Summary of CIEF Committee Recommendations to the BWR GWMA Advisory Committee for Its Consideration with Respect to CIEF-Funded Activities under a Revised GWMP

Based on CIEF Committee Meeting of 20 May 2024 (submitted by L.Schoen, Chairman, 6June24)

Use of funds

Improvements in delivery infrastructure¹

Assist CIEF grant application completion

Assist project administration & support services²

Fallowing (simple pay for fallow, per acre, per year)

Fallowing (whereby, depending on how such deals would be structured, these approaches may require changes in CIEF Committee authority):

Leasing of water into Water Supply Bank for delivery as minimum stream flow³

Leasing of water into Water Supply Bank for delivery as target flow

Permanent acquisition of water rights for delivery as minimum stream flow, or target stream flow

Payment for subordination agreements to help meet minimum or target flows

Transition activities, as land is converted into long-term fallow⁴

Stream gauge & well data monitoring equipment, esp. telemetry

Upper basin recharge projects

Storage water leasing⁵

Outreach, education, various water conservation support activities, in partnership with NGOs, public agencies

Advertising & publicity

Process & procedures

Simplify grant award criteria

Create a simple application form

Develop a list of potential cost-share partners for distribution to applicants

Develop a list of potential engineering service providers for distribution to applicants

Other

Partner with NGOs & public agencies in outreach, education, water conservation support activities

Enhance publicity & outreach to individual water users

¹ For example, canal lining.

² Grant-writing & administrative oversight would require consultant services. Support services might include, e.g., project related studies, engineering, etc.

³ Similarly to the Wood River Legacy Project, aka the Wood River Enhancement Project.

⁴ For example, cultivation & reseeding to permanent cover, as might occur in a program like CRP.

⁵ At this time, the CIEF Committee is not necessarily recommending the leasing of storage water be part of the GWMP; however, if it is, the committee believes the CIEF should play a role in it.