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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As provided by the state environmental review process adopted in the rules of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 371.41, for projects to be funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Equivalency Program and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 United States Code § 4321, et seq., the TWDB staff has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements:

Barton Water Supply Corporation, Erath County, Texas TWDB DWSRF Project No. 62792 Water System Improvements Pump Station No. 5 Total Financing Amount: \$1,440,000

Loan No. 1001724

Loan Forgiveness No. LF1000712

The Barton Water Supply Corporation (Corporation) is proposing to use \$1,440,000 in financing from the DWSRF Equivalency Program for the Water System Improvements Project to rehabilitate Pump Station No. 5 in order to address pressure and capacity issues within the system. The existing pump station and site piping will be demolished and replaced with the following at the existing, developed site:

- A new packaged pump station with housing, consisting of two 150 gallon per minute (gpm) pumps
- 30,000-gallon welded steel ground storage tank
- 3,000-gallon hydropneumatics tank
- Approximately 20 linear feet of new 6-inch water line
- Approximately 100 linear feet of new 4-inch water line
- A new chemical storage building
- All related appurtenances

The TWDB may not fund testing, remediation, removal, disposal, or related works for contaminated or potentially contaminated materials. However, the project proponent should ensure that, if found, such materials are tested, removed, and disposed of in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

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There are no waterbodies onsite nor vegetation other than mowed and maintained turf grass. One mature tree on the adjacent property may require the trimming of overhang but will not be removed. There are no previously recorded significant or potentially significant historical or cultural sites within or adjacent to the project footprint, according to the Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Sites Atlas, nor is the proposed project within a protected area surrounding a historic cemetery, structure, or district. The proposed project will not adversely impact waters of the United States, including wetlands. The proposed project is not located within a Special Flood Hazard Area; therefore, coordination with the local floodplain administrator was not required. The proposed project is not expected to impact threatened, endangered, or other protected species or habitat.

The staff of the TWDB previously recommended issuance of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) for this project. The decision to grant this CE is allowed because the specified project elements will not cause significant adverse impacts to cultural and natural resources. Documentation supporting this determination is on file at the TWDB.

This determination shall be revoked if it is found that

- (1) the project no longer meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion from full environmental review as a result of changes in the project;
- (2) the project involves extraordinary circumstances as described in 31 TAC § 371.42; or
- (3) the project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

The proposed project must comply with the following special and standard environmental conditions:

Standard Environmental Conditions

- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0550), the Barton Water Supply Corporation (Corporation) will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources.
- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0550), the Corporation will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened and endangered species.

Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Project Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231 or via email at RWPD-Environmental@twdb.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



