

**KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 2020-09**

**SUPPORT OF THE SNAKE RIVER DAMS AND ENCOURAGING INTERESTED PARTIES
COMMIT TO SCIENCE-BASED DECISIONMAKING**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Kennewick Irrigation District (District) met in open public session on March 17, 2020 with a quorum present, and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2017, the District provided comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the scoping for the Columbia River System Operations Environmental Impact Statement (CRSO EIS) that include concerns for any proposed dam removal; and

WHEREAS, District CRSO EIS scoping comments included concerns for any proposed dam removal;

WHEREAS, the District CRSO EIS scoping comments included questions regarding discussion of removal of the four lower Snake River dams, specifically, impacts to:


- (i) commercial navigation;
- (ii) the environment resulting from (a) sediment loading and (b) increased greenhouse emissions related to the increased use of nonrenewable power sources; and
- (iii) the regional and state economy; and

WHEREAS, the District is concerned that proponents of dam removal have not clearly articulated how lost power generating capacity will be replaced and how newly-created replacement power carbon footprint will impact the environment; and

WHEREAS, the District requests dam removal project proponents provide information, supported by modeling, on flood mitigation and protection; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Kennewick Irrigation District is resolved with working with our community to protect all dams on the Columbia Snake River System from dam removal unless the science supports such an action to protect not only salmonid fish species, but also the local, state, and regional economy, the environment, and flood control.

Resolution No. 2020-09 is hereby adopted by the Board of Directors of Kennewick Irrigation District, Benton County, Washington, at an open public meeting thereof this 17th day of March 2020.


Kirk Rathbun, President


David McKenzie, Vice President


Gene Huffman, Director

ABSENT

Raman Venkata, Director

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Arland Ward, Director