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Idaho Water Resource Board Holds Elections for New Officers

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) elected new officers at the IWRB Meeting No. 2-13 on January 25, 2013.

Roger Chase was elected as Chairman. Mr. Chase previously served as Vice-Chairman for the IWRB from April 2011 to January 2013. He has been a member of the IWRB since March 2009. Mr. Chase is a former mayor of Pocatello from January 2002 to January 2010, and also served on the Pocatello City Council from 1990 to 1997, acting as Council President in 1996-1997. He served in the Idaho State Legislature from 1997 to 2001, as well as on various boards for civic and church groups. In response to his election, Mr. Chase said, "I am honored and humbled to be elected as chairman of the Idaho Water Resource Board, and am looking forward to continue working with the Governor, the Board, and the Department regarding water issues."

Peter Van Der Meulen was elected as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Van Der Meulen has been a member of the IWRB since April 2011. After serving in the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Van Der Meulen graduated from Stanford University with a B.S. in Engineering. He was the founder, President, and CEO of Power Engineers Inc until 1999. Currently, he is a cattleman and farmer in Central Idaho.

Bob Graham was re-elected as Secretary. Mr. Graham has been a member of the IWRB since July 1995 and has been the Secretary for the Board since March 2007. Mr. Graham retired from the U.S. Forest Service, and was County Commissioner for Boundary County. He also served as Chairman of that Board, as well as an elected officer of the North Water and Sewer District Board. Mr. Graham currently serves as a representative of the Idaho Homeland Security Bureau and is the Incident Commander for emergencies for Boundary County.

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