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**KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 2010-34**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DEVELOPMENT PLAN
FOR FUTURE PLANNED PROJECTS WITHIN
THE KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) has determined that it is in the best interest of the Red Mountain Local Improvement District (LID) participants and KID rate payers to receive funding from the Office of Columbia River (OCR) account administered by the Washington Department of Ecology for the Red Mountain LID Project that will provide water to areas in the Red Mountain American Viticulture Area (AVA) and vicinity (hereinafter “Red Mountain Project”); and

WHEREAS, KID recognizes that moving a point of withdrawal downstream to Kiona to service the Red Mountain project will require KID to undergo an Extent and Validity analysis of its water right(s), but that the Washington Department of Ecology has reviewed the facts and law relevant to the Extent and Validity of the KID Water Right, and has concluded, based on the available information, that the Extent and Validity of KID’s water right is as set forth in the Conditional Final Order entered regarding the Kennewick Irrigation District water right by the Yakima County Superior Court in the water right adjudication entitled State v. Acquavella, Case No. 77-2-01484-5; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Department of Ecology recognizes that the United States Bureau of Reclamation holds a water right for the use and benefit of the Kennewick Division of the Yakima Project, the Kennewick Irrigation District and their water users (hereinafter “KID Water Right”) determined by the Conditional Final Order to be 20,201 irrigable acres; and

WHEREAS, the United States and KID submitted a change application with the Washington Department of Ecology stamp date received of October 29, 2010 for adding a point of diversion downstream to Kiona; and

WHEREAS, the KID Water Right has a 1905 priority date and is subject to pro-rationing provisions under RCW 90.14.140 and relies on the transitory presence of return flows from upstream Yakima River basin water users; and

WHEREAS, KID, in water year 2010, provides irrigation to 21,810 parcels comprising 19,092 irrigated

acres and has become highly urbanized over the last decade; and

WHEREAS, the KID has conducted extensive planning efforts to improve its delivery systems to effectuate the delivery of water to both existing and new water users; and

WHEREAS, KID has undergone significant changes to the customer base and water user type with urbanization land use patterns displacing agricultural land use;

WHEREAS, Washington Department of Ecology recognizes that as irrigation systems are developed for lands that are irrigable up to a maximum of 20,201 acres, KID will need to have flow capacity in its canals and operate within its water rights to provide project irrigation water to those properties that may be fallow from time to time and are brought back into production as well as existing irrigable lands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the following efforts to improve service be established as follows:

1. KID Red Mountain South Project: KID has entered into Memoranda of Understanding with the Washington Department of Ecology; Washington Department of Wildlife; and United States Bureau of Reclamation to move a portion of its water rights downstream to Kiona and propose to construct a pump station and distribution system to irrigate 1,785 acres of lands in the Red Mountain AVA.
2. City of Kennewick, Southridge Area: the City of Kennewick has been working towards expansion of urbanization of the Southridge area with developer plans to construct 3500 single family residences with a mix of commercial uses to irrigate 1,545 acres.
3. Finley Area: KID owns over 300 acres of agricultural land.
4. Inclusion Expansion Areas: The KID will continue to meet existing and future demand for irrigation water service to lands up to 20,201 acres within the boundaries of the KID as they may be amended and needs to be able to meet that demand for the economic vitality of the region.
5. Conservation Improvement Plan Projects: The KID is conducting long term strategic planning of projects aimed at making the KID more efficient in the use of project water to meet current and future needs within the KID.

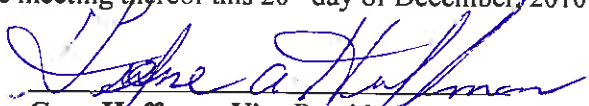
RESOLUTION 2010-34 IS HEREBY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Kennewick Irrigation District, Benton County, Washington, at an open public meeting thereof this 20th day of December, 2010.



John Jaksch, President



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