

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: Reservoir D Supply Pipeline Project
Cass Rural Water District (CRWD)

Location: Cass County, North Dakota

DWSRF Project No.: 0901060-08

Total Cost: \$8,420,000

The proposed project is for the installation of an underground pipeline to connect two drinking water storage reservoirs. Rural water users surrounding one of the reservoirs have experienced a lack of available system pressure during times of peak water usage. The new pipeline will improve the supply of drinking water to rural water users and provide system looping within the service area.

CRWD plans to apply for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to finance a portion of the project. The city has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project will involve the disturbance of approximately 9.5 miles of land adjacent to the Sheyenne Diversion and Sheyenne River. 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 concurs with a determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for this project provided the Clemenson Cemetery (32CS5092) is avoided as indicated in the report, provided the project takes place as described in the documentation, and provided all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 24-0042).

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 Bryan Schmitt, 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 4th of April, 2024.

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