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# *Water for All* **Irrigation Efficiencies Program**



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Presented from Skwikwiasht (Wenatchee), traditional homelands of the p'squosa (Wenatchi) people.



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# Background

**Since 2001, program participants have saved 76 cubic feet per second (34,111 gallons per minute), 18,300 acre-feet of water per year, working in 25 different tributaries in 10 counties.**

**Competition and Trends**





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# Steering Committee

Conservation district and Commission staff with expertise in irrigated agriculture and project finance from around the state





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# Effecting Efficient Efficiencies

## Building the draft guidelines

- steering committee input
- staff input
- partnership discussions



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- Irrigation application systems
- Irrigation conveyance systems
- Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)
- Roof runoff collection and storage
- Irrigation water storage, reregulating, and retiming
- Irrigation or stockwater well
- Ground water recharge
- Water resource/conservation outreach and education
- Irrigation and stockwater right outreach and education
- Urban water conservation outreach and education
- Irrigation system component refurbishment
- Tree fruit shade cloth
- Weather stations for localized/shared Irrigation Water Management or Scientific Irrigation Scheduling
- Urban agricultural practices such as: heritage gardens, scalable soil moisture collection, irrigation, and etc.
- Green energy power with eligible projects
- Fish screens with eligible projects



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# Efficient Efficiencies

## Activities needing more discussion:

- Irrigation water management plans
- Water banking\*(These projects require a pre-application consultation with the Program Manager to discuss project eligibility)
- Upland practices that reduce water demand\* (These projects require a pre-application consultation with the Program Manager to discuss project eligibility)





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# Significant Adaptations

## **a. Trust Water Rights Absolute**

i. Trusted water savings on case by case

1. Public benefit creation or perpetuation

2. project water complexity

**b. Water right verification vs. validity & extent investigation**

**c. Programmatic cost-share rate cap**

**d. Sixteen pages down to five pages**

**e. Allowing for system upgrades/revisions as well as new**

**f. Application and Contract alignment with other SCC programs**

**g. Addition of District Implemented Projects (DIP)**





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# Action Request

**Draft Guidelines out for District Comment**





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# Thank you Ron.

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kind  
clever  
thoughtful  
witty  
busy  
driven  
likeable  
loveable  
coworker  
supervisor  
Friend



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