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

April 17, 2013

Debbie Gregory, Secretary
Fairview Water District
P.O. Box 646
Preston, Idaho 83263

RE: Environmental Determination for the Fairview Water District Drinking Water Improvement Project (DWG 96-2009-3)

Dear Ms. Gregory:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the Environmental Information Document for the Fairview Water District (District) drinking water improvement project. The potential impacts on a number of environmentally sensitive resources were evaluated in the environmental review. The District'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 *Preston Citizen*, newspaper of greatest distribution for the District. DEQ has requested the *Preston Citizen* publish the legal notice one (1) time, on one (1) day, on Wednesday, April 24, 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 proceed with the State Revolving Fund loan.

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Craig Borrenpohl at the DEQ Pocatello Regional Office, (208) 239-5016, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project. Please keep him informed of progress on the project.

Sincerely,



Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Date: April 17, 2013
To: All Interested Government Agencies, Public Groups, and Individuals
Subject: Environmental Determination for the Fairview Water District Drinking Water Improvement Project

In accordance with the Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water Facilities (IDAPA 58.01.22) and the Rules for Administration of Drinking Water Loan Program (IDAPA 58.01.20), 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:	Fairview Water District Drinking Water Improvement Project
Location:	Preston, Franklin County, Idaho
DEQ Grant Number:	DWG 96-2009-3
DEQ Loan Number:	TBD
Total Loan Project Cost:	\$1,306,304.00

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF IMPACTS:

Purpose of Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to protect public health and safety by addressing sanitary survey deficiencies for the Fairview Water District drinking water system.

Description of the Project: The proposed project includes the following:

- Rehabilitation of the spring collection boxes to provide permanent cover,
- Fencing around the spring collection boxes,
- Replacement of the Cub River Canyon distribution line from 6 inch to 12 inch pipe,
- Installation of hydraulic control valves, and
- Installation of new chlorination point upstream of first service connection.

Direct and Indirect Impacts: 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 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, in addition the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Franklin 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, during and after project construction to reduce the potential for erosion from runoff.
- **Wetlands:** Approximately .067 acres of wetland could be impacted from trenching. Temporary side casting of excavated trench material may be side cast in emergent and scrub-shrub wetlands no more than 30 days. The top 6-12 inches of the trench should be backfilled with native topsoil from the trench.
- 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 project contractor will also obtain appropriate permits including the following:

- Floodplain development permit from Franklin County
- U.S. Army Corps Nationwide Permit No. 12
- 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 an improved drinking water system for the District.

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 April 2012 *Fairview Water District – Cub River Canyon Facility Plan*, the March 2013 *Fairview Water District – Franklin County, Idaho Environmental Information Document*, and supporting documentation.

AVAILABILITY OF COPIES:

Copies of the notice of a FONSI, April 2012 *Fairview Water District – Cub River Canyon Facility Plan*, the March 2013 *Fairview Water District – Franklin County, Idaho 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: Ester Ceja
208-373-0585

Department of Environmental Quality
Pocatello Regional Office
444 Hospital Way, #300
Pocatello, Idaho 83201
Regional Office Contact: Craig Borrenpohl
208-239-5016

The public will be informed about the proposed project and their opportunity for comment through the *Preston Citizen* newspaper, one time in the Wednesday, April 24, 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: Ester Ceja, Grant/Loan SERP Coordinator

All comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before May 24, 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.



Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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Fairview Water District Water Improvement Project
Franklin County
Preston, 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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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 May 24, 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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Water Quality Division Administrator



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Preston Citizen
legals@prestoncitizen.com

RE: Legal Notice Publication: Notification of a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Fairview Water District Drinking Water Improvement Project

Dear Preston Citizen:

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 Wednesday, April 24, 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 call Ester Ceja at 208-373-0585 if you have any questions.

MaryAnna Peavey, DEQ Loan Program Coordinator

Enclosure: Formatted Legal Notice