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

The Coweta County Water & Sewerage Authority has made an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for a loan through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The project consists of the expansion of the existing Shenandoah Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) from 2.0 MGD to 6.0 MGD. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Clean Water Act, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name: Coweta County Water & Sewerage Authority

Shenandoah WPCP Expansion to 6.0 MGD

GEFA Loan No. CW-2021-032

Project Location: Coweta County, GA

Total Project Cost: \$49,249,000

Anticipated SRF Loan Amount: \$28,300,000

Project Description

Coweta County proposes to expand the discharge of the Shenandoah Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) to White Oak Creek from 2.0 MGD to 6.0 MGD. The project will accommodate flow/population projections for the area. The expanded facility will include an influent pump station, headworks improvements, biological treatment, clarifiers, RAS/WAS pump station, filtration, UV disinfection, and post aeration. Sludge will be treated in an aerobic digester and dewatered/dried before being transported to a landfill.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve Coweta County. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality for the future population. Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction.

The project will take place primarily on County property (or right-of-way) and/or previously disturbed land and no impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

The current rates for wastewater are not anticipated to increase beyond planned rate increases for residential customers.

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No anticipated adverse secondary impacts are associated with the project. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement has been made.

The reason for the decision not to prepare such a statement is as follows: Project activity is not anticipated to result in adverse environmental impacts beyond those that can be easily mitigated with minimal extra expense or delay in project implementation.

Public Notice

A public information meeting was held on March 28, 2023 at Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority to discuss the proposed project. No adverse comments were received during the 30-day advertisement period or during the meeting.

An Environmental Review Record concerning the proposed project has been made by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division that documents the environmental review of the project and provides more detail explaining why an environmental impact statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Division's address listed below. A copy of the Environmental Review and Planning Document (ERPD) is available for public review upon request at the Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority offices during business hours and at the Division between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

No further environmental review of this 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 30 days of the issuance date of this notice via email to <u>alex.gramling@dnr.ga.gov</u> or to the following address:

Environmental Protection Division Watershed Protection Branch Wastewater Regulatory Program ATTN: Alex Gramling 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 1470A East Atlanta, Georgia 30334 Notice of No Significant Impact Coweta County Water & Sewerage Authority GEFA Loan No. CW-2021-032 Page 3

After evaluating the comments received, a final decision regarding the loan will be made. No administrative action will be taken on the project for thirty (30) calendar days after issuance of this Notice.

Loan Recipient: Coweta County Water & Sewerage Authority

545 Corinth Road Newnan, GA 30263

04/03/2023

Issue Date: _____

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Director

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