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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Utilities Board of the City of Daphne
Baldwin County

SRF Project No. FS010098-02

July 8, 2020

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has made \$5,200,000 in financial assistance available to the City of Daphne using funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan program. In accordance with State and Federal regulations that govern the program, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management has conducted a review to assess the potential impacts upon the environment that may result from implementation of this project.

The Utilities Board of the City of Daphne proposes a project for several water system improvements. The project includes improvements to two water storage tanks, installation of a new well and replacement of an additional well, and water main upgrades to two areas of the city. Improvements will provide additional storage capacity to meet current needs, additional well capacity and replacement of an aging well, and necessary water main improvements to replace aging infrastructure.

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) from further environmental study under the guidelines specified by the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) which specifically include actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of equipment, or towards the construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities. However, this decision may be reconsidered if significant adverse information concerning the potential environmental impacts of the project is discovered.

Comments relative to this project should be submitted in writing to Ms. Juliette Cox, SRF Section, Permits & Services Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-7871, no later than 30 days after the date of public notice. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will not take formal action to proceed with the project without carefully evaluating any public comments opposing the project.

Sincerely,

Lance R. LeFleur
Director



Utilities Board of the City of Daphne
SRF# FS010098-02

The Categorical Exclusion is promulgated in the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) in Part IV, Section C: Categorical Exclusions for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Projects: (Italicized sections apply.)

1. The following drinking water projects are eligible for categorical exclusions:
 - a. *Actions intended solely for minor rehabilitation, functional replacement, or ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities.*
 - b. Minor construction, including:
 - (1) *New wells or replacement wells for water supply purposes if ancillary to the existing system;*
 - (2) *Improvements not intended to increase capacity of the system;*
 - (2) Facilities for the disinfection of public water supplies;
 - (3) *Facilities such as looping that will result solely in the provision of adequate public water system pressure;*
 - (4) *Construction of water tanks;*
 - (5) Construction of new water lines in previously disturbed areas within one mile of the existing distribution system.
 - c. Projects where funding is being provided for planning and/or engineering costs only (in which case the requirements of IV.C.1.a-d do not apply).
2. In order to determine if a drinking water project is eligible for a CE, all of the following must not apply:
3.
 - a. The action is known or expected to directly or indirectly adversely impact any of the following:
 - (1) Cultural or historical resources;
 - (2) Endangered or Threatened Species and/or their critical habitats;
 - (3) Environmentally important natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, prime agricultural land, or aquifer recharge zones.
 - b. The action is not cost effective.
 - c. The action will cause significant public controversy.
 - d. The action will create a new or expanded surface drinking water source.

This project complies with the above requirements and has been determined to be eligible for a Categorical Exclusion.

Douglas Road Ground Storage Facility: Water Storage Capacity Increase



Douglas Road
Ground Storage Facility
30.657451 N
87.874695 W

Interstate 10

Douglas Road

Highway 90

County Road 13

Legend

 Water Main

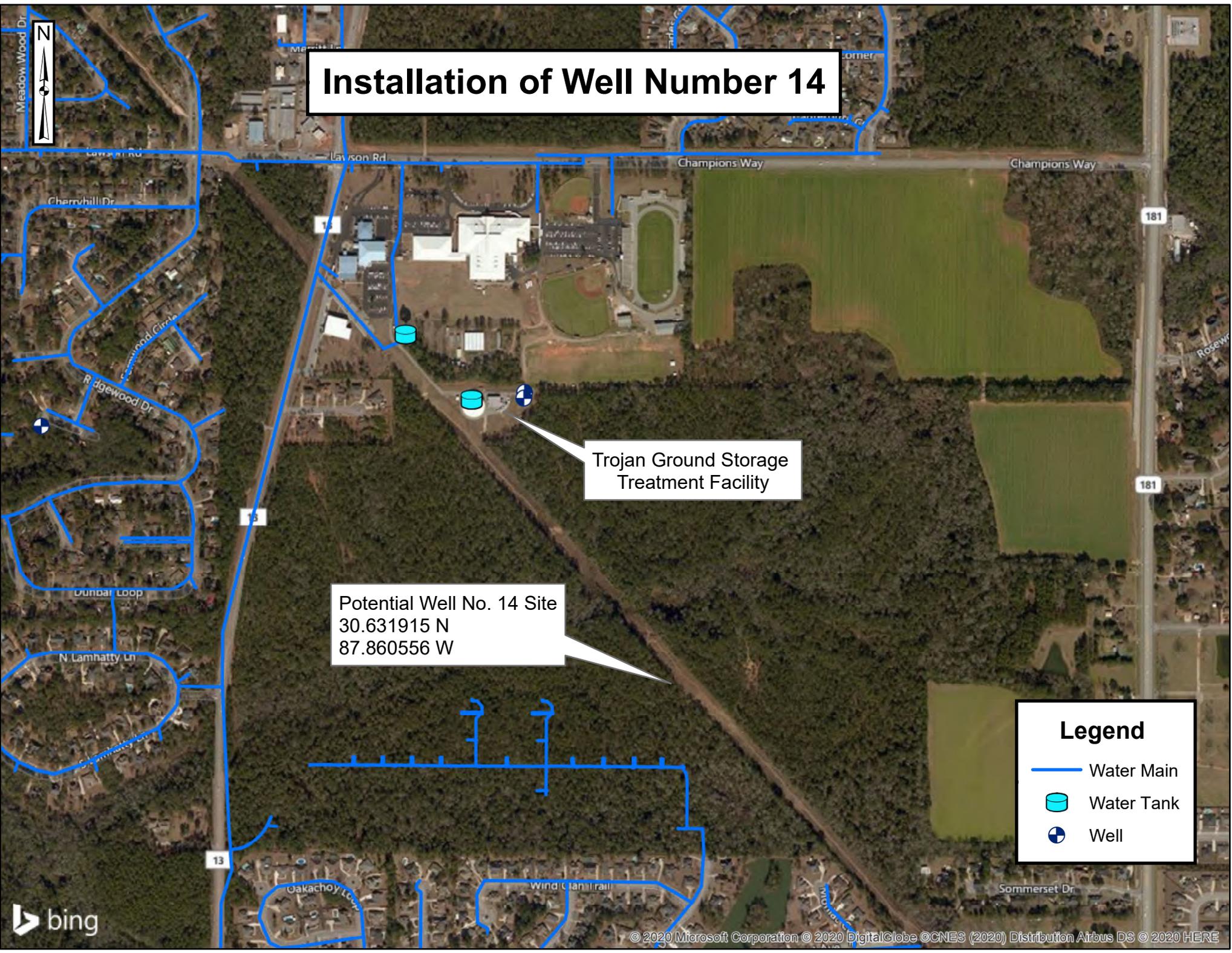
Installation of Well Number 14

Trojan Ground Storage Treatment Facility

Potential Well No. 14 Site
30.631915 N
87.860556 W

Legend

- Water Main
- Water Tank
- Well



Well Number 2 Replacement



Well Number 2
30.601995 N
87.902289 W

Legend

- Water Main
- Water Tank
- Well

Stanton Road Water Storage Improvements

Stanton Road Tank
30.596361 N
87.894617 W

Legend

— Water Main

U.S. 98 Water Main Improvements



Legend

-  Proposed US 98 Water Main Improvements/Alignment
-  Existing Water Main

Lake Forest Water Main Upgrades

Lake Front Dr.

Lakeview Lp.

Country Club Dr.

Buena Vista Dr.

Sweetbriar Cir.

Legend

-  Lake Forest Water Main Upgrades
-  Water Main
-  Water Tank
-  Well

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April 15, 2020

2020 DWSRF Loan Application
(Contract No. 408219, Task No. 7)

Mr. Bill Pearson
Daphne ES Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-B Main Street
Daphne, AL 36526

RE: 2020 DWSRF Loan Application Intergovernmental Review

Dear Mr. Pearson:

The Utilities Board of the City of Daphne, Alabama (Daphne Utilities) is proposing to submit a 2020 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Application. We are forwarding the project descriptions and quad maps prepared for this application for an intergovernmental review on behalf of Daphne Utilities. Two projects included in this application improve existing storage facilities. By improving these structures, storage capacity is improved and maintained while lessening the impact on the environment caused by new construction. Two projects will strengthen Daphne Utilities' well supply. A new well will be installed, and a replacement well will be installed at an existing well site location. Another project involves the installation of a new water line along Highway 98 south of Johnson Road, which will provide a needed loop and improve water service in the southernmost portion of the system. The last project will replace aging water lines in the Lake Forest area which account for a significant portion of line failures and interruption in water system. The Highway 98 and Lake Forest projects will utilize the existing right of ways.

In accordance with the application, we are requesting that a response from your agency be provided in writing including any comments and concurrence with the proposed loan. Please direct your response to Daphne Utilities, c/o Mrs. Melinda D. Immel, P.E., Volkert, Inc., 28588 U.S. 98, Suite 9, Daphne, AL 36526, or by email at melinda.immel@volkert.com.

Please call either Marcus Stacey at (251) 599-1974 or me at (251) 680-9883 should you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Melinda D. Immel, P.E.
Assistant Vice President

MS

Enclosures

c Mr. Scott Polk – Daphne Utilities



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1208-B Main Street – Daphne, Alabama 36526
Phone: 251-441-5181 Fax: 251-441-6222

No federally listed species/critical habitat are known to occur in the project area. As described, the project will have no significant impact on fish and wildlife resources. IF PROJECT DESIGN CHANGES ARE MADE, PLEASE SUBMIT NEW PLANS FOR REVIEW. We recommend use of best management practices specific to your project (See <http://www.fws.gov/daphne/section7/bmp.html>).

William J. Pearson, Field Supervisor

Date

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South Alabama Regional Planning Commission

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May 20, 2020

Daphne Utilities
c/o Mrs. Melinda D. Immel, PE
VOLKERT, INC.
28588 US 98, Suite 9
Daphne, AL 36526

RE: 2020 DWSRF Loan Application
Intergovernmental Review
Utilities Board of the City of Daphne, AL
Internal SARPC Project Review Control No. 20-04

Dear Mrs. Immel:

In response to the request for a review of this project, attached please find the completed review sheet. This review sheet need not be included in the project application packet (i.e., the Standard Form 424 with supporting documentation).

If you have any questions in this regard or require additional information, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

John F. Rhodes
Executive Director

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Enclosure

SOUTH ALABAMA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PROJECT REVIEW SHEET

INTERNAL SARPC PROJECT CONTROL NO.: 20-04

REQUESTING AGENCY: Utilities Board of the City of Daphne, AL

PROJECT: 2020 DWSRF Loan Application
Intergovernmental Review
Utilities Board of the City of Daphne, AL

Internal SARPC Project Review Control No. 20-04

COMMENTS: (Check one)

- Does Not Apply _____
- Concur X
- No Objection _____
- Concur Contingent Upon (Explain Below) _____
- Need More Information (Explain Below) _____
- Cannot Concur (Explain Below) _____

EXPLANATION:

REVIEWER SIGNATURE: John F. Thacker Sr.

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 1665
Mobile, AL 36633



ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

468 South Perry Street
P.O. Box 300900
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900
334-242-3184 / Fax: 334-240-3477

Lisa D. Jones
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

May 21, 2020

Melinda Immel
28588 US 98 Suite 9
Daphne, AL 36526

Re: AHC 20-0740
Various Water System Improvements
Baldwin County

Dear Ms. Immel:

Upon review of the above referenced project, we have determined that project activities will have no effect on cultural resources eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, we concur with the proposed project activities.

Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office does not constitute consultation with Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, other Native American tribes, local governments, or the public. If archaeological materials are encountered during construction, the procedures codified at 36 CFR 800.13(b) will apply. Archaeological materials consist of any items, fifty years old or older, which were made or used by man. These items include but are not limited to, stone projectile points (arrowheads), ceramic sherds, bricks, worked wood, bone and stone, metal, and glass objects. The federal agency or the applicant receiving federal assistance should contact our office immediately. If human remains are encountered, the provisions of the Alabama Burial Act (*Code of Alabama 1975*, §13A-7-23.1, as amended; Alabama Historical Commission Administrative Code Chapter 460-X-10 Burials) should be followed. This stipulation shall be placed on the construction plans to insure contractors are aware of it.

We appreciate your commitment to helping us preserve Alabama's historic archaeological and architectural resources. Should you have any questions, please contact Eric Sipes at 334.230.2667 or Eric.Sipes@ahc.alabama.gov. Have the AHC tracking number referenced above available and include it with any future correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Anne Wofford".

Lee Anne Wofford
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

LAW/EDS/law



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS, MOBILE DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 2288
MOBILE, AL 36628-0001

May 27, 2020

South Alabama Branch
Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Jurisdictional Determination, File Number SAM-2020-00406-DJL, Daphne Utilities, Baldwin County, Alabama

Daphne Utilities
Attention: Mr. Scott Polk
Email Address: scott@daphneutilities.com
900 Daphne Avenue
Daphne, Alabama 36526

Dear Mr. Polk:

Reference is made to the attached letter received from Volkert, Inc. on your behalf requesting review and comments regarding a project to increase water storage capacity at a ground storage facility in Daphne, Alabama. The project has been assigned file number SAM-2020-00406-DJL, which should be referred to in any future correspondence with this office concerning this project. The project area is located within Baldwin County parcel number 05-32-08-33-0-00-018.114, on Douglas Road; within Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 2 East; at Latitude 30.657528° and Longitude -87.874426°, near Daphne, Baldwin County, Alabama.

A desktop evaluation by this office has determined that the project, as described, does not involve activities in, over, or under navigable waters of the United States, as regulated under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 U.S.C. 403), or include the discharge of fill material, permanent or temporary, in waters of the United States, including wetlands, as regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Based upon the information and plans your agent provided, we have determined that this proposed work, as described, is a non-regulated activity with regard to Department of the Army regulations, and does not require a DA permit, provided the work is conducted in conformance with the conditions outlined below:

- a. The activities will be conducted in accordance with the enclosed project description and plans.
- b. Appropriate best management practices shall be implemented and maintained to assure no fill material inadvertently enters waters of the United States, including wetlands.

The statements contained herein do not convey any property rights or any exclusive privileges, and do not authorize any injury to property or obviate the requirements to obtain

other local, state, or federal authorizations required by law for the activities discussed above. If the scope of work of your project changes, you are urged to contact this office for a verification of this determination. Thank you for your cooperation with our permit program.

You are receiving an electronic copy only of this letter. If you wish to receive paper copies of our correspondence you should send a written request to this office at the following address: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Regulatory Division, Post Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628. An electronic copy of this letter is also being sent to your agent, Volkert, Inc., Attention: Ms. Melinda Immel, at Melinda.immel@volkert.com; and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Mobile Branch / Coastal Section, Attention: Mr. Scott Brown, at coastal@adem.alabama.gov.

Should you have any questions, you can contact the project manager by e-mail at Dana.J.Leach@usace.army.mil or at (251) 694-3784. Please visit our web site at www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx for additional information about our Regulatory Program. Also, please take a moment to complete our customer satisfaction survey located near the bottom of the webpage. Your responses are appreciated and will allow us to improve our services.

Sincerely,

Jessica C. Comeaux
Project Manager
South Alabama Branch
Regulatory Division

Attachment