

EAST COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2015 – 27

WHEREAS, Article 50 of the 1968 Amendatory, Supplemental, and Replacement Repayment Contract between the United States of America and the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District (Contract No. 14-06-100-6419) states that arable lands classified as non-irrigable, may be reclassified as irrigable pursuant to federal limitation; and

WHEREAS, the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District (District) has established an application, with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) approval, to allow a landowner to request that a defined parcel of land be reclassified, to receive a water allotment or temporary water service; and

WHEREAS, the District collects fees for District and USBR review at the time the application is submitted to the District; and

WHEREAS, District staff reviews the request to ensure landowner and parcel eligibility for application to reclassify lands prior to the Secretary–Manager’s approval to continue the application process; and

WHEREAS, the necessity to have the Board of Directors pass a resolution to forward the application to the USBR, for their sole evaluation of reclassification merit, causes unnecessary delays in the reclassification process; and

WHEREAS, any District actions that would subsequently allot a water supply to reclassified lands requires the Board of Directors review and written approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors instructs District staff to review reclassification applications and if determined to be eligible, submit the application, with the applicable fees collected from the applicant, to the USBR for their consideration without further action of the Board of Directors.

DULY ADOPTED, in Open Meeting this 12th day of August, 2015.



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