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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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

February 15, 2013

Mike Dittenber, Executive Director  
Caldwell Housing Authority  
22730 Farmway Road  
Caldwell, Idaho 83607

RE: Environmental Determination for the Caldwell Housing Authority Wastewater Improvements  
(WWG-337-2011-3)

Dear Mr. Dittenber:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the Environmental Information Document for the Caldwell Housing Authority Wastewater Improvements. The potential impacts on a number of environmentally sensitive resources were evaluated in the environmental review. The 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 *Idaho Press-Tribune*, newspaper of greatest circulation for the City of Caldwell. DEQ has requested the *Idaho Press-Tribune* publish the legal notice one (1) time, on one (1) day, on Monday, February 25, 2013. 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. Should there be public comments and concerns 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 facility plan, DEQ will be able to close the DEQ planning grant and to proceed with the State Revolving Fund loan.

Jack Gantz, DEQ Boise Regional Office (208) 373-0599, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep him informed of progress on the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barry N. Burnell".

Barry N. Burnell  
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

c: MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ State Office  
Charlie Parkins, DEQ State Office  
Jack Gantz, P.E., Boise Regional Office  
Cory Baune, P.E., Pharmer Engineering ([ired@pharmereng.com](mailto:ired@pharmereng.com))  
Brent Orton, City of Caldwell Public Works Director ([borton@ci.caldwell.id.us](mailto:borton@ci.caldwell.id.us))

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**Date:** February 15, 2013  
**To:** All Interested Government Agencies, Public Groups, and Individuals  
**Subject:** Environmental Determination for the Caldwell Housing Authority Wastewater Improvements

In accordance with the 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 Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on the project described below:

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| Project:                 | Caldwell Housing Authority<br>Wastewater Improvements |
| Location:                | Caldwell, Canyon County, Idaho                        |
| DEQ Grant Number:        | WWG-337-2011-3  |
| DEQ Grant Costs:         | \$35,000  |
| DEQ Loan:                | TBD   |
| Total Loan Project Cost: | \$1,606,000   |

### PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF IMPACTS:

**Purpose of Project:** The purpose of the proposed project is to connect Farmway Village to the City of Caldwell wastewater system and decommission the existing lagoon treatment works.

**Description of the Project:** The proposed project involves:

- Installation of approximately 4,600 linear feet of gravity sewer;
- Installation of a lift station;
- Installation of approximately 9,000 linear feet of pressurized sewer main, including a Boise River crossing on the Chicago Street bridge; and
- Decommissioning of the existing wastewater treatment lagoon, discharge and appurtenances.

**Direct and Indirect Impacts:** No long term, cumulative or indirect effects on sensitive environmental features are anticipated from construction of the proposed project. Overall, the completion of the proposed project will have long term positive effects through removal of the treated wastewater discharge to the Sebree Canal and providing a greater level of treatment via the Caldwell wastewater treatment plant, thus improving water quality and aquatic habitats in the Boise River.

Short term impacts may occur during project construction that includes temporary disruption of the collection system, increased noise, increased dust pollution, increased potential for stormwater runoff, and disruption of localized traffic conditions. In addition, there is potential for direct effects to wetlands, migratory waterfowl and floodplain from project activities. The project contractor is responsible for managing short term impacts and avoiding direct impacts 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.

In addition, fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) will be minimized by using only equipment in good working order, avoiding engine idling and forbidding waste burning.

- Cultural Resources: If archeological artifacts and human remains are inadvertently discovered during construction, ground disturbing activities shall cease and the State Historical Preservation Officer, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe and the Burns-Paiute General Council shall be notified.
- 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, during and after project construction to reduce the potential for erosion from runoff.
- Wetlands: The project area contains jurisdictional wetlands. Construction in the vicinity of wetlands will take place in existing road right of way and on a bridge, in order to avoid impacts. Vehicles, equipment and spoils will be kept out of the adjacent wetlands.
- Surface Water Crossings: Riparian zones at the Sebree Canal and Boise River crossings will be avoided by suspending the pipe from the bridge(s) or drilling under the canal/river. The US Army Corps of Engineers will be notified of the construction activity well in advance.
- Migratory Birds: Construction within 200 yards of the wetlands will not be allowed between January 1 and July 15, in order to avoid disturbing the nesting of migratory waterfowl. The pipelines shall be constructed in such a way as to prevent leaks or contamination of the wetlands.
- Noise: 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 Caldwell Housing Authority will also obtain appropriate permits as required by:

- Permit for Sebree Canal crossing from the Farmers Co-operative Ditch Company ;
- Easement from Idaho Department of Lands to cross the Boise River;
- Permit from Idaho Transportation Department to cross US Highway 20/26;
- Construction General Permit from EPA, including Notice of Intent and Storm Water Protection Plan;
- Floodplain Development Permit from the City of Caldwell for temporary encroachment during construction; and
- 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 through removal of the treated wastewater discharge to the Sebree Canal and providing a greater level of treatment via the Caldwell wastewater treatment plant, thus improving water quality and aquatic habitats in the Boise River.

**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 *Caldwell Housing Authority Wastewater Facility Plan*, the *Caldwell Housing Authority Environmental Information Document*, and supporting documentation.

**AVAILABILITY OF COPIES:**

Copies of the notice of a FONSI, the *Caldwell Housing Authority Wastewater Facility Plan*, the *Caldwell Housing Authority Environmental Information Document*, 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](http://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 Contact: Mike May – (208) 373-0406

Department of Environmental Quality Boise Regional Office  
1445 North Orchard Street  
Boise, Idaho 83706  
Regional Office Contact: Jack Gantz – (208) 373-0599

Caldwell Housing Authority  
22730 Farmway Road  
Caldwell, Idaho 83607  
Contact: Mike Dittenber, Executive Director – (208) 459-2232

The public will be informed about the proposed project and their opportunity for comment through the *Idaho Press-Tribune* newspaper, one time in the Monday, February 25, 2013 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](http://www.deq.idaho.gov/public-comment-opportunities) or addressed to:

Department of Environmental Quality  
Division of Water Quality  
Grant and Loan Program  
1410 North Hilton Street  
Boise, Idaho 83706  
Attention: Mike May, Grant/Loan SERP Staff

All comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before Wednesday, March 27, 2013. 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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Barry N. Burnell  
Water Quality Division Administrator

## LEGAL NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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Caldwell Housing Authority Wastewater Improvements  
Canyon County  
Caldwell, 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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Mike May, 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 Wednesday, March 27, 2013. 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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Leann Nobella  
Idaho Press-Tribune  
[legals@idahopress.com](mailto:legals@idahopress.com)

RE: Legal Notice Publication: Notification of a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Caldwell Housing Authority

Dear Ms Nobella:

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 Monday, February 25, 2013.

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 contact Mike May at (208) 373-0406 if you have any questions.

MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ Loan Program Coordinator

Enclosure: Formatted Legal Notice