

September 29, 2015

DETERMINATION OF NO EFFECT

TO ALL POTENTIALLY INTERESTED PARTIES:

Pursuant to the environmental assessment requirements of 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 363.14 of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Rules, the Executive Administrator of the TWDB has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements:

Buena Vista - Bethel Special Utility District, Ellis County, Texas
Drinking Water System Improvement Project
Rehabilitation of Ground Storage Tanks on Farm to Market Road (FM) 1446 and
Water Pipeline Replacement on FM 66
TWDB Texas Water Development Fund Project No. 21623 (L090060)

The Buena Vista - Bethel Special Utility District (District) is proposing to use the remaining unused funds from a \$5,900,000 Texas Water Development Fund loan for water system improvements. On February 17, 2009, the TWDB committed funds for the installation of approximately six miles of 20-inch water transmission main from the Waxahachie Water Treatment Plant (WTP) to the District's elevated storage tank on FM 66 and to build a 1.0 million gallon ground storage tank and a high service pump station. The loan was closed on April 7, 2009. The District provided an Environmental Assessment for the above proposed project activities, and the TWDB issued an Environmental Determination for these project components on August 19, 2009. The District completed construction of these project components, and used part of the remaining funds to drill a new well to the Woodbine Aquifer on the existing Plant Site No. 4 (FM 66), and to replace approximately 8,800 linear feet of waterline on Cox and Lone Elm Roads and appurtenances. The TWDB issued a Determination of No Effect for these additional project elements on September 10, 2013.

The District has completed construction of these project components, and proposes to use the remaining unused funds to:

1. Replace approximately 4,900 linear feet of a 6-inch diameter water main on FM 66 with a 8-inch diameter pipeline, including necessary appurtenances; and,
2. Rehabilitate a 45,000-gallon ground storage tank (GST) and a 240,000 gallon GST, both located on FM 1446.

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The proposed project components, shown on the attached map, are located southwest of the City of Waxahachie. Both sites are located within the north central portion of the U.S. Geological Survey Boz 7.5 minute quadrangle. The proposed replacement linework will be in the same roadside easement as the existing line. The western end of the proposed linework is near Greathouse Branch, but is not located in a 500-year floodplain and does not cross any streams or drainages. Therefore, there are no apparent activities that would require a Section 404, Clean Water Act permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or a floodplain permit. A review of the Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Sites Atlas indicates that the proposed project activities are not located on or likely to affect any significant or potentially significant cultural resources. In addition, all activities will be limited to maintained road rights-of-ways or on existing facility sites. No impacts to threatened or endangered species or habitat are anticipated.

The proposed action is allowed because the specified project elements should not entail significant adverse impacts to the quality of the human environment. Documentation supporting this determination is on file at the TWDB.

This decision shall be revoked if : (1) it is found that, due to changes in the project, the proposed action has changed to no longer meet the description provided above, (2) evidence is found that the project may have serious environmental effects, or (3) it is found that Federal, State, or local laws are being or may be violated by implementation of the project. The project activities must comply with the following conditions:

- Standard emergency discovery condition for threatened or endangered species; and
- Standard emergency discovery condition for cultural resources.

Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director, Regional Water Planning and Development, Texas Water Development Board, P. O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711.

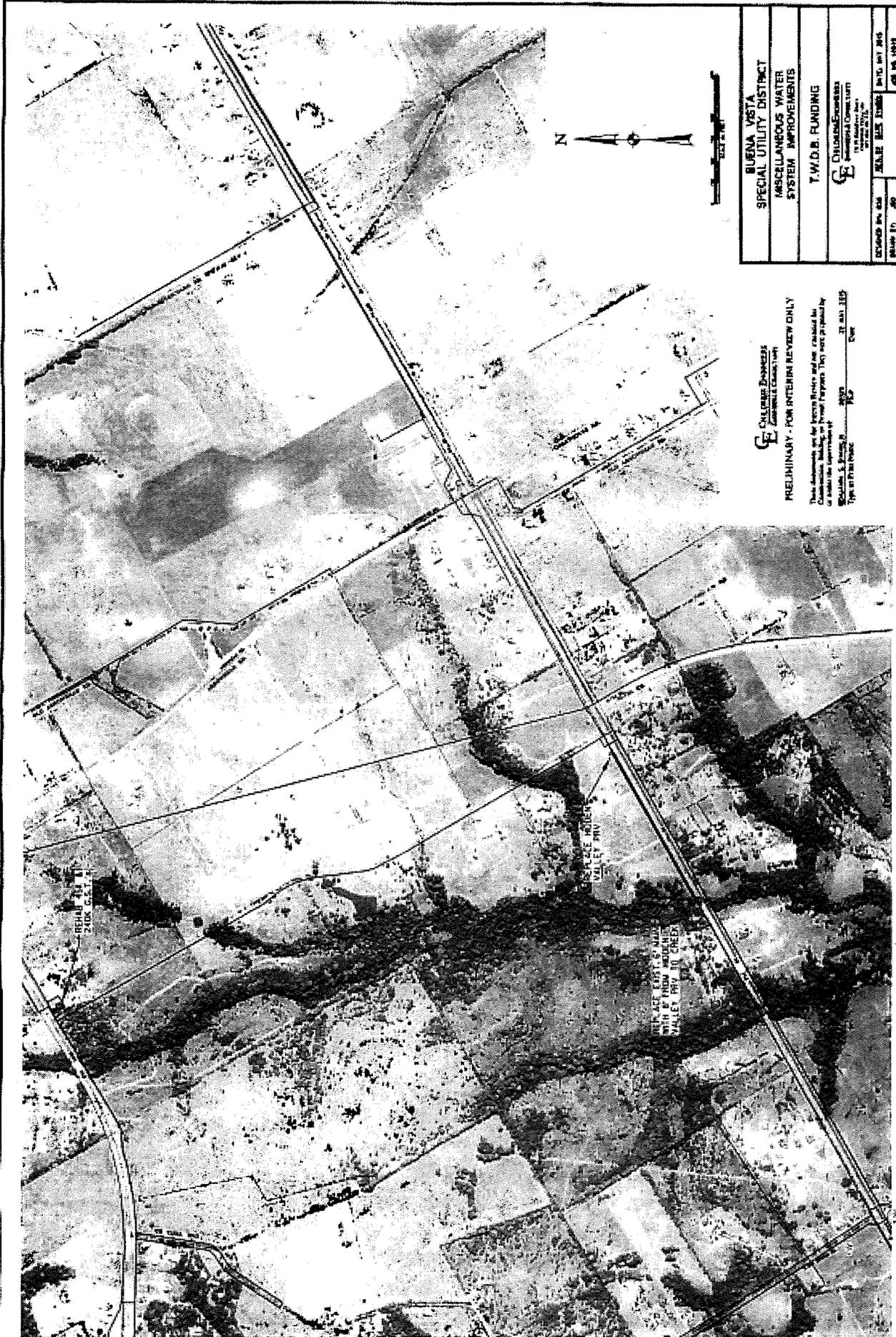
Sincerely,



Jessica Zuba, Director
Regional Water Planning and Development

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