

EAST COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2024 – 08

Authorizing WaterSMART Grant Application for the Water Conservation Field Services Program

WHEREAS, the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District (District) has constructed water conservation projects on Columbia Basin Project facilities within the District for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the District developed a "Comprehensive Water Conservation Plan" in 1995 and updated that plan in May 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Basin Project Irrigation Districts entered into a December 17, 2004 Memorandum of Understanding with Washington State and the United States Bureau of Reclamation in regarding Columbia River water management; and

WHEREAS, the District, the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the United States Bureau of Reclamation entered into an April 18, 2005 Memorandum of Understanding to coordinate the allocation of District conserved water for replacement of groundwater supplies within undeveloped portions of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District, in conjunction with South and Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation Districts and the Washington State Department of Ecology, developed a Columbia Basin Project Coordinated Water Conservation Plan in March 2007, which was revised in August 2010; and

WHEREAS, the "Comprehensive Water Conservation Plan" describes potential benefits to the District obtained by installation of conservation pipelines; and

WHEREAS, the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District Board of Directors authorize the Manager and appropriate staff to review the grant applications; and

WHEREAS, the District plans to use funding from other non-federal funding sources to provide 50% of the project costs; and

WHEREAS, the District will work with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a cooperative agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District that the President of the Board is hereby authorized to enter into grant agreements with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART Grant program:

DULY ADOPTED in Open Meeting this 7th day of February, 2024.



Attest:

Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Board members: Dan Amer, Dennis Swinger, Ken Lytle, Ron W Osborn, [Signature]