NAME
HISTORIC Originally Truckee River Diversion Dam
AND/OR COMMON Derby Diversion Dam

LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER On the Truckee River 19 miles east of Sparks, Nevada
CITY. TOWN along Interstate Highway 80
STATE Nevada

CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT
OWNERSHIP PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH PUBLIC ACQUISITION IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED
STATUS OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS ACCESSIBLE YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO
PRESENT USE AGRICULTURE MUSEUM COMMERCIAL PARK EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE ENTERTAINMENT RELIGIOUS GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION MILITARY OTHER

AGENCY
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (If applicable) Mid-Pacific Region U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
STREET & NUMBER 2800 Cottage Way
CITY TOWN Sacramento STATE California

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Storey County Courthouse, Washoe County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY TOWN Virginia City, Reno STATE Nevada

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE Nevada Historical Sites
DATE 1968
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Western Studies Center, Desert Research Institute, Univ. of Nevada System
CITY, TOWN Stead Campus STATE Nevada
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Derby Diversion Dam consists of a concrete gate structure 170 feet long and 31 feet high, flanked on the left by an earth embankment wing 1,160 feet long. Adjoining the dam on the right, and at a right angle to it, is a concrete headworks structure for the Truckee Canal. The concrete structure of the dam contains a 25 x 10-foot hinged weir gate near the center, and thirteen 5 x 10-foot double leaf slide gates. The canal headworks contain nine 5 x 10-foot double leaf slide gates. Originally, the dam contained sixteen 5 x 10-foot gates. The large gate is an alteration made in 1929. There is nothing unique about the design and construction of the dam, its significance is derived from its place in history, that is, the first dam constructed under the Reclamation Act.
Derby Diversion Dam marked the beginning of construction of Federal reclamation facilities. The reclamation program has surged forward from that time to play a tremendous part in the development of the western United States.

Federally-assisted reclamation was born with the passage of the Reclamation Act of 1902, primarily to bring agriculture to large arid areas of the West through irrigation. The first group of projects authorized included the Newlands Project in western Nevada. Derby Diversion Dam was a feature of that project. Surveys and examinations had progressed sufficiently far to demonstrate the practicability of storing water in Lake Tahoe, allowing it to flow down Truckee River and to be diverted at a point near Wadsworth into a canal continuing easterly to the lower end of Carson River. Here a large reservoir (Lahontan Dam) would be constructed to hold the flood waters of Carson River and also those received from Truckee River. From this reservoir, canal lines would be built to reach irrigable lands around or near Carson Lake and Sink and could be continued northerly, if desired, into the valley of the Humboldt. By these means, water can be turned down the Truckee River, diverted by a dam near Wadsworth into a canal 33 miles in length, and caught by an earthwork dam for use on more than 60,000 acres of farmland during the normally dry summer and fall growing seasons. Construction of the dam was begun on October 2, 1903, under Specifications No. 1 of the U.S. Reclamation Service (now Bureau of Reclamation) and was completed in June 1905. Construction of the Truckee Canal occurred between October 2, 1903 and February 2, 1905. Water diversion to the Carson River Basin began with the 1907 growing season. Lahontan Dam was completed in 1915.

This project has assured the production of crops on what was once desert territory and thus made possible the establishment of farming and livestock enterprises. The hydroelectric power produced serves the communities of Fallon, Fernley, Wadsworth, Hazen, Stillwater, and most of the rural sections of the project.

Derby Diversion Dam of the Newlands Reclamation Project received recognition as a State Historical Site sixty-three years after completion of the dam. Dedication of the dam was co-sponsored by the Nevada Historical Society and Truckee-Carson Irrigation District. On October 29, 1968, Dedication Ceremonies took place in Sparks, Nevada; due to cold gusty winds, the ceremonies were transferred from the damsite. United States Senator Howard Cannon presented the main address and, along with State Senator Carl Dodge, unveiled the historical plaque, which was constructed by the Nevada Parks Department. The marker was then installed on a steel frame that had been erected by Truckee-Carson Irrigation District at a parking area near the dam.
UMAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES
Reclamation Project Data, pp. 534-540

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY  six acres

UTM REFERENCES

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UTM reference denotes center of property, approximately six acres in section, and located SE 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 19, Township 20 North, Range 23 East, Mount Diablo Meridian.

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ORGANIZATION
United States Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation 702-882-3436

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is __ National  __ State  __ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER