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## **Governor Brad Little**

**Director Mathew Weaver** 

February 12, 2024

RE: February 20, 2024 ESPA GWMA Advisory Committee Meeting

Dear Committee Members:

Thank you for continuing to serve on the advisory committee. I recognize that it has taken a significant amount of your time to participate in these meetings and appreciate your sacrifice. The next advisory committee meeting has been scheduled as follows:

ESPA GWMA Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 1:00 pm City of Pocatello – City Council Chambers 911 N 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Pocatello

Consistent with your instructions, I have prepared a combined framework, incorporating language and ideas from the respective frameworks prepared by the ground water group, the surface water group, and the cities. Areas where there appears to be consensus are in black text. Areas of disagreement or topics that have not yet been addressed are highlighted in red. You will notice that, after the background section, there is much more red text than black. I hope the combined framework can serve as a guide for our meetings and discussions moving forward.

Please understand that the combined framework is a working draft and will be edited. It is simply an attempt to mesh the three frameworks and incorporate some of the ideas discussed at our meetings. Titles, numbering, structure, and text could all be changed.

For this meeting, we will start with a brief presentation from the cities. Jaxon Higgs and I will then present some alternatives for calculating the annual pumping allocation. I would like committee members to be prepared to discuss the overall structure and organization of the combined framework and be prepared to suggest any changes to the overall structure. Please also be prepared to discuss the unresolved questions in Section 7 (Aquifer Enhancement and Conservation Measures). If we have additional time, we will start discussing the unresolved questions in Section 5 (Ground Water Diversions for Other Uses). I look forward to our next meeting. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (208) 525-7161 or by email at james.cefalo@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

James Cefalo

Eastern Regional Manager

## Participation by Interested Parties and Other Stakeholders

The interested parties working group (listed below), legislators, and anyone else who would like to attend committee meetings are encouraged to attend this meeting and all future meetings by video conference or by phone to stay engaged in the process and to provide input when allowed. To attend by phone or by video conference, please use the following information:

ESPA GWMA Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 1:00 pm Zoom Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 798 258 9267 Password: 4962

Phone: 1-669-444-9171, Meeting ID = 7982589267#

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024, true and correct copies of the documents described below were sent by email to the following:

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Letter – Feb 20, 2024, ESPA GWMA Advisory Committee Meeting

Proposed Agenda – Feb 20, 2024

Combined Framework

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