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# CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED DRINKING WATER PROJECT FOR CITY OF STERLING

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 Sterling 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 replacement or retrofit of existing distribution system flow meters with Automated Meter Reading Systems.

The project will be funded with the remaining portion of a 2011 Drinking Water Revolving Fund loan in the amount of $28,558,845.11 at an interest rate of 2.5%. This project will not increase the monthly user rates since the debt has already been incurred.

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;
- 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.

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 19th day of September, 2015.

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