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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED DRINKING WATER PROJECT FOR LARIMER COUNTY (FISH CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION)

The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has conducted a review of the proposed drinking water project for the Larimer County (Fish Creek Water Association) in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State of Colorado procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Part 6) and the State of Colorado NEPA-like policy (SRF Operating Agreement). The State has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the State is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under the above stated policies.

Project Description:

The proposed project consists of the replacement of distribution lines and associated appurtenances. The project will be funded by a Drinking Water Revolving Fund loan in the amount of $314,505 at an interest rate of 2%. The project will require a monthly special assessment of $107.49 for users. The project, by design, will not increase the drinking water demand for the planning area.

Criteria for Granting a Categorical Exclusion under 40 CFR part 6.204:

The action proposed will ensure compliance with current and future drinking water treatment standards. The following criteria condition the allowance of the categorical exclusion for the proposed action:

- Functional replacement of equipment;
- Minor upgrades and expansions of existing water systems in communities of 10,000 population or less (distribution line extensions are not included.)

The documentation to support this decision will be on file at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division, in Denver, Colorado, and is available for public scrutiny upon request. Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to:

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Dated this 24th day of April, 2015.

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