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IWRB approves about \$36.7 million for three grant programs, including 67 Aging Infrastructure Grants statewide to improve water infrastructure, management and sustainability

BOISE – (Sept. 21, 2026) – The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) approved 67 Aging Infrastructure Grants, nine Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion grants, and three Water Measurement and Monitoring grants for a total cost of about \$36.7 million during its bimonthly meeting here on Friday.

The IWRB funded \$35.6 million in Aging Infrastructure Grants statewide. Many of the projects will modernize water infrastructure and increase efficiency for a wide variety of eligible water users. (See Aging Infrastructure Grant spreadsheet for details)

Nine Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion grants will provide \$616,499 in funding to a variety of groundwater districts in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) region. The grants will be used to convert irrigation use from groundwater to surface water with a secure, long-term surface water source. The goal of that program is to reduce the impact of groundwater pumping in the ESPA. Seven of the successful grant applications were awarded to the Bingham Groundwater District. (See spreadsheet below for details)

Three Water Measurement and Monitoring grants totaling \$499,217 will improve water measurement for the Black Canyon Irrigation District, the Emmett Irrigation District, and the Jefferson Clark Groundwater District. (See spreadsheet below for details)

All of the IWRB's grant programs are designed to improve water infrastructure, management and sustainability as per the Idaho State Water Plan with the support, guidance and funding from the Idaho Legislature and Gov. Brad Little.

In other action, the IWRB approved funding for three water transactions to improve or maintain flows for endangered salmon and steelhead in three Upper Salmon River Basin tributaries – Iron Creek, Valley Creek, and the Pahsimeroi River.

The IWRB also approved two loans:

- Dalton Gardens Irrigation District requested \$5.3 million in funds to refurbish its existing transmission mainline by putting in a Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP) liner to extend its life. The District also plans to construct a new pumphouse and install new pumps, valves, motors and controls. These improvements would allow the district to deliver irrigation water to its 724 customers in the irrigation district. The Dalton Gardens loan has a 20-year term at a 5.5 interest rate.

- The Kuna East Water Corp. will replace its main water well to replace an old well that no longer is functioning with a \$448,708 loan at 5.5% interest over a 10-year term. Kuna East serves eight shareholders that irrigate 130 acres of land.

On Thursday, the IWRB held a joint meeting and field tour with the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission's Board of Commissioners. In the field tour, the IWRB and SWCC Board toured water quality improvements on the Dick Bicandi Farm in Caldwell, made possible by a number of state and federal grant programs. Bicandi installed five irrigation pivots to replace flood-irrigation systems on 200 acres of land, reducing sediment flows into the Boise River by 478 tons per year and total phosphorous by 956 pounds per year.

The two Boards also toured Boise River Flood Control District #10 Flood Management Grant projects awarded by IWRB on the Bicandi Farm and Phillips Ranch near Star. Flood Control District #10 completed seven flood management projects last winter between Eagle and Caldwell, most funded in part by IWRB flood management grants. Flood #10 officials reported a cost savings of \$85,000 in state funds last winter, spread across six projects, earning praise from the IWRB.

Round 3 ESPA GW to SW Conversion Grant Awards

Entity	Project	Funds Requested	Total Project Costs
Bingham GWD	Thompson	\$ 60,494.60	\$ 120,989.19
Bingham GWD	Stecklein	\$ 36,595.18	\$ 73,190.37
Bingham GWD	Tominoga	\$ 7,210.00	\$ 90,106.00
Bingham GWD	Clawson	\$ 142,664.00	\$ 285,328.00
Bingham GWD	Clayson	\$ 34,903.00	\$ 69,806.00
Upper BLR GWD	Pehrson	\$ 175,144.50	\$ 350,289.00
Bingham GWD	Sandoval	\$ 35,505.00	\$ 71,010.00
Bonneville Jefferson GWD	Lovell and Cook Ag	\$ 60,889.50	\$ 121,779.00
Bingham GWD	Hawker	\$ 63,093.89	\$ 126,187.78
TOTALS		\$ 616,499.67	\$ 1,308,685.34

Measuring & Monitoring Grant Applications

Entity	Project	IWRB District	Funds Requested	Total Project Costs	Funding Award
Black Canyon Irrigation District	Main Canal Metering Project	2	\$125,000.00	\$267,110.00	\$125,000.00
Emmet Irrigation District	Monitoring & Measurement Project	2	\$124,217.00	\$248,434.00	\$124,217.00
Jefferson Clark Groundwater District	Telemetry Modernization & Direct Flow Measurement Conversion Project	4	\$250,000.00	\$608,462.70	\$250,000.00
			\$499,217.00	\$1,124,006.70	\$499,217.00

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Aging Infrastructure Grant Applications and Awards						
Entity	Project	District	Funds Requested	Total Project Costs	Cost Share	Grant Award
Big Wood Canal Company	Magic Reservoir Dam Repair Project	3	\$1,999,000.00	\$3,998,000.00	50%	\$1,999,000.00
Drainage District No. 6	Diversion Works Rehabilitation & Pump Station Modernization	1	\$385,717.00	\$798,034.00	48%	\$385,717.00
North Wapello Lateral Ditch	Headgate And Diversion Works Repair	4	\$67,612.00	\$135,224.00	50%	\$67,612.00
Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company	Lavaside Syphon Replacement Project	4	\$1,167,800.00	\$2,335,600.00	50%	\$1,167,800.00
Dalton Gardens Irrigation District	Pump Station & Mainline Replacement Project	1	\$989,000.00	\$5,505,200.00	18%	\$989,000.00
Fremont - Madison Irrigation District	Island Park Reservoir Bladder Dam Repair	4	\$53,500.00	\$107,000.00	50%	\$53,500.00
Hayden Lake Irrigation District	Irrigation Transmission Upsize and Rehabilitation	1	\$984,000.00	\$1,986,000.00	50%	\$984,000.00
Fremont - Madison Irrigation District	Salem Union Splitter Repair & Modernization	4	\$58,044	\$116,088	50%	\$58,044
Fish Creek Irrigation District	Check Structure Repair & Equipment Installation	3	\$1,340,209.00	\$2,680,418.00	50%	\$1,340,209.00
Garden Water Company	Penfold Bowles Canal Pipeline Conversion & Headgate Works	4	\$2,000,000.00	\$4,245,000.00	47%	\$2,000,000.00
North Side Canal Company	Red Bridge Replacement Project	3	\$486,750.00	\$973,500.00	50%	\$486,750.00
City of Greenleaf	Greenleaf Wise Water - Gravity Irrigation System Rehab	2	\$128,300.00	\$256,600.00	50%	\$128,300.00
Payette Soil And Water Conservation District	Kid Creek Culvert Repair and Rehabilitation	2	\$60,470.05	\$123,235.15	49%	\$60,470.05
North Side Canal Company	C-Check Structure Replacement Project	3	\$260,325.00	\$520,650.00	50%	\$260,325.00
Enterprize Canal Company	Syphon Repair Project	4	\$663,194.00	\$1,326,388.00	50%	\$663,194.00
Fremont - Madison Irrigation District	Consolidated Canal Headworks Replacement	4	\$57,791.50	\$115,583.00	50%	\$57,791.50
Grand Teton Canal Company	Main Headgate Repair	4	\$110,000.00	\$220,000.00	50%	\$110,000.00
Weiser River Soil Conservation District	Barton Reservoir Headgate Repair Project	2	\$310,750.00	\$636,500.00	49%	\$310,750.00
Boise Project Board of Control	Lower Golden Gate Liner Project	2	\$216,809.00	\$481,798.00	45%	\$216,809.00
Kuna East Water Corporation	Well Replacement Project	2	\$224,354.00	\$448,708.00	50%	\$224,354.00
City of Rupert	Municipal Irrigation System Repair & Well Reconstruction	3	\$55,000.00	\$110,000.00	50%	\$55,000.00
East Greenacres Water District	Pump Station Electrical Modernization	1	\$1,990,000.00	\$3,980,000.00	50%	\$1,990,000.00
Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District	Payette River Pump Station Replacement	2	\$123,507.50	\$253,015.00	49%	\$123,507.50
Fremont - Madison Irrigation District	Teton Island Check Structure Replacement	4	\$26,816.00	\$53,633.00	50%	\$26,816.00
Middleton Mill	Diversion Works Replacement	2	\$42,279.00	\$84,558.00	50%	\$42,279.00
Mud Lake Water Users Association	Pump Station Rehabilitation	4	\$800,000.00	\$1,600,000.00	50%	\$800,000.00
North Side Canal Company	A-Siphon Rebuild Project	3	\$314,850	\$628,700	50%	\$314,850
Parks And Lewisville	Madsen Corner Diversion Automation & Gate Installation	4	\$79,953.50	\$159,967.50	50%	\$79,953.50
Gold Fork Irrigating Company	Irrigation Modernization Study	2	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	50%	\$25,000.00
Black Canyon Irrigation District	Beet Dump Siphon Replacement	2	\$2,000,000.00	\$4,234,486.00	47%	\$2,000,000.00
Snake River Valley Irrigation District	Cedar Point Splitter Structure Repair	4	\$761,610.00	\$1,523,220.00	50%	\$761,610.00
Jefferson Clark GWD	Ball Canal Lining Project	4	\$1,752,034.96	\$3,504,069.00	50%	\$1,752,034.96
Mud Lake Water Users Association	Pump Station Repairs and Pipeline Installation	4	\$57,215.50	\$114,431.00	50%	\$57,215.50
McKinley Water Users	Irrigation Delivery System Repair And Expansion	2	\$2,000,000.00	\$5,220,000.00	38%	\$2,000,000.00
South Boise Water Company	Pipeline Rehabilitation & Infrastructure Repairs	2	\$144,360.00	\$288,720.00	50%	\$144,360.00
Jefferson Clark GWD	Independent Canal Lining Project	4	\$1,739,391.30	\$3,478,782.00	50%	\$1,739,391.30
Southeast Idaho Canal Company	Screw Gate Repair and Automation Retrofit	4	\$10,398.00	\$20,797.00	50%	\$10,398.00
Middleton Mill	Boise River Check Structure Repairs	2	\$18,000.00	\$36,000.00	50%	\$18,000.00
Jefferson Clark GWD	Stewart Canal Lining Project	4	\$977,266.99	\$1,954,453.99	50%	\$977,266.99
Madison Groundwater District - Huskinson	Huskinson Mainline Replacement Project	4	\$5,562.84	\$11,125.69	50%	\$5,562.84
Avondale Irrigation District	Asbestos-Concrete Removal And Replacement Project	1	\$2,000,000.00	\$4,300,000.00	47%	\$2,000,000.00
Madison Groundwater District - Gould	Gould Mainline Replacement Project	4	\$51,705.62	\$103,411.25	50%	\$51,705.62
Madison Groundwater District - Saurey	Saurey Mainline Replacement Project	4	\$63,596.63	\$127,193.26	50%	\$63,596.63
Madison Groundwater District - Webster	Webster Mainline Replacement Project	4	\$224,694.37	\$449,388.75	50%	\$224,694.37
Milner Irrigation District	Main Gate Rehabilitation and Pump Installation	3	\$142,659.55	\$285,319.00	50%	\$142,659.55
Madison Groundwater District - Jeppeson	Jeppeson Mainline Replacement Project	4	\$45,100.00	\$90,200.00	50%	\$45,100.00
Water District 65	Real-Time Monitoring Implementation Project - Phase 2	2	\$99,748.00	\$199,496.00	50%	\$99,748.00
Consolidated Irrigation Company	Canal to Pipeline Conversion Project	4	\$1,928,244.50	\$3,856,489.00	50%	\$1,928,244.50
Jefferson Clark GWD	Producers Canal Lining Project	4	\$1,644,835.30	\$3,289,670.61	50%	\$1,644,835.30 *
Madison Groundwater District - Erikson	Erikson Mainline Replacement Project	4	\$37,027.50	\$75,055.00	49%	\$37,027.50
South Board of Control & Gem Irrigation District	Pump Starter Motor Replacement and Rehabilitation	2	\$780,593.55	\$1,561,187.17	50%	\$780,593.55
Jefferson Irrigation Canal	Holdaway Flood To Pivot Conversion	4	\$128,492.05	\$256,984.10	50%	\$128,492.05
Sharver Lateral Water Users Assn	Cure-In-Place Pipeline Repair Project	2	\$172,050.00	\$344,100.00	50%	\$172,050.00
Jefferson Irrigation Company	Canal Lining Project & Pump Station Construction	4	\$779,574.21	\$1,559,148.42	50%	\$779,574.21
Davis Ditch Association	Pipeline Installation & Pump Replacement	4	\$63,590.45	\$127,990.90	50%	\$63,590.45
Jefferson Irrigation Canal	Bare Flood To Pivot Conversion	4	\$526,288.45	\$1,052,579.90	50%	\$526,288.45
Boise Valley Irrigation District Company	Canal to Pipeline Conversion Project	2	\$173,296.00	\$346,592.00	50%	\$173,296.00
Bingham Groundwater District - Parsons	Snake River Headworks Modernization	4	\$90,000.00	\$180,000.00	50%	\$90,000.00
Twin Lakes Canal Company	Existing Siphon Infrastructure Repair And Pump Installation	4	\$321,445.22	\$642,890.43	50%	\$321,445.22
Twin Falls Canal Company	Kinsey Irrigation Improvement Project	3	\$317,151.44	\$634,302.89	50%	\$317,151.44
City of Eden	Mainline Replacement Project	3	\$24,970.00	\$49,970.00	50%	\$24,970.00
Yellowstone Conservation District	Mainline Replacement Project	4	\$827,335.00	\$1,654,671.00	50%	\$827,335.00
Salmon River Canal	Canal Lining Project	3	\$250,000.00	\$523,925.66	48%	\$250,000.00
Bingham Groundwater District	Watson Slough Diversion Reconstruction & Automation	4	\$177,500.00	\$355,000.00	50%	\$177,500.00
Lenroot Canal Company	Lenroot Canal Efficiency Project	4	\$62,789.47	\$125,578.94	50%	\$62,789.47
Emmet Irrigation District	Measurement Equipment Purchase & Installation	2	\$124,217.00	\$248,434.00	50%	\$124,217.00
United Canal Company	Danskin & South Town Structure Repairs and Rehabilitaion	4	\$101,215.00	\$202,430.00	50%	\$101,215.00
			\$35,644,990.45	\$76,957,492.61	Avg Score	\$35,644,990.45