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January 7, 2014

Honorable Mayor John Shine
City of Jerome
152 East Avenue A
Jerome, Idaho 83338

RE: Draft finding of no significant impact for the City of Jerome Wastewater Improvement Project (WWG-352-2012-8)

Dear Mayor Shine:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the environmental information document for the City of Jerome wastewater improvement project. The potential impacts on a number of environmentally sensitive resources were evaluated in the environmental review. The City of Jerome's project engineer consulted with a number of appropriate state and federal agencies regarding relevant issues. The project meets state and federal criteria for issuance of a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) since the environmental review process indicated no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed project.

A FONSI legal notice will be published in the *Times-News*, newspaper of record for the City of Jerome. DEQ has requested the *Times-News* publish the legal notice one time, on one day, on January 10, 2014. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain a copy of the full FONSI for review and will give instructions on how they can submit comments. A 30-day public comment period will follow the FONSI legal notice publication. If public comments and concerns arise related to the project or FONSI, DEQ may ask your help in preparing responses.

Following the 30-day public comment period, any significant comments or concerns will be considered and incorporated as appropriate into the final FONSI determination for the referenced project. After issuance of the final FONSI, and with approval of all technical considerations in the planning document, DEQ will close the DEQ planning grant and proceed with the State Revolving Fund loan.

Joe Otero at the DEQ Twin Falls Regional Office, (208) 736-2190, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep him informed of progress on the project.

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Refer comments regarding the environmental review to Ester Ceja in the State Office at (208) 373-0585 or via email Ester.Ceja@deq.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,



Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

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DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Date: January 7, 2014
To: All Interested Government Agencies, Public Groups, and Individuals
Subject: Environmental determination for the City of Jerome Wastewater Improvement Project

In accordance with the State Environmental Review Process (SERP), "Rules for Administration of Wastewater Treatment Facility Grants" (IDAPA 58.01.04), and "Rules for Administration of Water Pollution Control Loans" (IDAPA 58.01.12), an environmental review has been performed and a draft finding of no significant impact (FONSI) is hereby issued by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Project:	City of Jerome Wastewater Improvement Project
Location:	City of Jerome, Jerome County, Idaho
DEQ Grant Number:	WWG-352-2012-8
DEQ Grant Costs:	\$104,335.00
DEQ Loan Number:	TBD
Total Loan Project Cost:	\$1,750,000.00

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF IMPACTS:

Purpose of Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to make needed improvements to the aging and undersized collection system as well as the wastewater treatment facility in an effort to meet the city's national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit.

Description of the Project: The proposed project involves the following wastewater treatment and collection system improvements:

- Installation of a new 36 inch trunk line along North Ironwood Street and bored under the J-canal to the wastewater facility
- Installation of new collection line on North Fillmore
- Installation of a collection line to intercept flow at the intersection of S. Lincoln and 100 S.
- Wastewater treatment priority improvements 1, 2, and 3. Wastewater treatment improvements include upgrades to the existing facility as well as future expansion of the existing plant.

Direct and Indirect Impacts: An environmental information document (EID) was prepared by Keller Associates, consulting engineer for the City of Jerome. Keller Associates and DEQ consulted with the appropriate state and federal agencies regarding relevant environmentally sensitive resources. Based on consultation with agency experts, Keller Associates and DEQ evaluated the potential short-term and long-term impacts, and the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the wastewater improvement project. The evaluation emphasized site-specific components of the environment that are most likely to be impacted by the construction and operation of the proposed improvements. The results of the project evaluation indicate there will be environmental effects from the referenced project as described below.

Short-term impacts may occur during project construction that includes temporary disruption of the collection and wastewater treatment systems, increased noise, increased dust pollution, increased potential for stormwater runoff, and disruption of localized traffic conditions. The project contractor is responsible for managing the temporary disruptions of the system as follows:

- **Air Quality:** Temporary dust pollution impacts will be controlled as a condition of the construction specifications in accordance with the “Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho” (IDAPA 58.01.01.651). IDAPA 58.01.01.651 states that reasonable precautions shall be taken for dust control and suppression by using water or chemicals, applying dust suppressants, covering trucks, paving, and removing materials. In addition to the rule requirements, DEQ recommends that a dust prevention and control plan be implemented during construction of the project that includes best management practices (BMPs) to minimize dust pollution for fugitive dust control. Emergency generators must comply with Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (RICE NESHAPS).
- **Cultural Resources:** If archeological artifacts (such as beads, arrow heads, pottery, fabric, grave goods, glass, metal fragments, or other human-made objects that appear to predate 1960) or human remains (such as bones, bone fragments, or teeth) are inadvertently discovered during construction, ground disturbing activities shall cease and the State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO), Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, and Shoshone-Paiute Tribe shall be notified. Mitigation measures will be implemented as directed by SHPO and the tribes, and work will not resume at the discovery site without their consent. If human remains are discovered, the City of Jerome Police Department and the Jerome County Coroner will be contacted and work will not resume until law enforcement has also released the site.
- **Stormwater:** Stormwater runoff shall be handled through an Environmental Protection Agency Stormwater Construction General permit and the development of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The SWPPP and stormwater BMPs will be implemented prior to, during, and after project construction to reduce the potential for erosion from runoff.
- Noise impacts from the project construction will be reduced by restricting work hours to reasonable times identified in the construction specifications.
- Implement any other appropriate BMPs, wherever possible, to avoid or minimize impacts from other construction activities.

The following permits will be required for this project:

- Any local, state, or federal permit required for activities taking place during project construction.

Beneficial Impacts: Overall, the completion of the proposed project will have long-term positive effects through improved water quality and operation of a functional system.

Finding: The review process did not indicate significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision has been made that an environmental impact statement does not need to be prepared for the proposed project. Instead, a FONSI is hereby issued by DEQ. This decision is made following a careful review of the September 9, 2011 *Jerome Wastewater Collection System Master Plan*, September 2013 *Facility Planning Study Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, City of Jerome, Idaho*, December 2013 *City of Jerome Wastewater Systems Improvement Projects Environmental Information Document*, and supporting documentation.

AVAILABILITY OF COPIES:

Copies of the notice of a FONSI, the September 9, 2011 *Jerome Wastewater Collection System Master Plan*, the September 2013 *Facility Planning Study Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, City of Jerome, Idaho*, December 2013 *City of Jerome Wastewater Systems Improvement Projects Environmental Information Document*, and supporting documentation upon which it is based are available for public review on DEQ's website at www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities or at the following locations:

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Water Quality Division
1410 North Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706
Grant/loan SERP contact: Ester Ceja, 208-373-0585

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
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650 Addison Avenue West, Suite 110
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
Regional Office contact: Joe Otero, 208-736-2190

City of Jerome
152 E. Avenue A
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Contact: Mayor John Shine, 208-324-8189

The public will be informed about the proposed project and their opportunity for comment through the *Times-News*, one time in the January 10, 2014 publication.

Public Comments: Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision must be submitted on DEQ's website www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities or addressed to the following contact:

Ester Ceja
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Water Quality Division, Grant and Loan Program
1410 North Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706

All comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before February 10, 2014. After an evaluation of public comment, DEQ will make a final decision. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days after publication of the draft FONSI notice.



Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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City of Jerome Wastewater Improvement Project
Jerome County
Jerome, Idaho

This environmental determination was made as a result of the review process indicating no significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed project. There may be several environmental effects from the referenced project as described below.

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Water Quality Division, Loan Program
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Boise, Idaho 83706

Such comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before February 10, 2014. Public comments will be considered in finalizing the planning phase of the project. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication.

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January 7, 2014

Times-News
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RE: Legal notice publication: notification of a finding of no significant impact for the City of Jerome Wastewater Improvement Project

Dear *Times-News*:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality requests the enclosed legal notice be published in your newspaper. This request satisfies the state rule requirement that the notice of an environmental determination be given in advance of the intended action. To comply with the aforementioned legal requirements and the dates contained in the legal notice, we request the legal notice be published one time, on one day, on January 10, 2014.

Please compress the legal notice by eliminating any unnecessary lines and spaces. A formatted legal notice is attached for your convenience. If you are unable to publish on the requested date, call for further instructions.

Following publication, send one affidavit; one proof of publication; and the billing invoice to the following contact:

Dawn Shepherd
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
1410 North Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706

Failure to send the billing invoice to the address and contact person identified above could result in a delay in the processing of your invoice.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please call Ester Ceja at (208) 373-0585 if you have any questions.

MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ Loan Program Coordinator

Enclosure: Formatted legal notice