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Mr. Terry Loftus  
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**Subject: Technical Approval – Evans Water Corporation and Homeowners Association  
Drinking Water Facility Plan; Drinking Water Grant DWG-217-2021-1  
(PWS ID4010055) (City of Eagle, Ada County)**

Dear Mr. Loftus:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed review of the Evans Water Corporation and Homeowners Association (Evans) Drinking Water Facility Plan (Facility Plan), submitted to DEQ by Keller Associates, Inc. on December 13, 2021. The Facility Plan was sealed and signed by Justin Walker, PE, on December 10, 2021. The planning effort is being partially funded by DEQ planning grant DWG-217-2021-1. The Facility Plan appears to be in general conformance with the "Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems" (IDAPA 58.01.08) and is technically approved for public comment.

Evans must now complete the state environmental review process (SERP) in order for the project to be eligible for DEQ State Revolving Fund loan funds and before final approval of the Facility Plan can be issued. Detailed information regarding these processes can be found within the Drinking Water Loan Account Handbook located at <https://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-and-loans/>. The following steps provide an overview of the process that Evans must follow to complete the SERP.

- A. Evans must schedule an environmental review scoping meeting with DEQ for the purpose of obtaining an environmental determination for the project. Please contact LaDonn Kaylor at (208) 373-0556 or [ladonn.kaylor@deq.idaho.gov](mailto:ladonn.kaylor@deq.idaho.gov) to initiate this process.

B. Evans must conduct public participation activities as follows:

1. Issue a public notice for a public comment period for the review of the technically approved Facility Plan, and of a public meeting for presentation of the technically approved Facility Plan. The public notice is typically placed in the newspaper of record, reasonably in advance of the public meeting. The public notice should include the meeting date, time, and location; explain how the public can review the technically approved Facility Plan document and provide comment; and when the decision will be made to select a preferred alternative, and by whom. Evans must provide affidavit of publication to DEQ.
2. The public comment period must be a minimum of 14 calendar days from the public notice publication date to the explicit selection of the preferred alternative, longer if local ordinances require it or the project is expected to be controversial. Any written comments received during the public comment period must be provided to DEQ. Please note that the public comment period may be subject to limited English proficiency (LEP) population guidelines. Contact LaDonn Kaylor, who is referenced above, to confirm this.
3. Conduct the public meeting. The public meeting should include presentation and explanation of the alternatives that were described in the technically approved Facility Plan, including environmental screening analysis, and explanation of the funding options available and the potential financial impact on the public. Minutes of the meeting must be recorded, and sign-in sheets must be available. The minutes and sign-in sheets must be provided to DEQ.
4. A resolution must explicitly select a preferred alternative based on input at the public meeting and on any public comments and must be provided to DEQ.

C. Evans may be required to prepare an environmental information document (EID) on the selected alternative. For more information on the preparation of the EID, please refer to the Drinking Water Loan Account Handbook referenced above.

D. Submit the draft EID to DEQ for review and approval.

When all the SERP requirements have been completed, DEQ will issue a Final Environmental Determination. Following the SERP and the issuance of a Final Environmental Determination by DEQ, Evans must submit a final facility plan to DEQ for approval. The final facility plan must include all the environmental information, public participation information, and the Final Environmental Determination, appended to the Facility Plan, or as a separate document. DEQ will then issue final approval of the Facility Plan.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (208) 373-0117, or via email at [gary.carroll@deq.idaho.gov](mailto:gary.carroll@deq.idaho.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Carroll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

C. Gary Carroll, PE  
Senior Water Quality Engineer

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Enclosures: Facility Plan Cover Page Stamped as Technically Approved for Public Comment

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