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Mr. Clay Walker, General Manager Fort Valley Utility Commission 902 Knoxville Street Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

RE: Notice of No Significant Impact

East Peach Water Reclamation Facility

New 1.1-MGD Facility & Discharge to Mossey Creek ARPA Grant No. GA-0014288

EPD #2024-140

Peach County, Ocmulgee River Basin

Dear Mr. Walker:

Attached is a copy of a *Notice of No Significant Impact (NONSI)* prepared for the above-referenced project. The public comment period for this NONSI is 30 days. **Please ensure that the NONSI is posted at a conspicuous location at the County for public review for 30 days from the date of this letter.** Within ten days of receiving this, please notify us where and what date the NONSI was posted.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 678-672-6037 or ethan.rhine@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

Ethan Rhine

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Wastewater Regulatory Program

Attachment: NONSI

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NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS

The Fort Valley Utility Commission has made an application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), and the Georgia Office of Budget and Planning for a grant through the State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The project consists of the construction of a new 1.1-MGD water reclamation facility (WRF) discharging to Mossy Cre∈k. The applicant has certified that the project is environmentally sound. As required by the Federal Clean Water Act, an environmental review has been performed on the project described below:

Project Name:

Fort Valley Utility Commission

East Peach Water Reclamation Facility

ARPA Grant No. GA-0014288

Project Location:

Fort Valley, Peach County, GA

Total Project Cost:

\$56,115,000

Anticipated ARPA Grant Amount: \$76,226,000 (1)

(1) The ARPA grant amount includes funding for both wastewater and drinking water projects. This NONSI is only for the proposed wastewater project.

Project Description

The Fort Valley Utility Commission proposes to construct a new 1.1-MGD water reclamation facility with a discharge to Mossy Creek. The project will provide sewer conveyance and treatment infrastructure to serve new industries and developments in the region northeast of the City of Fort Valley. The new facility will include screening, grit removal, biological treatment, tertiery filtration, disinfection, and post aeration. Sludge will be treated and dewatered before being transported to a landfill.

Anticipated Impacts

The proposed project will serve the region northeast of the City of Fort Valley. The project will provide reliable treatment and effluent quality for the future population and new industries. Minor negative temporary impacts may include noise, dust and erosion/sedimentation associated with construction activities. Best Management Practices will be in place during construction.

The project will not be located in the 100-year floodplain as indicated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) map.

The project will take place primarily on property owned by the Development Authority of Pesch County and previously disturbed land and no impacts to existing buildings are anticipated as a result of the project.

Connection fees for new developments will be determined at a later date.

