

Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project – Sunnyside Irrigation District

Project Description

Sunnyside Division Board of Control will convert up to 66 laterals to closed pipe. This specific project will pipe the three largest laterals, Rocky Ford, Ryder and Matheson. They interconnect and require shared temporary facilities during construction. The three laterals serve approximately 11,300 acres and approximately 6,250 acre-feet of water would be conserved. This funding would complete this portion of Phase II.



Project Benefits

This work would conserve water that is now lost through leakage and evaporation. Two thirds of the water savings remain in the river and the irrigation district retains one-third. Completion of this project will improve system efficiencies.



The project adds more than 16,000 acre-feet to the Yakima River for instream flows needed for ESA listed fish. It also provides for irrigation demands and water for future development on Yakama Nation lands.

Budget Information

Recovery funding: \$21.5 million

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