# SUMMARY OF COMPACT IMPLEMENTATION TECHNICAL TEAM (CITT) MEETING

### Swaney Conference Room, Mission Valley Power, Pablo, Montana January 17, 2019 9:30 AM to 11:30 PM

#### In Attendance

Ethan Mace, Peter Plant, Seth Makepeace, David Lake – quorum established. Travis Teegarden on furlough due to Federal Govt shutdown

## **Next Meeting**

Next meeting date was not established and will be based on need.

#### **CITT Actions**

The CITT identified one item for vote to recommend to the Compact Parties. The item was posted to the CITT website prior to the meeting, and was approved by a vote of 3-0, one abstaining. The voting action related to construction of engineered water measurement structures – long throated flumes. As a result of the vote the CITT will recommend to the Compact Parties to authorize an amount up to \$511,292.90 for construction at ten locations.

## **Follow Up Actions**

- 1. The voting action item related to construction of engineered water measurement structures long throated flumes. CITT members will recommend to the Compact Parties to authorize an amount up to \$511,292.90 for construction at ten locations. The CITT will also recommend that disbursements occur on a per project, or group of projects, basis. The initial projects are the Jocko N Canal, Upper J Canal and Ronan B Canal. DNRC and CSKT will work to execute a task order in the amount of \$126,103.80 for construction at these three locations.
- 2. The CITT will explore options for funding ongoing operation and maintenance of the two operational USBR AgriMet stations Saint Ignatius and Round Butte. The opportunity to discuss this with the USBR will occur when they complete planning for the expanded AgriMet network. One option would be for the CITT to bring the two operational stations under the approved and executed Task Order 4, which is intended to fund the operation and maintenance of the expanded network over a ten-year period.
- 3. The CITT will continue to explore opportunities to relocate pumps from directly in irrigation ditches, where they require bypass, to off-ditch sump diversions. This action item is a carry-over from the January 2018 meeting. It remains relevant and would provide an opportunity

for CITT funding to be directed to on-farm efficiency. FIIP personnel will provide the CITT a map or geographic locations of on-farm irrigation pumps currently located in FIIP irrigation canals. This information will be discussed in a future CITT meeting and may form the basis for a pump relocation pilot project.

4. The CITT agreed to post the completed design specs for the flume construction as per finalization of Task Order 3.

### **Summary of CITT Meeting**

- 1. David Lake introduced himself and identified that the Flathead Irrigation District voted to replace Bruce White with David. This change went into effect at the January 17 meeting.
- 2. The CSKT Water Resources Program provided a brief update on the stream and canal gaging network and noted that the CITT website points to the CSKT measurement reporting website.
- 3. The CITT discussed the status of on-farm and stockwater projects and identified that they will meet with Lake County NRCS on January 24 to discuss EQUIP opportunities related to the re-authorized Farm Bill.
- 4. The CITT reviewed the status of the AgriMet expansion effort and USBR challenges related to implementation.
- 5. The CSKT provided an update of the reservoir bathymetry project and the status of the contract. To date, the LiDAR flight has been completed and the data processed. The contractor will prepare a 2019 field plan to complete the project.
- 6. The CSKT provided an update on the flume design project. This is at the 95%-completion level, and work is winding down.
- 7. Action Item Vote: The CITT discussed the items and process identified above and voted to recommend to the Compact Parties approval of funding related to construction of engineered water measurement structures.

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