

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: Tri-County Water District Expansion

Location: Grand Forks, Nelson and Ramsey Counties, North Dakota

DWSRF Project No.: 3201072-03

Total Cost: \$3,900,000

The proposed project involves connecting the Tri-County Water District (TCWD) to the existing McVille Water Treatment Plant (WTP) as well as adding new water users. The connection to the McVille WTP will give the TCWD the ability to draw up to 200 gallons per minute from the facility. This additional capacity will allow for increased regionalization in the area by ensuring enough water supply for current and future water demands along with increasing working pressures.

The Tri-County Water District has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$1,050,000 to finance the project. The Water District has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project area is located within Grand Forks, Nelson and Ramsey 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 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 Health.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Aaron D. Wellman, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Health, 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 2nd day of January 2019.

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