

# NDEP has money for water quality projects

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has approximately \$1 million in federal funding available to provide grant assistance for projects that prevent or control nonpoint source water pollution.

Nonpoint source 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.

All proposals must follow the guidelines that are online.

State, local and tribal governments, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions are eligible to apply. A non-federal match of at least 50 percent of the total project cost is required.

Examples of projects eligible for funding include:

- Water quality improvement projects;
- Implementation of best management practices to protect water quality;
- Public education programs aimed at reducing NPS pollution;
- Implementation of low impact development practices;
- Identified projects from an approved watershed implementation plan and/or total maximum daily load implementation plan.

Proposals will be accepted until Sept. 5.