

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: 2018 Water System Improvements

Location: North Prairie Rural Water District (Ward County), North Dakota

DWSRF Project No.: 5101189-04

Total Cost: \$1,553,013.65

The proposed project is for the improvement of an existing rural water transmission line connecting two existing reservoirs. The project will consist of construction of transmission main on public right-of-way and easements. This project would construct a 6" transmission main connected to the system's Reservoir 10 to Reservoir 9, and a 12" transmission main from the Surrey Pump Station the west side of Silver Springs subdivision. This area has experienced significantly increased residential water demands that are causing existing sources and systems difficulty in meeting the increased water demands for the district. The system cannot maintain adequate pressure and flow from Reservoir 10 to Reservoir 9 during times of peak demand. Moreover, the 3" watermain southwest of Minot experiences high friction losses and drops in pressure due to flow demand. The proposed project will maintain adequate water flow from Reservoir 10 to Reservoir 9 during periods of high demand. Without the improvement of the NPRWD transmission main, the potential for unreliable service to Ward County is high.

The North Prairie Rural Water District has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$450,000 to finance the project. The North Prairie Rural Water District has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

The project site will include approximately 6 miles of transmission main between the existing Reservoirs 10 and 9. 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 review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts that 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 Health.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Henok Woldeyes, 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 20th day of June, 2018

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