

June 28, 2016

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) Chapter 375, subchapter E, for projects to be funded through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Non-equivalency 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:

San Antonio Water System, Bexar County, Texas
Dos Rios Electrical Rehabilitation Phase I Project
CWSRF Project No. 73732
Total Estimated TWDB Commitment: \$14,360,000

The San Antonio Water System (SAWS) is proposing to use funding from a \$14,360,000 CWSRF loan to replace various electrical system components in the Dos Rios Water Recycling Center (WRC) facility, which are aging, in poor condition, and/or do not meet federal, state, and local electrical codes. Specifically, SAWS will be: (1) installing three new power poles and associated switches and fuses, proximate to existing power poles near the southwestern extent of the proposed project boundary, east of the City Public Service Energy substation; 2) installing feeders from two of the three new power poles, routing them underground to the new Main Electrical Switchgear building, to be located near the existing electrical building in the southern portion of the proposed project boundary; 3) replacing Substations 5, 6, 11, and 12 near the center of the proposed project boundary with new pad mount transformers, proximate to the substations being replaced; 4) constructing a new Aeration Electrical Building in the eastern portion of the proposed project boundary, between the existing Primary Clarifiers and First Stage Aeration Basins; 5) replacing the existing Motor Control Center (MCC-CAB-2) and relocating it to the new Aeration Electrical Building (item 4); 6) installing new feeders from the new Main Electrical Switchgear building (item 2) to the pad-mount transformers (item 3) to the new Aeration Electrical Building (item 4) and existing Polymer building; 7) replacing Generators 1 and 2 and associated switchboards in the center of the proposed project boundary with new generators and switchboards, proximate to the generators being replaced; 8) installing new feeders for Generators 1 and 2 (item 7); and 9) constructing a new prefabricated building proximate to the proposed new Generators 1 and 2 to house the new switchboards and heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment for the proposed new Generators 1 and 2.

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The proposed project will include the replacement of the associated Distributed Control System remote input/output panels.

All construction activities related to the proposed electrical system rehabilitation will be limited to a highly developed area of the Dos Rios WRC property. Environmental impacts should be similar to rehabilitation of existing facilities. The proposed project is neither located within the 100-year floodplain nor the 500-year floodplain. No Waters of the United States, including wetlands, will be impacted by the proposed project. Although two archeological sites were identified on the undeveloped portion of the WRC property, they are not within the proposed project boundary. No National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) sites are on the WRC property. Therefore, no impacts to significant or potentially significant cultural resources are expected. Similarly, no threatened or endangered species are expected to be impacted by the proposed project.

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 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 Chapter 375, Subchapter E; or
- (3) the project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

The project also must comply with the following 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.

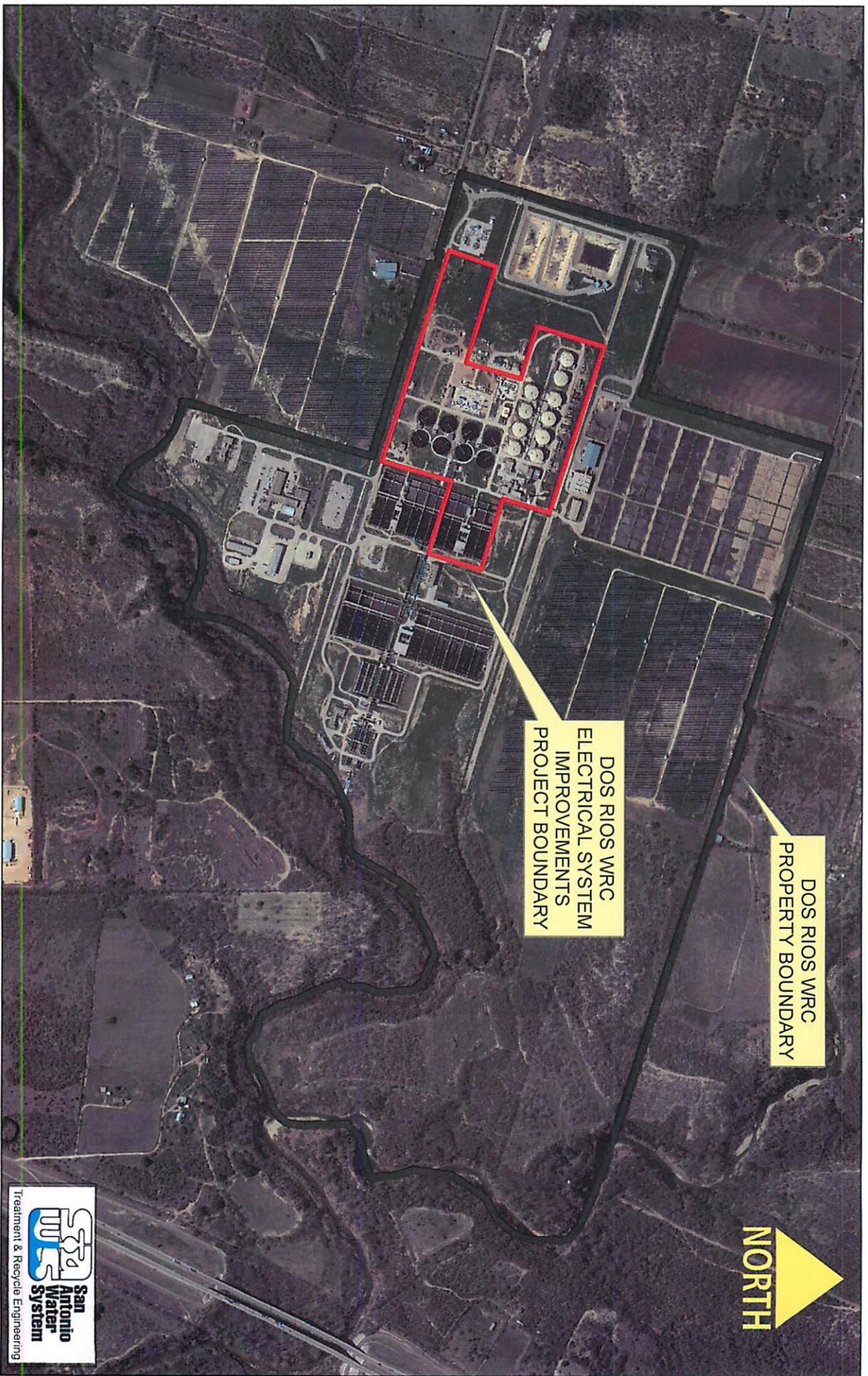
Sincerely,



Jessica Zuba, Deputy Executive Administrator
Water Supply and Infrastructure

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DOS RIOS WRC
PROPERTY BOUNDARY

DOS RIOS WRC
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT BOUNDARY

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