

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

City of Valdosta has made an application to the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund for Water/Sewer Infrastructure 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 the construction the design and construction of a water treatment plant (WTP), production well and associated conveyance to connect the City's existing finished water distribution system. 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:	Construction of water treatment plant for City of Valdosta
Project Location:	Lowndes County, Georgia
Total Project Cost:	\$12,075,000
Anticipated DWSRF Loan Amount:	\$12,075,000
Project Number:	0010895

Project Description

Under this project, City of Valdosta plans to construct a water treatment plant (WTP), production well and associated conveyance to connect the City's existing finished water distribution system. The facility will consist of a new 2.5 million-gallon-per-day (mgd) well, degasification and chemical system, transfer pumps, ground storage tank and distribution through a transfer pump station.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as construction will be limited to the existing project site. This proposed well addition will provide increased reliability.

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 at the address listed below.

On July 26, 2023, City of Valdosta conducted a public meeting in accordance with the requirements of DWSRF guidance in order to inform the public about the project. The Association received no adverse comments. 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: Pubali Sarker, Environmental Engineer
Drinking Water Permitting and Engineering Unit.
Drinking Water Program
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE - Suite 1470A East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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: 09/27/2023



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