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Jo Ann Cole-Hansen of Lewiston appointed to Idaho Water Resource Board

BOISE - (June 7, 2018) – Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter has appointed Jo Ann Cole-Hansen of Lewiston, chief financial officer of the Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District, to the Idaho Water Resource Board.

Cole-Hansen will serve out the remainder of the term for former board member and State Rep. Chuck Cuddy of Orofino, who retired from the board last year. That term expires at the end of this year.

“It will be a great honor to work with my fellow Idahoans to manage Idaho’s water resources,” Cole-Hansen said. “In a state like ours, water is so valuable for so many things. It’s always a challenge to balance the use of ground water issues, surface water issues, and other demands for our water resources.”

Cole-Hansen has served as CFO for the Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District (LOID) for 13 years. “My experience with the team at LOID has given me multi-dimensional exposure to the needs of both municipal and irrigation water users,” she said. “I have been involved in issues related to water rights, endangered species, and tribal trust issues for a system that uses both ground water and surface water. I hope that the experiences I continue to gain at LOID will prove useful and beneficial to the Idaho Water Resource Board.”

Cole-Hansen is a member of the American Water Works Association and the Lewiston Urban Renewal Agency. She was a founder and past treasurer of the Pocatello Community Charter School. Cole-Hansen is married to H. Jerome Hansen, who recently retired from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. They have two adult children, Hans and Elsa Hansen.

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