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AB 368

**DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEVADA
CHINA SPRINGS YOUTH CAMP & AURORA PINES GIRLS FACILITY
WATER SYSTEM**

Request:

AB 368, as proposed, would appropriate \$103,175 for the construction of an emergency well and for the cost of hauling water until a permanent solution is implemented.

The cost of the well is estimated at \$300,000. A USDA Rural Development grant is anticipated to cover 75% of the cost, or \$225,000. The remaining \$75,000 together with estimated water hauling costs of \$28,175 (total of \$103,175) is requested from the State via AB 368.

Background:

The State of Nevada and counties have been partners in the cost of several juvenile facilities in the State, including the China Springs Youth Camp and Aurora Pines Girls Facility located in Douglas County. In the past, the State has paid for all the infrastructure costs and has split the operational costs with the counties.

There have been water problems at the Douglas County facilities for nearly 20 years. Four wells have been constructed over the 20 year period, but each has ultimately failed.

Long Term Solution:

Douglas County has examined, on a preliminary basis, several alternative solutions for providing a long term, safe and reliable water supply for domestic use and fire protection. A consultant was used to assist in determining if a permanent well at the facility or in the general area was feasible. Because of the geologic conditions and mountainous terrain, an ultimate well does not appear to be the solution.

Construction of a pipeline, northward to an existing system appears to provide the most safe, reliable method of serving the facilities with water.

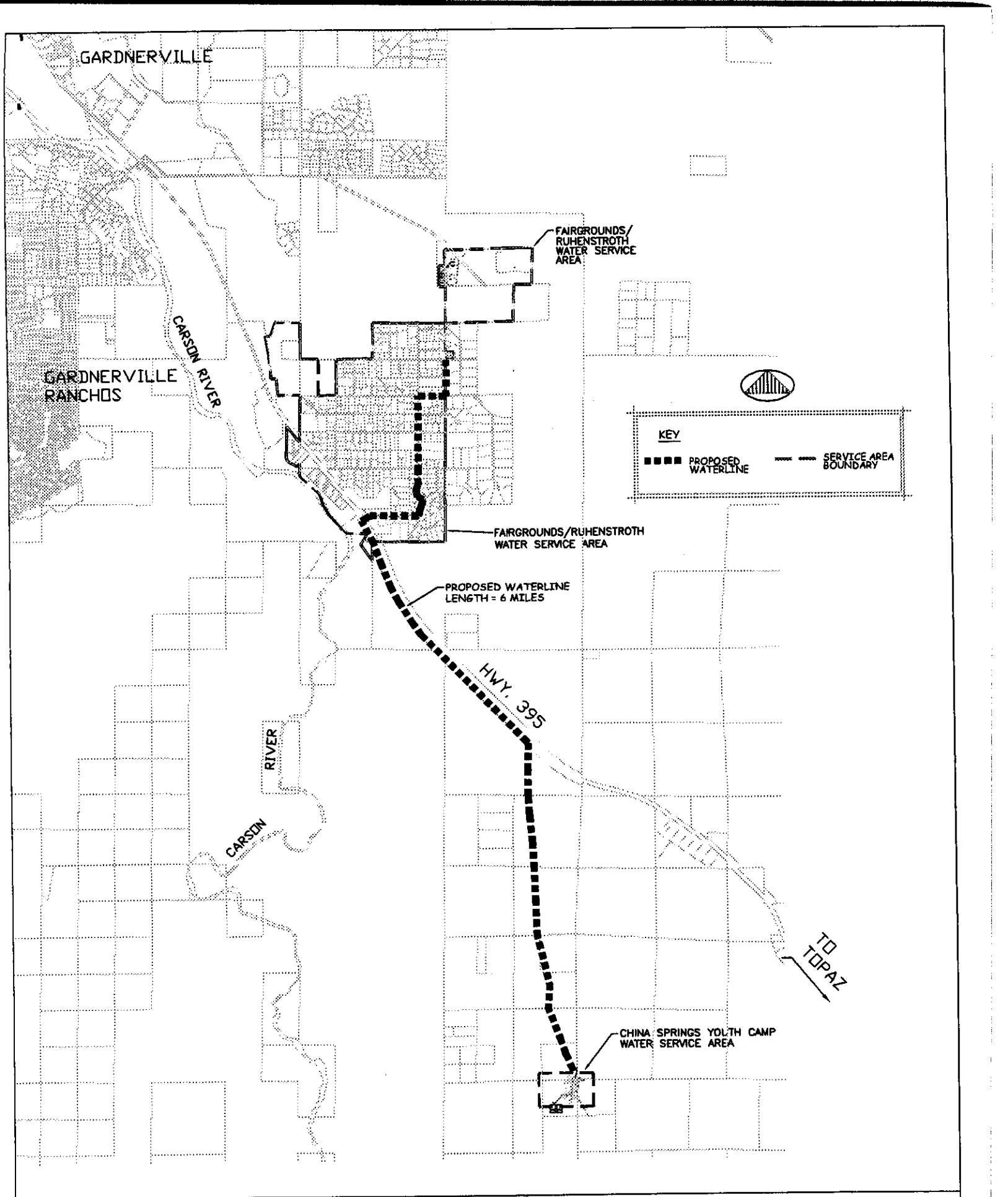
The probable construction cost range of a pipeline is estimated at \$3,500,000 - \$4,300,000.

It is anticipated Douglas County will be requesting funds to construct a pipeline to the juvenile facilities in the 2005 Legislative Session.

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ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS
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SUBMITTED BY: China Springs Youth Camp

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Connect China Springs to Fairgrounds Water System