

## **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: 2021 System Improvements – Phase II  
McLean-Sheridan Rural Water District (MSRWD)

Location: McLean and Sheridan Counties, North Dakota

DWSRF Project No.: 2801400-04

Total Cost: \$11,262,347

A Finding of No Significant Impact for this project was originally published on March 17, 2022 in the McClusky Gazette and McLean County Independent. The project area has expanded and the original Finding of No Significant Impact is being amended.

The proposed project is for the installation of additional rural water pipe to add 20 new users to the MSRWD rural water system. The purpose of these improvements is to improve water quantity and quality to users in the rural water service area. This project will ensure that MSRWD can continue to serve existing and new residents throughout McLean and Sheridan Counties.

MSRWD has obtained a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to finance the project. The rural water district has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project will primarily disturb agricultural land during the installation of rural water pipe. 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 North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office would concur with a “No Adverse Effect” determination for the proposed project (ND SHPO Ref.: 25-0033) provided 32ML1534/32MLX261, 32ML1530, 32ML1531 are avoided and that the project takes place in the location and manner described in the documentation and provided all borrow comes from an approved source. All other sites, features, and buildings described in Class III Cultural Resource Inventories report are to be avoided.

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 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 R. Schmitt, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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