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August 16, 2018

Josh Williamson, President
Rogerson Water Board
HC 33, Box 159
Rogerson, Idaho 83302

Subject: Categorical exclusion for the Rogerson Water District Drinking Water Improvements Project,
Grant No. DWG-143-2013-10

Dear Mr. Williamson:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the environmental information document for the Rogerson Water District Drinking Water Improvements Project and has issued a categorical exclusion (Cat Ex) determination. A Cat Ex exempts the referenced project from further substantive environmental review requirements because no environmental effects were found. Enclosed is a signed copy of the Cat Ex for the referenced project.

DEQ has requested that the *Times-News*, newspaper of greatest distribution for the Rogerson water district, publish the enclosed Cat Ex legal notice for the referenced project one time on August 23rd, 2018. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain copies of the full Cat Ex.

The water district should keep a copy of the Cat Ex and the legal notice as published for their records. No required public comment or waiting period is required after notification of a Cat Ex. Following publication of the legal notice, you may proceed with the closure of the DEQ planning grant.

Brian Reed at the DEQ Twin Falls Regional Office, (208) 736-2190, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep him informed of progress on the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry N. Burnell".

Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

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File No. 2018ALP174

August 16, 2018

Categorical Exclusion Determination for the Proposed

Rogerson Water District Drinking Water Improvements, Twin Falls County, Rogerson, Idaho

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has conducted an environmental review and analysis of the July 2018 *Rogerson Water District – Water System Environmental Information Document* in accordance with state procedures for implementing an environmental review under the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) and the “Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water Facilities” (IDAPA 58.01.22). DEQ has determined that this project does not involve any extraordinary circumstances requiring additional environmental analysis and documentation and is therefore eligible for a categorical exclusion (Cat Ex). Accordingly, the project is exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements under the SERP.

Project Description: The last major improvements to the water system were completed in 1982. During the development of the July 2018 *Rogerson Water District – Water Facilities Plan*, the following deficiencies and areas of need were identified:

- Approximately 200,000 gallons of additional storage is needed to meet International Fire Code and emergency storage requirements.
- Booster station improvements are needed to allow multiple pumps to run at once.
- The current booster pumps are over 30 years old and should be replaced, and an additional three pumps are needed to support full fire flow redundancy, low-flow winter demands, and high-flow summer demands.
- A generator is recommended to improve system reliability.
- Distribution system improvements are needed to deliver required fire flow demands, upgrade aging portions of the system, and provide looping for the system.
- A supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system is recommended to assist operators in running the system.

Based on the May 2018 public meeting and board meeting, the water district board approved the facility plan, but elected to not make any improvements. This determination is based on the selected No Action alternative.

DEQ has determined that the No Action alternative is consistent with criteria for issuing a Cat Ex for the following reasons:

- The water district is not under a Compliance Agreement Schedule, Consent Order, or any other enforcement action which necessitates immediate improvements.
- DEQ is not aware of immediate public health threats from operation of the existing system.

The documentation to support this decision is on file and available for public review at the following locations:

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Water Quality Division
1410 North Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706
Grant SERP contact: Michael Stambulis, (208) 373-0123

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Twin Falls Regional Office
650 Addison Avenue West, Suite 110
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
Regional Office contact: Brian Reed, (208) 736-2190

Rogerson Water District
HC 33, Box 159
Rogerson, Idaho 83302
Contact: Karen Cook, (208) 655-4406

A one-time publication is required in the newspaper of greatest distribution. DEQ has requested the *Times-News* publish the Cat Ex legal notice for the Rogerson Water District Drinking Water Improvements Project one time on Thursday, August 23rd, 2018. The legal notice will inform the public that the proposed project has received a Cat Ex, which excludes the project from further environmental review.

The Cat Ex and published legal notice should be made part of the final planning document for this project.



Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR THE
ROGERSON WATER DISTRICT DRINKING WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has determined that the proposed drinking water improvements project for the Rogerson Water District, Rogerson, Twin Falls County, Idaho, conforms to the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) and the “Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water Facilities” (IDAPA 58.01.22) by which the project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the project is exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements.

Project Description: The last major improvements to the water system were completed in 1982. During the development of the July 2018 *Rogerson Waster District – Water Facilities Plan*, the following deficiencies and areas of need were identified:

- Approximately 200,000 gallons of additional storage is needed to meet International Fire Code and emergency storage requirements.
- Booster station improvements are needed to allow multiple pumps to run at once.
- The current booster pumps are over 30 years old and should be replaced, and an additional three pumps are needed to support full fire flow redundancy, low-flow winter demands, and high-flow summer demands.
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- Distribution system improvements are needed to deliver required fire flow demands, upgrade aging portions of the system, and provide looping for the system.
- A supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system is recommended to assist operators in running the system.

Based on the May 2018 public meeting and board meeting, the water district board approved the facility plan, but elected to not make any improvements. This determination is based on the selected No Action alternative.

Copies of the notice of categorical exclusion and the environmental information document upon which it is based are available for public review at the following locations:

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