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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED WASTEWATER PROJECT FOR CITY OF PUEBLO

The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has conducted a review of the proposed wastewater project for the City of Pueblo in accordance with EPA and the 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 original proposed project consisted of the replacement of approximately 1520 feet of an existing sewer line in Aster Avenue between W. Pueblo Boulevard and S. Prairie Avenue. The project will be expanded to include lining of sewer mains and epoxy coating of manholes in the vicinity of S. Joplin Avenue and S. Portland Avenue.

The project will be funded by the remaining portion of a Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund loan in the amount of $4,179,047.20 at an interest rate of 2.21%. The project will not increase the monthly user rates since it is an existing loan.

The project by design will not increase the wastewater 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 wastewater treatment standards. The following criteria condition the allowance of the categorical exclusion for the proposed action:

- Minor rehabilitation of existing facilities;
- Functional replacement of equipment;
- Minor upgrades and expansions of existing treatment works in sewered communities (sewer 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 5th day of October, 2016.

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