

Incremental Implementation of Minimum Enforceable Flows for Water Year 2024

To: Parties to the CSKT Compact

From: CSKT-MT Compact Implementation Technical Team

Date: March 27, 2024

Re: Transmittal recommending Incremental MEFs for water year 2024

Background

The Compact Implementation Technical Team (CITT) was established by the CSKT-Montana Compact (Compact), MCA 85-20-1901, and has State, Tribal, Federal, Flathead Indian Irrigation Project (FIIP), and irrigator representation. The duties of the CITT are to enact specific components of the Compact, as established in MCA 85-20-1901, Article II and Appendix 3.5. A component of these duties includes the incremental implementation of Minimum Enforceable Flows (MEFs) and River Diversion Allowances (RDAs) as Operational Improvements are completed.

Summary

The CITT has prepared a technical memo on a proposed methodology to incrementally implement the Minimum Enforceable Flows, dated March 27, 2024, with recommended tables of Incremental MEFs for water year 2024.

Recommendation

The CITT recommends the Parties to the CSKT Compact adopt the CITT technical memo on the incremental implementation of MEFs, dated March 27, 2024.

The CITT recommends that the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project adopt the water year 2024 Incremental MEF schedule provided as Supplement C of the CITT technical memo dated 3/27/2024.

Schedule

The CITT recommends that the incremental implementation of MEFs begin on May 1, 2024.