
**KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 2020-31**

**A RESOLUTION RESCINDING ALLOCATION AND ALLOTMENT POLICIES
DUE TO THE LACK OF AVAILABILITY OF PROJECT WATER AND OTHER
MATTERS RELATING PROPERLY THERETO.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Kennewick Irrigation District met in regular session on October 6, 2020, with a quorum present, and

WHEREAS, RCW 87.03.115 authorizes and creates a duty for the Board of Directors “to establish equitable bylaws, rules, and regulations for the government and management of the district, and for the equitable distribution of water to the lands within the district, upon the basis of the beneficial use thereof”;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors established Policy 3.2-2, which went into effect on December 6, 2006, to allocate irrigation water allotments, and Procedure 3.2-2A, which went into effect on January 15, 2007, to set forth the requirements and procedures for persons wishing to obtain an irrigation water allotment to receive an allocation;

WHEREAS, Policy 4.17 (“Irrigable Land Recalibration Principles”) went into effect on November 1, 2011, which, among other things, provided for the assignment of new irrigation water allotments arising from recalibration (outside of the Red Mountain service area);

WHEREAS, Policy 9.5 (“Red Mountain Irrigation Water Allocation Program”) went into effect on June 19, 2012, to address the particular water allocation issues of the Red Mountain South Local Improvement District and is wholly separate from the water allocation program set forth in Policy 3.2-2, Procedure 3.2-2A, and section 4 of Policy 4.17;

WHEREAS, the Directors of the District have determined that there is not sufficient project water available for the foreseeable future to allocate allotments pursuant to Policy 3.2-2, Procedure 3.2-2A, and section 4 of Policy 4.17;

WHEREAS, the Directors of the District have determined that, given the lack of available water for allocation for the foreseeable future, it is a prudent time to end the allotment program, rescind the associated request list for an allocation of irrigation water, and evaluate the effectiveness and equitability of those allotment and allocation policies; and

WHEREAS, the Directors of the District have directed staff to continue with the Recalibration Program and the Red Mountain Irrigation Water Allocation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Directors of the District direct staff to the following:

1. Notify those individuals or entities who requested a non-Red Mountain Service Area allocation of the District’s intent to rescind the allocation policies and procedures

- established under Policy 3.2-2, Policy 4.17 and Procedure 3.2-2A, including the revocation of the request list for allocation of allotments;
2. Revise policy 4.17 to reflect the rescinding of the allocation program, including the removal of section 4 in its entirety;
 3. Rescind policy 3.2-2 in its entirety;
 4. Rescind procedure 3.2-2A in its entirety; and
 5. Evaluate the effectiveness and equitability of the former allotment and allocation policies.

Resolution 2020-31 is hereby adopted by the Board of Directors of the Kennewick Irrigation District, Benton County, Washington, at a meeting with a quorum present in open public session thereof, this 6th day of October 2020.


Kirk Rathbun, President


David McKenzie, Vice President


Gene Huffman, Director

ABSENT

Arland Ward, Director