

**Grand View-Bruneau Ground Water Management Area**  
**Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes**  
Bruneau Emergency Center  
1:00PM - March 01, 2023

**WELCOME**

Meeting came to order at 1:14pm at the Bruneau Emergency Center – 32531 Belle Avenue, Bruneau, ID.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND ATTENDANCE**

*Committee Attendance:* Sid Erwin, Russell Schiermeier, Chris Black, Roy Mink\*

*Public Attendees:* Mark Draper, Mark Hagerhorst, Celia Draper

*IDWR:* Tim Luke, Rob Whitney, Laura McSherry

\*Attended by phone

**OLD BUSINESS**

Copies of the October 5 meeting agenda were provided and briefly reviewed. There were no questions or comments.

**GBGWMA MANAGEMENT PLAN – UPDATE (TIM LUKE, IDWR)**

Copies of the management plan including highlighted minor updates since the December public meeting were provided. The following changes were made to the plan: goal dates on all metrics were advanced due to longer plan development, items addressed by the recent amended moratorium order were removed, and the overall terms language was made to be congruent with statute.

The Grand View-Bruneau area is included in the newly extended Snake River Basin Moratorium boundary. Domestic exclusion from moratorium was explained with mention of water user group discussions on proposing local government enforcement of development conditions and legislative changes to domestic use. The recent amended moratorium order will expedite water district formation in Basin 51 to protect trust water rights. In the future, a public meeting will be held for community input on water district development. A water district was clarified as being a regulatory entity of surface water rights, whereas a ground water district measures and reports ground water use but has no regulatory authority.

The final management plan will be submitted to the IDWR Director for final approval given by declared order. The Director will review management plan goal progress and if insufficient and necessary, will implement priority curtailment.

**GRANT APPLICATION – UPDATE (ROY MINK)**

The application submitted last year was denied. A request will be made to the Bureau of Reclamation for specific denial justification. Roy hopes to use the GWMA (watershed group) to apply for planning grants and the GWD entity to apply for SMART grants and other federal funding.

**GROUND WATER DISTRICT (GWD) (SID ERWIN)**

The GWD boundary was extended west to include the Murphy area based on similar isotope testing results conducted by INL. Ground water district division based on total irrigation water right cfs needs to be determined and submitted with the GWD petition. Well locations near the western boundary towards Murphy will be investigated by Rob. IDWR will support Sid in creating the GWD divisions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**

*Topics for Discussions*

- GWD formation updates prior to county commission vote
- Annual meeting structure

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Ground water management plan will be signed by the IDWR Director in a declared order
- Laura will help Sid with GWD divisions
- Sid will complete and submit the GWD petition

Next GBGWMA Meeting:

**Tentative**

**1:00PM - Early September 2023, Bruneau Emergency Center**