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WATER RESOURCES

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February 17, 2026

Washoe County
Board of County Commissioners
1001 E. Ninth Street
Reno, Nevada 89512

Lassen County
Board of County Supervisors
220 S. Lassen St.,
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Susanville, CA 96130

RE: Applications 94406 and 94407

To Whom It May Concern:

Sierra Pacific Industries filed Applications 94406 and 94407 on May 19, 2025. Applications 94406 and 94407 propose to appropriate water in Lassen County, California from an underground source and place a portion of the water being diverted to beneficial use in Washoe County, Nevada.

Copies of the application and its supporting map can be viewed and/or printed from the Division's website, <http://water.nv.gov>.

As a result of this proposed filing, our office is required to notify the County Commissioners of both counties pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 533.363. I would like to draw your attention to NRS 533.363 Section 4, which addresses the responsibilities of the Board of County Commissioners in this matter. A copy of NRS 533.363 is enclosed for your convenience.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Chris Thorson, P.E.,
Acting State Engineer

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Enclosure: NRS 533.363

cc: Sierra Pacific Industries

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Lansing-Arcus LLC

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Donahoe Hydro-Geo LLC., E-mail

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TEC Civil Engineering Consultants, E-mail

NRS 533.363 State Engineer to notify county commissioners of application to use water in county other than that in which it is appropriated or currently diverted or used.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, if water for which a permit is requested is to be used in a county other than that county in which it is to be appropriated, or is to be diverted from or used in a different county than that in which it is currently being diverted or used, then the State Engineer shall give notice of the receipt of the request for the permit to:

(a) The board of county commissioners of the county in which the water for which the permit is requested will be appropriated or is currently being diverted or used; and

(b) The board of county commissioners of the county in which the water will be diverted or used.

2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply:

(a) To an environmental permit or a temporary permit issued pursuant to [NRS 533.436](#) or [533.504](#).

(b) If:

(1) The water is to be appropriated and used; or

(2) Both the current and requested place of diversion or use of the water are,

↪ within a single, contiguous parcel of real property.

3. A person who requests a permit to which the provisions of subsection 1 apply shall submit to each appropriate board of county commissioners a copy of the application and any information relevant to the request.

4. Each board of county commissioners which is notified of a request for a permit pursuant to this section shall consider the request at the next regular or special meeting of the board held not earlier than 3 weeks after the notice is received. The board shall provide public notice of the meeting for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in its county. The notice must state the time, place and purpose of the meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting the board may recommend a course of action to the State Engineer, but the recommendation is not binding on the State Engineer.

(Added to NRS by [1981, 782](#); A [1991, 758](#); [2011, 1565](#); [2013, 498, 3679](#))