

REVISED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

File No. TD 2019-04

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Nine Canyon Pipeline project will consist of installation of approximately 10,720 feet of pipe, with a maximum size of 18 inches, located in the Nine Canyon Road right-of-way between the KID Division IV canal and Erickson Road and KID owned property.

PROPONENT: Kennewick Irrigation District (KID)

LOCATION: The project is located in the Nine Canyon Road right-of-way between the KID Division IV canal and Erikson Road and along the south property line of KID property located to the east of Nine Canyon Road. The project is located in sections 27, 28, and 33 of Township 8 North, Range 30 East, Willamette Meridian.

RESPONSIBLE SEPA OFFICIAL: Seth Defoe, Land and Water Resources Manager

THRESHOLD DETERMINATION:

KID, the lead agency for this proposal, has determined that the proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c) and Chapter 197-11 WAC. This decision was made after review of a completed SEPA Environmental Checklist dated November 7, 2019, and a revised SEPA Environmental Checklist dated June 2, 2020, and other information on file with the lead agency. The responsible official finds this information reasonably sufficient to evaluate the environmental impact of this proposal. This information is available to the public on request. The checklist attachments and reference documents can be viewed at www.kid.org.

After receiving comments during the 14-day public comment period, KID instigated an investigation of the proposal to gather additional information to inform potential impacts to cultural resources. In accordance with KID Policy 8.1 and WAC 197-11-350, the lead agency for this proposal has determined that certain mitigation measures are necessary in order to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for this proposal; that such conditions are necessary to mitigate specific probable adverse environmental impacts identified in environmental documents prepared pursuant to this policy; that the mitigation measures included in such conditions are reasonable and capable of being accomplished; that it has considered whether other local, state, or federal mitigation measures applied to the proposal are sufficient to mitigate the identified impacts; that such conditions are based on one or more policies in KID Policy 8.1; and that such conditions will be in writing in a decision document.

These mitigation measures are conditions of approval imposed pursuant to RCW 43.21C.060 and KID Policy 8.1; and are enforceable under the procedures of KID Policy 8.1. These mitigation measures include the following:

Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance Terms and Conditions

1. Historic and Cultural Preservation

- a. Conduct cultural resources monitoring for the first 300 feet of the east segment of the Project APE, beginning on the east side of Nine Canyon Road. If artifacts are observed, additional subsurface testing, archaeological site recording and possible assessment of the findings will be necessary to determine if the site is eligible for listing in the National Register.

KID has reaffirmed that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c).

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

The required mitigation measures will ensure that any cultural resources artifacts associated with the dump site will be evaluated by a qualified archaeologist and that appropriate measures can be taken if any artifacts are found during the project in the relevant portion of the APE.

This “modified” DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2)(f) and does not include additional notice and comment.

KID plans to begin construction on this project no earlier than June 22, 2020.

Kennewick Irrigation District

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