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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION **FOR THE PROPOSED WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND PROJECT** **FOR THE PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has conducted a review of the proposed Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund project for the Pueblo West Metropolitan District 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 proposed project is the upgrade of the Biosolids handling facilities to become more cost efficient and the construction of aerobic digester to increase treatment capability and capacity to meet current design conditions. The project will be funded by a Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$5,650,000 at 3.5%. The project will increase the user rates by \$6.20 per month.

Criteria for Granting a Categorical Exclusion under 40 CFR parts 6.107 and 6.505

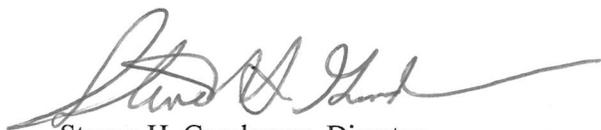
The action proposed will ensure compliance with current and future water treatment standards. The following criteria condition the allowance of the categorical exclusion for the proposed action:

- 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 expansion of existing treatment works in stewarded communities.

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 29th day of July, 2011

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steven H. Gunderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven H. Gunderson, Director
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