

April 21, 2016

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

In accordance with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) environmental review process established at 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 371, Subchapter E, for projects to be funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S. Code §4321, et seq., the Executive Administrator of the TWDB has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements:

Bluegrove Water Supply Corporation, Clay County, Texas
Bluegrove Water System Improvements
DWSRF Project No. 62700
Total Amount of Loan Forgiveness: \$90,000

The Bluegrove Water Supply Corporation (Corporation) is proposing to use \$90,000 in DWSRF Program loan forgiveness for the planning, acquisition, design, and construction phases required to implement the Corporation's water system improvements. Specifically, the Corporation plans to: (1) acquire an approximately 8.5-acre tract that is currently being leased by the Corporation; (2) place a fence around the approximately 8.5-acre tract; (3) replace meters throughout the Corporation's service area; and (4) rehabilitate an existing standpipe. In addition, the project will require all necessary appurtenances.

It is the responsibility of the Corporation to ensure that no project elements are contaminated with lead-based paint, as that would make them ineligible for TWDB funding. The TWDB does not fund the testing, remediation, removal, disposal, or related work for contaminated or potentially contaminated material. Discovery of contamination may not necessitate rescindment of components of the Categorical Exclusion.

Environmental impacts should be similar to rehabilitation and replacement activities. According to Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Sites Atlas, there are no previously-recorded significant or potentially significant sites on or adjacent to the project site, nor is the site within a protected area surrounding an historic cemetery, structure or district. Therefore, the project is not likely to adversely impact cultural resources. According to the U.S. Geological Survey National Hydrography Dataset, no wetlands or potential jurisdictional waters of the U.S. were identified within the project area. Therefore, the project will not adversely impact wetlands or waters of the U.S. that are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The project does not involve clearing of vegetation and does not intersect any potential or final critical habitat. Replacement and rehabilitation activities will occur within existing rights-of-ways and within pre-disturbed sites. Therefore, this project is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat. An environmental radius report was performed on the 8.5-acre tract to be purchased through this loan. According to this report, no federal, state, or tribal listed facilities were identified within one mile of the 8.5-acre tract. Based on conversations with the

Corporation, the land is currently mowed and maintained. It is unlikely that hazardous materials are present within the 8.5-acre tract.

This decision is allowed 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 TWDB.

This determination may be rescinded if it is found that:

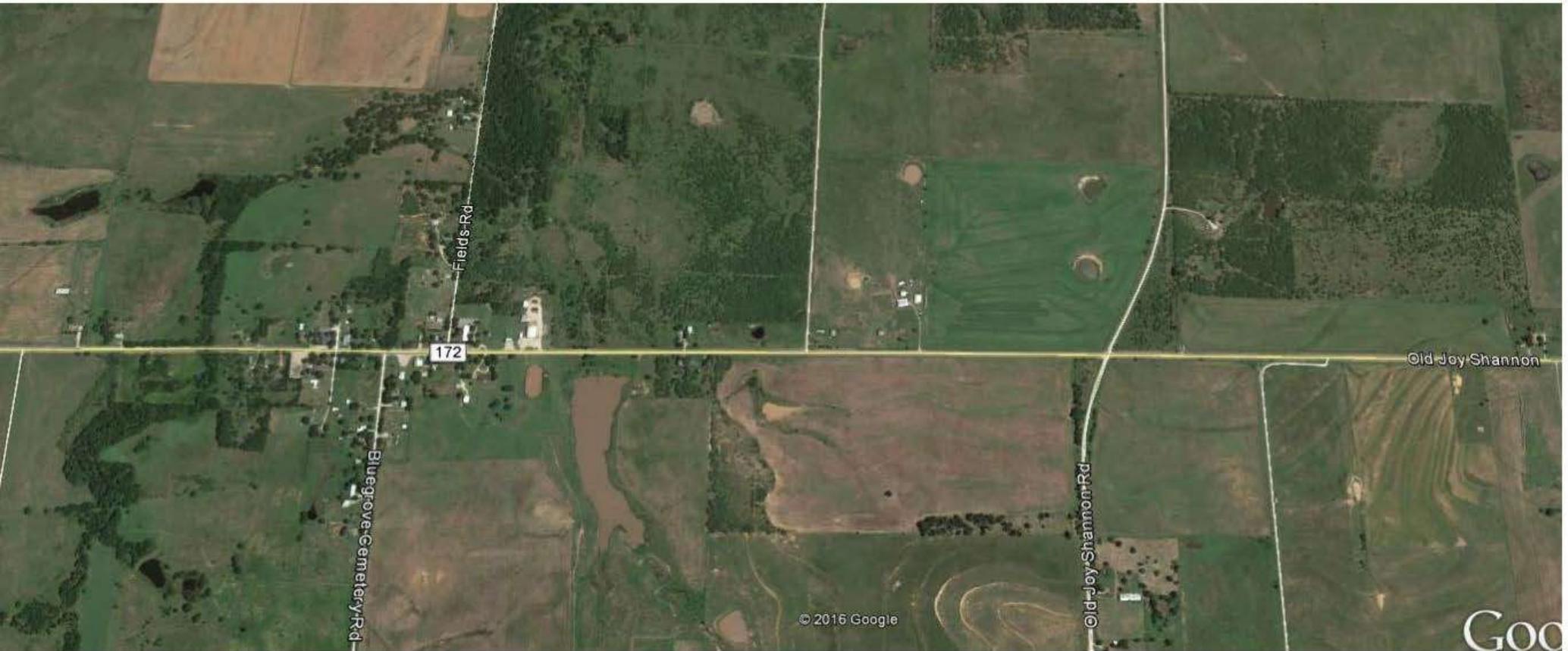
- (1) The project no longer meets the requirements for a CE as a result of changes in the project;
- (2) The project involves extraordinary circumstances as defined in 31 TAC Section 371.41; or
- (3) The project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

The project also must comply with the following standard emergency 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 Planning and Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231.

Road map of Area



Land Purchase Area



Approximate Meters throughout area

