

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 2027 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, the 2022 Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 769, appropriated \$75 Million to the
5 WMA for large water projects and directed the IWRB to use the funding for expenditures, loans, or grants
6 for water projects, including studies, to address water sustainability, rehabilitate or improve aging water
7 infrastructure, or support flood management, provided that no more than one-third of the funds be used
8 for grants and that grant awards be made through a competitive process that considers public input and
9 prioritizes projects based on public benefit; and
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11 WHEREAS, the 2023 Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 361, appropriated an additional \$150
12 million to the WMA for purposes similar to House Bill 769 and subject to similar grant limitations and
13 requirements, pursuant to which the IWRB established the Aging Infrastructure Grant Program; and
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15 WHEREAS, the 2024 Idaho Legislature, through Senate Bill 1411, appropriated \$30 Million to the
16 WMA to be used for large water projects at the direction of the IWRB; and
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18 WHEREAS, the 2025 Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 445, appropriated \$30 million ongoing
19 to the WMA for the planning, construction, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and improvement of water
20 infrastructure throughout the state, while limiting the use of no more than fifty percent (50%) of the
21 annual appropriation within a single Idaho Water Resource Board district unless there are no competing
22 applications from other districts; and further directed that, for fiscal year 2026, fifty percent (50%) of the
23 appropriation be allocated to District 3 and fifty percent (50%) to District 4 to support the *2024 Stipulated*
24 *Mitigation Plan* entered into by surface and ground water users on the Eastern Snake Plain; and
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26 WHEREAS, the 2026 Idaho Legislature, through Senate Bill 1363, appropriated \$30 Million to the
27 WMA to be used for planning, construction, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and improvement of water
28 infrastructure throughout the state, and directed that of the \$30 Million appropriated in a single year, no
29 more than fifty percent (50%) may be used within a single IWRB district, as defined in Idaho Code § 42-
30 1732 unless there are no competing funding applications for water infrastructure projects in other districts
31 for the current fiscal year; and
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33 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1363 also authorized the transfer of \$1 million from the Idaho Department
34 of Water Resources General Fund to the WMA for flood-related activities, including hydrologic data
35 collection, monitoring and modeling, flood-damaged stream channel repair and improvement, flood risk
36 reduction, and flood prevention projects, to be administered by the IWRB through a competitive matching
37 grant process prioritizing projects based on public benefit, bringing total legislative appropriations for
38 flood management activities since fiscal year 2019 to approximately \$8.4 million; and
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40 WHEREAS, on May 21, 2026, the IWRB adopted a Fiscal Year (FY)2027 WMA Spending Plan
41 (Resolution No. 29-2026) that incorporated legislative appropriations made to the WMA, estimated

42 interest earnings, Regional Water Sustainability Program Priority List projects, statewide special projects,
43 grant programs, and certain IWRB-approved loans; and
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45 WHEREAS, as of September 2, 2026, the total funding requested through the Aging Infrastructure
46 Grant Program for FY 2027 exceeded the amount budgeted and the funding requested through the
47 Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Program was less than the
48 budgeted amount; and
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50 WHEREAS, on September 2, 2026, the IWRB's Finance Committee recommended amending the
51 FY 2027 WMA spending plan to increase the funds available for award under the Aging Infrastructure
52 Grant Program by reducing the funds available under the ESPA Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion
53 Program by \$5,000,000 and budgeting an additional \$370,627 from interest earned.
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55 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the FY 2027 WMA Spending Plan
56 (Spending Plan) attached to this resolution (Attachment A), as recommended by the IWRB Finance
57 Committee.
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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the projects identified with an asterisk in the Spending Plan are
60 hereby obligated for the referenced purposes but remain subject to additional IWRB approval of the
61 project plan.
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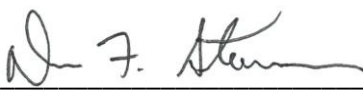
63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or Executive Manager, Brian
64 Patton, to execute the necessary agreements or contracts for the purpose of this resolution.
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66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attached Spending Plan shall be automatically amended to
67 reflect WMA expenditures approved through future IWRB resolutions.
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DATED this 18th day of September 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A
Idaho Water Resource Board - Water Management Account
FY 2027 Spending Plan
Amended 9/18/2026

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

FY 2020 (<i>HB 285, Sec 1, Leg 2019</i>)	\$20,000,000
FY 2022 (<i>SB 1121, Sec 1, Leg 2021</i>)	\$50,000,000
FY 2023 (<i>HB 769, Sec 6, Leg 2022 - 1/3 or \$25M to be used for AI Grants</i>)	\$75,000,000
FY 2024 (<i>HB 361, Sec 1, Leg 2023 - 1/3 or \$50M to be used for AI Grants</i>)	\$150,000,000
FY 2025 (<i>SB 1411, Sec 3, Leg 2024</i>)	\$30,000,000
FY 2026 (<i>HB 445, Sec 4, Leg 2025</i>)	\$30,000,000
FY 2027 (<i>SB 1363, Sec 17, Leg 2026</i>)	\$30,000,000
Flood Management Grant Appropriations (FY 2019 - FY 2027)	\$8,400,000
Water Quality Collection Program Appropriation (FY 2020 - FY 2022)	\$600,000
Interest Earned State Treasury (<i>as of July 31, 2026</i>)	\$43,788,664
Water Project Loan Interest (<i>as of July 31, 2026</i>)	\$5,276
Water Project Loan Repayments (<i>as of July 31, 2026</i>)	\$346,074
Misc. Revenue	\$4,350,000
	\$442,490,014

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STATEWIDE REGIONAL WATER SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS & OTHER LARGE PROJECTS <i>(Projects listed in alphabetical order)</i>	Funds Obligated by IWRB Resolution (9/18/2026)	FY2027 (\$30M Approp.)	Specific Appropriation
Anderson Ranch Dam Raise **	\$15,000,000 *		-
Bear Lake Additional Storage & Bear River Basin Projects	\$4,000,000 *	\$2,000,000	-
City of Gooding - Little Wood River Channel Flood Control Project	\$5,197,000		-
City of Nampa Wastewater-to-Irrigation Reuse	\$3,000,000		-
Dworshak/Clearwater Pipeline (Governor's Initiative) & Other Statewide Special Projects	\$60,000,000 *		-
Lewiston Orchards Exchange Project **	\$1,287,000		-
Lost Valley Reservoir Enlargement - Planning	\$560,000		-
Milner Dam Rehabilitation Project	\$1,500,000		-
Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project **	\$2,000,000		-
Mountain Home Plateau Aquifer RWS Program	\$8,000,000 *		-
Nampa Meridian Irrigation District Ridenbaugh Canal Diversion Modernization Project	\$9,169,047		-
Palouse Basin Aquifer Water Supply Planning	\$5,000,000 *		-
Statewide Recharge Infrastructure	\$9,508,860 *		-
Thousand Springs Area Water Subordination Agreements	\$8,000,000 *		-
Treasure Valley Water Supply Assessment Project (WD 63)	\$474,320		-
Upper Payette Basin Storage Water Project	\$5,000,000		-
Winchester Dam Repair Project	\$1,000,000 *	\$1,000,000	-
Total:	\$138,696,227	\$3,000,000	\$0

* Funds are obligated by IWRB resolution but require additional IWRB approval of project plan.

** IWRB ARPA funding also obligated to project.

ESPA REGIONAL WATER SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM (Projects listed in alphabetical order)	Funds Obligated by IWRB Resolution (as of 9/18/2026)	FY2027 (\$30M Approp.)	FY2026 Earmark (\$30M Approp.)
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	\$100,000	-	-
Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Groundwater Measurement Database #	\$1,000,000 *	-	\$500,000
ESPA Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Projects Grants #	\$41,621,296 *	\$3,000,000	\$6,626,001
ESPA Improvement Projects	\$5,000,000 *	-	-
ESPA Recharge Infrastructure ** #	\$36,040,727	\$10,000,000	\$13,314,500
IDWR Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Support #	\$500,000 *	-	\$500,000
Measuring & Monitoring Support Grant #	\$815,102	-	\$815,102
Magic Valley Groundwater District Loan ^	\$10,000,000	-	-
Near Blackfoot to Minidoka Reach Gain Improvements Projects	\$5,000,000 *	-	-
Raft River Pipeline Project	\$7,000,000	-	-
Raft River Recharge Group Loan ^	\$14,111,000	-	-
Surface Water Coalition Operational Efficiencies Program #	\$31,332,574	\$4,000,000	\$8,244,397
Upper Snake River Basin Study	\$3,000,000 *	-	-
ESPA Regional Sustainability Program Total:	\$155,520,698	\$17,000,000	\$30,000,000

* Funds are obligated by IWRB resolution but require additional IWRB approval of project plan.

** IWRB ARPA funding also obligated to project.

Funded in part from FY 2026 \$30M Earmark (HB 445, Sec 4, Leg 2025) - IWRB Districts 3 & 4 each must receive 50% of appropriation.

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

STATEWIDE AGING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS ^	Funds Obligated by IWRB Resolution (as of 9/18/2026)	FY2027 (\$30M Approp.)	Specific Appropriation
FY 2023 (HB 769, Sec 6, 2022 - \$25M)	\$10,679,352	-	\$25,000,000
FY 2023 (Carryover funding from HB 769)	\$13,889,175	-	carryover
FY 2024 (HB 361, Sec 1, 2023 - \$50M)	\$9,033,074	-	\$50,000,000
FY 2024 (Carryover funding from HB 361)	\$6,843,940	-	carryover
FY 2025 (Carryover funding from HB 361)	\$9,789,588	-	carryover
FY 2026 (Carryover funding from HB 361)	\$22,919,008	-	carryover
FY 2027 (scheduled)	\$35,644,990 *	\$9,000,000	None
Total:	\$108,799,127	\$9,000,000	\$75,000,000

* Funds are obligated by IWRB resolution but require additional IWRB approval of project plan.

^ Additional funding has been committed to the AIG program, supplementing the initial \$75 million appropriated under HB 769 and HB 361.

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STATEWIDE FLOOD MANAGEMENT GRANTS #	Funds Obligated by IWRB Resolution (as of 9/18/2026)	FY2027 (\$30M Approp.)	Specific Appropriation
FY 2024 (SB 1181, Sec 5, Leg 2023 - \$1M)	\$831,015	-	\$1,000,000
FY 2025 (SB 1269, Sec 15, Leg 2024 - \$1M)	\$695,517	-	\$1,000,000
FY 2026 (HB 248, Sec 14, Leg 2025 - \$1M)	\$460,646	-	\$1,000,000
FY 2026 - Supplemental Round	\$559,358	-	\$695,004
FY 2027 (SB 1363, Sec 16, Leg 2026 - \$1M)	\$1,142,843	-	\$1,000,000
Carry Over	\$1,005,625 *	-	\$0
Total:	\$4,695,004	\$1,000,000	\$4,695,004

From FY 2019 - FY 2023, over \$3.6M in Flood Management Grant projects have been completed.

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

STATEWIDE LOANS AND OTHER PROGRAMS (Listed in alphabetical order)	Funds Obligated by IWRB Resolution (as of 9/18/2026)	FY2027 (\$30M Approp.)	Repayments (as of 6/30/2026)
Dalton Water Association Loan ^	\$797,000	-	\$0
North Side Pumping Co Loan ^	\$9,023,715 *	-	\$0
Lost Valley Reservoir Company Loan # ^	\$1,200,000	-	\$346,074
Statewide Measuring & Monitoring Support Grant	\$1,000,000 *	\$1,000,000	N/A
Total:	\$12,020,715	\$1,000,000	\$346,074

* Funds are obligated by IWRB resolution but require additional IWRB approval of project plan.

Loan may be funded from the WMA or RDA.

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

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COMPLETED PROJECTS & PROGRAMS (Projects listed in alphabetical order)	Funds Expended As of 9/18/2026	FY2027	Specific Appropriation
Flood Management Grants (FY 2019 - FY 2023) #	\$3,704,996	-	\$3,704,996
North Fremont Canal Systems Phase 5 Pipeline Project	\$7,811,056	-	-
Priest Lake Water Management Project	\$4,854,477	-	-
Priest Lake Outlet Dam Litigation	\$2,427,830	-	-
Water Quality Collection Program (Mid-Snake River DOI-USGS Agreement FY 20-22) ^	\$600,000	-	\$600,000
Total:	\$19,398,358	\$0	\$4,304,996

Idaho HB 712, 2018; HB 285, 2019; HB 646, 2020; SB 1190, 2021; HB 769, 2022

^ HB 285, Sec 4, 2019; HB 646, Sec 6, 2020; SB 1190, Sec 6, 2021

In-Work Total:	\$419,731,772	\$30,000,000	-
Completed Total:	\$19,398,358	\$0	-
Remainder Available:	\$3,359,884		
Total Appropriations (FY 2020-2027)			

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF STATEWIDE WATER
SUSTAINABILITY AND AQUIFER STABILIZATION,
AND THE SECONDARY AQUIFER PLANNING,
MANAGEMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION FUND
FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDED FISCAL
YEAR 2027 SECONDARY FUND BUDGET

1 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature, pursuant to Idaho Code § 63-2520, directs certain Cigarette
2 Tax revenues to the Idaho Water Resource Board's (IWRB) Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management,
3 and Implementation Fund (Secondary Aquifer Fund); and
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5 WHEREAS, through House Bill 547 (2014) the Legislature allocated \$5 million annually through
6 2019 from such revenues for aquifer stabilization, and through House Bill 256 (2019) established an
7 ongoing \$5 million General Fund appropriation to the Secondary Aquifer Fund for statewide water
8 sustainability and aquifer stabilization, with unallocated funds carried forward into Fiscal Year 2027; and
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10 WHEREAS, many aquifers across Idaho—including the Eastern Snake Plain, Mountain Home,
11 Wood River Valley, Big Lost, Raft River, Malad Valley, Treasure Valley, Rathdrum Prairie, Palouse Basin,
12 and Lewiston Plateau aquifers—are declining or face existing or potential conjunctive administration
13 conflicts, resulting in groundwater conditions insufficient to sustain irrigation, hydropower, municipal,
14 industrial, and other uses, the curtailment of which would cause severe economic harm to Idaho's
15 economy; and
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17 WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution 137 (2016) recognizes aquifer stabilization and
18 enhancement as in the public interest and directs the IWRB to take actions in aquifers across the state
19 to stabilize and enhance aquifer levels thereby maintaining water supply for consumptive and non-
20 consumptive uses and minimizing harm to Idaho's economy arising from water supply shortages; and
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22 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho (State) relies on spring discharge from the Eastern Snake Plain
23 Aquifer (ESPA), including flows at Thousand Springs, to meet minimum streamflow water rights at the
24 Murphy Gage under the Swan Falls Agreement which have fallen below minimums in 2015 and 2026;
25 and
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27 WHEREAS, the 2025 Idaho Legislature passed and approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 110
28 supporting the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan entered into between the Surface Water Coalition and
29 participating Groundwater District and supporting the IWRB revising the State Water Plan and the ESPA
30 Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan to establish a state-funded ESPA managed recharge goal of
31 an average annual 350,000 acre-feet; and
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WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources has designated Ground Water Management Areas in multiple basins, including the Eastern Snake Plain, Big Wood River, Malad Valley, Mountain Home and the Lewiston Plateau Aquifers, in response to declining ground water levels; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2026, the IWRB passed Resolution No. 28-2026, authorizing the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for the use of available funds in the Secondary Aquifer Fund for statewide water sustainability and aquifer stabilization purposes; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2026, the IWRB Cloudseeding Committee recommended the IWRB Finance Committee consider amending the Fiscal Year 2027 budget for the Secondary Aquifer Fund for two funding proposals totaling \$2,075,000; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2026, the IWRB Finance Committee recommended amendments from the ESPA Managed Recharge Infrastructure Projects to the Cloud Seeding Program in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for the Secondary Aquifer Fund to the full IWRB to obligate funding for the following projects as reflected in Attachment A:

- An additional aircraft for cloud seeding operations in the Upper Snake River Basin
- Year 2 support of the Bear River Basin Pilot project for 2026/2027 winter season

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the Amended Fiscal Year 2027 Secondary Fund Budget attached to this resolution (Attachment A), as recommended by the IWRB Finance Committee, with no changes to the conditions listed in Resolution No. 28-2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Year 2 of the Bear River Basin Pilot Project funding is contingent upon the IWRB retaining an opportunity to provide direction regarding cloud seeding operations as they relate to the Bear Lake.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or Executive Manager, Brian Patton, to execute the necessary agreements or contracts for the purpose of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB may modify this budget during Fiscal Year 2027 at a properly noticed meeting of the IWRB.

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DATED this 18th day of September 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST



DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A:

FY2027 BUDGET AMENDMENT 1 FOR THE SECONDARY AQUIFER FUND

Estimated Carry-Over From FY26

General Fund (2027)

HB547 funds - receipt of Cigarette Tax proceeds

Conveyance Carryover

Estimated interest

\$	7,463,919
\$	5,000,000
\$	5,000,000
\$	3,500,000
\$	750,000
\$	21,713,919

TOTAL

Category		Sub-Category	FY27	
ESPA MANAGED RECHARGE PROGRAM				
ESPA Recharge Operations		Conveyance Cost	3,500,000	
		O&M (equipment, supplies, operational fees, etc.)	225,000	
		Recharge Monitoring	975,000	
		TOTAL	\$4,700,000	
ESPA Managed Recharge Infrastructure Projects	Budgeted Infrastructure Projects	Infrastructure projects to improve IWRB recharge capacity	290,000	*
		Bingham GWD - Weggland Ditch Recharge Basin	6,310,000	
		TOTAL	\$6,600,000	
ESPA Recharge Investigations	Budgeted Investigations	Canal improvement and recharge site feasibility investigations	350,000	
		TOTAL	\$350,000	
ESPA MANAGED RECHARGE TOTAL			\$11,650,000	
CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM				
Collaborative Program Operations & Maintenance	Upper Snake River Basin	2026-2027 Project Operations (=2/3 * \$2,031,900)	1,354,600	
		2026-2027 Additional Aircraft	875,000	
	Wood River Basin	2026-2027 Project Operations (=2/3 * \$831,750)	554,500	
	Boise River Basin	2026-2027 Project Operations (=2/3 * \$1,122,750)	748,500	
	Collaborative Program	Estimated Water User Contributions (11.13%)	-443,820	
Statewide Operations & Maintenance	Administration	Operational Modeling and Computing Support (\$290k total 50/50)	145,000	
	Bear River Basin	2026-2027 Pilot Project Operations	1,200,000	*
	HCRCD Program	2026-2027 Upper Snake Project Operations	120,000	*
	Administration	Partnership Collaborations, Staff Travel, WMA/NAWMC Memberships	20,000	
TOTAL			\$4,573,780	
Statewide Capital	Modeling	Model Improvements	225,000	
	Technology	Computing and Modeling Infrastructure (HPC)	500,000	*
	Studies	Target and Control Analysis	100,000	
TOTAL			\$825,000	
Reserve			\$135,000	
CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM TOTAL			\$5,533,780	
TREASURE VALLEY				
Monitoring in support of the Treasure Valley model (annual)			170,000	
Treasure Valley Recharge Pilot Project			250,000	
Treasure Valley Groundwater Level Synoptic			150,000	
Star Watershed Project (2 of 2 years)			50,000	
TOTAL			\$620,000	
RAFT RIVER BASIN				
Raft River Hydrologic Studies and Monitoring			50,000	
RAFT RIVER TOTAL			\$50,000	
PORTNEUF BASIN				
Portneuf Hydrogeologic Study (Year4 of 4)			150,000	
TOTAL			\$150,000	
BEAR RIVER BASIN				
Water Sustainability			200,000	*
TOTAL			\$200,000	
LEMHI BASIN				
Support of Water Sustainability Initiatives per settlement			250,000	*
TOTAL			\$250,000	

MID-SNAKE BASIN		
Mid-Snake Water Quality Monitoring (annual)	50,000	
TOTAL	\$50,000	
PALOUSE BASIN		
Aquifer monitoring	100,000	
TOTAL	\$100,000	
MOUNTAIN HOME BASIN		
Groundwater Model Development Year 3 of 4	250,000	
TOTAL	\$250,000	
BIG LOST BASIN		
Monitoring in support of Big Lost model development (annual)	130,000	
TOTAL	\$130,000	
WOOD RIVER BASIN		
Conservation, infrastructure fund associated with settlement (year 2 of 3)	200,000	
Modeling and Analysis	100,000	
TOTAL	\$300,000	
HYDROLOGY ACTIVITIES		
ESPA monitoring	300,000	
Statewide surface water and aquifer monitoring	650,000	
Monitor Well Drilling Program (WeSPAM, ESPAM, Northern)	750,000	
TOTAL	\$1,700,000	
STATEWIDE		
Professional Services (includes media & federal outreach services) and administrative costs	250,000	
TOTAL	\$250,000	
GRAND TOTAL	\$21,233,780	
Reserve for Work in Other Priority Aquifers Total	\$ 480,139	*

*These items will require the IWRB pass an additional resolution to authorize funding.

**\$12,378,211 Total Recharge Conveyance Reserve

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE
IRON CREEK WATER TRANSACTION

RESOLUTION TO MAKE A FUNDING
COMMITMENT

1 WHEREAS, Chinook salmon, steelhead, and bull trout habitat in the Upper Salmon River
2 Basin is limited by low streamflow as a result of lawful irrigation withdrawals; and
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4 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State of Idaho to reconnect Iron Creek to the Salmon
5 River to encourage recovery of ESA-listed Chinook salmon, steelhead, and bull trout; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Board has the authority to enter into agreements to improve flow for
8 anadromous and resident fish and the Board promotes voluntary water transactions that
9 maintain the local agricultural economy by retaining irrigated agriculture; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to expend Bonneville Power Administration funds for
12 flow restoration through the Columbia Basin Water Transaction Program and the Bonneville Fish
13 Accord Water Transaction Fund; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Board has an existing twenty-year agreement, 2007–2026, to not divert
16 from Iron Creek to improve streamflow for threatened anadromous and resident fish; and
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18 WHEREAS, the water user has changed their points of diversion to pump from stream
19 reaches that are not flow-limited and funds paid under this agreement approximate the power
20 expenses incurred by changing original points of diversion; and
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22 WHEREAS, Board staff has developed a renewal twenty-year agreement, 2027–2046, to
23 not divert from Iron Creek to perpetuate improvements to streamflow since 2007 that benefit
24 recovery of threatened anadromous and resident fish; and
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26 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Chairman or designee to
27 enter into a twenty-year contract with the Iron Creek Cattle Company for an agreement to divert
28 out of Iron Creek using an amount not to exceed \$661,769.10; and
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30 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to the condition
31 that the Board receives the requested funding from the Bonneville Power Administration through
32 the Columbia Basin Water Transaction Fund in an amount up to \$661,769.10 and funds received
33 will be placed into the IWRB Revolving Development Account for annual payment to the water
34 right owner.

DATED this 18th day of September 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST



DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PERMANENT RENTAL OF
SAWTOOTH VALLEY WATER RIGHTS

RESOLUTION TO MAKE A FUNDING
COMMITTMENT

1 WHEREAS, Chinook and Sockeye salmon, steelhead, and bull trout habitat in the Upper Salmon
2 River basin is limited by low flow conditions and high-water temperatures; and
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4 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State of Idaho to augment stream flows and provide habitat
5 in the Upper Salmon River Basin to encourage recovery of ESA-listed Chinook and Sockeye salmon,
6 steelhead, and bull trout fish; and
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8 WHEREAS, the 2004 Snake River Water Rights ("Nez Perce") Agreement commits the state to
9 providing incentives for improving fish habitat which includes improving or protecting flow conditions to
10 augment stream flows; and
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12 WHEREAS, Valley Creek has have been identified as a high-priority stream for flow restoration
13 efforts, to provide high-quality habitat for anadromous Chinook and Sockeye salmon, steelhead and
14 resident bull trout; and
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16 WHEREAS, as provided for in the Nez Perce Agreement, the Idaho Water Resource Board (Board)
17 established minimum streamflow Water Right 71-10886 on Valley Creek to be met through water right
18 rentals or acquisitions under state law; and
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20 WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service (USFS) owns Water Right Nos. 71-41, 71-42B, 71-43B,
21 71-49B, 71-50, (Water Rights) on Valley Creek and has permanently leased the referenced rights into the
22 Idaho Water Supply Bank; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to Section 42-1734, Idaho Code, has the authority to acquire,
25 purchase, lease, or exchange land, rights, water rights, easements, franchises, and other property deemed
26 necessary or proper for the construction, operation, and maintenance of water projects; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Board adopted Resolution 16-2021, approving permanent rental of the Water
29 Rights for permanent delivery to Board minimum stream flow Water Right No. 71-10886 because it is in
30 the public interest, and is consistent with the State Water Plan and intent of the Nez Perce Agreement;
31 and;
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33 WHEREAS, the Water Rights have been leased into the Idaho Water Supply Bank for several
34 decades, not subject to annual assessments, and permanent delivery of the Water Rights to Water Right
35 No. 71-10886 will result in an increased cost of operation for Water District 71; and
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37 WHEREAS, the Board will compensate Water District 71 for administration of Water Supply Rental
38 Agreement No. 654 for a six-year term based on 2026 watermaster wages adopted at the annual water
39 district meeting; and
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41 WHEREAS, funds are available from the Columbia Basin Water Transaction Program for the six-
42 year administration agreement with Water District 71 and will be managed in the Board's Revolving
43 Development Account; and

44 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Chairman or his designee to enter
45 into a six-year contract, 2027 – 3032, with Water District 71 for administration of Water Supply Rental
46 Agreement No. 654 on Valley Creek in an amount not to exceed six thousand nine hundred seventy-five
47 dollars (\$6,975.00); and
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49 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to the condition that
50 the IWRB receives the requested funding from the Bonneville Power Administration through the Columbia
51 Basin Water Transaction Program in the amount of six thousand nine hundred seventy-five dollars
52 (\$6,975.00). Funds Received will be placed in the IWRB Revolving Development Account for annual
53 payment to Water District 71.
54

DATED this 18th day of September 2026.



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

Dean Stevenson, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2027-2031 LITTLE
MUD CREEK AND PAHSIMEROI RIVER WATER
TRANSACTION

RESOLUTION TO MAKE A FUNDING
COMMITMENT

1 WHEREAS, the 2004 Snake River Water Rights Agreement (also known as the “Nez Perce
2 Agreement”) commits the state to providing incentives for improving fish habitat and improving
3 or protecting flow conditions to augment streams flows; and
4

5 WHEREAS, Chinook salmon and steelhead habitat in the Pahsimeroi River Basin is limited
6 by low flow in the main-stem and disconnected tributaries; and
7

8 WHEREAS, the Pahsimeroi River have been identified as high-priority streams for flow
9 restoration efforts to provide high-quality habitat for anadromous Chinook salmon and
10 steelhead; and
11

12 WHEREAS, in accordance with the Nez Perce Agreement, it is in the interest of the State
13 of Idaho to maintain the reconnection of Little Mud Creek to the Pahsimeroi River to encourage
14 recovery of ESA-listed Chinook salmon and steelhead; and
15

16 WHEREAS, Board staff have developed a short-term water transaction to lease and rent
17 water rights owned by SCOTT HAYES through the Board’s Water Supply Bank to enhance flows in
18 the Pahsimeroi River; and
19

20 WHEREAS, the Board will compensate SCOTT HAYES or its successors, \$74.29 per acre per
21 irrigation season for said rental for annual payment of \$7,206.13 for 96.9 acres and a 5-year total
22 of \$36,030.65; and
23

24 WHEREAS, the lease application fees (\$500) and rental fees (\$3,904.25) for said
25 agreement will not exceed \$4,404.25; and
26

27 WHEREAS, a proposal for \$40,434.90 has been submitted to the Columbia basin Water
28 Transactions Program for approval; and
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30 WHEREAS, funding is available through the Columbia Basin Water Transaction Program
31 for said lease and rental agreements; and
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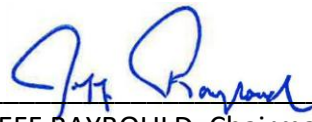
33 WHEREAS, staff anticipates the funds being placed in the Idaho Water Resource Board
34 (IWRB) Revolving Development Account for annual payment to the water rights owners; and
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36 WHEREAS, the Pahsimeroi River transaction is in the public interest and is in compliance
37 with the State Water Plan; and
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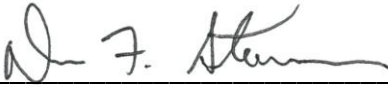
39 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes the Chairman to enter into
40 5-year lease and rental agreements from 2027-2031 for water rights 73-78 & 733-116 for delivery
41 to minimum stream flow 73-7045, for an amount not to exceed \$40,434.90. Funds received will
42 be placed in the IWRB Revolving Development Account for annual payment to water user.
43

44 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to the condition
45 that the Board receives the requested funding from the Bonneville Power Administration through
46 the Idaho MOA/Fish Accord Water Transaction Program or the Columbia Basin Water Transaction
47 Fund in an amount up to \$40,343.90.
48

DATED this 18th day of September 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF MEASURING &
MONITORING SUPPORT GRANTS

RESOLUTION TO AWARD FUNDS

1 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) adopted criteria creating the Monitoring
2 Support Grant Program, through Resolution No. 24-2025 on May 23, 2025, to provide financial
3 assistance within the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Area of Common Ground Water Supply
4 (ACGWS), to increase the measurement and monitoring capability of irrigators within the ESPA
5 ACGWS; and
6

7 WHEREAS, the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) has issued
8 orders requiring measuring devices (Measurement Orders) to specified water users within designated
9 water districts across the state of Idaho to better administer water resources, and there is a great
10 number of water users within water districts, including outside of the ESPA ACGWS, in need of
11 funding assistance to comply with measurement orders; and
12

13 WHEREAS, on May 21, 2026, the IWRB adopted updated criteria for the award of Measuring
14 & Monitoring Support grants (Resolution No. 27-2026) and will accept applications statewide and
15 year-round, to be funded at the next available IWRB meeting; and
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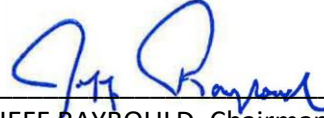
17 WHEREAS, Three (3) measuring & monitoring grant applications were received for the
18 September timeframe and were evaluated, scored, and ranked according to the criteria adopted by
19 IWRB; and
20

21 WHEREAS, on September 2, 2026, the Finance Committee met and discussed the projects,
22 and recommended that the IWRB approve Measuring & Monitoring Support Grant awards as
23 specified in Attachment A included with the resolution; and
24

25 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the award of the Measuring &
26 Monitoring Support Grants from the Water Management Account as specified in Attachment A to
27 this resolution.
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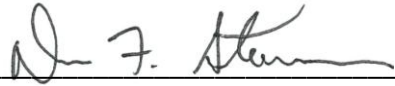
29 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or
30 Executive Manager, Brian Patton, to execute the necessary agreements or contracts for the purpose
31 of this resolution.
32

DATED this 18th day of September 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST



DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

Attachment A

2026 Measuring & Monitoring Grant Applications						
Entity	Project	IWRB District	Avg. Score	Funds Requested	Total Project Costs	Funding Award
Black Canyon Irrigation District	Main Canal Metering Project	2	58.00	\$125,000.00	\$267,110.00	\$125,000.00
Emmet Irrigation District	Monitoring & Measurment Modernization Project	2	55.00	\$124,217.00	\$248,434.00	\$124,217.00
Jefferson Clark Groundwater District	Telemetry Modernization & Direct Flow Measurment Conversion Project	4	76.67	\$250,000.00	\$608,462.70	\$250,000.00
				\$499,217.00	\$1,124,006.70	\$499,217.00

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF GROUNDWATER TO
SURFACE WATER CONVERSION GRANTS

RESOLUTION TO AWARD FUNDS

1 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) adopted Resolution No. 29-2026 on
2 May 21, 2026, modifying the FY 2027 Water Management Account Spending Plan; and
3

4 WHEREAS, the IWRB's modified spending plan included a budget of \$14,669,375 for the
5 Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Grant program within the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer
6 (ESPA) Regional Water Sustainability (RWS) Project Priority List; and
7

8 WHEREAS, on May 21, 2026, the IWRB adopted updated criteria for the award of ESPA
9 Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Grants (Resolution No. 26-2026) and set an
10 application deadline of July 10, 2026; and
11

12 WHEREAS, ten (10) ESPA Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Grant applications
13 were evaluated, scored, and ranked according to the criteria adopted by the IWRB; and
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15 WHEREAS, on September 2, 2026, the Finance Committee met and discussed the projects
16 and recommended the IWRB approve grant awards as specified in Attachment A to this
17 resolution.
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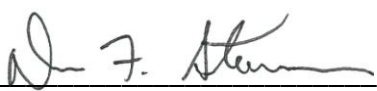
19 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the award of ESPA
20 Groundwater to Surface Water Grants from the Water Management Account as specified in
21 Attachment A to this resolution.
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23 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or
24 Executive Manager, Brian Patton, to execute the necessary agreements or contracts for the
25 purpose of this resolution.
26

DATED this 18th day of September 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

2026 Round 3 ESPA Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Grant Awards					
Entity	Project	Funds Requested	Total Project Costs	Score	Funds Awarded
Bingham GWD	Thompson	\$ 60,494.60	\$ 120,989.19	61.67	\$ 60,494.60
Bingham GWD	Stecklein	\$ 36,595.18	\$ 73,190.37	56.33	\$ 36,595.18
Bingham GWD	Tominoga	\$ 7,210.00	\$ 90,106.00	56.00	\$ 7,210.00
Bingham GWD	Clawson	\$ 142,664.00	\$ 285,328.00	54.00	\$ 142,664.00
Bingham GWD	Clayson	\$ 34,903.00	\$ 69,806.00	50.67	\$ 34,903.00
Upper Big Lost River GWD	Pehrson	\$ 175,144.50	\$ 350,289.00	50.67	\$ 175,144.50
Bingham GWD	Sandoval	\$ 35,505.00	\$ 71,010.00	47.33	\$ 35,505.00
Bonneville Jefferson GWD	Lovell and Cook Ag	\$ 60,889.50	\$ 121,779.00	43.00	\$ 60,889.50
Bingham GWD	Hawker	\$ 63,093.89	\$ 126,187.78	39.67	\$ 63,093.89
TOTALS		\$ 1,332,152.67	\$ 2,739,993.34		\$ 616,499.67

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF AGING INFRASTRUCTURE
GRANTS

RESOLUTION TO AWARD FUNDS

1 WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 42-1760 authorizes the Idaho Water Resource Board's (IWRB) to grant
2 money from the Water Management Account to address aging water infrastructure; and
3

4 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1363 passed and approved by the Idaho Legislature in 2026 transferred
5 \$30,000,000 from the General Fund to the Water Management Fund (Account) to be used for water
6 projects, including improvement of water infrastructure throughout the state; and
7

8 WHEREAS, on May 21, 2026, the IWRB adopted Resolution No. 29-2026 for the Water
9 Management Account FY 2027 Spending Plan (Spending Plan). The Spending Plan budgeted a total of
10 \$30,274,363 for Aging Infrastructure Grants for FY2027, including \$4,000,000 from the Senate Bill 1363
11 funding; and
12

13 WHEREAS, on May 21, 2026, the IWRB adopted updated criteria for the award of Aging
14 Infrastructure grants (Resolution No. 25-2026) and set an application deadline of August 7, 2026; and
15

16 WHEREAS, Seventy (70) Aging Infrastructure grant applications were received by the deadline and
17 were evaluated, scored, and ranked according to the criteria adopted by IWRB; and
18

19 WHEREAS, on September 2, 2026, the Finance Committee met and discussed the projects, and
20 recommended that the IWRB approve Aging Infrastructure Grant awards as specified in Attachment A
21 included with the resolution; and
22

23 WHEREAS, on September 2, 2026, the Finance Committee recommended that the IWRB increase
24 the amount available for Aging Infrastructure Grant Awards in the Spending Plan to \$35,644,991; and
25

26 WHEREAS, on September 18, 2026, the IWRB adopted the Amended FY 2027 Water Management
27 Account Spending Plan to the higher amount for Aging Infrastructure Grant Awards requested.
28

29 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the award of Aging Infrastructure
30 Grants from the Water Management Account as specified in Attachment A to this resolution.
31

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

DATED this 18th day of September 2026.


JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

Attachment A – Proposed Aging Infrastructure Funding

2026 Aging Infrastructure Grant Applications - Provisional Scoring						
Entity	Project	IWRB District	Funds Requested	Total Project Costs	Avg. Score	Total Award
Big Wood Canal Company	Magic Reservoir Dam Repair Project	3	\$1,999,000.00	\$3,998,000.00	103.00	\$1,999,000.00
Drainage District No. 6	Diversion Works Rehabilitation & Pump Station Modernization	1	\$385,717.00	\$798,034.00	102.50	\$385,717.00
North Wapello Lateral Ditch	Headgate And Diversion Works Repair	4	\$67,612.00	\$135,224.00	102.00	\$67,612.00
Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company	Lavaside Siphon Replacement Project	4	\$1,167,800.00	\$2,335,600.00	101.50	\$1,167,800.00
Dalton Gardens Irrigation District	Pump Station & Mainline Replacement Project	1	\$989,000.00	\$5,505,200.00	101.50	\$989,000.00
Fremont - Madison Irrigation District	Island Park Reservoir Bladder Dam Repair	4	\$53,500.00	\$107,000.00	100.50	\$53,500.00
Hayden Lake Irrigation District	Irrigation Transmission Upsize and Rehabilitation	1	\$984,000.00	\$1,986,000.00	100.50	\$984,000.00
Fremont - Madison Irrigation District	Salem Union Splitter Repair & Modernization	4	\$58,044	\$116,088	98.50	\$58,044
Fish Creek Irrigation District	Check Structure Repair & Equipment Installation	3	\$1,340,209.00	\$2,680,418.00	98.00	\$1,340,209.00
Garden Water Company	Penfold Bowles Canal Pipeline Conversion & Headgate Works	4	\$2,000,000.00	\$4,245,000.00	98.00	\$2,000,000.00
North Side Canal Company	Red Bridge Replacement Project	3	\$486,750.00	\$973,500.00	98.00	\$486,750.00
City of Greenleaf	Greenleaf Wise Water - Gravity Irrigation System Rehab	2	\$128,300.00	\$256,600.00	97.00	\$128,300.00
Payette Soil And Water Conservation District	Kid Creek Culvert Repair and Rehabilitation	2	\$60,470.05	\$123,235.15	97.00	\$60,470.05
North Side Canal Company	C-Check Structure Replacement Project	3	\$260,325.00	\$520,650.00	96.00	\$260,325.00
Enterprize Canal Company	Siphon Repair Project	4	\$663,194.00	\$1,326,388.00	95.00	\$663,194.00
Fremont - Madison Irrigation District	Consolidated Canal Headworks Replacement	4	\$57,791.50	\$115,583.00	95.00	\$57,791.50
Grand Teton Canal Company	Main Headgate Repair	4	\$110,000.00	\$220,000.00	94.00	\$110,000.00
Weiser River Soil Conservation District	Barton Reservoir Headgate Repair Project	2	\$310,750.00	\$636,500.00	93.50	\$310,750.00
Boise Project Board of Control	Lower Golden Gate Liner Project	2	\$216,809.00	\$481,798.00	92.00	\$216,809.00

Kuna East Water Corporation	Well Replacement Project	2	\$224,354.00	\$448,708.00	92.00	\$224,354.00
City of Rupert	Municipal Irrigation System Repair & Well Reconstruction	3	\$55,000.00	\$110,000.00	91.50	\$55,000.00
East Greenacres Water District	Pump Station Electrical Modernization	1	\$1,990,000.00	\$3,980,000.00	91.00	\$1,990,000.00
Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District	Payette River Pump Station Replacement	2	\$123,507.50	\$253,015.00	91.00	\$123,507.50
Fremont - Madison Irrigation District	Teton Island Check Structure Replacement	4	\$26,816.00	\$53,633.00	90.50	\$26,816.00
Middleton Mill	Diversion Works Replacement	2	\$42,279.00	\$84,558.00	90.50	\$42,279.00
Mud Lake Water Users Association	Pump Station Rehabilitation	4	\$800,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	90.50	\$800,000.00
North Side Canal Company	A-Siphon Rebuild Project	3	\$314,850	\$628,700	90.00	\$314,850
Parks And Lewisville	Madsen Corner Diversion Automation & Gate Installation	4	\$79,953.50	\$159,967.50	90.00	\$79,953.50
Gold Fork Irrigating Company	Irrigation Modernization Study	2	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	89.50	\$25,000.00
Black Canyon Irrigation District	Beet Dump Siphon Replacement	2	\$2,000,000.00	\$4,234,486.00	89.00	\$2,000,000.00
Snake River Valley Irrigation District	Cedar Point Splitter Structure Repair	4	\$761,610.00	\$1,523,220.00	89.00	\$761,610.00
Jefferson Clark GWD	Ball Canal Lining Project	4	\$1,752,034.96	\$3,504,069.00	88.50	\$1,752,034.96
Mud Lake Water Users Association	Pump Station Repairs and Pipeline Installation	4	\$57,215.50	\$114,431.00	88.50	\$57,215.50
McKinley Water Users	Irrigation Delivery System Repair And Expansion	2	\$2,000,000.00	\$5,220,000.00	88.00	\$2,000,000.00
South Boise Water Company	Pipeline Rehabilitation & Infrastructure Repairs	2	\$144,360.00	\$288,720.00	88.00	\$144,360.00
Jefferson Clark GWD	Independent Canal Lining Project	4	\$1,739,391.30	\$3,478,782.00	87.50	\$1,739,391.30
Southeast Idaho Canal Company	Screw Gate Repair and Automation Retrofit	4	\$10,398.00	\$20,797.00	86.50	\$10,398.00
Middleton Mill	Boise River Check Structure Repairs	2	\$18,000.00	\$36,000.00	86.00	\$18,000.00
Jefferson Clark GWD	Stewart Canal Lining Project	4	\$977,266.99	\$1,954,453.99	85.50	\$977,266.99
Madison Groundwater District - Huskinson	Huskinson Mainline Replacement Project	4	\$5,562.84	\$11,125.69	85.50	\$5,562.84
Avondale Irrigation District	Asbestos-Concrete Removal And Replacement Project	1	\$2,000,000.00	\$4,300,000.00	85.00	\$2,000,000.00
Madison Groundwater District - Gould	Gould Mainline Replacement Project	4	\$51,705.62	\$103,411.25	84.50	\$51,705.62

Madison Groundwater District - Saurey	Saurey Mainline Replacement Project	4	\$63,596.63	\$127,193.26	84.50	\$63,596.63
Madison Groundwater District - Webster	Webster Mainline Replacement Project	4	\$224,694.37	\$449,388.75	84.50	\$224,694.37
Milner Irrigation District	Main Gate Rehabilitation and Pump Installation	3	\$142,659.55	\$285,319.00	84.00	\$142,659.55
Madison Groundwater District - Jeppeson	Jeppeson Mainline Replacement Project	4	\$45,100.00	\$90,200.00	83.50	\$45,100.00
Water District 65	Real-Time Monitoring Implementation Project - Phase 2	2	\$99,748.00	\$199,496.00	83.50	\$99,748.00
Consolidated Irrigation Company	Canal to Pipeline Conversion Project	4	\$1,928,244.50	\$3,856,489.00	83.00	\$1,928,244.50
Jefferson Clark GWD	Producers Canal Lining Project	4	\$1,644,835.30	\$3,289,670.61	82.50	\$1,644,835.30
Madison Groundwater District - Erikson	Erikson Mainline Replacement Project	4	\$37,027.50	\$75,055.00	82.00	\$37,027.50
South Board of Control & Gem Irrigation District	Pump Starter Motor Replacement and Rehabilitation	2	\$780,593.55	\$1,561,187.17	81.50	\$780,593.55
Jefferson Irrigation Canal	Holdaway Flood To Pivot Conversion	4	\$128,492.05	\$256,984.10	81.00	\$128,492.05
Sharver Lateral Water Users Assn	Cure-In-Place Pipeline Repair Project	2	\$172,050.00	\$344,100.00	81.00	\$172,050.00
Jefferson Irrigation Company	Canal Lining Project & Pump Station Construction	4	\$779,574.21	\$1,559,148.42	80.50	\$779,574.21
Davis Ditch Association	Pipeline Installation & Pump Replacement	4	\$63,590.45	\$127,990.90	80.00	\$63,590.45
Jefferson Irrigation Canal	Bare Flood To Pivot Conversion	4	\$526,288.45	\$1,052,579.90	80.00	\$526,288.45
Boise Valley Irrigation District Company	Canal to Pipeline Conversion Project	2	\$173,296.00	\$346,592.00	79.50	\$173,296.00
Bingham Groundwater District - Parsons	Snake River Headworks Modernization	4	\$90,000.00	\$180,000.00	78.00	\$90,000.00
Twin Lakes Canal Company	Existing Siphon Infrastructure Repair And Pump Installation	4	\$321,445.22	\$642,890.43	77.50	\$321,445.22
Twin Falls Canal Company	Kinsey Irrigation Improvement Project	3	\$317,151.44	\$634,302.89	75.50	\$317,151.44
City of Eden	Mainline Replacement Project	3	\$24,970.00	\$49,970.00	73.50	\$24,970.00
Yellowstone Conservation District	Mainline Replacement Project	4	\$827,335.00	\$1,654,671.00	70.00	\$827,335.00
Salmon River Canal	Canal Lining Project	3	\$250,000.00	\$523,925.66	69.00	\$250,000.00
Bingham Groundwater District	Watson Slough Diversion Reconstruction & Automation	4	\$177,500.00	\$355,000.00	67.00	\$177,500.00
Lenroot Canal Company	Lenroot Canal Efficiency Project	4	\$62,789.47	\$125,578.94	65.50	\$62,789.47

Emmet Irrigation District	Measurement Equipment Purchase & Installation	2	\$124,217.00	\$248,434.00	64.00	\$124,217.00
United Canal Company	Danskin & South Town Structure Repairs and Rehabilitation	4	\$101,215.00	\$202,430.00	63.50	\$101,215.00
	Total Funding Requested		\$35,644,990.45	Total Funding Proposed	\$35,644,990.45	

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE KUNA EAST WATER
DISTRICT LOAN REQUEST

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LOAN FUNDING
FOR COSTS RELATED TO TRANSMISSION LINE
REPAIRS

1 WHEREAS, Kuna East Water Corporation (Corporation) submitted a loan application to the Idaho
2 Water Resource Board (IWRB) in the amount of \$448,708 to cover costs associated with replacement of
3 its aging irrigation well and installation of a new turbine pump and motor; and
4

5 WHEREAS, the Corporation is a small, member-owned irrigation entity established in 1962 to
6 provide reliable agricultural water delivery to its eight shareholders across approximately 130 irrigated
7 acres; and
8

9 WHEREAS, the existing irrigation well's casing has failed after 62 years of service, causing the
10 well's structural integrity to be severely compromised and making its continued functioning no longer
11 reliable; and
12

13 WHEREAS, the proposal is requesting funds to drill and construct a new deep irrigation well and
14 install a new turbine pump and motor, improving both safety and reliability for the Association's users;
15 and
16

17 WHEREAS, alternative options were explored but did not provide the Corporation with an
18 adequate long-term solution to deliver irrigation water for its members and address potential future
19 growth; and
20

21 WHEREAS, the Corporation has approved a resolution to raise shareholder assessments and will
22 establish a reserve account for the costs of the project; and
23

24 WHEREAS, the Corporation is a qualified applicant, and the proposed Project is eligible for a loan
25 from the Board's Revolving Development Account; and
26

27 WHEREAS, the proposed Project is in the public interest and fully complies with the State Water
28 Plan.
29

30 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB provides authority to the Chairman of the Idaho
31 Water Resource Board, or his designee, to enter into contracts, to effectuate the loan, with the
32 Association on behalf of the IWRB.
33

34 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB approves a loan not to exceed
35 \$448,708 from the Revolving Development Account at 5.5% interest with a 10-year repayment term to
36 the Kuna East Water Corporation.
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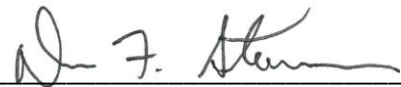
38 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the approval of the loan are
39 subject to the following conditions:
40

- 41 1) The Corporation shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations that apply to the
42 proposed Project.
43 2) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Corporation shall comply with all statutory
44 requirements for incurring debt.
45 3) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Corporation will provide acceptable security for
46 the loan to the IWRB.
47

DATED this 18th day of September 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DALTON GARDENS
IRRIGATION DISTRICT LOAN REQUEST

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

1 WHEREAS, Dalton Gardens Irrigation District (District) submitted a loan application to the Idaho
2 Water Resource Board (IWRB) in the amount of \$5,299,235 to cover costs associated with the
3 refurbishment of their existing transmission main by putting in a Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP) liner to extend
4 the life of the main; and
5

6 WHEREAS, the IWRB previously approved two Aging Infrastructure grants to the District for
7 \$1,369,165, and \$1,404,500, for work on this project; and
8

9 WHEREAS, the District was established in 1917 and currently serves 724 property owners with a
10 total of 944 acres in the city of Dalton Gardens; and
11

12 WHEREAS, the original pumphouse at Honeysuckle Beach and its associated water tank on
13 Honeysuckle Hill were constructed in 1956; and
14

15 WHEREAS, the District is requesting funds to refurbish its existing transmission main by putting in
16 a CIPP liner to extend the life of the main and to demolish and construct a new pumphouse and install
17 new pumps, valves, motors and controls; and
18

19 WHEREAS, the District established a Local Improvement District (LID) to start at the completion
20 of this project and be coterminous with the loan, that will permit them to increase their assessment
21 through local improvement district bonds; and
22

23 WHEREAS, the District is a qualified applicant, and the proposed project is eligible for a loan from
24 the Board's Water Management Account; and
25

26 WHEREAS, the proposed project is in the public interest and complies with the State Water Plan.
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28 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB provides authority to the Chairman of the Idaho
29 Water Resource Board, or his designee, to enter into contracts, to effectuate the loan, with the Company
30 on behalf of the IWRB.
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32 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB approves a loan not to exceed
33 \$5,299,235 from the Revolving Development Account at 5.5% interest with a 20-year repayment term.
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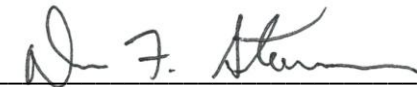
35 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the approval of the loan are
36 subject to the following conditions:
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- 39 1) The Company shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations that apply to the
40 proposed Project.
41 2) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Company shall comply with all statutory
42 requirements for incurring debt.
43 3) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Company will provide acceptable security for the
44 loan to the IWRB.
45

DATED this 18th day of September 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 AMEND CRITERIA FOR THE
AUTHORIZATION AND REPORTING OF CLOUD
SEEDING PROGRAMS

1 WHEREAS, House Bill 266 (HB 266), passed and approved by the 2021 legislature, recognized that
2 cloud seeding has provided a unique and innovative opportunity to support sustainable water supplies for
3 the State of Idaho, and designated the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) as the agency responsible for
4 authorization of cloud seeding programs within the State; and

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6 WHEREAS, Idaho Code Title 42, Chapter 43 governs cloud seeding and weather modification
7 activities within the state, defining “cloud seeding” as all acts undertaken to artificially distribute or create
8 nuclei in cloud masses for the purposes of inducing precipitation, cloud forms, or other meteorological
9 parameters; and

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11 WHEREAS, Idaho Code Title 42, Chapter 43 requires the IWRB to authorize local or statewide cloud
12 seeding programs within the State of Idaho, including both Board-funded and independent projects or
13 programs, but excluding cloud seeding for the enhancement of rainfall, hail mitigation, fog dispersal, or
14 frost prevention; and

15
16 WHEREAS, the 2026 Idaho Legislature further defined the IWRB’s statutory obligations for
17 programmatic reporting, accountability, and transparency within the Authorization and Reporting
18 Requirements section of the updated Idaho Cloud Seeding Code §42-4303; and

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20 WHEREAS, the IWRB defined general program authorization criteria to ensure cloud seeding
21 programs operating within the state of Idaho meet basic industry standards.

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23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the IWRB hereby approves the attached criteria for the
24 authorization and monthly and annual reporting requirements for cloud seeding programs operating
25 within the State of Idaho; and

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27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or
28 designated representative to authorize cloud seeding programs within the state of Idaho based on the
29 established criteria.

DATED this 18th day of September 2026.

ATTEST  _____

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

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Authorization for Cloud Seeding Operations in Idaho



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Idaho Code § 42-4303, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) is statutorily designated as the agency responsible for authorizing all cloud seeding activities in Idaho. The IWRB requires compliance with specified operational, safety, and reporting criteria to ensure transparency, public trust, and effective water resource management associated with cloud seeding projects and programs.

Authorization by the IWRB is required prior to conducting cloud seeding in Idaho. The purpose of this document is to provide interested parties or entities with a framework for obtaining and maintaining the required authorization. This document details the requisite authorization and reporting criteria requirements for any cloud seeding project or program within the State of Idaho.

Items outlined in Section I, 'Request for Authorization' present the minimum information required by the IWRB for consideration of authorization. The IWRB will determine if a proposed project or program is authorized to conduct cloud seeding. A Request for Authorization is not required for any party or entity already authorized by the IWRB. However, entities possessing authorization should review all sections in this document. If the IWRB updates this document, all authorized parties must comply with the most current version.

I. Request for Authorization

- a. Requests for authorization shall be submitted using the "Request for Authorization to Conduct Cloud Seeding Operations" form (Attachment A) to the IWRB at least three (3) months ahead of proposed operations. The request for authorization shall include:
 - i. Primary applicant contact information and name of subcontractor.
 - ii. Proposed Project or Program name.
 - iii. A schedule with start and end date; any applicant requesting authorization to conduct operations outside of the range of October 1 – April 30 ("Operational Period") shall include a narrative justification for proposed activity.
 - iv. A summary of the proposed project or program and how its outcomes may meet one or more of the various public benefits of cloud seeding in Idaho listed in [Idaho Code § 42-4301 \(c\)](#).
 - v. Method(s) of seeding (e.g., aircraft, ground-based, unmanned aerial systems (UAS), or other).
 - vi. Active seeding agent(s) or material(s) to be used.
 - vii. Map(s) of the project(s) or program area that shall include:
 1. Operational and target area boundaries.
 2. HUC-8-level watershed boundaries for the target area.
 3. General location of any ground-based generators.
 4. Flight paths of any aircraft used for cloud seeding.
 5. General location of any UAS launch sites.
 6. General location of weather instrumentation.
 - viii. A description of any cloud seeding infrastructure and/or equipment used in the project or program that shall include:
 1. Quantity and type (e.g., 1 aircraft, 10 ground generators, 2 UAS) and their make and model.

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2. An estimate of the release rate (grams per hour) of seeding material for any method and the total amount (grams or pounds) to be released during the operational period.
3. For operations proposing use of pyrotechnic flares, provide the:
 - a. Flare make and model.
 - b. Estimated quantity needed for an operational period.
- ix. A list of weather instruments to be used in the project or program.
- x. A list of meteorologists supporting the project or program.
- xi. A summary of relevant cloud seeding experience and/or certifications held by the applicant party and any subcontractor(s), that shall include at least one of the following:
 - a. Proof of Certification as a Weather Modification Association (WMA) Cloud Seeding Operator.
 - b. Description of at least five years of relevant operational experience.
- xii. Operational Suspension Criteria that indicate specific thresholds for suspending operations and that, minimally address:
 1. Avalanche Risks.
 2. Flood Risks.
 3. Severe Weather Risks.

II. Conditions for Maintaining Authorization

- a. Within 60 calendar days of the date of authorization by the IWRB and prior to commencing operations, authorized entities shall have the following on file with the IWRB:
 - i. Safety Data Sheet (SDS), when available, for the active seeding material(s) to be used during the operational period.
 - ii. Proof of liability insurance coverage from an Idaho-licensed insurer, valid for the entire operational period.
- b. Operators shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations that pertain to cloud seeding operations, including:
 - i. Aviation laws or regulations.
 - ii. Site access requirements, restrictions, and agreements.
- c. If requested by the Board, provide informational presentation(s) about their project or program to IDWR staff and/or the Board.
- d. Authorized entities shall notify the IWRB in writing within 24 hours of:
 - i. Any suspension of operations including the reason for and expected duration of the suspension and notice of when operations resume.
 - ii. Any hazardous conditions resulting from operations.
- e. Any modifications to the project or program approved by the Board under the original Request for Authorization are to be submitted in writing to Board staff for evaluation within 30 days of implementation. Modifications that may require reauthorization may be subject to consideration by the Board.

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III. Revocation of Authorization

- a. The IWRB reserves the right to revoke authorization for cloud seeding operations if the authorized entity:
 - i. Fails to meet the conditions in Section II.
 - ii. Violates local, state, or federal laws or regulations.
 - iii. Operates in a manner that poses risks to public safety or the environment.
- b. Authorized parties will be notified in writing of any violations or non-compliance and will be given an opportunity to address deficiencies before revocation is enforced.

IV. Reporting Criteria: Monthly

- a. The previous month's activity shall be submitted by the end of the next calendar month using the IWRB's "Cloud Seeding Monthly Report of Operations" tables. The monthly report shall include:
 - i. A summary table of the previous month's operational activity:
 1. Total number of days that cloud seeding occurred.
 2. Number of days cloud seeding by ground-generator(s) occurred.
 3. Number of days aircraft (or UAS) cloud seeding occurred.
 4. Total generator runtime.
 5. Total flight time (aircraft and UAS).
 6. Number and type of flares consumed.
 7. The total quantity of material released by each method of seeding.
 - ii. Detailed monthly operational data specific to each method(s) used during the previous month:
 1. Infrastructure or equipment used, corresponding to Site ID on project map.
 2. The date(s) (e.g., MM-DD-YYYY) cloud seeding occurs by each method's infrastructure or equipment.
 3. The amount of cloud seeding material released by each method's infrastructure or equipment.
 4. The total number of seeding hours by each method's infrastructure or equipment.
 - iii. Summary of suspension periods including dates, times, and reason(s) for each suspension.

V. Reporting Criteria: Annual

- a. An annual report covering cloud seeding operations during the previous winter's Operational Period for each project or program shall be submitted within 90 days of the end of operational cloud seeding:
 - i. Copies of NOAA 17-4 and 17-4A forms.
 - ii. A project or program map(s)
 - iii. Start and end date of operations.
 - iv. Total number of operational hours for each method used during the Operational Period.
 - v. Total amount of seeding material released (grams) by each method.

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- vi. Average release rate (grams/hour) of seeding material for each method.
- vii. Quantity and type (ejectable, burn in place, other) of any flares consumed.
- viii. A summary of any suspension periods.
- ix. A summary of the project's or program's effectiveness, including an estimate of water produced from cloud seeding during the operational period (in units of acre-feet) and the methods used to develop that estimate.
- b. The IWRB may at any time require project or program operational data or supporting information to be provided to an independent third party solely for the purposes of analysis, evaluation and monitoring.
 - i. For the protection and security of a project's or program's operational infrastructure, all related data shall be treated as confidential business information.
- c. Authorized parties shall retain all operational records and data to be provided to the IWRB or an independent third party upon request.

VI. Requesting Authorization and Submittal of Monthly and Annual Reports

- a. Requests for authorization and all operator monthly and annual reporting data shall be submitted in writing to the IWRB or its designated representative at one of the following:
 - i. Email: CloudSeedingProgram@idwr.idaho.gov
 - ii. Mail: PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0098.
 - iii. In Person: Any Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) office.

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Attachment A

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Request for Authorization to Conduct Cloud Seeding Operations



Operator Information

Operator Name: _____
Subcontractor Company Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Email Address: _____

Project or Program Information

Project or Program Name: _____
Project or Program Summary: _____

Geographical Area: _____
Operational Schedule (Anticipated Start and End Dates): _____

Proposed Seeding Agent(s):

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ Silver Iodide (AgI) | ☐ Dry Ice |
| ☐ Liquid Propane (LP) | ☐ Other: _____ |

Proposed method(s) for seeding:

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|---|---|
| ☐ Aircraft | ☐ Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) |
| ☐ Ground-Based Remote Generator(s) | ☐ Other: _____ |
| ☐ Ground-Based Manual Generator(s) | |

Equipment Information

Equipment Type and Quantity:

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|---|
| ☐ #: _____ Remote Ground-Based Generator (AgI) |
| ☐ #: _____ Manual Ground-Based Generator (AgI) |
| ☐ #: _____ Remote Ground-Based Generator (LP) |
| ☐ #: _____ Aircraft and Model: _____ |
| ☐ #: _____ UAS and Model: _____ |
| ☐ #: _____ Other and Model: _____ |

Estimated Rate(s) of Dispersion (grams per hour) for any equipment proposed:

Manufacturer and Type (ejectable, burn in place, other) of Pyrotechnics (if applicable): _____

Number of Meteorologists: _____

Weather Instrumentation: _____

Description of Relevant Experience: _____

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Documentation to be Attached

- ☐ Detailed map of project area with target basins
- ☐ Weather Modification Association Cloud Seeding Operator Proof of Certification attached (if applicable)
- ☐ Suspension Criteria for the proposed project or program

Request Agreement

I certify that I have read and agree to the authorization application criteria outlined in the “Authorization for Cloud Seeding Operations in Idaho” (CS-Authorization) and that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOARD'S 2026
NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING OF IDAPA 37.01.01
RULES OF PROCEDURE

RESOLUTION TO PUBLISH THE PROPOSED
RULES IN THE OCTOBER 2026 IDAHO
ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN

1 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board ("IWRB") and the Idaho Department of Water
2 Resources ("Department") are the executive branch entities with statutory oversight and
3 authority over the Administrative Rules in IDAPA 37.01.01, which contains the Rules of Procedure
4 of the Department and IWRB; and

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6 WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 67-5292 requires the Legislature to review all administrative
7 rules on a staggered, periodic schedule, beginning in 2026; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Legislature asked the Department and IWRB to review IDAPA 37.01.01 and
10 prepare report evaluating the rules under the criteria set forth in Idaho Code § 67-5292; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Department prepared the requested report and determined that the rules
13 contained in IDAPA 37.01.01 are still necessary; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Department issued a Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules – Negotiated
16 Rulemaking on May 1, 2026, with the following Descriptive Summary and Statement of Purpose:

17 In accordance with Idaho Code Section 67-5292, the Department of Water
18 Resources is reviewing "Rules of Procedure," IDAPA 37.01.01 to assess whether
19 the content of the rule chapter is still necessary. This rulemaking will explore
20 updating this chapter to include provisions intended to promote fairness and
21 efficiency and to prevent bias in contested case proceedings before the agency.
22 The Rules of Procedure establish the standards and requirements for parties to
23 participate in contested case proceedings before the Idaho Department of Water
24 Resource or the Idaho Water Resource Board. In general, the Rules of Procedure
25 address topics related to contested cases such as pleadings, motions, discovery,
26 witnesses, hearings, orders, and appeals. The scope of this rulemaking will be
27 limited to determining whether the content of the rule chapter is necessary,
28 incorporating language to improve fairness and efficiency, to prevent bias, and to
29 address grammatical errors in the existing rules that were identified after the rules
30 were last revised.

31 WHEREAS, the Department conducted negotiated rulemaking public meetings on July 8,
32 2026, and August 12, 2026, and no comments were provided during or after the public meetings;
33 and

34 WHEREAS, IWRB has reviewed the proposed changes to IDAPA 37.01.01 and has
35 determined that the changes are necessary to improve fairness and efficiency and to prevent bias
36 in contested cases before IWRB; and

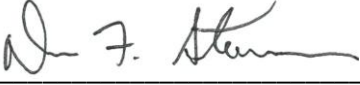
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39 WHEREAS, IWRB has reviewed the proposed changes to IDAPA 37.01.01 and has
40 determined that the changes are necessary to improve fairness and efficiency and to prevent bias
41 in contested cases before IWRB.

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43 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the proposed changes to IDAPA
44 37.01.01, authorizes the notice and publication of the proposed rules in the Idaho Administrative
45 Bulletin, and requests that the Legislature and the Idaho Office of Administrative Rules adopt
46 the proposed rules.

DATED this 18th day of September 2026.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary