

## 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: East Central Regional Water District – 2022 System Expansion

Location: Grand Forks and Traill Counties, North Dakota

DWSRF Project No.: 1801062-05

Total Cost: \$16,500,000

The proposed project involves a transmission pipeline expansion, service to Hatton and Grandin, water treatment plant expansion and reservoir improvements. This will maintain or improve pressure and flow to existing users and allows ECRWD to meet peak demands.

The East Central Regional Water District (ECRWD) has been approved for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$4,125,000 to finance the project. ECRWD has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project area is located within Grand Forks and Traill 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 has concluded that no historic properties will be affected by this project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the documentation, unevaluated site 32GT3852 is avoided, and all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 22-5392 and 22-6051).

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 based on 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.

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Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Aaron D. Wellman, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

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