



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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February 4, 2015

Jerry Church, Town Manager
Town of Granite Falls
P.O. Drawer 10
30 Park Square
Granite Falls, North Carolina 28630

SUBJECT: Engineering Report Approval
Town of Granite Falls
Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements – Phase 1
Project No.: CS370372-02

Dear Mr. Church:

The Division of Water Infrastructure has completed its review of the subject engineering report for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements – Phase 1. The proposed project includes a new 2.25 MGD mechanical/manual bypass bar screen structure, new grit pump, new liquid lime storage and feed system, improvements to the chlorination and dechlorination feed system, rehabilitation of an existing sludge digestion tank and a new 70 ft. diameter sludge digestion tank.

The subject engineering report Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements – Phase 1 is hereby approved. However, please be advised that the spare jet aeration pump is **not eligible** for SRF funding.

In accordance with G.S. 120-157.1 through 157.9, enacted on June 24, 2011, local government units with projects that require debt to be issued greater than \$1,000,000 that must go before the Local Government Commission must submit a letter to Committee Chairs, Committee Assistant, and the Fiscal Research Division of the General Assembly at least 45 days prior to presentation before the Local Government Commission. You are responsible for submitting this letter. Additionally, a copy should be submitted to Mark Hubbard of the Project Management Branch upon receipt of this approval letter.

Please note that the milestones below must be met to maintain assurance of funding under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). In the event that any of these milestones are not met, you must reapply under the new, competitive priority system if you wish to seek CWSRF funding for this project. We will be accepting applications twice per year, and projects will be funded based on priority and availability of funds.

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Bid and Design Package must be submitted by:	September 1, 2015
Bid and Design Package must be approved by:	January 4, 2016
Division of Water Infrastructure's Authority to Award must be issued by:	May 2, 2016
Construction contract(s) must be executed by:	June 1, 2016

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Antonio Evans of our staff at (919) 715-9168.

Sincerely,



Seth Robertson, P.E., Chief
State Revolving Fund Section
Division of Water Infrastructure

Attachment: Categorical Exclusion

cc: The Wooten Company, 120 N. Boylan Ave., Raleigh NC 27603 – Carl W. Scharfe, P.E.
SRF File

Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: Town of Granite Falls
Date: February 4, 2015
Project Number: CS370372-01
Estimated Project Cost: \$1,938,000
Estimated Funding Amount: \$1,900,000

Project Description: The proposed project will include the following improvements at the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant: a new 2.25 MGD mechanical/manual bypass bar screen structure, new grit pump, new liquid lime storage and feed system, improvements to the chlorination and dechlorination feed system, rehabilitation of an existing sludge digestion tank and a new 70 foot diameter sludge digestion tank.

The above named applicant will receive funding assistance from the State Revolving Fund program to construct the wastewater facilities described above. The North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) has conducted a review of the project in accordance with the procedures (NCAC 15A Subchapter 1C) for conformance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act. The DWI has determined that this project is below the minor construction activities threshold outlined in 15A NCAC 01C .0408; therefore, the project is exempt from inter-agency review, and the preparation of additional environmental documents is not required.

This determination shall become effective upon its distribution by the DWI and will be available on the DWI's website (<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wi/fonsi-dmca-ce>). This determination can be revoked at any time adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Infrastructure, and is available for public scrutiny upon request.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Ms. Jennifer Haynie, Environment and Special Projects Unit, Division of Water Infrastructure, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699, or she can be reached by phone at (919) 707-9173.

Sincerely,



Seth Robertson, P.E., Chief
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