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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As provided by the state 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 staff has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements:

Westwood Shores Municipal Utility District, Trinity County, Texas
TWDB CWSRF Project No. 73866
Reuse/Reclaimed Water, WWTP Upgrades and System Upgrades
Project Segment: Lift Station Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 13, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 26
Total Financing Amount: \$1,830,197
Commitment Nos. L1001094 & LF1001129

The Westwood Shores Municipal Utility District (District) is proposing to use a portion of \$1,830,197 in financing from the CWSRF program for the Reuse/Reclaimed Water, Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrades and System Upgrades project to make improvements at thirteen existing lift stations. The project is needed to improve the efficiency and sustainability of the wastewater system by repairing and improving existing infrastructure, resulting in energy savings, reliability, and sufficient wastewater treatment.

Specifically, the improvements proposed at each of the lift stations are as follows:

Lift Station No. 3 (Sonders):

- Add a second pump
- Repair existing generator
- New control panel with auto dialer
- Aluminum wet well cover and access hatch
- Piping, valves, and FM connection with bypass connection

Lift Stations Nos. 4 (Brookside), 10 (Spreading Oak), 21 (Fairway No. 11), 23 (Horseshoe No. 1), and 24 (Horseshoe No. 2):

- Aluminum wet well cover and access hatch

Lift Station No. 5 (Dam):

- Two new 30-gallon per minute (GPM), 2-HP grinder pumps
- New control panel with auto dialer

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- 8-foot treated pine fence

Lift Station No. 6 (Glen Heath):

- Add a second pump
- New control panel with auto dialer
- New aluminum plate top with concrete ring and safety net, cable hooks
- Piping, valves, and FM connection with bypass connection
- Vent repairs
- Wooden fence and gate repairs
- Cement stabilized sand fill under slab

Lift Station No. 13 (Forest Hollow)

- Two new pumps
- New control panel with auto dialer
- Aluminum wet well cover and access hatch

Lift Station No. 16 (Laurel Oak)

- New concrete top with flood-resistant aluminum hatch

Lift Station No. 18 (Air Lift A)

- New control panel with auto dialer
- New concrete top with flood-resistant aluminum hatch
- New 18-kilowatt generator with propane tank, automatic transfer switch (ATS), and security cage
- PVC piping and valve repairs in wet well
- Wood fence around generator, propane tank, and controls

Lift Station No. 20 (Concrete)

- Repair wet well interior
- Install two new surface mounted self-priming pumps
- Upgrade to larger size generator as needed
- Piping and valve revisions for new pumps
- New control panel with auto dialer
- Demo of existing pump cover structure, pumps, motors, and piping
- Driveway improvements

Lift Station No. 26 (Indian Harbor)

- Install two new pumps
- New control panel with auto dialer
- Aluminum wet well cover and access hatch
- New generator with propane tank and automatic transfer switch (ATS)
- 8-foot wooden fence

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The TWDB previously issued a Categorical Exclusion (CE) for this project on July 14, 2023, for similar improvements to three other lift stations. Other proposed improvements for this project, including rehabilitation of the District's WWTP, a new lift station, and installation of a new force main pipeline do not qualify for a Categorical Exclusion and will be completed under a separate environmental finding pending completion of a comprehensive environmental review.

Environmental impacts are expected to be minimal and temporary, related to rehabilitation activities within existing facilities. All work will be done either within existing manholes or at sites that are already developed. There are no previously recorded significant or potentially significant historical or cultural sites within or adjacent to the project footprint, according to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) Archeological Sites Atlas, nor is the proposed project within a protected area surrounding a historic cemetery, structure, or district. The proposed project is not located within the 100-year floodplain; therefore, coordination with the local floodplain administrator was not required. In addition, the proposed project will not require the removal of vegetation, and is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat.

The TWDB may not 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.

The staff of the TWDB recommends issuance of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) for this project. The decision to grant a 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 a 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-0551), the Westwood Shores Municipal Utility District (District) will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources.
- Consistent with the TWDB Supplemental Construction Contract Conditions (TWDB-0551), the District will abide by the standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened and endangered species.

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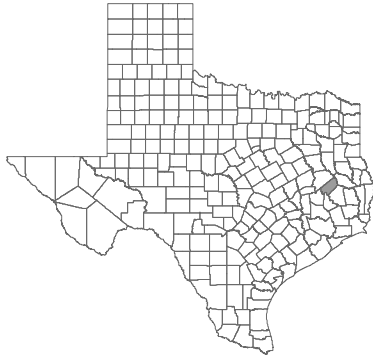
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Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Project Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231 or via email at RWPD-Environmental@twdb.texas.gov.

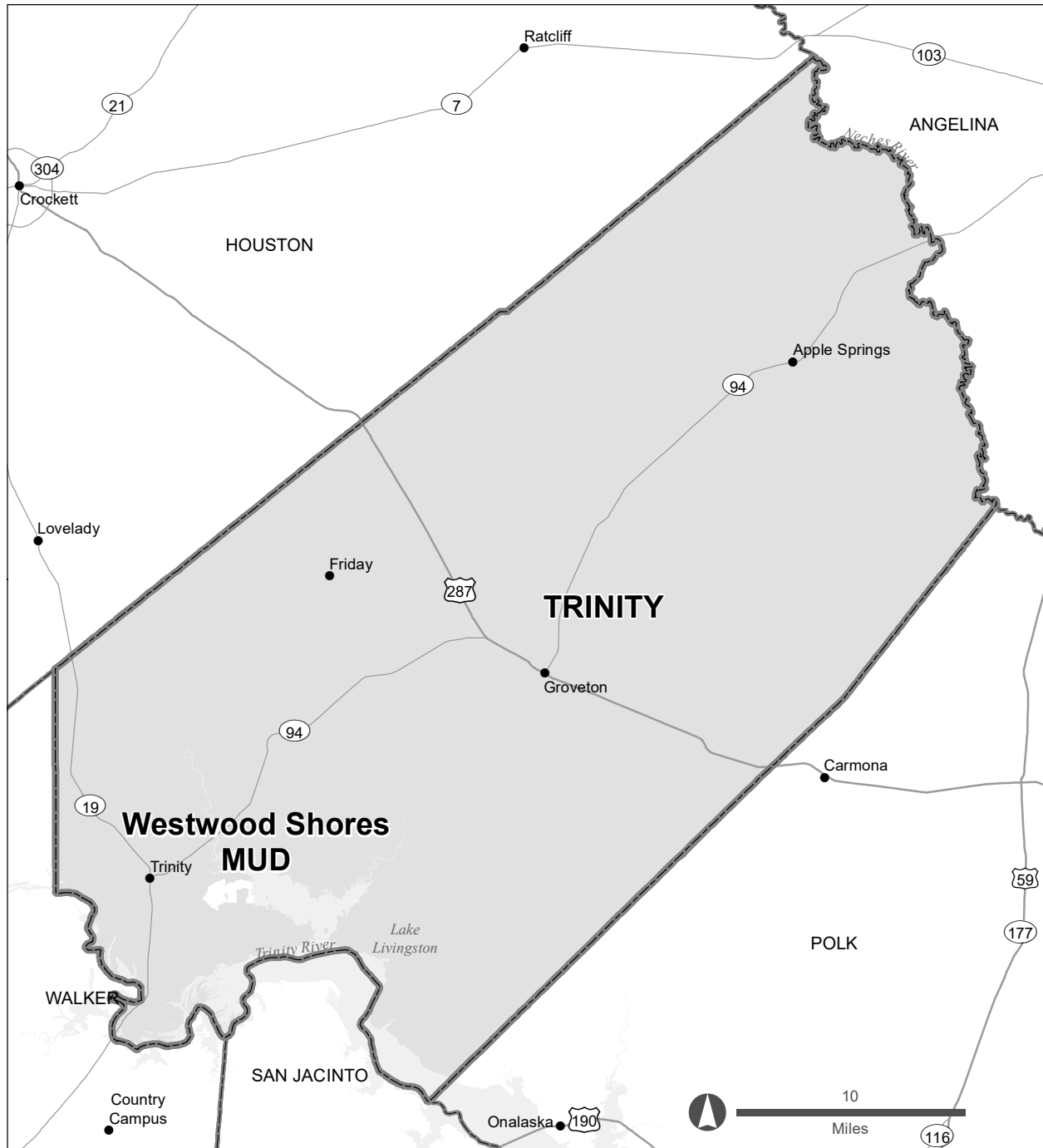
Sincerely,

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

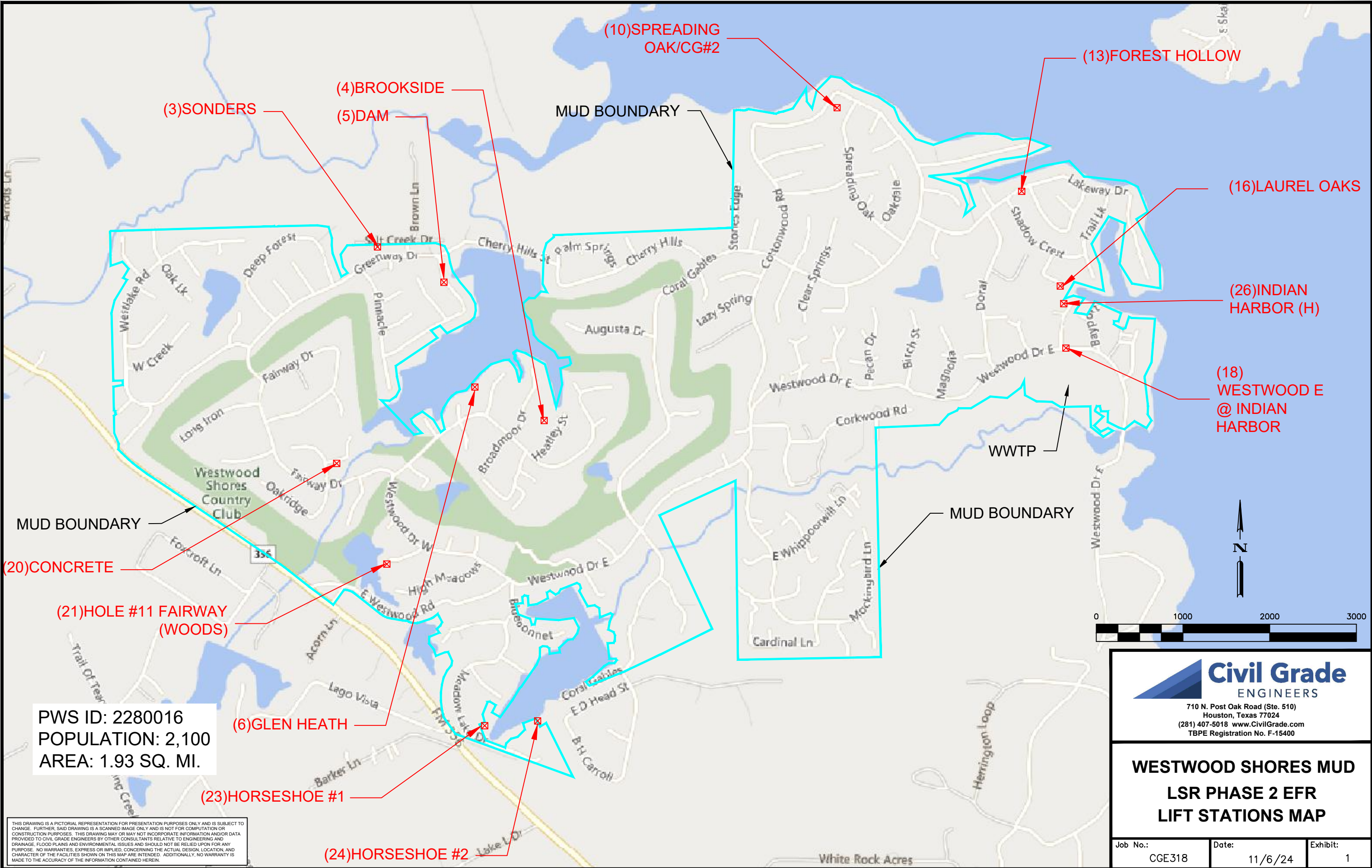
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LIFT STATIONS MAP**

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