



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

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Governor

March 27, 2018

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Chairman
Pocatello
District 4

Mr. Gay Richardson
P.O. Box 314
Elk City, ID 83525

Jeff Raybould
Vice-Chairman
St. Anthony
At Large

RE: Appointment of Hearing Officer in the Matter of Application Stream Channel Alteration Permit No. S82-20066

Dear Mr. Richardson,

Vince Alberdi
Secretary
Kimberly
At Large

Enclosed please find a Resolution adopted by the Idaho Water Resource Board ("Board") on March 23, 2018.

Peter Van Der Meulen
Hailey
At Large

On January 19, 2018, Hearing Officer John M. Melanson issued the *Notice of Hearing Officer Resignation; Order Vacating Deadline and Hearing Dates*, resigning as the hearing officer in this matter, thereby necessitating appointment of a new hearing officer. As the Resolution states, the Board has appointed Nick Miller, Manager of IDWR's Western Region, as the hearing officer.

Charles "Chuck" Cuddy
Orofino
At Large

Mr. Miller will be in contact with you soon to discuss the next steps in this process.

Albert Barker
Boise
District 2

Sincerely,

John "Bert" Stevenson
Rupert
District 3

Brian Patton
Executive Officer
Idaho Water Resource Board

Dale Van Stone
Hope
District 1

cc: Aaron Golart, State Coordinator, Stream Protection Program, IDWR

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION)
FOR STREAM CHANNEL ALTERATION)
PERMIT NOS. S82-20066 and S82-20067)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2017, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“IDWR”) denied Joint Application for Permit No. S82-20066 in the name of Gay Richardson (“Richardson”) for suction dredge mining within the Red River, a tributary of the South Fork Clearwater River; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2017, IDWR denied Joint Application for Permit No. S82-20067 in the name of John Stickley (“Stickley”) for suction dredge mining within the Red River, a tributary of the South Fork Clearwater River; and

WHEREAS, IDWR received a letter from Richardson on August 15, 2017, requesting a hearing on the denial of Joint Application for Permit No. S82-20066; and

WHEREAS, IDWR received a letter from Stickley on August 27, 2017, requesting a hearing on the denial of Joint Application for Permit No. S82-20067; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Idaho Water Resource Board (“IWRB”) to appoint a hearing officer to preside over the hearings requested by Richardson and Stickley and issue a recommended order or recommended orders in accordance with Idaho Code §§ 67-5243(1)(a) and 67-5248; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2017, the IWRB appointed Hon. John M. Melanson as the hearing officer in the above-captioned proceedings;

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2018, Hearing Officer Melanson issued the *Notice of Hearing Officer Resignation; Order Vacating Deadline and Hearing Dates*, resigning as hearing officer due to unforeseen medical issues;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the IWRB to appoint a new hearing officer to preside over the hearings requested by Richardson and Stickley;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the IWRB hereby appoints Nick Miller, Manager, IDWR Western Region, as the hearing officer in the above-captioned proceedings.

Adopted this 23rd day of March 2018.



ROGER CHASE, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST: 

VINCE ALBERDI, Secretary