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AGENDA

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Finance Committee Meeting No. 7-25 Thursday, November 20, 2025 8:00 a.m. (MT) / 7:00 a.m. (PT)

Water Center
Conference Rooms 602 B – D
322 E. Front Street
BOISE

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- Introductions and Attendance
 Aging Infrastructure Grant Awards *
- 3. Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund *
- 4. Water Management Account Spending Plan *
- 5. Lost Valley Reservoir Enlargement Project Update *
- 6. Other Items
- 7. Adjourn

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

Board Meeting No. 14-25 WORK SESSION Upon Adjournment of Finance Comm. Meeting 7-25

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District 1

Dale Van Stone

Albert Barker Boise

District 2

Brian Olmstead

Twin Falls At Large

Marcus Gibbs

Grace
District 4

Patrick McMahon

Sun Valley At Large

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Anderson Ranch Dam Raise Update
- 3. Water Supply Bank & Rental Pool Annual Report
- 4. Upper Snake Basin Study—Letter of Interest
- 5. Administrative Rules Update
- 6. Priest Lake Operations
- 7. Langdon Group Recommendations Report—Evaluation of SWCC-IDWR Merger
- 8. Non-Action Items for Discussion
- 9. Adjourn

The board will break for lunch at approximately noon. Upon adjournment they will attend a field trip to Nampa Meridian construction site. Transportation will be provided for board members and invited guests only.

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^{*} 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 Act**: If you require special accommodation to attend, participate in, or understand the meeting, please contact the Department no later than five days before the meeting. To request an accommodation, please send an email to Megan.Jenkins@idwr.idaho.gov or call (208) 287-4800.

To: Idaho Water Resource Board: Finance Committee

From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau

Date: November 14, 2025

Re: Aging Infrastructure Grant Scoring/Ranking – Round Six

Action: Consider funding resolution for AIG grant awards

The application period for the IWRB's sixth round of aging infrastructure funding closed in August 2025. The IWRB received 45 grant applications requesting approximately \$31.5 million in funding.

Key Elements of the Criteria

The IWRB defines an aging water infrastructure project as any new project, or new phase of an improvement project intended to repair, maintain, replace, or improve existing infrastructure that supports irrigation water delivery, storage, drainage, treatment, and use of water for irrigation. Projects that are already completed or underway by the application deadline are not eligible for this funding opportunity. Additionally, for purposes of this grant program, the term 'aging water infrastructure' does not include municipal drinking or wastewater systems.

- Grant Award Limit is \$2,000,000
- IWRB grant portion cannot exceed (50%) of total project costs.
- Water efficiency projects that reduce incidental recharge will be evaluated on a case-bycase basis.
- No more than 50% of the total budget may be spent within a single IWRB district. This limit may be waived if there are no competing funding demands.

Staff Recommendation

Staff have evaluated, scored and ranked the applications according to the criteria adopted by IWRB. Staff recommends the IWRB approve Aging Infrastructure Grant awards as specified in Attachment A included with the attached resolution.

Attachment(s):

Scoring with Seepage Reduction Resolution w/Attachment A



| Entity | District | Score | Funding Requested | Seepage Reduction? | Recon | nmendation | GWMA/CGWMA |
|--|----------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|--|
| 1 Aberdeen Springfield Canal Co. | 4 | 109.75 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | Partial / HGs | \$ | 670,647.00 | Eastern Snake Plain GWMA |
| 2 AFRD2 | 3 | 109.25 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | No | \$ | 2,000,000.00 | Eastern Snake Plain GWMA |
| 3 District 45 Board of Control | 3 | 108.75 | \$ 999,900.00 | No | \$ | 999,900.00 | Big Wood GWMA |
| 4 City of Mountain Home | 2 | 106 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | Lagoon WW reuse | \$ | - | Mountain Home GWMA |
| 5 Last Chance Canal Co. | 4 | 105 | \$ 487,000.00 | No | \$ | 487,000.00 | Bear River GWMA |
| 6 Goose Creek FCD | 3 | 103.75 | \$ 1,849,231.16 | No | \$ | 1,849,231.16 | Oakley-Kenyon CGWMA |
| 7 Enterprize Canal Co. | 4 | 102.5 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | Partial / HGs | \$ | 181,297.50 | Eastern Snake Plain GWMA |
| 8 Farmers Land and Irrigation Company | 4 | 102.5 | \$ 180,000.00 | No | \$ | 180,000.00 | Bear River GWMA |
| 9 Teton Island Feeder Canal Co. | 4 | 102.25 | \$ 124,054.00 | No | \$ | 124,054.00 | Eastern Snake Plain GWMA |
| 10 Dalton Gardens | 1 | 101.25 | \$ 1,404,500.00 | No | \$ | 1,404,500.00 | Rathdrum Prairie GWMA |
| 11 Boise City Canal Co. | 2 | 100.5 | \$ 108,400.00 | No | \$ | 108,400.00 | Boise Front GWMA |
| 12 Southeast Idaho Canal Co. | 4 | 100 | \$ 221,415.00 | No | \$ | 221,415.00 | Eastern Snake Plain GWMA |
| 13 Upper Wood River Water Users | 3 | 99.75 | \$ 200,000.00 | | \$ | 200,000.00 | Big Wood GWMA |
| 14 Canyon Creek Canal Co. and FTR | 4 | 98 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | | \$ | 2,000,000.00 | Eastern Snake Plain GWMA |
| 15 West Branch Canal Company | 4 | 97.5 | \$ 407,000.00 | Yes | \$ | - | None |
| 16 LOID | 1 | 96.5 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | | \$ | 2,000,000.00 | Lewiston Plateau GWMA |
| 17 King Hill Irrigation District | 2 | 95.5 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | No | \$ | 2,000,000.00 | None |
| 18 Consolidated Irrigation Co. | 4 | 95.25 | \$ 76,549.00 | | Ś | 76,549.00 | Bear River GWMA |
| 19 Squaw Creek Ditch Co. | 2 | 95.25 | \$ 535,400.00 | | \$ | 535,400.00 | None |
| 20 Little Lost River Watershed Improvement District | 3 | 95 | \$ 40,475.00 | | Ś | 40,475.00 | None |
| 21 Valley Soil and Water Conservation District | 2 | 94.25 | \$ 1,000,000.00 | | Ś | 1,000,000.00 | None |
| 22 BLRID 3 in 1 Canal | 3 | 94 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | | Ś | - | None |
| 23 Trail Creek Irrigation Co. | 4 | 92.25 | \$ 62,397.00 | | Ś | 62,397.00 | None |
| 24 Adams SWCD | 2 | 91.5 | \$ 89,430.00 | | Ś | 89,430.00 | None |
| 25 TFCC Clover Highline phase 3 and 4 | 3 | 89 | \$ 137,245.08 | | Ś | 137,245.08 | |
| 26 North Side Canal Co. | 3 | 88.5 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | | Ś | 2,000,000.00 | Eastern Snake Plain GWMA |
| 27 Eagleson Park Water User Association | 2 | 87.5 | | | Ś | 19,000.00 | Boise Front GWMA |
| 28 Mountain Home Irrigation District | 2 | 86.5 | \$ 754,976.00 | | Ś | 754,976.00 | None |
| 29 Henrys Fork GWD | 4 | | \$ 781,797.42 | | \$ | 781,797.42 | Eastern Snake Plain GWMA |
| 30 Little Butte Irrigation Co. | 4 | 84 | \$ 15,303.00 | | Ś | 15,303.00 | Eastern Snake Plain GWMA |
| 31 Weston Creek Irrigation Company | 4 | 82.25 | \$ 214,746.00 | | Ś | - | Bear River GWMA |
| 32 Boise Project Board of Control | 2 | 81.25 | \$ 20,000.00 | | Ś | 20,000.00 | Boise Front GWMA |
| 33 Timberdome Canal Co. | 3 | | • | | Ś | _5,000.00 | None |
| 34 Boise Valley Irrigation Ditch Co. | 2 | 78.75 | \$ 95,794.00 | | \$ | 95,794.00 | Boise Front GWMA |
| 35 City of Boise | 2 | 76.5 | \$ 109,444.00 | | \$ | 109,444.00 | None |
| 36 TFCC Hollifield Ranches | 3 | 74.33333 | \$ 205,000.00 | 1 1 | Ś | - | None |
| 37 BLRID Arco Diversion | 3 | 73.75 | \$ 350,000.00 | | \$ | 350,000.00 | None |
| 38 Water District 65 | 2 | 73.73 | \$ 100,261.00 | | \$ | 100,261.00 | None |
| 39 Davis Ditch Association | 4 | 71.25 | \$ 54,755.00 | | ۶ \$ | 100,201.00 | Eastern Snake Plain GWMA |
| 40 BLRID Mackay Dam Sediment Removal | 3 | 67 | \$ 75,000.00 | | \$ | 75,000.00 | None |
| 41 BLRID Beck Evans Canal Diversion Replacement | 3 | 66.25 | \$ 140,500.00 | | \$ | 85,000.00 | None |
| 42 FMID | 4 | 65.75 | \$ 140,500.00 | · ' | \$ | 23,391.50 | None |
| | 3 | 63.5 | \$ 23,391.50 | | \$ | | |
| 43 BLRID Swauger Diversion Replacement 44 Caribou Soil Conservation District | 4 | 60.66667 | | | | 12,500.00 108,600.55 | None |
| 45 Bingham GWD | 4 | | \$ 108,600.55 \$ 412,032.00 | | \$ | 100,000.55 | Bear River GWMA Eastern Snake Plain GWMA |

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

RESOLUTION TO AWARD FUNDS

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IN THE MATTER OF AGING

INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Resolution No. _____

| 1 | WHEREAS, House Bill 769 and House Bill 361 passed and approved by the Idaho | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2 | Legislature appropriated to the Idaho Water Resource Board's (IWRB) Water Management | | | | | |
| 3 | Account \$75,000,000 to be used for grants to improve aging water infrastructure; and | | | | | |
| 4 5 | WHEREAS, in 2025 the IWRB adopted updated criteria for the award of Aging | | | | | |
| 6 | Infrastructure grants (resolution no. 21-2025) and set an application deadline of August 1, | | | | | |
| 7 | 2025; and | | | | | |
| 8 | 2023) dilid | | | | | |
| 9 | WHEREAS, forty-five (45) aging Infrastructure grant applications were received by the | | | | | |
| 10 | deadline and the applications were evaluated, scored and ranked according to the criteria | | | | | |
| 11 | adopted by IWRB; and | | | | | |
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| 13 | WHEREAS, on November 20, 2025 the Finance Committee met and recommended the | | | | | |
| 14 | IWRB approve Aging Infrastructure Grant awards as specified in the Attachment A included with | | | | | |
| 15 | the resolution; and | | | | | |
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| 17 | NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the award of Aging | | | | | |
| 18 | Infrastructure Grants from the Water Management Account as specified in Attachment A to this | | | | | |
| 19 | resolution. | | | | | |
| 2021 | DATED this 21st day of November 2025. | | | | | |
| <i>L</i> 1 | DATED this 21 day of November 2023. | | | | | |
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| | Jeff Raybould, Chairman | | | | | |
| | Idaho Water Resource Board | | | | | |
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| | ATTEST | | | | | |
| | Dean Stevenson, Secretary | | | | | |
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| 2025 Aging Infrastructure Grant Applications | | | | | |
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| Entity | District | Score | Funding Award | | |
| Aberdeen Springfield Canal Co. | 4 | 109.8 | \$ 670,647.00 | | |
| AFRD2 | 3 | 109.3 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | | |
| District 45 Board of Control | 3 | 108.8 | \$ 999,900.00 | | |
| Last Chance Canal Co. | 4 | 105.0 | \$ 487,000.00 | | |
| Goose Creek FCD | 3 | 103.8 | \$ 1,849,231.16 | | |
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| LOID | 1 | 96.5 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | | |
| King Hill Irrigation District | 2 | 95.5 | \$ 2,000,000.00 | | |
| Consolidated Irrigation Co. | 4 | 95.3 | \$ 76,549.00 | | |
| Squaw Creek Ditch Co. | 2 | 95.3 | \$ 535,400.00 | | |
| Little Lost River Watershed Improvement District | 3 | 95.0 | \$ 40,475.00 | | |
| Valley Soil and Water Conservation District | 2 | 94.3 | \$ 1,000,000.00 | | |
| Trail Creek Irrigation Co. | 4 | 92.3 | \$ 62,397.00 | | |
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| Eagleson Park Water User Association | 2 | 87.5 | \$ 19,000.00 | | |
| Mountain Home Irrigation District | 2 | 86.5 | \$ 754,976.00 | | |
| Henrys Fork GWD | 4 | 84.3 | \$ 781,797.42 | | |
| Little Butte Irrigation Co. | 4 | 84.0 | \$ 15,303.00 | | |
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| Boise Valley Irrigation Ditch Co. | 2 | 78.8 | \$ 95,794.00 | | |
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| BLRID Beck Evans Canal Diversion Replacement | 3 | 66.3 | \$ 85,000.00 | | |
| FMID | 4 | 65.8 | \$ 23,391.50 | | |
| BLRID Swauger Diversion Replacement | 3 | 63.5 | \$ 12,500.00 | | |
| Caribou Soil Conservation District | 4 | 60.7 | \$ 108,600.55 | | |
| Total: | | | \$ 20,919,008.21 | | |

To: IWRB Finance Committee

From: Wesley Hipke

Date: November 12, 2025

Re: Proposed Amendment No. 2 to the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation

Fund - FY 2026 Budget - Resolution 35-2025

REQUIRED ACTION: Consider resolution to amend the amended FY 2026 Secondary Aquifer Fund Budget

Staff will discuss a proposed amendment to the FY 2026 budget for the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund (Secondary Aquifer Fund).

The original FY26 Secondary Aquifer Fund budget (Budget) was approved in May of this year (Resolution 18-2025). The Budget was amended in September (Resolution 35-2025) to reflect a three percent decrease in General Fund Appropriations and changes to various line items reflecting reductions and additions to the original Budget. The proposed changes to the budget would add three percent to the general fund appropriations and add the additional funds (\$150,000) to the Reserve for Work in Other Priority Aquifers Total a change from \$598,135 to \$748,135.

Attachment:

 Draft Resolution w/ Attachment A: Proposed Amendment 2 to the Secondary Aquifer Fund – FY 2026 Budget

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BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE STATEWIDE WATER SUSTAINABILITY AND AQUIFER STABILIZATION, AND THE SECONDARY AQUIFER STABILIZATION, AND SECONDARY AQUIFER PLANNING, MANAGEMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION FUND FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET

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RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, House Bill 547 passed and approved by the 2014 Legislature allocates \$5 million annually through 2019 from the Cigarette Tax to the Idaho Water Resource Board's (IWRB) Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund (Secondary Aquifer Fund) for statewide aquifer stabilization; and WHEREAS, House Bill 256 passed and approved by the 2019 Legislature allocated \$5 million in ongoing General Fund dollars to the IWRB's Secondary Aquifer Fund for statewide water sustainability and aquifer stabilization; and WHEREAS, un-allocated funds already in the Secondary Aquifer Fund will be carried forward into the Fiscal Year 2026 budget; and WHEREAS, on May 23, 2025, the IWRB approved Resolution 18-2025 for the use of available funds in the Secondary Aquifer Fund for statewide water sustainability and aquifer stabilization purposes for Fiscal Year 2026; and WHEREAS, on September 23, 2025, the IWRB approved Resolution 35-2025 amending Resolution 18-2025 to reflect a potential change in General Fund appropriations of available funds and changes in specific line items of the Fiscal Year 2026 Secondary Aquifer Fund budget for statewide water sustainability and aquifer stabilization purposes; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB amends the adopted Fiscal Year 2026 Budget set forth in Resolution 35-2025 for the continuously-appropriated Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund as shown in <u>Attachment A</u> to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget may be adjusted, if necessary, based on the actual

amount of Cigarette Tax funds received, interest income received, or the actual amount of carry-over from

Fiscal Year 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB may modify this budget during Fiscal Year 2026 at a properly noticed meeting of the IWRB.

DATED this 21st day of November 2025.

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Jeff Raybould, Chairman Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST _____

Dean Stevenson, Secretary

Resolution No. XX-2025 Page 2

ATTACHMENT A:

FY2026 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE SECONDARY AQUIFER FUND

| Estimated interest | TOTAL | | \$ 750,000 \$ 15,941,425 |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Cate | egory | Sub-Category | FY26 |
| ESPA MANAGED RECHA | | out category | |
| | | Conveyance Cost O&M (equipment, supplies, operational fees, etc.) | \$3,500,000 * \$200,000 |
| ESPA Recharge Operations | | AFRD2 MP31 Gate Repair NSCC Power to Wilson Canyon | \$50,000 \$250,000 |
| LSI A Recitate | se operations | Recharge Monitoring | \$750,000 |
| | | TOTAL | \$4,750,000 |
| | | Recharge site characterization & canal capacity investigations BJGWD - Osgood Canal Improvement Evaluation (\$50,000) | \$238,000 \$50,000 |
| ESPA Recharge | Budgeted Investigations | NSCC Wilson Lake Area Study (\$50,000) | \$50,000 |
| Investigations | | USGS WQ Trends Study (312,000) | \$312,000 |
| PROGRAM TOTAL | | TOTAL | \$650,000 \$5,400,000 |
| FROGRAM TOTAL | | | 33,400,000 |
| CLOUD SEEDING PROGR | Upper Snake River Basin | 2024-2025 Project Operations - Aircraft & Remote Ground (=2/3 * \$1,945,000) | \$1,361,500 |
| | Wood River Basin | 2024-2025 Project Operations - Aircraft & Remote Ground (=2/3 * \$802,000) | \$561,400 |
| Operations & Maintenance | Boise River Basin Collaborative Program | 2024-2025 Project Operations - Aircraft & Remote Ground (=2/3 * \$1,079,000) Estimated Water User Contributions (11.58%) | \$755,300 (\$442,910) |
| | New Basins | Infrastructure, Investigations, Administration Bear River Basin | \$1,006,000 * |
| | HCRCD Program Administration | 2024-2025 Upper Snake Project Operations - Manual Ground Partnership Collaborations, Staff Travel, WMA/NAWMC Memberships | \$60,000 * \$20,000 |
| | Technology | Administration Operational Modeling and Computing (\$64K Total 50/50) | \$32,000 |
| TOTAL | Weather Instrumentation | (Existing) Replacement/Enhancement/Upgrade | \$3,353,290 \$200,000 |
| Capital | | (Statewide) New Devices | \$0 |
| | Technology Equipment | (Infrastructure) Computing and Modeling Remote Ground Generators | \$500,000 * \$0 |
| TOTAL | | | \$700,000 \$1,625,000 * |
| tesearch & Development TOTAL | Technology & Investigations | (Development) Weather Instrumentation and Modeling | \$1,625,000 |
| Reserve CLOUD SEEDING PROGR | RAM TOTAL | | \$250,000 \$5,928,290 |
| | | | ¥3,320,230 |
| REASURE VALLEY | Vall. | | |
| Monitoring in support of the Treas reasure Valley Recharge Pilot Pro | | | \$150,000 \$50,000 |
| tarr Watershed Project (1 of 2 year | | | \$50,000 |
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| aft River Hydrologic Studies and I | Monitoring | | \$50,000 |
| RAFT RIVER TOTAL | | | \$50,000 |
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| TOTAL | | | \$600,000 |
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| TOTAL | | | \$600,000 |
| MID-SNAKE BASIN | | | |
| Mid-Snake Water Quality Monitori | ing (annual) | | \$50,000 |
| TOTAL | | | \$50,000 |
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| PALOUSE BASIN | | | \$200,000 |
| TOTAL | | | \$200,000 |
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| MOUNTAIN HOME BASI Groundwater Model Development | | | \$250,000 |
| OTAL | | | \$250,000 |
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| BIG LOST BASIN Monitoring in support of Big Lost r | model devolopment (ans | | \$150,000 |
| TOTAL | noder development (annual) | | \$150,000 \$150,000 |
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| ew monitoring wells and instrum | \$100,000 | | |
| OTAL | | | \$1,115,000 |
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| STATEWIDE Professional Services (includes me | dia & federal outreach services) ar | nd administrative costs | \$250,000 |
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^{*}These items will require the IWRB pass an additional resolution to authorize funding.

^{**}Since FY2019, \$3.5 M has been budgeted for ESPA Recharge Conveyance annually with the understanding that money budgeted but not spent within a fiscal year would stay committed and accrue for years when there is a large magnitude of water available for managed recharge. For the current fiscal year (FY26) there is \$3.5M allocated plus \$10.5M carried over from previous years for future conveyance fees.

To: Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) Finance Committee

From: Cynthia Bridge Clark

Date: November 14, 2025

Re: Proposed Amendment No. 2 Water Manage Account Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Spending Plan

REQUIRED ACTION: Consider amendments to the Amended FY 2026 Water Management Account spending

plan.

Background:

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) manages three accounts to fund programs and provide financial assistance for water development projects: the Revolving Development Account (RDA), Water Management Account (WMA), and the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management and Implementation Fund (Secondary Fund). Since 2019, the Idaho Legislature has appropriated a total of \$362.4 million to the IWRB's Water Management Account (WMA) to support water project development and water sustainability programs. 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.

The RDA funds specific programs and projects, including loans for water development projects. The IWRB approves annual budgets and spending plans for the Secondary Fund and WMA respectively to direct funding to regional water sustainability projects, grants, loans, and other IWRB-approved projects.

To help guide investment 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 IWRB also implements grant programs that target aging infrastructure, flood management, groundwater to surface water conversion projects, measurement and monitoring activities, and water delivery system efficiency.

Finance Committee Meeting:

The IWRB passed a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 spending plan for the WMA on May 23, 2025 (Resolution no. 19-2025) which incorporated the \$30 million ongoing appropriation authorized under House Bill 445, enacted during the 2025 legislative session. The plan was amended on September 12, 2025 (Resolution no. 34-2025) to reflect a three (3) percent reduction in FY 2026 General Fund Appropriations in accordance with Governor Little's Executive Order No. 2025-05 and other project funding commitments.

It has since been determined that the executive order will not apply to the FY 2026 WMA appropriations. On November 20, 2025, the Finance Committee will consider additional amendments to the plan to address new proposed funding obligations and reinstate the three percent reduction.

Staff will present proposed changes to the Finance Committee for consideration by the full IWRB on November 21, 2025.



To: Idaho Water Resource Board: Finance Committee

From: Planning & Projects Bureau Staff

Date: October 24, 2025

Re: Lost Valley Reservoir Company Project Update



ACTION: Recommendation may be requested

Representatives from the Lost Valley Reservoir Company have prepared a project update for the Idaho Water Resource Board Finance Committee regarding the Lost Valley Dam Raise project.