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NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS

The Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority has made an application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF). The loan is for water system improvements. The proposed improvements include construction of a 500,000-gallon elevated water storage tank and replace approximately 2,300 linear feet of water line along County Road 364 near Lloyd Shoals Dam with 6-inch water line. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Guidelines, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name: Water System Improvements

Project Location: Jasper County, Georgia

Total Project Cost: \$3,496,000

Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount: \$3,496,000

Project Description

Under this project, The Jasper County Water Authority will construct a 500,000-gallon elevated water storage tank to provide fire protection and reduce the pumping capacity required of a future groundwater well to meet the peak flow requirements, and will replace approximately 2,300 linear feet of 2-inch water along County Road 364 near Lloyd Shoals Dam with 6-inch water line to allow the county to increase available fire flow to an area that currently does not have fire hydrants available due to undersized lines.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment. Significant water system improvements are needed to keep the system in good working order, to reduce leaks and water loss, to provide adequate pressure and fire flow. Also, the project will provide additional water storage capacity to meet the current and future water demand. The overall impact of the proposed project will be beneficial. There will be no significant adverse secondary impacts associated with the project.

A review of the Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Information Document for the proposed project has been performed by EPD's Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering Program. A copy of these documents is available for public examination upon request at EPD between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The addresses where a copy is available are listed below.

During the development and design of this project, Jasper County has solicited public input. The project has undergone an Executive Order 12372 Review through the State agencies. The project has also been submitted to the Corps of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Office, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for review. No adverse comments have been received. No further environmental review of the project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of loan funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons supporting or disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments, within thirty (30) days of the issuance date of this notice to:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division ATTN: Sergio Sanchez Villamarin, Environmental Engineer Drinking Water Program 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1052 East Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9000

After evaluating all comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding approval of the project planning documents. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Issue Date: 10/4/2023

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Loan Recipient:

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