

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: Sewer, Storm Water & Street Improvements

Location: Kindred (Cass County), North Dakota

SRF Project No.: 380832-03

Total Cost: \$1,200,000

The proposed project involves installing new sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure to support the Newport Ridge Development. Storm water detention measures must be implemented to meet city ordinances and provide Newport Ridge with storm water storage to reduce internal flooding and downstream impacts. The project also includes upgrades to the Newport Ridge sanitary sewer lift station and drainage improvements along 7th Avenue. The existing lift station controls do not provide remote monitoring and remote fault detection alarms. The lift station upgrades will include a remote telemetry monitoring system and a natural gas generator. This will eliminate the need for frequent manual monitoring and provide the lift station with an automatic backup power source. The improvements along 7th Avenue will include excavation of drainage ditches and installation of culverts which will help alleviate drainage issues.

The City of Kindred plans to apply for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$1,200,000 to finance the project. The city has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The Newport Ridge project location is mostly agricultural land with portions of platted city right-of-way and temporary easements that occupy existing underground utilities. The 7th Avenue location is currently a gravel road with limited storm water infrastructure. For a further discussion of this, see Item V, Environmental Impacts of Proposed Project in the Environmental Assessment document. 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.: 24-0006).

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 Ryan Allery, 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 18th day of April, 2024.

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