

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PRIEST LAKE WATER
MANAGEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION
(PHASE 4)**

**RESOLUTION TO COMMIT ADDITIONAL
FUNDING AND CHANGE ORDER #3
APPROVAL FOR THE PRIEST LAKE OUTLET
DAM CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

1 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho owns the Priest Lake Outlet Dam (dam) which was constructed in
2 1950 and reconstructed in 1978 as an outlet control structure to maintain lake levels in Priest Lake in
3 accordance with Idaho Code § 70-507; and
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5 WHEREAS, as a result of drought conditions in northern Idaho in 2015 and 2016, it was difficult
6 to maintain required lake pool levels and downstream minimum flows in the Priest River during the
7 recreational season; and,
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9 WHEREAS, in 2016 the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) authorized the expenditure of funds
10 from the Revolving Development Account to complete the Priest Lake Water Management Study to
11 evaluate strategies to meet long-term water management objectives for the Priest Lake and Priest River
12 system; and
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14 WHEREAS, bids were opened in July 2020 and Strider Construction Co., Inc. (Strider) provided
15 the low bid for the construction of the Outlet dam portion of the Priest Lake Water Management
16 Project; and
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18 WHEREAS, in August 2020, the IWRB authorized the expenditure of funds from the Revolving
19 Development Account for the construction of the Outlet dam portion and executing necessary
20 contracts; and
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22 WHEREAS, on August 20, 2020, the IWRB executed a contract with Strider for Outlet dam
23 construction, which requires Strider substantially complete construction by April 1, 2021; and
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25 WHEREAS, in February 2021, Strider, indicated it had encountered conditions not anticipated at
26 the dam and indicated it may take more than one season to complete the construction; and
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28 WHEREAS, Mott MacDonald (MM), the Project engineer and Owner's Representative, evaluated
29 Strider's claim and recommended moving the remainder of the work to a second season. MM's
30 recommendation was based upon project performance thus far and risk associated with a tight
31 construction timeline and spring runoff; and
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33 WHEREAS, on February 18, 2021, the IWRB approved a project extension of one year; and
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35 WHEREAS, over the summer and fall of 2021 MM, Strider, and IWRB staff negotiated items
36 related to Strider's requested additional season one and season two costs above the original contract
37 amount. Currently, there are items of agreement and disagreement; and
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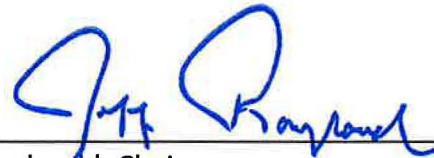
39 WHEREAS, the project construction contract requires that all change orders greater than
40 \$100,000 must be approved by the IWRB. Currently, staff has included all mutually agreed upon items
41 into one change order for IWRB approval. This change order amount is \$364,161.84 which includes costs
42 relating to radial gate items and extending the work into a second season for settlement purposes; and
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44 WHEREAS, to pay for the change order and to provide contingency funds, staff requests the
45 IWRB authorize an additional commitment of funds not to exceed \$450,000 from the Revolving
46 Development Account to the Priest Lake Water Management Project; and
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48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes an additional commitment of
49 funds not to exceed \$450,000 from the Revolving Development Account to the Priest Lake Water
50 Management Project; and
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52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes approval of Change
53 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