

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: System Wide Distribution Improvements
Cass Rural Water District (CRWD)

Location: Cass County, North Dakota

DWSRF Project No.: 0901060-07

Total Cost: \$271,450

A Finding of No Significant Impact for this project was originally published on May 16, 2022 in Ransom County and May 18, 2022 in Cass County. The project area has expanded and the original Finding of No Significant Impact is being amended.

The proposed project is for the installation of additional rural water pipe to loop existing watermains. The purpose of these improvements is to improve low pressure areas in the rural water service area. This project will assure that CRWD can continue to serve existing and new residents in Cass County.

CRWD has obtained a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to finance the project. The rural water district has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project will primarily disturb 22 acres of land during the installation of rural water pipe. For a further discussion of this see Item V, Environmental Impacts of Proposed Project 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 concurred with the "No Historic Properties Affected" determination for the proposed project area (ND SHPO Ref.: 23-5537) provided it takes place in the location and manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source.

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

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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 Bryan R. Schmitt P.E., Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, 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 19th day of May 2023.

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