Determination of Environmental Nonsignificance (DNS)

SEPA File Number: LU18-0170
Related File Number: N/A

To: All Departments and Agencies with Jurisdiction

Subject: Determination of Environmental Nonsignificance

In accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340, a copy of the Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) for the project described below is transmitted.

Applicant: City of Tacoma – Tacoma Public Utilities, Water Division (dba Tacoma Water)

Proposal: Tacoma Water has prepared our 2018 Water System Plan to bring together our planning efforts for the next 10 years looking at supply, demand, infrastructure, operations, maintenance, and financial capability to comply with relevant local, state and federal plans and regulations. This plan required by the Department of Health demonstrates how the system will address present and future needs in a manner consistent with other relevant plans and local, state, and federal laws, including applicable land use plans.

Location: Tacoma Water provides direct retail water service to customers in the City of Tacoma, City of University Place, town of Ruston, and portions of Fircrest, Lakewood, Puyallup, Bonney Lake, Federal Way, Pierce County and King County; wholesale water service to other water systems; is a Regional Water Supply System partner; and approved satellite system management agency.

Lead Agency: City of Tacoma

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The City of Tacoma, the lead agency for this proposal, has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under Chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240.
and WAC 198-11-158. The City will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA.

Additionally, the City of Tacoma has determined that this project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. The proposal will have no significant adverse environmental impacts to fish and wildlife, water, noise, transportation, air quality, environmental health, public services and utilities, or land and shoreline use. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

Appeals may be filed at the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Pierce County within 21 days after the final determination. Appeals to the Superior court shall be taken in accordance with procedures and limitations set forth in RCW 43.21C.075. A copy of the appeal shall be filed with Community and Economic Development – Building and Land Use Services, and with the City Attorney's Office, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, WA 98402.

Responsible Official: Scott Dewhirst

Position/Title: Water Superintendent

Signature: 

Issue Date: June 1, 2018

Last Day to Appeal/Comment: June 15, 2018

Final Determination Date: June 16, 2018

Last Day to Appeal to Superior Court: July 6, 2018

NOTE: The issuance of this SEPA Determination does not constitute final project approval. The applicant must comply with all other applicable requirements of the City of Tacoma Departments and other agencies with jurisdiction prior to receiving construction permits.