



# IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

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**C.L. "Butch" Otter**  
Governor

March 27, 2018

**Roger W. Chase**  
Chairman  
Pocatello  
District 4

**Mr. John Stickley**  
1900 Woodworth Road  
Grandview, WA 98930

**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. Stickley,

**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

**Dale Van Stone**  
Hope  
District 1

**Brian Patton**  
Executive Officer  
Idaho Water Resource Board

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2018.

  
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ROGER CHASE, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST:   
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VINCE ALBERDI, Secretary