



AGENDA

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

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Special Board Meeting No. 12-26

Friday, October 9, 2026

11:00 AM (MT) 10:00 AM (PT)

Water Center
Conference Rooms 648A
322 E. Front Street
BOISE

Livestream available at <https://www.youtube.com/@iwrp>

1. Roll Call
2. Executive Session: Board will meet pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1) subsection (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Topic: Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project. Closed to the public.
3. Water Management Information System Database Migration and Enhancement Project *
4. Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project *
5. Adjourn

* 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. **Americans with Disabilities:** If you require special accommodations to attend, participate in, or understand the meeting, please make advance arrangements by contacting Department staff by email mlin.ream@idwr.idaho.gov or by phone at (208) 287-4800.

MEMO



To: Idaho Water Resource Board (Board)
From: Planning and Projects Bureau Staff
Date: October 8, 2026
Subject: Executive Session

REQUESTED ACTION: Board will move to Executive Session to Meet Pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1) subsection (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Topic: Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project

MEMO



To: Idaho Water Resource Board
From: Planning and Projects Bureau Staff
Date: October 8, 2026
Subject: Water Management Information System Database Migration and Enhancement Project

REQUESTED ACTION: Consider Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Funds for the ESPA Groundwater Measurement Database – WMS Database Migration and Enhancement Project

Staff will provide the Idaho Water Resource Board (Board/IWRB) with a request to consider approving a resolution authorizing funds in relation to Water Management Information System Database Migration and Enhancement Project.

Attachments:

- *Draft Resolution*

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE IDAHO WATER
RESOURCE BOARD'S WATER MANAGEMENT
ACCOUNT

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FUNDS FOR
THE EASTERN SNAKE PLAIN AQUIFER
GROUNDWATER MEASUREMENT DATABASE
- WIMS DATABASE MIGRATION AND
ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

1 WHEREAS, the Water Management Account (WMA) was created pursuant to Idaho Code
2 § 42-1760 and is administered by the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) which is authorized to
3 expend, loan, or grant money from the WMA for water projects, including studies, that conserve
4 or increase water supply, improve drought resiliency, address water sustainability, or support
5 flood management; and

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7 WHEREAS, the 2025 Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 445, appropriated \$30 million
8 ongoing to the WMA for the planning, construction, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and
9 improvement of water infrastructure throughout the state, while limiting the use of no more
10 than fifty percent (50%) of the annual appropriation within a single Idaho Water Resource Board
11 district unless there are no competing applications from other districts; and further directed that,
12 for fiscal year 2026, fifty percent (50%) of the appropriation be allocated to District 3 and fifty
13 percent (50%) to District 4 to support the *2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan* entered into by surface
14 and ground water users on the Eastern Snake Plain; and

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16 WHEREAS, on November 21, 2025, through Resolution 51-2025, the IWRB approved the
17 Second Amended FY 2026 WMA Spending Plan which included authorization of up to \$500,000
18 to develop and maintain a new database to manage monthly groundwater pumping
19 measurements as required under the *2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan*; and

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21 WHEREAS, Resolution 51-2025 authorized spending up to \$50,000 per without further
22 IWRB approval; and

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24 WHEREAS, Resolution 29-2026 increased authorized funding to up to \$1,000,000 to
25 accommodate additional computer server capacity required by the Idaho Office of Information
26 Technology Services (OITS) to support the database; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) determined that a Water
29 Information System Kisters (WISKI) database would be the most appropriate platform for this
30 purpose and that IDWR's existing Water Measurement Information System (WMIS) should be
31 migrated to a newly developed WISKI database (WIMS Database Migration and Enhancement
32 Project); and

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34 WHEREAS, IDWR is coordinating with multiple parties to support the development of the
35 database including Idaho OITS, WISKI software developer Kisters, and SHI International

36 Corporation (SHI), which will provide technical support for platform development and database
37 integration; and
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39 WHEREAS, IDWR entered into a contract with Kisters to produce an Inception Report
40 defining the scope of the database at a cost of \$10,725 and coordinated with OITS to secure a
41 server to support the new database at a cost of \$206,938, for a total of \$217,663; and
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43 WHEREAS, the estimated costs for database development and license costs in an amount
44 of \$420,198.75; and
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46 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the expenditure of up to \$650,000 from the WMA
47 is authorized for the WISKI Database Migration and Enhancement Project.
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49 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its Chairman or
50 Executive Manager, Brian Patton, to execute the necessary agreements or contracts for the
51 purpose of this resolution.

DATED this 9th day of October 2026

JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST _____
Dean Stevenson, Secretary

MEMO



To: Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB/Board)
From: Planning and Projects Bureau Staff
Date: October 8, 2026
Subject: Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project

REQUESTED ACTION: Following Executive Session Discussion Regarding Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project, Report on Any Reportable Action in Open Session.

The Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project will be reviewed and discussed with the Board in executive session, with any reportable action to be presented and announced in open session.

Attachments:

- *Draft Resolution*

IN THE MATTER OF THE MOUNTAIN HOME AIR
FORCE BASE SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY
PROJECT

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO
ASSIGN PROPERTY AND EXECUTE THE
OPERATION AND OWNERSHIP CONVEYANCE
AGREEMENT

1 WHEREAS, Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB, Base), an active-duty United States Air Force
2 (USAF) base, derives its municipal water supplies exclusively from groundwater pumped from the
3 Mountain Home Plateau aquifer in Elmore County; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) is a constitutional agency of the State of
6 Idaho, organized, existing, and operating pursuant to Article XV, Section 7 of the Idaho Constitution and
7 Idaho Code § 42-1732 through § 42-1780, which has authority to construct and operate water projects
8 and to acquire, purchase, lease, or exchange land, rights, water rights, or other property related to water
9 projects; and
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11 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho recognizes the economic value of the Base to the local and state
12 economy and supports the United States military in achieving its national security functions, therefore,
13 the State of Idaho has been coordinating with the USAF to develop a long-term sustainable water supply
14 to support the Base and its mission; and
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16 WHEREAS, on July 25, 2014, the Board purchased senior Snake River water rights for the purpose
17 of obtaining a water supply for the MHAFB; and
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19 WHEREAS, the IWRB designed and constructed a pump and pipeline water transmission system
20 to bring Snake River water to the MHAFB; and
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22 WHEREAS, the 2022 Idaho Legislature passed House Bill No. 769 which authorizes the IWRB to
23 transfer ownership of the water transmission system to the USAF at no cost; and
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25 WHEREAS, the USAF has completed construction of a water treatment plant on the grounds of
26 the MHAFB, to receive untreated Snake River water via the water transmission system; and
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28 WHEREAS, the IWRB and USAF negotiated a mutually beneficial Water Use Agreement, dated
29 January 1, 2025, setting forth the terms for MHAFB's use of the senior Snake River water rights; and
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31 WHEREAS, the IWRB is in the process of securing an easement from Laser Investment Trust, and
32 has secured right-of-way easements from the Idaho Department of Transportation, Bureau of Land
33 Management, other Regulatory Agencies that define the water transmission system's pipeline alignment;
34 and
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36 WHEREAS the easements and rights of way secured by the IWRB are intended to be conveyed
37 with the ownership of the water transmission system to the USAF; and
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40 WHEREAS, the USAF has prepared a Water Transmission System Operation and Ownership
41 Conveyance Agreement, which grants the USAF to operate the transmission system and will convey

ownership of the water transmission system and the easements and rights of way; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the IWRB authorizes the Chairman to execute the assignment of any and all remaining easements and right-of-way documents to the United States Air Force for the Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Sustainability Project.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the IWRB authorizes the Chairman to execute the Water Transmission System Operations and Ownership Conveyance Agreement, to authorize operation of the water transmission system and convey ownership of the pump house, pipeline, and all accompanying appurtenances to the United States Air Force.

DATED this 9th day of October 2026.

JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST _____
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary