

Categorical Exclusion

North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure

Project Applicant: *Carolina Water Service Inc.*
Date: *February 3, 2026*
Project Name: *High Meadows – Replace Main and Valves*
Project Number: *SRF-D-2065*
Estimated Project Cost: *\$336,970.26*
Estimated Funding Amount: *\$655,000*

Project Description: This project will replace and relocate approximately 1,100 linear feet of aging 2-inch thin-wall PVC waterline along Tree Top Lane and replace and upsize approximately 650 linear feet of waterline along Meadow View Road within the High Meadows Water System. The improvements will address recurring main breaks and excessive system pressure through installation of new SDR21 PVC waterline, associated appurtenances, and a pressure reducing valve to improve system reliability and compliance with current drinking water standards.

The above-named applicant will receive funding assistance from the State Revolving Fund. The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure (**Division**) has conducted a review of the project in accordance with the NCGS §159G-38. The Division has determined that this project is below the minor construction activities threshold outlined in the 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 Division and will be available on the Division's website (<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/division-water-infrastructure/environmental-documents>). 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 Division, and is available for public scrutiny upon request.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed in writing to Ms. Stephanie Suter, Deputy Director, Division of Water Infrastructure, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699. Alternatively, she can be reached via telephone at 919.707.9044 or via e-mail at stephanie.suter@deq.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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