



Public Notice

Categorical Exclusion

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan

Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.6758 to 445A.67612, 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.67583 because it is directed to the rehabilitation of existing facilities and minor upgrading or expansion of the existing distribution system of a public water system. 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: Hawthorne Tank Rehabilitation

Latitude: 38.524
Longitude: -118.624
Population: 2700

Hawthorne Utilities, NV0000073, operates the water system for the unincorporated community of Hawthorne, and is located in west-central Nevada in Mineral County. This project will utilize the Nevada Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) in the amount of **\$149,622**. The project is listed on the DWSRF Priority List-Effective May 2026 as: **Class III Rehabilitation #36**.

Hawthorne Utilities provides utility services for Hawthorne for 1324 residents and 453 non-residential connections.

NDEP is designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as the lead agency for proposed projects funded by the DWSRF program for the State of Nevada. Hawthorne Utilities has applied for funding for the **rehabilitation** of Hawthorne Steel Tank #4, also known as the Whiskey Flat Tank.

This project is located within the unincorporated community of Hawthorne, Nevada. This project will include sandblasting and recoating of the Hawthorne Steel Tank #4. The new tank coating will be NSF 61/600 compliant. Once cured, the tank will be disinfected and tested for bacteriologic contamination and volatile organic compounds prior to service.

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. Persons wishing to obtain further information regarding the project should submit their comments no later than **July 9, 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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