

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: Traill County, North Dakota

DWSRF Project No.: 1801062-05

Total Cost: \$1,640,000

A Finding of No Significant Impact for this project was originally published on September 17, 2022, in the Traill County Tribune and September 21, 2022, in the Grand Forks Herald. The project area has expanded and the original Finding of No Significant Impact is being amended.

The proposed project amendment involves the installation of a pipeline between two drinking water storage reservoirs. This will maintain or potentially improve pressure and flow to existing users, provide the ability to serve new users, and reduce operation and maintenance costs.

East Central Regional Water District (ECRWD) has obtained a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan 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 Traill County. For 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 concurred with the “No Historic Properties Affected” determination for the proposed project area (ND SHPO Ref.: 23-5709) provided it takes place in the location and manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source.

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 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 28th day of February 2024.

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