

July 29, 2014

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

TO ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

In accordance with the environmental review guidelines of the Council on Environmental Quality found at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1500, and with the use of the implementing environmental review procedures of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found at 40 CFR Part 6 entitled "Procedures for Implementing the Requirements of the Council on Environmental Quality on the National Environmental Policy Act" as guidance, the New Mexico Environment Department Construction Programs Bureau has performed an environmental review of the following proposed action:

SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY

MONTOYAS ARROYO IMPROVEMENTS

Sandoval County, New Mexico

CWSRF Project Number: 018

Estimated Proposed Funding:

State of New Mexico, CWSRF Loan: \$1,250,000

State of New Mexico, CWSRF Grant: \$750,000

Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority (SSCAFCA) has applied for and obtained a loan/grant from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund through the State of New Mexico Environment Department. SSCAFCA was selected to receive funding for improvements to the Montoyas arroyo.

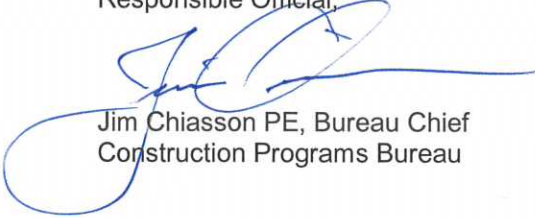
SSCAFCA is a quasi-governmental agency formed in the early 1990s for the purpose of providing flood control and is permitted under a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, #NMR040000. This permit covers discharges from small municipal separate storm sewer systems. The need for this project is to enhance sediment removal capability of the Montoyas arroyo storm water facility utilizing "green" infrastructure by restoring hydrology and infiltration through design & implementation of low impact development techniques including low-water species of plants and site grading to reduce velocity and enhance infiltration of storm water and provide for the removal of sediment and debris prior to entering the Rio Grande River. SSCAFCA will utilize the Clean Water funding in conjunction with local funds to finance the construction of the project.

The environmental review process, which is documented by the enclosed Environmental Assessment, indicates that no potential significant adverse environmental impacts will result from the proposed action. The project individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other actions will not have a significant adverse effect on the quality of the environment. On the basis of the environmental review determination that there are no predicted or cumulative significant adverse impacts associated with the project, I have determined that the project is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary. My preliminary decision is based upon the enclosed Environmental Assessment, a careful review of the Environmental Information Document prepared for the project, the results of the public participation process, and other supporting data which are on file in the office listed below and available for public review upon request. Therefore, I am issuing this preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact pertaining to the project.

Comments supporting or disagreeing with my preliminary decision may be submitted for consideration to the attention of Stephanie DuBois, Project Manager of the New Mexico Environment Department Construction Programs Bureau 5500 San Antonio Drive, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109.

After evaluating any comments received, the Construction Programs Bureau will make a final decision. No administrative action will be taken on this preliminary decision for at least 30 calendar days after release of this Finding of No Significant Impact. The preliminary decision and finding will then become final after the 30-day comment period expires if no new significant information is provided to alter this finding.

Responsible Official,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Chiasson", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jim Chiasson PE, Bureau Chief
Construction Programs Bureau

cc: Dave Gatterman
SSCAFCA Environmental Services Director

Ryan Flynn, Secretary
New Mexico Environment Department

Enclosure: Environmental Assessment