

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: Water Tower and Water Main Replacement

Location: Cavalier (Pembina County), North Dakota

DWSRF Project No.: 3400170-01

Total Cost: \$3,095,000

The proposed project is for the construction of a new 250,000-gallon water tower and demolition of the existing 50,000-gallon water tower. The existing watermain connected to the current tower is in poor condition and undersized. A new 10-inch watermain will replace the existing watermain to handle the flows coming from the proposed water tower. The tower location will be moved from the center of the city to the new location at the east side of the city. The new tower will provide adequate flows and pressure for the City of Cavalier's residence for general use as well as fire protection.

The City of Cavalier has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$3,095,000 to finance the project. The City has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project site is within city limits where the USDA's enforcement of the Farmland Protection Policy Act does not apply; therefore, no further action is needed. Wetlands, area flood plains, threatened or endangered species habitat, or archeological sites will not be adversely impacted. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office has requested that a permitted architectural historian complete an architectural site form and a small history booklet for the water tower being demolished (ND SHPO Ref.: 19-0389). No archeological survey is warranted.

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 Mitchell Murray, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd 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 23rd day of July 2019.

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