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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: Timber Lakes Water System Improvements

Water System: Timber Lakes Water Special Service District

Office Location: 322 East Gateway Drive Ste. 201, Heber City, UT 84032

Project Number: 3F1877

Total Estimated Cost: \$3,295,630

Funding: \$3,263,000 loan at 0% interest for 40 years, \$32,630 local contribution

This project consists of new meter installation, distribution line upgrades, spring development, and installation of a 100,000-gallon tank. Most of the project does not cross any wetlands. There is a small 0.81-acre section of marshy wetland that cannot be categorically excluded. That area has had further environmental review and will be addressed separately. The project 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 Timber Lakes Water Special Service District 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, minus the wetland area, based upon the careful review of the following report.

Categorical Exclusion Request, prepared by Merissa Davis with Bowen Collins & Associates

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, Timber Lakes Water Special Service District 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, Timber Lakes Water Special Service District 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 in a local newspaper, which is expected to occur on or about May 20, 2025. Questions or comments may be directed to Kjori Shelley at 385-227-1638 or at [kashelley@utah.gov](mailto:kashelley@utah.gov).

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