

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF FUNDING FOR OPERATIONS
AND MAINTENANCE OF BOARD-OWNED
FACILITIES

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A CONSOLIDATED
FACILITIES MAINTENANCE FUND AND
BUDGETING PROCESS FOR BOARD-OWNED
FACILITIES

1 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board (Board) owns and operates the Dworshak Small
2 Hydroelectric Power Plant (Power Plant) near Orofino, Idaho; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Board owns and operates the Priest Lake Outlet Dam (Outlet Dam) near Coolin,
5 Idaho; and

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7 WHEREAS, funds associated with both facilities are accounted for within the Board's Revolving
8 Development Account but are managed under separate funding mechanisms; and

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10 WHEREAS, gross revenues from the Power Plant typically exceed \$1.5 million per annum, with
11 thirty percent (30%) retained for Power Plant operating and maintenance expenses, resulting in an
12 accumulated reserve of approximately \$9 million; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Power Plant is expected to require significant capital maintenance and
15 rehabilitation over the next several years to ensure continued safe and reliable operation; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Board maintains a dedicated fund of approximately \$500,000 that is restricted to
18 the operation and maintenance of the Outlet Dam; and

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20 WHEREAS, consolidating annual budgeting and maintenance planning for Board-owned facilities
21 will improve financial planning, transparency, and oversight while maintaining all existing restrictions
22 governing the use of facility-specific funds.

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24 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that at the beginning of each Fiscal Year, Staff will present a
25 consolidated operating and maintenance budget for the Outlet Dam and Power Plant to the Board. The
26 budget will identify planned operations, routine maintenance, preventive maintenance, capital
27 improvements, equipment replacement, and necessary travel expenses associated with either facility.

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29 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget includes a \$50,000 contingency fund
30 for unplanned expenditures necessary for continued safe operation of either facility.

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32 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Staff obtain Board approval for unbudgeted
33 expenditures exceeding the \$50,000 contingency fund.

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35 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board establish a Facilities Maintenance
36 Fund from the \$9 Million currently held in the Power Plant Operations and Maintenance Reserve Fund,
37 and that this money be used to pay for operations, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, replacement, and
38 other Board-approved expenditures for the Power Plant and, when necessary, the Outlet Dam.

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40 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$500,000 Outlet Dam fund and its interest

41 revenue continue to be used exclusively for operation and maintenance of the Outlet Dam and shall be
42 expended before monies from the Facilities Maintenance Fund are used for the Outlet Dam.

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44 NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the thirty percent (30%) of each month's gross revenue from
45 the Power Plant be deposited into the Facilities Maintenance Fund, with remaining revenues disbursed
46 into the Revolving Development Account.

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48 NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board adopt the attached Consolidated Facilities Budget
49 for Fiscal Year 2027 and authorizes Staff to implement the budget consistent with this Resolution.
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DATED this 7th day of August 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

Fiscal Year 2027 Consolidated Facilities Budget

Dworshak Small Hydroelectric Project

Projected Revenue

BPA Sales	\$1,525,657.00	
Retained Sales (30%)	457,697.00	
Total Revenue		\$457,697.00

Projected Expenses

Operators and Scheduled Maintenance	\$109,015.00	
Repairs and Unscheduled Maintenance	82,139.00	
Utilities	39,677.00	
FERC Licensing and Permitting	13,500.00	
Quarterly Staff Site Visits and Inspections	3,000.00	
Subtotal O&M	\$247,332.00	
Facility Modernization	\$210,000.00	
Total Dworshak Expenses		<\$457,332.00>
Net Surplus <Loss>		\$ 365.00

Priest Lake Outlet Dam

Projected Revenue

Interest on \$600,000 Reserve	\$ 25,000.00	
Total Revenue		\$ 25,000.00

Projected Expenses

Operators and Scheduled Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00	
Repairs and Unscheduled Maintenance	3,000.00	
Utilities	400.00	
Quarterly Staff Site Visits and Inspections	3,000.00	
Subtotal O&M	\$ 16,400.00	
Facility Modernization	\$ 5,000.00	
Total Priest Lake Expenses		<\$ 21,400.00>
Net Surplus <Loss>		\$ 3,600.00

Fiscal Year 2027 Consolidated Facilities Budget (Cont.)

Consolidated Facilities Budget

Total Facilities Expenses	\$478,732.00
Contingency Fund	\$ 50,000.00
Total Funding Request	\$528,732.00

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE IWRB AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN ACT FUNDING SPENDING PLAN

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE IDAHO WATER
RESOURCE BOARD'S ARPA FUNDING
SPENDING PLAN AND PROVIDE SPENDING
AUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, in 2022 the Idaho Legislature passed House Bill 769 in which it expressed its intent to set aside approximately \$250,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) to be used for certain ARPA-eligible water projects; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature, though House Bill 769 passed in 2022, Senate Bill 1181 passed in 2023, Senate Bill 1411 passed in 2024, and House Bill 445 passed in 2025 appropriated a total of \$250 Million from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund to support ARPA-eligible water projects managed by the IWRB; and

WHEREAS, the IWRB maintains a Regional Water Sustainability Projects (RWSP) Priority List to help guide spending from state general funds, ARPA funds, or other applicable sources for projects that support water supply sustainability on a regional, basin, or statewide scale; and

WHEREAS, the IWRB adopted Resolution No. 02-2022 approving an initial allocation of ARPA funds for specific projects (ARPA Funds Spending Plan). The ARPA Funds Spending Plan was adjusted to account for additional authorized projects and cost estimates through IWRB resolution Nos. 30-2023, 31-2024, and 09-2026. The following reflects the current ARPA Funds Spending Plan (Resolution No. 09-2026):

Anderson Ranch Dam Raise	\$118,582,075
Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project	\$31,391,384
ESPA Recharge Infrastructure	\$9,526,541
American Falls Dam Spillway Repair	\$12,500,000
New York Canal Rehabilitation Project	\$50,000,000
<u>Lewiston Orchards Exchange Project</u>	<u>\$28,000,000</u>
TOTAL	\$250,000,000; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate updated project costs, a total of \$13,242 of ARPA funds is available for reallocation; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2026, the IWRB's Finance Committee recommended the IWRB reallocate these available ARPA funds to the Anderson Ranch Dam Raise Project to apply to the non-Federal cost-share for the project and to ensure compliance with ARPA federal obligation and expenditure deadlines.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the following modified ARPA Funds Spending Plan as recommended by the Finance Committee:

42	Anderson Ranch Dam Raise	\$118,595,317
43	Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project	\$31,391,384
44	ESPA Recharge Infrastructure	\$9,526,541
45	American Falls Dam Spillway Repair	\$12,486,758
46	New York Canal Rehabilitation Project	\$50,000,000
47	<u>Lewiston Orchards Exchange Project</u>	<u>\$28,000,000</u>
48		TOTAL \$250,000,000

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

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

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

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61 DATED this 7th day of August 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF CLOUD SEEDING IN THE
STATE OF IDAHO

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2
COLLABORATIVE INTER-STATE BEAR RIVER
BASIN CLOUD SEEDING PILOT PROJECT

1 WHEREAS, Idaho Code §42-4301 recognizes that cloud seeding has provided a unique and
2 innovative opportunity to support sustainable water supplies for the State of Idaho, and designated the
3 Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) as the agency responsible for authorization of cloud seeding
4 programs within the State; and
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6 WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 42-4301 directs the IWRB to continue its analysis of cloud seeding
7 operations, conduct an assessment of cloud seeding opportunities across the State of Idaho, and identify
8 opportunities for expanding the Cloud Seeding Program (Program) within the State; and
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10 WHEREAS Idaho Code §42-4301 further provides the IWRB the authority to expend state funds
11 for cloud seeding programs in basins where the IWRB finds that existing water supplies are not sufficient
12 to support existing water rights, water quality, recreation, or fish and wildlife uses dependent on those
13 water supplies; and
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15 WHEREAS, the IWRB completed a feasibility and design study in 2022 of the Bear River Basin (BRB)
16 conducted by the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), which informed the design of a 1-
17 year collaborative interstate cloud seeding pilot project in the BRB; and
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19 WHEREAS, in 2025, the IWRB partnered with the Utah Division of Water Resources (WRe) to
20 execute a 1-year interstate cloud seeding pilot project in the BRB utilizing Unmanned Aerial Systems
21 (UAS), otherwise known as drones, during the 2025/2026 winter season; and
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23 WHEREAS, in 2026, the Utah Legislature approved a total of \$4,000,000 to continue a cloud
24 seeding program in the BRB with goals to replenish the Great Salt Lake and enhance water resources of
25 the Bear River and Northern Utah; and
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27 WHEREAS, the WRe has proposed to the IWRB a Year-2 collaborative interstate cloud seeding
28 pilot project in the BRB which will continue to integrate UAS technology, advanced weather
29 instrumentation, and internal evaluation and validation services; and
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31 WHEREAS, based on insufficiency of existing water supplies, the IWRB seeks to continue a Year-2
32 interstate cloud seeding pilot project in the BRB in collaboration with the WRe during the 2026/2027
33 winter season to support Idaho water users; and
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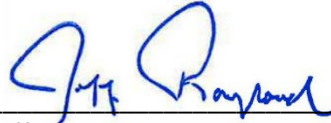
35 WHEREAS, on May 21, 2026, the IWRB adopted the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management,
36 and Implementation Fund (Secondary Aquifer Fund) Fiscal Year 2027 (Resolution 28-2026), which included
37 projected costs for the Cloud Seeding Program.
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39 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes expenditures not to exceed
40 \$1,200,000 from the Secondary Aquifer Fund - Cloud Seeding Program for costs related to operations and
41 maintenance for a Year-2 collaborative interstate BRB cloud seeding pilot project during the 2026/2027

42 winter season in partnership with the WRe contingent upon the IWRB retaining involvement in the
43 identification of BRB target area selection to benefit Idaho water users.
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45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or designee, Brian Patton,
46 Executive Manager to the IWRB, to execute the necessary agreements or contracts to complete the
47 proposed efforts.
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DATED this 7th day of August 2026.



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 
Dean Stevenson, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF CLOUD SEEDING IN THE
STATE OF IDAHO

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDS FOR
THE TO SUPPORT CLOUD SEEDING IN THE
USRB

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §42-4301 recognizes that cloud seeding provides a unique and innovative opportunity to support sustainable water supplies for the State of Idaho, and identifies the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) as the agency responsible for authorization of cloud seeding programs within the State; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §42-4301 further provides the IWRB the authority to expend state funds for cloud seeding programs in basins where the IWRB finds that existing water supplies are not sufficient to support existing water rights, water quality, recreation, or fish and wildlife uses dependent on those water supplies; and

Whereas Idaho Code §42-4301 directs the IWRB to continue its analysis of cloud seeding operations, conduct an assessment of cloud seeding opportunities across the State of Idaho, and identify opportunities for expanding the Cloud Seeding Program (Program) within the State; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2026, the IWRB adopted the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund (Secondary Aquifer Fund) Fiscal Year 2027 Budget (Resolution No. 28-2026), which included funds for various projects associated with supporting cloud seeding efforts throughout the State.

WHEREAS, the 2025–2026 winter was the second warmest on record since 1896, resulting in record-low snow-water equivalent levels, early snowmelt, and extended periods of unseasonable warmth. These conditions have severely impacted water supply and diminished carryover surface water storage throughout the Upper Snake River Basin (USRB).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the IWRB authorizes staff to pursue options with Idaho Power Company to secure an additional aircraft for the 2026/2027 Collaborative Cloud Seeding Program to optimize the potential for increasing snowpack in the USRB during the 2026/2027 winter season with the understanding that all cost associated with the additional aircraft will be borne by the IWRB.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB directs staff to develop and propose an amendment FY27 Secondary Fund budget at the September Board meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or designee to execute the necessary agreements or contracts for the purpose of this resolution.

DATED this 7th day of August 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE SNAKE RIVER VALLEY
IRRIGATION DISTRICT SUGAR FACTORY BASIN
RECHARGE PROJECT

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDS FROM THE
WATER MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT AND
PROVIDE SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

1 WHEREAS, about one-third of Idaho's population resides on the Eastern Snake Plain and the
2 Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) is the primary source of drinking water for both cities and most rural
3 residents of the Eastern Snake Plain; and
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5 WHEREAS, numerous factors, including drought, have contributed to the loss of approximately
6 216,000 acre-feet of storage annually from ESPA since the 1950's, resulting in declining groundwater levels
7 in the aquifer and reduced spring flows to the Snake River; and
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9 WHEREAS, implementation of managed recharge on the ESPA will assist in the stabilization and
10 improvement of aquifer levels to protect municipal and domestic drinking water supplies, support
11 agriculture and other industries important to the state economy, and help address variability in climatic
12 conditions, including drought; and
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14 WHEREAS, the 2025 Idaho Legislature passed and approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 110
15 supporting the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan and supporting the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB)
16 revising the State Water Plan and the ESPA Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan to establish a state-
17 funded ESPA managed aquifer recharge goal of 350,000 acre-feet on an average annual basis; and
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19 WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 42-1760 authorizes the IWRB to expend, loan, or grant money from the
20 Water Management Account for water projects that conserve or increase water supply, improve drought
21 resiliency, address water sustainability, or support flood management, including the identification, study,
22 and construction of managed aquifer recharge sites above Milner Dam; and
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24 WHEREAS, House Bill 445 (2025) was passed by the State of Idaho legislature, appropriating an
25 ongoing \$30 million to the IWRB to fund water infrastructure projects; and
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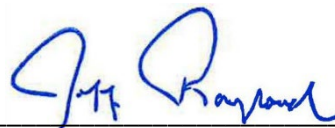
27 WHEREAS, the IWRB passed Resolution No. 29-2026 for a Water Management Account Spending
28 Plan, under the ESPA Regional Water Sustainability Program there is \$10,000,000 available for funding
29 ESPA Recharge Infrastructure; and,
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31 WHEREAS, Snake River Valley Irrigation District presented a proposal to the IWRB on August 7,
32 2026, for the Sugar Factory Basin Recharge Project ("Project") and associated infrastructure for a proposed
33 cost of \$8,070,000.
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35 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes expenditure of up to \$8,070,000 from
36 the Water Management Account for the construction costs associated with the Project.
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42 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or designee to
43 execute the necessary agreements or contracts for the purpose of this resolution.

DATED this 7th day of August 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE BINGHAM
GROUNDWATER DISTRICT WEGGLAND DITCH
RECHARGE BASIN PROJECT

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDS FROM THE
SECONDARY AQUIFER PLANNING,
MANAGEMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION
FUND AND PROVIDE SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

1 WHEREAS, about one-third of Idaho's population resides on the Eastern Snake Plain and the
2 Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) is the primary source of drinking water for both cities and most rural
3 residents of the Eastern Snake Plain; and
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5 WHEREAS, numerous factors, including drought, have contributed to the loss of approximately
6 216,000 acre-feet of storage annually from ESPA since the 1950's, resulting in declining groundwater levels
7 in the aquifer and reduced spring flows to the Snake River; and
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9 WHEREAS, implementation of managed recharge on the ESPA will assist in the stabilization and
10 improvement of aquifer levels to protect municipal and domestic drinking water supplies, support
11 agriculture and other industries important to the state economy, and help address variability in climatic
12 conditions, including drought; and
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14 WHEREAS, the 2025 Idaho Legislature passed and approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 110
15 supporting the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan and supporting the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB)
16 revising the State Water Plan and the ESPA Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan to establish a state-
17 funded ESPA managed aquifer recharge goal of 350,000 acre-feet on an average annual basis; and
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19 WHEREAS, on May 21, 2026, the IWRB adopted the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management,
20 and Implementation Fund (Secondary Aquifer Fund) Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, which included \$7,100,000
21 for infrastructure projects to improve IWRB recharge capacity; and
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23 WHEREAS, Bingham Groundwater District presented a proposal to the IWRB on August 7, 2026, for
24 the Weggland Ditch Recharge Basin Project ("Project") and associated infrastructure for a proposed cost
25 of \$6,310,000.
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27 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes expenditure of up to \$6,310,000 from
28 the Secondary Aquifer Fund for the construction costs associated with the Project.
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30 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or designee to
31 execute the necessary agreements or contracts for the purpose of this resolution.

DATED this 7th day of August 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST



DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF FLOOD MANAGEMENT
GRANTS

RESOLUTION TO AWARD FUNDS

1 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1363 passed and approved by the Idaho Legislature in 2026 transferred
2 \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Water Management Fund for a Flood Management Grant
3 Program administered by the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) to be used for the purpose of flood-
4 damaged stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood risk reduction, or flood prevention
5 projects; and
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7 WHEREAS, on March 27, 2026, the IWRB adopted on-going criteria for the award of Flood
8 Management Grants; and
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10 WHEREAS, on May 21, 2026, the IWRB adopted Resolution No. 29-2026 the Water Management
11 Account FY 2027 Spending Plan. The Spending Plan budgeted \$2,216,172 for Flood Management Grants
12 for Fiscal Year 2027; and
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14 WHEREAS, 13 Flood Management Grant applications were evaluated and scored according to the
15 criteria adopted by IWRB; and
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17 WHEREAS, on July 23, 2026, the Finance Committee met and discussed the projects and
18 recommended the IWRB provide funding for the projects as specified in Attachment A to this resolution;
19 and
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21 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the award of Flood Management
22 Grants as specified in Attachment A to this resolution.
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DATED this 7th day of August 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

Attachment A: 2027 Flood Management Grant Awards				
Entity	Project	IWRB District	Funds Requested	Total Project Costs
1. Bear Lake SWCD	Black Otter Canal	4	125,000.00	\$250,000.00
2. City of Wallance	Canyon Creek Project	1	57,120.00	\$114,240.00
3. Clearwater SWCD	Blackberry Lane Washout	1	71,789.00	\$144,217.00
4. Clearwater SWCD	Gold & Cow Creek Culvert Replacement	1	200,000.00	\$473,150.00
5. FCD 9	Reach 14 Restoration	3	200,000.00	\$694,477.00
6. FCD10	Canyon Reach Phase 2 Project	2	51,915.00	\$106,330.00
7. FCD10	Jorgesen Sherrington	2	47,500.00	\$97,500.00
8. FCD10	Mciver Side Channel	2	17,900.00	\$38,300.00
9. FCD11	Boise River Railroad Embankment	2	190,000.00	\$399,674.00
10. Fish Creek Irrigation District	Fish Creek Dam Evaluation Project	3	25,000.00	\$50,000.00
11. Franklin SWCD	North Preston Flood Project	4	138,633.25	\$278,765.25
12. FCD 10/Riverside Village HOA	Trash Rack Installation & Bank Stabilization	2	10,830.00	\$21,660.00
13. Twin Lakes FCD17	Rathdrum Creek Debris Removal Project	1	7,156.00	\$17,890.00
Total			1,142,843.25	\$2,686,203.25