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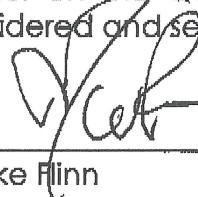
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The Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District Board of Directors entered into a Memorandum Of Understanding with the State of Washington and United States Bureau of Reclamation to coordinate and facilitate cooperation between the parties to advance action items described within the Memorandum. The Board supports the State in developing a program for the mainstem of the Columbia River that will allow access to the river's water resources while specific storage projects are identified for feasibility studies. Through the off-channel storage assessment pre-appraisal portion of the mainstem storage study, four sites along the Columbia River have been identified for appraisal level study. Two of these sites lie within the boundaries of the Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District. These sites are known as Lower Crab Creek and Sand Hollow.

At the regularly scheduled March meeting, the Board took a position to strongly oppose consideration of Sand Hollow as a viable reservoir site and is asking for withdrawal of consideration of the site. While the Board supports future development of the Columbia Basin Project, the Board recognizes that if Sand Hollow is selected as a possible site considered for feasibility-level study that the potential exists to eliminate thousands of acres of irrigable ground within the Quincy District. Thus, the decision to oppose was based on the loss of irrigable acreage in the Quincy District, potential damage to constructed irrigation conveyance and drainage facilities and adverse economic impact on the Quincy District and its water users should Sand Hollow be considered and selected.



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CC: Grant County Journal  
Columbia Basin Herald  
South County Sun  
Quincy Post Register  
Wenatchee World  
Tri-City Herald  
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