

NOTICE OF MITIGATION PLAN SUBMITTED BY A&B IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that, on May 21, 2015, A&B Irrigation District ("A&B"), through its counsel Travis Thompson and Paul Arrington of the firm Barker Rosholt & Simpson LLP, 195 River Vista Pl, Ste 204, Twin Falls, ID 83301-3029, submitted to the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") *A&B Irrigation District's Amended Rule 43 Mitigation Plan* ("Mitigation Plan"). The Department will process the Mitigation Plan pursuant to the Department's Conjunctive Management Rules (IDAPA 37.03.11) ("CM Rules"). The Mitigation Plan may be viewed online at the following website link:

<http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/News/MitigationPlan/SWC/ABI.html>

A&B holds water rights that are subject to potential curtailment in a water right delivery call before the Department. The water rights to be mitigated are listed on page three of the Mitigation Plan. The Mitigation Plan is intended to benefit senior water rights held by members of the Surface Water Coalition ("SWC") (comprised of Twin Falls Canal Company, North Side Canal Company, A&B Irrigation District, American Falls Reservoir District #2, Burley Irrigation District, Milner Irrigation District, and Minidoka Irrigation District) involved in the SWC delivery call. A&B seeks approval of the Mitigation Plan, which A&B asserts "will completely mitigate for the depletions resulting from the use of any ground water rights subject to curtailment." *Mitigation Plan* at 4. The Mitigation Plan proposes the following activities: (1) conversion of 1,378 acres from groundwater to a surface water supply and enrollment of 121 acres in the federal Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, (2) development of a pumping plant and pipeline project to deliver available surface water to lands served by senior ground water right no. 36-2080, and (3) rental and delivery of available storage water in American Falls Reservoir and Palisades Reservoir.

The Department has not determined the adequacy of the proposed Mitigation Plan. A complete copy of the Mitigation Plan is available for review at either the Department's State Office in Boise, the Department's Regional Office in Twin Falls, or at the website link above.

Any protest against approval of the Mitigation Plan must be filed with any Department office, together with a protest fee of \$25, on or before June 22, 2015. The protest must include a certificate of service showing that a copy of the protest has been mailed to or served upon A&B and its counsel.

Gary Spackman, Director

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