

June 7, 2016

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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 (TWDB) 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 West Tawakoni, Hunt County, Texas
Water System Improvements Project
DWSRF Project No. 62698
Total Estimated TWDB Commitment: \$1,125,000

The City of West Tawakoni (City) is proposing to use funding from a \$1,125,000 DWSRF loan for the rehabilitation of the drinking water system. The City provides drinking water to a population of approximately 1,598 in Hunt County. The City's existing water storage tanks include a 250,000-gallon ground storage tank (GST); a 75,000-gallon elevated storage tank (EST); and a 100,000-gallon EST. As shown on the attached map, the GST and 75,000-gallon EST are located at the surface water treatment plant (WTP) facility. The 100,000-gallon EST is located approximately 1.1 miles south of that facility.

All treated water from the City's WTP is pumped to the GST, and from there to the 2 ESTs. Although the storage capacity is sufficient for the existing population, the facilities need repair. The GST requires extensive major structural repairs, and must be taken out of service during repairs. In order to allow for uninterrupted service during the repair of the GST, the City will construct a new 250,000-gallon GST, which will be used during the repair of the existing GST. The City emphasizes that the purpose is not to increase storage capacity. The proposed project also includes rehabilitation and modifications of the other storage tanks, e.g., the installation of safety equipment. Project activities include modification of the fence around the WTP to accommodate the new GST, installation of yard piping, and other appurtenances.

The WTP is located on property owned by the Sabine River Authority. The fence will be moved to accommodate the new GST, but no additional property will be needed. This loan will fund the planning, design, and construction phases of this project.

According to Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Sites Atlas, there are no previously-recorded significant or potentially significant sites on or adjacent to the project site, nor is the site within a protected area surrounding an historic cemetery, structure, or district. The proposed project is located on upland, maintained facility sites that would not provide habitat for threatened or endangered species, nor include wetlands or other waters of the United States. The proposed project is not located in a 100-year floodplain.

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) the project no longer meets the requirements for a CE as a result of changes in the project;
- (2) the project involves extraordinary circumstances as described in 31 TAC Chapter 371, Subchapter E; or
- (3) the project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

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 of Regional Water Planning and Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231.

WEST TAWAKONI WATER
TREATMENT PLANT
(NEW 250,000 GAL GST, EXISTING
250,000 GAL GST, AND EXISTING
75,000 GAL EST)

100,000 GAL. ELEVATED
STORAGE TANK





PROPOSED LOCATION OF NEW
250,000 GAL GROUNDWATER
STORAGE TANK

250,000 GAL GROUNDWATER
STORAGE TANK TO BE
REHABILITATED

75,000 GAL ELEVATED
STORAGE TANK TO BE
REHABILITATED

FENCE LINE

Water Line Rd

Shoreline Dr

Crestline Dr

Hilburn Dr



FENCE LINE

E Rabbit Cove Rd.

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100,000 GAL ELEVATED STORAGE TANK TO BE IMPROVED WITH SAFETY FEATURES