Notice of the Availability of an Environmental Assessment

The USDA Rural Development has received an application for financial assistance from the City of Floresville. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, USDA Rural Development has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposed project consists of wastewater treatment plant improvements and wastewater collection line upgrades for the wastewater system servicing the City of Floresville wastewater system. No environmental mitigation measures are required as part of this project.

Alternatives considered to the proposed project include: (1) Installation of a new conventional facilities at the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant site and re-use some of the newer existing facilities. Replace deficient wastewater mains. Install new manholes where wastewater mains are replaced and install manhole cover dishes in low lying areas to minimize system inflow. (2) Install a new treatment package plant at the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant site and re-use come of the newer existing facilities. Replace deficient wastewater mains. Install new manholes where wastewater mains are replaced and install manhole cover dishes in low lying areas to minimize system inflow. (3) Construct a new Wastewater Treatment Plant at a new site. Replace deficient wastewater mains. Install new manholes where wastewater mains are replaced and install manhole cover dishes in low lying areas to minimize system inflow. (4) Do nothing. If the wastewater treatment plant and sanitary sewer system are not upgraded, it is expected the TCEQ violation will continue on a more regular basis.

The selected alternative was Alternative 1, which includes the re-use of the influent pipe, headworks, influent lift station, and effluent pipe to the San Antonio River. The proposed improvements include replacing two influent lift station pumps, a new Carrousel oxidation ditch, two chlorine contact basins, an effluent discharge basin, and a belt-filter press along with electrical and control improvement. Replace deficient wastewater mains. Install new manholes where wastewater mains are replaced and install manhole cover dishes in low lying areas to minimize system inflow are also included as a part of this project.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at the USDA Rural Development office at 3251 N Highway 123 By Pass, Seguin, TX 78155. For further information contact the Rural Development Specialist at the above address. Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to the address above by APRIL 17, 2015

A general location map of the proposal is shown below.

