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Technical Review Team Minutes

Monday, October 5, 2026

Meeting via Zoom videoconference

Attendees						
Technical Review Team		OWRD Staff		Other Attendees		
Cole Hendrickson, DEQ	Janna Guzman, ODFW	Stacie Duffey	Cassidy Fredlund	Tom Brown	Jessica Humphreys	Ken Yates
Scott Aycock, RS	Rob Hibbs, ODA	Louisa Mariki		Bobby Buckmister	Theodore Kidwell	
Stuart Dyer, OHA	Rocky Houston, OBBD	Adair Muth		Julie Cymore	Topping Raymond	
Francisco Guerrero, OWRD		Maggie Sommer		Gregory Hayes	Rebecca Shwartz	

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 seven 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 “*2026 Water Project Grants and Loans Evaluation Summaries and Review Team Recommendations*” on the [website](#). The following projects were discussed and scored:

- Banks Redundant Supply and ASR Operations
- Brock Irrigation Efficiency Project
- Corvallis Vineyard Mountain Water System Upgrades
- East Fork Irrigation District Fish Screen Upgrade
- Grave Creek Instream Flow Restoration Transfer
- Grimes Flat Piping Project
- Ives Creek Irrigation Efficiency Project (*economic and environmental categories only*)

Meeting was adjourned.

Technical Review Team Minutes
Tuesday, October 6, 2025
Meeting via Zoom videoconference

Attendees				
Technical Review Team		OWRD Staff	Other Attendees	
Cole Hendrickson, DEQ	Janna Guzman, ODFW	Stacie Duffey	Tom Brown	Grant Traynor
Scott Aycock, RS	Rob Hibbs, ODA	Louisa Mariki	Julie Cymore	Brian Wolcott
Stuart Dyer, OHA	Rocky Houston, OBBD	Adair Muth	Bernadette Haupt	Ken Yates
Francisco Guerrero, OWRD			Lisa Seals	

Technical Review Team Meeting – Day 2

A. Welcome and overview of the meeting

Louisa Mariki, Grant Analyst, welcomed participants to Day 2 of the Technical Review Team meeting, provided an overview of the agenda, and noted that reviewers would have an opportunity to revisit scores from all projects after completing scoring.

B. Discuss and score project applications

The TRT discussed and scored the social/cultural benefits of the Ives Creek Irrigation Efficiency Project, the final application from day 1. For each of the remaining five 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 “2026 Water Project Grants and Loans Evaluation Summaries and Review Team Recommendations” on the [website](#). The following projects were discussed and scored:

- Ives Creek Irrigation Efficiency Project (*social/cultural benefit category, continued from day 1*)
- Myrtle Lane Dairy Organic Outreach Program
- NUID – Lateral 43 Segment 4 Piping
- Rudd Farms
- Swalley Irrigation District – Elder Lateral Piping
- Willow Creek Rd Rainwater Harvesting & Irrigation

C. Review of scoring and confirm scores

OWRD shared the compiled scores from all twelve WPGL projects and the project rankings based on those scores. The TRT reviewed and confirmed the scores and rankings (see scores and rankings

in Table 1, Attachment 1). OWRD shared there is \$2,007,904 immediately available to award. An additional \$4 million is available for provisional award pending a spring 2027 lottery revenue bond sale.

D. Vote on WPGL funding recommendation

Stuart Dyer moved that the TRT recommend funding projects ranked 1 through 5, and project ranked 7, based on the total available funds to award. The motion was seconded by Rocky Houston. Votes in favor: Janna Guzman, Rob Hibbs, Scott Aycock, Cole Hendrickson, 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 10-11.

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	Grave Creek Instream Flow Restoration Transfer	Trout Unlimited	12	22	20	10	64	\$ 349,579
2	East Fork Irrigation District Fish Screen Upgrade	Hood River Watershed Group and East Fork Irrigation District	27	12	19	5	63	\$ 1,798,600
3	NUID - Lateral 43 Segment 4 Piping	Deschutes River Conservancy and North Unit Irrigation District	22	13	17	10	62	\$ 2,244,112
4	Brock Irrigation Efficiency Project	Trout Unlimited	17	22	13	8	60	\$ 213,340
5	Swalley Irrigation District - Elder Lateral Piping	Deschutes River Conservancy and Swalley Irrigation District	20	13	15	8	56	\$ 1,077,109
6	Grimes Flat Piping Project	Ochoco Irrigation District	24	10	15	6	55	\$ 4,000,000
7	Ives Creek Irrigation Efficiency Project	Trout Unlimited	12	11	14	8	45	\$ 226,165

TRT Rank	Project Name	Applicant	Median Economic Score	Median Environmental Score	Median Social Score	Median preference score	Total of Median Scores	Funding Request
8	Willow Creek Rd Rainwater Harvesting & Irrigation	Andrew and Bernadette Haupt	13	10	16	5	44	\$ 151,766
9	Banks Redundant Supply and ASR Operations	City of Banks	14	2	6	1	23	\$ 5,954,000
10	Rudd Farms	Brett Rudd	9	2	6	3	20	\$ 788,861
11	Myrtle Lane Dairy Organic Outreach Program	Myrtle Lane Dairy	14	5	-1	1	19	\$ 1,397,588
12	Corvallis Vineyard Mountain Water System Upgrades	Vineyard Mountain Water and Improvement District	4	0	3	0	7	\$ 231,000

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.