October 7, 2025 Regular

## MEETING OF THE SUNNYSIDE DIVISION BOARD OF CONTROL

The regular meeting of the Sunnyside Division Board of Control (SDBOC) was held in-person and via conference call, and was called to order by Chairman Simpson on October 7, 2025, at 1:30 PM. Present in addition to Chairman Simpson was Director Mike Hogue, Kevin Golob, Paul Groeneweg, and Will Scarlett; David Felman, SDBOC Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Cowin, Assistant Manager- Engineering, Nikki Musson, SDBOC Deputy Treasurer/Office Manager, Dave Bos, Assistant Manager-Operations and Norman Semanko, Legal Counsel for the Sunnyside Division Board of Control.

The minutes of the September 9, 2025, Board Meeting were reviewed. Upon a motion by Director Golob, that was seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved.

The Board reviewed the vouchers numbered 6588-6597 in the total amount of 376,118.50 which were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Director Hogue which was seconded and unanimously carried, authorizing payment of the vouchers as listed above.

Mr. Bos presented the water supply report. As of October 7, 2025, storage in the mountain reservoirs is at 75,835 acre-feet or 7% of capacity. Storage content is 25.1% of average. Precipitation for the year to date (Oct 1 to October 7) is 0.6 inches or 3% of average. As of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and in accordance with Department of Ecology curtailment notice SVID is no longer diverting water from the Yakima River and has been shut off 12 days ahead of the Board approved shut off date.

At the October 3, 2025, River Operations meeting, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation announced that non-proratable senior water rights would not receive water deliveries after October 6, 2025, due to insufficient natural flows to meet the target flow at Parker Gage and the 1855 priority Wapato Irrigation Project. The Washington State Department of Ecology subsequently notified water rights holders with priority dates later than 1855 of the curtailment. In compliance with this curtailment notice, Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District began dewatering the Sunnyside Canal on October 5 and concluded the shutdown on October 6.

Mr. Cowin updated the Board on ELIPS. Design work for the 2025/2026 ELIPS piping projects have been completed. With construction plans completed and survey work beginning district crews are off to an early start to winter work.

Mr. Felman provided the Board with the 2026 SDBOC budget for discussion and approval. After discussion a motion was made by Director Groeneweg which was seconded and unanimously carried, authorizing approval of the 2026 SDBOC budget.

Mr. Felman informed the Board that while the RSBOJC budget will be presented for approval at the RSBOJC meeting on November 18, 2025, staff requested that the Board authorize pre-approval of the RSBOJC 2026 Hardware Budget, specifically for the Nimble upgrade project. Due to the timing of the estimate provided by Kelly Create, the current pricing will no longer be valid after October 15, 2025, and costs could increase by as much as 500% thereafter. Following discussion, and upon a motion by Director Hogue that was seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Nimble upgrade project as part of the 2026 RSBOJC Hardware Budget.

At 1:50 PM Chairman Simpson announced the Board would convene into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to last until 2:20 PM. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss litigation or potential litigation involving or likely to involve the District as a party. At 2:20 PM, Chairman Simpson announced a 15-minute extension to be concluded at 2:35 PM.

At 2:35 PM the Board reconvened into open session.

In other business, the Board rescheduled the November SDBOC Board meeting to November 3, 2025, due to a conflict with the NWRA Fall Conference.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

David Felman, Secretary

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