

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

IN THE MATTER OF DESIGNATING THE
EASTERN SNAKE PLAIN AQUIFER
GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

Docket No. AA-GWMA-2016-001

**ORDER AUTHORIZING
DISCOVERY**

BACKGROUND

On November 4, 2016, the Director (“Director”) of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Department”) issued an *Order Designating the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Ground Water Management Area* (“ESPA GWMA Order”). On November 16, 2016, the City of Pocatello (“Pocatello”), the Coalition of Cities,¹ and Sun Valley Company (“SVC”) each filed petitions for reconsideration of the ESPA GWMA Order. SVC also filed a *Petition Requesting a Hearing on Order Designating the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Ground Water Management Area*.

On December 2, 2016, the Director issued an *Order Granting Request for Hearing; Notice of Pre-Hearing Conference*, granting SVC’s request for hearing and scheduling a pre-hearing conference for January 12, 2017. Timely petitions to intervene were filed by the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc.; the Surface Water Coalition (“SWC”)²; Pocatello; the Coalition of Cities; McCain Foods USA, Inc.; and South Valley Ground Water District (“SV GWD”). The Director subsequently issued an *Order Granting Petitions to Intervene*.

On December 13, 2016, SVC filed *Sun Valley Company’s Motion for Order Authorizing Discovery* (“Motion”). Rule of Procedure 521 states that no party “is entitled to engage in discovery unless the party moves for an order authorizing discovery and the agency issues an order authorizing the requested discovery. . . .” IDAPA 37.01.01.521. The Director will grant SVC’s Motion.

¹ The cities participating as the Coalition of Cities in this matter are Bliss, Buhl, Burley, Carey, Delco, Dietrich, Gooding, Hazelton, Heyburn, Jerome, Paul, Richfield, Rupert, and Wendell.

² The SWC is comprised of A&B Irrigation District, American Falls Reservoir District #2, Burley Irrigation District, Milner Irrigation District, Minidoka Irrigation District, North Side Canal Company, and Twin Falls Canal Company.

ORDER

Based on and consistent with the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that SVC's Motion is GRANTED. The parties are authorized to engage in and conduct discovery.

DATED this 27th day of December 2016.



Gary Spackman
Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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