STATE OF NEVADA



Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Steve Sisolak, Governor Bradley Crowell, Director Greg Lovato, Administrator

September 29, 2021

Western Regional Water Commission Vaughn Hartung, Chairman 1001 East Ninth St., Reno, NV 89512

RE: NDEP Endorsement of the "2020 Integrated Source Water and 319(h) Watershed Protection Plan for Public Water Systems and the Truckee River in the Truckee Meadows"

Dear Chairman, Hartung,

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is pleased to endorse and approve the "2020 Integrated Source Water and 319(h) Watershed Protection Plan for Public Water Systems and the Truckee River in the Truckee Meadows" (Plan) approved by the Western Regional Water Commission on October 21, 2020.

The Plan meets established criteria for the State of Nevada's endorsement of a community source water protection plan and has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a watershed-based plan.

Congratulations for your efforts in developing and adopting the first "integrated" source water and watershed protection plan in the State of Nevada. The approval of this Plan provides stakeholders the opportunity to request technical assistance through NDEP's Source Water Protection Program and provides eligibility for qualifying agencies to apply for additional 319(h) grants to implement projects.

NDEP applauds the community's innovative approach to protecting drinking water and watershed health and would like to recognize all the team participants and partnering organizations (copied) who gave their time to ensure project success. Each participant brought a unique perspective to the planning effort and was dedicated to the plan development process. These talented team members were instrumental in the development of a realistic and community specific planning approach. It was our sincere pleasure to work with each of them and NDEP looks forward to continued collaboration to implement the Plan.

For further assistance, please email the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, <u>Source Water Protection Program</u> or Bureau of Water Quality Planning <u>NPS Program</u> or call us at 775-687-9550.

Sincerely,

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