

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF WATER)
 TO VARIOUS WATER RIGHTS HELD BY OR FOR) Docket No. CM-DC-2010-001
 THE BENEFIT OF A&B IRRIGATION DISTRICT,)
 AMERICAN FALLS RESERVOIR DISTRICT #2,) **ORDER STAYING THE**
 BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT, MILNER) **ORDER REVISING APRIL 2013**
 IRRIGATION DISTRICT, MINIDOKA IRRIGATION) **FORECAST SUPPLY**
 DISTRICT, NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY,)
 AND TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY) **(METHODOLOGY STEPS 6 – 8)**

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On August 27, 2013, the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Director” or “Department”) issued his *Order Revising April 2013 Forecast Supply (Methodology Steps 6 – 8)* (“Steps 6 – 8 Order”). The Steps 6 – 8 Order provides that American Falls Reservoir District # 2 (“AFRD2”) and Twin Falls Canal Company (“TFCC”) are expected to experience material injury, as shown in the following table:

	Natural Flow Diverted through 8/7	Predicted Natural Flow 8/8 to 10/31	Natural Flow Adjustment	Preliminary Storage Allocation	Minidoka Credit Adjustment	Total Supply	RISD	Shortfall
A&B	0	0	0	107,790		107,790	64,796	0
AFRD2	23,006	0		383,334	1,000	407,340	461,373	54,000
BID	75,811	4,008	(3,714)	213,604	5,130	294,839	291,737	0
Milner	7,356	0	(3,011)	78,597		82,941	54,089	0
Minidoka	106,340	5,621		306,026	8,370	426,357	419,324	0
NSCC	270,139	54,431		808,260	(7,750)	1,125,080	1,117,188	0
TFCC	563,521	309,078		239,546	(6,750)	1,105,394	1,156,605	51,200
							Total	105,200

Steps 6 – 8 Order at 6.

2. As stated in the Steps 6 – 8 Order:

At this time, the current, predicted shortfall to the SWC's RISD is 105,200 acre-feet. However, consistent with the Methodology Order, "junior ground water users are required to provide the lesser of the two volumes from Step 4 (May 1 secured water) [14,200 acre-feet] and the [DS] volume calculated at the Time of Need [105,200 acre-feet]." *Methodology Order* at 37.¹ IGWA has secured 14,200 acre-feet of storage water for mitigation. *Order Confirming IGWA's Notice of Secured Water*.

Based on current information, the Time of Need is predicted to occur on August 29, 2013. Because the Time of Need is reasonably certain, the Director will not implement Step 7 for this irrigation season. *Methodology Order* at 37. No later than August 29, 2013, the 14,200 acre-feet of mitigation water secured by IGWA must be provided to AFRD2 and TFCC, as explained in the following paragraph.

The current, predicted shortfall to the SWC is 105,200 acre-feet. AFRD2's portion of the shortfall is 54,000 acre-feet, or 51.4% of the current, predicted shortfall. TFCC's portion of the shortfall is 51,200 acre-feet, or 48.6% of the current, predicted shortfall. Using the above percentages to allocate the 14,200 acre-feet of mitigation water, 7,300 acre-feet shall be provided to AFRD2, and 6,900 acre-feet shall be provided to TFCC.

Id. at 7.

3. On June 24, 2013, prior to the issuance of the Steps 6 – 8 Order, the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc. ("IGWA") mailed a letter ("IGWA letter") to the Watermaster of Water District 01, informing the Water District of IGWA's intention to provide 14,200 acre-feet of storage water to TFCC. A copy of the IGWA letter is attached hereto. According to the IGWA letter, IGWA wished to "fully satisfy its mitigation obligation by assigning 14,200 AF of storage water to TFCC" To date, according to Water District 01, approximately 10,000 acre-feet of the 14,200 acre-feet identified in the IGWA letter have been assigned to TFCC.

4. The Steps 6 – 8 Order directed the Watermaster for Water District 01, no later than August 30, 2013, to assign 7,300 acre-feet to AFRD2, and 6,900 acre-feet to TFCC. The Watermaster has notified the Director of potential confusion between the Steps 6 – 8 Order and the IGWA letter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Rule 780 of the Department's Rules of Procedure states as follows:

¹ As stated previously in footnote 1, the Director has determined the reference in Methodology Order Step 8 to "RISD" is incorrect and should instead reference "DS." As such, the Director has removed RISD from the above quotation and replaced it with DS.

Any party or person affected by an order may petition the agency to stay any order, whether interlocutory or final. Interlocutory or final orders may be stayed by the judiciary according to statute. *The agency may stay any interlocutory or final order on its own motion.*

IDAPA 37.01.01.780 (emphasis added).

2. In order to ensure that water is appropriately assigned between AFRD2 and TFCC, and in accordance with Rule 780, the Director stays implementation of the Steps 6 – 8 Order. The Director will issue a subsequent order lifting the stay.

ORDER

Based upon and consistent with the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

The *Order Revising April 2013 Forecast Supply (Methodology Steps 6 – 8)* is STAYED until further notice from the Director.

Dated this 30 day of August, 2013.



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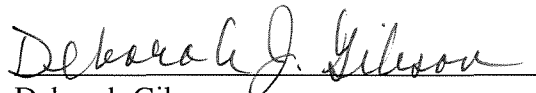
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Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 30th day of August, 2013, the above and foregoing, was served by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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Re: 2013 Storage Water Assignment to Twin Falls Canal Company

Dear Lyle:

Pursuant to the Director's *Final Order Regarding April 2013 Forecast Supply* dated April 17, 2013 ("2013 Order"), IGWA has a predicted in-season demand shortfall of 14,200 AF to Twin Falls Canal Company ("TFCC"). IGWA now desires to fully satisfy this mitigation obligation by assigning 14,200 AF of storage water to TFCC from its 2012 carryover storage released pursuant to the Director's *Order Releasing IGWA from 2012 Reasonable Carryover Shortfall Obligation* dated June 17, 2013, as follows:

LESSOR:	VOLUME:
Enterprise Canal Company	3750 AF
Peoples Canal Company	3750 AF
Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company	6700 AF (leaving 2239 unassigned balance)
TOTAL:	14,200 AF

June 24, 2013
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By copy of this letter I am advising the Director, TFCC, and the Lessors of the foregoing. Should any of you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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