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Re: Categorical Exclusion request for SW Lincoln County Water PUD
Water System Improvements; SD-22-344 (PWS ID #4100925)

The purpose of this letter is to grant a Categorical Exclusion from further environmental review to SW Lincoln County Water PUD for an infrastructure project to be funded with Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) monies. The project funded by the DWSRF and covered by this Categorical Exclusion consists of the replacement of old, undersized, and deteriorating pipelines as described in the submitted September 3, 2023, request.

Drinking Water Services concurs that the project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion from further environmental review [OAR 333-061-0063 (2)(a)]. It is the water system's responsibility to ensure that all project activities adhere to local, state, and federal permitting requirements.

Before the environmental review process can be closed, a public notice must be issued. A template for use in issuing the public notice is attached to this letter. Please post the notice in a newspaper of general circulation, and directly notify any interested parties in the project areas (similar to Public Meeting notifications to interested parties). A dated copy of the notice as it appears in the newspaper or official affidavit of publication must be submitted to our office for verification. **After publication of the notice, the DWSRF environmental review process is complete for the elements covered by this approval and the project may then proceed.**

If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail at debra.g.lambeth@oha.oregon.gov or by phone at (503) 936-7277.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra Lambeth".

Debra Lambeth, PE
DWSRF - Environmental Review Coordinator
OHA Drinking Water Services

Attachment: Public Notice Template for Categorical Exclusion

cc: Amy Bleekman, OHA DWS
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