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### CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED WASTEWATER PROJECT FOR CITY OF WRAY

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 City of Wray 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 City of Wray Wastewater Treatment Facility including construction of aeration upgrades, biological media reactors, and disk filtration for advanced treatment for nitrogen and discharge into the North Fork Republican River.

The project will be funded in part by two Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund loans, totaling \$2,250,000 at an interest rate of 1%, however, \$1,115,800 of that amount will be principally forgiven. The project will not require an increase in monthly user rates.

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:

- Functional replacement of equipment.
- Construction of new ancillary facilities either adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities which do not affect the degree or capacity of treatment.
- Minor upgrades and expansions of existing treatment works in sewer 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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