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December 18, 2013

Roscoe C. Slade III, P.E.
City of West Richland
Public Works Director
3801 W. Van Giesen Street
West Richland, WA 99353

RE: SERP Submittal for the City of West Richland Biosolids Management Facility Upgrade

Dear Mr. Slade:

In accordance with RCW 90.50A and Chapter 173-98, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) concurs that Biosolids Management Facility Upgrade complies with Ecology's State Environmental Review Process. The City of West Richland is thereby eligible to submit a financial assistance application for the above referenced project. Any significant changes to the project made after the date of this concurrence may require additional environmental review of the project.

Your project must also comply with the requirements of federal cross cutting regulations such as the Endangered Species Act before a loan agreement can be signed.

Nothing in this approval shall be construed as satisfying other applicable federal, state or local statutes, ordinances or regulations.

Chapter 43.21B RCW provides that any person who feels aggrieved by this concurrence may appeal to the Pollution Control Hearings Board of Washington, with a copy to the Director of the Department of Ecology, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this concurrence. Procedures for requesting a hearing may be obtained from the department.

If you have any questions, please contact Ian Laseke P.E., Project Manager, at (509) 457-7108.

Sincerely,

Charles McKinney
Section Manager
Water Quality Section

Enclosure: SERP Checklist
SEPA DNS

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State Environmental Review Process (SERP) Checklist

Assistance Applicant: City of West Richland

Project Title: Biosolids Management Facility Upgrade

Check to indicate that the SERP Packet complies with Ecology guidance and procedures. Provide comments for additional information or to justify approval when not all boxes are checked.

1. SEPA Review
 - a. Categorical exemption.
 - b. Project description includes the entire area of effect.
 - c. Project description includes all phases, stages, and elements of the project.
 - d. Project description written in plain language.
 - e. Resource impacts accurately described.
 - f. SEPA checklist is attached.
 - g. The signed SEPA determination is attached. (Required for categorical exemption.)
 - h. Documentation that the lead agency solicited public comments (affidavit of publication or similar) is attached. (Required for categorical exemption.)
 - i. Any comments received by the lead agency are attached. (Required for categorical exemption.)
 No comments received.

Comments: SEPA DNS and related information was advertised for public comment in the Tri-City Herald newspaper. A copy of the affidavit of publication has not yet been received from the Tri-City Herald.

2. Cost Effectiveness Analysis (Required for SEPA categorical exemption. Depending on project, not all boxes have to be checked to meet this requirement.)
 - a. Complete description of the alternatives considered.
 - b. All appropriate alternatives were considered (regional approaches, reclaimed water, alternative technologies, I/I correction, etc)
 - c. Comparison of monetary costs/benefits of each alternative.
 - i. Consideration of capital, operation, maintenance, replacement costs (20 year present value).
 - ii. Estimate of sewer rates using commercial financing.
 - iii. Estimate of sewer rates using SRF financing.
 - iv. Data for hardship analysis (if appropriate).
 - d. Comparison of non-monetary costs/benefits of each alternative, including environmental impact, energy impacts, growth impacts, and community priorities.
 - i. Identify any mitigation or project changes made to address impacts.
 - e. The selected alternative represents the cost effective alternative.

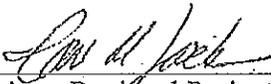
Comments: Refer to the 2012 Biosolids Management Amendment to Facility Plan for more information on the cost effectiveness of each alternative. The Engineering Report will discuss this topic in more detail.

3. Documentation of public participation in the selection process.

- a. Meeting open to the public.
- b. Discussion of environmental impacts on agenda.
- c. Discussion of alternatives, costs, and rate impacts on agenda.
- d. Public meeting not required due to SEPA categorical exemption.

Comments: Public meeting held at City of W. Richland council meeting on March 20, 2012. Refer to meeting minutes.

SERP Checklist prepared by:


Ecology Regional Project Manager 11/27/2013
(date)

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**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE**

Description of Proposal: The proposed project will upgrade the Biosolids Management at the City of West Richland Wastewater Treatment Plant by mechanically dewatering the solids every day as they are produced and eliminate the sludge storage lagoon. All of the planned construction activities will be contained within the existing footprint (fenced) area of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility. Specifically, the project will include:

- Constructing a new building to house mechanical dewatering equipment.
- Constructing a new biosolids drying pad.
- Constructing a new roadway to the building and drying pad.
- Constructing water and sewer pipes to the new building.
- Upgrading the existing WAS pump station.

Applicant: Roscoe Slade, Public Works Director
City of West Richland
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West Richland, WA 99353

Location of Proposal: The project site is located at the City of West Richland's Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 320 N. 46th Ave., West Richland, WA. The Assessor's Parcel Number for the site is 132083000001000, located within Section 32, Township 10 North, Range 28 East, W.M., Benton County, WA.

Lead Agency: West Richland Community & Economic Development Department

File Number: ER 2013-41

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). 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 on request.

XX This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date below. You may submit comments on this proposal to the address below before 5:00 PM, November 21, 2013.

Staff Contact: For information on this proposal, contact Mike Stevens, Associate Planner, at (509) 967-5902 or mstevens@westrichland.org

Responsible Official: Mike Stevens, Associate Planner
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Community & Economic Development Department
3801 W. Van Giesen Street
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Date: Nov. 5, 2013

Signature: 