FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Date: **November 27, 2012**

To: All Interested Government Agencies, Public Groups, and Individuals

Subject: Environmental Determination for the City of Arco Drinking Water System Improvement Project

In accordance with the Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water Facilities (IDAPA 58.01.22), an environmental review has been performed and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the project described below:

Project:	City of Arco Drinking Water System Improvement Project
Location:	Arco, Butte County, Idaho
DEQ Grant Number:	DWG 111-2011-4
DEQ Grant Costs:	$25,000.00

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF IMPACTS:

Purpose of Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a more reliable source of drinking water supply in addition to addressing deficiencies with respect to the Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water.

Description of the Project: The proposed project includes the water supply, distribution, and storage improvements. More specifically, the proposed drinking water project includes the following components:

- Drilling of a new well
- Installation of backup power at the Water Street well location
- Replacement of electrical components at the City Park Well
- Installation of residential water meters throughout the city
- Replacement of a new submersible pump at the Water Street well location
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- Installation of fire hydrants and water valves
- Installation of a new pressure release valve station
- Replacement of distribution lines in the northwest portion of the city from Front Street

Direct and Indirect Impacts: An environmental information document (EID) was prepared by Forsgren Associates, Inc. (Forsgren), consulting engineer for the City of Arco. Forsgren and DEQ consulted with a number of appropriate state and federal agencies regarding relevant environmentally sensitive resources. Based on the consultation with agency experts, Forsgren and DEQ evaluated the potential short and long-term impacts, and the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the proposed collection system improvements. The evaluation emphasized site-specific components of the environment that are most likely to be impacted by the construction and operation of the proposed project. 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 distribution system, increased noise, increased dust pollution, 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 DEQ Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho, IDAPA 58.01.01.651 (rule). The rule states that reasonable precautions for dust control and suppression include using water or chemicals, applying dust suppressants, covering trucks, paving, and removing materials. In addition to the rule requirements, it is recommended that a dust prevention and control plan be implemented during construction of the project that includes DEQ Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize dust pollution for fugitive dust control.

- Cultural Resources: If archeological artifacts and human remains are inadvertently discovered during construction, ground disturbing activities shall cease and the State Historical Preservation Officer shall be notified.

- Stormwater: Avoid stormwater runoff by a) having equipment available to put appropriate containment systems into service in a timely manner; (e.g. containment systems include silt fences, temporary berms, and vegetative or mulch cover) and, b) installing drains to control surface runoff and to minimize soil loss.

- Noise impacts from the project construction will be reduced by restricting work hours to reasonable times identified in the construction specifications.

- Any other appropriate BMPs, wherever possible, to avoid or minimize impacts from other construction activities.

The District will also obtain the following permits:

- A floodplain development permit.
- Any other 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 by providing a reliable drinking water supply.

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 July 16, 2012 *City of Arco, Idaho Water System Improvement Project Environmental Information Document (EID) for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)* and supporting documentation.

AVAILABILITY OF COPIES:
Copies of the notice of a FONSI, July 16, 2012 *City of Arco, Idaho Water System Improvement Project Environmental Information Document (EID) for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)* and supporting documentation upon which it is based are available for public review on the DEQ web site at <www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities> or at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality State Office
Division of Water Quality
1410 North Hilton
Boise, Idaho 83706

Grant/Loan SERP Coordinator: Ester Ceja
208-373-0585

Department of Environmental Quality Idaho Falls Regional Office
900 N. Skyline Drive, Suite B
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402
Regional Office Contact: Willie Teuscher
208-528-2666

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132 West Grande Avenue
Arco, Idaho 83213
Contact: Mayor Ross Langseth
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The public will be informed about the proposed project and their opportunity for comment through the *Arco Advertiser* newspaper, one time in the Thursday, December 6, 2012 publication.

Public Comments: Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision must be submitted on the DEQ web site <www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities > or addressed to:

Department of Environmental Quality
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Grant and Loan Program
1410 North Hilton Street
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Attention: Ester Ceja, Grant/Loan SERP Coordinator

All comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before January 7, 2012. After an evaluation of public comment, DEQ will make a final decision. No administrative action will be taken on the project for at least thirty (30) calendar days after publication of the draft FONSI Notice.

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City of Arco Drinking Water System Improvement Project
Butte County
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> Ester Ceja, Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, Loan Program, 1410 N. Hilton Street, Boise, Idaho 83706.

Such comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before January 7, 2012. 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 thirty (30) calendar days from the date of publication.

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C. L. "Butch" Otter, Governor
Curt Fransen, Director

November 27, 2012

Arco Advertiser
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RE: Legal Notice Publication: Notification of a Finding of No Significant Impact for the City of Arco Drinking Water System Improvement Project

Dear Arco Advertiser:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality requests the enclosed legal notice be published in your newspaper. This request is to satisfy 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 hereby request the legal notice be published one time, on one day, on Thursday, December 6, 2012.

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, please call for further instructions.

Following publication, please send: one (1) affidavit; one (1) proof of publication; and the billing invoice to:

Dawn Shepherd
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 in this matter. Please call Ester Ceja at 208-373-0585 if you have any questions.

MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ Loan Program Coordinator

Enclosure: Formatted Legal Notice