

EAST COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2025 – 11

Amending the Policy for the Allocation and Delivery of First Phase Continuation/Groundwater Replacement Water Service Contracts

WHEREAS, the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District has previously adopted a Policy for the Allocation and Delivery of First Phase Continuation/Groundwater Replacement Water Service Contracts in Resolution 2014-14; and

WHEREAS, the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District entered into 2,361.4 acres of 390 Water Service Contracts pursuant to the Supplement No. 2 to the Master Water Service Contract according to provisions of Resolution 2005-09; and

WHEREAS, the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District has developed and implemented a Columbia Basin Project Coordinated Water Conservation Plan with South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District and the Washington State Department of Ecology; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 1 to Supplement No. 2 to the Master Water Service Contract increased the total amount of Odessa groundwater replacement contracts available from water conservation efforts to 10,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, Supplement No. 3 to the Master Water Service Contract allows the contracting of 10,000 acres of land from water made available through the Lake Roosevelt Incremental Releases Program (LRIRP); and

WHEREAS, The Renewal Master Water Service Contract (159E101882) and Amendments #1 and #2 to the Renewal Master Water Service Contract combines Amendment No. 1 to Supplement No. 2 and Supplement No. 3 of the Master Water Service Contract with an additional 70,000 acres provided by the Odessa Subarea Special Study's authorization to contract a total of 90,000 acres of land with CBP groundwater replacement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors adopts the amended Policy for the Allocation and Delivery of First Phase Continuation/Groundwater Replacement Water Service Contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 390 Water Service Contracts existing prior to 2012, and any amendment or renewal thereof, are not subject to the Development Fee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following limitations and conditions shall apply to all applications and 390 water service contracts, regardless of ranking hierarchy:

- The maximum irrigable acreage of any 390 WSC issued to an individual or entity will be 960 Class 1 Equivalent acres. Applications requesting more than 960 Class 1 Equivalent acres will be accepted on a contingent basis providing the preferred 960 Class 1 Equivalent acres are designated by the applicant. Applying for contingent acres will be considered informational and does not establish a future priority.

- Applications will not be accepted that result in the applicant's Reclamation Reform Act ownership entitlement being exceeded, according to landholdings listed on current RRA certification forms on file with the District.
- Applications will be accepted, reviewed, and processed by the District concurrent with the processing of the superseding groundwater right certificate or permit by Ecology. The water service contract will not be executed by the District until such time that the superseding certificate or permit has been approved and issued by Ecology. The water service contract will be terminated by the District in the event the superseding permit expires or is terminated, except such termination by the District shall not become effective during an irrigation season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all superseding permits and certificates issued by Ecology in conjunction with 390 First Phase Continuation/Groundwater Replacement Water Service Contracts shall designate that portion of the groundwater right that is replaced by water from the Columbia Basin Project as a standby or reserve right that may be used when water delivered by the Columbia Basin Project is curtailed or otherwise not available. The period of curtailment or unavailability shall be deemed a low flow period under RCW 90.14.140(2)(b). The total number of acres irrigated by the person under the groundwater right and through the use of water delivered from the Columbia Basin Project must not exceed the quantity of water authorized by the Federal Bureau of Reclamation and number of acres irrigated under the persons water right permit or certificate for the use of water from the aquifer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution 2014-14 is hereby repealed and replaced by this Resolution.

DULY ADOPTED in Open Meeting this 6th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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