

EAST COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14

Declaring All District Elections To Be Conducted By Mail-In Ballot Only

WHEREAS, the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District is required to hold elections pursuant to Chapter 87.03 Revised Code of Washington (RCW); and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 5669, amending irrigation district election statutes, was enacted by the Washington Legislature to be effective July 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, one of the provisions enacted in SB 5669 authorizes the Board of Directors to adopt a resolution to conduct elections using only mail-in ballots in lieu of polling places and absentee ballots; and

WHEREAS, historically the District has had difficulty recruiting individuals to serve as election officials at polling places; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds that it is in the best interest of the landowners of the District to conduct elections using only mail-in ballots.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District declares that all future District elections shall be conducted using only mail-in ballots in lieu of polling places and absentee ballots.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District shall provide ballots to qualified electors appearing on the current District voter list derived from the District assessment roll, toll and charge roll, and other District or County records.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District shall provide an opportunity for persons or entities who have not received a ballot and believe they are qualified electors to provide documents demonstrating they are qualified electors at the District main office by the close of business on the day before the election and receive a ballot if qualified to vote in the election.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such elections shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 87.03 RCW.

DULY ADOPTED in Open Meeting this 1st day of October 2025.

