Additional Information for Roza's Emergency Drought Authorization mitigated by SMID

Summary: Roza was issued Emergency Drought Authorization S4-33330-24 on March 27, 2024 for 6,500 acre-feet of water for irrigation. The use is mitigated by Selah Moxee Irrigation Districts Trust Water Right, that has a seniority date of January 26, 1817. Roza would like to add an additional 1250 acre-feet of mitigated water to the 6,500 feet already authorized for use this year. This water will help provide additional days of irrigation at the end of the season.

Point of Diversion: The Point of Diversion is Roza Irrigation District's point of diversion. Legal Description: 950 feet, S 3° 30' west (approximately 975 feet south and 75 feet west) from the northeast corner of Section 32, being within the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 32, T. 15 N., R. 19 E.W.M.

Place of Use: Those irrigable lands withing the boundaries of the Roza Irrigation District

Purpose of Use: Irrigation for 72,600 acres

Consumptive Use Calculation: The mitigation water is all consumptive – so calculation is not needed.

Period of Use: It will only be used after storage control – October 31, 2024. This is only for the 2024 Irrigation season.

Note: This does move the mitigation upstream, but after discussions at water transfer working group, this was giving a thumbs up because the fish screens at the Roza diversion are less harmful to fish than the existing point of diversion. Target flows in the Roza Reach of the Yakima River will continue to be met.