Memorandum

To: Idaho Water Resource Board

From: Helen Harrington

Re: Water Resource Planning Committee Update

Date: November 6, 2013

Information; no action necessary

The Water Resource Planning Committee held a meeting on October 17, 2013. The following summarizes the topics discussed and recommendations resulting from the discussions.

Idaho State Water Plan

The Committee discussed the commitment to the legislative committees made by Chairman Chase to review the areas in the State Water Plan which raised concerns during the legislative session. Additionally, the Committee discussed Governor Otter's direction to develop a sustainability policy. The Committee directed staff to arrange for presentations from various perspectives and approaches to provide the Committee with background on how sustainability is defined and integrated into business practices and corporate goals. A committee meeting is scheduled for Nov. 18 to accomplish this. I anticipate that this will be the first of several Committee meetings dedicated to this effort.

Rathdrum Prairie CAMP Advisory Committee Membership

The IWRB received a request to replace a current member with a consultant to act on the behalf of Stimpson Lumber Co. The Committee has recommended that the timber interests in the area can be adequately represented by current Advisory Committee Member Kermit Keibert and that the consultant be invited to participate as a member of the Ad Hoc Resource Network. This group is an ad hoc group of technical experts and agencies who are called upon when specific information is needed to assist the RP CAMP AC and implementation efforts. Stimpson Lumber Co. will be notified that the resignation of the current member will be accepted and that Mr. Keibert can be used as a conduit to share specific comments or information that Stimpson Lumber Co. would like transmitted to the RP CAMP AC.

CAMP Implementation Funding

The WRP Committee discussed the IWRB policy regarding cost-share requirements for CAMP implementation projects. A proposal to undertake a technical study has been received by the IWRB which is fully supported and recommended for funding by the RP CAMP AC. The Committee recommended that the researcher proposing the study make a presentation at the IWRB Work Session on Nov. 19 to allow the IWRB to discuss the aspects of the study and funding protocol. Additionally, the IDWR Technical Bureau staff has been apprised of the study and will be available at the work session to discuss the value of the study.