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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

As required by the guidelines for the preparation of environmental impact statements (EIS), a preliminary evaluation has been performed on the proposed State of Utah, Drinking Water Board project identified below to determine if an environmental review or EIS is warranted. The State of Utah has elected to “Categorically Exclude from further environmental review” the proposed drinking water project.

Project: Lead Service Line Inventory and Replacements

Water System: Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities, #18026

Office Location: Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities
1530 S. West Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

Project Number: #3F2028

Total Estimated Cost: \$39,525,000

Funding: Drinking Water Board (Loan) \$20,175,000 & Drinking Water Board (Principal Forgiveness) \$19,350,000

This project consists of the planning and construction of lead service line inventory and replacements as well as potential replacement of aging water mains to facilitate service line replacements where large quantities of lead are present. The project does not cross any wetlands, does not affect any endangered or threatened species, or affect any cultural or historical properties, and will be constructed within the existing, previously disturbed, right-of-way for the existing distribution lines. The project is needed in order for Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities to meet current and future demand for drinking water and to meet requirements of the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions.

The review process indicated that the proposed project will not adversely impact the environment. Consequently, a decision has been made to not prepare an EIS. The State of Utah has elected to “Categorically Exclude from further environmental review” the proposed drinking water project, based upon the careful review of documents submitted by Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities consisting of the environmental review checklist and the floodplain map.

Any and all contractors will be required to comply with all relative federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and executive orders, such as Utah State air quality regulations R307-309. If anything is uncovered or otherwise discovered during construction of the water system improvements that may have cultural or historic significance the Salt Lake City Water System will be required to stop construction and notify both the Division of Drinking Water (the Division) and the State Historic Preservation Officer. These two agencies will investigate any such discoveries. If it appears that construction work may be causing an adverse environmental impact, the Salt Lake Water System will be required to stop construction and notify the Division. The Division will investigate any such discoveries.

A Categorical Exclusion (Cat Ex) from environmental review does not require a formal public hearing or a formal public comment period prior to the Cat Ex becoming effective. Therefore, this Cat Ex will become effective on the day it is published in a local newspaper, which is expected to occur on or about December 1, 2024. Questions or comments may be directed to Heather Pattee at (385) 515-1498 or at hpattee@utah.gov / Andrea Thurlow at (385) 260-0337 or at athurlow@utah.gov.

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