

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

As required by guidelines for the preparation of environmental impact statements, an environmental review was completed on the proposed action below:

Project: Project 7 Water Authority

Location: Montrose County and Ouray County

Project No.: 142211 D-Q

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$172,394,936

Project Description:

The proposed project generally consists of constructing a raw water transmission line and intake structure downstream of the Ridgway Reservoir, a new water treatment facility and treated water transmission line serving the communities of the Uncompahgre and Gunnison River Valleys as a redundant water source. The project is anticipated to receive funding from a Drinking Water Revolving Fund loan in the amount of \$27,000,000 at an estimated interest rate of 3.75%.

The review process did not indicate that significant environmental impacts would result from the proposed action. Consequently, a preliminary decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been made. The action is taken based on a careful review of the engineering report, environmental assessment, and other supporting data that are on file in the Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and are available for public review upon request.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with this decision may be submitted for consideration to:

Matt Alms, Compliance Specialist
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
WQCD-GLU-B2
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
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After evaluation of the comments received, the Division will make a final decision; however, no administrative decision will be taken on the project for at least 30 calendar days after publication of the Finding of No Significant Impact.

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