

KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT RESOLUTION 2018-09

A RESOLUTION REGARDING FUNDING ALTERNATIVES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHANDLER PUMPING FACILITY ELECTRIFICATION.

WHEREAS, Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) supports the goals of Public Law 103-434, the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project (YRBWEP);

WHEREAS, section 1208 of YRBWEP authorizes the electrification of the Chandler Powerplant (Chandler Electrification); and

WHEREAS, section 1208(d) “ensure[s] that the irrigation water supply for [KID] shall not be affected by conservation, electrification or water exchange, or subordination pursuant to this title[;]” and

WHEREAS, section 1208(d) provides that “any reduction in [KID’s] irrigation water supply resulting from conservation measures adopted or implemented by other entities pursuant to this title shall be replaced by water developed through subordination, electrification or water exchange, or a combination thereof[;]” and

WHEREAS, Congress authorized funding for Chandler Electrification and paid approximately \$3.6 million for the study of the project, including 16 alternatives for pump exchange or electrification; and

WHEREAS, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement was drafted by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation but not submitted with no action taken; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$20 million in funding authorization remains according to the Bureau of Reclamation Area Office Staff; and

WHEREAS, preliminary engineering has estimated that the cost to construct the Chandler Electrification project to be \$23,070,00 in 2017 dollars; and

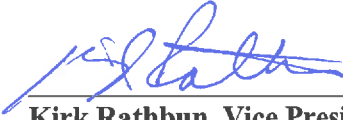
WHEREAS, the Board is interested in entering into negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation for the funding of Chandler Electrification with the discussion focused on the possibility of KID funding the project in its entirety and any opportunities for the United States to provide future funding or credit, including, but not limited to, funding or credit to be applied to future water supply projects such as mitigation payment for Roosevelt municipal and industrial water, storage projects, or supply projects from the Columbia River System.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors directs staff to enter into negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation on the funding the Chandler Electrification Project.

RESOLUTION 2018-09 IS HEREBY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Kennewick Irrigation District, Benton County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof this 20th day of March 2018.



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