WHEREAS, the State of Idaho owns the Priest Lake Outlet Dam (dam) which was constructed in 1950 and reconstructed in 1978 as an outlet control structure to maintain lake levels in Priest Lake in accordance with Idaho Code § 70-507; and

WHEREAS, as a result of drought conditions in northern Idaho in 2015 and 2016, it was difficult to maintain required lake pool levels and downstream minimum flows in the Priest River during the recreational season; and,

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) authorized the expenditure of funds from the Revolving Development Account to complete the Priest Lake Water Management Study to evaluate strategies to meet long-term water management objectives for the Priest Lake and Priest River system; and

WHEREAS, bids were opened in July 2020 and Strider Construction Co., Inc. (Strider) provided the low bid for the construction of the Outlet dam portion of the Priest Lake Water Management Project; and

WHEREAS, in August 2020, the IWRB authorized the expenditure of funds from the Revolving Development Account for the construction of the Outlet dam portion and executing necessary contracts; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2020, the IWRB executed a contract with Strider for Outlet dam construction, which requires Strider substantially complete construction by April 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in February 2021, Strider, indicated it had encountered conditions not anticipated at the dam and indicated it may take more than one season to complete the construction; and

WHEREAS, Mott MacDonald (MM), the Project engineer and Owner’s Representative, evaluated Strider’s claim and recommended moving the remainder of the work to a second season. MM’s recommendation was based upon project performance thus far and risk associated with a tight construction timeline and spring runoff; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2021, the IWRB approved a project extension of one year; and
WHEREAS, over the summer and fall of 2021 MM, Strider, and IWRB staff negotiated items related to Strider’s requested additional season one and season two costs above the original contract amount. Currently, there are items of agreement and disagreement; and

WHEREAS, the project construction contract requires that all change orders greater than $100,000 must be approved by the IWRB. Currently, staff has included all mutually agreed upon items into one change order for IWRB approval. This change order amount is $364,161.84 which includes costs relating to radial gate items and extending the work into a second season for settlement purposes; and

WHEREAS, to pay for the change order and to provide contingency funds, staff requests the IWRB authorize an additional commitment of funds not to exceed $450,000 from the Revolving Development Account to the Priest Lake Water Management Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes an additional commitment of funds not to exceed $450,000 from the Revolving Development Account to the Priest Lake Water Management Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes approval of Change Order # 3 for an amount not to exceed $364,161.84.

Dated this 29th day of October 2021

Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST
Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Secretary