

## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Cavalier (Pembina County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 3400170-01

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Ground Storage Reservoir and Pump Station Replacement for the City of Cavalier in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR Part 6). The NDDEQ has determined that this project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion and is exempt from further substantive environmental review.

Because the proposed project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion, a full Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment will not be required. Following is a description of the proposed project and a brief statement of how the project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion.

The proposed project consists of replacement of the existing ground storage reservoir and pump house within the city of Cavalier. The condition of the existing ground storage reservoir is deteriorating, and in need of rehabilitation or replacement. The two pumps that provide the city with water from the existing ground storage reservoir are also at the end of their useful life and are in need of replacement.

The proposed project is necessary to allow the City of Cavalier the ability to provide continued reliable water service to the existing system and to prepare for future city expansion. The project will improve public health in the area by addressing aging water storage facilities and pumps.

The City of Cavalier plans to apply for an increase to an existing Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to finance the project. The City has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the replacements will occur entirely in the area of the existing ground storage reservoir. No previously undisturbed areas will be affected by the construction activities. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer has concurred with a determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for this project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 20-6031). It has been determined that exempting the proposed project from further review under the National Environmental Policy Act will not result in adverse impacts to the population or area of Cavalier and Pembina County.

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The documentation to support this decision will be on file and available for public review at the NDDEQ, Division of Municipal Facilities.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Mitchell Murray, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bismarck, ND, 58501-1947.

Dated the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

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