

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Development

Picosa Water Supply Corporation: **Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request for possible financing assistance to Picosa Water Supply Corporation for the construction of the Water System Improvements in Wilson County.

FURTHER INFORMATION: To obtain copies of the EA and FONSI, or for further information, contact: Howard Willoughby, State Environmental Coordinator, 101 South Main Street, Temple, Texas 76501, at 254-742-9715 or Howard.Willoughby@usda.gov. The EA and FONSI are also available for public review at Seguin Area Office, 999 Fleming Drive, Seguin, TX 78155.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project consists of the construction of a new 500,000-gallon elevated storage tank and demolish the existing elevated Tower #1 with a new well. Installation of a proposed 6-inch water main for loop closure along CR 107. Replacing existing 2-inch water main to 4-inch water main. Installation of an additional third high-service booster pump at the existing CR 122 water plant. Installation a new 12-inch transmission main from the existing CR 122 water plant to the proposed location of the new elevated storage tank.

Alternatives considered by RUS and Picosa WSC include: No action; and proposed action. The alternatives are discussed in the Water System Improvements EA. The RUS has reviewed and approved the EA for the proposed project.

The availability of the EA for public review was announced via notice in the following newspaper(s): Wilson County News on January 31 and February 7, 2024. A fourteen-day comment period was announced in the newspaper notices. The EA was also available for public review at the USDA Rural Development office. No Comments were received during the public comment period.

Based on its EA, commitments made by Picosa WSC, and public comments received, RUS has concluded that the project would have no significant impact to water quality, wetlands, floodplains, land use, aesthetics, transportation, or human health and safety.

The proposed project will have no adverse effect on resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Agency has also concluded that the proposed project is not likely to affect federally listed threatened and endangered species or designated critical habitat thereof. The proposed project would not disproportionately affect minority and/or low-income populations.

No other potential significant impacts resulting from the proposed project have been identified. Therefore, RUS has determined that this FONSI fulfills its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR §§ 1500-1508), and USDA Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970) for its action related to the project.

RUS is satisfied that the environmental impacts of the proposed project have been adequately addressed. RUS federal action would not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, and as such it will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its action related to the proposed project.

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