

**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 THE BENEFIT 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 )  
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Docket No. CM-DC-2010-001

**ORDER APPROVING  
STIPULATION AND GRANTING  
JOINT MOTION TO DISMISS  
PETITIONS WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

(Methodology Steps 9 & 10)

**BACKGROUND**

1. The Director (“Director”) of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Department”) issued his *Final Order Establishing 2013 Reasonable Carryover (Methodology Step 9)* on November 27, 2013, and *Final Order Establishing 2013 Reasonable Carryover (Methodology Step 10)* on December 16, 2013. The Surface Water Coalition (“SWC”) filed requests for hearing on these orders, which were granted by the Director. *See Order Granting Request for Hearing (Methodology Steps 9)*(Jan. 2, 2014) and *Order Granting Request for Hearing (Methodology Steps 10)*(Jan. 21, 2014). The SWC disputes the Director’s proportionate reduction (10%) of the identified mitigation obligation related to junior groundwater use within the Southwest and Goose Creek Irrigation Districts (“SWID/GCID”) in the orders.

2. The Director held pre-hearing conferences concerning the SWC’s petitions and the parties have participated in various teleconferences with IDWR. The Director then scheduled a hearing for September 22-24, 2014.

3. The Director’s methodology for conjunctive administration is presently on appeal and is pending before the District Court (Gooding County Dist. Ct., Fifth Jud. Dist., Consolidated Case No. CV-2010-382). In addition, the Director recently issued the *Order Releasing IGWA from 2013 Reasonable Carryover Shortfall Obligation* (August 6, 2014).

4. On September 4, 2014, the SWC, Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc., and the City of Pocatello filed a *Stipulation and Joint Motion for Order Approving Stipulation and Dismissing Petitions Without Prejudice*.

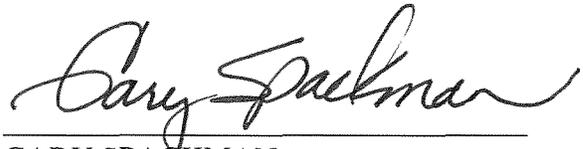
**ORDER**

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

The Director APPROVES the stipulation filed by the parties. The Director agrees that the Department will participate with the parties, informally and in good faith, to discuss a process and/or method to identify how individual ground water use, injury, obligations, and mitigation plans are considered compared to those of other junior ground water users. IDWR and the parties will seek to try and find an acceptable process and calculation method that can be implemented in future orders.

The Director GRANTS the joint motion to dismiss the Coalition's petitions without prejudice. The Director finds that the parties reserve all rights to challenge the Director's calculations and the proportionate reduction assigned to SWID/GCID (10%) in the 2013 *Step 9/10 Orders* referenced above, including any application in future orders.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.



GARY SPACKMAN  
Director

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, the above and foregoing, was served by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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## **EXPLANATORY INFORMATION TO ACCOMPANY A FINAL ORDER**

(Required by Rule of Procedure 740.02)

The accompanying order is a "**Final Order**" issued by the department pursuant to section 67-5246 or 67-5247, Idaho Code.

Section 67-5246 provides as follows:

- (1) If the presiding officer is the agency head, the presiding officer shall issue a final order.
- (2) If the presiding officer issued a recommended order, the agency head shall issue a final order following review of that recommended order.
- (3) If the presiding officer issued a preliminary order, that order becomes a final order unless it is reviewed as required in section 67-5245, Idaho Code. If the preliminary order is reviewed, the agency head shall issue a final order.
- (4) Unless otherwise provided by statute or rule, any party may file a petition for reconsideration of any order issued by the agency head within fourteen (14) days of the service date of that order. The agency head shall issue a written order disposing of the petition. The petition is deemed denied if the agency head does not dispose of it within twenty-one (21) days after the filing of the petition.
- (5) Unless a different date is stated in a final order, the order is effective fourteen (14) days after its service date if a party has not filed a petition for reconsideration. If a party has filed a petition for reconsideration with the agency head, the final order becomes effective when:
  - (a) The petition for reconsideration is disposed of; or
  - (b) The petition is deemed denied because the agency head did not dispose of the petition within twenty-one (21) days.
- (6) A party may not be required to comply with a final order unless the party has been served with or has actual knowledge of the order. If the order is mailed to the last known address of a party, the service is deemed to be sufficient.
- (7) A non-party shall not be required to comply with a final order unless the agency has made the order available for public inspection or the nonparty has actual knowledge of the order.
- (8) The provisions of this section do not preclude an agency from taking immediate

action to protect the public interest in accordance with the provisions of section 67-5247, Idaho Code.

### **PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Any party may file a petition for reconsideration of a final order within fourteen (14) days of the service date of this order as shown on the certificate of service. **Note: the petition must be received by the Department within this fourteen (14) day period.** The department will act on a petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt, or the petition will be considered denied by operation of law. See section 67-5246(4) Idaho Code.

### **APPEAL OF FINAL ORDER TO DISTRICT COURT**

Pursuant to sections 67-5270 and 67-5272, Idaho Code, any party aggrieved by a final order or orders previously issued in a matter before the department may appeal the final order and all previously issued orders in the matter to district court by filing a petition in the district court of the county in which:

- i. A hearing was held,
- ii. The final agency action was taken,
- iii. The party seeking review of the order resides, or
- iv. The real property or personal property that was the subject of the agency action is located.

The appeal must be filed within twenty-eight (28) days: a) of the service date of the final order, b) the service date of an order denying petition for reconsideration, or c) the failure within twenty-one (21) days to grant or deny a petition for reconsideration, whichever is later. See section 67-5273, Idaho Code. The filing of an appeal to district court does not in itself stay the effectiveness or enforcement of the order under appeal.