



STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Determination of Non-Significance

Date of issuance: 10/12/2022

Lead agency: Kittitas Reclamation District

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Description of proposal: The Kittitas Reclamation District (KRD) proposes to undertake a canal lining project in 2022-2024. The KRD Tributary Supplementation Program – North Branch Canal Above I-90, Johnson to Stevens Road Project includes lining approximately 1.1 miles of earthen canal with concrete, re-lining approximately 0.2 miles of existing lining near Johnson Siphon, installing fencing on either side of the canal within the existing right-of-way and construction of an overflow pipe near the Johnson Siphon at the south end of the Project. This Project is a continuation of the first lining project on the North Branch Canal started in 2016 and would line the North Branch Canal from Stevens Road at the north end of the Project to the Johnson Siphon at the south end. The new overflow pipeline will convey excess flows to the existing siphon spillway and will be constructed entirely within KRD right-of-way.

There are three potential staging areas that may be used during construction—one along the North Branch Canal near Boylston Road to the south of Interstate 90, one southwest of the Johnson Creek Siphon Inlet, and a third area west of the canal near milepost 30.6. Staging Areas 1 and 2 are already in use for similar activities.

Project elements include grading, shaping, removing unsuitable material (if present), placing base-course, placing liner, pouring concrete within the canal footprint, installing fences, and vegetation removal.

Location of proposal: The Project is located along the eastern side of the Kittitas Valley, approximately 5 miles east of the city of Kittitas, Washington. The Project is located in Sections 14, 15, and 22 of Township 17 North, Range 20 East, Willamette Meridian. The

Project lining will follow the existing canal alignment for a distance of approximately 1.4 miles from Stevens Road at milepost 30.0 at 47.0454470°N, 120.3640927°W at the north end of the Project to milepost 31.5 near the Johnson Siphon at 46.9575046°N, 120.3032713°W at the south end of the Project.

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The KRD has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). We have reviewed the SEPA Environmental Checklist, and cultural resources findings. This information is available for review online at www.krddistrict.org.

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

- This project is a modification to an existing delivery system and does not create new infrastructure or project footprint outside of existing.
- Best Management Practices will be used to prevent impacts to the natural environment during construction.
- The purpose of the project is to implement the goals and objectives of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan by providing water conservation through prevention of infiltration loss.
- After completion, 100% of the saved water that would have been lost to seepage will be delivered to the Yakima River and through tributary supplementation to creeks, providing immediate instream benefits to the Yakima River basin and downstream water users.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from October 24, 2022. Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM on November 7, 2022, to the KRD c/o Urban Eberhart, PO Box 276, Ellensburg, WA 98926 or via email to krdooffice@fairpoint.net.

Signature Urban Eberhart
(electronic signature or name of signor is sufficient)

Date October 12, 2022