



REQUEST FOR VARIANCE OR EXTENSION OF TIME REQUIREMENT TO MEASURE SURFACE WATER DIVERSION

A request for variance or extension of time from the requirement to measure may be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR or Department). If a request ***is not approved***, the owner or operator of the diversion must install a standard measuring device as required. An IDWR approval or denial letter will be mailed to the applicant following receipt of their request.

INSTRUCTIONS:

To request a variance (Section II) **OR** extension of time (Section III), submit the completed form to the water district watermaster or IDWR (see address on page 2). Complete one form per diversion location. Only one owner or operator should complete and submit this form for a shared diversion.

SECTION I: DIVERSION INFORMATION

Applicant Name					IDWR Water District No.		
Local Diversion Name or Site Tag					Water Source (<i>local stream name</i>)		
Diversion Description <input type="checkbox"/> Ditch diversion <input type="checkbox"/> Piped/pump diversion					Description of Headgate or Controlling Structure		
Diversion Location	Township	Range	Section	QQ	Latitude: Longitude:		
OWNER(S) AND OPERATOR(S) OF DIVERSION					WATER RIGHT(S) ASSOCIATED WITH DIVERSION		

SECTION II: VARIANCE REQUEST (*Complete either Section II OR Section III, not both*)

A variance may only be considered if the alternative measurement method proposed results in comparable accuracy to a standard or pre-approved measuring device. Select the one variance option you request to use. Provide a detailed explanation and reason for the request in the space below.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Hour meter/time clock (<i>for a pumped system with electrical power with a single operating condition</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-standard open channel measuring device or rated section (<i>for open ditches</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Existing, operating, non-approved flow meter (<i>installed on pipeline prior to the date of the measurement order</i>)
Reason(s) For Variance Request:	

SECTION III: EXTENSION OF TIME *(Complete either Section II OR Section III, not both)*

Select the one option that best describes your situation. Provide a detailed explanation and reason for the request in the space below. If the request is based on non-use, complete the *Acknowledgment of Applicant Not to Divert* below.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-use related to a federal or state program. Describe the program and contract end date in the space below.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-use, other* (describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe below)
Explanation/Description:	

***Acknowledgment of Applicant Not to Divert:** *(For extension of time requests due to non-use)*

The undersigned agrees to suspend and prevent any diversion of water under the water right(s) listed above unless controlling works and a measuring device are installed or the Department approves a Variance Request. The undersigned understands that diversion under the water right(s) listed above shall constitute a violation of Idaho Code §42-701 unless the following requirements are met prior to diversion:

1. Install required controlling works, and a measuring device from the Department's *Minimum Acceptable Standards and Requirements for Open Channel and Closed Conduit Measuring Devices* (unless a Variance Request is approved); and
2. Provide a minimum 10-day notice to the water district watermaster to allow the watermaster or Departmental staff an opportunity to inspect and confirm the installation of the controlling works and measuring device meets the Department's Minimum Standards.

X _____ (signature) _____ (date)

Owner or Operator (please circle appropriate title)

SECTION IV: OWNER OR OPERATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Print Name _____ Title or Business (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____ Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Return this completed and signed form to:

Idaho Department of Water Resources **OR**
Attn: Water Distribution Section
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0098

Water District Watermaster
(Refer to IDWR internet site for
current watermaster contact
information)