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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Originally Truckee River Diversion Dam

AND/OR COMMON
~~~~ Derby Diversion Dam ✓

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
On the Truckee River 19 miles east of Sparks, Nevada

CITY, TOWN along Interstate Highway 80 VICINITY OF Nevada

STATE Nevada CODE 32 COUNTY Storey and Washoe CODE 029 & 031

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
Mid-Pacific Region U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

STREET & NUMBER
2800 Cottage Way

CITY, TOWN Sacramento VICINITY OF California

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Storey County Courthouse, Washoe County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Virginia City, Reno STATE Nevada

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Nevada Historical Sites

DATE 1968 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Western Studies Center, Desert Research Institute, Univ. of Nevada System

CITY, TOWN Stead Campus STATE Nevada



DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

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.

B SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1902-5

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Reclamation Project Data, pp. 534-540

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY six acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 1	2 8 9 7 5 0	4 3 8 4 6 5 0	B					
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		
C				D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

UTM reference denotes center of property, approximately six acres in extent, and located SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 19, Township 20 North, Range 23 East, Mount Diablo Meridian.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	Nevada	CODE	32	COUNTY	Storey	CODE	C29
STATE	Nevada	CODE	32	COUNTY	Washoe	CODE	031

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

E.C. Malmstrom, Project Manager

September 1, 1976

ORGANIZATION

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

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 640

CITY OR TOWN

Carson City

TELEPHONE

STATE

Nevada 89701

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

See attached letter

from Nevada State Park System

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 [Signature]

TITLE

E.C. Malmstrom, Project Manager

DATE

SEP 2 1976

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4/26/78

DATE

4/25/78