

**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Date of Issuance: February 9, 2022

Co-Lead Agencies: Kennewick Irrigation District and Washington State Department of Ecology,
Office of Columbia River

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Description of Proposal: Working in partnership with Ecology's Office of Columbia River (OCR), the Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) is proposing to build an on-district storage reservoir to provide storage for improved water management and drought relief. The proposal will include at least two alternatives (No-action and a Draft Preferred Alternative for an approximately 12,000 acre-feet capacity storage reservoir at Badger Canyon Road) as well as a programmatic level review of a phased approach that could incorporate future options such as additional storage sites, filling scenarios and alternate water sources, instream flow benefits in the lower Yakima River, and conjunctive uses with managed aquifer recharge and hydropower generation.

Location of Proposal: The Badger Canyon site consists of approximately 330 acres spanning 6 parcels (Benton County parcel numbers 107882000001002, 107882000001003, 118881000002000, 117882000003000, 118884000000000, and 117883000001000) currently owned by the KID. The site is bounded by South Badger Canyon Road on the north, East Badger Road on the east, residential properties on the south, and the KID main canal to the west.

Applicant/Proponent:

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The Kennewick Irrigation District and Washington State Department of Ecology Office of Columbia River have determined that this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on

the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c) and will be prepared. An environmental checklist or other materials indicating likely environmental impacts is attached to this notice.

Scoping: Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required. The method and deadline for giving us your comments is:

E-mail: CentralStorageEIS@kid.org


Website: www.kid.org/kid-capital-projects

Mail: Central Storage EIS Scoping
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Comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, March 11th, 2022, at 5:00PM to be considered.

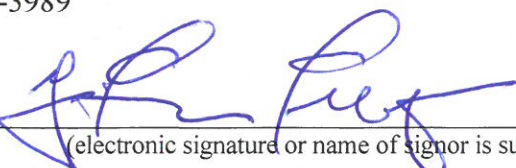
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Signature 
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Date 02-05-2022

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Date 02-07-2022

Appeal Process: This Determination of Significance (DS) is issued under KID Regulation and WAC 197-11-360. There is no administrative appeal provided. Any appeal of this DS must be filed with the governmental action. RCW 43.21C.075.