

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND INTENT TO AUTHORIZE USE OF FUNDS

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Project Name: Sonora 2021 ARP projects
FAIN (Federal Award Identification Number)# 4504

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the **City of Sonora**.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **April 12, 2022**, the **City of Sonora**, will submit a request to release grant funds for a project known as **Sonora 2021 ARP projects** for the purpose of **making manhole and lift-station improvements to ensure the sewer system properly functions for the community**.

The project will occur in the City of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas in the following locations:

Project 1:

- Manhole 1 - 30.57704, -100.64703
- Manhole 2 - 30.57669, -100.64775
- Manhole 3 - 30.57606, -100.64861
- Manhole 4 - 30.57565, -100.64822
- Lift-Station - 5 - 30.57556, -100.64816
- Lift-Station - 6 - 30.57674, -100.6471
- Sewer Line 1 - from a point starting at 30.57707, -100.64699 southwest to point ending at 30.57407, -100.64712
- Sewer Line 2 - from a point starting at 30.57707, -100.64699 south to point ending at 30.57324, -100.64693
- Sewer Line 3 - from a point starting at 30.57672, -100.64705 south to point ending at 30.57565, -100.64822

Project 2:

- Manhole 1 - 30.57712, -100.64702
- Manhole 2 - 30.58001, -100.64747
- Manhole 3 - 30.57971, -100.64904
- Manhole 4 - 30.58021, -100.64584
- Manhole 5 - 30.57867, -100.64709
- Manhole 6 - 30.57993, -100.64715
- Manhole 7 - 30.57981, -100.64783

- Manhole 8 - 30.58009, -100.64597
- Lift-Station - 30.57994, -100.64746
- Sewer Line 1 - from a point starting at 30.57971, -100.64904 south to point ending at 30.5802, -100.64576
- Sewer Line 2 - from a point starting at 30.58001, -100.64747 south to point ending at 30.57712, -100.64702
- Sewer Line 3 - from a point starting at 30.58009, -100.64597 south to point ending at 30.57971, -100.64904
- Sewer Line 4 - from a point starting at 30.57993, -100.64715 south to point ending at 30.57704, -100.64703

Sewer Improvements:

Relocate/replace dilapidated lift station and raise elevation above the flood plain, add a new lift station to collect sewer north of I-10 and replace dilapidated gravity sewer line in Dry Devil's River draw with new pressure sewer force main

Professional Services including Grant Administrator and Project Engineer activities.

Project size: Approx. 0.27 acres disturbed. The sewer line installation will vary from approx. 3 feet to approx. 15 feet depth depending upon existing grade. The proposed lift stations would be approx. 25 feet deep.

Funding:

Project will cost \$690,322 and will be paid for with \$690,322 in ARP grant funds.

FLOODPLAINS

According to FEMA floodplain map #4805800001B (effective date 2/17/89), the majority of the project will occur within a 100-year floodplain (Zone AE) and a designated FEMA floodway: Mitigation measures will be implemented to reduce the potential for any potential negative impacts to the floodplains.

According to the USFWS Map, portions of the project will occur within Riverine Wetlands. Mitigation measures will be implemented to reduce the potential for any potential negative impacts to the wetlands.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The **City of Sonora** has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the **Sonora City Hall, 201 E Main, Sonora, TX**, and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the **Sonora City Hall, 201 E Main, Sonora, TX 76950, 325-387-2558 Attn: Arturo Fuentes, City Manager**. All comments received by **April 11, 2022**, or within eighteen (18) days following this posting (whichever is later) will be considered by the **City of Sonora** prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The **City of Sonora** certifies that **Arturo Fuentes**, in their capacity as **City Manager** consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. This certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the **City of Sonora** to use grant funds.

OBJECTIONS TO AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF FUNDS

The City will accept objections to its use of funds and the **City of Sonora's** certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the **City of Sonora**; (b) the **City of Sonora**; has omitted a required step or failed to make a required decision or finding; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized before approval of use of funds; or (d) a Federal agency has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be received by **April 11, 2022**.

Arturo Fuentes, City Manager