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\$885,000 in grants awarded to fund water quality improvement projects throughout Nevada

CARSON CITY, NV – To improve the quality of Nevada’s surface waters, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has awarded grant funding to selected projects submitted during the 2017 319(h) RFP process. The Nonpoint Source Grant Program funds originate from a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant pursuant to the Clean Water Act.

Nonpoint source (NPS) water pollution occurs when rain, snowmelt and irrigation water flows over developed or disturbed land, carrying with it contaminants including oil, sediment, pesticides, bacteria and nutrients. This contaminated water makes its way into Nevada’s waterways either directly or through storm drains.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) 319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant Program provided funds for surface water improvement projects to qualifying state agencies, regional agencies, counties, conservation districts, and nonprofit organizations. A total of ten projects were awarded funding to improve water quality, educate Nevada’s citizens about nonpoint source pollution and implement watershed improvement plans aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution impacts. Additional grant funding is expected to be made available through the 2018 RFP process in July, 2018.

For any questions or for more information, contact Birgit Henson, Supervisor, Nonpoint Source Program, Bureau of Water Quality Planning, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection at 775-687-9550 or bhenson@ndep.nv.gov. Additional information and an award list can be found at <https://ndep.nv.gov/water/rivers-streams-lakes/nonpoint-source-pollution-management-program/cwa-319h-grants>.

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