

October 30, 2015

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 375, subchapter E, for projects to be funded through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) 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 Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas
Sycamore Creek and Big Fossil Creek Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project
CWSRF Project Number 72275
TWDB Funding: \$28,000,000 (Loan No. L090003)

The City of Fort Worth (City) is proposing to use proceeds from a CWSRF loan from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for the rehabilitation or functional replacement of approximately 3.6 miles of sanitary sewer lines, as shown on the attached maps. Line M-214R includes a minor extension (220 linear feet). Open cut trenching or cured in place pipeline lining (CIPP) will be used for line replacements. Stream crossings and one line located in Springdale Park, will be handled by CIPP and will not involve any open cut trenching. The project will address problems associated with aged and deteriorating pipelines including overflows and infiltration.

All work will be conducted within the existing, previously-disturbed rights-of-way. This project will not impact wetlands or waters of the United States. In addition, no impacts to significant or potentially significant cultural resources or protected species or critical habitat are expected. Some linework will be located within 100-year floodplains; therefore, this CE is conditioned to require a floodplain permit, or documentation of a waiver from the local floodplain administrator.

This Categorical Exclusion is granted 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 Fort Worth Water Department and 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 375, Subchapter E; or
- (3) the project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

The project must comply with the following conditions:

- Prior to construction in a 100-year floodplain, the City must acquire a floodplain development permit or documentation from the local floodplain administrator that a permit is not required for compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program;
- 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.

City of Fort Worth
Sycamore Creek
Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

Fort Worth Quadrangle Map

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