

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF WATER  
TO VARIOUS WATER RIGHTS HELD BY OR  
FOR THE BENEFIT OF A&B IRRIGATION  
DISTRICT, AMERICAN FALLS RESERVOIR  
DISTRICT #2, BURLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT,  
MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT, MINIDOKA  
IRRIGATION DISTRICT, NORTH SIDE CANAL  
COMPANY, AND TWIN FALLS CANAL  
COMPANY

Docket No. CM-DC-2010-001

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST  
FOR SERVICE OF  
DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED  
PURSUANT TO STEP 1 OF THE  
METHODOLOGY ORDER**

**BACKGROUND**

On March 12, 2026, the Cities of Bliss, Burley, Carey, Declo, Dietrich, Gooding, Hazelton, Heyburn, Jerome, Paul, Richfield, Rupert, Shoshone, and Wendell (“Coalition of Cities”), the City of Idaho Falls, and the City of Pocatello (collectively “Cities”) filed a *Request For Service of SWC Electronic Shapefiles or Documents Submitted Pursuant to Step 1 of the Sixth Methodology Order* (“*Request*”). The *Request* asks for actual service by the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Department”) or the Surface Water Coalition (“SWC”) of the electronic shapefiles or documents submitted by the SWC pursuant to the *Sixth Final Order Regarding Methodology for Determining Material Injury to Reasonable In-Season Demand and Reasonable Carryover* (“*Sixth Methodology Order*”). *Request* at 1–2.

On March 13, 2026, the SWC filed an objection (“*Objection*”) to the *Request*. The SWC argues the *Sixth Methodology Order* only requires members of the SWC to submit the shapefiles or documents to the Department; not to serve them upon other entities or groundwater users. *Objection* at 2.

Step 1 of the *Sixth Methodology Order* requires that “[b]y April 1, members of the SWC will submit electronic shape files to the Department delineating the total anticipated irrigated acres for the upcoming year within their water delivery boundary or confirm in writing that the existing electronic shape file submitted by SWC has not varied by more than five percent.” *Sixth Methodology Order* at 41. The Department then electronically posts the information submitted by each SWC member for the current water year. *Id.* at 41–42.

The Director has considered the *Request* and is granting it for the reasons discussed below.

**ANALYSIS**

As parties to the case, the Cities are entitled to service of all documents filed in the case. Rule 53.02 of the Department’s Rules of Procedure (“*Rules*”), IDAPA 37.01.01, requires all documents filed with the Department to be sent by mail, delivered personally, or served by email to the representatives of each party concurrently with filing the original with the agency. The

absence of an explicit service requirement in the *Sixth Methodology Order* does not limit the applicability of the Department's Rules with respect to these filings. Accordingly, requiring the SWC to serve these materials on all parties is consistent with Step 1 of the *Sixth Methodology Order* and IDAPA 37.01.01.053.02.

Because the April 1 deadline has already passed and the SWC shapefiles or documents have been filed and posted for the 2026 irrigation season, service is not required for this year. However, going forward, the SWC must ensure that all future filings are served upon all parties in accordance with IDAPA 37.01.01.053.02.

For these reasons, the Director will grant the Cities' *Request*.

### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the *Request For Service of SWC Electronic Shapefiles or Documents Submitted Pursuant to Step 1 of the Sixth Methodology Order* is GRANTED.

Dated this 10th day of April 2026.



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MATHEW WEAVER  
Director

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY certify that on this 10th day of April 2026, the above and foregoing, was served by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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