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January 25, 2016

The Honorable Hyrum Johnson, Mayor
City of Driggs
P.O. Box 48
Driggs, Idaho 83422

RE: Draft finding of no significant impact for the City of Driggs Drinking Water
Improvements (DWG-138-2013-5)

Dear Mayor Johnson:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a review of the environmental information document for the City of Driggs Drinking Water Improvements. The potential impacts on a number of environmentally sensitive resources were evaluated in the environmental review. The City of Driggs' 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 Driggs. DEQ has requested the *Teton Valley News* publish the legal notice one time, on one day, on Thursday, February 4, 2016. 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.

William Teuscher at the 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.

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Refer comments regarding the environmental review to Mike May in the State Office at Michael.May@deq.idaho.gov or (208) 373-0406.

Sincerely,



Barry N. Burnell
Water Quality Division Administrator

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DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Date: January 25, 2016
To: All Interested Government Agencies, Public Groups, and Individuals
Subject: Environmental determination for the City of Driggs Drinking Water Improvements

In accordance with the State Environmental Review Process (SERP), 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 draft finding of no significant impact (FONSI) is hereby issued by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Project:	City of Driggs Drinking Water Improvements
Location:	Driggs, Teton County, Idaho
DEQ Grant Number:	DWG-138-2013-5
DEQ Grant Costs:	\$30,000

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF IMPACTS:

Purpose of Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to improve public health and conserve water by upgrading the municipal drinking water system.

Description of the Project: The proposed project involves:

- Replace water mains and install loops;
- Modify storage tanks to meet state standards;
- Provide 2 portable generators and transfer switches;
- Add chlorination at all wells; add Teton Creek Resort booster pump station;
- Replace water service lines at greater depth to prevent freezing; and
- Upgrade SCADA telemetry.

Direct and Indirect Impacts: An environmental information document (EID) was prepared by The Development Company (ECIPDA) for the City of Driggs. ECIPDA and DEQ consulted with the appropriate state and federal agencies regarding relevant environmentally sensitive resources. Based on consultation with agency experts, ECIPDA and DEQ evaluated the potential short-term and long-term impacts, and the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the drinking water 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 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 “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.

- **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 tribe(s), and work will not resume at the discovery site without their consent.

If pipelines made from clay, wood or other historical materials are found during construction of the project, the contractor shall take photographs and submit them to SHPO for its archives.

- **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.
- **Wetlands:** Underboring or similar construction techniques will be used at all stream crossings to prevent impacts to riparian zones and wetlands.
- 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:

- Notice of Intent for Stormwater Construction General Permit from EPA.
- 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 and water conservation by rectifying deficiencies in the drinking water 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 2015 *City of Driggs Water System Facility Plan* and August 5, 2015 *Environmental Review Record for the City of Driggs Water Improvement Project* and its January 15, 2016 *Addendum*.

AVAILABILITY OF COPIES:

Copies of the notice of a FONSI, the September 2015 *City of Driggs Water System Facility Plan* and August 5, 2015 *Environmental Review Record for the City of Driggs Water Improvement Project* and its January 15, 2016 *Addendum* 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: Mike May (208) 373-0406

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Idaho Falls Regional Office
900 North Skyline Drive, Suite B
Idaho Falls, Idaho 8383402
Regional Office contact: William Teuscher (208) 528-2666

City of Driggs
60 South Main Street
P.O. Box 48
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Contact: Hyrum Johnson, Mayor, (208) 354-2362

The public will be informed about the proposed project and their opportunity for comment through the *Teton Valley News*, one time in the Thursday, February 4, 2016 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:

Mike May
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 Monday, March 7, 2016. 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.



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Water Quality Division Administrator

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City of Driggs Drinking Water Improvements
Teton County
Driggs, 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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Such comments must be postmarked or delivered on or before Monday, March 7, 2016. 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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Water Quality Division Administrator