

**November 30, 2015**

**STATEMENT OF FINDINGS**

**TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:**

As provided by the state environmental review process adopted in the Permanent Rules of the Texas Water Development Board (Board) 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 371, subchapter E, for projects to be funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S. Code §4321, et seq., the Executive Administrator of the Board has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements:

City of Marlin, Falls County, Texas

Rehabilitation of Elevated Storage Tank, Hobby Prison Unit

DWSRF Project No. 62520

TWDB Loan: \$2,907,908 (LF1000041: \$1,227,908; L1000040: \$1,680,000)

The City has been replacing older portions of the existing water distribution system using a \$2,907,908 DWSRF loan. The TWDB issued a Categorical Exclusion (CE) from a full environmental review for the project on October 16, 2013. The TWDB issued a Statement of Findings (SOF) on January 14, 2014 to approve additional pipeline replacement activities which were consistent with the CE.

The City is nearing completion of the linework, and proposes to use remaining funds from the loan to rehabilitate the elevated storage tank (EST) at the Hobby Prison Unit, located southwest of the City on County Road 712. This tank was written up by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) during a recent inspection.

Rehabilitation will include pressure washing the exterior of the tank and commercial blasting any areas of sheet corrosion. Exterior areas with limited corrosion will be brush blasted. The exterior will be primed and top coated. The interior of the tank will be blasted to near white then coated with a three coat epoxy system. Paint samples were recently tested for the interior and exterior coatings. While minor levels of lead were present, the lead content was well below levels for the paint to be considered hazardous or require abatement. All work will take place inside the fenced area of the pump station. No additional land or easements are required for this project.

Because project activities does not involve clearing or excavation activities and will be limited to the existing EST within the fenced maintained facility that includes a pump station, it is not anticipated that the proposed project will adversely impact cultural resources, wetlands or waters of the U.S., threatened or endangered species or habitat.

The purpose of this SOF is to approve the additional project element which would qualify for a CE and add it to the elements included in the CE issued on October 16, 2013. This decision 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.

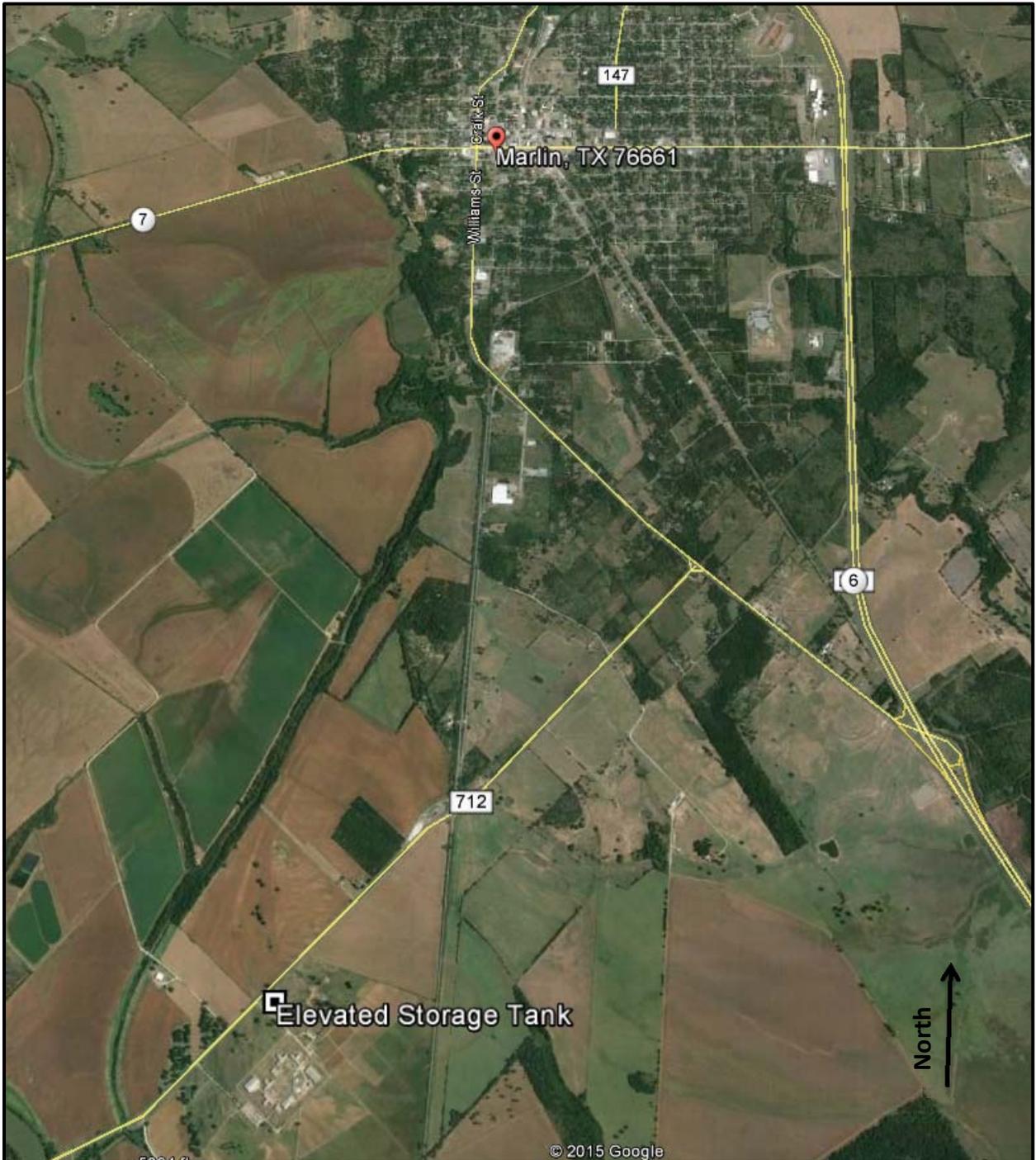
This determination shall be revoked if it is found that:

- (1) because of changes in the project the proposed actions no longer correspond to the description provided above;
- (2) the project may have significant adverse environmental effects; or
- (3) Federal, State, or local laws are being or may be violated by implementation of this project.

The project also must comply with the following conditions:

- Standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources; and,
- Standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened and endangered species.

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 78711-3231.



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