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### CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED DRINKING WATER PROJECT FOR TOWN OF ANTONITO

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 Town of Antonito 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 improvements to the existing water treatment facilities, distribution system, and water storage tank, along with construction of a new water tank. The project will be funded, in part, by a Drinking Water Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$3,400,000 of which, \$2,372,730 was forgiven at loan execution. The remaining \$1,027,270 loan is financed at an interest rate of 0%. The project is expected to increase the user rates by an additional \$0.10 per month.

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 treatment standards. The following criteria condition the allowance of the categorical exclusion for the proposed action:

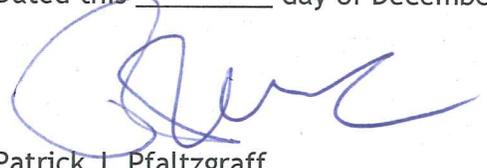
- Minor rehabilitation of existing facilities;
- Construction of additional facilities adjacent to existing facilities which do not affect the degree or capacity of treatment by more than 30 percent of the existing populations;
- Distribution line replacement; and
- Minor upgrades and expansions of existing 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.



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