

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Development

CITY OF LINN VALLEY: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service (RUS), USDA

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that RUS, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by the City of Linn Valley. The proposal will expand the distribution system to serve additional residences with Linn Valley as well as construction of a water tower and installation of water line from the City of LaCygne to serve the City of Linn Valley. The City of Linn Valley has submitted an application to RUS for funding of the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Billings, Area Specialist, RUS, 202 West Miller Rd Iola, KS 66749, 620-380-3109, michael.billings@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The City is proposing to build a project that will allow it to purchase properly treated drinking water and deliver it to Linn Valley via a water supply transmission pipeline from the City of LaCygne, Kansas to Linn Valley, Kansas. The water transmission pipeline will be located in a rural area that is used for agricultural purposes. The City also plans to build a new water distribution system and elevated water storage tower within the city limits of Linn Valley.

Phillip Fishburn, Midwest Assistance Program, prepared an environmental assessment for RUS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. Rural Development will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A general location map of the proposal is shown below. This notice will be available on the City website, www.cityoflinnvalley.com for two weeks after publication.

Dated: June 2, 2021

LINN VALLEY

LACYGNE

CONNECT TO PROPOSED PRIORITY 1 DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS

CONNECT TO EXISTING LINN RWD #1 WATERLINE

INSTALL METER PIT

PROPOSED STORAGE TANK LOCATION

INSTALL METER PIT AND BOOSTER PUMP STATION

CONNECT TO EXISTING LA CYGNE WATERLINE

