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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: Apple Valley – Cedar Point Waterline Connection

Water System: Big Plains Water Special Service District (SSD)

Office Location: 1777 N. Meadowlark Ln Apple Valley, UT 84737

Project Number: 3F2032

Total Estimated Cost: \$3,370,000

Funding: \$3,370,000 loan with 100% principal forgiveness

This project consists of Phase I to construct a 4.5-mile transmission line to connect Apple Valley Water System with the Cedar Point Water System to resolve a source capacity issue in the Cedar Point System. Phase I improvements begin at the intersection of 2000 S and Highway 59. The waterline continues east on 2000 S until it hits 1800 E. The waterline then runs both north and south on 1800 E. The north waterline continues on 1800 E until it hits 1600 S where it will connect with existing infrastructure. The south waterline will continue on 1800 E for 1,300 ft until it connects with existing infrastructure.

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 transmission line. The project is needed in order for Big Plains Water SSD to meet current and future demand for drinking water.

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 the following report.

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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 Big Plains Water SSD 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, Big Plains Water SSD 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 on the Utah Public Notice Website, on the system's website and in public locations around the municipality, which is expected to occur on or about September 30, 2024. Questions or comments may be directed to Allyson Spevak at (385) 249-0324 or at allysonspevak@utah.gov.

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