

June 10, 2009

Mike Lee, Board President
Pablo – Lake County Water & Sewer District
P.O. Box 550
Pablo, MT 59855

RE: Categorical Exclusion – Pablo/Lake County Water and Sewer District, Montana
Water Distribution System Improvements Project (2009 construction)

Dear Mr. Lee:

An environmental review of the above referenced project has been completed by the Drinking Water SRF Program. Based on this review, it has been determined that the project is eligible for a categorical exclusion from further environmental review. A copy of the Notice of Publication of Categorical Exclusion for this project is enclosed. Please print the notice in at least one publication of your local newspaper, under legal advertising, and return a copy of the proof of advertisement to this office. Please have the notice, Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), design report and the project contract documents available for public review at your office. We have distributed the notice to the enclosed list of agencies. If you have any questions regarding this process or the project in general, you can call me at 444-5316.

Sincerely,

Robert Ashton
State Revolving Fund Loan Program
Technical and Financial Assistance Bureau
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406.444.5316

Encl

cc: Shari Johnson, TD&H Engineering, Kalispell, MT
Keith Waring, TD&H Engineering, Bozeman, MT
Anna Miller, DNRC (w/o notice)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
PABLO/LAKE COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT, MONTANA
WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

June 10, 2009

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the above named project. The project consists of installing approximately 3,000 lineal feet of 6 and 8-inch PVC water main, 6,400 lineal feet of 10-inch PVC water main and all associated valves, fire hydrants, fittings, service lines, service connections and asphalt replacement. The proposed project will replace aging and undersized water mains along the following streets:

- Third Avenue East - between Pablo West Road and Division Street
- Montana Avenue - between Pablo West Road and Division Street
- Division Street - between Montana Avenue and Third Avenue East
- Pablo West Road – between Montana Avenue and Highway 93

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Department has concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA).

The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality
State Revolving Fund Loan Program
1520 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

Pablo/Lake County WSD
36520 Carbine Road
Pablo, MT 59855

Sincerely,

Todd Teegarden, Bureau Chief
Technical & Financial Assistance Bureau
Planning Prevention & Assistance Division
Montana Department of Environmental Quality