

## 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: All Seasons Water Users District (ASWUD) - System 4 Connection to System 1

Location: Bottineau and Rolette Counties, North Dakota

SRF Project No.: 0501057-03

Total Cost: \$6,638,000.00

The proposed project consists of the construction of approximately 27.65 miles of 8-inch diameter pipe for the east-west run and approximately 8.40 miles of 3-inch diameter pipe for the north-south run. Also included is a proposed water storage tank with a capacity of 200,000 gallons of potable water, tank control vault with booster pumps and associated site piping.

The ASWUD has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$1,738,000 to finance the project. The system has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project area is located within Bottineau and Rolette Counties. 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 North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office concurs with the determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" provided site 32O404 is avoided, and provided the project remains as described and mapped in the Juniper Environmental Consulting, LLC report dated March 2019 (ND SHPO Ref.: 18-0848).

Comments were received and reviewed during the original Finding of No Significant Impact publishing for this project. For a further review of these comments please see Item V, Environmental Impacts of Proposed Project.

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 on the basis of 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 Environmental Quality.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Aaron D. Wellman, 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.

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

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