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WASHOE COUNTY CSD  
1001 E. 9TH STREET  
RENO, NV - 89512

Permit NS0040024, SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY:
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The STMWRF provides tertiary treatment of domestic and commercial sewage generated in the South Truckee Meadows service area. The STMWRF includes fine screening, denitrification, secondary clarification, tertiary filtration, hypochlorite disinfection, and dewatering of aerobically digested waste activated sludge. The facility also includes three monitoring wells. Monitoring wells (MW) A and B are located down gradient of the reservoir and MW C is located near the two oxidation ditches.

Treated effluent is discharge to an onsite reservoir (Huffaker Reservoir) and, or, to multiple reuse sites which are covered under groundwater discharge permits NS0096005 and NS0097011. The reclaimed water is also used at the STMWRF for irrigation and wash down water.

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MAJOR MODIFICATION (Effective August 2022)

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On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue Permit NS0040024 to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance should submit their comments or request, in writing, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on 07/29/2022, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
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If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The applications, proposed permits, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Bonnie Hartley, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9502 or at bhartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: https://ndep.nv.gov/posts/category/water.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.