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## DETERMINATION OF NO EFFECT

### TO ALL POTENTIALLY INTERESTED AGENCIES:

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

City of Del Rio, Val Verde County, Texas  
TWDB SWIFT Project No. 51094  
Water Treatment Plant Expansion  
Total Financing Amount: \$3,455,000  
Loan No. LM2502220, LM2602220, LM2702220

The City of Del Rio is proposing to use \$3,455,000 in financing from the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) Program to replace the aging membranes at the 18.2 million gallons per day (MGD) San Felipe Water Treatment Plant which will expand the treatment capacity from 18.2 MGD to 22.4 MGD. This upgrade will ensure the plant operates efficiently and continues to meet the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) standards. The project components include:

- Removal of existing membranes;
- Installation of new membrane modules and modification of inflow and permeate piping connections;
- Re-sizing existing feed and backwash pumps to match the requirements of the new membranes;
- Modification to the membrane modules metallic support structure at the facility according to the dimensions of the new membrane modules;
- Modification to the control panel logistics to match that of the new operation pressure and flow required by the new membrane system;
- Upgrade to the chemical dosing (chlorination) system; and
- Upgrades to the electrical connections.

All construction will occur within the plant site. The entire project area was cleared of vegetation more than 25 years ago and has been heavily disturbed by construction.

The TWDB cannot fund testing, remediation, removal, disposal, or related works for contaminated or potentially contaminated materials. However, the project proponent should ensure that, if found, such materials are tested, removed, and disposed of in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

This Determination of No Effect (DNE) is completed for Water Treatment Plant Expansion is hereafter referred to as the project.

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There are no previously recorded significant or potentially significant historic or cultural sites within or adjacent to the project footprint, according to the Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Sites Atlas, nor is the project within the protected area surrounding a historic cemetery, structure, or district. The project will not adversely impact waters of the United States, including wetlands.

The project is not located within the 100-year floodplain; therefore, coordination with the local floodplain administrator was not. In addition, construction within the existing right-of-way and easements is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat.

The decision to grant a Determination of No Effect (DNE) is allowed because the specified project elements should 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 categorical exclusion from full environmental review as a result of changes in the project;
- (2) the project involves extraordinary circumstances as described in 31 TAC § 363.14; or
- (3) the project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

The proposed project must comply with the following special and standard environmental conditions:

#### Standard Environmental Conditions

- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0552), the City of Del Rio will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources.
- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0552), the City of Del Rio will abide by the 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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Enclosure

