



FEMA

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Westport-Wauna Water Supply Project
Westport Water Association, Clatsop County, Oregon
Public Assistance Project Worksheet No. 766
FEMA-1733-DR-OR

The Westport Water Association (Westport) applied through the State of Oregon – Oregon Emergency Management (OEM) to the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, to redevelop an existing domestic water supply system in Clatsop County, Oregon. Westport decided to replace their previously existing system that was severely damaged as a result of the severe storms occurring December 2, 2007 to December 17, 2007. The event was declared a Presidential disaster (FEMA-17334-DR-OR).

Westport would replace their damaged West Creek water supply facilities and access road by cooperating with the Wauna Water District (Wauna) to upgrade and share Wauna’s water supply system. Westport would enter into an agreement with Wauna to share two water supply springs (Peterson and Knapp Springs). System upgrades include constructing new access roads, upgrading existing access roads, replacing water supply pipelines, installing a Chlorination Station Building, and redeveloping existing facilities at both Peterson and Knapp Springs.

As a condition of FEMA funding, Westport will provide environmental/historic preservation conservation measures and comply with Environmental and Historic Preservation regulations by:

- Applying for, securing, and complying with appropriate federal, state and local permits;
- Selecting, implementing, monitoring, and maintaining Erosion, Sediment and Spill Control/Prevention BMPs in accordance with those outlined in the Final Environmental Assessment for this project;
- Notify water recipients of planned service disruptions;
- Monitoring construction activities for unexpected discovery of cultural resources;
- In the event historically or archaeologically significant materials or sites (or evidence thereof) are discovered during the implementation of the project, the project shall be halted and all reasonable measures taken to avoid or minimize harm to property until such time as FEMA, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), determines appropriate measures have been taken to ensure that the project is in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act;
- Notifying OEM and FEMA should Westport or Wauna propose any change to the approved scope of work.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA’s implementing regulations, FEMA prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify and evaluate potential environmental impacts resulting from the alternatives presented in the EA and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of

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No Significant Impact (FONSI). Alternatives evaluated in the EA include: 1) Westport cooperating with Wauna to upgrade and share Wauna's existing water supply system; 2) Westport repair their previously existing damaged system; and 3) No Action. The preferred alternative was selected for economic efficiency and minimally anticipated environmental impacts. Other alternatives were considered but not carried forth and are described in the EA. The Draft EA was submitted for public review and comment (comment period ended on May 3, 2010). FEMA did not receive any comments (letters, faxes, or emails) related to the Draft EA.

FINDINGS

Based upon the attached final EA, project conditions and conservation measures (included above), the Grant conditions of the Project Worksheet, and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 10 for environmental consideration, including Executive Orders (EOs) addressing floodplains (EO11988), wetlands (EO11990), and environmental justice (EO 12898), FEMA determined the proposed project will not significantly affect the quality of the natural and human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an EIS will not be prepared (44CFR Part 10.8) and the project, as described in the attached EA may proceed.

APPROVAL



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Date