

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

June 23, 2022

1:00 p.m.

Richard H. Bryan Building
Tahoe Hearing Room
901 South Stewart Street, 2nd Floor
Carson City, NV 89701

Also Held Virtually:

<https://call.lifesizecloud.com/4155018>

NDEP Present:

Jason Cooper
Kyle Casci
Duane Bays
Sheryl Fontaine

Public Present:

Honey Menefee, Storey County
Charles Wolf, Nevada Department of
Transportation
Mitch Dion, Kingsbury General Improvement
District
Jeff McDaniel, Logan Creek Estates General
Improvement District
Amelia McDaniel, Logan Creek Estates
General Improvement District
Mark Svoboda, Logan Creek Estates General
Improvement District
Andrew Hickman, Round Hill General
Improvement District
Kathy Flanagan, Las Vegas Valley Water
District
Mike Malinowski, Clark County Water
Reclamation District
Dan Fischer, Southern Nevada Water Authority
Lucas Tipton, Farr West Engineering
Rachelle Piquet, Humboldt County

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 June 2022

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 June 2022. 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 in order 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 58 projects:

- **25 – Fundable projects that are moving forward** (cost of \$441,098,439)
- **26 – Projects that are not ready to proceed** (cost of \$182,668,507)
- **7 – Projects that are already funded** (cost of \$70,334,880)

Public comment

There were no public comments.

4) Presentation and discussion of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Priority List effective June 2022

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 June 2022 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 contaminants.
- **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 in order 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 170 projects:

- **29 – Fundable projects that are moving forward** (cost of \$477,289,106)
- **125 – Projects that are not ready to proceed** (cost of \$473,694,393)
- **16 – Projects that are already funded** (cost of \$19,702,567)

Public comment

Jeff McDaniel, with Logan Creek Estates General Improvement District asked how much money is available for drinking water project loans. Mr. Cooper answered currently there is \$80 million available, but that number may increase based on needs of the program and the availability of federal grants.

Honey Menefee, with Storey County inquired if a project is approved by the Federal Government for funding does it affect where the project is listed on the priority list. Mr. Cooper responded no, it does not affect the ranking on the list, and that the project could be partner funded by the State Revolving Fund if additional funds are needed for the project balance

Andrew Hickman, with Round Hill General Improvement District asked if the lead service line grant is available to fund homeowner-incurred project costs. Mr. Cooper answered the service line grant allows for 49% of a project to be grant awarded, but the remainder of the project must be a loan. A water system would have to obtain the homeowner's permission to construct on their land, since an individual homeowner's project cannot be directly funded by the SRF.

5) Adjourn

The priority list workshop adjourned at 2:00 pm.