



Technical Review Team Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Meeting via Zoom videoconference

Attendees				
Technical Review Team		OWRD Staff	Other Attendees	
Zavier Borja, RS	Janna Guzman, ODFW	Stacie Duffey	Bobby Buckmister	Kristina Seelig
Judith Callens, ODA	Steve Parrett, DEQ	Kim Fritz-Ogren	Renee Coxen	April Snell
Stuart Dyer, OHA	Jenna Seim, OBBD	Adair Muth	Julie Cymore	Jim Webster
Francisco Guerrero, OWRD			Benn Eilers	Paul Wilborn

Technical Review Team Meeting – Day 1

A. Welcome, introductions, and overview of meeting

Adair Muth, Grants Manager, led introductions of OWRD staff and Technical Review Team (TRT) members, provided an overview of the Water Project Grants and Loans (WPGL) program, scoring criteria, and described the meeting format.

B. Discuss and score project applications

For each of the seven WPGL applications, Adair Muth, presented a brief overview of the proposed project to start the discussion. The TRT members discussed each of the three public benefit categories (economic, environmental, and social/cultural). TRT members led the discussion for each of the 18 public benefit questions and whether the project would provide exceptional, high, medium, minor, or no public benefits, or minor or medium negative impacts. TRT members then scored each public benefit category and viewed and confirmed project scores. Detailed information about the discussion and scores is in the document “2024 Irrigation Modernization Funding Evaluation Summaries and Review Team Recommendations” on the [website](#). The following projects were discussed and scored:

- Bend Headworks Fish Screen Replacement
- Catherine Creek Elmer Dam Fish Passage and Flow Improvement
- Harbor Water Collector Disaster Mitigation Project
- Southside Well Water Storage
- Sweet Cron Irrigation Modernization Project
- Twickenham Irrigation Efficiency
- Winston Reservoir Replacement

Meeting was adjourned.

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Technical Review Team		OWRD Staff	Other Attendees
Zavier Borja, RS	Janna Guzman, ODFW	Stacie Duffey	Mike Britton
Judith Callens, ODA	Steve Parrett, DEQ	Kim Fritz-Ogren	Renee Coxen
Stuart Dyer, OHA	Jenna Seim, OBBD	Adair Muth	Julie Cymore
Francisco Guerrero, OWRD			Arthur Donnelly
			April Snell

Technical Review Team Meeting – Day 2

A. Review of Day 1 scoring and confirm scores

The TRT discussed and scored the social/cultural benefits of the Winston Reservoir Replacement Project, the final WPGL application from day 1. After scoring the Winston Reservoir Replacement Project, OWRD shared the compiled scores from all 7 projects and the project rankings based on scores. The TRT reviewed the scores and confirmed the scores and rankings (see scores and rankings in Table 1, Attachment 1).

B. Vote on WPGL funding recommendation

Zavier Borja moved that the TRT recommend funding projects ranked 1 through 4: Catherine Creek Elmer Dam Fish Passage and Flow Improvement, Bend Headworks Fish Screen Replacement, Winston Reservoir Replacement, and Sweet Cron Irrigation Modernization. The motion was seconded by Francisco Guerrero. Votes in favor: Judith Callens, Steve Parrett, Stuart Dyer, Jenna Seim, Janna Guzman, Zavier Borja, Francisco Guerrero. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Discuss and score 1 Irrigation Modernization project application

Adair Muth, presented a brief overview of the Irrigation Modernization Funding opportunity and presented a brief overview of the proposed project, Klamath Irrigation District A-3 Urban Canal Piping. The TRT members discussed each of the three public benefit categories (economic, environmental, and social/cultural). TRT members led the discussion for each of the 18 public benefit questions and whether the project would provide exceptional, high, medium, minor, or no public benefits, or minor or medium negative impacts. TRT members then scored each public benefit category and viewed and confirmed project scores. Detailed information about the discussion and scores is in the document “2024 Irrigation Modernization Funding Evaluation Summaries and Review Team Recommendations” on the [website](#). Since there was only one Irrigation Modernization Funding application, the TRT did not have a discussion about project rankings (see scores in Table 2, Attachment 1).

D. Vote on Irrigation Modernization Funding recommendation

Stuart Dyer moved that the TRT recommend funding the Klamath Irrigation District A-3 Urban

Canal Piping project. The motion was seconded by Zavier Borja. Votes in favor: Janna Guzman, Steve Parrett, Stuart Dyer, Zavier Borja, Francisco Guerrero, Judith Callens, Jenna Seim. Motion passed unanimously.

Adair Muth described the next steps in the process: OWRD will draft the Evaluation Summaries and Funding Recommendations document and host a public comment period on the TRT funding recommendations. OWRD will present the TRT funding recommendations, and any public comments received to the Water Resources Commission for their funding decision on December 12 or 13.

Meeting was adjourned.

Attachment 1. Final Scores and Rankings

Table 1. Water Project Grants and Loans applications

TRT Rank	Project Name	Applicant	Median Economic Score	Median Environmental Score	Median Social Score	Median preference score	Total of Median Scores	Funding Request
1	Catherine Creek Elmer Dam Fish Passage and Flow Improvement	Union Soil and Water Conservation District	27	22	39	12	100	\$ 1,924,463
2	Bend Headworks Fish Screen Replacement	North Unit Irrigation District	30	12	42	12	96	\$ 1,971,924
3	Winston Reservoir Replacement	Winston-Dillard Water District	33	16	31	12	92	\$ 3,700,000
4	Sweet Cron Irrigation Modernization Project	Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District; Trout Unlimited	30	13	19	9	71	\$ 535,868
5	Harbor Water Collector Disaster Mitigation Project	Harbor Water People’s Utility District	27	5	24	3	59	\$ 171,584
6	Twickenham Irrigation Efficiency	Gabe Williams	23	11	12	4	50	\$ 831,602
7	Southside Well Water Storage	Harney Soil and Water Conservation District	4	-1	2	0	5	\$ 144,150

Table 2. Irrigation Modernization Funding application

TRT Rank	Project Name	Applicant	Median Economic Score	Median Environmental Score	Median Social Score	Median preference score	Total of Median Scores	Funding Request
1	Klamath Irrigation District A-3 Urban Canal Piping	Klamath Irrigation District; Klamath Basin Improvement District	19	10	16	6	51	\$ 907,290

Projects in rows highlighted green were recommended for funding by the Technical Review Team. Scores identified in red indicate the project did not meet the minimum category score of 7 required to be recommended for funding.