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Technical Review Team Minutes

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Meeting via Zoom videoconference

| Attendees | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Technical Review Team | | OWRD Staff | Other Attendees | | | |
| Shane Cossel, DEQ | Janna Guzman, ODFW | Stacie Duffey | Aaron Asmus | Robyn Cook | Karynn Fish | Steve Parrett |
| Courtney Crowell, RS | Rob Hibbs, ODA | Louisa Mariki | Scott Bingham | Leah Cogan | Geoffrey Gerdes | Rick Smith |
| Stuart Dyer, OHA | Jenna Seim, OBBD | Adair Muth | Bob Brown | Julie Cymore | Christine Gleason | Bayo Ware |
| Francisco Guerrero, OWRD | | Maggie Sommer | Nancy Chase | Denise Davis | Guido Paparoni | Brian Wolcott |

Technical Review Team Meeting – Day 1

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 Water Projects Grants and Loans (WPGL), scoring criteria, and described the meeting format.

B. Discuss and score project applications

For each of the six WPGL 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 Water Project Grants and Loans and Irrigation Modernization Funding Evaluation Summaries and Review Team Recommendations” on the [website](#). The following projects were discussed and scored:

- Big Butte Creek Water Acquisition and Irrigation Efficiency Project
- Falcon Cove Beach South Spring Intake Project
- Field 95 Aquifer Recharge Expansion Project
- Hagenah Irrigation Efficiency Project
- Oxbow Ranch Irrigation Modernization Project
- Twickenham Irrigation Efficiency

C. Review of scoring and confirm scores

OWRD shared the compiled scores from all six 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). OWRD shared there is \$607,529 available for immediate award and an

additional \$4 million is expected to be available after a May 2026 lottery revenue bond sale.

D. Vote on WPGL funding recommendation

Courtney Crowell moved that the TRT recommend funding projects ranked 1 immediately (Oxbow Ranch Irrigation Modernization Project) and projects ranked 2 through 4 (Big Butte Creek Water Acquisition and Irrigation Efficiency Project, Twickenham Irrigation Efficiency, and Hagenah Irrigation Efficiency Project) contingent on the 2026 lottery revenue bond sale. The motion was seconded by Rob Hibbs. Votes in favor: Janna Guzman, Shane Cossel, Jenna Seim, Stuart Dyer, Francisco Guerrero, Courtney Crowell, and Rob Hibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.

Technical Review Team Minutes

Friday, October 10, 2025

Meeting via Zoom videoconference

| Attendees | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Technical Review Team | | OWRD Staff | Other Attendees | |
| Shane Cossel, DEQ | Janna Guzman, ODFW | Stacie Duffey | Scott Bingham | David Mueller |
| Courtney Crowell, RS | Rob Hibbs, ODA | Louisa Mariki | Grace Brofman | |
| Stuart Dyer, OHA | Jenna Seim, OBBD | Adair Muth | Nancy Chase | |
| Francisco Guerrero, OWRD | | Maggie Sommer | Emily-Bell Dinan | |

Technical Review Team Meeting – Day 2

A. Welcome and overview of meeting

Louisa Mariki, Grant Analyst, welcomed participants to Day 2 of the Technical Review Team meeting, provided an overview of the Irrigation Modernization Funding opportunities, scoring criteria, and described the meeting format.

B. Discuss and score project applications

For each of the three 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 Water Project Grants and Loans and Irrigation Modernization Funding Evaluation Summaries and Review Team Recommendations” on the [website](#). The following projects were discussed and scored:

- C-1 Piping Project
- Klamath Drainage District Irrigation Modernization Project
- Lone Pine Irrigation Modernization Phase 2 – Year 2

C. Review of scoring and confirm scores

OWRD shared the compiled scores from all three 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 2, Attachment 1). OWRD shared there is \$4,303,179 available to award.

D. Vote on Irrigation Modernization funding recommendation

Francisco Guerrero moved that the TRT recommend funding projects ranked 1 (C-1 Piping Project) and 3 (Lone Pine Irrigation Modernization Phase 2 – Year 2) based on the total available funds to award. The motion was seconded by Courtney Crowell. Votes in favor: Janna Guzman, Rob Hibbs, Jenna Seim, Stuart Dyer, Shane Cossel, Courtney Crowell, and Francisco Guerrero. 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 December 11-12.

Meeting was adjourned.

Attachment 1. Final Scores and Rankings

Table 1. Water Project Grants and Loans 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 | Oxbow Ranch Irrigation Modernization Project | Trout Unlimited | 30 | 28 | 22 | 10 | 90 | \$ 564,800 |
| 2 | Big Butte Creek Water Acquisition and Irrigation Efficiency Project | Trout Unlimited | 24 | 24 | 22 | 8 | 78 | \$ 462,056 |
| 3 | Twickenham Irrigation Efficiency | Gabe Williams | 26 | 17 | 14 | 6 | 63 | \$ 958,856 |
| 4 | Hagenah Irrigation Efficiency Project | Angela Hagenah | 16 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 33 | \$ 405,000 |
| 5 | Field 95 Aquifer Recharge Expansion Project | Madison Ranches, Inc. | 11 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 17 | \$ 402,000 |
| 6 | Falcon Cove Beach South Spring Intake Project | Falcon Cove Beach Domestic Water Supply District | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 7 | \$ 75,000 |

Projects in rows highlighted green were recommended for funding by the Technical Review Team. Scores identified in red indicate the project did not meet the minimum category score of 5 required to be recommended for funding

Table 2. 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 | C-1 Piping Project | Powder Valley Water Control District | 28 | 25 | 25 | 20 | 98 | \$ 2,498,000 |
| 2 | Klamath Drainage District Irrigation Modernization Project | Klamath Drainage District | 28 | 14 | 22 | 5 | 69 | \$ 4,266,300 |
| 3 | Lone Pine Irrigation Modernization Phase 2 - Year 2 | Lone Pine Irrigation District | 16 | 6 | 17 | 16 | 55 | \$ 336,236 |

Projects in rows highlighted green were recommended for funding by the Technical Review Team.