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DATE: December 5, 2018
TO: Yakima County Public Services (Joe Stump) and Interested Agencies
FROM: Nate Paris, Environmental Project Planner
SUBJ: **SEP2018-00052; Community of Buena Wastewater Facility Plan**
Final Determination of Non-Significance

Dear Mr. Stump,

Enclosed is the Final Determination of Non-Significance for the proposed Community of Buena Wastewater Facility Plan which includes the rehabilitation of recirculation tanks and the construction of a new textile filter bed. We have determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and will not require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Please review the attached documents for information on conditions of approval and your appeal options. Furthermore, please note that there may be additional requirements from other agencies within the "Agency Comments", attached as Attachment "A" to the Final Determination of Non-Significance.

If you have any questions on the project or the appeal process, please contact me at (509) 574-2300.

Sincerely,

Nate Paris, Environmental Project Planner

Encl.: Final Determination of Non-Significance
Attachment "A": Department of Ecology Comment Letter Dated 11/29/2018

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FINAL
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE
(Notice of Action)

1. **Description of Proposal:** The Yakima County Planning Division has received a SEPA Checklist from the Yakima County Utilities Division for the Community of Buena Wastewater Facility Plan (herein referred to as “the Wastewater Facility Plan”). The Wastewater Facility Plan provides a timeline of capital improvements necessary to address waste water treatment plant deficiencies at the Community of Buena’s wastewater treatment facility located at 1688 Buena Road in Zillah. The Wastewater Facility Plan is a document describing the actions and policies necessary to improve and provide adequate treatment of municipal wastewater. Specific improvements to the facility include the rehabilitation of recirculation tanks and the construction of a new textile filter bed.
2. **File Number:** SEP2018-00052
3. **Applicant:** Joe Stump, Utilities Manager
Yakima County Public Services: Utility Division
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Owner: Yakima County
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4. **Location of Proposal:** The project is located west of Buena Road; approximately 950 feet southwest of the intersection of Buena Road and Valley Parkway; approximately 840 feet west of the City of Zillah. Parcel No. 201121-44085.
5. **Lead Agency:** Yakima County Planning Division
6. **Determination:** The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after a careful review of the completed environmental checklist, and other information on file with the lead agency. This information (including all environmental documentation) is available to the public on request and can be examined in our offices during regular business hours or online at www.yakimap.com/permits. Environmental documents include the SEPA checklist, this threshold determination, and submittal materials.
7. **Comment and Appeal Information:** This Final DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment on it. You may appeal this SEPA threshold determination to the Hearing Examiner. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. The 14-day SEPA appeal period ends at 4:00 p.m. on December 19, 2018. For information on the comment or appeal processes, or on other issues relating to this proposal, contact Nate Paris, Environmental Project Planner, at (509) 574-2300.

8. **SEPA Responsible Official:** Lynn Deitrick, AICP

9. **Designee:**

10. **Address:**


Thomas Carroll

128 N. 2nd St.,

4th Floor Courthouse,

Yakima, WA 98901

11. **Date:**

12/05, 2018

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November 29, 2018

Nate Paris
Yakima County Planning Division
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Yakima, WA 98901

Re: SEP2018-00052

Dear Nate Paris:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the optional determination of nonsignificance process for the Buena Wastewater Facility Plan. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

WATER QUALITY

The proposed project is in the lower Yakima River watershed, which has a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) water quality improvement program that addresses water quality impairments for suspended sediment and turbidity in all program area water bodies. By overlaying the maps that accompany the SEPA checklist with a map of local waterways, it appears that the proposed project is within about 100 feet of Buena Pond 6 and within 20 feet of an unnamed stream that joins a tributary to the Yakima River. Therefore, during construction and during subsequent use of the site, the proposed project will need to prevent water quality degradation. If you have any questions regarding this TMDL program, please contact **Jane Creech** at (509)454-7860 or email jton461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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