

## 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: North Prairie RWD – Mountrail Phase II and III Water Supply

Location: Mountrail and Ward Counties, North Dakota

DWSRF Project No.: 5101189-06

Total Cost: \$10,300,000

The proposed project involves the construction of rural water infrastructure in two phases. Phase II will consist of approximately 16 miles of transmission line, a booster station rehabilitation and a new booster station. Phase III will be approximately 168 miles of water main and the connection of 140 new users. This will provide a reliable water source to new users that currently utilize wells.

The North Prairie Rural Water District plans to apply for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to finance the project.

The project area is located within Mountrail and Ward 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 North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office has concluded that no historic properties will be affected by this project provided the project takes place in the location and manner described and all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 18-0254, 18-0255 and 20-0442).

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, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

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