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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 sufficient evidence exists that a significant effect on the quality of the environment is unlikely.

Project Name: Gerlach Wastewater Capacity Increase

Latitude: 40.65165

Longitude: -119.35674

Population: 200

Gerlach General Improvement District (GGID) operates the wastewater treatment facility for the community of Gerlach, NS0020010, and is located approximately 75 miles north of Pyramid Lake along State Highway 447 in central Washoe County, Nevada. This project will utilize the Nevada Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) in the amount of \$898,000. This project is listed as #6 on the CWSRF Priority List- Effective May 2026 as: **Class A, Project Benefits Public Health and /or the Environment.**

The Department of Utility Services provides a sewer collection service to 110 residential and 25 non-residential connections.

NDEP is designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the lead agency for proposed projects funded by the CWSRF program for the State of Nevada. The GGID has applied for funding to **upgrade and increase the capacity** of their lagoon wastewater treatment facility by introducing mechanical aeration using a submersible diffused (fine bubble) aeration system and adding piping to add geothermal wastewater during low flow periods. This will include removal of debris that has been illegally dumped at the wastewater dam.

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. Individuals wishing to obtain further information regarding the project should submit their comments no later than **September 16, 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.

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