



AGENDA

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Finance Committee Meeting No. 6-26

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

1:00 p.m. (MT) / 12:00 p.m. (PT)

Water Center

Conference Room 648A

322 E. Front Street

Boise

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Marcus Gibbs
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District 4

Patrick McMahon
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At Large

1. Introductions and Attendance
2. Loan Applications:
 - A. Kuna East Water Corporation *
 - B. Dalton Gardens Irrigation District *
3. Measuring and Monitoring Grant Awards*
4. ESPA Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Grant Awards *
5. Aging Infrastructure Grant Awards *
6. Fiscal Year 2027 Water Management Account Spending Plan *
7. Fiscal Year 2027 Secondary Fund Budget Amendment *
8. Other Items
9. Adjourn

Committee Members:

Chair Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Jeff Raybould, Marc Gibbs, Dale Van Stone, and Dean Stevenson.

*Action Item: A vote regarding this item may be made at this meeting. Identifying an item as an action item on the agenda does not require a vote to be taken on the item.

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MEMO



To: Idaho Water Resource Board Finance Committee
From: Jake Vermaas, IDWR EIT, Planning & Projects Bureau
Date: September 2, 2026
Subject: Kuna East Water Corporation – New Water Project Loan Application

REQUESTED ACTION: Consider A Loan Request for \$448,708.00

INTRODUCTION

The Kuna East Water Corporation (KEWC) is requesting a new loan in the amount of \$448,708 from the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB/Board) to replace its failed 62-year-old well and update its equipment to better serve the people while improving water and energy use.

BACKGROUND

The Kuna East Water Corporation is a small, member-owned irrigation entity established in 1962 to provide reliable agricultural water delivery to its eight shareholders in the area around the City of Kuna. Their distribution system currently delivers water to 130 irrigated acres across nine member farms. The members provide livestock, hay production, agricultural products, and livestock feed to the public.

PRIOR LOANS

KEWC has not held any prior loans with the IWRB in the past. While they have received grant funds, this will be their first loan, and they currently possess no outstanding debt.

PROPOSED PROJECT

The Project will drill and construct a new deep irrigation well to replace KEWC's existing well that failed after 62 years and install a new turbine pump and motor, along with small electrical upgrades and surface plumbing replacement. The existing well and turbine pump delivers water to 9 property owners over 130 acres of farmland via underground pipelines to wheel lines and hand lines. Upon award, KEWC is prepared to proceed with engineering, permitting, and construction.

BENEFITS

The replacement of KEWC's 1964 irrigation well and modernization of its pumping system provides clear and measurable benefits to the local community, the agricultural economy, and Idaho's long-term water resource sustainability. As a small, member-owned cooperative serving nine farms south of the Boise Airport, KEWC plays an important role in supporting agricultural production, land stewardship, and responsible groundwater use in the region.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The total Project costs were estimated at \$390,181, adding a contingency of \$58,527, so the total requested was \$448,708. Currently, KEWC charges their water users per share at \$22.36 per year, with a share equal to 10 acres owned, plus or including an additional regular

assessment for a reserve fund in the amount of at least one annual payment.

Kuna East Water Corporation also passed a resolution to cover the full estimated payment with shareholder assessments. In addition, KEWC will be applying for an IDWR Aging Infrastructure grant. If this is approved, the grant amount will be applied directly to the project, and the loan request will be reduced accordingly prior to final loan execution. Based on the financial information provided in the application, there are no concerns at this time as to KEWC's ability to repay the loan. The estimated annual payment, based on a 10-year term and an estimated 3 equal disbursements, is approximately \$59,000 at a 5.5% interest rate. If the AIG grant is approved, the payment will be reduced to \$29,000.

The funds will be allocated from the Revolving Development Account with an estimated available balance of \$2,971,000 (*As of July 2026, rounded*)

WATER RIGHTS

Water Right	Source	Priority Date	Rate	Process
63-33169	Groundwater	09/06/1960	2.7	License
63-10813	Groundwater	06/13/1989	0.54	License

SECURITY

As security for the loan, the Kuna East Water Corporation has offered all water rights of KEWC through bylaws, liens on property, pump equipment, and controls. The estimated value for the property, as provided in the application, was sufficient to cover the amount requested by KEWC.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The requested funds will be used to replace Kuna East Water Corporation's failed 62-year-old irrigation well and update its equipment to better serve its member farms while improving its water and energy use. The Corporation has not held any loans in the past but has received IWRB grants before, currently holds no outstanding debt and has passed a resolution with unanimous consent to increase annual member assessments, as well as establish and maintain a reserve account to ensure the loan is paid in full.

The applicant meets the qualification criteria, and the proposed project is consistent with the Board's goals established in the Idaho State Water Plan. Staff recommends the approval of the loan request for the total amount of \$448,708.

Attachment(s):

- *Draft Resolution*

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 \$224,354 to cover costs associated with replacement of
3 its aging irrigation well and installation of a new turbine pump and motor; and
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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
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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
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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
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17 WHEREAS, alternative options were explored but did not provide the Corporation with an
18 adequate long-term solution to deliver domestic water and address potential future growth; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Corporation has approved a resolution to raise shareholder assessments and will
21 establish a reserve account for the costs of the project; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Corporation is a qualified applicant, and the proposed Project is eligible for a loan
24 from the Board's Revolving Development Account; and
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26 WHEREAS, the proposed Project is in the public interest and fully complies with the State Water
27 Plan.
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29 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB provides authority to the Chairman of the Idaho
30 Water Resource Board, or his designee, to enter into contracts, to effectuate the loan, with the
31 Association on behalf of the IWRB.
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33 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB approves a loan not to exceed
34 \$408,708 from the Revolving Development Account at 5.39 % interest with a 10-year repayment term to
35 the Kuna East Water Corporation.
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37 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the approval of the loan are
38 subject to the following conditions:
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- 40 1) The Corporation shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations that apply to the
41 proposed Project.
42 2) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Corporation shall comply with all statutory
43 requirements for incurring debt.
44 3) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Corporation will provide acceptable security for
45 the loan to the IWRB.
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DATED this 18th day of September 2026.

JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST _____
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

MEMO



To: Idaho Water Resource Board Finance Committee

From: Jake Vermaas, IDWR EIT, Planning & Projects Bureau

Date: September 2, 2026

Subject: Dalton Gardens Irrigation District – New Water Project Loan Application

REQUESTED ACTION: Consider a Loan Request of \$5,299,235

INTRODUCTION

Dalton Gardens Irrigation District (DGID/District) is requesting a new loan in the amount of \$5,299,235 from the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB/Board) to refurbish their existing transmission main by putting in a CIPP liner to extend the life of the main. DGID also intends to demolish and construct a new pumphouse and install new pumps, valves, motors and controls. These improvements would allow the district to deliver water to its customers in the city of Dalton Gardens, Idaho.

BACKGROUND

The Dalton Gardens Irrigation District, established in 1917, began diverting and delivering water from Hayden Lake through a pumphouse at Honeysuckle Beach and a tank located on Honeysuckle Hill, in 1956. Since then, they have grown, serving 724 property owners with a total of 944 acres.

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

The district is not currently holding any outstanding debts but currently holds two grants with the IWRB for \$1,369,165, and \$1,404,500, from the Water Management account, for work on this project.

PROPOSED PROJECT

The Project will refurbish the district's transmission main by putting in a CIPP liner to extend the life of the main, as well as demolish and construct a new pumphouse at the site, installing new pumps, valves, motors and controls. The existing transmission main is well past its service life and has significant corrosion and spalling of the asbestos concrete interior. There was a recent failure of the transmission line, underscoring the need to refurbish the line as there is no pumping redundancy and a failure of a pump or other equipment may be difficult or impossible to repair due to a lack of repair parts.

PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

The project considered full replacement of the transmission line between the pumphouse and the tank, and from the tank to the feeder lines in Dalton. As an alternative, lining the existing mains with CIPP was explored and it was decided to go with the CIPP alternative due to reduced cost and time to place in service.

Pumps, motors and electrical gear run on a 2300-volt system. The current capacity of the system is such that if any one pump fails, service to the members of the district would be

severely restricted if not terminated due to an inability to find suitable repair parts. This project will replace the existing pumping infrastructure with modern system providing slightly increased capacity, improved efficiency, and redundancy.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The total Project cost is estimated at \$7,368,002 with a \$704,998 contingency for a total of \$8,072,900.

The DGID currently assesses shareholders at \$240 per acre. Currently, there are 724 hookups serving 944 acres for a total estimated income of \$226,560.

Per the application information, the district has passed a special resolution designating a Local Improvement District (LID) to start at the completion of this project and be coterminous with the loan. This designation will permit them to increase their assessment through local improvement district bonds to finance a portion of the design and construction costs of system improvements.

FLIC has also received two Aging Infrastructure grant awards from the Board. These grants offset 34% of the project costs equal to approximately \$2,773,665.

Based on the financial information provided in the application, there are no concerns at this time as to DGID's ability to repay the loan. The estimated annual payment on the total loan amount of \$5,299,235, based on a 20-year term and an estimated 3 equal disbursements, would be \$703,037.68 at a 5.5% interest rate.

WATER RIGHTS

Water Right	Source	Priority Date	Amount	Beneficial Use
95-467	Hayden Lake	6/27/1906	1,146 acres	Domestic
95-467A	Hayden Lake	5/1/1958	1,146 acres	Domestic

SECURITY

As security for the loan, the applicant has established a Local Improvement District for the Project. The applicant has authorized the Board to levy the LID's assessment authority to repay the loan. An attorney's statement has also been provided, advising the applicant of their responsibilities as to the incurrence of indebtedness.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The funds requested will be used for refurbishment of the district's transmission main by putting in a CIPP liner to extend the life of the main, as well as the demolition and construction of a new pumphouse at the site, and installation of new pumps, valves, motors, and controls. This project will allow DGID to resume delivering water to its customers in the city of Dalton Gardens. As a non-profit organization, the district has passed a resolution to raise shareholder assessments to meet the estimated annual payment and will provide adequate collateral to secure the loan.

The applicant meets the qualification criteria, and the proposed project is consistent with the goals established by the Board in the Idaho State Water Plan. Staff recommends the approval of the loan request, for the total amount of \$5,299,235.

Attachment(s):

- *Draft Resolution*
- *PowerPoint Presentation*

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 CIPP liner to extend the life of the main;
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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

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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

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

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

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

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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

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26 WHEREAS, the proposed Project is in the public interest and is in compliance with the State Water
27 Plan.

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

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33 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB approves a loan not to exceed
34 \$5,299,235 from the Revolving Development Account at 5.5% interest with a 20-year repayment term.

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36 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the approval of the loan are
37 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 proposed
40 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.
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DATED this 18TH day of September 2026.

JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST _____
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

IWRB Loan Program

September 2, 2026



Jake Vermaas, EIT
IDWR Planning/Projects
Staff Engineer

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Proposal

The Kuna East Water Corporation (KEWC) and Dalton Gardens Irrigation District (DGID) are requesting new loans from the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) for water infrastructure projects:

Entity	Project	Request
Kuna East Water Corporation	Well Replacement	\$448,708
Dalton Gardens Irrigation District	Refurbish Transmission Main, New Pumphouse	\$5,299,235

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KEWC Location



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Kuna East Water Corporation

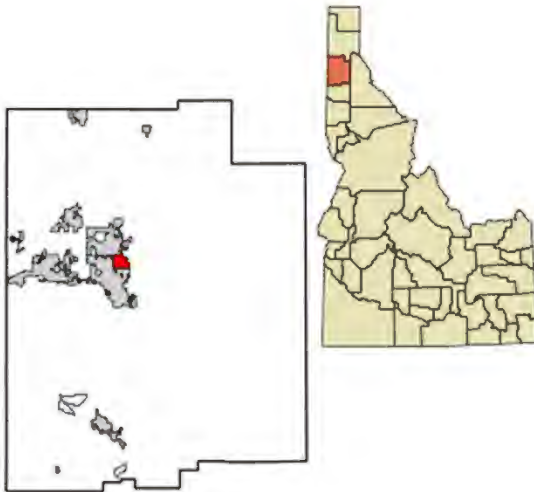
- Established in 1962
- 9 member farms, 130 irrigated acres
- Existing 62-year old well failed
- Scope of Work:
 - Refurbish transmission main
 - Demolish and construct new pumphouse
- Approved resolution to raise shareholder assessments to pay for project
- Also applying for IWRB Aging Infrastructure grant to cover half
- Offered water rights plus liens on property, pump equipment, controls

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KEWC Budget

Project Component	Total Cost
New Well Drilling & Construction	\$234,000
New Turbine Pump, Column, Motor	\$81,180
Electrical & Control Upgrades	\$52,500
Discharge Plumbing, Header, Tie-Ins, Concrete Pad	\$15,000
Engineering, Permitting, Oversight	\$5,000
Testing, Development, Camera Verification	\$2,500
Contingency (12–15%)	\$58,527
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$448,708

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Dalton Gardens ID
Location

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Dalton Gardens Irrigation District

- Organized as Irrigation District in 1917.
- Current system built in 1954.
- Serves 724 property owners with 944 acres total.
- Scope of work:
 - Refurbish transmission line by installing CIPP liner
 - Demolish and construct a new pumphouse
 - Install new pumps, valves, motors, controls
- District has no debt, approved LID (Local Improvement District) to finance this project, and received two IEWB Aging Infrastructure grants totaling \$2,773,665

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Dalton Gardens ID Budget

Project Component	Total Cost
Transmission Main Construction	\$2,426,091
Pump House Construction	\$3,372,600
Planning / Engineering / Admin	\$1,033,900
Legal / Admin	\$260,100
Regulation / Permitting	\$40,000
Interim Interest	\$235,200
Contingency (12–15%)	\$704,998
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$8,072,900

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Questions?

MEMO



To: Idaho Water Resource Board Finance Committee
From: Planning & Projects Bureau Staff
Date: September 2, 2026
Subject: Fiscal Year 2027 Measuring and Monitoring Grant Applications

REQUESTED ACTION: Consider Funding Resolution

Staff received three applications for the IWRB's Measuring and Monitoring Grant Funding program. The applications were evaluated and scored according to criteria adopted by the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB). The total amount requested by the applications is \$499,217. The Fiscal Year 2027 Water Management Account Spending Plan shows the IWRB has \$1,000,000 available for Measuring and Monitoring grant awards.

Attachment(s):

- *Fiscal Year 2027 Scoring Sheet*
- *Draft Resolution*

District	Project	Score (avg)	Request	Cost	Percent	Summary
2	Black Canyon Irrigation District	58.00	\$125,000.00	\$267,110.00	47%	The project will build on Phase 1 already completed by the District to install 14 flowmeters on active siphon turnouts used for irrigation. The meters will allow the watermaster to better manage water share allocations, protect downstream users from shortages, reduce unnecessary spills, and reduce the District's pumping costs
2	Emmet Irrigation District	55.00	\$124,217.00	\$248,434.00	50%	The project will modernize critical infrastructure by installing advanced monitoring equipment, automated control structures, telemetry communications, and centralized data management capabilities at twelve strategic locations across the Emmett Main Canal and associated distribution facilities
4	Jefferson Clark GWD	76.67	\$250,000.00	\$608,462.70	41%	The project will replace Power Consumption Coefficient (PCC)-based diversion estimates with direct volumetric flow measurement at 172 groundwater pumping locations throughout the District with new McCrometer ProComm electromagnetic flowmeters & Ethos integrated telemetry units.

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 assistance
3 within the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Area of Common Ground Water Supply (ACGWS), to
4 increase the measurement and monitoring capability of irrigators within the ESPA ACGWS; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) has issued orders
7 requiring measuring devices (Measurement Orders) to specified water users within designated water
8 districts across the state of Idaho to better administer water resources, and there is a great number of
9 water users within water districts, including outside of the ESPA ACGWS, in need of funding assistance to
10 comply with measurement orders; and
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12 WHEREAS, on May 21, 2026, the IWRB adopted updated criteria for the award of Measuring &
13 Monitoring Support Grants (Resolution No. 27-2026) and will accept applications statewide and year-
14 round, to be funded at the next available IWRB meeting; and
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16 WHEREAS, Three (3) measuring & monitoring grant applications were received for the September
17 timeframe and were evaluated, scored, and ranked according to the criteria adopted by the IWRB; and
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19 WHEREAS, on September 2, 2026, the Finance Committee met and discussed the projects, and
20 recommended that the IWRB approve Measuring & Monitoring Support Grant awards as specified in
21 Attachment A included with the resolution; and
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23 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the award of the Measuring &
24 Monitoring Support Grants from the Water Management Account as specified in Attachment A to this
25 resolution.

DATED this 18th day of September 2026.

JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST _____
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

MEMO



To: Idaho Water Resource Board Finance Committee
From: Benjamin Camp, EIT, Planning & Projects Bureau
Date: September 2, 2026
Subject: Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Grant Awards

REQUESTED ACTION: Consider a Resolution to Award Grant Funds

Background:

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) adopted Resolution No. 34-2025 for an amended FY 2026 Water Management Account (WMA) Spending Plan, which included a remainder of \$6,669,375 in funding budgeted for FY 2025 Round 2 of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion (Conversion) Grant Program. The spending plan also included an additional \$20 million budgeted for the FY 2026 award cycle. On September 12, 2025, the IWRB approved Resolution No. 39-2025 to award \$18.7 million in ESPA Conversion grants from the \$20 million budgeted for FY 2026. There remains \$6,669,375 from the FY 2025 Round 2 available for award from the Conversion Grant Program. On May 21, 2026, the IWRB signed Resolution No. 21-2026, which includes an additional \$8 million budgeted for FY 2027 Conversion grant award cycle as part of the FY 2027 WMA Spending Plan. In total, there is \$14,669,375 budgeted for the Conversion Grant Program not yet under award.

On May 21, 2026, the IWRB further adopted Resolution No. 26-2026 into effect, adopting updated criteria for the ESPA Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Grant program. The application deadline for the FY 2027 award cycle was July 10th, 2026. Staff received nine (9) applications requesting \$1,271,263.17, plus one (1) additional application requesting \$60,889.50 received after the deadline, for a total of ten (10) applications with a requested amount of \$1,332,152.67.

The timely applications were scored based upon project benefits/effectiveness and proposal clarity and ranked against each other for percentage of pumping offset and for the impact of groundwater reduction. The late application did not receive points for percentage of pumping offset nor for the impact of groundwater reduction. Staff have prepared the following funding recommendations and the attached FY 2027 Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Grant Project Applications Summaries document.

Additionally, Staff have received a request for a funding extension for a FY 2025 Round 2 Project, Big Lost River Irrigation District's (BLRID) Darlington Canal Conversion Project. This project has not yet formalized an amount to request. However, funds would be distributed under the Conversion Grant Program.

Staff Funding Recommendation

Staff do not recommend the Little Lost River Watershed Improvement District's (LLRWID) Pancheri project. The proposal is an efficiency project to convert 1.3 miles of the Little Lost River to a closed

pipe system, as well as line the south pond capable of holding 46 acre-feet, to reduce seepage losses during delivery and storage. Currently, groundwater is pumped into the south pond and a second unlined pond (north) to make up lost surface water and for additional irrigation. The project area covers two farms, one of which has primary surface water rights covering 100% of the 1655 acres and supplemental groundwater rights covering 80% of the acres. The second farm has groundwater rights to cover all 1209 acres and surface water rights covering 30% of the acres. No additional surface water, other than the recovery of the reduced seepage, is proposed to be delivered for the project to reduce groundwater pumping. The project as proposed will have zero net change in aquifer reach gain benefits, since the reduction to seepage losses of surface water will be equally offset with a reduction in groundwater pumping. The total project costs are \$1.4 million, with a request of \$715,653 in funding at 50%.

Board staff recommend that the remaining nine (9) applications be funded, as there is ample funding available and the applications meet all grant criteria.

Total funds to be awarded if the LLRWID project is not funded would amount to \$616,499.67. A resolution with *Attachment A* listing the recommended projects for award, and their award amounts and scores, is attached.

Attachment(s):

- *FY 2027 Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Grant Application Summaries*
- *Draft Resolution w/ Attachment A*

FY 2027 - Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion

Grant Application Summaries

Bingham GWD: Clawson		
Funds requested:	\$142,664.00	Installation of two system conversions
Total project costs:	\$285,328.00	1. Pump, VFD, filter, sump box, approximately 3300' of pipe.
AF of GW offset:	898	2. Pump, VFD, filter, sump box.
Bingham GWD: Clayson		
Funds requested:	\$34,903.00	
Total project costs:	\$69,806.00	Install a pump, filter, and approximately 1700' of pipe.
AF of GW offset:	518	
Bingham GWD: Hawker		
Funds requested:	\$63,093.89	
Total project costs:	\$126,187.78	Installation of a pump, VFD, filter, and sump box.
AF of GW offset:	150	
Bingham GWD: Sandoval		
Funds requested:	\$35,505.00	
Total project costs:	\$71,010.00	Installation of a pump, VFD, filter, sump box, and 60' of steel mainline.
AF of GW offset:	191	
Bingham GWD: Stecklein		
Funds requested:	\$36,595.18	
Total project costs:	\$73,190.37	Installation of a pump, filter, sump box, power, and approximately 1300' of pipe.
AF of GW offset:	759	
Bingham GWD: Thompson		
Funds requested:	\$60,494.60	
Total project costs:	\$120,989.19	Installation of a pump and filter with approximately 1980' of 12" pipeline and 1180' of 10" pipe.
AF of GW offset:	1874	
Bingham GWD: Tominoga		
Funds requested:	\$7,210.00	
Total project costs:	\$90,106.00	Installation of a pump, VFD, filter, and sump box.
AF of GW offset:	758	
Little Lost River Watershed Improvement District: Pancheri		
Funds requested:	\$715,653.00	
Total project costs:	\$1,431,308.00	Install a liner to an irrigation pond and approximately 6900' of 36" pipeline along the Little Lost River to reduce seepage losses and reduce supplemental groundwater pumping.
AF of GW offset:	0	

FY 2027 - Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Grant Application Summaries

Upper Big Lost River GWD: Pehrson		
Funds requested:	\$175,144.50	Installation of a pump and two sections of pipeline to integrate the surface water into the existing irrigation system.
Total project costs:	\$350,289.00	
AF of GW offset:	338	
Late Application - Bonneville Jefferson GWD: Lovell and Cook Ag		
Funds requested:	\$60,889.50	Installation of a pump, VFD, filter, sump box, a flow meter, and approximately 1,320' of pipe.
Total project costs:	\$121,779.00	
AF of GW offset:	1040	

*All projects have an estimated completion date in Spring 2027.

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

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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

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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

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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.

DATED this 18th day of September 2026.

JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST _____
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

2026 Round 3 ESPA GW to SW 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
Little Lost River Watershed Improvement District	Pancheri	\$ 715,653.00	\$ 1,431,308.00	36.00	---
TOTALS		\$ 1,332,152.67	\$ 2,739,993.34		\$ 616,499.67

*Projects highlighted in yellow are not awarded funds

MEMO



To: IWRB Finance Committee (Committee)
From: Planning & Projects Bureau Staff
Date: September 2, 2026
Subject: Fiscal Year 2027 Aging Infrastructure Grant Applications

REQUESTED ACTION: Consider Funding Resolution

Staff received 70 applications for Aging Infrastructure Grant Funding. The applications were evaluated and scored according to criteria adopted by the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB). The total amount requested by the applications is \$39,366,435.66. The Fiscal Year 2027 Water Management Account Spending Plan shows the IWRB has \$30,274,363 available for Aging Infrastructure grant awards.

Attachment(s):

- *Project Summaries*
- *Fiscal Year 2027 Scoring Sheet*
- *Draft Resolution*

	Project	Score (avg)	Request	Cost	Percent	Summary
4	Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company	101.50	\$1,167,800	\$2,335,600	50%	The Lavaside Siphon Replacement project will remove the existing inverted siphon and install a new cast-in-place structure along with two HDPE pipes and an updated trash rack.
1	Avondale Irrigation District	85.00	\$2,000,000	\$4,300,000	47%	Avondale will use the funding to replace approximately 8,200 linear feet of asbestos-concrete pipe within their existing distribution system.
3	Big Wood Canal Company	103.00	\$1,999,000	\$3,998,000	50%	The Big Wood Canal Company is seeking funds towards improvements at Magic Reservoir after FERC dam safety review. The improvements include a downstream toe drain, tailrace blanket drain, the construction of an embankment chimney filter drain, updates to the existing conveyance structures and additional dam safety evaluations
4	Bingham Groundwater District - Parsons	67.00	\$90,000	\$180,000	50%	The project would modernize the existing Snake River headworks southeast of Blackfoot. The existing headworks are manually operated and do not provide automation control or flow measurement, the updated structure will provide the district with a Rubicon FlumeGate
4	Bingham Groundwater District - Watson	78.00	\$177,500	\$355,000	50%	Existing headworks for Watson Slough water users has deteriorated and is in need of repair. This project would remove the existing structure, replace it with a reinforced concrete structure, and incorporate the installation of automated gates & telemetry equipment
2	Black Canyon Irrigation District	89.00	\$2,000,000	\$4,234,486	47%	The Black Canyon Irrigation District is seeking funds to replace the existing Beet Dump Siphon located along the Conway Gulch Lateral. The structure was completed in 1948 and has reached end of service life
2	Boise Project BOC - Golden Gate	92.00	\$216,809	\$481,798	45%	The Boise Project BOC is seeking funding to address a high-risk section of the existing canal that has, in the past, created flood hazards and damaged adjacent property. The project would replace the existing earthen liner and install 2,60 feet of 6" concrete
2	Boise Valley Irrigation District Company	79.50	\$173,296	\$346,592	50%	Boise Valley is seeking funds to convert open canal to pipe through their irrigation district. The project will help the District better maintain the system as the area to be piped is difficult to maintain
4	Caribou Soil Conservation District	0.00	\$321,445	\$642,890	50%	Funding would be used to rehabilitate the City of Grace's potable water infrastructure. The project would address deteriorating transmission mains and outdated spring collection systems essential to the City's water supply
3	City of Eden	73.50	\$24,970	\$49,970	50%	The City of Eden is seeking funds to install a replacement mainline throughout the town. Much of the system has reached the end of servicable life, and these funds would help the City avoid potential emergency situations if there was a failure
2	City of Greenleaf	97.00	\$128,300	\$256,600	50%	Using a recently completed Facility Master Plan, the City has identified a list of improvements to the existing gravity irrigation system. The repairs include the replacement of leaking irrigation pipe, waste line modifications, additional pipe installation, and the installation of two mainline access points for maintenance and sediment removal
1	City of Lewiston	0.00	\$1,400,000	\$3,200,000	44%	Funds would be used to decommission Well No. 4, which has confirmed PFOS & PFOA contamination. Additionally, the City is planning to construct their Water Treatment Alkalinity Additional Project to replace compromised groundwater infrastructure
3	City of Rupert	91.50	\$55,000	\$110,000	50%	The City of Rupert will rehabilitate and reconstruct three existing municipal irrigation wells to restore reliable operation and extend the life of the system. Work will include the removal or deteriorated infrastructure, well reconstruction, new casings and seals, and the installation of new pumps
4	Consolidated Irrigation Company	83.00	\$1,928,245	\$3,856,489	50%	The funds will be used to pipe an existing canal that conveys water from the hydro plant to the Johnson and Lamont reservoirs. The project would reduce incidental recharge and save the Company approximately 980 acre-feet annually
1	Dalton Gardens Irrigation District	101.50	\$989,000	\$5,505,200	18%	Pump house improvement project to demolish the existing pumphouse and pipeline. Post-demolition, a new expanded pump station will be constructed with modern pumps, replacement pipe, and electrical equipment
4	Davis Ditch Association	80.00	\$63,590	\$127,991	50%	Funding will be used to install approximately 6,000 feet of PVC to enhance water delivery. a new 100hp shared pump will also be installed, allowing the Assn. to abandon and demolish four existing structures
1	Drainage District No. 6	102.50	\$385,717	\$798,034	48%	The project will upgrade existing deteriorated steel pipes with PVC and replace the existing pumps with variable frequency drive motors. The project will also modernize the existing electrical switching at the pump station, reducing fire risk
1	East Greenacres Water District	91.00	\$1,990,000	\$3,980,000	50%	The project will replace aging electrical components, well controls, mechanical piping, check valves, and SCADA monitoring components.
2	Emmet Irrigation District	64.00	\$124,217	\$248,434	50%	Emmet Irrigation District is seeking funds to install modern monitoring and measurement equipment, including automated control structures, pressure transducers, water level sensors, flow measurement devices and telemetry communication equipment.
4	Enterprize Canal Company	95.00	\$663,194	\$1,326,388	50%	Enterprize will use funding to replace an existing syphon with several HDPE pipes and to construct a new concrete inlet and outlet structure. Trash racks will be installed to help the Company better serve their patrons

3	Fish Creek Irrigation District	98.00	\$1,340,209	\$2,680,418	50%	Fish Creek Irrigation District is seeking funds to replace existing checkboard diversion structures with a modern headgate and measurement devices, install solar-powered ultrasonic flowmeters at the Fish Creek Mutual Pipeline, and install a canal liner along four sections of the canal
4	Fremont - Madison Irrigation District	95.00	\$53,500	\$107,000	50%	FMID is seeking funds to repair the existing bladder dam on to of the Island Park Reservoir. This would provide approximately 7,500 acre-feet of storage potential in the Reservoir
4	Fremont - Madison Irrigation District - Consolidated	100.50	\$57,792	\$115,583	50%	Fremont - Madison has proposed to upgrade an existing check structure along the Consolidated Farmers Canal. Automation equipment will also be installed at the headworks to help the Irrigation District better manage flows through the canal
4	Fremont - Madison Irrigation District - Salem Union	98.50	\$58,044	\$116,088	50%	An existing splitter structure located along the Salem Union Canal has reached end of serviceable life and needs repaired. The project will install a new splitter structure along with the installation of automation equipment to better manage deliveries
4	Fremont - Madison Irrigation District - Teton Island	90.50	\$26,816	\$53,633	50%	Fremont - Madison has requested funding to automate an existing check structure critical to the Teton Island Canal. The replacement will prevent flood events that has experienced year over crop damage.
4	Garden Water Company	98.00	\$2,000,000	\$4,245,000	47%	This project will construct a pressurized pipeline within the footprint of the Penfold/Bowles Canal and include a diversion headgate, fish and debris screen, open channel flow measurement structure, turnout structures, and valves
2	Gold Fork Irrigating Company	89.50	\$25,000	\$50,000	50%	Applicant is seeking funding to complete a system study to determine an overall plan to repair the entire existing system. The study will include a scoping-level evaluation of existing headworks, conveyance alternatives (gravity vs pressurized), potential pump station installation, a hydraulic profile of the entire system, and costs for each studied component.
4	Grand Teton Canal Company	94.00	\$110,000	\$220,000	50%	The Grand Teton Canal Company is seeking funds to replace the main head gate structure, which has reached the end of its operational lifespan and presents an imminent risk of structural failure
1	Hayden Lake Irrigation District	100.50	\$984,000	\$1,986,000	50%	Funding to Hayden Lake will be used to upsize an existing transmission main. Works would include the installation of a standby generator, low-harmonic variable frequency drive pumps, modern SCADA controls, and a new well house for the equipment
4	Jefferson Clark GWD - Ball Canal	88.50	\$1,752,035	\$3,504,069	50%	The project would line approximately 5.15 miles of existing canal in the Jefferson Clark GWD. Through this improvement, systems would reduce seepage and delivery loss, allowing the entity to deliver the same amount of useable water with less overall groundwater pumping
4	Jefferson Clark GWD - Independent Canal	87.50	\$1,739,391	\$3,478,782	50%	The project would line approximately 4.8 miles of existing canal in the Jefferson Clark GWD. Through this improvement, systems would reduce seepage and delivery loss, allowing the entity to deliver the same amount of useable water with less overall groundwater pumping
4	Jefferson Clark GWD - Producers	82.50	\$1,644,835	\$3,289,671	50%	The project would line approximately 3.72 miles of existing canal in the Jefferson Clark GWD. Through this improvement, systems would reduce seepage and delivery loss, allowing the entity to deliver the same amount of useable water with less overall groundwater pumping
4	Jefferson Clark GWD - Stewart Canal	85.50	\$977,267	\$1,954,454	50%	The project would line approximately 3.56 miles of existing canal in the Jefferson Clark GWD. Through this improvement, systems would reduce seepage and delivery loss, allowing the entity to deliver the same amount of useable water with less overall groundwater pumping
4	Jefferson Irrigation Canal	80.00	\$128,492	\$256,984	50%	Funds would be used by the Irrigation Canal to convert an existing flood-irrigation operation to a pivot system. Currently, the Holdaway operation uses pumped groundwater to flood irrigate; this could potentially reduce the overall amount withdrawn
4	Jefferson Irrigation Canal	81.00	\$526,288	\$1,052,580	50%	Funds would be used by the Irrigation Canal to convert an existing flood-irrigation operation to a pivot system. Currently, the Krag Bare operation uses pumped groundwater to flood irrigate; this could potentially reduce the overall amount withdrawn
4	Jefferson Irrigation Company	80.50	\$779,574	\$1,559,148	50%	Funding will be used to line two miles of existing canal using 40-mil HDPE geomembrane liner. Funding will also be used to relocate an existing pump station and construct the necessary pump-station infrastructure at the new location
2	Kuna East Water Corporation	92.00	\$224,354	\$448,708	50%	Kuna East Water Corporation is seeking funds to replace a 62-year-old well that has began to fail. These funds will also be paired with a loan application for the same project; currently they have applied for the full project costs, these funds would offset 50% of the costs
4	Lenroot Canal Company	65.50	\$62,789	\$125,579	50%	The Lenroot headgate will be retrofitted with an Ethos level sensor telemetry unit and Dryer pressure transducer, allowing the canal company to monitor real-time diversions and better manage spills. The existing Screw Gate will be retrofitted with a new steel gate upstream of the existing wood structures and equipped with an Auma actuator motor and Ethos automation & telemetry equipment
2	Lost Valley Reservoir Company	35.50	\$2,000,000	\$14,000,000	14%	This project would both repair and expand the existing Lost Valley Reservoir system, increasing the potential storage capacity to 30,000 acre-feet

4	Madison Groundwater District - Erikson	82.00	\$37,028	\$75,055	49%	An existing corroded steel mainline is proposed to be replaced with new PVC lines to reduce subsurface leaking and structural degradation. The replacement will eliminate leakage, improve irrigation efficiency, and reduce overall groundwater diversions for the District.
4	Madison Groundwater District - Gould	84.50	\$51,706	\$103,411	50%	An existing corroded steel mainline is proposed to be replaced with new PVC lines to reduce subsurface leaking and structural degradation. The replacement will eliminate leakage, improve irrigation efficiency, and reduce overall groundwater diversions for the District.
4	Madison Groundwater District - Huskinson	85.50	\$5,563	\$11,126	50%	An existing corroded steel mainline is proposed to be replaced with new PVC lines to reduce subsurface leaking and structural degradation. The replacement will eliminate leakage, improve irrigation efficiency, and reduce overall groundwater diversions for the District.
4	Madison Groundwater District - Jeppeson	83.50	\$45,100	\$90,200	50%	An existing corroded steel mainline is proposed to be replaced with new PVC lines to reduce subsurface leaking and structural degradation. The replacement will eliminate leakage, improve irrigation efficiency, and reduce overall groundwater diversions for the District.
4	Madison Groundwater District - Saurey	84.50	\$63,597	\$127,193	50%	An existing corroded steel mainline is proposed to be replaced with new PVC lines to reduce subsurface leaking and structural degradation. The replacement will eliminate leakage, improve irrigation efficiency, and reduce overall groundwater diversions for the District.
4	Madison Groundwater District - Webster	84.50	\$224,694	\$449,389	50%	An existing corroded steel mainline is proposed to be replaced with new PVC lines to reduce subsurface leaking and structural degradation. The replacement will eliminate leakage, improve irrigation efficiency, and reduce overall groundwater diversions for the District.
2	McKinley Water Users	88.00	\$2,000,000	\$5,220,000	38%	The project will replace an aging gravity irrigation distribution serving a small portion of Boise's Randolph-Robertson neighborhood with an expanded pressurized distribution system that serves the entire footprint of homes associated with the two Penninger Lateral diversions
2	Middleton Mill - Boise River Check Structure	86.00	\$18,000	\$36,000	50%	Middleton Mill will use the funds to pour a new 6" flow on the existing floor of the canal, pour new 3" concrete walls up to 5' and finish with a polyurea spray for protection.
2	Middleton Mill - Willow Creek	90.50	\$42,279	\$84,558	50%	Middleton Mill is seeking funds to replace an existing diversion structure at Willow Creek with a concrete pad and check board slots to measure and regulate flows. Middleton will also replace existing concrete headwalls with new headwalls and replace an overflow pipe that had reached end of service life
3	Milner Irrigation District	84.00	\$142,660	\$285,319	50%	Milner Irrigation District has requested funds to refurbish their existing main gates, purchase and install vertical turbine and variable frequency drive pumps, and replace 770' of cement delivery conduit that has begun to leak
4	Mud Lake Water Users Association	90.50	\$57,216	\$114,431	50%	The proposed project includes installing approximately 5,560 linear feet of 12-inch PVC irrigation pipeline, constructing a lined road crossing, installing the necessary fittings and valves, and installing a 60-horsepower pump capable of delivering approximately 1,000 gallons per minute
4	Mud Lake Water Users Association - Re-Application	88.50	\$800,000	\$1,600,000	50%	Mud Lake Water Users are seeking funds to rehabilitate and improve a major pump station. New pumps will be installed along the Owsley Canal that convey water across 24,000 acres
4	North Wapello Lateral Ditch	102.00	\$67,612	\$135,224	50%	Funds will be used to repair an existing check structure that has experienced significant deterioration, cracking, spalling, and erosion. The project is a partnership between North Wapello and the Blackfoot Irrigation Company, who will provide significant in-kind support
3	North Side Canal Company - A-Siphon		\$314,850	\$628,700	50%	North Side is seeking funds to reconstruct an existing steel pipe siphon along the A-Canal. The existing steel will be demolished and a new, fusion-welded HDPE pipeline will be installed. After fusion and installation, the pipe will then be buried to protect against weather
3	North Side Canal Company - C-Check Structure	96.00	\$260,325	\$520,650	50%	North Side Canal Co. is seeking funds to demolish and replace both the C-Canal C-1 and Greenwood check structures. New weir structures will be formed and installed after the existing structures are demolished; construction is expected to begin fall 2027
3	North Side Canal Company - Red Bridge	98.00	\$486,750	\$973,500	50%	North Side Canal Co. is seeking funds to demolish and rebuild the existing Red Bridge - Main Canal Structure weir gates and gates near Jerome. Construction is expected to begin fall/winter of 2027, depending on the design process and availability of funding
4	Parks And Lewisville	90.00	\$79,954	\$159,968	50%	Parks and Lewisville are seeking funds to install automation equipment at the Madsen Corner diversion, where flows split between two distribution branches. Two overshot gates will also be installed and operated by dual 5,000-pound motors
2	Payette Soil And Water Conservation District	97.00	\$60,470	\$123,235	49%	Funding will be used to replace an existing buried culvert along Kid Creek in New Plymouth. The project will also replace the adjacent irrigation drop structure to improve efficiency, reduce erosion, and improve reliability
3	Salmon River Canal	69.00	\$250,000	\$523,926	48%	The project would line an existing 1.8 mile concrete canal within the Salmon River Canal Company's system. The lining would save the Company approximately 10 acre-feet per day throughout the season
2	Sharver Lateral Water Users Assn	81.00	\$172,050	\$344,100	50%	Funding will be used to install cure-in-place pipe liner to rehabilitate the existing piped irrigation system. CCTV inspections, root cutting and cleaning, and post installation inspections will also be performed to verify installation success

4	Snake River Valley Irrigation District	89.00	\$761,610	\$1,523,220	50%	Funds will be used to replace the existing Cedar Point Splitter structure. A new, modern concrete structure will be cast in place and a new precast box culvert will be used to replace the existing wooden bridge
2	South Board of Control - Gem Irrigation District	81.50	\$780,594	\$1,561,187	50%	The South Board of Control, in partnership with the Gem Irrigation District, is seeking funds to replace pump motor starters that have significantly exceeded their serviceable life. A failure of these starter motors could significantly damage the pump and present a safety hazard to personnel
2	South Boise Water Company	88.00	\$144,360	\$288,720	50%	Funds will be used to replace 200' of existing pipeline, upgrade two existing catwalks and safety railings, automate three diversion headgates, and dredge the primary sediment forebay
4	Southeast Idaho Canal Company	86.50	\$10,398	\$20,797	50%	Southeast Idaho Canal Co. will replace an existing screw gate along a main lateral. The project will also include the installation of automation equipment and flow measurement devices to help resolve water charge conflicts between the Company and the water users
2	Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District	91.00	\$123,508	\$253,015	49%	Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District is seeking funding to install a new pump station along the Payette River with multiple pumps and metering equipment. The new installation will replace an existing system installed in the 1960s that has reached end of service life
3	Twin Falls Canal Company	75.50	\$317,151	\$634,303	50%	The project will provide a center pivot and the necessary infrastructure to the N Ranch, located along the existing TFCC canal. During the liner project undertaken by the TFCC, the reduction in seepage impacted the N Ranch's ability to irrigate, this project will help mitigate for the losses in seepage to the ranch.
4	Twin Lakes Canal Company	77.50	\$321,445	\$642,890	50%	Replacement of 1,020 feet of deteriorated siphon infrastructure will eliminate structural weaknesses, reduce failure risk, and protect downstream agricultural operations and public safety. The existing pump will also be replaced with a 300HP pump
4	United Canal Company	63.50	\$101,215	\$202,430	50%	The United Canal Company is seeking funding to replace an existing Aging Infrastructure grant award for work on the Danskin Canal. New diversion works, overshot gates, and automation equipment will be installed, reducing the risk of breaching into an adjacent canal and allowing the Company to better manage water supplies
2	Water District 65	83.50	\$99,748	\$199,496	50%	This will continue on the work done by the District to install real-time monitoring technology at 34 additional diversion locations along the Payette River basin. The new infrastructure will help the District replace the existing manual data collection system with automated, hourly telemetry data
2	Weiser River Soil Conservation District	93.50	\$310,750	\$636,500	49%	This project would install a new headgate and actuator valve at the Barton Reservoir. Additionally, a new 220' discharge pipe will be installed through the reservoir
4	Yellowstone Conservation District	70.00	\$827,335	\$1,654,671	50%	An existing corroded steel mainline is proposed to be replaced with new PVC lines. These mainlines are used to transport groundwater from wells to irrigation pivots and wheel lines and have developed significant underground leakage, increasing the overall groundwater withdrawals

\$39,366,436 \$94,800,383

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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.
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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.

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
Lost Valley Reservoir Company*	Lost Valley Reservoir Rehabilitation And Expansion	2	\$2,000,000.00	\$14,000,000.00	0.00	\$0.00
Caribou Soil Conservation District*	Potable Water System Repairs - City of Grace	4	\$321,445.21	\$642,890.43	0.00	\$0.00
City of Lewiston*	Well No. 4 PFOS/PFOA Mitigation Project	1	\$1,400,000.00	\$3,200,000.00	0.00	\$0.00

MEMO



To: Idaho Water Resource Board Finance Committee
From: Mary Condon, IDWR Supervisor
Date: August 25, 2026
Subject: Amend Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Water Management Account Spending Plan

REQUESTED ACTION: Develop and Recommend an Amended Spending Plan for FY 2027 Appropriations to Water Management Account for Full IWRB Consideration.

BACKGROUND:

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB/Board) manages three primary funding accounts to support water development and water sustainability efforts: the Revolving Development Account (RDA), Water Management Account (WMA), and the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund (Secondary Fund).

The RDA primarily funds loans and specific water development projects. The Secondary Fund and WMA are managed through annual or periodic spending plans adopted by the IWRB to direct funding toward priority water sustainability projects, grants, loans, and other Board-approved initiatives.

Since 2019, including FY 2027 appropriations, the Idaho Legislature has appropriated approximately \$394 million to the IWRB's Water Management Account (WMA) to support water project development and water sustainability initiatives. In addition, the 2022 Idaho Legislature allocated approximately \$250 million of the State's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support IWRB-approved projects.

To guide investments in projects that support water supply sustainability on a regional, basin-wide, or statewide scale in accordance with legislative direction, the IWRB maintains a list of priority projects: Regional Water Sustainability Projects Priority List (RWSP Priority List). The Board also administers targeted grant programs addressing aging infrastructure, flood management, groundwater-to-surface water conversions, measurement and monitoring, and water delivery system efficiency.

FY 2027 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS (SENATE BILL 1363):

Through Senate Bill (SB) 1363 (FY 2027 Natural Resources Maintenance Appropriation), the Legislature provided funding and direction for the WMA:

Section 16 – Flood Management Program (\$1,000,000):

- Transfers \$1 million from the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) General Fund to the Water Management Fund for flood-related activities, including hydrologic data collection, monitoring and modeling, stream channel repair and improvement, flood risk reduction, and flood prevention projects.
- These funds are to be administered by the IWRB through a competitive, matching grant process prioritizing projects based on public benefit.

Section 17 – Water Projects (\$30,000,000): Transfers \$30 million from the IDWR General Fund to the WMA for water projects on or around July 1, 2026.

Section 18 – WMA Project Fund Criteria: Establishes legislative intent and constraints governing the use of the \$30 million appropriation.

- Funds must be used for planning, construction, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and improvement of water infrastructure statewide.
- Priority categories include: Aquifer recharge and groundwater management; Water storage and conveyance infrastructure (e.g., reservoirs, canals, pipelines); Water supply efficiency and conservation improvements; and Emergency infrastructure repairs to ensure system resilience.
- Geographic distribution of expenditures: No more than 50% of the funds may be used within a single IWRB district unless there are no competing applications.
- Requires reporting to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee and germane legislative committees by December 5, 2026.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

The IWRB's FY 2027 WMA spending plan incorporated the \$30 million ongoing appropriation authorized under Senate Bill 1363, enacted during the 2026 legislative session. It was adopted on May 21, 2026, to reflect new IWRB funding obligations.

On September 2, 2026, the Finance Committee will:

- Evaluate current WMA balances, obligations, and project commitments, including funding award requests for:
 - Aging Infrastructure Grants – 70 applications for \$39,366,435.66; FY2027 Budget \$30,274,363.55
 - ESPA Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Grants - 10 applications for \$1,332,152.67; FY2027 Budget \$14,669,375.00
 - Measuring & Monitoring Grants (Year-round) – 3 applications for \$499,217.00; FY2027 Budget \$1,000,000
- Consider any necessary amendments to the existing spending plan.

Staff will present the Finance Committee's recommendations to the full IWRB on September 18, 2026.

Attachment(s):

- *Draft Amended WMA FY2027 Spending Plan*

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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 June 30, 2026</i>)	\$42,756,038
Water Project Loan Interest (<i>as of June 30, 2026</i>)	\$5,276
Water Project Loan Repayments (<i>as of June 30, 2026</i>)	\$346,074
Misc. Revenue	\$4,350,000
	\$441,457,388

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STATEWIDE REGIONAL WATER SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS & OTHER LARGE PROJECTS <i>(Projects listed in alphabetical order)</i>	Funds Obligated by IWRB Resolution (5/21/2026)	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 5/21/2026)	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 #	\$46,621,296 *	\$8,000,000	\$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:	\$160,520,698	\$22,000,000	\$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 5/21/2026)	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)	\$30,274,363 *	\$4,000,000	None
Total:	\$103,428,500	\$4,000,000	\$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 5/21/2026)	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 5/21/2026)	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 Obligated by IWRB Resolution	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:	\$419,361,144	\$30,000,000	-
Completed Total:	\$19,398,358	\$0	-
Remainder Available:	\$2,697,885		

Total Appropriations (FY 2020-2027)

MEMO



To: Idaho Water Resource Board Finance Committee
From: Mary Condon, Supervisor
Date: August 25, 2026
Subject: Proposed Amendment 1 to Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund – Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

REQUESTED ACTION: Consider Recommendation to the Idaho Water Resource Board for Adoption

Planning and Projects Bureau staff will discuss proposed modifications to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 budget for the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund (Secondary Aquifer Fund).

Background:

Staff with the Cloud Seeding Program presented two funding requests to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) Cloud Seeding Committee on August 5, 2026. The first request is to support Year 2 of the Bear River Basin Pilot Project for the 2026/2027 winter season, with a match of \$1.2 million to the Utah Division of Water Resources from the IWRB, an increase of \$200k from the FY 2027 adopted budget. The second request is for an additional aircraft for cloud seeding operations in the Upper Snake River Basin, with an expected amount of \$875k, as a new line item in the budget.

Both requests were recommended by the IWRB Cloud Seeding Committee to the IWRB Finance Committee for an amendment to the FY 2027 Secondary Aquifer Fund budget, with a caveat that the resolution approving funding for the Bear River Basin Year 2 Pilot Project include language stating that authorized funding be contingent upon the IWRB retaining an opportunity to provide direction regarding cloud seeding operations as they relate to Bear Lake.

The total of \$1,075,000 in funding requested will be provided by reallocating the first \$575k from within the Cloud Seeding portion of the budget and pulling the remaining \$500k from the Recharge Infrastructure Improvement Projects portion of the budget. The IWRB recently approved the new Bingham Ground Water District Weggland Ditch Recharge Basin project for \$6,310,000 on August 7th from the Secondary Aquifer Fund. A balance of \$290k for future recharge infrastructure projects will remain in the Recharge Infrastructure Improvement Projects portion of the budget.

Attachments:

- *Resolution with Attachment A: Proposed Secondary Aquifer Fund – FY 2027 Budget Amendment 1*

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	
	Modeling	Model Improvements	225,000	
	Technology	Computing and Modeling Infrastructure (HPC)	500,000	*
Statewide Capital	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

MEMO



To: Idaho Water Resource Board Finance Committee (Committee)
From: Planning & Projects Bureau Staff
Date: September 2, 2026
Subject: Other Items

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

This item is included to allow the Committee an opportunity to bring forward and discuss any other matters.

Attachments:

- *None*