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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
MELROSE, MONTANA
SRF #: C302229

MELROSE LIFT STATION AND LAGOON IMPROVEMENTS

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The Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Montana Department of Commerce, Treasure State Endowment Program have reviewed the above named project.

The purpose of the project is to replace the wastewater pumps and control system at the existing lift station that are subject to frequent failures. These failures are causing a maintenance and financial burden to the District and a significant health and safety threat to the public due to the threat of environmental damage from sewer overflows. The existing lagoon inlet and interpond structures are badly corroded; no longer allowing flexibility in diverting flows between the treatment cells, and may eventually allow untreated wastewater to leak into area aquifers. To resolve the failures at the lift station, the project consists of demolishing the existing lift station equipment and installing two new submersible chopper pumps in the existing wet well. This would include associated piping, valves, miscellaneous electrical and pump control modifications, and ancillary equipment. The existing emergency generator will remain in use at the lift station. Rehabilitation of the existing inlet and interpond structures will allow more flexibility in treatment operation and thus allow for better wastewater treatment.

Pursuant to ARM 17.40.318, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the Montana Department of Commerce, Treasure State Endowment Program have concluded that the proposed project meets the Categorical Exclusion criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Categorical Exclusion may be revoked if the project is not initiated within the time period specified in the Preliminary Engineering Report, a new or modified application is submitted, or new evidence demonstrates serious local or environmental issues exist, or state, local, tribal, or federal laws are violated.

The documentation for the Categorical Exclusion is available for public review at the following locations:

Department of Environmental Quality
State Revolving Fund Loan Program
1520 East Sixth Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

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Sincerely,

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VICINITY MAP

Melrose Sewer District Lift Station and Lagoon Improvements

