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The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection to Issue a Categorical Exclusion for Gold Country

CARSON CITY, NV — The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) — Bureau of Administrative Services — Office of Financial Assistance has determined the project for Gold Country is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion as defined by the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.6758 to 445A.67612.

Humboldt County manages the Gold Country system, located near the City of Winnemucca along US Interstate 80. Humboldt County has applied for funding to construct a permanent water intertie with Star City Water Company. This project will address nitrate levels in the drinking water by blending the water with the Star City system. The project is eligible for \$248,000 in funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund as outlined in Nevada's Intended Use Plan, available online at https://ndep.nv.gov/uploads/water-financing-srf-drinkingwater-docs/DW-2024_Final_IUP.pdf.

The project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion under NAC 445A.67583 because it is for minor upgrading or expansion of the existing capacity of a public water system to develop and treat water, and sufficient evidence exists that a significant effect on the quality of the environment is unlikely. No floodplains, agricultural lands, or significant fish or wildlife species or habitats will be affected by the project area of potential impacts.

Best management practices will be utilized during construction in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute 383.121. As per NAC 445A.67584, the public comment period for this action is 15 days. Persons wishing to obtain further information regarding the project should submit their comments no later than March 5, 2025. 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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