

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: Horace Area Elevated Tank
Cass Rural Water District (CRWD)

Location: Cass County, North Dakota

DWSRF Project No.: 0901060-06

Total Cost: \$4,446,000

The proposed project is for the construction of a new 1,000,000 gallon elevated water storage tank and installation of pumps in the Phase 1 service area of CRWD. The Phase 1 service area has experienced an increased drinking water demand from residential, community and bulk users. Inadequate water storage, increased flow demand and population growth have put a limitation on the amount of water supplied to users in this service area. The project will address these issues by adding water storage capacity and pumps to the Phase 1 service area of CRWD.

CRWD has a \$2,600,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan and a \$1,846,000 grant from the State Water Commission to finance this project. The rural water district has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project site for the water tower and associated piping will disturb approximately 3 acres of agricultural land. For a further discussion of this see Item V, Environmental Impacts of Proposed Project in the Environmental Assessment document. Wetlands, area flood plains and threatened or endangered species habitat will not be adversely impacted. The State Historical Society of North Dakota, reference number 19-0304, concurs with the "No Historic Properties Affected" determination for the project.

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.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Bryan Schmitt, 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 10th day of June, 2019.

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