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## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION** **FOR THE PROPOSED WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT FOR** **THE TOWN OF LYONS**

The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has conducted a review of the proposed Water Pollution Control project for the Town of Lyons 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 described below from further substantive environmental review requirements under the above stated policies.

### Project Description:

The proposed project components are covered by the categorical exclusion:

- Installing new pumps in the existing influent pump station;
- Constructing a new headworks with a new mechanical screen, grit collection, influent flume, and composite sampler;
- Constructing two new SBR basins with pre and post EQ tanks;
- Constructing a new building to house the new blowers for the SBRs and aerated sludge holding tanks;
- Covering the aerated sludge holding tanks;
- Installing an odor control system, this includes a foul air fan and biofilters, to reduce odors from the aerated sludge holding tanks and the headworks;
- Constructing new paved and covered solar sludge drying beds;
- Constructing a new operations and controls building to house a new laboratory, offices for operation staff, SCADA, and new electrical equipment;
- Decommissioning the existing activated sludge and clarifier basin, plus the sludge drying beds.

The project will be funded by a Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$5,200,000. The interest rate for \$2,000,000 will be at 0% and 3% for the remaining \$3,200,000. The project will increase the user rates by \$28.10 per month. The funds for this project are not related to flood recovery projects and are specifically for the project described above.

### 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:

- The Minor Rehabilitation of existing facilities;
- 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.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven H. Gunderson", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Steven H. Gunderson, Director  
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