

The Gardnerville Water Company has begun construction of a new 3,921 square foot office facility located at 1579 Virginia Ranch Road in Gardnerville. Over three years ago the plans began to construct a new office located next to the Water Company shop and water reserve tanks. It was discovered that there were more obstacles that prevented the Water Company to proceed quickly. Douglas County originally had conditioned the Water Company to construct approximately 600 feet of Muller Parkway between Virginia Ranch Road and the Virginia Ditch. The county later agreed to allow Sierra Nevada Southwest Enterprises to construct that portion of the Muller Parkway at a later date. An agreement was reached in March 2009 between Sierra Nevada Southwest Enterprises (owner of the future planned development Virginia Ranch Estates) and Curtis and Sons Incorporated to work together with costs, easements, and other details for the construction of an 800 foot extension of the Virginia Ranch Road. The extension of Virginia Ranch Road will be constructed by Curtis and Sons and provide access to the Water Company office, Virginia Ranch Development Property and Curtis and Sons Incorporated.

Final design plans were completed March 2009 and contracts were awarded June 2009 to local companies, A&A Construction for the site work, Central Sierra Construction for the building construction, and Signature Landscaping for the landscaping. Gardnerville Water Company broke ground on July 12, 2009 with the Board of Directors holding a groundbreaking ceremony on August 10, 2009.

The new office will be completely environmentally friendly. The office will be positioned to utilize the breezes from the west to cool the office. LED lighting will illuminate the office inside and out. Sola tubes will be installed throughout the building to produce natural lighting in all offices and work areas. A Photo Voltaic System (solar generation system) will also be installed on the office grounds to provide all the energy necessary for running the office and the water fill station. NV Energy included the Gardnerville Water Company into their Public Building Solar Rebate Program in March 2009. High Desert Electric, of Gardnerville, completed design of the Photo Voltaic System and will complete construction of the solar generation system. Gardnerville Water Company will receive approximately \$93,000 from NV Energy as a rebate on the construction costs once the system is completed.

A fully automated card lock water fill station is being built at the new office site that will allow contractors, Nevada Department of Transportation, The Town of Gardnerville, and other construction water customers 24/7 access to bulk water.

Funding for the construction project was derived from developer fees and water right sales paid to the Gardnerville Water Company over the past years; no customer paid funds will be used for the project.

The office building will offer a large board room to accommodate meetings, classes, and seminars. A work area will offer more storage for customer files and a plan review and layout area for management and staff to review developer plans and improvements.