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

The Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority has made an application to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for a grant through the State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF). The grant is intended to construct a new 12 MGD drinking water treatment facility alongside of recently completed Hard Labor Creek Reservoir which will serve as the source of raw water for the new facility. 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:	Hard Labor Creek Water Treatment Facility
Project Location:	Walton County, Georgia
Project Number:	ARPA GA-0010734

Project Description

Under this project, the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority will construct a new 12 MGD drinking water treatment facility which will include: a raw water intake and pump station, raw water flow meter, raw water chemical feed systems, pretreatment units for rapid mix, flocculation and sedimentation, filter building with gravity filters, finished water storage tank, high service pump station and electrical building, process residuals lagoons, operation building to include chemical, electrical and maintenance rooms, bulk chemical tanks, water supply lines associated with the treatment. An oxygenation system consisting of liquid oxygen storage and injection equipment and distribution lines will be installed to maintain adequate dissolved oxygen in the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will have minimal impact on the environment as construction will include all necessary and required protection measures including erosion and sedimentation control plan which will address control of stormwater runoff including temporary flows during construction and permanent flows following completion of construction activities. The proposed water treatment facility will be designed to minimize impacts on aquatic life within and downstream of the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir.

The Hard Labor Creek Regional Reservoir and Water Treatment Facility is essential to accommodating projected industrial and population growth, promoting job creation, and achieving economic recovery across the Northeast Georgia Region.

A review of the 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, the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority 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, the 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: Duplex Tchinda, Environmental Engineer
Drinking Water Program
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After evaluating all comments received, EPD will make a final decision regarding the 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: 2/8/2024



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