

## **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:** Wastewater Treatment Facility Phase 2

**Location:** Grand Forks (Grand Forks County), North Dakota

**SRF Project No.:** 380806-05

**Total Cost:** \$92,387,000

The proposed project is for the construction of a new fine screen building (FSB), a new secondary biological treatment (SBT) system, a new membrane bioreactor (MBR) building, yard piping, and other site improvements for the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) in Grand Forks. The improvements will upgrade treatment capacity to ensure that the wastewater is adequately treated. The existing wastewater treatment system would not have the capacity to treat the expected future wastewater flows. Without the improvements and upgrades, the treatment facility may not be able to meet the necessary discharge requirements

The City of Grand Forks has applied for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$54,620,000 to help finance the project. The city has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project is to construct a parallel treatment facility immediately adjacent to the east side of the current treatment facility. 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 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.: 22-6309).

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 assessment 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 Shawn Martin, Environmental Engineer II, 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 27th day of November, 2023.

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