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June 1, 2016

Bruce Hollis, President  
Teton Reserve HOA  
1732 Canyon Oaks Dr  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

RE: Categorical exclusion for the Teton Reserve HOA Water Facilities Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Hollis:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed an environmental review of the documentation for the Teton Reserve HOA Water Facilities Improvement Project and has issued a categorical exclusion (Cat Ex) determination. Issuance of a Cat Ex or omission of any regulatory requirement from DEQ environmental review does not absolve the applicant from meeting all applicable regulations. A Cat Ex exempts the referenced project from further substantive environmental review requirements because no environmental effects were found, pertinent to the DEQ Environmental Review Procedure. Enclosed is a signed copy of the Cat Ex for the referenced project.

DEQ has requested that the Teton Valley News, newspaper of record for the Teton Reserve HOA, publish the enclosed Cat Ex legal notice for the referenced project one time on June 9, 2016. The legal notice will explain how the public can obtain copies of the full Cat Ex.

The Teton Reserve HOA should keep a copy of the Cat Ex and the legal notice as published for their records. No required public comment or waiting period is required after notification of a Cat Ex. Following publication of the legal notice, you may proceed with the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan.

Willie Teuscher at DEQ Idaho Falls Regional Office (208) 528-2666, is your local DEQ contact on the referenced project, and Tim Wendland at DEQ State Office (208) 373-0439 is your DEQ SRF Loan contact. Please keep them informed of progress on the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barry N. Burnell".

Barry N. Burnell  
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosures

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June 1, 2016

## **Categorical Exclusion Determination for the Proposed**

### **Teton Reserve HOA Water Facilities Improvement Project, Teton County, Idaho**

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has conducted an environmental review and analysis of the *Teton Reserve HOA Water Facilities Improvement Project* in accordance with state procedures for implementing an environmental review under the State Environmental Review Process (SERP), “Rules for Administration of Drinking Water Loan Program” (IDAPA 58.01.20). DEQ has determined that this project does not involve any extraordinary circumstances requiring additional environmental analysis and documentation and is therefore eligible for a categorical exclusion (Cat Ex). This Cat Ex applies to all phases of the project. Accordingly, the project is exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements under the SERP. Issuance of a Cat Ex or omission of any regulatory requirement from environmental review does not absolve the applicant from meeting all applicable regulations.

The project will involve the drilling of two additional wells in the community. Well houses will be built and the wells will be connected to the existing distribution system. DEQ has determined that this project is consistent with criteria for issuing a Cat Ex for the following reasons:

- The proposed facility improvements are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities.
- The facility improvements are not expected to change the current system’s population by greater than 500 estimated residential units.
- There will be no significant effect on the quality of the human environment either individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other federal, state, local, or private actions as a result of this project.
- The alternative selected by the Teton Reserve HOA for construction is cost-effective and has not caused significant public controversy.

Short-term impacts may occur during project construction that includes temporary disruption of the distribution system, increased noise, increased dust pollution, increased potential for stormwater runoff, and disruption of localized traffic conditions. The project contractor is responsible for managing the temporary disruptions of the system as follows:

- Air Quality: Temporary dust pollution impacts will be controlled as a condition of the construction specifications in accordance with the “Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho” (IDAPA 58.01.01.651). IDAPA 58.01.01.651 states that reasonable precautions shall be taken for dust control and suppression by using water or chemicals, applying dust suppressants, covering trucks, paving, and removing materials. In addition to the rule requirements, DEQ recommends that a dust prevention and control plan be implemented during construction of the project that includes best management practices (BMPs) to minimize dust pollution for fugitive dust control.
- Cultural Resources: If archeological artifacts (such as beads, arrow heads, pottery, fabric, grave goods, glass, metal fragments, or other human-made objects that appear to predate 1960) or human remains (such as bones, bone fragments, or teeth) are inadvertently discovered during construction, ground disturbing activities shall cease and the State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes shall be notified. Mitigation measures will be implemented as directed by SHPO and the Tribes, and work will not resume at the discovery site without their consent.

- Stormwater: Stormwater shall be avoided by having equipment available to put appropriate containment systems into service in a timely manner. Examples of containment systems include silt fences, temporary berms, and vegetative or mulch cover, and installing drains to control surface runoff and to minimize soil loss.
- Noise impacts from the project construction will be reduced by restricting work hours to reasonable times identified in the construction specifications.
- Implement any other appropriate BMPs, wherever possible, to avoid or minimize impacts from other construction activities.

Overall, completion of the proposed project will have long-term positive effects by providing additional water production capacity to meet public drinking water standards. The proposed project will protect water quality and public health.

The documentation to support this decision is on file at the following locations:

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
Water Quality Division  
1410 North Hilton  
Boise, Idaho 83706  
Grant/loan SERP contact: Aimee Hill, (208) 373-0556

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
Idaho Falls Regional Office  
900 N Skyline  
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402  
Regional Office contact: William Teuscher, (208) 528-2666

Teton Reserve HOA  
1732 Canyon Oaks Dr  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464  
Contact: Bruce Hollis, President

A one-time publication is required in the newspaper of record. DEQ has requested the *Teton Valley News* publish the Cat Ex legal notice for the Teton Reserve HOA Water Facilities Project one time on *June 9, 2016*. The legal notice will inform the public that the proposed project has received a Cat Ex, which excludes the project from further environmental review.

The Cat Ex and published legal notice should be made part of the final planning document for this project.



Barry N. Burnell  
Water Quality Division Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR THE  
TETON RESERVE HOA WATER FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has conducted an environmental review and analysis of the *Teton Reserve HOA Water Facilities Improvement Project* in Teton County, Idaho in accordance with state procedures for implementing an environmental review under the State Environmental Review Process (SERP), “Rules for Administration of Drinking Water Loan Program” (IDAPA 58.01.20). DEQ has determined that this project does not involve any extraordinary circumstances requiring additional environmental analysis and documentation and is therefore eligible for a categorical exclusion (Cat Ex). This Cat Ex applies to all phases of the project. Accordingly, the project is exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements under the SERP. Issuance of a Cat Ex or omission of any regulatory requirement from environmental review does not absolve the applicant from meeting all applicable regulations.

The project will involve the drilling of two additional wells in the community. Well houses will be built and the wells will be connected to the existing distribution system.

Copies of the notice of Cat Ex and the environmental information document upon which it is based are available at the following locations:

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