's website, or provided through other appropriate and effective communication or media services.
- b. The Division may hold public meetings and hearings if a project has a significant impact on a community. The Division will make reasonable efforts to host these public meetings and hearings at a time and location convenient for the affected communities.

c. The Division will make reasonable efforts to hold public meetings and hearings at a location accessible by public transportation, if feasible, and to provide a virtual option for remote attendance and participation.

d. The Division will hold public meetings and hearings at locations accessible for individuals with disability.

e. The Division will offer and upon request provide accommodations for individuals who require American Sign Language services in accordance with the procedures in the Division's LAP.

f. The Division will offer and upon request provide translation services at public meetings in accordance with the procedures in the Division's LAP.

g. The Division will monitor past and present concerns within communities affected by Division programs, activities, and services.

## **II. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION**

The Division will post documents regarding projects which may significantly affect communities on the Division website and other prominent locations. Upon request or based on the demographic analysis of any area potentially impacted by a project, vital documents will be available or provided in other languages or forms to accommodate individuals with LEP or disability