

NOTICE OF MITIGATION PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE COALITION OF CITIES

Notice is hereby given that, on June 19, 2015, the cities of Bliss, Burley, Carey, Declo, Dietrich, Gooding, Hazelton, Heyburn, Jerome, Paul, Richfield, Rupert, Shoshone, and Wendell ("Cities"), through counsel Candice McHugh and Chris Bromley, McHugh Bromley, PLLC, 380 S. 4th St., Ste. 103, submitted to the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") the *Coalition of Cities CM Rule 43 Mitigation Plan for Direct Delivery and Managed Recharge in Response to the Surface Water Coalition Delivery Call* ("Mitigation Plan"). The Department will process the Mitigation Plan pursuant to the Department's Conjunctive Management Rules ("CM Rules") (IDAPA 37.03.11). The Mitigation Plan may be viewed online at the following website link:

http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/News/MitigationPlan/SWC/Coalition_of_Cities.html

The Cities hold water rights subject to potential curtailment in Snake River delivery calls before the Department. The Mitigation Plan intends 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. The Mitigation Plan seeks pre-approval for the following mitigation activities: (1) direct delivery of storage water to members of the SWC who are found to be materially injured under the CM Rules; and (2) ground water recharge for the benefit of materially injured members of the SWC.

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 July 20, 2015. The protest must include a certificate of service showing that a copy of the protest has been mailed to or served upon counsel for the Cities.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director

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