

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

IN THE MATTER OF JERRY D. AND VALERIE
H. BINGHAM’S MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE
SURFACE WATER COALITION

Docket No. CM-MP-2025-003

**NOTICE OF STATUS
CONFERENCE**

BACKGROUND

On August 19, 2025, Jerry D. Bingham and Valerie H. Bingham (“Binghams”) submitted a *Mitigation and Curtailment Plan* (“*Proposed Mitigation Plan*”) with the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Department”), pursuant to Rule 43 of the Department’s Rules for Conjunctive Management of Surface and Ground Water Resources (“CM Rules”), IDAPA 37.03.11.043. The Surface Water Coalition (“SWC”), American Falls-Aberdeen Ground Water District, Carey Valley Ground Water District, and the Coalition of Cities protested the *Proposed Mitigation Plan*, and the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc. was granted intervention.

On February 17, 2026, the Binghams and the SWC submitted a *Stipulation to Interim Mitigation Plan* (“*Interim Plan*”) to the Department.

On February 18, 2026, the Binghams filed a *Request for Status Conference* (“*Request*”) on this matter.

Pursuant to Rule 511 and 512 of the Department’s Rules of Procedure (IDAPA 37.01.01), the Hearing Officer may convene additional conferences and may shorten the fourteen-day notice requirement to hold an additional conference if necessary. Following the *Request*, the parties have all agreed to convene for an additional status conference on February 20, 2026.

NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a status conference in this matter will be held on **February 20, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. (MT)**, at the Department’s State Office, located at 322 E. Front Street, 6th Floor, Conference Rooms 602C–D, Boise, Idaho. All parties and entities seeking party status must be represented at the status conference, whether in person or remote. The parties shall come prepared to discuss scheduling and procedural requests and any other matters that could aid in the fair and efficient resolution of this contested case.

To join the conference via computer or smartphone, please click the following Webex link and follow the prompts:

<https://idahogov.webex.com/idahogov/j.php?MTID=mbc789b84220cd01345c478ca7173347e>.

To join the conference via telephone, please dial 1(415) 655-0001 (US Toll) and enter the following meeting access code when prompted: 2865 491 9432.

The conference will be held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 17, Title 42, and Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code, and the Department's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 37.01.01. A copy of the Rules of Procedure may be obtained from the Department upon request or at <https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/37/370101.pdf>.

The status conference will be conducted in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require reasonable accommodation to attend, participate in, or understand the conference, please advise the Department no later than two (2) hours before the conference. Inquiries for reasonable accommodations should be directed to Sarah Tschohl, Idaho Department of Water Resources, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0098, telephone (208) 287-4815, or email sarah.tschohl@idwr.idaho.gov.

DATED this 18th day of February 2026.

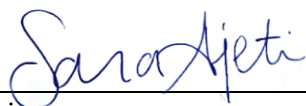
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ROGER S. BURDICK
Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 18th day of February 2026, the above and foregoing, was served by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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