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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) 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:

Greater Texoma Utility Authority, Grayson County, Texas  
TWDB DWSRF Project No. 62900  
City of Van Alstyne Elevated Storage Tank and Water System Improvements  
Total Financing Amount: \$4,000,000  
(L1001208)

The Greater Texoma Utility Authority (GTUA) is proposing to use \$4,000,000 in financing from the DWSRF program for the City of Van Alstyne Elevated Storage Tank and Water System Improvements project to construct a new 750,000 gallon elevated storage tank (EST) at an existing well site. The proposed project would be located at the existing City of Van Alstyne Well Site No. 5 which currently includes a groundwater well, a ground storage tank, and a high-service pump station. The EST will become part of the Van Alstyne water distribution system. The EST will provide storage with pressure to aid in meeting growth projections to 2045.

Construction of the EST will occur at an existing one-acre city-owned well site. Environmental impacts would be limited to those associated with minor construction within the confines of a previously developed property.

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 the 100-year floodplain; therefore, coordination with the local floodplain

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administrator was not required. In addition, the proposed project is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat.

The decision to grant a Categorical Exclusion is allowed because the specified project elements will not cause significant adverse impacts to the quality of the environment. 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 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.

GTUA has committed to the environmental conditions and has the ability and authority to do so. The proposed project must comply with the following environmental conditions:

- Standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources
- 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](mailto:RWPD-Environmental@twdb.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

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Regional Water Project Development

Enclosure



PROPOSED ELEVATED STORAGE TANK LOCATION  
WELL SITE #5  
(NTS)

