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November 21, 2016

The Honorable Rich Sykes, Mayor  
City of Mountain Home  
P.O. Box 10  
Mountain Home, Idaho 83647

RE: Finding of no significant impact (FONSI) reaffirmation for the City of Mountain Home  
Drinking Water Improvements Project

Dear Mayor Sykes:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is hereby reaffirming the finding of no significant impact (FONSI) determination issued on June 21, 2011 for the City of Mountain Home Drinking Water Improvements Project.

The drinking water project has been expanded to include the following items in the City's 2011 water facility plan:

- Construction of a new 2 million gallon water Tank #1B adjacent to the existing Tank #1A, located north of I-84 on the Haskett Street main extension
- Installation of an overflow pond adjacent to the new water tank
- Installation of 2 new check valves in vaults and additional yard piping
- Installation of new well #16 approximately 220 feet north of existing Tank #1A
- Installation of new well house emergency power, fuel storage, chlorination and ancillary equipment.

The reaffirmation is issued following review of the following:

- November 9, 2016 "Scope and Budget for Mountain Home Tank and Well Projects"
- May 13, 2016 correspondence with Keller Associates
- November 27, 2012 correspondence with City of Mountain Home
- October 26, 2012 City of Mountain Home – EID Amendment
- May 4, 2011 *City of Mountain Home, Idaho Water Facilities Planning Study Priority Improvements*
- An evaluation of the original and current scope of the project
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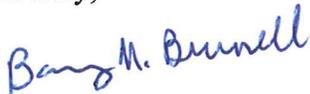
This reaffirmation satisfies DEQ's environmental review requirements for a DEQ drinking water loan, having been issued in accordance with the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) and "Rules for Administration of the Drinking Water Loan Program" (IDAPA 58.01.20).

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A legal notice for a FONSI reaffirmation determination is required to be published one time in the newspaper of record. DEQ will request the FONSI reaffirmation legal notice for the referenced project be published in the *Mountain Home* on November 30, 2016.

Refer any questions regarding the proposed project to Gary Carroll, DEQ Boise Regional Office at (208) 373-0117 or any questions regarding the FONSI reaffirmation to Mike May, DEQ State Office at (208) 373-0406 or via e-mail at [Michael.May@deq.idaho.gov](mailto:Michael.May@deq.idaho.gov).

Sincerely,



Barry N. Burnell  
Water Quality Division Administrator

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Enclosure: Legal notice  
TRIM 2016ALP989-991

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LEGAL NOTICE OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT REAFFIRMATION FOR  
THE MOUNTAIN HOME DRINKING WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT  
MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO

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Copies of the information upon which the FONSI reaffirmation is based are available for public review on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-loans/environmental-assessment.aspx> or at the following location:

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Water Quality Division  
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Boise, Idaho 83706  
Grant/loan SERP contact: Mike May (208) 384-0406