



## *STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT*

### **Determination of Non-Significance**

**Date of issuance:** 11/4/2025

**Lead agency:** Kittitas Reclamation District

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**Project Name:** Kittitas Reclamation District Tributary Supplementation Program – North Branch Canal Lining MP 23.3 to 27.5 and Pump Lateral Lining MP 0.6 to 5.6 Project

#### **Description of proposal:**

KRD proposes two canal lining segments to be completed as one project, to be constructed September 2025 through March 2032:

- The North Branch Canal (NBC) lining segment includes lining approximately 4.2 miles of earthen canal between Caribou Creek and Vantage Highway (mile point [MP] 23.3 to 27.5). The Project would line the canal with concrete covered geomembrane, replace concrete turnout structures, replace one maintenance access bridge, remove two timber farm bridges, install two wildlife ramps, and install fencing on either side of the canal within the existing right-of-way. The fencing includes installing barbed wire fence to the west of the canal (on the downslope side) and elk fence to the east of the canal (on the upslope side of the canal) within the existing right-of-way. The fencing would begin at Colockum Road, approximately 1,250 feet west of where the lining would begin.
- The Pump Lateral lining segment includes lining approximately 5 miles (MP 0.6 to MP 5.6) of earthen canal with a concrete covered geomembrane, replacing turnouts, removing concrete check structures, and installing barbed wire fencing west of the canal and potentially installing elk fence east of the canal. The fencing includes installing barbed wire fence to the west of the canal and the potentially installing feet elk fence to the east of the canal within the existing right-of-way.

#### **Location of proposal:**

- NBC Lining: This segment of the Project is located approximately 4 miles northeast of the town of Kittitas, Washington. This segment of the Project is located in Sections 17, 20, 21, 28, 29, 33, and 34, Township 18 North, Range 20 East, Willamette Meridian.

Lining will follow the existing canal alignment for a distance of approximately 4.2 miles from Caribou Creek at MP 23.3 at 120.3425202°W, 47.0253243°N at the north end of the segment to MP 27.5 at Vantage Highway at 120.3152291°W, 47.0012418°N at the south end of the segment. Fencing will follow the canal starting at the Colockum Road crossing, approximately 1,250 feet west of where the lining portion of the Project begins and extending south to the Vantage Highway crossing. The elk fencing will be installed along the upslope (east) side of the canal from Colockum Road (120.3425202°W, 47.0253243°N) at the north end of the segment, to Vantage Highway.

- **Pump Lateral Lining:** This segment of the Project is located approximately 5 miles southeast of the town of Kittitas, Washington. This segment of the Project is located in S3, 10, 14, 15, 23, 34 T16N, R20E. Lining will follow the existing canal alignment for approximately 5 miles from MP 0.6 at 120.3222676°W, 46.9189635°N at the north end of the segment to MP 5.6 at 120.2845369°W, 46.8611359°N at the south end of the segment.

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KRD has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. We have reviewed the SEPA Environmental Checklist, and cultural resources findings and determined that an environmental impact statement is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This information is available upon request to the KRD.

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

- This project is a modification to an existing delivery system and does not extend outside the existing developed KRD footprint.
- 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 November 4, 2025. Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM on November 18, 2025, to the KRD c/o Urban Eberhart, PO Box 276, Ellensburg, WA 98926 or via email to [krdoffice@fairpoint.net](mailto:krdoffice@fairpoint.net).

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

Date November 4, 2025