

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: Maddock Water Treatment Plant Improvements

Location: Maddock (Benson County), North Dakota

DWSRF Project No.: 5201309-03

Total Cost: \$9,714,000.00

The proposed project is for the rehabilitation of the existing Maddock Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Many components of the existing WTP have exceeded their useful life. The proposed project will also install membrane treatment that will replace the existing lime softening process, a water line from the WTP to Central Plains Water District (CPWD) Reservoir 2, and a wastewater forcemain from the WTP to the Maddock lagoons.

CPWD has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$9,714,000 to finance the project. The city has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project site will include the existing WTP site, an area along the access road to Maddock's wastewater lagoons, and an area along Highway 30. 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 US Fish and Wildlife has determined that the project may affect piping plover. For the period from April 15 to August 15, the resident project representative (RPR) or on-site personnel shall observe the construction area for visual signs of piping plover nesting activities. Construction activities shall stop until the piping plover leave the area.

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.: 23-0576).

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 Shannon Fisher, DWSRF Program Manager, 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 30^h day of July, 2024.

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