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Technical Review Team Minutes

Friday, April 11, 2025

Meeting via Zoom videoconference

Attendees				
Technical Review Team		OWRD Staff	Other Attendees	
Courtney Crowell, RS	Rob Hibbs, ODA	Stacie Duffey	Josh Bailey	Brian Wolcott
Stuart Dyer, OHA	Steve Parrett, DEQ	Louisa Mariki	Sharee Burns	
Francisco Guerrero, OWRD	Jenna Seim, OBBD	Adair Muth	Lisa Snyder	
Janna Guzman, ODFW			Michael Strand	

Technical Review Team Meeting

A. Welcome, introductions, and overview of meeting

Louisa Mariki, Grant Analyst, led introductions of OWRD staff and Technical Review Team (TRT) members, provided an overview of the Irrigation Modernization Funding opportunity, scoring criteria, and described the meeting format.

B. Discuss and score project applications

For each of the four Irrigation Modernization applications Louisa Mariki presented a brief overview of the proposed project to start the discussion. The TRT members discussed each of the three public benefit categories (economic, environmental, and social/cultural). TRT members led the discussion for each of the 18 public benefit questions and whether the project would provide exceptional, high, medium, minor, or no public benefits, or minor or medium negative impacts. TRT members then scored each public benefit category and viewed and confirmed project scores. Detailed information about the discussion and scores is in the document “*2025 Irrigation Modernization Funding Evaluation Summaries and Review Team Recommendations*” on the [website](#). The following projects were discussed and scored:

- East Fork Piping Project
- Eastside Canal Piping Project Phase 1
- Klamath Irrigation District D-System Laterals Project
- North Unit Irrigation District Irrigation Modernization and Winter Flow Augmentation Project – Lateral 43, Segment 3

C. Review of scoring and confirm scores

OWRD shared the compiled scores from all four projects and the project rankings based on scores. The TRT reviewed the scores and confirmed the scores and rankings (see scores and rankings in Table 1, Attachment 1).

D. Vote on Irrigation Modernization funding recommendation

Steve Parrett moved that the TRT recommend funding all four projects based on the order the projects were ranked: East Fork Piping Project, North Unit Irrigation District Irrigation Modernization and Winter Flow Augmentation Project – Lateral 43, Segment 3, Klamath Irrigation District D-System Laterals Project, and Eastside Canal Piping Project Phase 1. The motion was seconded by Stuart Dyer. Votes in favor: Janna Guzman, Courtney Crowell, Rob Hibbs, Jenna Seim, Stuart Dyer, Francisco Guerrero, Steve Parrett. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Next steps

Louisa Mariki described the next steps in the process: OWRD will draft the Evaluation Summaries and Funding Recommendations document and host a public comment period on the TRT funding recommendations. OWRD will present the TRT funding recommendations, and any public comments received to the Water Resources Commission for their funding decision on June 12-13.

Meeting was adjourned.

Attachment 1. Final Scores and Rankings

Table 1. Irrigation Modernization Funding applications

TRT Rank	Project Name	Applicant	Median Economic Score	Median Environmental Score	Median Social Score	Median preference score	Total of Median Scores	Funding Request
1	East Fork Piping Project	East Fork Irrigation District	30	28	31	30	119	\$ 4,942,925
2	Irrigation Modernization and Winter Flow Augmentation Project – Lateral 43, Segment 3	North Unit Irrigation District	27	19	24	25	95	\$ 2,987,447
3	Klamath Irrigation District D-System Laterals Project	Klamath Irrigation District	24	6	21	5	56	\$ 4,270,000
4	Eastside Canal Piping Project Phase 1	Talent Irrigation District	22	6	15	5	48	\$ 3,991,000

Projects in rows highlighted green were recommended for funding by the Technical Review Team. All projects met the required minimum score of 5 in each category to be recommended for funding.