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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As provided by the environmental review process adopted in the rules of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 375.61, for projects to be funded through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 United States Code § 4321, *et seq.*, the TWDB has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from comprehensive environmental review:

City of Los Fresnos, Cameron County, Texas
TWDB CWSRF Project No. 73687
Collection System Rehabilitation and Extension Project,
Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation Project
Total Financing Amount: \$8,552,598
Commitment Nos. L1000293, LF1000294, L1001131, L1002030, and LF1002029

The City of Los Fresnos (City) is proposing to use \$8,552,598 in funding from the CWSRF Program for the Collection System Rehabilitation and Extension project, Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation project to replace approximately 21,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer lines using cure-in-place and pipe bursting methods; replace or repair with cementitious mortar, epoxy coating, or fiberglass liner approximately 55 manholes; and reconnect service lines to the replaced sanitary sewer lines. No new sanitary sewer lines are proposed to be installed. The proposed project will occur within existing rights-of-way and/or easements; therefore, no land or easement acquisition is required. The proposed project will relieve the system from inflow and infiltration, which will allow the wastewater treatment plant to operate more effectively at its current capacity without the need for expansion.

This Categorical Exclusion (CE) is completed for the proposed wastewater collection system rehabilitation project, hereafter referred to as the proposed project, and replaces the CE issued on December 6, 2013, for the proposed project. A Finding of No Significant Impact was issued for the collection system extension project component on March 15, 2016.

Pipelines and manholes will be replaced at the same or proximate locations. Environmental impacts should be similar to rehabilitation activities and limited to pipeline and manhole replacement and repair at the same location.

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

There are no previously recorded significant or potentially significant historical or cultural sites within or adjacent to the proposed project footprint, according to the Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Sites Atlas, nor is the proposed project within a protected area surrounding a historic cemetery, structure, or district. The proposed project will not adversely impact waters of the United States, including wetlands. The proposed project is not located within a Special Flood Hazard Area; therefore, coordination with the local floodplain administrator was not required. In addition, the proposed project is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat.

The TWDB previously recommended issuance of a CE for the proposed project. The decision to grant this CE is allowed because the specified project elements will not cause significant adverse impacts to cultural and natural resources. 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 § 375.62;
or
- (3) the project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

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

Standard Environmental Conditions

- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0550), the City of Los Fresnos will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources.
- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0550), the City of Los Fresnos will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened and endangered species.

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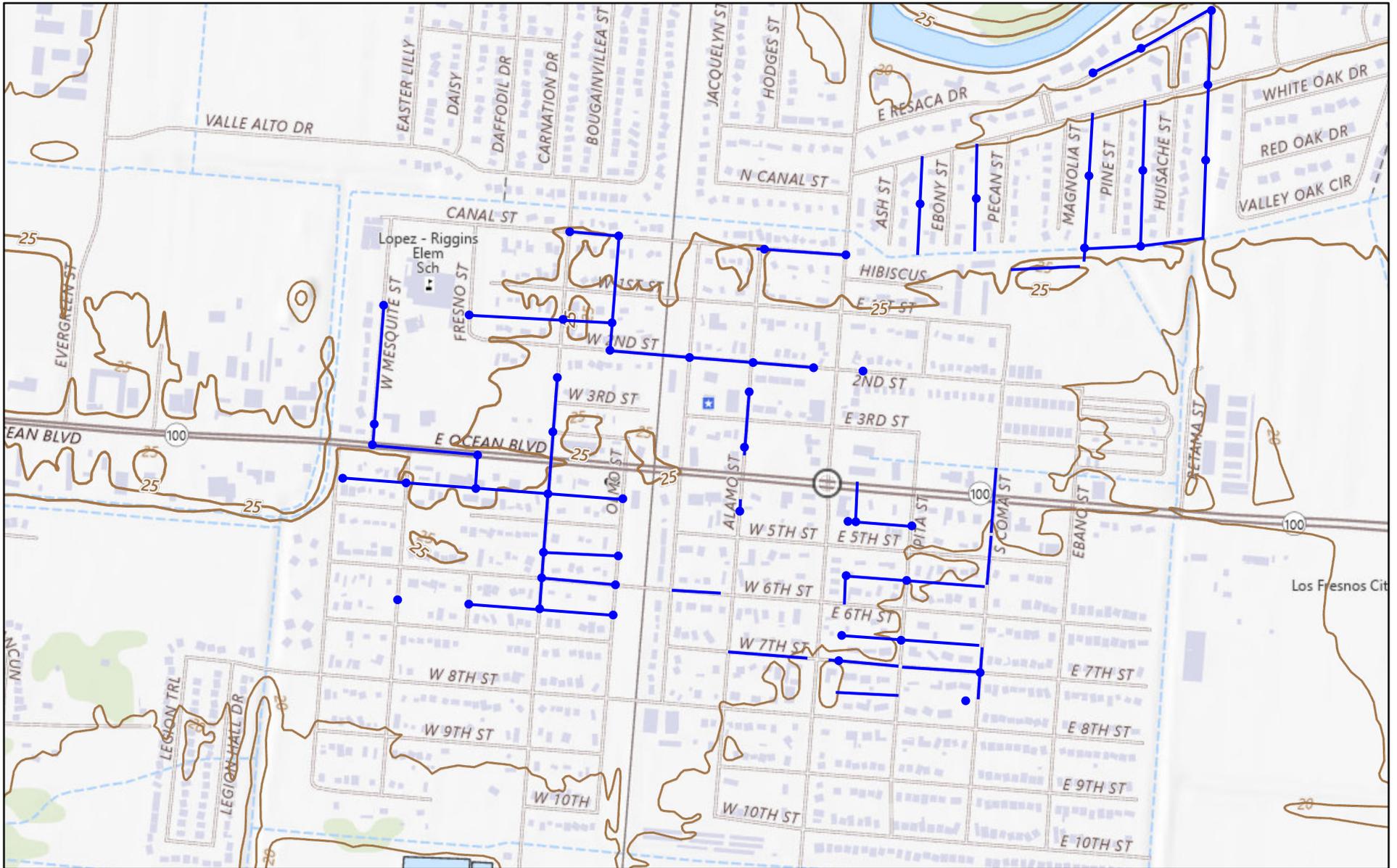
Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Project Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231 or via email at RWPD-Environmental@twdb.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

T. Clay Schultz, Ph.D., Director
Regional Water Project Development

Enclosures

USGS Topographic Map



12/19/2025

- Proposed repair / replace Manhole
- Proposed repair / replace Pipe



USGS The National Map: National Boundaries Dataset, 3DEP Elevation Program, Geographic Names Information System, National Hydrography

Floodplain Map



12/23/2025

- Proposed repair / replace Manhole
- Proposed repair / replace Pipe
- FEMA 100-yr Floodplain



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