

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF THE EASTERN SNAKE PLAIN  
AQUIFER RECHARGE INFRASTRUCTURE PREVIOUSLY  
APPROVED WITH AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT  
FUNDING

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDS FROM  
THE WATER MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT FOR  
ESPA RECHARGE INFRASTRUCTURE

1           WHEREAS, due to numerous factors, including drought, the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA)  
2 has been losing approximately 216,000 acre-feet annually from aquifer storage since the 1950s, resulting  
3 in declining groundwater levels and reduced spring flows to the Snake River; and  
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5           WHEREAS, implementation of managed recharge on the ESPA will assist in stabilizing and  
6 improving of aquifer levels to protect municipal and domestic drinking water supplies, support agriculture  
7 and other industries important to the state economy, and help address climatic variability, including  
8 drought; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the 2025 Idaho Legislature passed and approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 110  
11 supporting the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan and supporting the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB)  
12 in revising the State Water Plan and the ESPA Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan to establish a  
13 state-funded ESPA managed recharge goal of 350,000 acre-feet on an average annual basis; and  
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15           WHEREAS, in 2022 the Idaho Legislature passed House Bill 769 in which it expressed its intent to  
16 set aside approximately \$250,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support projects  
17 managed by the IWRB, including for the continued identification, study, construction, or enlargement of  
18 managed aquifer recharge sites above Milner Dam; and  
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20           WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 42-1760 authorizes the IWRB to expend, loan, or grant moneys from the  
21 Water Management Account (WMA) for water projects that conserve or increase water supply, improve  
22 drought resiliency, address water sustainability, or support flood management, including the  
23 identification, study, and construction of managed aquifer recharge sites above Milner dam; and  
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25           WHEREAS, as of January 2026, the IWRB’s Water Management Account Spending Plan allocates  
26 over \$14,000,000 for Statewide Recharge Infrastructure; and  
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28           WHEREAS, the IWRB previously approved ARPA funding for the following projects; however,  
29 federal ARPA requirements mandate that funds be disbursed by December 31, 2026, and given the  
30 anticipated completion schedules for certain recharge projects, it is necessary to reallocate ARPA funds  
31 to other eligible projects and authorize funding from the WMA to ensure completion of the following  
32 originally approved projects:  
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- 34       • Enterprize Canal Swan Highway Project (IWRB Resolution No. 49-2022)
  - 35       • Minidoka Irrigation District Goyne Sump Project (IWRB Resolution No. 29-2022)
  - 36       • Southwest Irrigation District Murtaugh Well Development (IWRB Resolution No. 48-2022)
  - 37       • Butte Market Lake Canal Company Poitevin Injection Well Site (IWRB Resolution No. 08-2024)
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39 WHEREAS, on March 26, 2026, the IWRB's Finance Committee recommended the IWRB authorize  
40 the use of Water Management Account funds to complete the identified recharge projects and reallocate  
41 remaining ARPA funds to other eligible projects.  
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43 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB Water Management Account Spending Plan  
44 shall be amended as necessary to reflect the use of Statewide Recharge Infrastructure funds for the above  
45 referenced projects as recommended by the Finance Committee.  
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47 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its Chairman or designee,  
48 to execute the necessary agreements or contracts to carry out the purpose of this resolution.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board



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40	ESPA Recharge Infrastructure	\$9,526,541
41	American Falls Dam Spillway Repair	\$12,500,000
42	New York Canal Rehabilitation Project	\$50,000,000
43	<u>Lewiston Orchards Exchange Project</u>	<u>\$28,000,000</u>
44		TOTAL \$250,000,000


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 46 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the modified ARPA Funds Spending Plan does  
 47 not preclude to use of funding from other sources, including IWRB accounts, to complete the above  
 48 referenced projects if required.

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 50 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to meet ARPA Funding federal and state  
 51 obligation and expenditure requirements, the IWRB authorizes expenditures from the ARPA State Fiscal  
 52 Recovery Fund for the projects and corresponding amounts identified above.

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 54 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its Chairman or designee,  
 55 to execute the necessary agreements or contracts to carry out the purpose of this resolution.

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 57 DATED this 27<sup>TH</sup> day of March 2026.

  
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 JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
 Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST   
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 DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF THE IDAHO WATER  
RESOURCE BOARD'S WATER MANAGEMENT  
ACCOUNT

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDED FISCAL  
YEAR 2026 WATER MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT  
SPENDING PLAN

1           WHEREAS, the Water Management Account (WMA) was created pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-  
2 1760 and is administered by the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB); and  
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4           WHEREAS, through House Bill (HB) 285, the 2019 Idaho Legislature appropriated \$20 Million to  
5 the WMA to be used for the Anderson Ranch Reservoir Enlargement (Anderson Ranch Dam Raise) or the  
6 Mountain Home Air Force Base Sustainable Water Project (MHAFB Project); and  
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8           WHEREAS, HB 285 also made amendments to Idaho Code § 42-1760, which state, in part, that the  
9 Anderson Ranch Dam Raise, MHAFB Project, additional aquifer recharge infrastructure, and other projects  
10 selected by the IWRB may be undertaken with funds in the Water Management Account; and  
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12           WHEREAS, through Senate Bill (SB) 1121, the Idaho Legislature appropriated \$50 Million to the  
13 Water Management Account, and the IWRB, through Resolution No. 07-2021, allocated funds  
14 appropriated under HB 285 and SB 1121 to the Anderson Ranch Dam Raise, MAHFB Project, Eastern Snake  
15 Plain Aquifer (ESPA) recharge infrastructure, and the Bear Lake Additional Water Storage project; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the 2022 Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 769, appropriated \$75 Million to the  
18 WMA to be used for large water projects and directed the IWRB to use the funding for expenditures,  
19 loans, or grants for water projects, including studies, to address water sustainability, rehabilitate or  
20 improve aging water infrastructure, or support flood management; and  
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22           WHEREAS, HB 769 further directed that no more than one-third of the moneys be used for grants  
23 and the IWRB shall use criteria that takes into account the public's input for the expenditures of money  
24 for grants, that is competitive, and prioritizes projects based on the public benefits they provide; and  
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26           WHEREAS, HB 361, passed and approved by the 2023 Idaho Legislature, appropriated \$150M to  
27 the WMA for large water projects and specified that the funding be used for purposes similar to those  
28 specified in HB 769, including the requirement that no more than one-third of the money be used for  
29 grants. In accordance with HB 769 and 361 referenced above, the IWRB established the Aging  
30 Infrastructure Grant Program; and  
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32           WHEREAS, the 2024 Idaho Legislature, through SB 1411, appropriated \$30 Million to the WMA to  
33 be used for large water projects at the direction of the IWRB; and  
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35           WHEREAS, the 2025 Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 445, appropriated \$30 Million ongoing  
36 to the WMA to be used for planning, construction, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and improvement of  
37 water infrastructure throughout the state; and  
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39           WHEREAS, HB 445 further directed that of the \$30 Million appropriated in a single year, no more

40 than fifty percent (50%) may be used within a single IWRB district, as defined in Idaho Code § 42-1732  
41 unless there are not competing funding applications for water infrastructure projects in other districts for  
42 the current fiscal year; and  
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44 WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2026 (FY 2026), fifty percent (50%) of the appropriation from HB 445  
45 shall be allocated for use in IWRB District 3 and fifty percent (50%) in District 4 for the purpose of  
46 supporting the 2024 *Stipulated Mitigation Plan* entered into by surface and ground water users on the  
47 Eastern Snake Plain; and  
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49 WHEREAS, since July 2021, the IWRB has maintained a list of priority Regional Water Sustainability  
50 Projects (RWSP Priority List). The RWSP Priority List is intended to help guide the IWRB's spending from  
51 state general funds, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, or other applicable sources for projects that  
52 support water supply sustainability on a regional, basin, or statewide scale. The IWRB also adopts criteria  
53 for inclusion of projects on the RWSP Priority List and has approved funding for projects on a case-by-case  
54 basis; and  
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56 WHEREAS, on May 23, 2025, through Resolution 16-2025, the IWRB added the ESPA Regional  
57 Water Sustainability Program to the RWSP Priority list to support projects and programs that contribute  
58 to aquifer stabilization; and  
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60 WHEREAS, on May 23, 2025, through Resolution 19-2025, the IWRB approved a spending plan for  
61 appropriations made to the WMA under the legislation referenced above, including estimated interest.  
62 The WMA Spending Plan considers projects on the RWSP Priority List, grant programs, certain IWRB  
63 approved loans, and allocates the FY 2026 \$30 million appropriation for programs and projects under the  
64 ESPA Regional Water Sustainability Project that meet the spending requirements defined in HB 445 for  
65 fiscal year 2026; and  
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67 WHEREAS, a number of projects on the RWSP Priority List were determined eligible for funding  
68 from ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund. Given that ARPA funding has specific federal and state spending  
69 requirements, the spending plan includes allocation of additional funds from the WMA to be used if  
70 additional funding is required for project completion or if it is determined that ARPA funds are not  
71 authorized for specific project tasks; and  
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73 WHEREAS, on September 12, 2025, the IWRB passed Resolution 34-2025, amending the WMA  
74 Spending Plan to apply a 3% reduction to FY 2026 General Fund Appropriations as directed under  
75 Governor Little's Executive Order No. 2025-05; however, it was subsequently determined that general  
76 funds appropriated to the WMA, including the FY 2026 \$30 million appropriation and \$1 million  
77 appropriation for Flood Management Grants, are not subject to the reduction; and  
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79 WHEREAS, on November 21, 2025, the IWRB passed Resolution 51-2025, authorizing a second  
80 amended spending plan for FY 2026 that reinstated the 3% reduction applied through IWRB Resolution  
81 34-2025 and obligated funding for specified projects; and  
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83 WHEREAS, on March 26, 2026, the IWRB's Aquifer Stabilization Committee recommended the  
84 IWRB add the Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer Regional Water Sustainability Program to the RWSP  
85 Priority list to support projects and programs that contribute to aquifer stabilization and long-term water  
86 supply resiliency; and  
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88 WHEREAS, on March 26, 2026, the Finance Committee recommended amendments to the  
89 spending plan for FY 2026 to the full IWRB that obligates funding for the following projects as reflected in  
90 Attachment A:  
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- 92 • Anderson Ranch Dam Raise – Obligation of funds to supplement ARPA funding for the non-federal  
93 cost-share if needed.
- 94 • Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) – Obligation of funds for use by the Idaho  
95 Soil and Water Conservation Commission for program administration.
- 96 • Dworshak/Clearwater Pipeline & Other Statewide Special Projects – Obligation of funds for  
97 implementation of Governor Little’s Salmon Recovery Plan projects and other statewide special  
98 projects.
- 99 • Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project (MHAFB Project) & Other Regional  
100 Projects – Obligation of funds to supplement ARPA funding for remaining MHAFB Project  
101 expenses or to support future Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer/Elmore County sustainability  
102 projects.
- 103 • Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer Regional Water Sustainability Program – Obligation of funds to  
104 support projects and programs that contribute to aquifer stabilization.
- 105 • Palouse Basin Aquifer Water Supply Planning – Obligation of funds for engineering design and  
106 development of a proposed regional water supply project in the Palouse Basin.
- 107 • Raft River Pipeline – Obligation of funds for construction of a pipeline from the Snake River to  
108 offset groundwater pumping in the Raft River Basin.
- 109 • Statewide Recharge Infrastructure – Obligation of funds to support planning and implementation  
110 of recharge infrastructure in various basins statewide such as the Treasure Valley, Mountain  
111 Home Plateau Aquifer, and Lemhi River basin.
- 112 • Thousand Springs Area Water Subordination Agreements – Obligation of funds to help resolve  
113 water supply issues in the Thousand Springs area.
- 114 • Upper Snake River Basin Study – Obligation of funds for the non-federal cost-share portion of the  
115 U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Water Smart *Upper Snake River Basin Study*.
- 116 • Upper Payette Basin Storage Water Project – Obligation of funds for actions necessary to secure  
117 uncontracted water storage space in the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation’s Cascade and Deadwood  
118 Reservoirs.
- 119 • ESPA Improvement Projects and Near Blackfoot to Minidoka Reach Gain Improvements Projects  
120 – Obligation of funds in accordance with Governor Little’s direction to commit \$10 million towards  
121 projects to improve the long-term health of the ESPA, authorized under IWRB Resolution no. 40-  
122 2024.
- 123 • ESPA Groundwater Measurement Database – Obligation of funds to develop and maintain a new  
124 database to manage monthly groundwater pumping measurements as required under the 2024  
125 *Stipulated Mitigation Plan* entered into by surface and ground water users on the Eastern Snake  
126 Plain.
- 127 • Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program  
128 Support – Obligation of funds to obtain technical outside review of injection well applications for  
129 aquifer storage and recharge on the ESPA, authorizing funding up to \$100,000 per year for five  
130 years.
- 131 • ESPA Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Projects Grant (FY 2026 Round 2) – Obligation of  
132 funds for a second grant application period in FY 2026.
- 133 • Statewide Aging Infrastructure Grants – Obligation of funds for a seventh grant application period.
- 134 • Statewide Flood Management Grants - Obligation of funds for a second grant application period  
135 in FY 2026.

136 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the *Amended FY 2026 WMA Spending*  
137 *Plan* (Spending Plan) attached to this resolution (Attachment A), as recommended by the IWRB Finance  
138 Committee.

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140 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the projects marked with an asterisk in the  
141 attached Spending Plan are hereby obligated for the referenced purposes but require additional IWRB  
142 approval of the project plan.

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144 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or Executive  
145 Manager, Brian Patton, to execute the necessary agreements or contracts for the purpose of this  
146 resolution.

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148 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for projects identified in the attached Spending  
149 Plan and approved by the IWRB for funding from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund, the IWRB  
150 authorizes the expenditure of WMA funds to cover project activities determined to be ineligible or in  
151 excess of available ARPA funding.

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153 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attached Spending Plan shall be  
154 automatically amended to reflect WMA expenditures approved through future IWRB resolutions.

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DATED this 27th day of March 2026.



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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board



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DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Idaho Water Resource Board - Water Management Account**  
**Amended FY 2026 Spending Plan**  
**Amended by IWRB Resolution(s) March 27, 2026**

**Appropriations for Regional Water Sustainability Projects, Loans, Aging Infrastructure & Other Grants**

FY 2020 (HB 285, Sec 1, Leg 2019)	\$20,000,000
FY 2022 (SB 1121, Sec 1, Leg 2021)	\$50,000,000
FY 2023 (HB 769, Sec 6, Leg 2022 - 1/3 or \$25M to be used for AI Grants)	\$75,000,000
FY 2024 (HB 361, Sec 1, Leg 2023 - 1/3 or \$50M to be used for AI Grants)	\$150,000,000
FY 2025 (SB 1411, Sec 3, Leg 2024)	\$30,000,000
FY 2026 (HB 445, Sec 4, Leg 2025)	\$30,000,000
Flood Management Grant Appropriations (FY 2019 - FY 2026)	\$7,400,000
Water Quality Collection Program Appropriation (FY 2020 - FY 2022)	\$600,000
Interest Earned State Treasury (as of Feb 28, 2026)	\$38,379,481
Water Project Loan Interest (as of Feb 28, 2026)	\$5,276
Water Project Loan Repayments (as of Feb 28, 2026)	\$346,074
Misc Revenue	\$4,350,000
	<b>\$406,080,831</b>

STATEWIDE REGIONAL WATER SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS & OTHER LARGE PROJECTS (Projects listed in alphabetical order)	Budgeted	Funds Obligated by IWRB Resolution (as of 3/27/2026)	Funds Expended (as of 2/28/2026)
Anderson Ranch Dam Raise **	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000 *	\$1,232,047
Bear Lake Additional Storage	\$2,000,000	\$1,200,000 *	\$0
City of Gooding - Little Wood River Channel Flood Control Project	\$5,197,000	\$5,197,000	\$3,600,000
City of Nampa Wastewater-to-Irrigation Reuse	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$321,438
Dworshak/Clearwater Pipeline (Governor's Initiative) & Other Statewide Special Projects	\$60,000,000	\$60,000,000 *	\$0
Lewiston Orchards Exchange Project **	\$1,287,000	\$1,287,000	\$1,287,000
Lost Valley Reservoir Enlargement - Planning	\$560,000	\$560,000	\$234,705
Milner Dam Rehabilitation Project	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0
Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project **	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000 *	\$104,000
Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer RWS Program	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000 *	
Nampa Meridian Irrigation District Ridenbaugh Canal Diversion Modernization Project	\$9,169,047	\$9,169,047	\$0
North Fremont Canal Systems Phase 5 Pipeline Project	\$7,811,056	\$7,811,056	\$7,811,056
Palouse Basin Aquifer Water Supply Planning	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000 *	\$68,349
Priest Lake Water Management Project	\$5,420,000	\$5,420,000	\$4,854,477
Priest Lake Outlet Dam Litigation	\$2,748,000	\$2,748,000	\$2,426,847
Raft River Pipeline Project	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000 *	\$0
Statewide Recharge Infrastructure	\$10,019,541	\$10,019,541 *	\$0
Thousand Springs Area Water Subordination Agreements	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000 *	\$0
Treasure Valley Water Supply Assessment Project (WD 63)	\$474,320	\$474,320	\$155,450
Upper Snake River Basin Study	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000 *	\$0
Upper Payette Basin Storage Water Project	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000 *	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$162,185,964</b>	<b>\$161,385,964</b>	<b>\$22,095,369</b>

\* Funds are obligated by IWRB resolution but require additional IWRB approval of project plan. \*\* Eligible for ARPA Funding.

**Idaho Water Resource Board - Water Management Account  
Amended FY 2026 Spending Plan  
Amended by IWRB Resolution(s) March 27, 2026**

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Funds Obligated by IWRB Resolution (as of 3/27/2026)</b>	<b>Funds Expended (as of 2/28/2026)</b>
<b>ESPA REGIONAL WATER SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM</b>			
Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Improvement Projects	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000 *	\$0
Near Blackfoot to Minidoka Reach Gain Improvements Projects	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000 *	\$0
ESPA Recharge Infrastructure **	\$25,980,046	\$25,980,046	\$3,357,074
ESPA Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Projects Grants	\$38,621,296	\$38,621,296	\$281,354
Surface Water Coalition Operational Efficiencies Program (AFRD2 & TFCC Project )	\$27,332,574	\$27,332,574	\$12,223,719
Measuring & Monitoring Support Grant	\$815,102	\$815,102	\$0
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
ESPA Groundwater Measurement Database	\$500,000	\$500,000 *	\$10,725
IDWR Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Support	\$500,000	\$500,000 *	\$73
<b>ESPA Regional Sustainability Program Total:</b>	<b>\$103,849,018</b>	<b>\$103,849,018</b>	<b>\$15,872,945</b>

\* Funds are obligated by IWRB resolution but require additional IWRB approval of project plan. \*\* Eligible for ARPA Funding.  
 \*\*\* FY 2026 \$30M Earmark: IWRB Districts 3 & 4 each must receive 50% of FY 2026 appropriation (HB 445, FY 2026). More than \$93M has been obligated to ESPA stabilization

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Funds Obligated by IWRB Resolution (as of 3/27/2026)</b>	<b>Funds Expended (as of 02/28/2026)</b>
<b>STATEWIDE AGING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS ^</b>			
FY 2023 (Approp. \$25M)	\$10,679,352	\$10,679,352	\$8,527,475
FY 2023 (Supplemental Round)	\$13,889,175	\$13,889,175	\$7,363,587
FY 2024 (Approp. \$50M)	\$9,033,074	\$9,033,074	\$5,605,532
FY 2024 (Supplemental Round)	\$6,843,940	\$6,843,940	\$1,612,102
FY 2025	\$9,823,523	\$9,823,523	\$2,417,879
FY 2026	\$22,919,008	\$22,919,008	\$0
FY 2027 (scheduled)	\$26,240,428	\$21,240,428 *	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$99,428,500</b>	<b>\$94,428,500</b>	<b>\$25,526,575</b>

\* Funds are obligated by IWRB resolution and through appropriations in HB 769 and HB 361 but remain subject to IWRB approval of the project plan.  
 ^ Additional funding has been committed to the AIG program, supplementing the initial \$75 million appropriated under HB 769 and HB 361.

**Idaho Water Resource Board - Water Management Account**  
**Amended FY 2026 Spending Plan**  
*Amended by IWRB Resolution(s) March 27, 2026*

	Budgeted	Funds Obligated by IWRB Resolution (as of 3/27/2026)	Funds Expended (as of 02/28/2026)
<b>STATEWIDE FLOOD MANAGEMENT GRANTS</b>			
FY 2019 (Approp. \$1M)	\$901,678	\$901,678	\$901,678
FY 2020 (Approp. \$800K)	\$624,251	\$624,251	\$624,251
FY 2021 (Approp. \$800K)	\$688,743	\$688,743	\$688,743
FY 2022 (Approp. \$800K)	\$893,346	\$893,346	\$893,346
FY 2023 (Approp. \$1M)	\$529,274	\$529,274	\$529,274
FY 2024 (Approp. \$1M)	\$831,015	\$831,015	\$625,101
FY 2025 (Approp. \$1M)	\$695,517	\$695,517	\$289,331
FY 2026 (Approp. \$1M)	\$460,646	\$460,646	\$81,472
FY 2026 - Supplemental Round	\$559,358	\$559,358	\$0
Carry Forward for Future Rounds	\$1,216,172	\$1,216,172 *	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,400,000</b>	<b>\$7,400,000</b>	<b>\$4,633,196</b>

\* Funds are obligated pursuant to the Flood Management Grant appropriation but remain contingent upon IWRB approval of individual grant applications.

	Budgeted	Funds Obligated by IWRB Resolution (as of 3/27/2026)	Funds Expended (as of 02/28/2026)
<b>STATEWIDE LOANS, GRANTS, &amp; OTHER POTENTIAL NEEDS ^</b>			
Lost Valley Reservoir Company Loan (total authorized \$13,246,500)	\$13,246,500	\$13,246,500 *	\$0
Magic Valley Groundwater District Loan	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$0
North Side Pumping Co Loan	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$397,737
Raft River Recharge Group Loan	\$14,111,000	\$14,111,000	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$38,557,500</b>	<b>\$38,557,500</b>	<b>\$397,737</b>

\* Loan may be funded from the WMA or RDA.

^ Funds obligated for loans will be available for reallocation upon repayment.

	Appropriated Funds	Funds Obligated by IWRB Resolution (Closed Out)	Funds Expended (Complete)
<b>WATER QUALITY COLLECTION PROGRAM</b>			
DOI-USGS Agreement FY 2020 - Mid-Snake River (HB 285, Sec 3, 2019)	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
DOI-USGS Agreement FY 2021 - Mid-Snake River (HB 646, 2020)	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
DOI-USGS Agreement FY 2022 - Mid-Snake River (HB 646, Sec 5, 2021)	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>

<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$412,020,982</b>	<b>\$406,220,982</b>	<b>\$69,125,822</b>
<b>Remainder Available:</b>	<b>(\$5,940,151)</b>	<b>(\$140,151)</b>	

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF THE WATER SUSTAINABILITY  
AND STABILIZATION OF THE MOUNTAIN HOME  
PLATEAU AQUIFER IN COOPERATION WITH  
ELMORE COUNTY

RESOLUTION TO ADD THE MOUNTAIN HOME  
PLATEAU AQUIFER REGIONAL WATER  
SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM TO THE PRIORITY  
LIST

1           WHEREAS, the economy of southern Elmore County is dependent on water supplies that are  
2 insufficient to support existing uses and future development. Specifically, groundwater pumping from the  
3 Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer exceeds annual natural recharge, resulting in chronic water level declines  
4 in the area of Cinder Cone Butte, Mountain Home Air Force Base, and the City of Mountain Home; and  
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6           WHEREAS, due to significant ground water level declines, the Idaho Department of Water  
7 Resources (“IDWR”) established the Cinder Cone Butte Critical Ground Water Area in 1981 and the  
8 Mountain Home Ground Water Management Area in 1982; and  
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10           WHEREAS, over the past 40-years, IDWR has tracked the continuation of these ground water  
11 issues through bi-annual measurement of ground water levels and development of localized water  
12 budgets. Data indicates that the Cinder Cone Butte CGWA continues to see ground water declines of up  
13 to four-feet per year; and  
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15           WHEREAS, a 2017 study of water supply within the Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer that was  
16 jointly funded by Elmore County and the IWRB estimated a pumping deficit of 43,000 acre-feet per year  
17 and determined that ground water levels could be stabilized by converting ground water uses to surface  
18 water sources and by aquifer recharge; and  
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20           WHEREAS, Elmore County has undertaken measures to address the stabilization of the Mountain  
21 Home Plateau regional aquifers and to ensure a sustainable water supply for its citizens now and in the  
22 future; and  
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24           WHEREAS, in 2017, the Mountain Home Ground Water Advisory Committee assigned water right  
25 permit 61-7731 to Elmore County, stating that the County’s continued efforts to address the ground water  
26 deficit serve a genuine need and are in the best interests of the public of Elmore County; and  
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28           WHEREAS, water right license 61-7731 authorizes 22.68 cfs of Canyon Creek water to be used for  
29 ground water recharge. The IWRB contributed funds for development of the infrastructure improvements  
30 and monitoring program for the Canyon Creek Recharge Project; and  
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32           WHEREAS, in 2021, Elmore County requested the IWRB expand the Treasure Valley groundwater  
33 model to include the Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer. The IWRB funded a four-year effort led by IDWR  
34 staff working with the United States Geologic Society to build the Western Snake Plain Aquifer Model

35 (WeSPAM), which will incorporate the current Treasure Valley model, include the Mountain Home Plateau  
36 Aquifer, and allow for additional refinement in the Mayfield areas; and

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38 WHEREAS, Elmore County owns water right permit 02-10535 which authorizes 20 cfs of Snake  
39 River water to be diverted and used for ground water recharge and supplemental irrigation; and

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41 WHEREAS, the infrastructure necessary to put water right permit 02-10535 to beneficial use is not  
42 yet in place; and

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44 WHEREAS, Elmore County owns water right permit 61-12314 which authorizes diversion of 200  
45 cfs of Canyon Creek water to be used for ground water recharge; and

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47 WHEREAS, the infrastructure necessary to put water right permit 61-12314 to beneficial use is  
48 shared with license 61-7731 and is currently in place; and

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50 WHEREAS, the Mountain Home Irrigation District (“MHID”) owns and operates a system of canals,  
51 tunnels, and reservoirs, including Little Camas Reservoir, that have been importing water from the Boise  
52 River Basin and other sources into the Mountain Home area for more than one-hundred years; and

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54 WHEREAS, Elmore County owns water right permit 63-34348 which authorizes diversion of 200  
55 cfs of natural flow from the South Fork Boise River and into the MHID system for irrigation, ground water  
56 recharge, diversion to storage in Little Camas Reservoir, irrigation from storage, and ground water  
57 recharge from storage; and

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59 WHEREAS, the pump station and pipeline necessary to convey water under water right permit 63-  
60 34348 from Anderson Ranch Reservoir into the existing MHID system are not yet in place; and

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62 WHEREAS, Elmore County has also identified critical infrastructure projects that support delivery  
63 of existing and new water supply appropriation through improvements to the MHID canals and tunnels;  
64 and

65 WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of providing a sustainable water supply for the  
66 Mountain Home Air Force Base (“MHAFB”) the IWRB completed the MHAFB Water Resilience Project  
67 which reduced the MHAFB’s impact on the Mountain Home Plateau Regional Aquifer by replacing the  
68 MHAFB ground water use with surface water use from the Snake River; and

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70 WHEREAS, MHAFB relies on the Mountain Home area and community for critical services such as  
71 housing, schools, and spousal employment; and

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73 WHEREAS, a stable water supply in the greater Mountain Home area is essential to support the  
74 MHAFB and continued growth within the Treasure Valley; and

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76 WHEREAS, since July 2021, the IWRB has maintained a list of priority Regional Water Sustainability  
77 Projects (“RWSP”). The RWSP priority list is intended to help guide the IWRB’s spending from state general  
78 funds, American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds, or other applicable sources for projects that support  
79 water supply sustainability on a regional, basin, or statewide scale. The IWRB also adopts criteria for  
80 inclusion of projects on the RWSP Priority List and has approved funding for projects on a case-by-case  
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WHEREAS, since 2019, the Idaho Governor and Legislature have approved various appropriations to the IWRB's Water Management Account to support water projects, including studies and infrastructure, to address water sustainability, aquifer stabilization, rehabilitation or aging water infrastructure, and flood management; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2026, Elmore County presented an Elmore County Water Alternatives-2026 Status Report to the IWRB's Aquifer Stabilization Committee outlining the status of its various water projects and proposing alternatives, including an evaluation of post-construction operation ownership and management of the projects; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2026, Elmore County further requested the IWRB consider creating a Regional Water Sustainability Program to support projects and initiatives that support stabilization of the Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer and water sustainability in the region; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2026, the IWRB's Aquifer Stabilization Committee recommended the addition of a Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer Regional Water Sustainability Program to the RWSP Priority list to support projects and programs that contribute to aquifer stabilization in the region; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2026, the IWRB's Finance Committee recommended obligating \$8,000,000 from the Water Management Account to support activities that meet the objectives of the Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer Water Sustainability Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the addition of the Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer Regional Water Sustainability Program to the RWSP priority list as recommended by the Aquifer Stabilization Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB obligates \$8,000,000 from the Water Management Account to help fund projects under the Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer Regional Water Sustainability Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB shall work with Elmore County to develop programs and identify special projects under the Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer Regional Water Sustainability Program and authorize expenditure of funding, as determined by the IWRB, to fund eligible projects under applicable IWRB funding criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB encourages Elmore County and its partners to prioritize establishing, through appropriate authority, a regional entity to plan, finance, construct, operate, and maintain large-scale aquifer stabilization and surface water projects, with costs shared equitably among beneficiaries.

DATED this 27th day of March 2026.



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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

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DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF FLOOD  
MANAGEMENT GRANTS

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CRITERIA

1  
2 WHEREAS, House Bill 712 passed and approved by the 2018 legislature created a Flood  
3 Management Grant Program administered by the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) to be used  
4 for the purpose of flood-damaged stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood  
5 risk reduction, or flood prevention projects; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) last updated the criteria for the award  
8 of Flood Management Grants, through Resolution No. 11-2025, in March 2025; and

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10 WHEREAS, the IWRB staff have developed updated criteria for the award of Flood  
11 Management Grants; and

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13 WHEREAS, staff presented the updated criteria at the IWRB's Work Session held on March  
14 26, 2026; and

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16 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the attached criteria for the  
17 award of Flood Management Grants.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

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DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

March 2026



## IWRB Flood Management Grant Criteria

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) has developed these criteria for the Flood Management Grant to provide financial assistance on a competitive statewide basis to Flood Control Districts, Drainage Districts, Irrigation Districts, Canal Companies, Municipalities, Counties and other public entities interested in pursuing flood damaged stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood risk reduction, and flood prevention projects.

**Eligible Projects:** Pursuing flood damage repair and improvement projects can help prevent or reduce flood damage in Idaho's streams and rivers. To be considered for grant funding, entities must be able to provide evidence of flood damage, or evidence of conditions that create the risk of flooding in a stream channel and submit a funding request document outlining the proposed repairs and/or improvements to the stream channel.

**Ineligible Projects:**

- Projects that are already completed or underway by the application deadline

**Eligible Entities:** Flood Control Districts, Drainage Districts, Irrigation Districts, Canal Companies, Municipalities, Counties, and Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Other public entities are eligible to apply.

**Eligible Geographic Area:** Statewide

**Program Budget:** No more than 50% of the total budget may be spent within a single IWRB district. This limit may be waived if there are no competing funding demands.

**Funding Details:**

- Funding Details: Up to \$200,000 per project; one project per application
- IWRB grant portion cannot exceed 50% of total project costs. Projects that include higher cost share amounts will be prioritized during project evaluations (see evaluation criteria)
- Eligible entity is responsible for providing permit documentation to IWRB staff
- Costs incurred prior to the grant award date are not eligible for reimbursement
- Project costs related to the installation of road appurtenances (road signs, guard rails, etc.) are not eligible for reimbursement
- Reimbursement requests can be made once a cost-reimbursement contract is established between the awardee and IWRB

- Reimbursement of invoices will not surpass 50% of the invoice amount (“Reimbursable Funds”) submitted to Board Staff. Of the Reimbursable Funds, 10% will be retained until Sponsor submits a certificate of completion.
- Contract term will not exceed 3 years after the grant funding award (date of IWRB Resolution) unless an extension is approved by IWRB’s contract manager
- Funds may be reallocated if a project is not completed within the term of the cost-reimbursement contract, or if no response is received by the awardee within 90 days after the grant award date

**Application Requirements:** For the grant proposal to be considered, the following documents must be provided:

- A **cover letter** that is addressed to the IWRB and with the eligible entity’s letterhead. The letter must contain a project summary and the project manager’s contact information. The summary must include the funding request dollar amount and expected total project cost, as well as all other funding sources.
- An **application** containing the following:
  1. Project purpose and description of urgency regarding repair or improvement
  2. Photographs and description of damage, if applicable
  3. Project location (county, water source, PLS and/or Lat/Long), including map
  4. Public Benefits achieved pursuant to IC § 42-1760(2)(d) (stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood risk reduction, water quality improvement, other ecological benefits)
  5. Project timeline, including start and completion date
  6. Detailed cost estimates, including all labor and materials. In-kind work must be detailed and included in cost estimates.
  7. Entity’s *relevant experience* or contractor’s relevant experience completing stream channel repair or improvement projects
  8. Summary table that documents cost-share percentage for each funding source including in-kind work. If other grants are required to complete the project (USACE, NRCS, FEMA, etc.), include timelines for receiving those funds.
- Documentation that local stakeholders have been consulted. If the project is within an active Flood Control District, the eligible entity must include a letter of support.
- Conceptual **Design** Documents
- Addresses all **evaluation criteria** described below.
- **Required regulatory approval** and permit documents; if project has not yet received permit documents, note this in the application’s project schedule.
- **Proof of liability** insurance for general construction, i.e., ICRMP.
- **Completed Applicant Information Sheet** provided by IWRB.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Projects that are determined not to be flood-related by staff will be declared ineligible and not scored. To maximize the effective and efficient use of available funds, the applications will be evaluated, scored (*125-point scale*), and ranked according to the following criteria:

**First Time Applicant (5 points)**

**Application Professionalism and Clarity (up to 20 points)**

- Cover letter and grant document are well-written and clearly state the goals and objectives of the project (10 points)
- Project map clearly shows the project location (10 points)

**Effectiveness of Project (up to 45 points)**

- Urgency of the project is explained (10 points)
- The benefits of the project are explained, and are measurable (20 points)
- Grant application considers alternative solutions and explains why the chosen solution is most beneficial (10 points)

**Readiness of Project (70 points)**

- Description of applying entity and project leadership, documentation of expertise in subject matter of project (10 points)
- Documentation of project support from other stakeholders (10 points)
- The project schedule demonstrates the eligible entity has considered essential milestones (10 points)
- The cost estimate for the project budget is detailed and clearly accounts for all labor and material costs, including in-kind work (10 points)
- Projects that propose matching cost-share amounts above 50% will receive additional points in their score (1 point for each additional 1% up to 20 additional points)

**Application Submission:**

- Applications can be emailed to [IWRBGrants@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:IWRBGrants@idwr.idaho.gov). Applications that are emailed must be received by 11:59 pm on the application due date.
- Applications that are mailed must be received by 11:59 pm on the application due date. Mailing address:

ATTENTION: GRANTS TEAM  
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
PO BOX 83720  
BOISE, ID 83720-0098

- Applications can also be dropped off in person on the 6th floor of the Idaho Water Center in Boise. Applications must be dropped off on weekdays, excluding holidays, between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm. The Idaho Water Center is located at:

IDAHO WATER CENTER  
322 E FRONT ST STE 648  
BOISE, ID 83702-7371

**Grant Process:**

- IWRB staff evaluate and score applications based on IWRB approved evaluation criteria
- IWRB staff present funding recommendations to IWRB Finance Committee
- Funding awarded at the IWRB meeting
- IWRB staff will notify eligible entity of grant approval and will administer cost-reimbursement contracts

**Additional Conditions of Award:**

Funding may be reallocated if:

- No response is received from the awardee within 90 days of the award dated resolution

- A proposed contract is not signed and returned within 60 days of issuance
- If the project is not completed within the award contract term
- The contract expires without a renewal or extension request from the awardee

**Cost-Reimbursement Process:**

- Awardee must be registered with the Idaho Secretary of State (SCO) in [IPRO Supplier Portal](#) and in [PaymentWorks](#), See “Action Center” on the homepage of SCO at <https://www.sco.idaho.gov/LivePages/scohome.aspx>
- Funds will be distributed upon awardee submitting an IWRB acceptable funding reimbursement requests to the IWRB.
- Reimbursement of invoices will not surpass 50% of the invoice amount (“Reimbursable Funds”) submitted to IWRB staff. Of the Reimbursable Funds, 10% of funds will be retained until Sponsor submits a certificate of completion.
- The IWRB and IDWR staff will review and upon approval, pay invoices in accordance with Idaho Code § 67-2302
- In-kind services, labor, and materials must be invoiced to IWRB to be eligible for reimbursement
- The IWRB shall determine the value of in-kind contributions of materials and labor
- Invoices should be sent to [IdwrPayable@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:IdwrPayable@idwr.idaho.gov)
- A certificate of project completion and a financial summary of the total project cost shall be submitted by the awardee in order to receive final reimbursement

**In-kind Matching Funds Documentation.** In-kind matching contributions must be adequately documented and verifiable from the awardee’s official records. Documentation must be sufficient to answer the following:

- Awardee must be able to demonstrate that the contribution is from an acceptable source.
- Awardee must be able to demonstrate what is being used as match is suitable for match.
- The IWRB shall determine the value of the in-kind contribution
  - Awardee is responsible for providing accurate documentation to support their in-kind valuation
  - Value shall be based on standard objective sources rather than best guesses
- Awardee must affirm that the information is correct and IWRB will review and may approve

Accounting records must be supported by source documentation such as vouchers, canceled checks, invoices, payroll, time and attendance records, contract and sub-grant award documents, or other required forms.

**Force account labor and equipment.** The use of the awardee’s staff (labor) and/or equipment costs must be verifiable from the awardee’s accounting system. For labor, the records must include: the name of each worker, dates worked, hourly rate of pay, number of hours worked specific to the grant activity, and the total cost for each worker. Documentation of equipment costs must include the type of equipment used, dates used, hourly rate value, number of hours used, how the hourly rate was determined and total cost.

**Donated contract labor and volunteer services** may be counted as matching share if they are an integral and necessary part of the approved work.

- Rates claimed for volunteer services must be consistent with those rates paid for similar work in other activities and must not include fringe benefits and overhead costs.

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- Match must be documented and, to the extent feasible, supported by the same methods used by the awardee for its own employees.

At minimum this includes signed and dated time sheets filled out by volunteers working and approved by the supervisor with first-hand knowledge of the activity

**IWRB Districts are as follows:**

District No. 1: Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis and Idaho counties.

District No. 2: Adams, Valley, Washington, Payette, Gem, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore and Owyhee counties.

District No. 3: Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia, Blaine, Lincoln, Minidoka, Lemhi, Custer and Butte counties.

District No. 4: Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bingham, Bonneville, Power, Bannock, Caribou, Oneida, Franklin and Bear Lake counties.

*\* No more than 50% of the total budget may be spent within a single IWRB district. This limit may be waived if there are no competing funding demands.*

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF THE SURFACE WATER  
COALITION OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES  
PROGRAM

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CRITERIA

1 WHEREAS, as part of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Regional Water Sustainability  
2 Project the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, the Idaho Water Resource  
3 Board (IWRB) adopted criteria (Resolution No. 23-2025) creating the Surface Water Operational  
4 Efficiencies Program; and

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6 WHEREAS, staff have developed updated criteria and title for the award of Surface Water  
7 Coalition Operational Efficiencies funding; and

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9 WHEREAS, staff presented the updated criteria at the IWRB's Work Session held on March  
10 26, 2026; and

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12 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the attached criteria for the  
13 award of Surface Water Coalition Operational Efficiencies funding from the Water Management  
14 Account.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board



ATTEST  
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

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## Surface Water Coalition Operational Efficiencies Program

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) has allocated funding to help surface water entities throughout the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer (ESPA) area implement innovative operational efficiencies in an effort to reduce the demand for surface water by Surface Water Coalition members. Applications for funding for this program will be accepted year- round.

Projects considered under this program include purchasing and installing equipment, conducting efficiency studies, and/or other activities designed to improve operational efficiencies that result in reduction in the demand for surface water by Surface Water Coalition members.

### Geographic Area

Limited to surface water diversions of the Surface Water Coalition

### Eligible Entities:

Members of the Surface Water Coalition

### Funding Limit

Projects funded under this project are eligible for up to 100% funding per project.

### Application Requirements:

Surface water operational efficiencies funding applications need to include the following criteria:

#### Efficiency Results Likely to Be Achieved

- What are the proposed project goals and how will the project improve operational efficiency. Please provide sufficient details supporting how the efficiency results were determined.
- How this project will have no impact to incidental recharge in the ESPA
- Water savings due to operational efficiencies will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis

#### Project Proposal Clarity & Implementation Schedule

- Project sponsor description: organization type, background, current operations, etc.
- Project description
- Proposed project narrative, project map (county, PLS or coordinates), scope of work (and supporting documents/designs if appropriate) & any other supporting information the applicant would like to include
- Cost estimate and budget

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- Project implementation schedule

#### **Additional Project funding sources**

- If other funding sources are used to support the project, please provide a list with the agency and funding amount
- *Sponsor's contributions, IWRB grants, other state and federal grants, etc.*

#### **How Does This Project Promote State and/or Local Priorities**

- Demonstrate how this project will support the 2024 stipulated approved mitigation plan ("2024 settlement agreement") between the Surface Water Coalition and the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc.

#### **Contract Terms**

Funding for projects may be made in annual installments each fiscal year based on the amount of appropriations.

#### **Application Process**

Staff will review submitted applications and, when necessary, schedule a meeting with the applicant to discuss the information provided. For a request to be considered complete, all sections of the application must be filled out, with supporting documentation provided where necessary. All incomplete applications will be held for 30 days from receipt; incomplete applications past 30 days will be declined and returned to the applicant, at which time a new, complete application must be submitted.

Funding requests will be presented to an appropriate IWRB Finance Committee for a recommendation to the IWRB. Funding request applications that do not receive funding or do not receive a favorable recommendation will be declined and returned to the applicant. An unfavorable recommendation or incomplete application does not prevent applicants from re-applying.

#### **Program Proposal Submission**

Completed applications can be emailed to the Idaho Water Resource Board's Grants Team at [IWRBGrants@IDWR.Idaho.gov](mailto:IWRBGrants@IDWR.Idaho.gov). Physical copies must be postmarked by the application date and can be mailed to:

Idaho Department of Water Resources  
Attn: IWRB Grants Team  
P.O Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720

Applications can also be dropped off in person on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Idaho Water Center in Boise, ID. The Idaho Water Center is located at:

322 E. Front Street Suite 648  
Boise, ID 83702-7371

***If you have questions about the application package or would like to schedule a meeting with the Grants Team, email us at [IWRBGrants@IDWR.Idaho.gov](mailto:IWRBGrants@IDWR.Idaho.gov)***

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AMENDED  
RENTAL POOL PROCEDURES FOR THE BOISE  
RIVER RENTAL POOL

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDED  
RENTAL POOL PROCEDURES FOR 2026

1           WHEREAS, section 42-1765, Idaho Code and subsections of IDAPA 37.02.030.040, Water  
2 Supply Bank Rule 40, authorizes the Idaho Water Resource Board to appoint local committees to  
3 facilitate the lease and rental of stored water within rental pools; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the Water District 63 Advisory Committee appointed by the Idaho Water  
6 Resource Board to facilitate the lease and rental of stored water within the Boise River Rental  
7 Pool; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the Water District 63 Advisory Committee has adopted amended procedures  
10 for the calendar year 2026, pursuant to which they intend to facilitate the lease and rental of  
11 rental pool stored water; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Water Resources has reviewed the local  
14 committee procedures and may recommend that the Idaho Water Resource Board approve the  
15 rental pool procedures; and  
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17           NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amended Boise River Rental Pool procedures are  
18 approved by the Idaho Water Resource Board.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST   
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

**Amended 2025**



**WATER DISTRICT 63**

**BOISE RIVER BASIN**

**RENTAL POOL PROCEDURES**

**AMENDED 12/16/2025**

**WATER DISTRICT NO. 63**

**RENTAL POOL PROCEDURES**

The Boise River Rental Pool is administered by the Rental Pool Committee  
through the Boise River Watermaster's office.

Please contact the Watermaster for more information.

Daniel Hoke

Boise River Watermaster

(208) 908-5480

[daniel@wd63.org](mailto:daniel@wd63.org)

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**WATER DISTRICT 63  
RENTAL POOL PROCEDURES**

**RULE 1.0 LEGAL AUTHORITY**

- 1.1 These procedures have been adopted pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1765 and IDAPA 37.02.03.040 to assure orderly operation of the Boise River Rental Pool by the Advisory Board of Water District No. 63.
- 1.2 These procedures shall not be interpreted to limit the authority of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, the Idaho Water Resource Board, Water District No. 63 Advisory Board, or the Watermaster in discharging their duties as prescribed by statute or rule.
- 1.3 These procedures shall be interpreted consistent with Idaho Code, rules promulgated by the Idaho Water Resource Board, relevant provisions of repayment contracts with the United States, and the Snake River Water Rights Agreement of 2004 commonly referred to as the Nez Perce Mediator's Term Sheet dated April 20, 2004.

**RULE 2.0 DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 **Accounting Year:** the Water District 63 water accounting year that begins on November 1 and ends on October 31
- 2.2 **Acre-foot:** a volume of water sufficient to cover one acre of land one foot deep and is equal to 43,560 cubic feet.
- 2.3 **Administrative Fee:** a fee of One Dollar and Thirty Cents (\$1.55) per acre-foot assessed by the District on all storage rented through the Rental Pool.
- 2.4 **Assignment:** a written agreement to convey a specific quantity of storage into the Rental Pool for use during a specified period of time.
- 2.5 **Assignor:** a person who assigns storage to the Rental Pool.
- 2.6 **Board:** the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB).
- 2.7 **Board Surcharge:** a surcharge equal to ten percent (10%) of the Net Rental Price assessed on all storage rented from the Rental Pool, which is disbursed to the Board.
- 2.8 **Committee:** the Advisory Board of Water District No. 63.
- 2.9 **Department:** the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR).
- 2.10 **Director:** the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.
- 2.11 **District:** Water District 63 of the State of Idaho.
- 2.12 **Net Rental Price:** The Rental Price less the Administrative Fee and Board Surcharge.
- 2.13 **Person:** an individual, company, association, corporation, partnership, irrigation district, canal company, political subdivision, or governmental agency.

- 2.14 **Reclamation:** the United States Bureau of Reclamation.
- 2.15 **Rent:** a written agreement to acquire the right to use a specific quantity of storage from the Rental Pool for a determinate period.
- 2.16 **Rental Pool:** a market for the exchange of storage operated by the Advisory Board of Water District No. 63.
- 2.17 **Rental Price:** the fee, including the Administrative Fee and Board Surcharge, for rental of storage from the Rental Pool.
- 2.18 **Renter:** a person who rents storage from the Rental Pool.
- 2.19 **Reservoir System:** refers to Arrowrock, Lake Lowell, Anderson Ranch, and Lucky Peak reservoirs.
- 2.20 **Space:** all or any portion of the active capacity of a federal reservoir measured in acre-feet.
- 2.21 **Spaceholder:** the holder of the contractual right to space in the reservoir system, or Reclamation.
- 2.22 **Storage:** water that accrues to reservoir space and is available for use.
- 2.23 **Watermaster:** the watermaster of Water District 63.

**RULE 3.0 PURPOSES**

- 3.1 To promote the maximum beneficial use of stored water establish a process and provide incentives, consistent with Idaho Code § 42-1765, through which storage supplies may be made available for rental by persons who need additional water for beneficial purposes.
- 3.2 Maintain adequate controls and priorities to ensure that (a) irrigation uses are provided an opportunity to obtain supplemental storage supplies ahead of non-irrigation uses, (b) existing water rights are not injured, and (c) the use of storage water obtained through the Rental Pool is consistent with the protection of the local public interest and the conservation of water resources within the state of Idaho.
- 3.3 Provide a source of revenue for the District to offset operating costs of the district.

**RULE 4.0 MANAGEMENT & APPLICATION PROCESS**

4.1 **Committee.** The Committee, which shall decide all matters by majority vote, will exercise the following responsibilities:

- (a) Adopt, and amend as necessary, procedures for operation of the Rental Pool;
- (b) Provide direction to the Watermaster in the operation of the Rental Pool within the framework of these procedures;
- (c) Set policies for the investment and disbursement of funds generated by the Rental Pool in conformity with the Public Depository Law, Chapter 1, Title 57, Idaho Code; and
- (d) Notify the Director and Watermaster of rentals where storage will be moved from the place of use authorized by the permit, license or decree establishing the storage water right.

4.2 **Watermaster.** The Watermaster shall serve as the manager of the Rental Pool and shall take all reasonable actions necessary to administer the Rental Pool consistent with these procedures, which include:

- (a) accepting assignments of storage into the Rental Pool on behalf of the Committee;
- (b) distributing storage rented through the Rental Pool;
- (c) accepting and disbursing funds generated through the rental of storage; and
- (d) taking such additional actions as may be directed by the Committee.

4.3 **Application to Assign Storage to the Rental Pool.**

4.3.101 *Contents.* Applications to assign storage to the Rental Pool shall be made upon forms approved by the Watermaster, which shall include:

- (a) the quantity of storage sought to be assigned to the Rental Pool;
- (b) an indication of whether the storage may be rented for out-of-basin uses; and
- (c) the date received in the Watermaster's office.

4.3.102 *Conditional Assignment.* For purposes of determining the priority of assigned storage under Rule 5.4, storage shall be deemed conditionally assigned to the Rental Pool on the date the application is received by the Watermaster subject to approval by the Committee pursuant to Rule 5.2.

4.3.103 *Subsequent Applications.* Any applicant, having once assigned storage to the Rental Pool, may make application to assign storage in subsequent accounting years by (a) providing written confirmation that the information on the prior assignment application is true and correct, and (b) indicating the quantity of storage sought to be assigned.

4.3.104 *Deadline for Application.* An application to assign storage must be received by the Watermaster and approved by the Committee pursuant to Rule 5.2 not later than October 31 in order for the storage identified in such application, provided it

is subsequently rented within the time limit prescribed in Rule 5.5.101, to be accounted for as having been diverted in the current accounting year.

**4.4 Application to Rent Storage from the Rental Pool.**

4.4.101 *Contents.* Applications to rent storage from the Rental Pool shall be made upon forms approved by the Watermaster, which shall include:

- (a) the amount of storage sought to be rented;
- (b) the purpose(s) for which the storage will be put to beneficial use;
- (c) a single point of diversion identified by legal description and common name;
- (d) a description of the place of use; and
- (e) the date received in the Watermaster's office.

4.4.102 *Acceptance.* For purposes of determining a rental applicant's priority under Rule 6.1, applications are not deemed accepted until received by the Watermaster together with the appropriate rental fee.

4.4.103 *Subsequent Applications.* Any rental applicant, having once rented water from the Rental Pool, may make application for rental of storage in subsequent accounting years by (a) providing written confirmation that the information on the prior rental application is true and correct, (b) indicating the quantity of storage sought to be rented, and (c) tendering the appropriate rental fee.

**4.5 Rental Pool Account.** All monies submitted by rental applicants shall be deposited in the Rental Pool Account and maintained by the Watermaster on behalf of the Committee. Monies in the Rental Pool Account will be disbursed to the District, the Board, the Assignors in the proportions set forth in these procedures. Accrued interest to the Rental Pool Account shall be disbursed to the District for purposes consistent with Rule 3.3. Rental Pool funds shall be considered public funds for investment purposes and subject to the Public Depository Law, Chapter 1, Title 57, Idaho Code.

**RULE 5.0 ASSIGNMENT OF STORAGE TO THE RENTAL POOL**

5.1 **Assignment of Storage.** Any spaceholder may assign storage to the Rental Pool subject to approval by the Committee.

5.2 **Approval by Committee.** The Committee may approve or reject, in whole or in part, an application to assign storage to the Rental Pool and may impose conditions necessary to satisfy the purposes set out under Rule 3.2. All storage approved for assignment into the Rental Pool shall be under the control of the Committee and Watermaster during the term of the assignment.

5.3 **Reservoir Designation.** When an assignor has space in more than one reservoir, storage will be assigned to the Rental Pool from the assignor's space in the reservoir system in the following sequence: Lucky Peak, Anderson Ranch, Arrowrock, and Lake Lowell.

**5.4 Priority of Assigned Storage**

5.4.101 *Assignments Made On or Before July 1<sup>st</sup>.* All storage assigned to the Rental Pool on or before July 1 shall be rented on a pro-rata basis.

5.4.102 *Assignments Made After July 1<sup>st</sup>*. All storage assigned to the Rental Pool after July 1 will be rented on a first-in-first-out basis, but only after all storage assigned under Rule 5.4.101 has been rented.

5.5 **Term of Assignment**

5.5.101 *Unrented Storage*. All storage assigned to the rental pool, but not rented by October 31, shall revert to the assignor, unless the assignor executes a written extension and an extension is approved by the Committee.

5.5.102 *Unused Storage*. All storage assigned to and rented from the Rental Pool, but put to beneficial use by March 1 of the year following the accounting year in which the storage was assigned to the Rental Pool, shall revert to the assignor unless the assignor executes a written extension and the extension is granted by the Committee; provided, however, any extension granted by the Committee shall not extend beyond March 31.

5.6 **Payment to Assignors.**

5.6.101 *Amount of Payment*. Payment to assignor will be made only if the storage assigned to the Rental Pool is subsequently rented. Assignors shall share pro-rata in the Net Rental Price from the rental of storage assigned on or before July 1 and shall receive one-hundred percent of the Net Rental Price from the rental of such storage assigned after July 1 based on a first-in-first-out basis.

5.6.102 *Calculation of Payment*. The Watermaster will calculate the payment due each assignor based on data published in the Annual Report of the Watermaster showing the actual quantity of storage rented from the Rental Pool.

5.6.103 *Timing of Payment*. Payments to assignors shall be due and payable after the Watermaster has calculated the payments under Rule 5.6.102 and after the final water accounting for the accounting year is completed by the watermaster. However, private contracts may request an earlier payout from the water district if amount is set and the total monies have been received. Once any entity signs a rental pool assignment form and monies are delivered to said entity, no financial reimbursements can be made to entity if there are any changes to said private contract.

**RULE 6.0 RENTAL OF STORAGE FROM THE RENTAL POOL**

6.1 **Priority of Rental Applicants.** Storage rented from the Rental Pool shall be pursuant to the following priorities:

6.1.101 *First Priority*. On or before June 1, rental of water by spaceholders for irrigation purposes within the District.

6.1.102 *Second Priority*. After June 1, rental of water for irrigation and all other beneficial purposes.

6.1.103 *Sub-priorities*. Priorities among rental applicants within each of the three priority groups, identified above, shall be determined based on the date the rental application is accepted by the Watermaster pursuant to Rule 4.4; provided, however, during periods of drought or other extraordinary circumstances, the

Committee may develop additional or alternative procedures for determining sub-priorities among competing rental applications.

- 6.2 **Rental Price.** The Rental Price per acre-foot (af) of storage rented from the Rental Pool is \$23.00.
- 6.3 **Out-of-Basin Rentals.** Storage rented for use outside the hydrologic basin of the Boise River or below the confluence of the Boise River and Snake River shall subject the space from which the storage was rented to last to fill in the ensuing accounting year.
- 6.4 **Rentals for Greater than Five (5) Years.** Applications to rent water from the Rental Pool for a period of more than five (5) years shall be submitted to the Board, and separately to Reclamation, for review and approval as a condition of approval by the Committee.
- 6.5 **Arbitrage.** A spaceholder may not assign storage and rent storage in the same accounting year, unless an exception is granted by the Committee.
- 6.6 **Flow Augmentation.** Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, Reclamation may assign and rent storage held in uncontracted space for flow augmentation purposes pursuant to the provisions contained in the Snake River Water Rights Agreement of 2004 (aka the Nez Perce Mediator's Term Sheet dated April 20, 2004) and Idaho Code § 42-1763B, in which case only an administrative fee shall be assessed pursuant to Rule 2.2.





**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AMENDED  
RENTAL POOL PROCEDURES FOR THE  
PAYETTE RIVER RENTAL POOL

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDED  
RENTAL POOL PROCEDURES FOR 2026

1           WHEREAS, section 42-1765, Idaho Code and subsections of IDAPA 37.02.030.040, Water  
2 Supply Bank Rule 40, authorizes the Idaho Water Resource Board to appoint local committees to  
3 facilitate the lease and rental of stored water within rental pools; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the Water District 65 Advisory Committee is appointed by the Idaho Water  
6 Resource Board to facilitate the lease and rental of stored water within the Payette River Rental  
7 Pool; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the Water District 65 Advisory Committee has adopted amended procedures  
10 for the calendar year 2026, pursuant to which they intend to facilitate the lease and rental of  
11 rental pool stored water; and  
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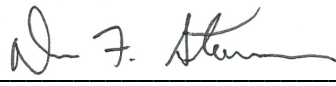
13           WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Water Resources has reviewed the local  
14 committee procedures and may recommend that the Idaho Water Resource Board approve the  
15 rental pool procedures; and  
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17           NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amended Payette River Rental Pool  
18 procedures are approved by the Idaho Water Resource Board.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST   
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

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**WATER DISTRICT 65**  
**RENTAL POOL PROCEDURES**

**Approved by the Committee on March 10 , 2026 to take effect immediately following approval by Director Weaver and the Idaho Water Resource Board. These procedures will be used for the 2026 season and seasons following or until new changes are approved.**

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### WATER DISTRICT 65 RENTAL POOL PROCEDURES

#### PROCEDURE 1.0 LEGAL AUTHORITY

- 1.1 These procedures have been adopted pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1765 and IDAPA 37.02.03.040 to assure orderly operation of the Water District 65 Rental Pool.
- 1.2 These procedures shall not be interpreted to limit the authority of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, the Idaho Water Resource Board, Water District No. 65 Advisory Board, or the Watermaster in discharging their duties as prescribed by statute or rule.
- 1.3 These procedures shall be interpreted consistent with Idaho Code, rules promulgated by the Idaho Water Resource Board, relevant provisions of repayment contracts with the United States, and the Snake River Water Rights Agreement of 2004 commonly referred to as the Nez Perce Mediator's Term Sheet dated April 20, 2004.

#### PROCEDURE 2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **Acre-foot:** a volume of water sufficient to cover one acre of land one foot deep and is equal to 43,560 cubic feet.
- 2.2 **Administrative Fee:** a fee of One Dollar and fifty-five cents (\$1.55) per acre-foot assessed by the District on all storage rented through the Rental Pool.
- 2.3 **Assignment:** a written agreement to convey a specific quantity of storage into the Rental Pool for use during a specified period of time.
- 2.4 **Assignor:** a spaceholder who assigns storage to the Common Pool.
- 2.5 **Board:** the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB).
- 2.6 **Board Surcharge:** a surcharge equal to ten percent (10%) of the Net Rental Price assessed on all storage rented from the Rental Pool, which is disbursed to the Board. For purposes of these procedures, the surcharge for in-basin rentals under Procedure 6.2.104 (a) and (b) is equal to \$0.49 per acre-foot and for out-of-basin rentals under Procedure 6.2.104 (c) is equal to \$1.95 per acre-foot.
- 2.7 **Committee:** the Advisory Committee of Water District No. 65.
- 2.8 **Common Pool:** storage water made available for rental pursuant to Procedures 5 and 6.
- 2.9 **Department:** the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR).
- 2.10 **Director:** the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.
- 2.11 **District:** Water District No. 65 of the State of Idaho.
- 2.12 **In-Basin Uses:** Beneficial uses with points of diversion above the confluence of the Payette River and the Snake River.

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- 2.13 **Lessee:** a person who leases storage from a spaceholder pursuant to Procedure 7.
- 2.14 **Lessor:** a spaceholder who leases storage to a person pursuant to Procedure 7.
- 2.15 **Net Rental Price:** The Rental Price less the Administrative Fee and Board Surcharge.
- 2.16 **Non spaceholder:** Someone who does not hold any contractual rights to storage space in the Reservoir System.
- 2.17 **Out-of-Basin Uses:** Beneficial uses with points of diversion below the confluence of the Payette River and the Snake River.
- 2.18 **Person:** an individual, company, association, corporation, partnership, irrigation district, canal company, political subdivision, or governmental agency.
- 2.19 **Reclamation:** the United States Bureau of Reclamation.
- 2.20 **Rental Agreement:** a written agreement to acquire the right to use a specific quantity of storage from the Common Pool for a determinate period.
- 2.21 **Rental Pool:** a market for the exchange of storage operated by the Advisory Committee of Water District No. 65.
- 2.22 **Rental Price:** the fee for rental of storage from the Rental Pool as set forth in Procedure 6.2, which includes the Administrative Fee and Board Surcharge.
- 2.23 **Renter:** a person who rents storage from the Rental Pool.
- 2.24 **Reservoir System:** refers to Cascade Lake, Deadwood Reservoir, Payette Lakes, and the Upper Lakes.
- 2.25 **Space:** all or any portion of the active capacity of a reservoir measured in acre-feet.
- 2.26 **Spaceholder:** the holder of the contractual right to space in the reservoir system, or Reclamation.
- 2.27 **Storage:** water that accrues to reservoir space and is available for use.
- 2.28 **Watermaster:** the watermaster of Water District 65.
- 2.29 **Year:** a calendar year.

### PROCEDURE 3.0 PURPOSES

- 3.1 To promote the maximum beneficial use of stored water establish a process and provide incentives, consistent with Idaho Code § 42-1765, through which storage supplies may be made available on a voluntary basis, for rental by persons who need additional water for beneficial purposes.
- 3.2 Maintain adequate controls and priorities to ensure that (a) irrigation uses are provided an opportunity to obtain supplemental storage supplies ahead of non-irrigation uses, (b)

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existing water rights are not injured, and (c) the use of storage water obtained through the Rental Pool is consistent with the protection of the local public interest and the conservation of water resources within the state of Idaho.

- 3.3 Provide a source of revenue for the District to make improvements in distribution of water and aid in increasing the conservation of water in the Payette River Basin.
- 3.4 To maintain adequate controls, priorities, and safeguards to ensure that existing water rights are not injured and that a spaceholder's allocation is not impacted without his or her consent. To financially compensate an impacted participating spaceholder in the common pool as determined by the procedures developed by the Committee.

### **PROCEDURE 4.0 MANAGEMENT & APPLICATION PROCESS**

- 4.1 **Committee.** The Committee, which shall decide all matters by majority vote, will exercise the following responsibilities:
  - (a) Adopt, and amend as necessary, procedures for operation of the Rental Pool;
  - (b) Provide direction to the Watermaster in the operation of the Rental Pool within the framework of these procedures;
  - (c) Set policies for the investment and disbursement of funds generated by the Rental Pool in conformity with the Public Depository Law, Chapter 1, Title 57, Idaho Code; and
  - (d) Notify the Director and Watermaster of rentals where storage will be moved from the point of diversion, place of use, or purpose of use authorized by the permit, license or decree establishing the storage water right.
- 4.2 **Watermaster.** The Watermaster shall serve as the manager of the Rental Pool and shall take all reasonable actions necessary to administer the Rental Pool consistent with these procedures, which include:
  - (a) accepting assignments of storage into the Common Pool;
  - (b) executing rental agreements on behalf of the Committee;
  - (c) distributing storage rented through the Common Pool;
  - (d) accepting and disbursing funds generated through the rental of storage; and
  - (e) taking such additional actions as may be directed by the Committee.
- 4.3 **Application to Assign Storage to the Common Pool.**
  - 4.3.101 *Contents.* Applications to assign storage to the Common Pool shall be made upon forms approved by the Watermaster, which shall include:
    - (a) the quantity of storage sought to be assigned to the Common Pool;
    - (b) an indication of whether the storage is to be used only for In-Basin Uses; and
    - (c) the date received in the Watermaster's office.

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- 4.3.102 *Acceptance.* For purposes of determining the priority of assigned storage under Procedure 5.4, applications shall be deemed conditionally accepted on the date received in the Watermaster's office subject to acceptance by the Committee pursuant to Procedure 5.2.
- 4.4 **Application to Rent Storage from the Common Pool.**
- 4.4.101 *Contents.* Applications to rent storage from the Common Pool shall be made upon forms approved by the Watermaster, which shall include:
- (a) the amount of storage sought to be rented;
  - (b) the purpose(s) for which the storage will be put to beneficial use;
  - (c) the point of diversion identified by legal description and common name;
  - (d) a description of the place of use; and
  - (e) the date received in the Watermaster's office.
- 4.4.102 *Acceptance.* For purposes of determining a rental applicant's priority under Procedure 6.1, applications are not deemed accepted until received by the Watermaster together with the appropriate rental fee.
- 4.5 **Application for Private Lease**
- 4.5.101 *Contents.* Applications to enter into a private lease shall be made upon forms approved by the Watermaster, which shall include:
- (a) the amount of storage sought to be leased;
  - (b) the purpose(s) for which the storage will be put to beneficial use;
  - (c) the point of diversion identified by legal description and common name;
  - (d) a description of the place of use;
  - (e) the date received in the Watermaster's office;
  - (f) the agreed upon price (to determine the Board's fee); and
  - (g) signature of both Lessee and Lessor and dated
- And all in-basin leases must be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup> of the year it will affect to be considered for approval.
- 4.5.102 *Acceptance.* Application will be reviewed to determine local public interest. Any leases greater than five years are required to follow Procedure 6.4. All applications are subject to approval by the Committee.
- 4.6 **Rental Pool Account.**
- 4.6.101. *Account.* All monies submitted by rental applicants shall be deposited in the Rental Pool Account. which shall be an interest-bearing account maintained by the Watermaster on behalf of the Committee. Rental Pool funds shall be considered public funds for investment purposes and subject to the Public Depository Law, Chapter 1, Title 57, Idaho Code.
- 4.6.102. *Disbursement of Monies.* Monies in the Rental Pool Account will be disbursed to the District, the Board, and the Assignors in the proportions set forth in these procedures. Accrued interest to the Rental Pool Account shall be disbursed pro-rata to the Assignors at the time payments are made under Procedure 5.6.
- 4.6.103 *Contingency Fund.* Administrative fees received by the District in excess of actual costs required to operate the Rental Pool shall be maintained by the Watermaster in a separate interest-bearing account to serve as a contingency fund

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for use by the Committee for the benefit of the District; provided, however, that such use does not conflict with the Idaho Public Depository Law, Chapter 1, Title 57, Idaho code.

### **PROCEDURE 5.0 ASSIGNMENT OF STORAGE TO THE COMMON POOL**

- 5.1 **Assignment of Storage.** Any spaceholder may assign storage to the Common Pool subject to acceptance by the Committee.
- 5.2 **Acceptance by Committee.** The Committee may accept or reject, in whole or in part, an application to assign storage to the Rental Pool and may impose conditions necessary to satisfy the purposes set out under Procedure 3.2. All storage assigned and accepted into the Common Pool shall be under the control of the Committee and Watermaster during the term of the assignment.
- 5.3 **Reservoir Designation.** When an assignor has space in more than one reservoir the assignment shall designate the reservoir from which the storage is assigned.
- 5.4 **Priority of Assigned Storage**
- 5.4.101 *Assignments Made On or Before June 1<sup>st</sup>.* All storage assigned **to** the Common Pool on or before June 1 shall be rented;
- (a). In-basin first, with the amount determined by the Committee for In-Basin Uses. and,
  - (b). The remainder Out-of-Basin Uses as needed, both on a pro-rata basis.
- 5.4.102 *Assignments Made After June 1<sup>st</sup>.* All storage assigned **to** the Common Pool after June 1 will be rented;
- (a). In-basin first, with the amount determined by the Committee for In-Basin Uses. and,
  - (b). The remainder Out-of-Basin Uses as needed, on a first-in-first-out basis, but only after all storage assigned under Procedure 5.4.101 has been rented
- 5.5 **Term of Assignment**
- 5.5.101 *Unrented Storage.* All storage assigned to the Common Pool, but not rented by December 31, shall revert to the assignor, unless the assignor executes a written extension.
- 5.5.102 *Unused Storage.* All storage assigned to and rented from the Common Pool, but not put to beneficial use by March 1 of the year following the calendar year in which the storage was assigned to the Common Pool, shall revert to the assignor unless the assignor executes a written extension and the extension is granted by the Committee.
- 5.6 **Payment to Assignors.**
- 5.6.101 *Amount of Payment.* Payment to assignor will be made only if the storage assigned to the Common Pool is subsequently rented. Assignors shall be paid for the amount of storage rented on their behalf for the uses determined by 5.4.101, and 5.4.102
- 5.6.102 *Calculation of Payment.* The Watermaster will calculate the payment due each assignor based on the amount of storage rented for each use calculated by the prices in 6.2.104. and data published in the Annual Report of the Watermaster

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showing the actual quantity of storage rented from the Common Pool. In the event water is rented after the filing of the Annual Report of the Watermaster; the Watermaster shall file a revised Annual Report to properly represent total Common Pool activity for the reporting period.

5.6.103 *Timing of Payment.* Payments that do not rely on final accounting for calculation can be paid as soon as the money is in the rental account if the spaceholder so chooses to accept it at the time. Payments that rely on final accounting shall be due and payable after the Watermaster has calculated the payments under Procedure 5.6.102

### **PROCEDURE 6.0 RENTAL OF STORAGE FROM THE COMMON POOL**

6.1 **Priority of Rental Applicants.** Storage rented from the Common Pool shall be pursuant to the following priorities:

6.1.101 *First Priority.* On or before June 1, rental of water by space holders for irrigation purposes for In-Basin Uses.

6.1.102 *Second Priority.* After June 1, rental of water for any beneficial purpose.

6.1.104 *Sub-priorities.* Priorities among rental applicants within each priority group, identified above, shall be determined based on the date the rental application is accepted by the Watermaster pursuant to Procedure 4.4; provided, however, during periods of drought or other extraordinary circumstances, with consideration of the local public interest, the Committee may develop additional or alternative procedures for determining sub-priorities among competing rental applications.

6.2 **Rental Prices.** The Rental Price per acre-foot of storage rented from the Common Pool is as follows:

6.2.101 Tier 1 (*In-Basin*) For uses above the confluence of the Payette River and the Snake River by Spaceholders.

6.2.102 Tier 2 (*In-Basin*) For uses above the confluence of the Payette River and the Snake River by Non-spaceholders.

6.2.103 Tier 3 (*Out-of-Basin*) For uses below the confluence of the Payette River and the Snake River.

6.2.104 **Fees & Surcharges** There shall be added to the rental price for all rentals the Board surcharge and administrative fee, resulting in the following summed amounts charged for rentals for the various tiers described in Procedures 6.2.101 through 6.2.103.

(a) Tier 1:           \$4.96+\$0.49+\$1.55= \$7.00

(b) Tier 2:           \$4.96+ \$.49+\$1.55= \$7.00

(c) Tier 3:           \$19.50+ \$1.95+ \$1.55= \$23.00

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- 6.3 **Arbitrage.** A person may not assign storage and rent storage in the same calendar year unless an exception is granted by the Committee. In the event an exception is granted by the Committee, the rental price shall equal the amount paid to the person for the prior assignment plus a 10% board surcharge and \$2.30 per acre-foot administrative fee.
- 6.4 **Rentals for Greater than Five (5) Years.** Applications to rent water from the Rental Pool for a period of more than five (5) years shall be submitted to the Board, and separately to Reclamation, for review and approval as a condition of approval by the Committee.

### PROCEDURE 7.0 PRIVATE LEASES

- 7.1 **Purposes.** Storage may be leased through the Rental Pool only for beneficial use purposes. A person may not lease storage to a lessee and rent storage in the same calendar year unless an exception is granted by the Committee.
- 7.2 **Payments to Lessor.** The lessor shall receive one-hundred percent (100%) of the lease price.
- 7.3 **Fee & Surcharges.** There shall be added to the lease price the administrative fee and the Board surcharge.
- 7.4 **Lease of Storage from the Bureau Uncontracted Space.** Notwithstanding the limitations set forth in Procedure 7.1, the Bureau may lease storage from its uncontracted space for flow augmentation as identified in Appendix III of the – Mediator’s Term Sheet of the 2004 Snake River Water Rights Agreement, in which case only an administrative fee shall be assessed pursuant to Procedure 2.2.

### PROCEDURE 8.0 IMPACTS

- 8.1 **Impacts to Spaceholders resulting from all common pool, and private leases.** To avoid impacts to spaceholders caused by rental pool storage provided under Procedures 5, 6, and 7 in years when any storage reservoir in which any spaceholder rented or leased storage the previous year did not fill, the supplying spaceholder’s storage allocation shall be reduced to ensure all other reservoir space receives a 100% fill to its storage allocation ahead of allocations to space evacuated to supply previous year leases, assignments, and rentals. If the amount of storage in the reservoir system exceeds the amount necessary to allocate 100% fill to space that wasn’t evacuated to supply leases, assignments, and rentals but is insufficient to allocate 100% fill to all system spaceholders, allocations to lessors’, assignors’, and other space shall occur in the following priorities:
- (a) Storage supplied under Procedure 5, 6, or 7 for beneficial uses with points of diversion above the confluence of the Payette River and the Snake River shall be second to fill.
  - (b) Storage supplied under Procedure 5, 6, or 7 with points of diversion below the confluence of the Payette River and the Snake River shall be last to fill.

**WATER DISTRICT #65 RENTAL POOL  
APPLICATION TO RENT STORAGE FROM THE COMMON POOL**

\_\_\_\_\_ (applicant) hereby requests to rent \_\_\_\_\_  
(acre-feet) of storage from the Water District #65 Rental Pool with the enclosed rental fees  
of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the irrigation season 20\_\_\_\_. The acceptance and approval of this  
rental request by the Water District #65 Watermaster is subject to the adopted Water District  
#65 Rental Pool Procedures pursuant to Idaho Code Section 42-1765.

Description of Point of Diversion:

Name of River or Stream from which rental is diverted:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Canal or Pump Name & location:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Use description:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Water Right Appurtenant to Lands:

Applicant Signature and Address:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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*(official use only)*

Date Lease Accepted by Watermaster: \_\_\_\_\_

Watermaster Signature: \_\_\_\_\_





**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF THE RAFT RIVER  
IRRIGATION DISTRICT REGIONAL  
SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TERMS AND  
CONDITIONS

1           WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) adopted an initial Regional Water  
2 Sustainability Priority List to help guide the IWRB’s spending for large, regional water  
3 sustainability projects from ARPA funds, state general funds, or other applicable sources. The  
4 IWRB also, in October 2022, adopted resolution 39-2022, creating threshold criteria indicating  
5 that a project must help achieve water supply sustainability on a regional, basin-wide, or state-  
6 wide basis to be included on the Regional Water Sustainability Priority List; and  
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8           WHEREAS, on July 21, 2023, the IWRB passed Resolution No. 31-2023 authorizing funding  
9 for nine Regional Water Sustainability Projects statewide for a total of \$59.4 million. The regional  
10 projects were funded with federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies and funds from the  
11 IWRB’s Water Management Account; and  
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13           WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 31-2023 the Raft River Recharge Group (RRRG) was added  
14 to the Regional Water Sustainability Priority list and awarded funding in the amount of  
15 \$7,000,000, and the IWRB directed staff to work with project sponsors to develop appropriate  
16 terms and conditions to be brought back to the IWRB for approval; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the project would construct a pipeline from the Snake River into the Raft River  
19 Basin to deliver private water rights, develop flood detention and recharge ponds, and pipe  
20 surface water delivery infrastructure to reduce the Basin’s overall groundwater usage; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the RRRG will provide documentation of the formation of the Raft River  
23 Irrigation District (RRID) and will convey its interest in the project to said District, and the RRRG  
24 has requested the IWRB approve the change in project sponsor from the RRRG to the RRID; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the updated total Project costs are estimated to be \$57,884,067, with a target  
27 completion date of March 2030; and  
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29           NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the Terms and Conditions for  
30 the Raft River Pipeline Project as specified in Attachment A to this resolution.  
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32           NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the change in  
33 project sponsor, from the Raft River Recharge Group to the Raft River Irrigation District.

34 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB approves funding this project  
35 using the Water Management Account in the amount of \$7,000,000.

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37 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of the contract is contingent  
38 upon the passage and enactment of Idaho Senate Bill 1337 (2026).


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40 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that contracts for these projects will also  
41 contain standard IWRB contract conditions and other project-specific Terms and Conditions not  
42 specified in this resolution.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

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DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

## ATTACHMENT A: Terms & Conditions

### Raft River Irrigation District Project

This project will include design work, legal work, permitting, and the construction of a new pump station, power substation, and conveyance infrastructure to allow the Raft River Irrigation District to deliver surface water to its users. Pulling from the Snake River, the pump station will convey the new surface water through a 13-mile pipeline, providing approximately 70 cfs for groundwater recharge and 30 cfs for irrigation. The project also includes the development of flood control and recharge basins, allowing the District to capture 620 acre-feet of water to reduce flood risk and provide recharge opportunities.

As part of the flood risk reduction, the District may also address bank stabilization issues along Heglar Creek. Along with erosion and sediment load controls, an 85-foot debris and storage facility may be constructed to decrease impacts to the creek during flood events.

The RRID will obtain all needed permits, approvals, certifications, and real estate interests needed to complete the project. Pre-construction activities began in March 2023. Construction is scheduled to begin in approximately October 2026 and is projected to be completed by approximately March 2030. All work is subject to weather, permitting, and construction delays.

#### **Invoice-Reimbursement Contract and Proposed Terms & Conditions**

- This is an invoice-reimbursement not to exceed Contract where the IWRB has approved funding for the project. The sponsor shall pay the remaining project costs.
- 10% holdback on funds until a Project Completion Form is submitted.
- When requested by the IWRB, provide a monthly progress report to the Contract Manager.
- The progress report shall include at a minimum:
  - Updated schedule to completion
  - Issues encountered in the reporting period
  - Final cost forecasts where applicable
  - Up-to-date project budget
- The Contractor shall provide the final invoice with a financial summary of the Project's costs, with a detailed list of the type and amount of funds used to pay for the Project. The financial summary shall include the following:
  - Total final cost of the Project based on expenditures.
  - List all funding sources and the amount used on any aspect of the Project.
  - If a Federal or State grant was awarded for any portion of the Project, include the amount awarded.

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF THE RAFT RIVER  
RECHARGE GROUP & RAFT RIVER  
IRRIGATION DISTRICT LOAN REQUEST

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LOAN  
FUNDING FOR PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT  
SURFACE DELIVERY INFRASTRUCTURE,  
FLOOD DETENTION, AND RECHARGE

1           WHEREAS, the Raft River Recharge Group (Group) submitted a loan application to the  
2 Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) in the amount of \$14,111,000; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the Project would construct a pipeline from the Snake River into the Raft River  
5 Basin to deliver private water rights, develop flood detention and recharge ponds, and pipe  
6 surface water delivery infrastructure to reduce the Basin’s overall groundwater usage; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the Group was formed in 2015 to address declining aquifer levels in the Raft  
9 River Aquifer, with members collectively holding over 50,000 acres of land within the project  
10 area; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the proposed Project is eligible for a loan from the Idah Water Resource  
13 Boards’s (IWRB) Water Management Account, is in the public interest, is in compliance with the  
14 State Water Plan, and has been issued a Finding of No Significant Impact through its  
15 environmental assessment; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the IWRB approved a loan not to exceed \$14,11,000 from the Water  
18 Management Account at 4.75% interest with a 20-year repayment term pending the approval of  
19 acceptable security to the IWRB; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the Raft River Irrigation District (District) has been formed to include all the  
22 acreage to benefit from the Project, or approximately 11,500 acres; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the District has secured judicial confirmation of debt for the full \$14,111,000  
25 and will provide the ability to assess acreage as security for the loan; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the RRRG will provide documentation of the formation of the Raft River  
28 Irrigation District (RRID) and will convey its interest in the project to said District pending IWRB  
29 approval of the change in sponsor; and  
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31           WHEREAS, the District has submitted to the IWRB an updated project cost of \$57,884,067,  
32 as well as federal funding programs they are working with to secure additional funding for the  
33 Project to be used to supplement funding from the IWRB in the amount of \$7,000,000 through  
34 the Regional Water Sustainability Program.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB provides authority to the Chairman of the IWRB, or his designee, to enter into contracts, to effectuate the loan, on behalf of the IWRB.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Raft River Irrigation District will be the Sponsor for the Project and replace the Raft River Recharge Group.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the assessment authority of the Raft River Irrigation District, comprised of 11,500 acres, is acceptable security for the loan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of the loan is contingent upon the passage and enactment of Idaho Senate Bill 1337 (2026).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the approval of the loan are subject to the following conditions:


- 1) The Group shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations that apply to the proposed Project.
- 2) The Company shall maintain a reserve fund equal to one annual loan payment, based on the amount of funds disbursed, until the loan has been satisfied.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



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Jeff Raybould, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

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Dean Stevenson, Secretary

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FARMERS LAND &  
IRRIGATION COMPANY LOAN REQUEST

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LOAN  
FUNDING FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE  
INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATION  
HARDWARE AND LOAN CONSOLIDATION

1           WHEREAS, Farmers Land & Irrigation Company (Company) submitted a loan application  
2 to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) in the amount of \$40,000 to cover costs associated  
3 with the installation of SCADA software at the existing Soda Creek Diversion; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the IWRB previously approved a loan to the Company for \$185,333 to cover  
6 costs associated with the repair and replacement of the existing Soda Creek diversion works  
7 (Resolution 29-2024); and  
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9           WHEREAS, the Company was established in the 1890s and currently delivers  
10 approximately 11,000 acre-feet of irrigation water across 4,300 acres for 22 shareholders; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the Soda Creek diversion works were constructed in 1923 with work underway  
13 to update and repair the diversion works; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the proposal is requesting funds to further work at the diversion site, installing  
16 SCADA automation equipment; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the Company will increase assessments to their shareholders, beginning in  
19 March 2026, to cover costs associated with the annual loan payments; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the Company is a qualified applicant, and the proposed Project is eligible for a  
22 loan from the Board's Water Management Account; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the proposed Project is in the public interest and is in compliance with the  
25 State Water Plan.  
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27           NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB provides authority to the Chairman of  
28 the Idaho Water Resource Board, or his designee, to enter into contracts, to effectuate the loan,  
29 with the Company on behalf of the IWRB.  
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31           NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB approves a loan not to exceed  
32 \$40,000 from the Revolving Development Account at 4.88% interest with a 15-year repayment  
33 term.

34 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the existing loan to Farmers Land &  
35 Irrigation Company, IWRB1046 from the Water Management account, will be combined with this  
36 approval into a single contract not to exceed \$225,333 from the Revolving Development account  
37 at 4.88% interest with a 15-year repayment term.

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39 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the approval of the  
40 loan are subject to the following conditions:


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- 42 1) The Company shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations that apply to the  
43 proposed Project.
  - 44 2) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Company shall comply with all statutory  
45 requirements for incurring debt.
  - 46 3) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Company will provide acceptable security  
47 for the loan to the IWRB.
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DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST   
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary