# Meeting Minutes WORKSHOP OF THE CLEAN WATER AND DRINKING WATER PRIORITY LIST

May 1, 2024 1:00 p.m.

Richard H. Bryan Building
Bonnie Conference Room
901 South Stewart Street, 1st Floor
Carson City, NV 89701

Held virtually using Microsoft Teams: Meeting ID: 216 804 226 654

### **NDEP Present:**

Jason Cooper

Kyle Casci

Benjamin Miller

Matt Livingston

Josh Cerda

Chris Flores

### **Public Present:**

Anne Harry, Elk Point Sanitation District

Joe Westurland, Town of Tonopah

Emory La Rue, Esmeralda County

Donna Staggs, Esmeralda County

Siobhan Fox, City of North Las Vegas

Tim Parks, City of Las Vegas

Kathy Flanagan, Las Vegas Valley Water

District

Farah Hafen, City of Henderson

Joe Davis, Moapa Valley Water District

Angela Moore, City of Yerington

Joyce Mallari, City of Henderson

John Tennert, Clark Country Reclamation

District

### **Clean Water and Drinking Water Priority List Workshop**

### 1) Call to order

Jason Cooper of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) opened the workshop.

### 2) Public comment

There were no public comments.

## 3) Presentation and discussion of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Priority List effective May 2024

### Review of numeric ranking criteria on the priority list

Mr. Cooper of NDEP gave a presentation outlining the ranking criteria for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Project Priority List Effective May 2024. He explained how the list is created, and ranking points as they apply to priority classes A, B, and C.

- Class A: Project benefits public health and/or the environment.
- Class B: Project necessary to increase reliability or sustainability.
- Class C: Other Clean Water needs projects.

### Review of projects on the priority list, project readiness to proceed, and bypassing projects on the priority list

Mr. Cooper gave a presentation on reviewing projects on the CWSRF Priority List, project readiness to proceed, and bypassing projects on the priority list. Mr. Cooper noted that applicants must be on the priority list to receive funds. Once they are on the list, applicants are left on the list until their projects are complete in case additional funding is needed.

The priority list currently has 90 projects:

- 10 Projects that are already funded
- 80- Project Status Undetermined

#### **Public comment**

There were no public comments

# 4) Presentation and discussion of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Priority List effective May 2024

### Review of each numeric ranking criteria on the priority list

Mr. Cooper gave a presentation outlining the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project Priority List Effective May 2024 ranking criteria. The ranking reflects the policies and goals of NDEP regarding the use of the DWSRF.

Mr. Cooper began by discussing how projects are ranked:

• Class 1: Address demonstrated illnesses that are attributed to a public water system.

These projects are for significant non-compliance, such as court-ordered compliance issues

and acute health risks as defined by NDEP and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

- Class 2: Address systems with chronic health concerns.
- Class 3: Address rehabilitation of a deteriorated system.
- Class 4: Address systems that need refinancing. These projects incurred debt after July 1, 1993 and followed federal requirements.

### Review of projects on the priority list, project readiness to proceed, and bypassing projects on the priority list

Mr. Cooper gave a presentation on reviewing projects on the DWSRF Priority List, project readiness to proceed, and bypassing projects on the priority list. Mr. Cooper noted that applicants must be on the priority list to receive funds. Once applicants are on the list, they are left on the list until their projects are complete in case additional funding is needed.

The priority list currently has 195 projects:

- 34 Projects that are already funded
- 161 Project Status Undetermined

#### **Public comment**

There were no public comments.

Mr. Cooper stated the Clean Water Priority List is closed as of today's workshop, and the Drinking Water priority List will be closed at the Board for Financing Water Projects meeting on May 15, 2024.

### 5) Adjourn

The priority list workshop adjourned at 1:58 pm.