

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As required by guidelines for the preparation of environmental impact statements, an environmental review has been performed on the proposed action below:

Project: Walsh RWD System Expansion

Location: Walsh County, North Dakota

SRF Project No.: 5001075-01

Total Cost: \$1,900,000

The proposed project involves installing 4 miles of new transmission main and upsizing 6 miles of existing transmission main throughout the Walsh Rural Water District. The project is needed to improve pressure and flow to existing members as well as provide capacity for supplemental water supply throughout the system. The project also reduces operation and maintenance costs and will provide water to 26 new users.

The Walsh Rural Water District has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$565,000 to finance the project. The Water District has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project area is located throughout Walsh County. For a further discussion of this see Item IV, Affected Environment in the Environmental Assessment document. Wetlands, area flood plains, threatened or endangered species habitat, or archeological sites will not be adversely impacted.

The review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an environmental impact statement has been made. This action is taken based on a careful review of the engineering report, environmental information document, and other supporting data which are on file in the Municipal Facilities Division of the North Dakota Department of Health.

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Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Aaron D. Wellman, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Health, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND, 58501-1947.

After evaluating the comments received, the agency will make a final decision; however, no administrative action will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days after release of the Finding of No Significant Impact.

Dated the 29th day of March 2018.

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