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Curt Fransen, Director

April 4, 2013

The Honorable Gloria Hoopes
City of Tetonia
P.O. Box 57
Tetonia, Idaho 83452

RE: Environmental Determination for the City of Tetonia Drinking Water Improvements (DWG-114-2011-7)

Dear Mayor Hoopes:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the Environmental Information Document for the City of Tetonia Drinking Water Improvements. The potential impacts on a number of environmentally sensitive resources were evaluated in the environmental review. The city'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 *Teton Valley News*, newspaper of record for the City of Tetonia. DEQ has requested the *Teton Valley News* publish the legal notice one (1) time, on one (1) day, on Thursday, April 10, 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.

William Teuscher, DEQ Idaho Falls Regional Office (208) 528-2666, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep him informed of progress on the project.

Sincerely,

Barry N. Burnell

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Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

c: MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ State Office (TRIM)
Charlie Parkins, DEQ State Office (TRIM)
William Teuscher, P.E., Idahgo Falls Regional Office (TRIM)
Gerald R. Williams, P.E., Williams Engineering, Inc. (gwilliams@grwei.com)

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Date: April 4, 2013

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

Subject: Environmental Determination for the City of Tetonia Drinking Water Improvements

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 Tetonia Drinking Water Improvements
Location:	Tetonia, Teton County, Idaho
DEQ Grant:	DWG-114-2011-7
DEQ Grant Costs:	$10,500.00

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF IMPACTS:

Purpose of Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to provide redundant water supply and emergency power, improve fire flows, add hydrants and improve freeze protection.

Description of the Project: The proposed project involves:

- Construction of a new drinking water well with pump house and appurtenances;
- Installation of an emergency generator in the pump house of the new well;
- Construction of an additional 222,000-gallon storage tank;
- Installation of 25 fire hydrants, 48 valves and 146 new meters;
- Replacement of approximately 10,940 linear feet of water main in existing right of way; and
- Installation of approximately 1,200 linear feet of water main in previously undisturbed soil.

Direct and Indirect Impacts: An Environmental Information Document (EID) was prepared by Williams Engineering, Inc. (Williams), consulting engineer for the City of Tetonia (Tetonia). Williams and DEQ consulted with appropriate state, federal and tribal agencies regarding relevant environmentally sensitive resources. Based on the consultation with agency experts, Williams and DEQ evaluated the potential short-and long-term impacts, and the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of the proposed drinking water 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 evaluation results indicate there will be environmental effects from the proposed 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, 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 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 (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), the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, and the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe shall be notified. They can be reached by telephone at (208) 334-3847, (208) 478-3707, and (208) 759-3100, respectively. 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 Teton County Sheriff and the Teton County Coroner will also be contacted at (208) 354-2323 and (208) 354-8770, respectively, 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, during and after project construction to reduce the potential for erosion from runoff.

- Flora and Fauna: There is a slight possibility of encountering Greater Sage Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*), North American Wolverine (*Gulo gulo luscus*) or Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) on the hilltop site of the new storage tank or along the hillside where the pipeline into town will be placed. Reconnaissance of these locations will be performed before construction, and if evidence of wolverines, sage grouse or grizzlies (including scat, tracks or nests) is observed, the observations and photos will be reported to Idaho Fish and Game using the form at https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/species/observations/add. If sage grouse are encountered, construction activities in that area will be postponed until after 10:30 a.m. during the lekking season (mid-March through mid-May). If evidence of grizzlies is found, standard safety practices for bear country will be followed on the reservoir and pipeline sites, such as avoiding attractive, aromatic foods and not accumulating attractive garbage.

- 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 City of Tetonia will also obtain appropriate permits as required:

- Well drilling permit from the Idaho Department of Water Resources.
- 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 to public health through the provision of safe drinking water and improved fire protection.

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 *City of Tetonia, Idaho 2011 Drinking Water Facility Planning Study: Amended Engineering Report,* the *Environmental Information Document,* and supporting documentation.

AVAILABILITY OF COPIES:

Copies of the notice of a FONSI, the *City of Tetonia, Idaho 2011 Drinking Water Facility Planning Study: Amended Engineering Report,* the *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> 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 Idaho Falls Regional Office
900 North Skyline Drive, Suite B
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402
Regional Office Contact: William Teuscher – (208) 528-2666

City of Tetonia
3192 Perry Avenue
City, Idaho 83452
Contact: Mayor Gloria Hoopes – (208) 456-2249

The public will be informed about the proposed project and their opportunity for comment through the *Teton Valley News*, one time in the Thursday, April 10, 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 > 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 Friday, May 10, 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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City of Tetonia Drinking Water Improvements
Teton County
Tetonia, Idaho

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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 Friday, May 10, 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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April 4, 2013

Sharon Fox
Teton Valley News
office@tetonvalleynews.net

RE: Legal Notice Publication: Notification of a Finding of No Significant Impact for the City of Tetonia Drinking Water Improvements

Dear Sharon:

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, April 10, 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

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please call Mike May at (208) 373-0406 if you have any questions.

MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ Loan Program Coordinator

Enclosure: Formatted Legal Notice