



Public Notice

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

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 Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed project to establish Pine View Estates sewer intertie to Minden Gardnerville Sanitation District (MGSD) existing collection system and other repair and rehabilitation work for the existing collection system at the Pine View Estates to meet MGSD and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards. The Project will utilize funds from the Nevada Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF).

Project Name: MGSD-Pine View Estates Sewer Intertie

Project Priority List Rank.: Class A #3 - NV CWSRF Priority List – Effective May 2024

Applicant: Minden Gardnerville Sanitation District

Total Estimated CWSRF Assistance: \$2,180,000

This notice addresses the alternative alignment from the original Environmental Assessment (EA) and FONSI, posted June 2021. The alternative alignment includes 5,800 linear feet of 12-inch sewer main, within a 20-foot wide permanent easement and supporting twenty 48-inch manholes. It would connect from pipeline within NDOT right-of-way along US-395 from the south, originating from Pine View Estates. The pipeline would divert away from US-395 and run along the western boundary of Corley Ranch to Pinenut Court and interconnect with existing MGSD sewer line. This nearly 1.1 mile alternative is a portion of approximately 6 miles of total wastewater pipeline needed for PVEHOA to connect to MGSD existing sewer line.

Pine View Estates is located approximately six miles southeast of Gardnerville, Nevada, along U.S. Highway 395 in Douglas County, Nevada. The 63-acre development is subdivided into 219 parcels and currently has 196 homes built. Domestic wastewater is treated by three on-site wastewater treatment systems and the effluent is disposed of by several subterranean leach fields along the southern edge of the property. In 2013, the EPA issued a Notice of Proposed Administrative Order for Pine View Estates' violations against safe drinking water, due to their wastewater treatment system exceeding drinking water standards for nitrates and fecal coliform. The failed treatment system and EPA proposed Order have persuaded PVEHOA to seek funding to resolve their wastewater treatment and disposal needs.

As required by NEPA and as a part of the underwriting process, the USDA - Rural Development assessed the potential environmental effects of the new alternative alignment pipeline project and determined that it is eligible for a FONSI as it is unlikely to have a negative effect, either individually or cumulatively, on the quality of the human environment. NDEP is in agreement with the USDA-RD determination of a FONSI.

Permanent and temporary Best Management Practices would be used to stabilize disturbed areas during and after pipeline construction for all components of this alternative. A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan would be prepared for the protection of water quality in compliance with the Nevada Construction Stormwater General Permit (NVR100000). Implementation would be in accordance with the State of Nevada Best Management Practices Handbook (NDEP, 2023). Areas of new disturbance would be restored to preconstruction slope, elevation, and revegetated with native seed mixes comparable to existing vegetation communities.

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

This FONSI notice soliciting public comments and responses received will be presented to SHPO as evidence of NDEP's outreach efforts and shall become part of the package to be submitted for their concurrence. This, 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 FONSI determination, and an environmental impact statement is not required.

Comments for consideration on this proposed FONSI determination are due by **July 16, 2024**. As specified by NAC 445A.752, the public comment period is 30 days. All comments must be submitted to: Joshua Cerda, Environmental Scientist III, Office of Financial Assistance (OFA), State Revolving Fund Program, 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701-5405, (775) 687-9423, jcerda@ndep.nv.gov. Comments may also be submitted by FAX to OFA at (775) 687-5856. Questions regarding this notice may also be directed to the State Revolving Fund 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.