

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: Hay Creek Sanitary Sewer Interceptor and Lift Station

Location: Bismarck (Burleigh County), North Dakota

CWSRF Project No.: 380909-03

Total Cost: \$45,000,000

The proposed project includes upgrades to the Hay Creek Interceptor and construction of a new Hay Creek Lift Station and forcemain. Construction will occur along Hay Creek from near Divide Avenue to the Missouri Valley Complex and the site of the new lift station at the intersection of Apple Creek Road and South 52nd Street, then west to north of Bismarck Municipal Airport. The existing wastewater interceptor was constructed in 1975. It varies in pipe size and material and has been extended several times since its original construction. Engineering analysis of the interceptor has shown that several areas are undersized for current flow conditions and during rain events. The existing lift station and forcemains were also constructed in 1975 and have not received any significant upgrades or improvements. Many of the major components in the lift station are from the original construction and remain in good condition. Despite their condition, the lift station and forcemains are exceeding flow capacity during wet weather which is expected to worsen as the sewershed expands. The current and future growth expectations within the City of Bismarck will significantly increase the wastewater flow to the interceptor, lift station, and forcemain. The proposed project will eliminate the current issues and ensure the continued safe conveyance of the city's wastewater.

The City of Bismarck has applied for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$45,000,000 to finance the project. The city has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

Agricultural lands, 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" 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.: 23-0565).

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 that are on file in the Municipal Facilities Division of the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Evan Wahl, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy St., Bismarck, ND, 58503-1324.

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 28th day of February, 2025.

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Director
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