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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:

City of Comanche, Comanche County, Texas
TWDB CWSRF Project No. 73902
Wastewater Treatment Plant & Collection System Improvements
Total Financing Amount: $1,594,372
(L1001419, LF1001447)

The City of Comanche (City) is proposing to use $1,594,372 in financing from the CWSRF program to make improvements to their wastewater treatment and collection system. The proposed improvements consist of replacing approximately 11,000 linear feet (lf) of deteriorated collection pipeline with PVC piping ranging in diameter from 6 to 8 inches. The project will occur within existing City rights-of-way (ROW) and easements, as shown in the attached figure. The City also plans to perform a feasibility study regarding future expansion of its existing wastewater treatment facility.

Existing lines will be replaced by new lines in the same or proximate locations. The existing lines will either be removed or abandoned in place. Environmental impacts will be similar to rehabilitation activities and limited to those associated with excavation, pipe installation, and road repair.

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’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 the 100-year floodplain; therefore, coordination with the local floodplain
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The administrator was not required. In addition, the proposed project is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat. The decision to grant a Categorical Exclusion is allowed because the specified project elements will 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 a Categorical Exclusion 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 environmental 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 Project Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231 or via email at RWPD-Environmental@twdb.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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