



# AGENDA

## IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

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Board Meeting No. 7-25

WORK SESSION

Thursday, May 22, 2025

9:30 a.m. Pacific Time / 10:30 a.m. Mountain Time

**Brad Little**

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**Jeff Raybould**

Chairman

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At Large

**Jo Ann Cole-Hansen**

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At Large

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**Albert Barker**

Boise

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**Brian Olmstead**

Twin Falls

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**Marcus Gibbs**

Grace

District 4

**Patrick McMahon**

Sun Valley

At Large

Best Western University Inn

Silver Conference Room

1516 Pullman Road

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1. Roll Call
2. Idaho Water Transactions Program
3. Adjudication Update
4. Northern Regional Manager Update
5. Administrative Rules Update
6. Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee Project Update
7. Lewiston Orchard Exchange Project Update
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 the Lewiston Orchard Exchange Project. Transportation will be provided for board members and invited guests only.*

\* 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:** If you require special accommodations to attend, participate in, or understand the meeting, please make advance arrangements by contacting Department staff by email: [jennifer.strange@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:jennifer.strange@idwr.idaho.gov) or by phone at (208) 287-4800.





# Permanent Water Transaction & Aging Infrastructure supporting the lower Lemhi River Minimum Stream Flow



Upper Salmon Basin  
WATERSHED PROGRAM  
*Homegrown, Common-Sense Conservation*

Presented By:

John Loffredo, Program  
Manager – Idaho Water  
Transactions Program

Idaho Water Resource Board

Work Session - Moscow, ID

May 22, 2025

***Lemhi River @ L-6: April 2022 – 35 cfs  
River Mile 7***



## Subordination to Minimum Stream Flow Water Right



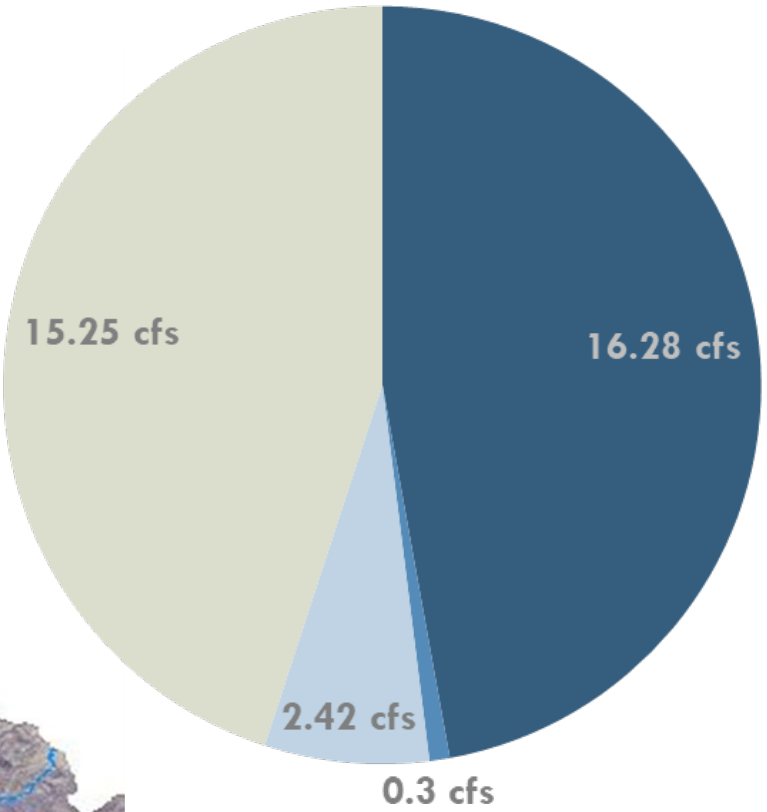
## Annual and Permanent Subordination Agreements

- Board-held MSF WR: **Lemhi River @ L-6 Diversion (River Mile 7)**
- Since 2004: 25-35 CFS protected for 100 days, March – November
- Senior water rights voluntarily subordinate and are compensated for restricted delivery at a fair-market rate

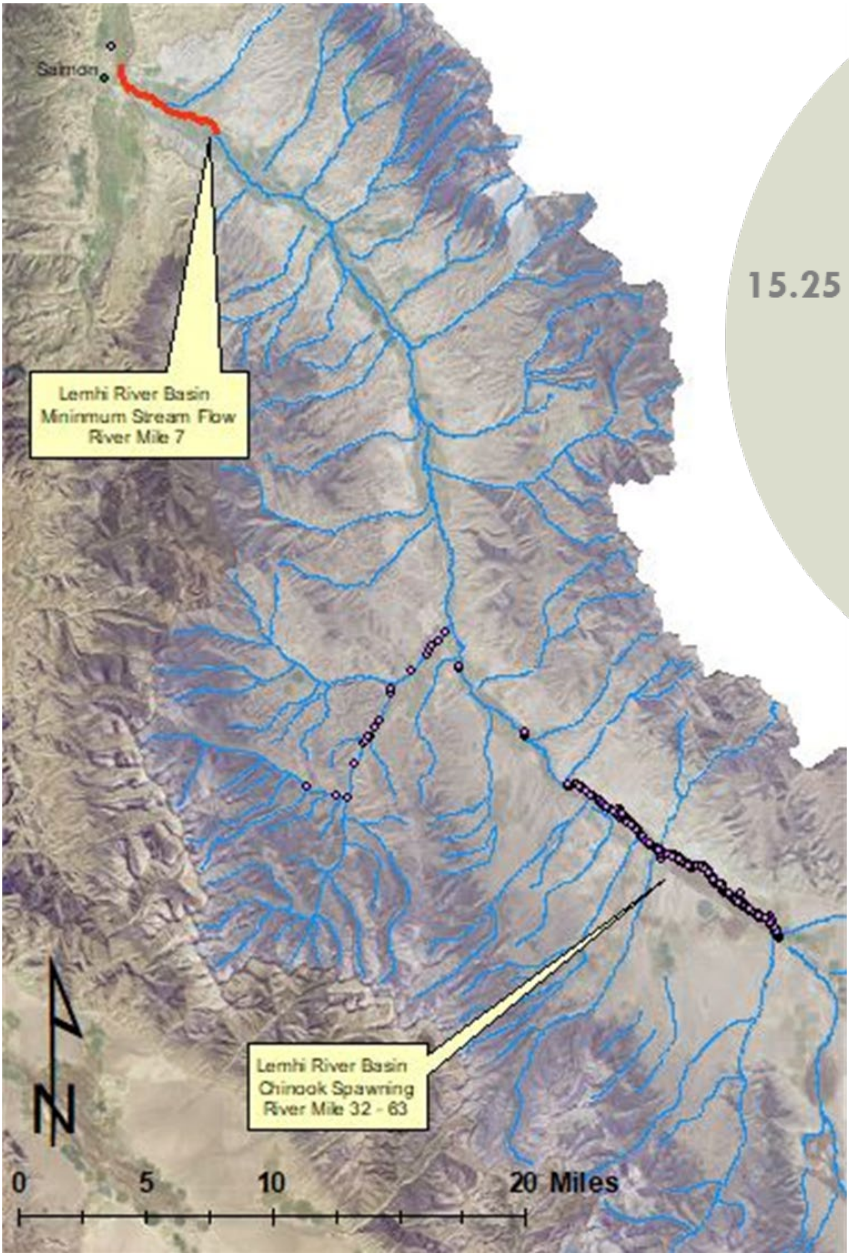




- Permanent Subordination Easements
- Permanent Rental of TNC Donation
- Golf Course Source Switch
- Annual Subordination Agreements



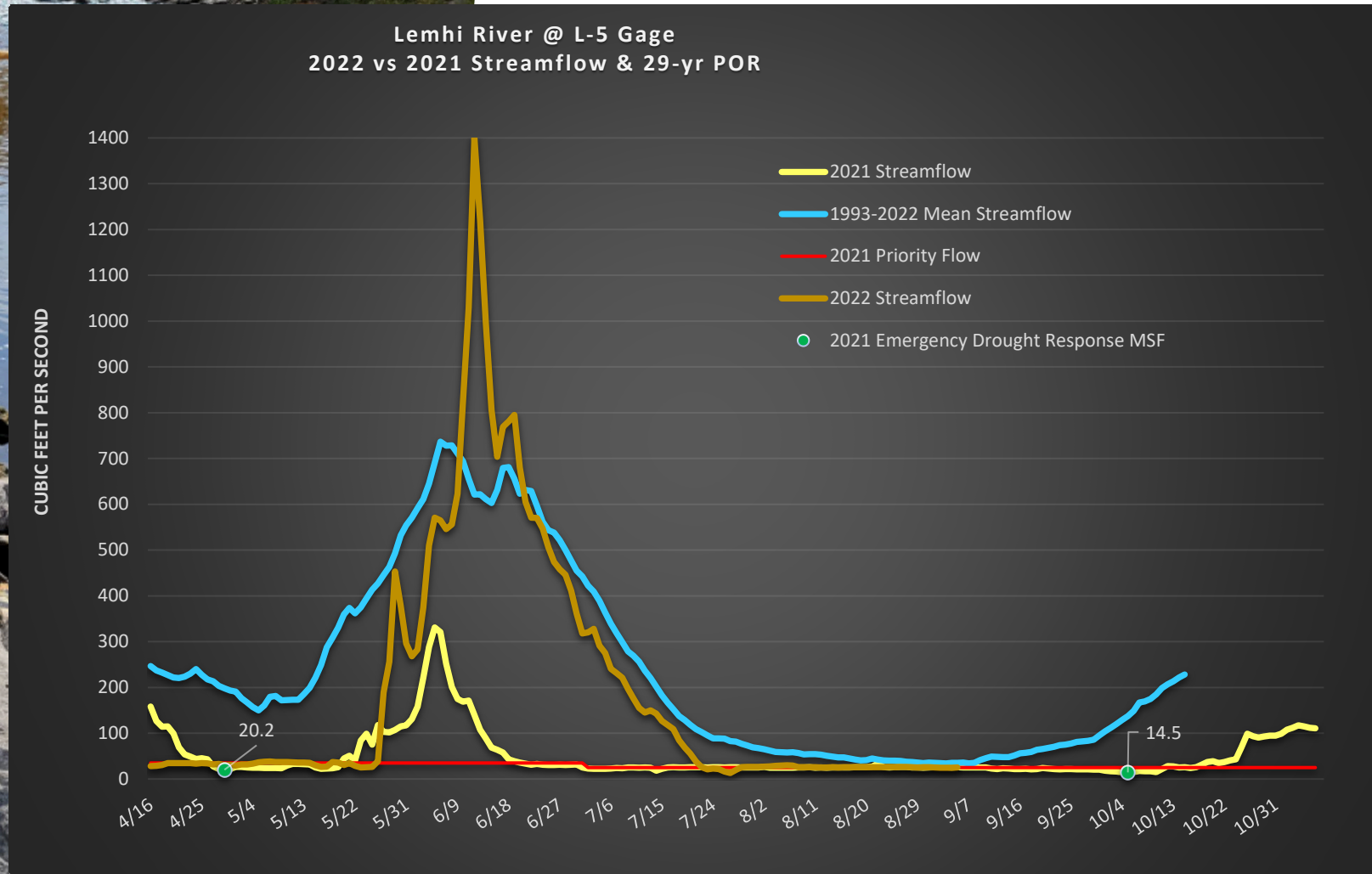
The Race to Secure 25 cfs – Permanently







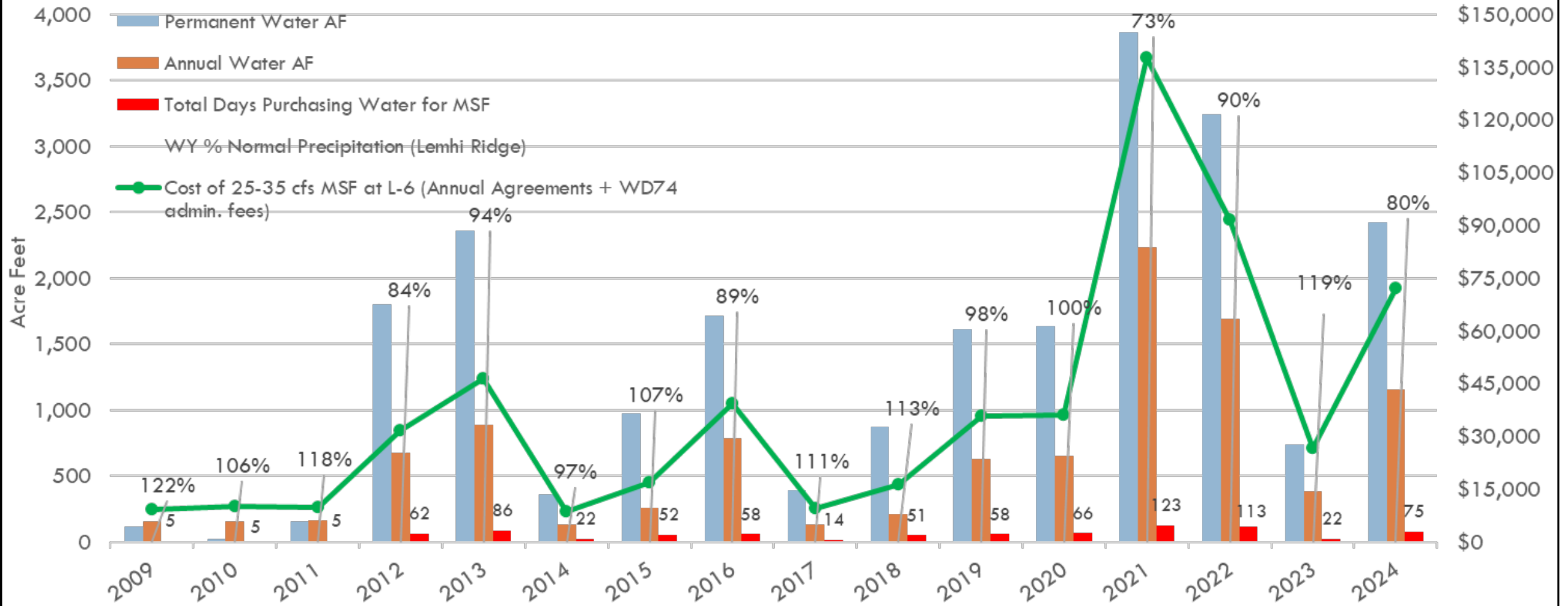
# Annual and Permanent Subordination Agreements



October 2021



# Lemhi River at L-6: IWRB Subordination Agreements for Minimum Stream Flow, 2009-2024











**1994**

Common practice of building a gravel diversion dam to redirect river flow down a ditch to irrigate hay fields. This occurred multiple times each irrigation season due to changing river flows that would deconstruct the dam.



**1998**

Post-construction of new concrete weir at L6 diversion eliminating the need for machinery to construct the gravel dam. Dam includes a fish ladder bay but water rights continued to dewater the river at low flow periods.



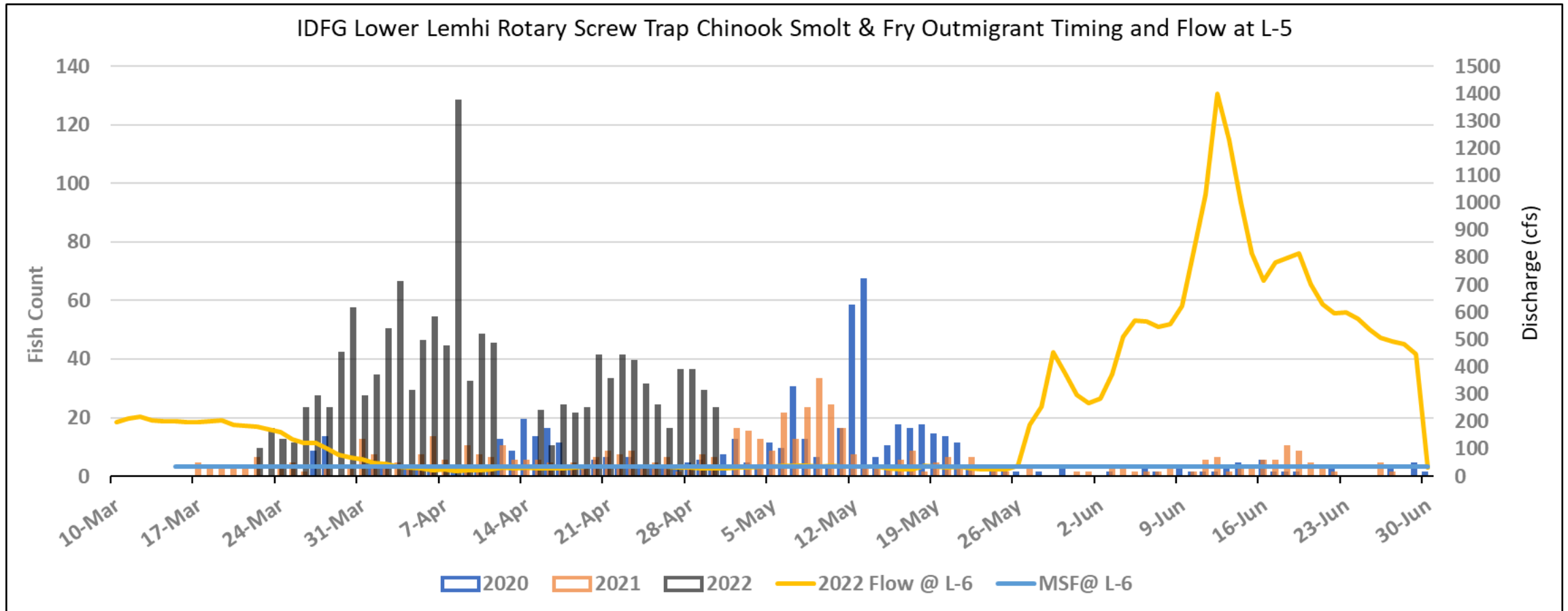
**2004 to present**

Establishment of water bank and instream flow provisions ensures at least 25 cfs flows downstream of L6, maintaining fish passage.





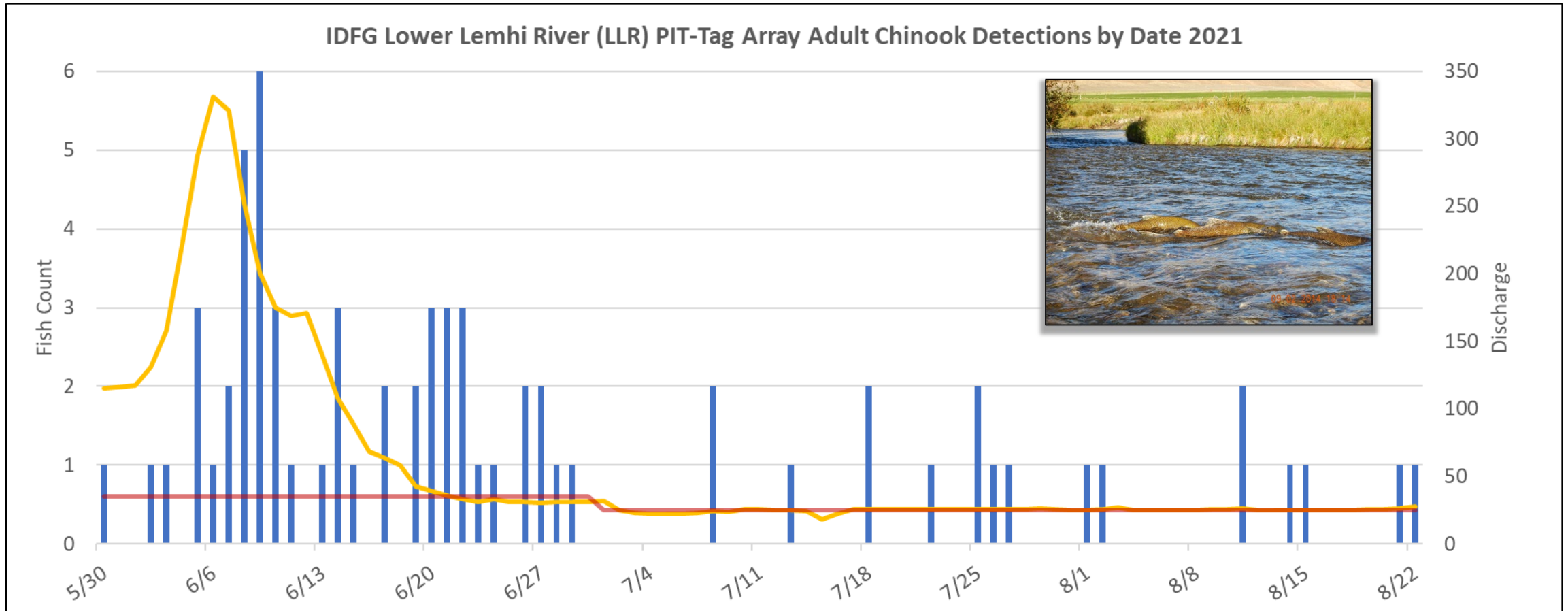
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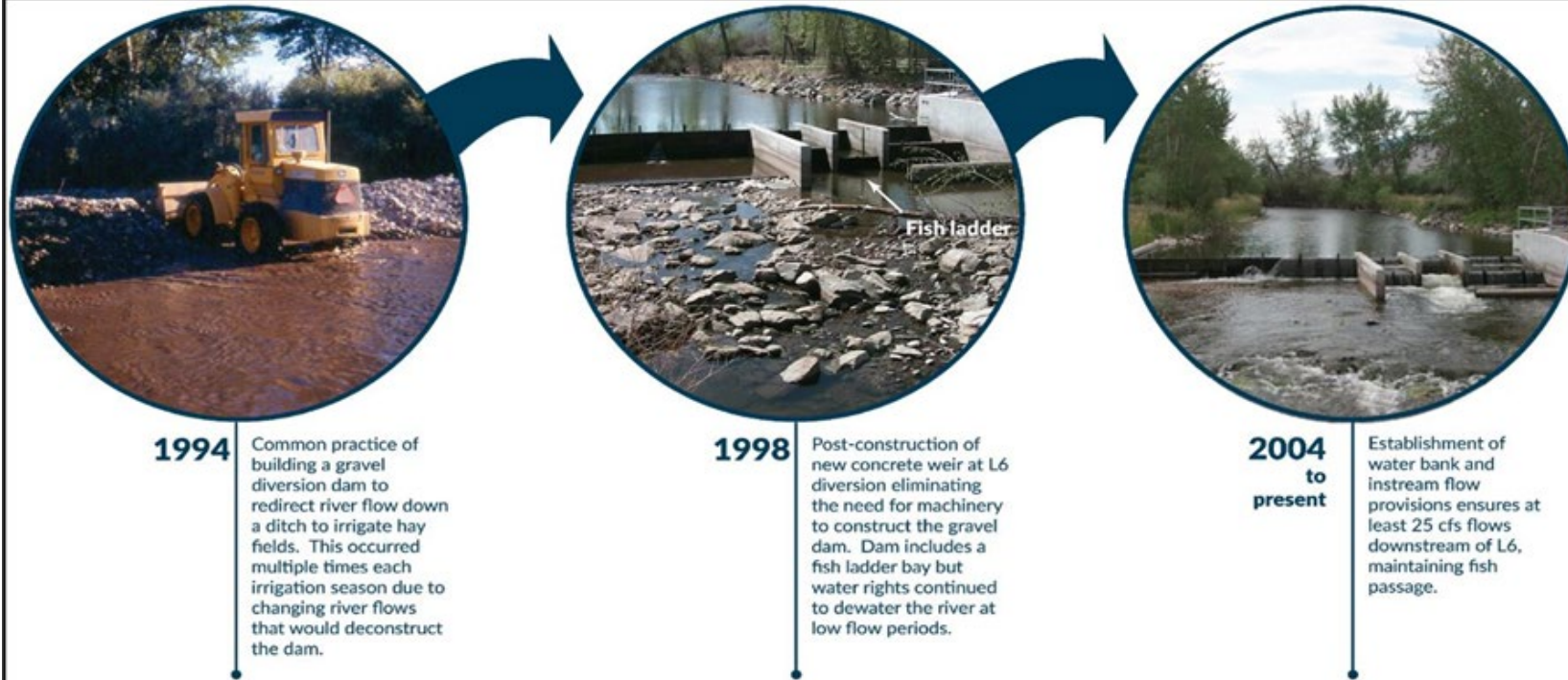


## Aging Infrastructure Challenges: Water Management, Minimum Stream Flow, & ESA-listed Fish Passage Lemhi River L-6 Diversion

### Problem:

Obermeyer Weir design does not meet current function.

Flushing flow paradigm in 1990s replaced by minimum stream flow paradigm in 2001.



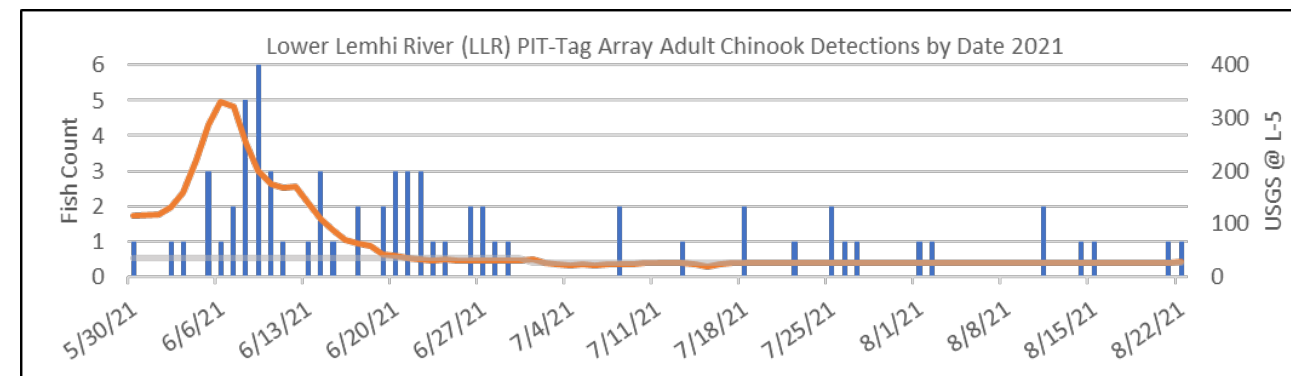
### Emerging Issue:

Current infrastructure forced to function in a way it was not designed for.

Automation failing due to overuse of moveable parts. Twice annual instream excavator work needed to move diversion plates. L-7 has similar maintenance issues. Long-term functionality outlook is poor.

### **Fish Ladders**

Pool and weir fishways designed for a range of flows from 30 to 200 cfs would be constructed at each site. They would have one to three pools with an approximately 1-foot drop between pools. Velocity over the weirs would be no greater than 6 feet per second under maximum flow conditions. The design flow is based on the assumption that at river flows of less than 30 cfs, there would be little if any movement of adult fish and at river flows greater than 200 cfs, fish will find the ladder and pass the diversion site with minimum delay.





### **Why The Lemhi L-6 Diversion Minimum Stream Flow Matters:**

- Maintaining a minimum stream flow at L-6 is one part of overall state strategy for ESA-listed fish recovery.
  - Enacting recovery plans offer some level of protection for water users against ESA enforcement.
- Juvenile and adult anadromous fish rely on the 35 – 25 cfs Minimum Stream Flow (74-14993) at L-6 for downstream and upstream passage, respectively.

### **What's Next:**

- FY25 Alternatives Analysis funded by BOR.
- Identify and consider replacement, consolidation options through water user meetings with qualified design firm.
- Alternatives to be considered for FY26 design and FY27 construction.

### **Who's Involved:**

*Water Users:* Water District 74, L6 and L7 Lateral User Associations, Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District

*State Agencies:* Governor's Office of Species Conservation, Idaho Fish and Game, Idaho Water Resource Board

*Federal Agencies:* National Ocean and Atmospheric Admin., Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resource Conservation Service



# Draft Rehab Plan – Spring 2025



SHEET NOTES:

1. THIS SHEET PRESENTS THE CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT OF L-6 REHABILITATION MEASURES UNDER ALTERNATIVE 2 OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY.

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# Draft Rehab Plan – Spring 2025



SHEET NOTES:

1. THIS SHEET PRESENTS THE CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT OF L-6 REPLACEMENT DESIGN UNDER ALTERNATIVE 4 OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY.

L-6 CONSOLIDATION PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 40'



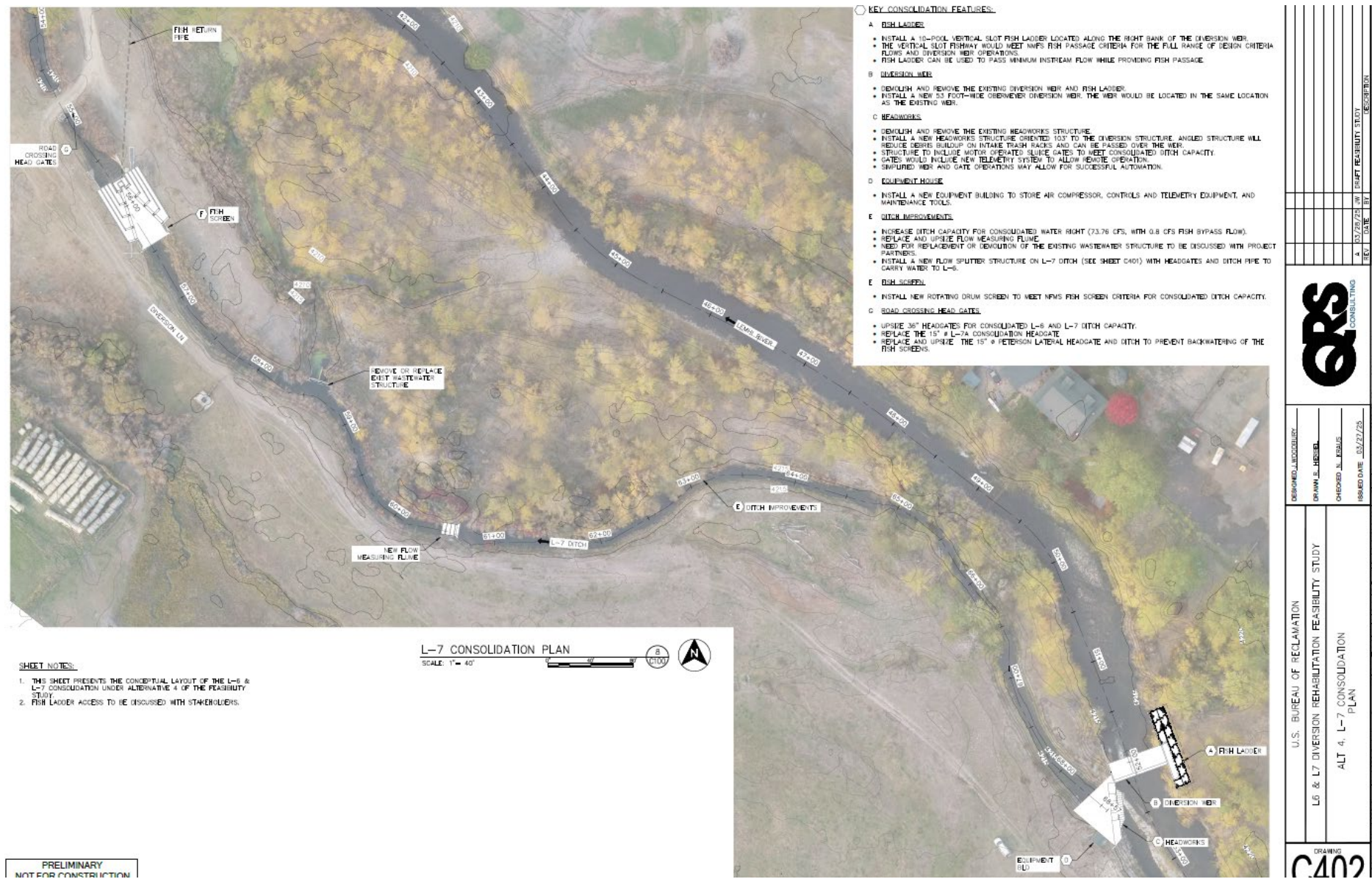
## KEY CONSOLIDATION FEATURES:

### A CHANNEL REGRADING

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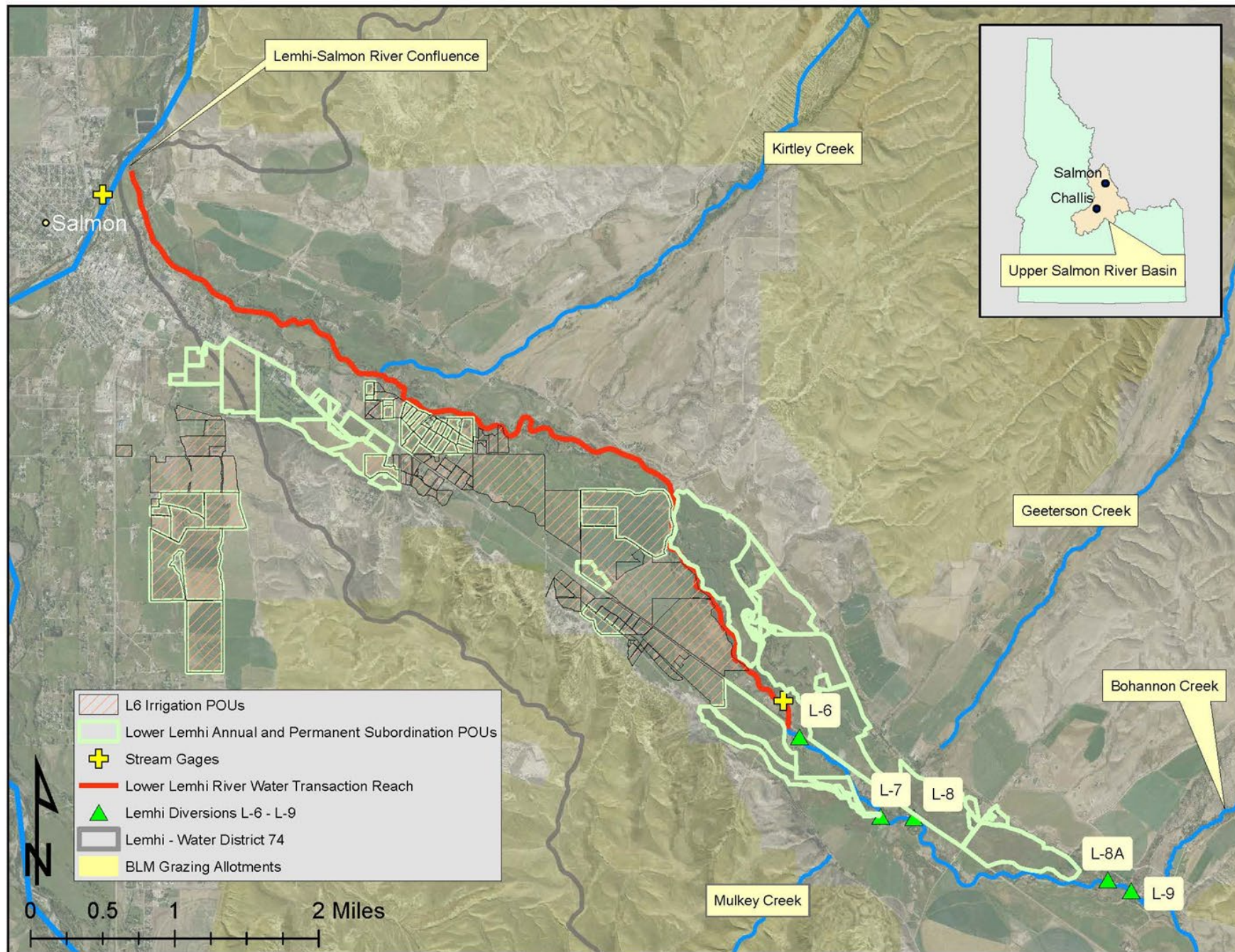






# QUESTIONS?

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# Adjudication Program Updates

Presentation to the Idaho Water Resource Board

May 22, 2025



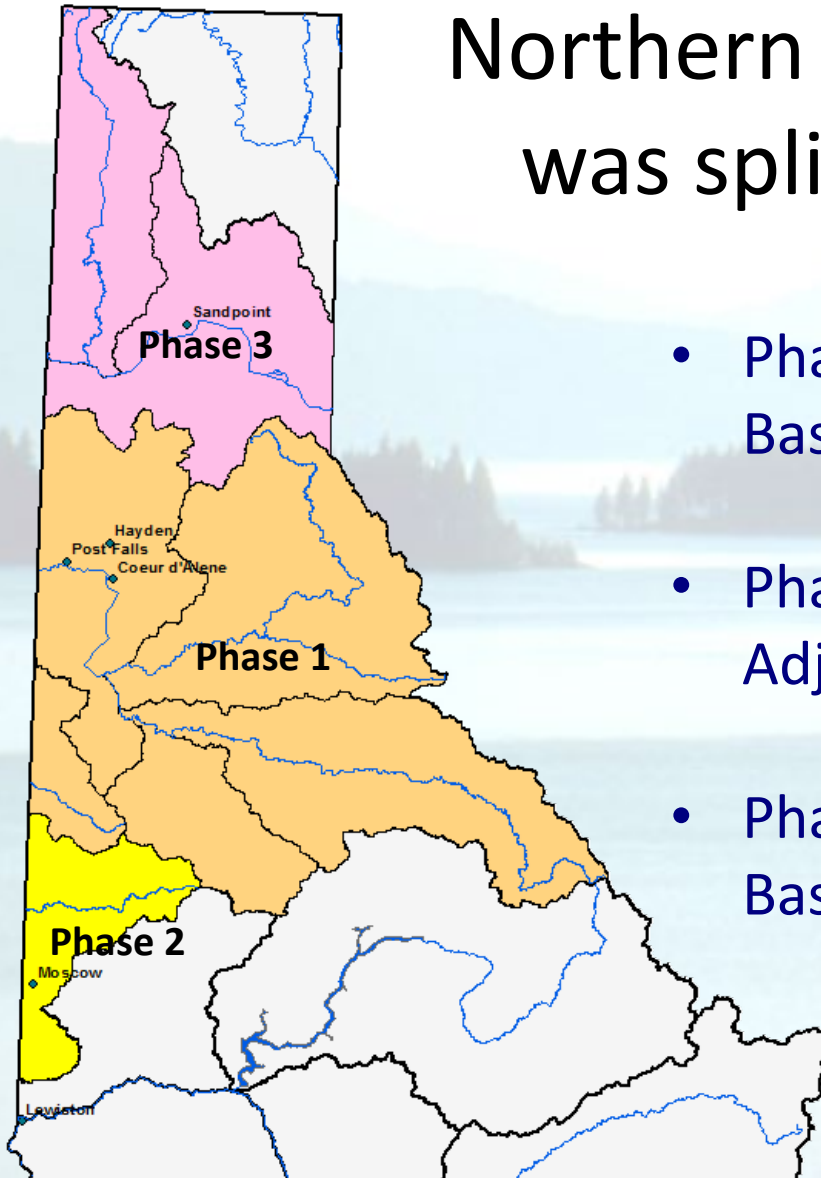
# Northern Idaho Water Rights Adjudications

I.C. § 42-1406B: “Effective management of the waters of northern Idaho requires that a comprehensive determination of the nature, extent and priority of the rights of users of surface and ground water be determined.”





## Northern Idaho Adjudication (NIA) was split into three (3) phases:



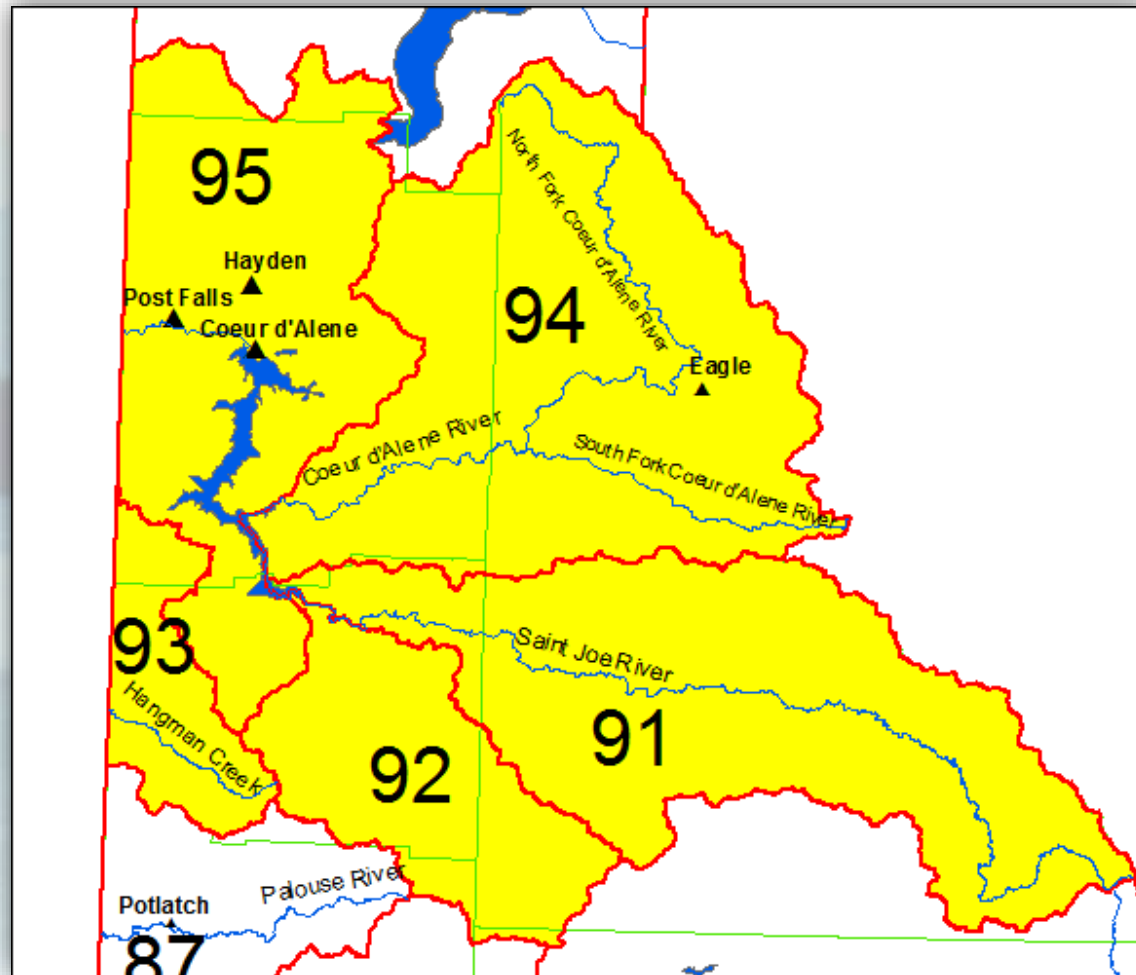
- Phase 1 - Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA)
- Phase 2 - Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA)
- Phase 3 - Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA)

# Implementation

- 2006 Idaho State Legislature authorized IDWR to proceed with planning and implementation of the first of three water right adjudications in Northern Idaho, beginning with the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA)
- Commencement Order for first phase, the CSRBA, issued by the Court on November 12, 2008



## Phase 1 – Basins 91-95



Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin (CSRBA)



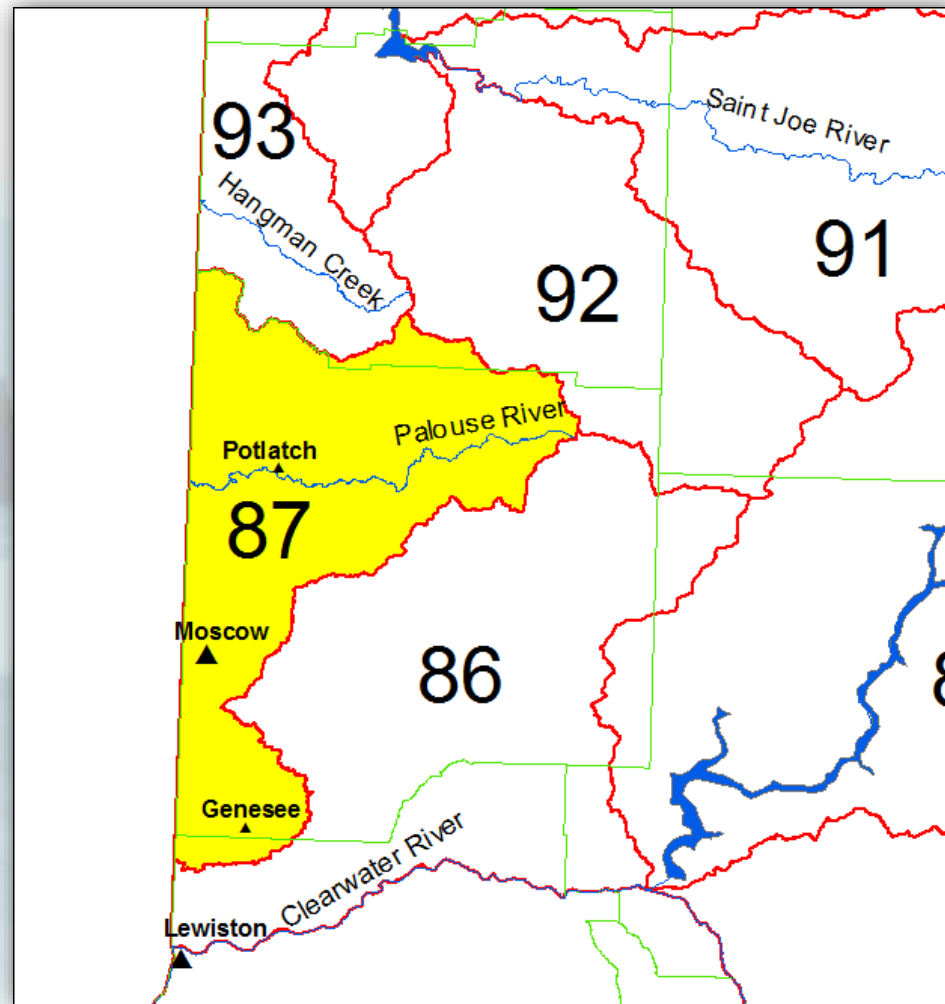
# Current Status of Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA)

- Commencement Order issued November 12, 2008
- Director's Report for last remaining basin in CSRBA (Basin 95 Part 2) filed February 26, 2019
- 14,299 total claims reported to the Court with 13,893 claims now decreed

## Outstanding Issues

- Basin 95: 19 Objections to 9 state-based subcases remain
  - Includes Avista Power claims & Governor's water right for Lake Coeur d'Alene
- Federal Reserve Claims: 286 Active Tribal Claims
  - Order Granting Motion to Amend Claims / Order for Expedited DR / Order Granting Motion to Modify Amended Final Order Disallowing Water Right Claims were issued by the Court on April 1, 2024
  - Trial scheduled for approx. 2 months to commence at date & loc. in CDA – April 2026

## Phase 2 – Basin 87



Palouse River Basin (PRBA)



# Current Status of Basin 87

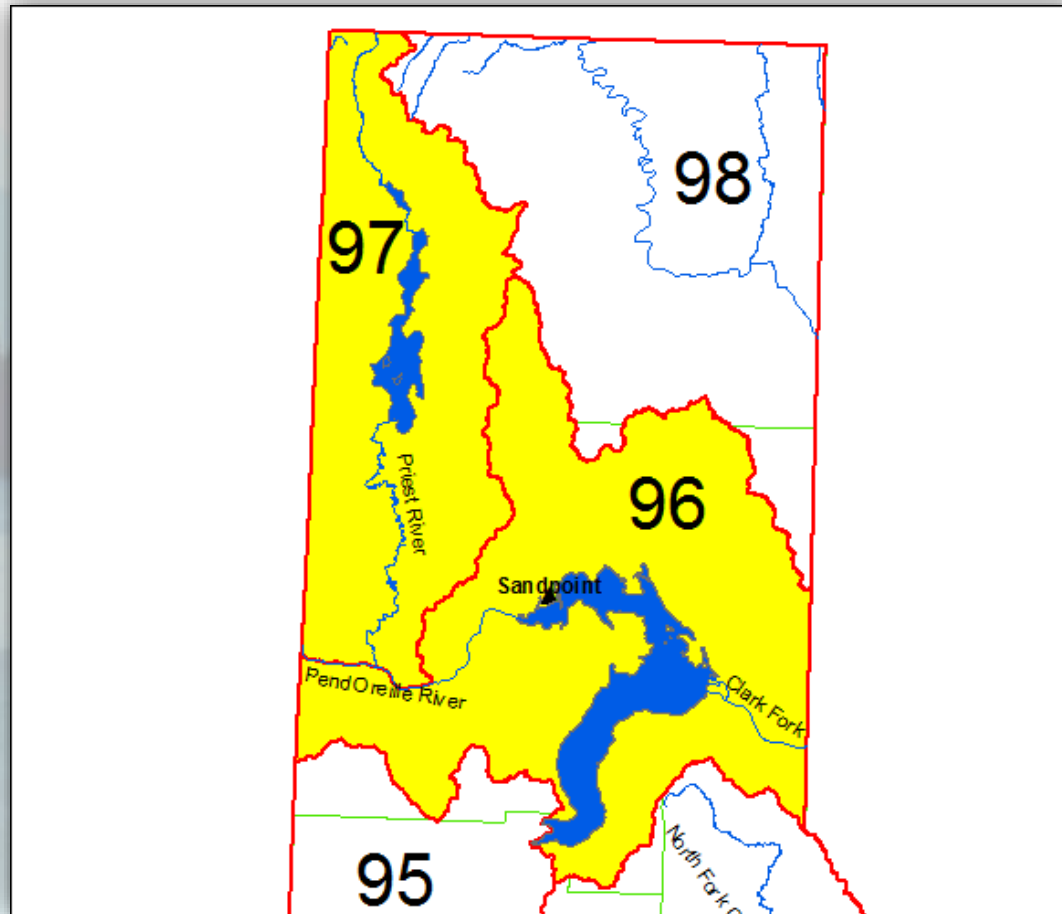
## Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA)

- Commencement Order issued March 1, 2017
- Director's Report filed August 2, 2021
  - Included recommendations for 1,987 state-based claims and abstracts for 197 claims based on federal law
- 2,299 total claims reported to the Court with 1,984 claims now decreed

### Outstanding Issues

- Objections to 76 state-based subcases remain
  - Objections primarily filed against claims listing springs as water source
- 201 Federal Reserved Claims
  - Includes 181 DOJ, 18 tribal provisional, 2 USFS (will be more once split)

## Phase 3 – Basins 96 and 97



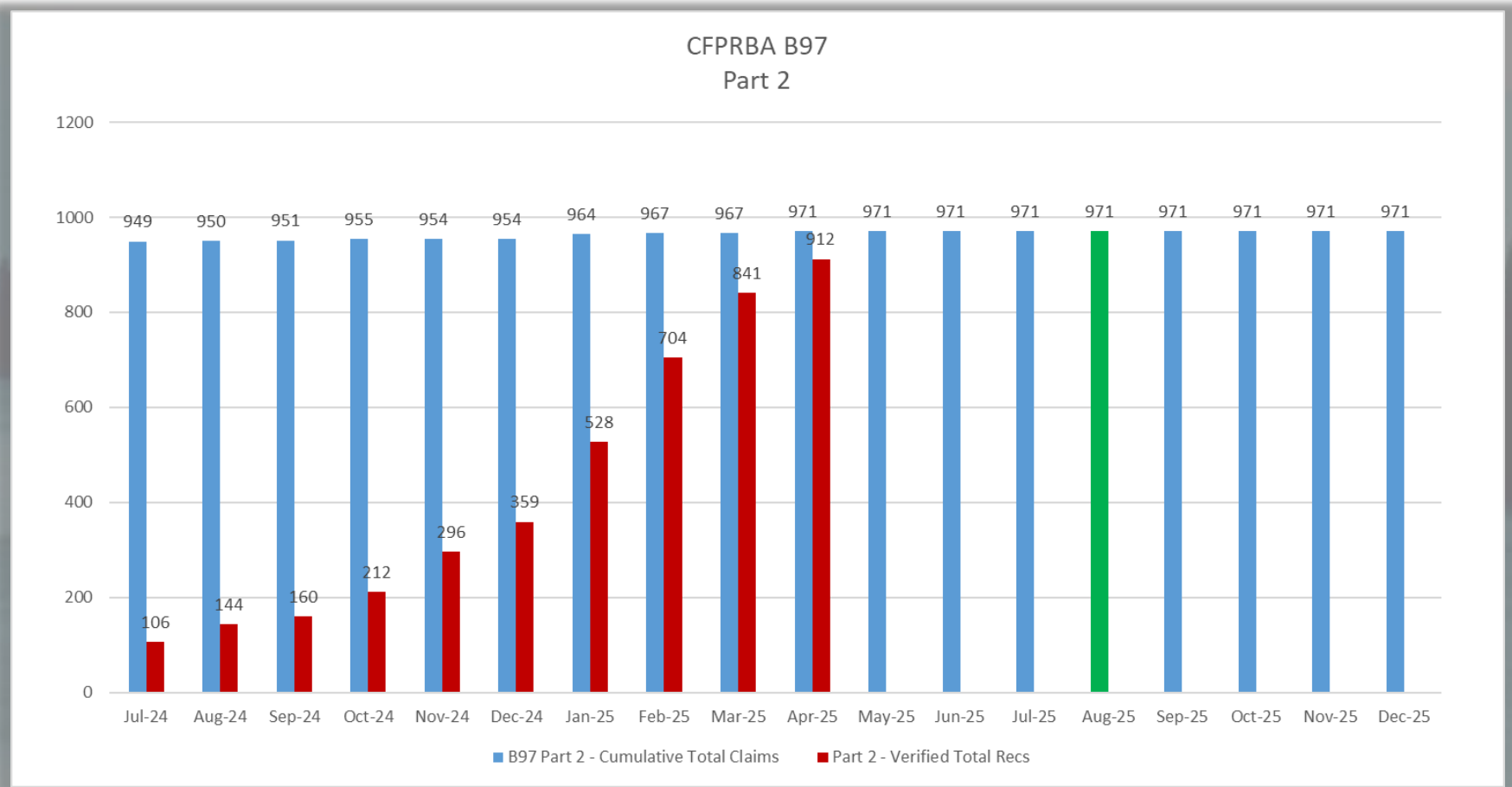
Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin (CFPRBA)



## Current Status of Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA)

- IDWR received funding authority from 2020 Legislature
- Commencement Order for the CFPRBA entered June 15, 2021
  - Allows deferral of small domestic & stockwater rights (I.C. § 42-111)
- First Commencement Notices mailed September 3, 2021 (Basin 97), & final round of notices mailed November 28, 2022 (Basin 96)
- Preliminary D.R. for Basin 97 Part 1 mailed August 7, 2024
- Director's Report for Basin 97 Part 1 filed December 17, 2024
  - 1,081 recommendations were reported to the Idaho Water Adjudication Court
  - Objection Deadline: May 12, 2025 / Response Deadline: July 28, 2025
- Director's Report for Basin 97 Part 2 anticipated for late fall of 2025

## Basin 97 Part 2 Progress

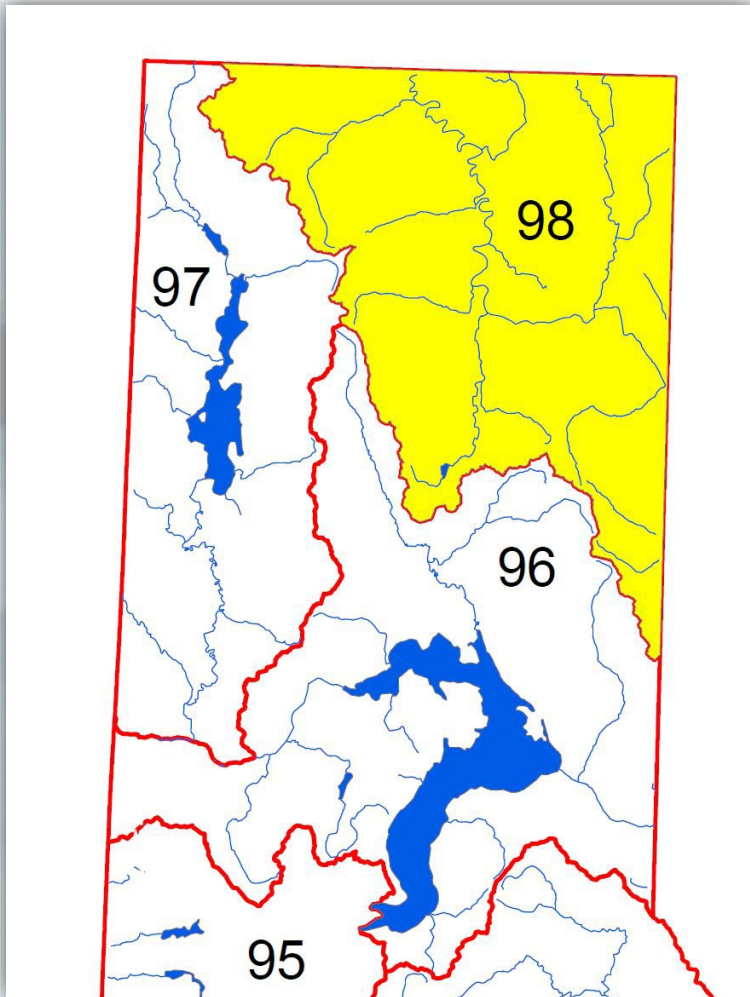




## Topics of Interest in CFPRBA

- Water right for operation of the Priest Lake outlet control structure (Idaho Code § 70-507)
- Minimum stream flow WR in Priest River
- Defining elements of Governor's 1927 priority water rights for Priest Lake and Lake Pend Oreille
- Albeni Falls Dam – Operated by US Army Corps of Engineers
- Kalispel Tribe

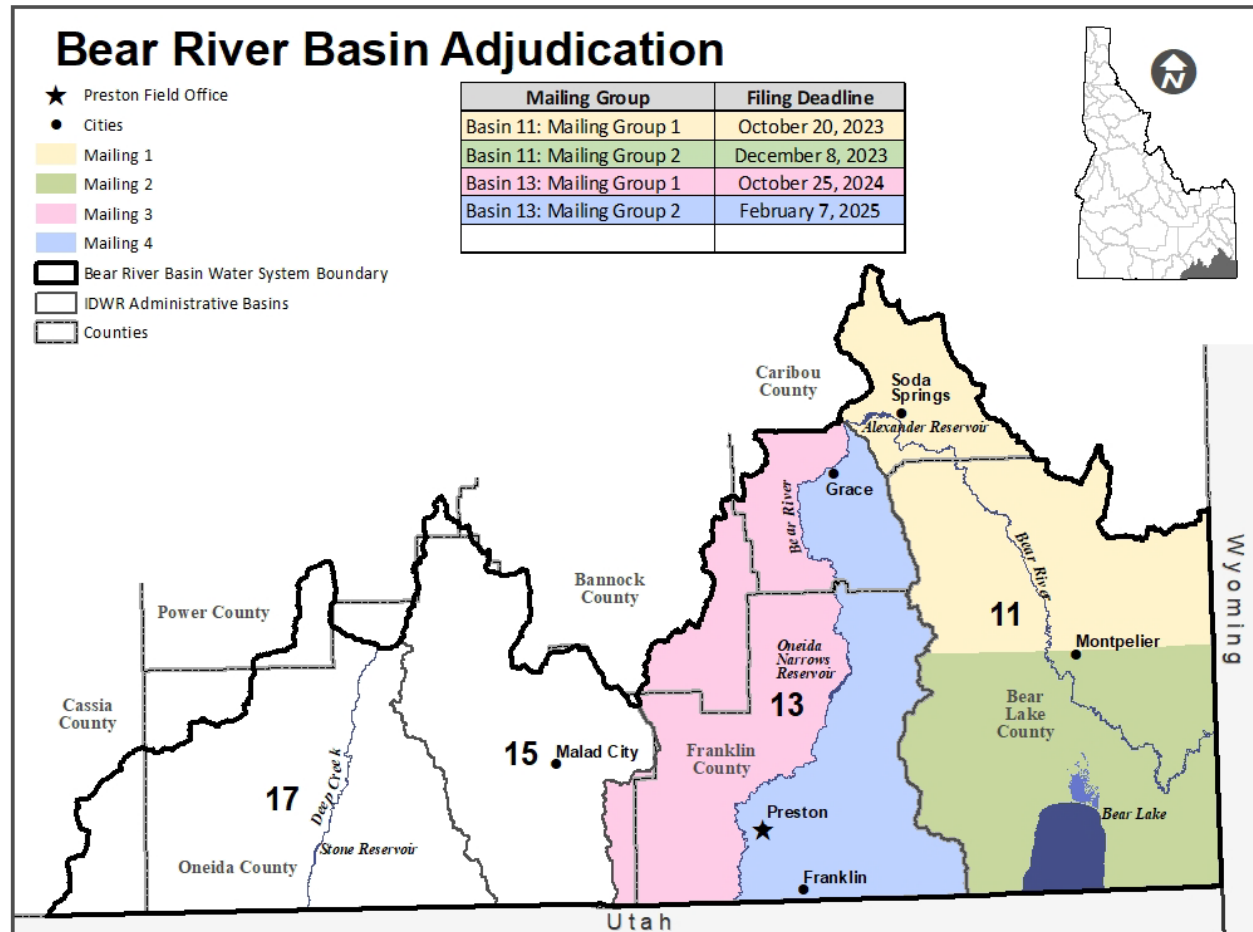
# Kootenai River Basin Adjudication (KRBA)



- Met with KVRI to discuss potential adjudication on February 12, 2024
- House Bill 687 to authorize the Kootenai River Basin Adjudication (KRBA) signed by Governor Little on March 28, 2024
- Petition to Commence KRBA was filed with Court January 3, 2025
- Hearing on Petition to Commence KRBA will be held July 1, 2025
- Tentative plan to begin claims taking early 2026



# Bear River Basin Adjudication (BRBA)



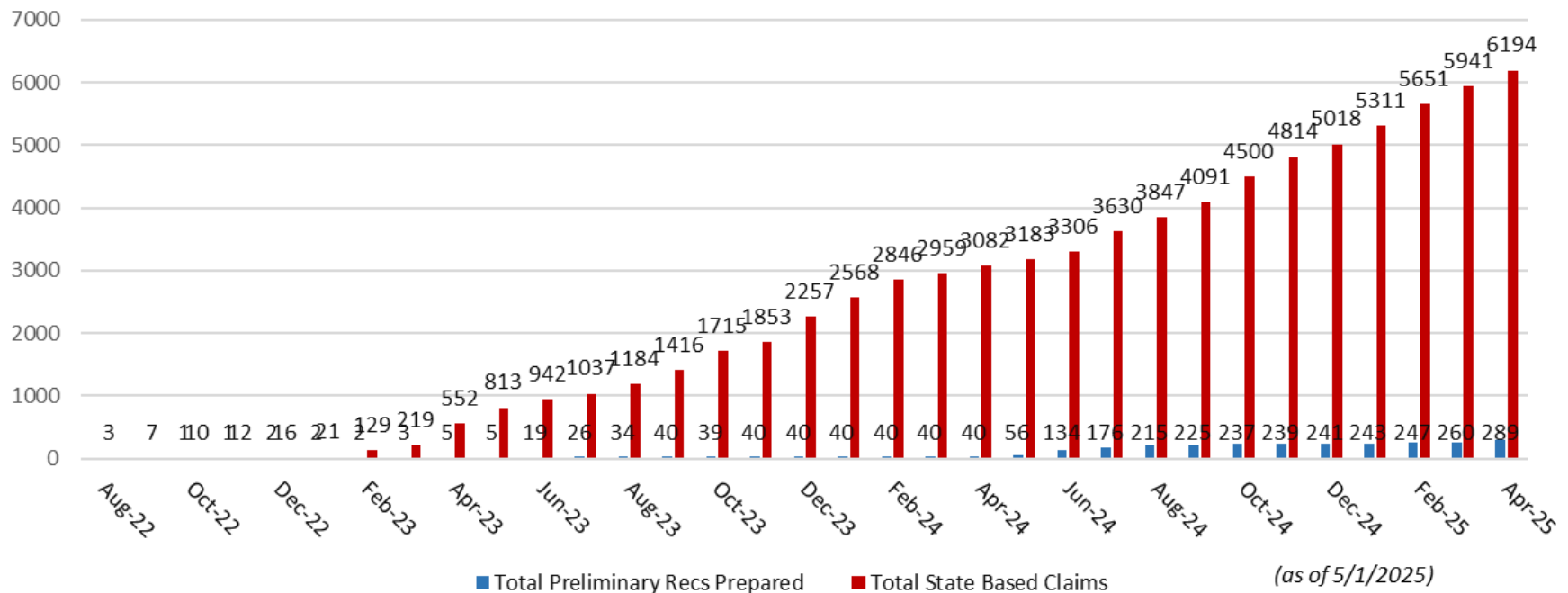
## Bear River Basin Adjudication (BRBA)

- 2020 Legislative Session: 42-1406C authorizes the BRBA
- Commence order issued June 15, 2021
- First Commencement Notices mailed January 30, 2023 (Basin 11 Group 1)
- 4<sup>th</sup> batch of Commencement Notices (Basin 13 Group 2) mailed June 19, 2024
- 6,194 state-based claims filed as of May 1, 2025
- First Preliminary Director's Report mailing anticipated for summer 2026 (Basin 11 Group 1)

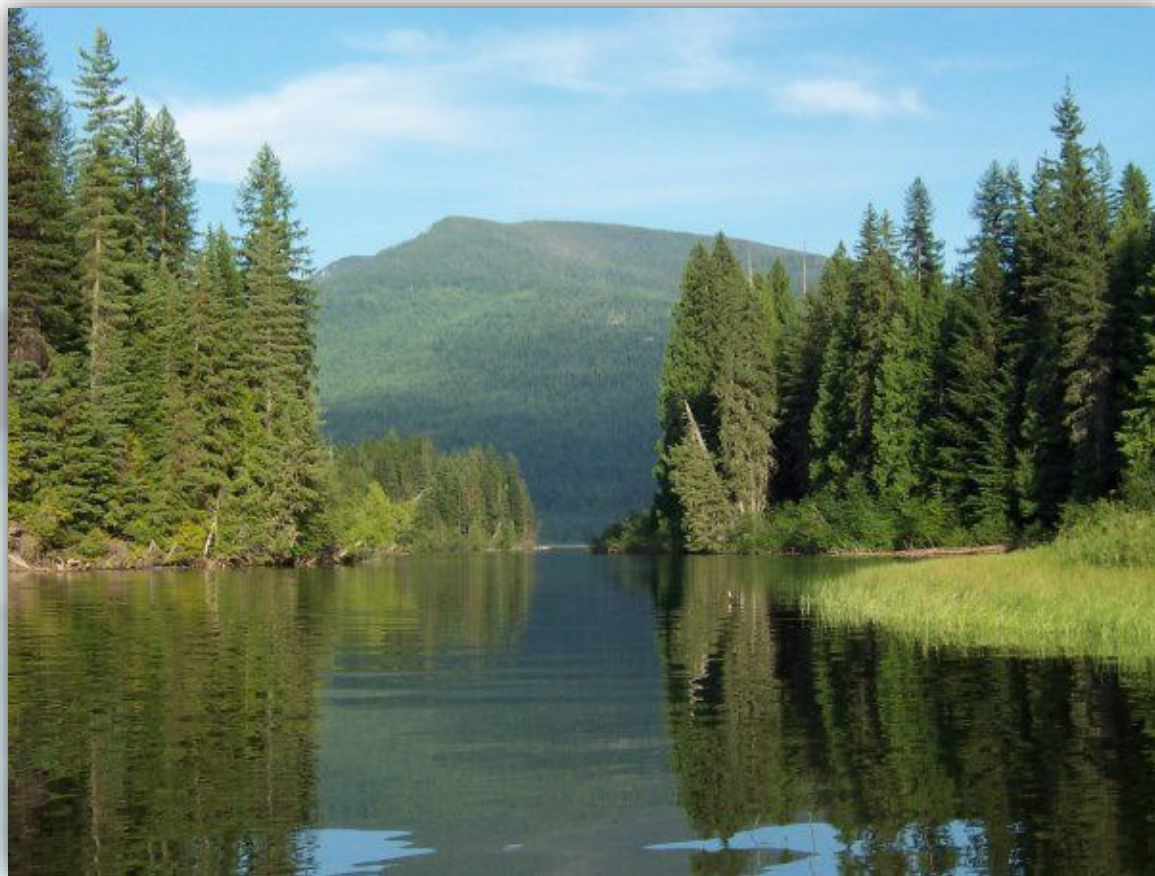


## BRBA Claims Taking Status

Bear River Basin Adjudication (BRBA)  
Status Update



# Questions?



Thank you.





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## Northern Region Update

Michelle Richman  
May 22, 2025





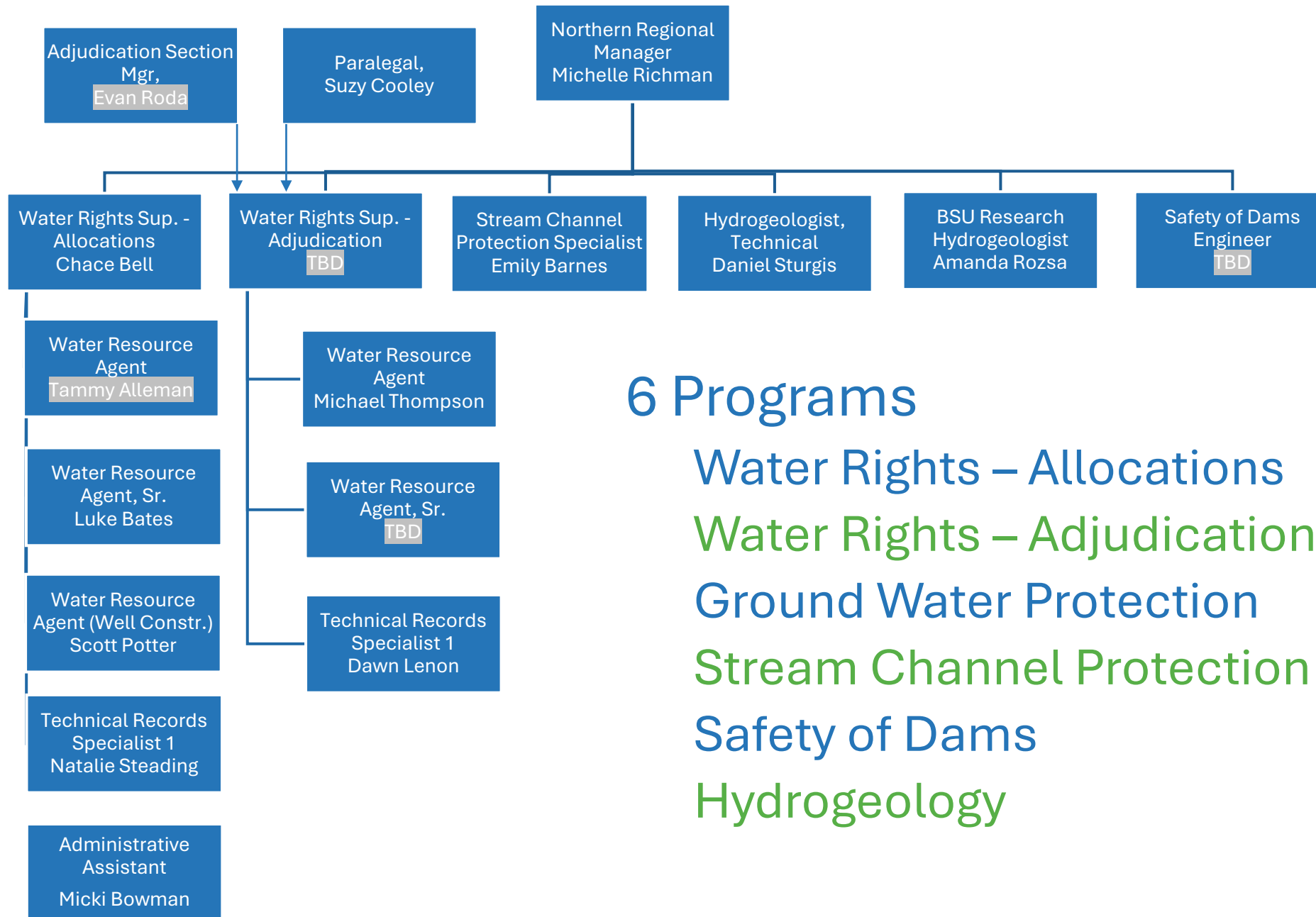
# Purpose

- Program updates
- Northern Region priorities
- Region's next steps
- Priest Lake Dam Operations update



New well near Sandpoint, Idaho





## 6 Programs

Water Rights – Allocations

Water Rights – Adjudication

Ground Water Protection

Stream Channel Protection

Safety of Dams

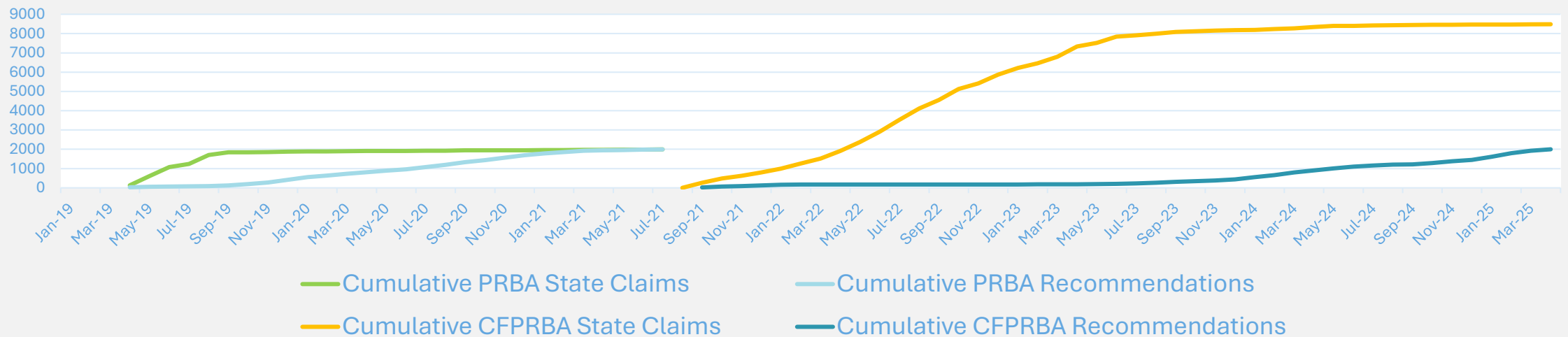
Hydrogeology



# North Idaho Adjudication

- ~8500 CFPRBA claims & ~2000 recommendations
- Director's Reports
- Boundary County Outreach
- KRBA claims-taking

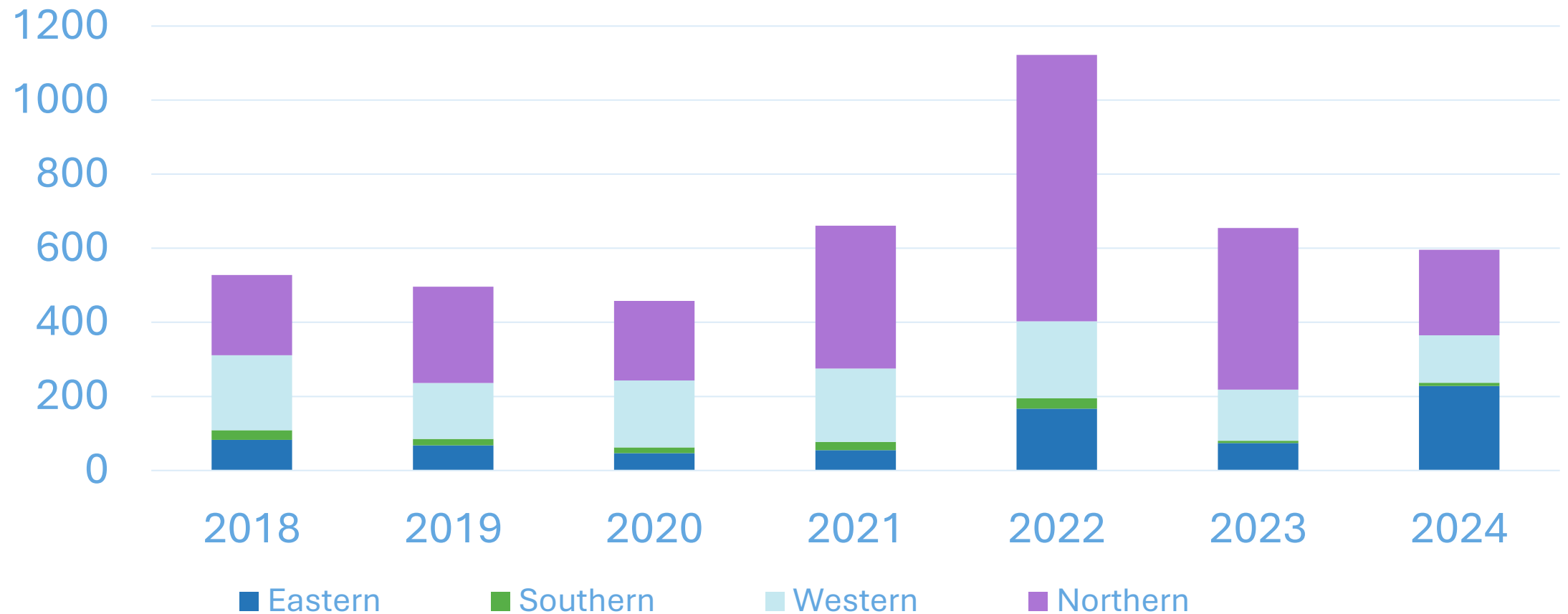
NIA Monthly Claims & Recommendations







# Applications for Permit Received by Region



# Ground Water Protection



Benewah County event

- Public outreach
- Continued good rapport with drilling community
- High inspection rate



# Stream Channel Protection

- Fish Passage, bridges & culvert replacement
- Federal agency partners



Musselshell Meadows: Before – May of 2024



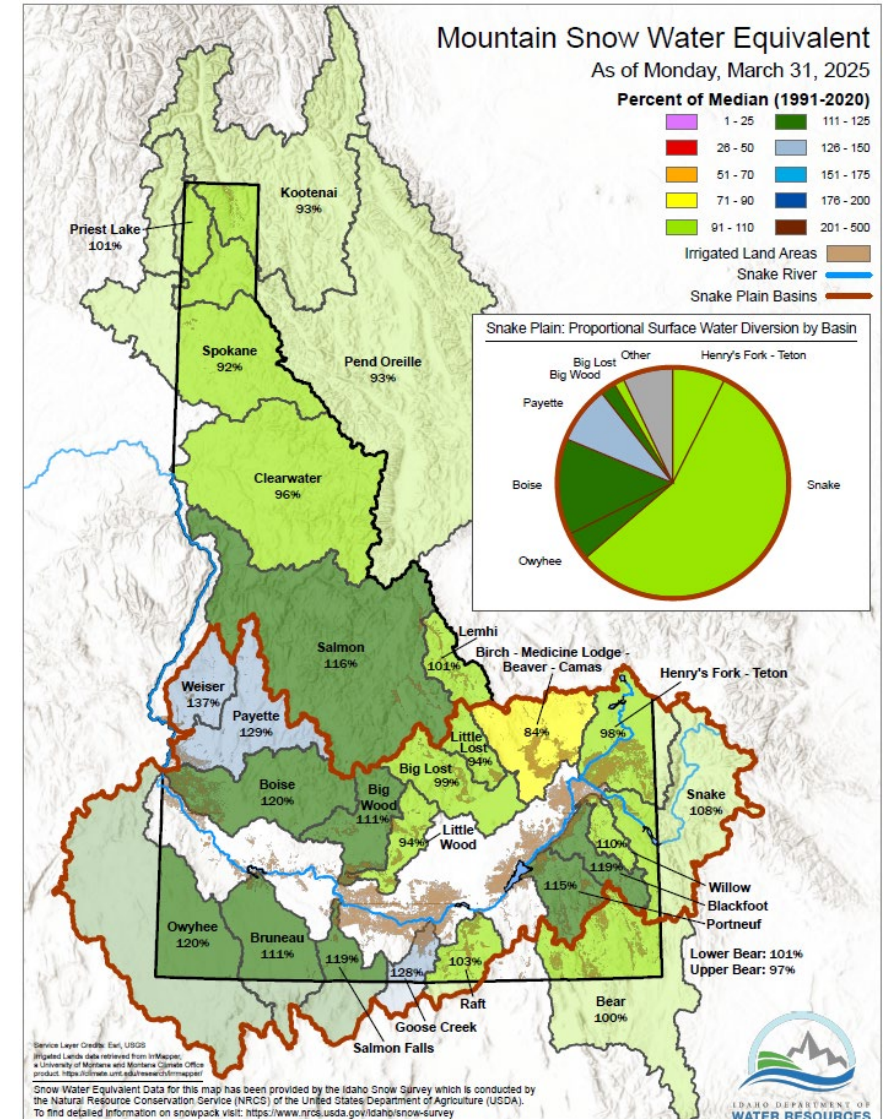
After – August of 2024





# Hydrogeology

- Average snowfall
- City of Moscow
- Network expansion



Idaho SWE, March 31, 2025.





# Safety of Dams

- Staffing
- New construction & rehabilitation
- Mine Tailings Impoundment Structures



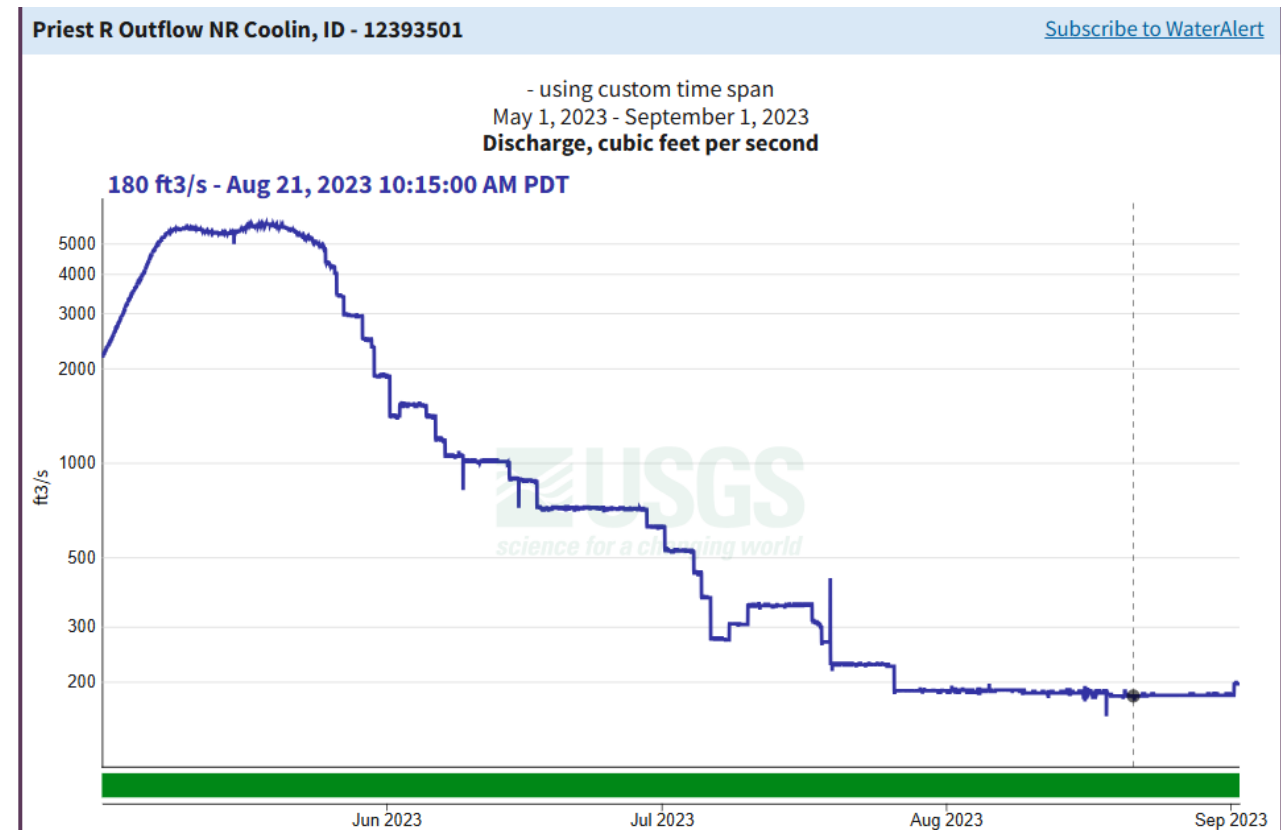
Moyie Dam near Bonners Ferry





# Priest Lake Dam – Best Practices, Spring

- System management
- Designation of Type of Year
- Recreation Season Operations
  - Wet year – no change
  - Dry year – hold lake at 3.31-3.44'
- 200 cfs from IDF&G

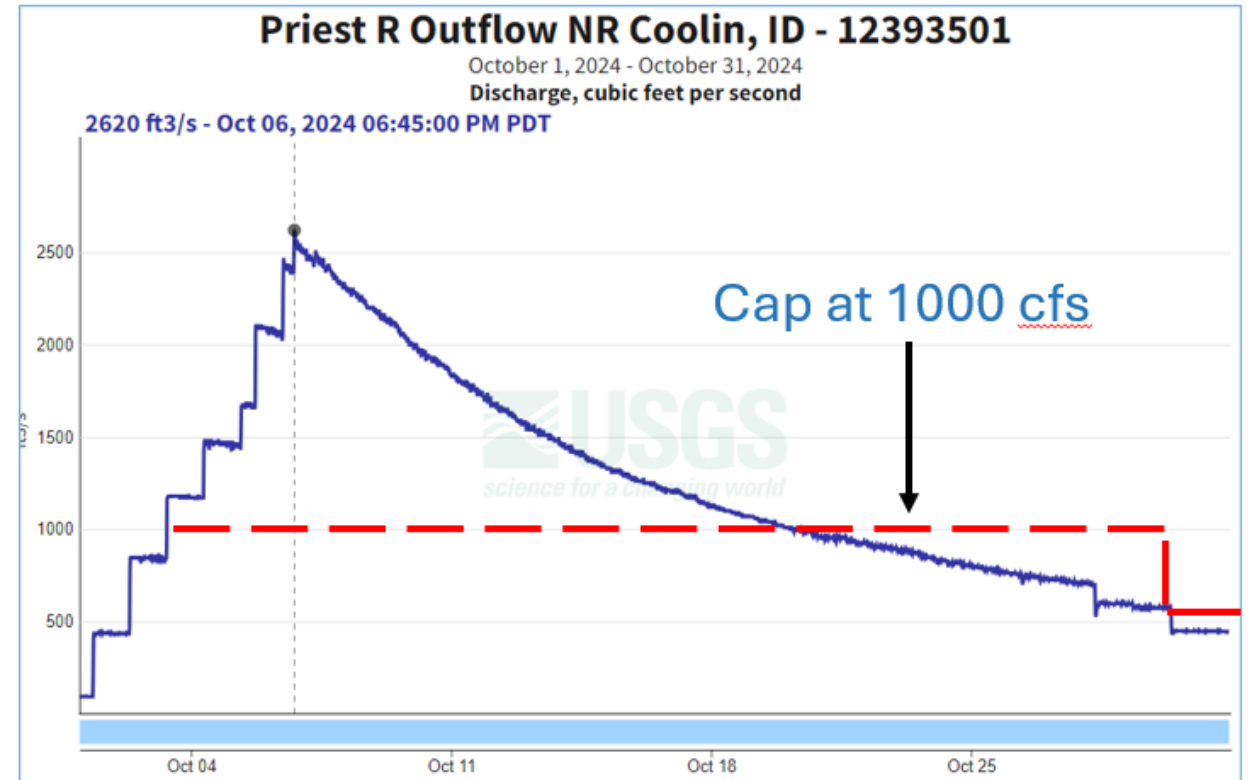


Priest Lake Dam Operations 2023.



# Priest Lake Dam – Best Practices, Fall

- No agreements for power
- Drawdown 10/1 to 11/1
- 1000 cfs max - IDF&G
- Drop lake to 1.0 foot and hold

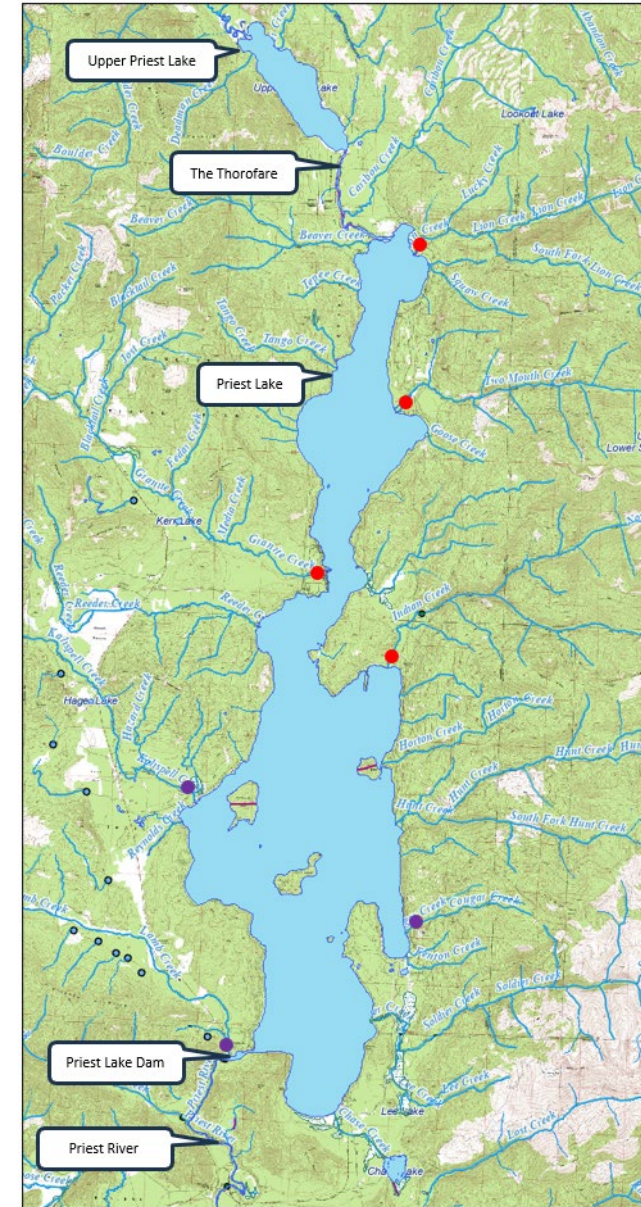


Priest Lake Dam Operations 2023.



# Priest Lake Dam – Next Steps

- Stakeholder communication
- Data collection
- Informed decisions
- Re-evaluate & update new documents
  - Best Practices
  - Standard Operations
  - Emergency Action Plan







# Priest Lake Outlet Dam – Conclusions

- Planning for the future
- Strike a balance
- Keep people informed as best practices are established





# Next Steps for Northern

- Continued public outreach
- Manage the workload
- KRBA







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Questions?

Northern Region





# Memorandum

To: Idaho Water Resource Board  
From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau  
Date: May 19, 2025  
Re: Administrative Rules Update

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**Action:** no action at this time

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Erik Boe will provide an update on the Administrative rulemaking efforts.



# Memorandum

To: Idaho Water Resource Board  
From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau  
Date: May 19, 2025  
Re: Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee Project Update



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Representatives from the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee will provide a project update presentation to the IWRB.

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# CLEARWATER RIVER PUMP STATION PROJECT PROGRESS

## Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District



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**THE  
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GROUP**



**GATEWAY  
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OTHER J-U-B COMPANIES

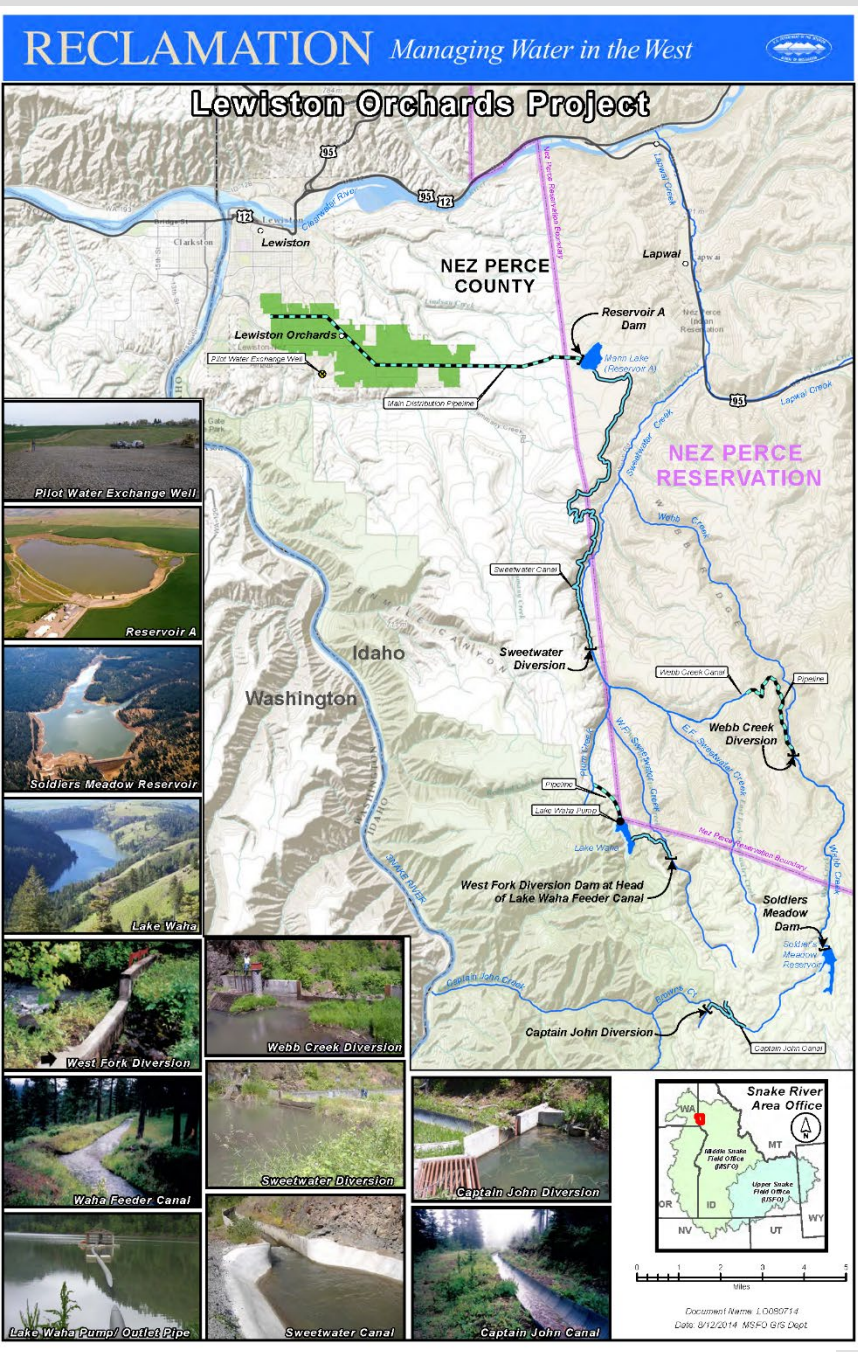
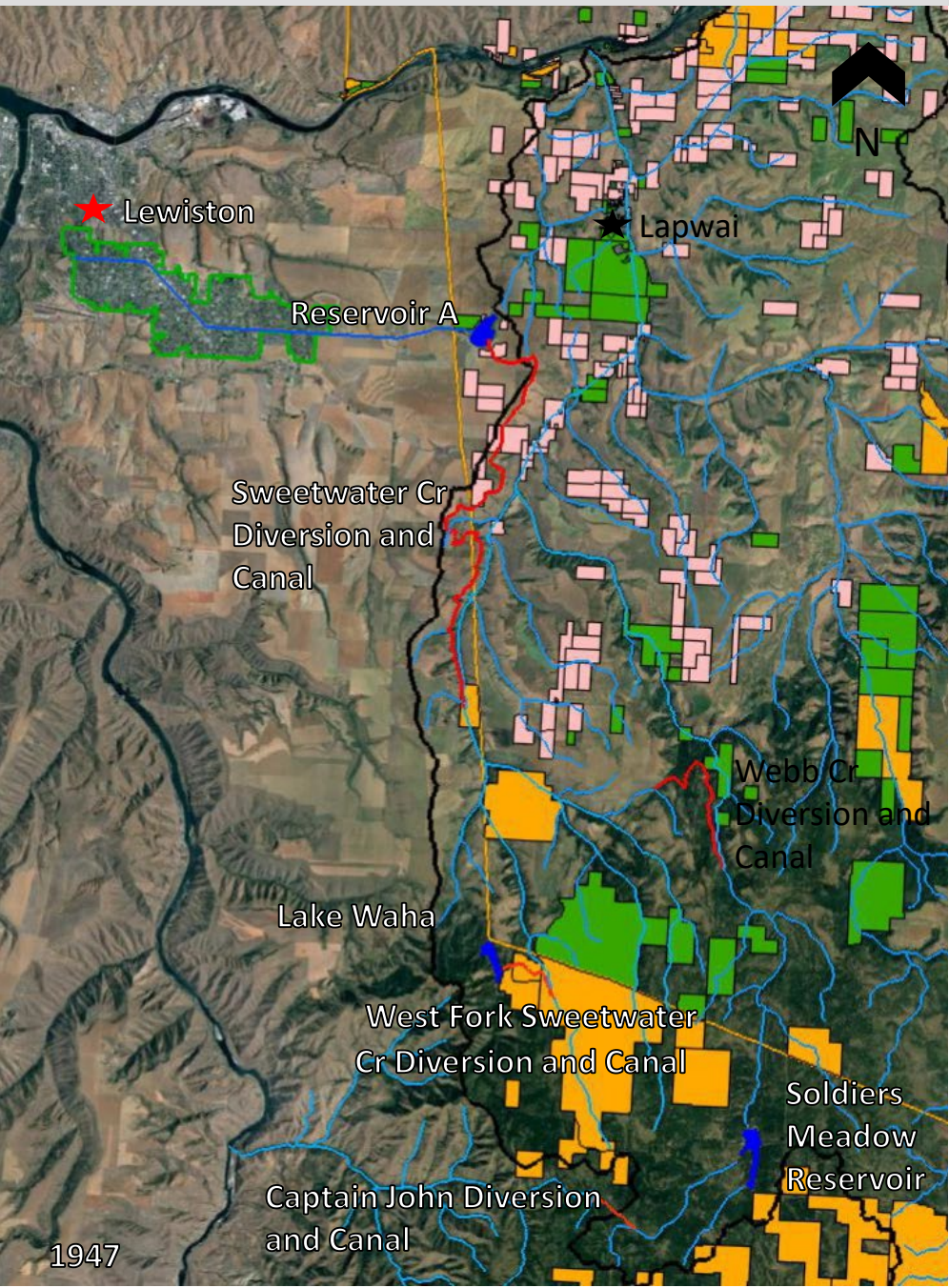


# Presentation Outline

- Brief History
- Objectives
- Concept Design
- Preliminary Engineering Report
- 30% Design
- CM/GC
- Schedule
- Next Steps

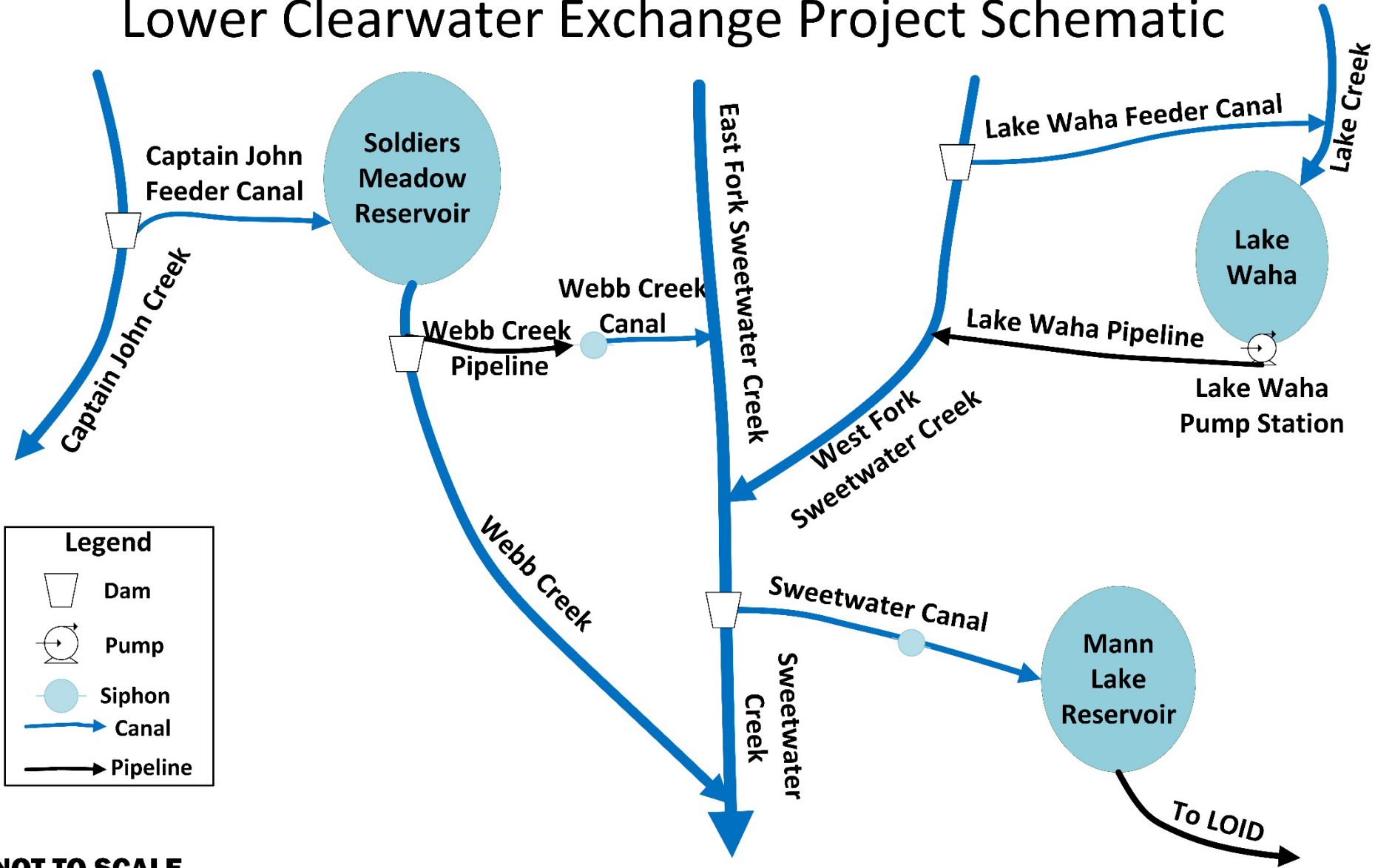








# Lower Clearwater Exchange Project Schematic



**NOT TO SCALE**



# How did we get to where we are at now?

- 1972 LOID bond for pumping station fails
- 2003 LOP-Concept project removed from SRBA
- 2005 – 2010 series of Biological Assessments, Biological Opinions, and challenges to those by the Nez Perce Tribe
- 2008 – Jerry Klemm initiates meetings which leads to the Lower Clearwater Exchange Project.
- 2012 Appraisal Study looked at 33 alternatives and recommended 3 options: pumping station on the Snake River, pumping station on Clearwater River, or Tammany Well Field.
- 2013 Reclamation proposes a Pilot Well with bucket-for-bucket water exchange.
- 2014 LOID applies for new groundwater right of 8,500 acre feet.
- 2014 – 2017 Pilot Well is constructed
- 2017 irrigation season is first bucket-for-bucket water exchange.
- 2015 – 2017 Reclamation performs NEPA with a Final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact.
- 2020 – 2024 LOID/Reclamation/Tribe work through process of reconsidering Clearwater River Pump Station.
- 2024 Reclamation holds an updated value planning study workshop which results in the Clearwater River Pump Station progressing as the preferred alternative. (On-shore well ranked higher but infeasible)



# Objectives

Permanently solve 3 long-standing problems with existing Lewiston Orchards Project.

- (1) Inadequate water quantities, quality, and reliability for Lewiston Orchards Irrigation District.
- (2) Adverse effects on the Nez Perce Tribe and its people, including impacts to natural resources and to cultural and religious water uses, resulting from predominant location of the LOP on the Nez Perce Reservation.
- (3) Adverse effects on ESA listed Snake River A-run steelhead from the existing LOP and its location on ESA-designated critical habitat.





# Concept Design

- Goal
  - Considered alternatives for intake structure and pump station at the main property owner location.
  - Establish conservative project cost estimate that accounts for risk of challenging layouts, low velocities to meet fish requirements, and structures/equipment that allow partial use
- 18 cfs River Intake and Pump Station
  - Three locations considered
  - 3 Trash Racks/ 6 Mechanical Screens
  - Gravity Pipes
  - 6 Pumps (1 VFD pump)
- 7 ¼ Miles of 24-inch Transmission Main
  - Welded steel and PVC
  - Determined likely locations of air/vac stations, check valves, isolation valves, and pump-outs





*LOID Clearwater River Pump Station Project Progress*

**J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc.**

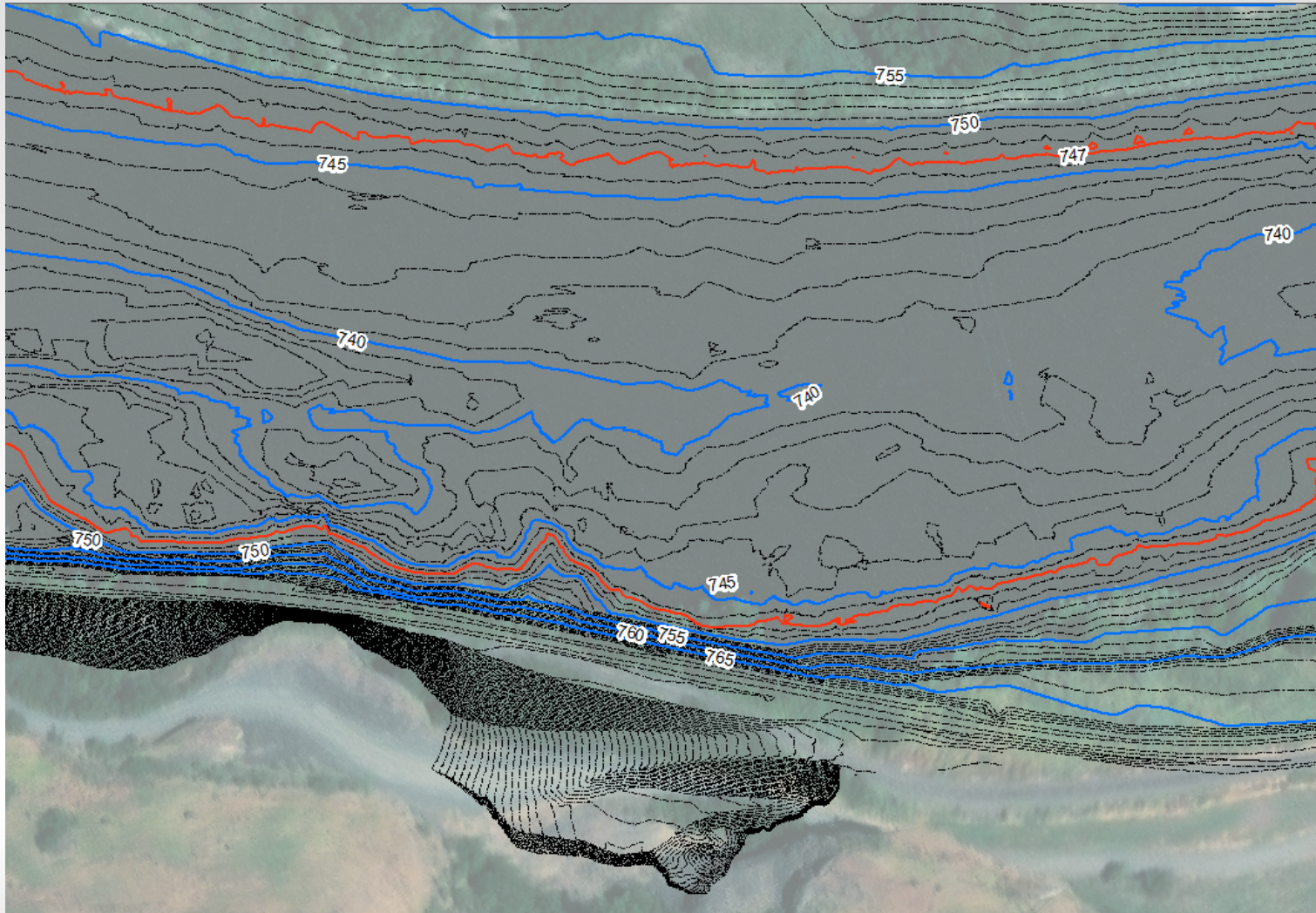


# Preliminary Engineering Report

- Data Gathering
  - Bathymetric Survey
  - Fluvial Geomorphology
  - Geotechnical Borings
  - Transient Analysis
- Intake Structure Location
- Intake/Pump Station Structure Concepts
- Transmission Main
- Construction Cost Estimate Update

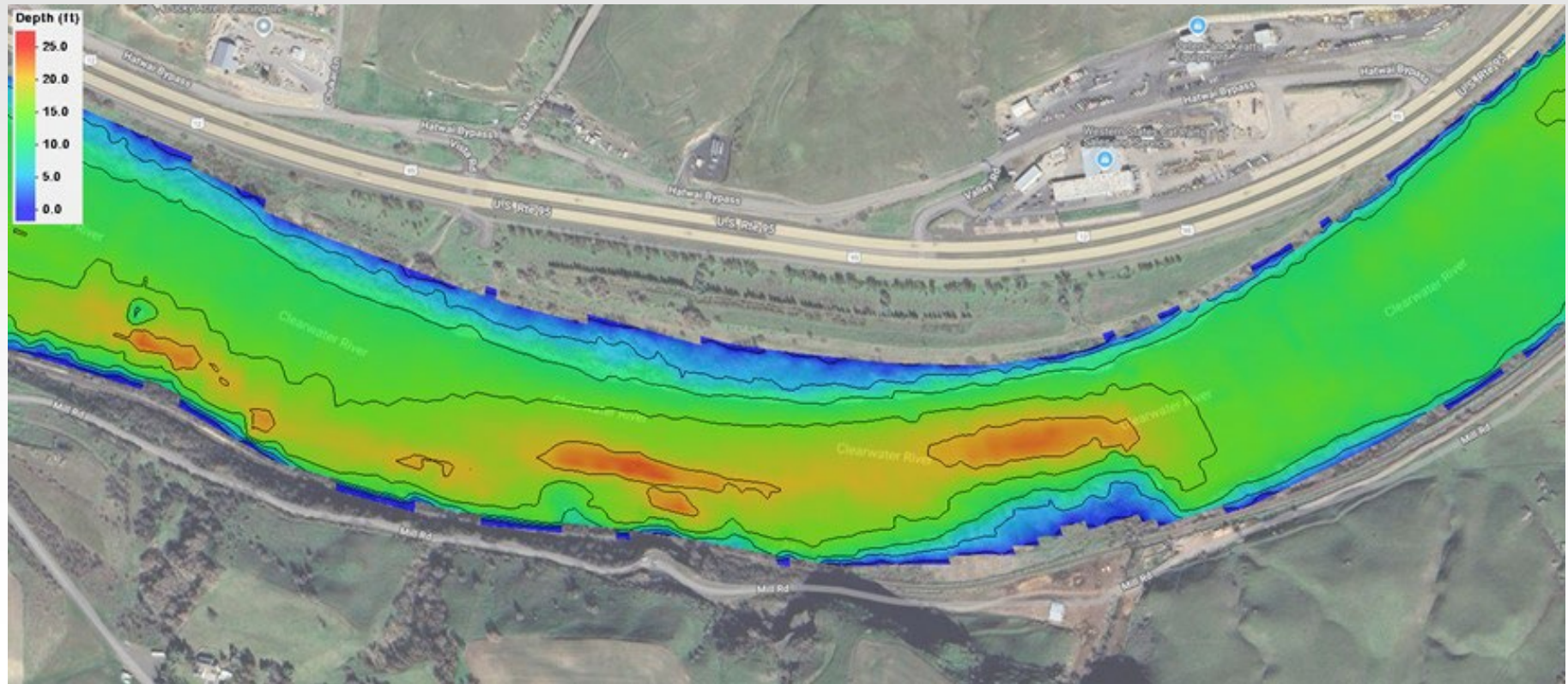


# Bathymetric Survey

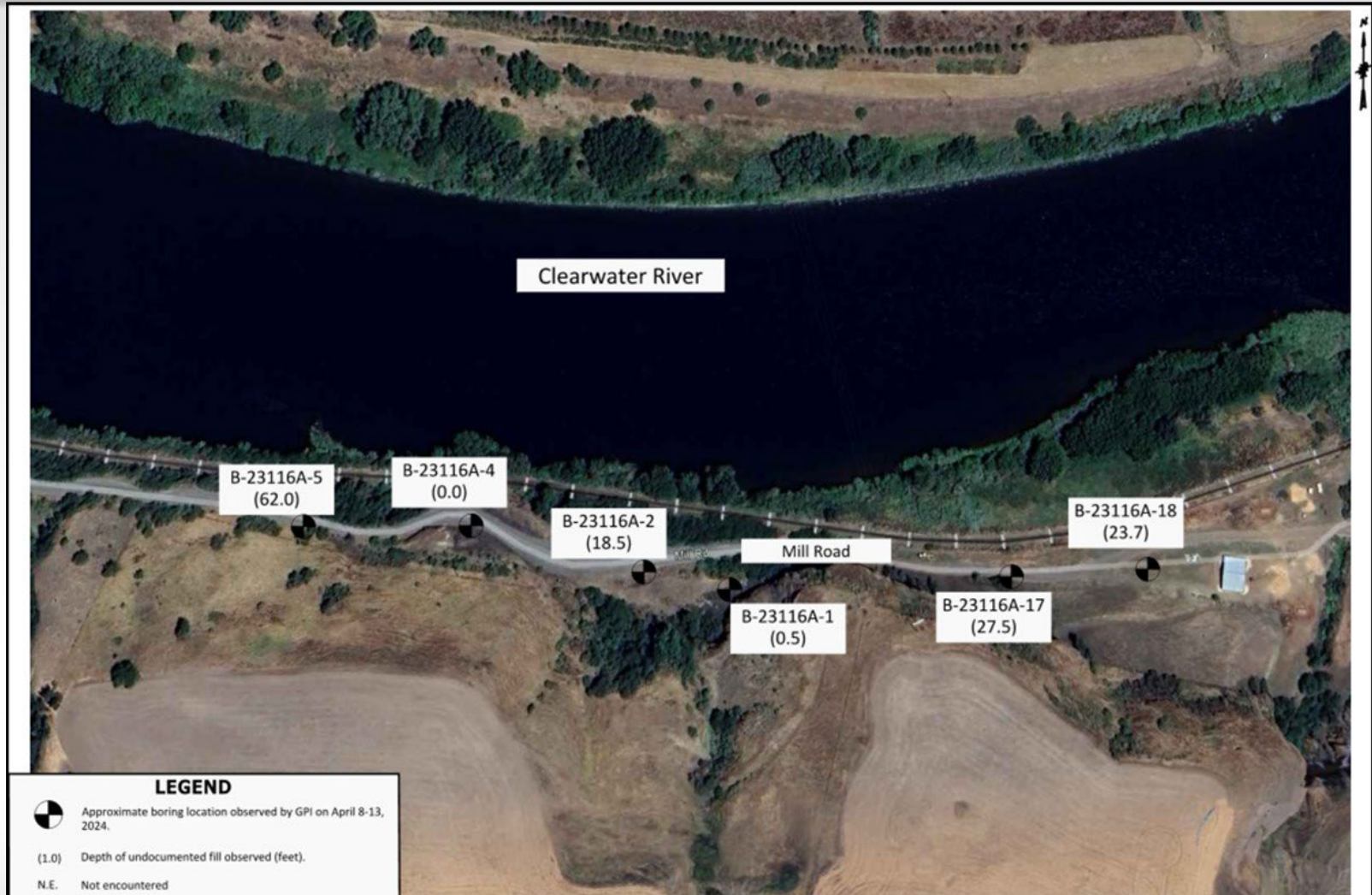




# Fluvial Geomorphological - Depth

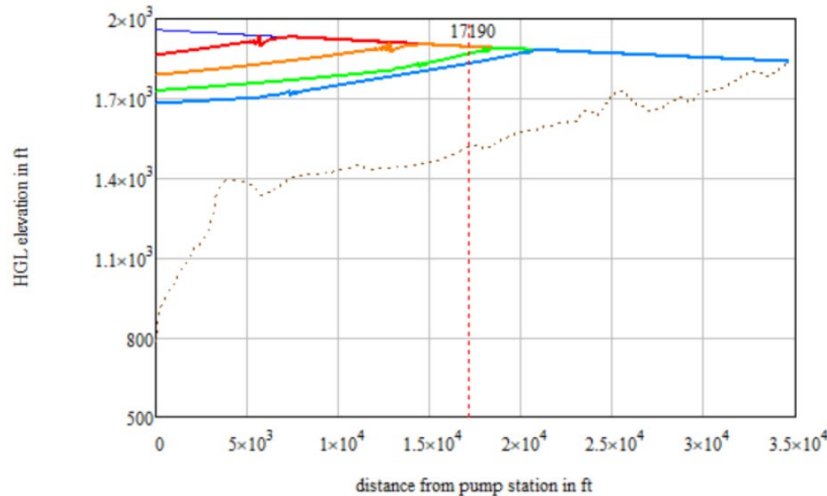


# Geotechnical Borings



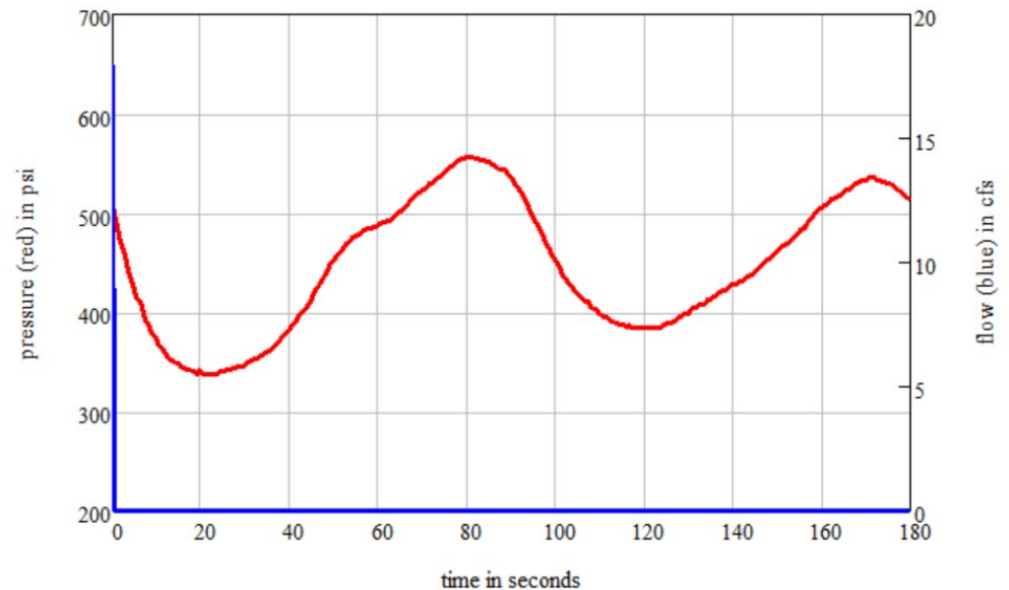


# Transient Analysis

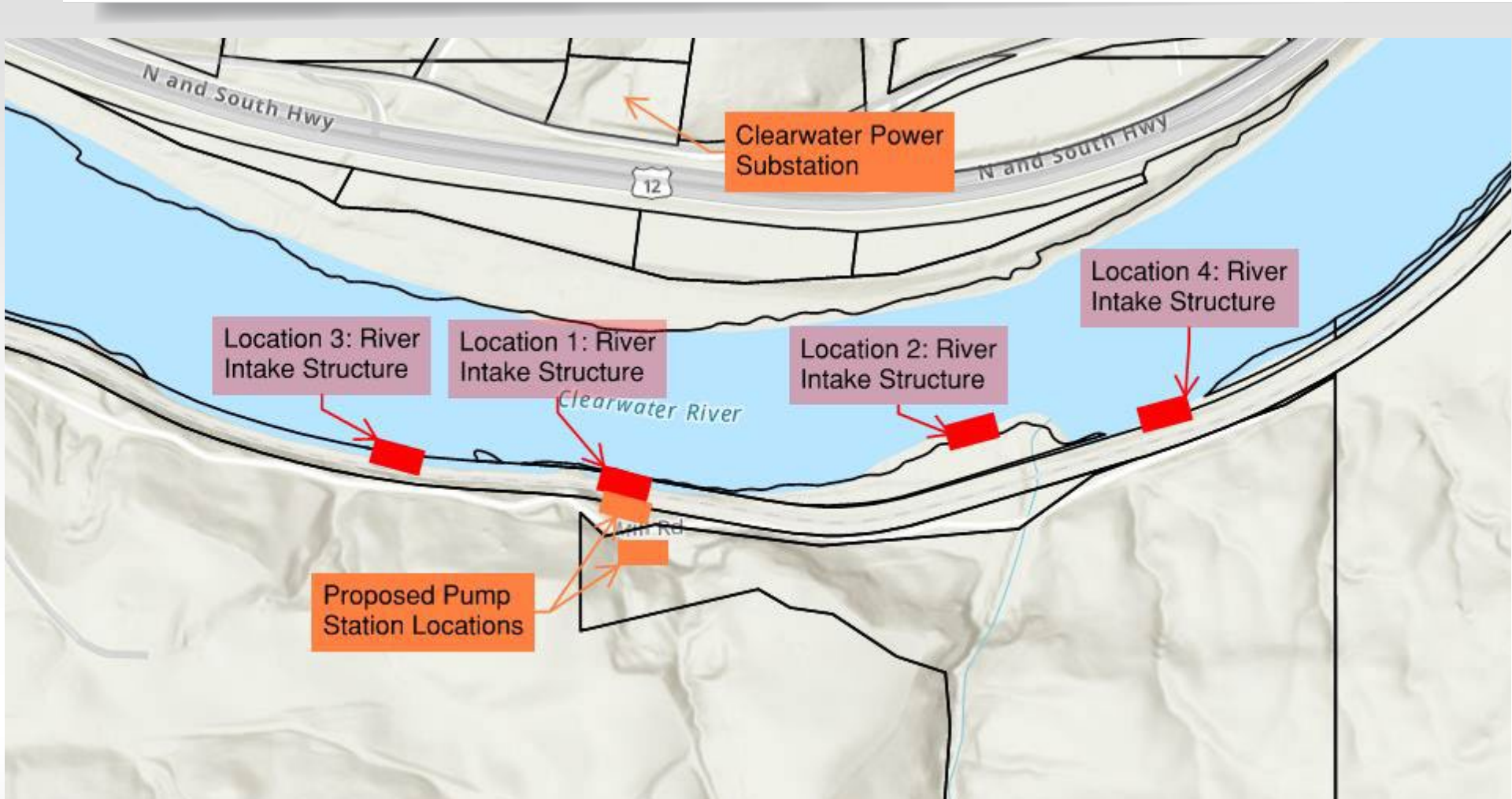


Hydraulic grade line at 2 (red), 4 (orange), 6 (green), and 8 (blue) seconds with air chamber and combination air vacuum valves.

Pressure (red) and flow (blue) at the pump station.

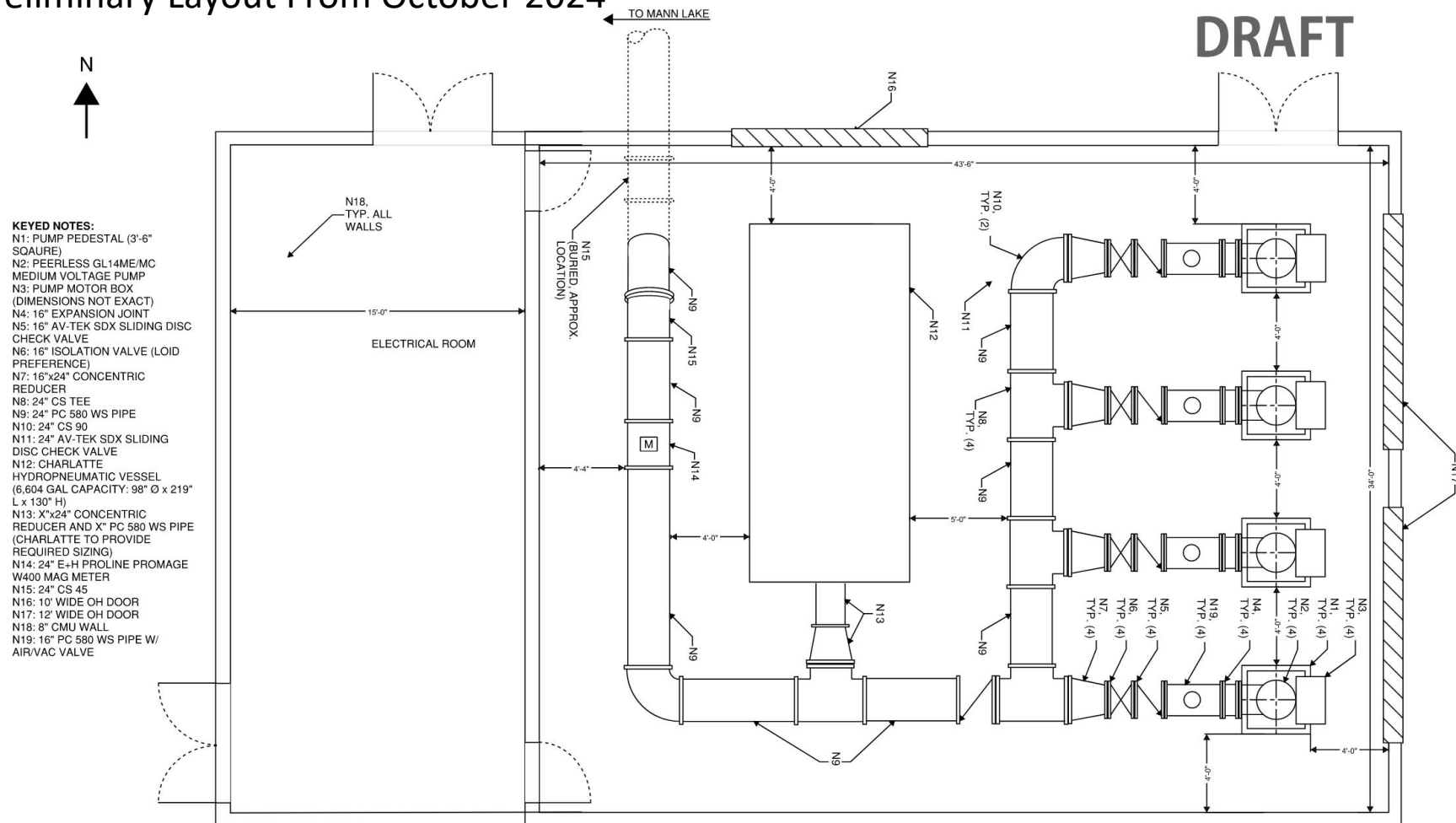


# Intake Structure Locations

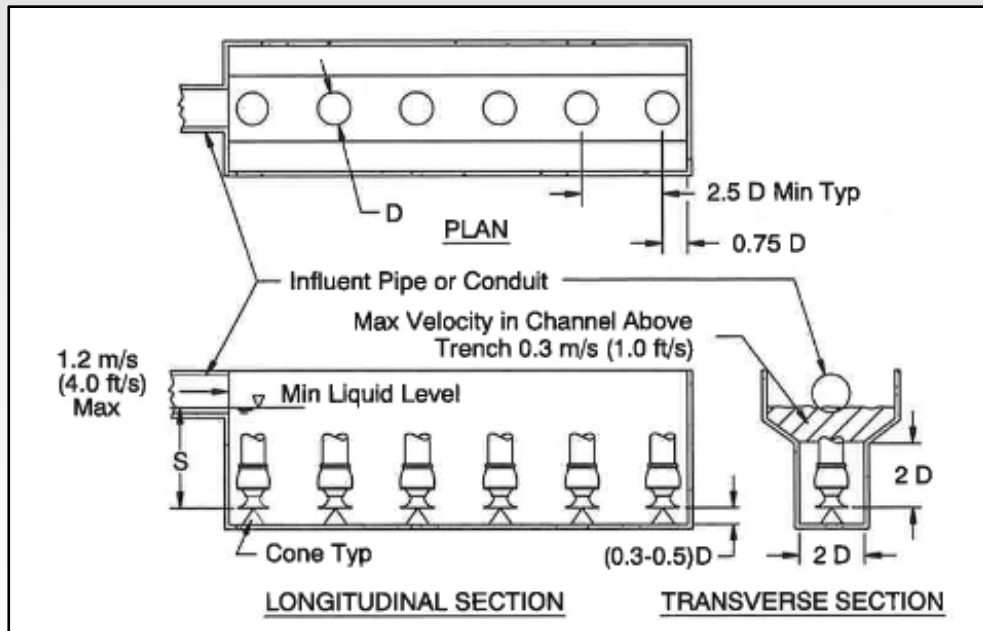




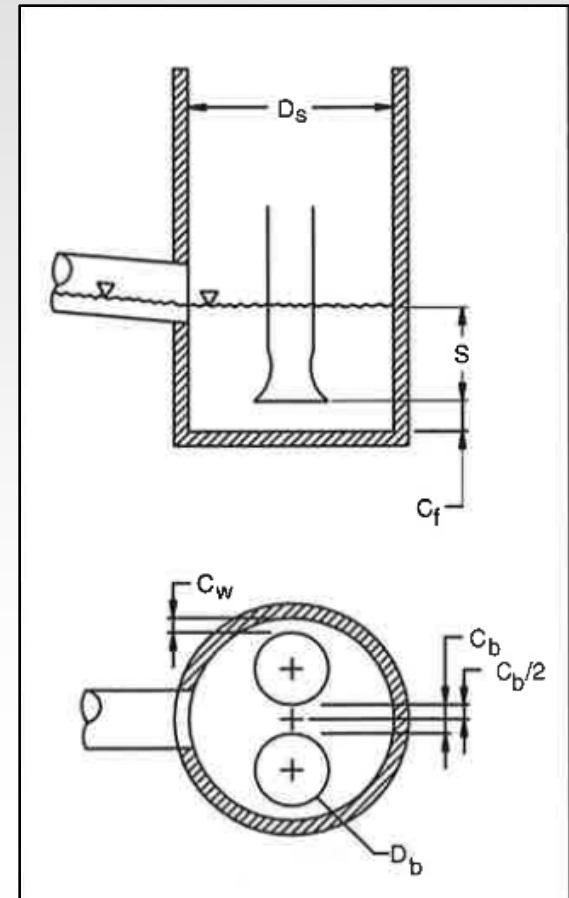
## Preliminary Layout From October 2024



# Wet Well



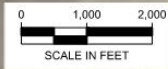
Trench Wet Well



Circular Wet Well



# Transmission Main



OPTION 2 ROUTE  
24"Ø STEEL PIPE  
±20,530 LF

CLEARWATER RIVER PUMP STATION  
6 PUMPS - 700 HP EA  
8,100 GPM (18 CFS)

EAGLES POINTE BLVD

OPTION 1 ROUTE  
24"Ø STEEL PIPE  
±17,330 LF

COUGAR RIDGE DR

HEPTON LN

LAPWAI RD

24"Ø PVC PIPE  
±17,670 LF

RESERVATION LINE

MANN LAKE DISCHARGE

BEVER RD

MANN LAKE

We should use the map that does not show option2



# Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost

Item No.	Item Description	Quantity	Unit	Total Construction Cost (2027) <sup>A</sup>
1	Intake Structure and Piping to Pump Station	1	LS	\$2,843,000
2	Pump Station and Wet Well	1	LS	\$23,171,000
3	High Pressure Transmission Main (Welded Steel)	1	LS	\$3,993,000
4	Medium Pressure Transmission Main (Welded Steel)	1	LS	\$12,531,000
5	Low Pressure Transmission Main (PVC)	1	LS	\$11,528,000
6	Outlet Structure to Mann Lake	1	LS	\$603,000
<b>CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATED COST</b>				<b>\$54,669,000</b>

<sup>A</sup>Costs include 15% contingency for BABA and Location, and 15% contingency for construction.





# 30% Design

- Site Selection
- Data Gathering/Analysis
- Progress design of all elements
- Agencies/Landowner Coordination
  - BGCM Railroad
  - Coast Guard
  - Eagle Pointe Development
  - IDWR
  - Nez Perce County
  - Nez Perce Tribe
  - NOAA
  - Two Private Landowners
  - USBR
  - USACE

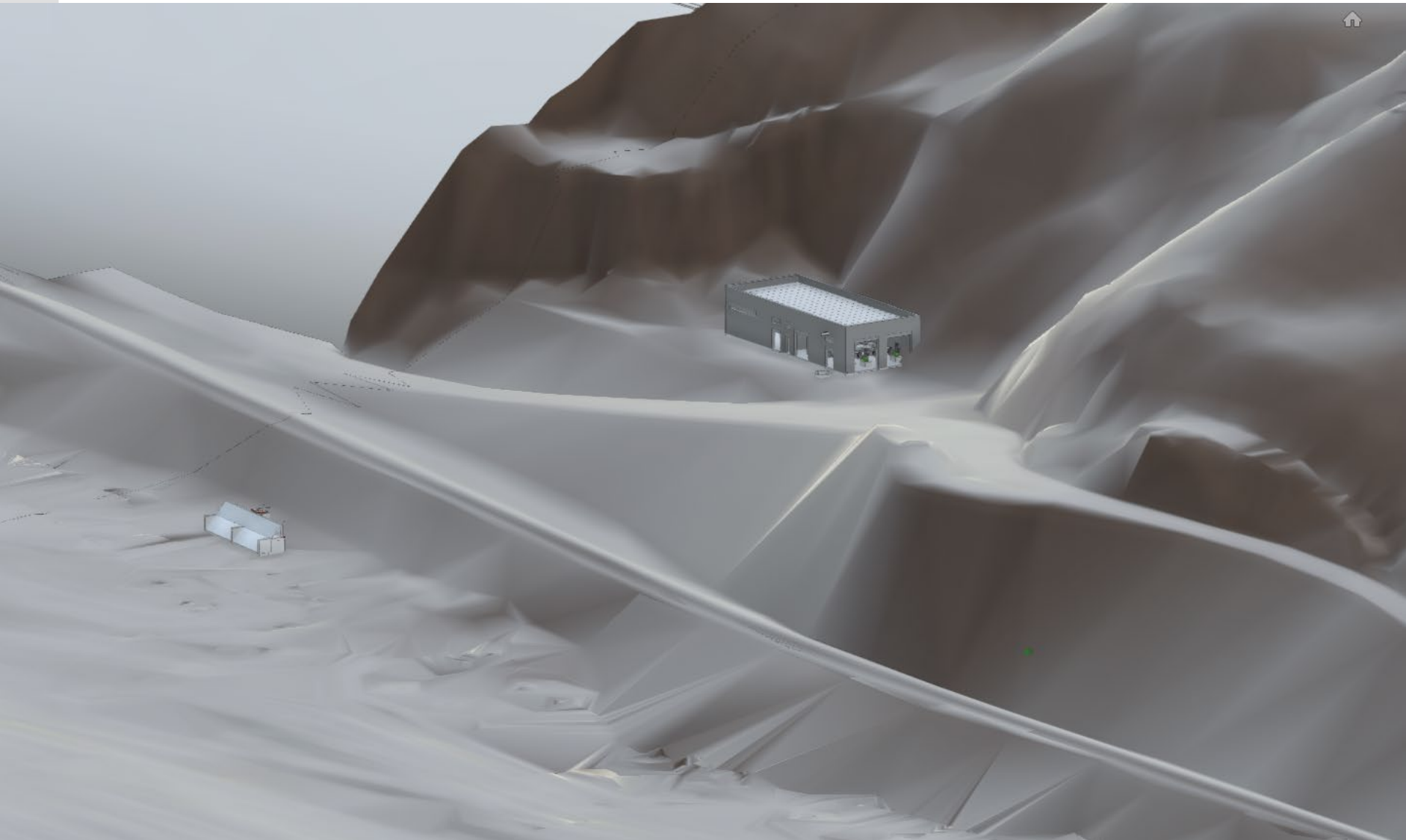




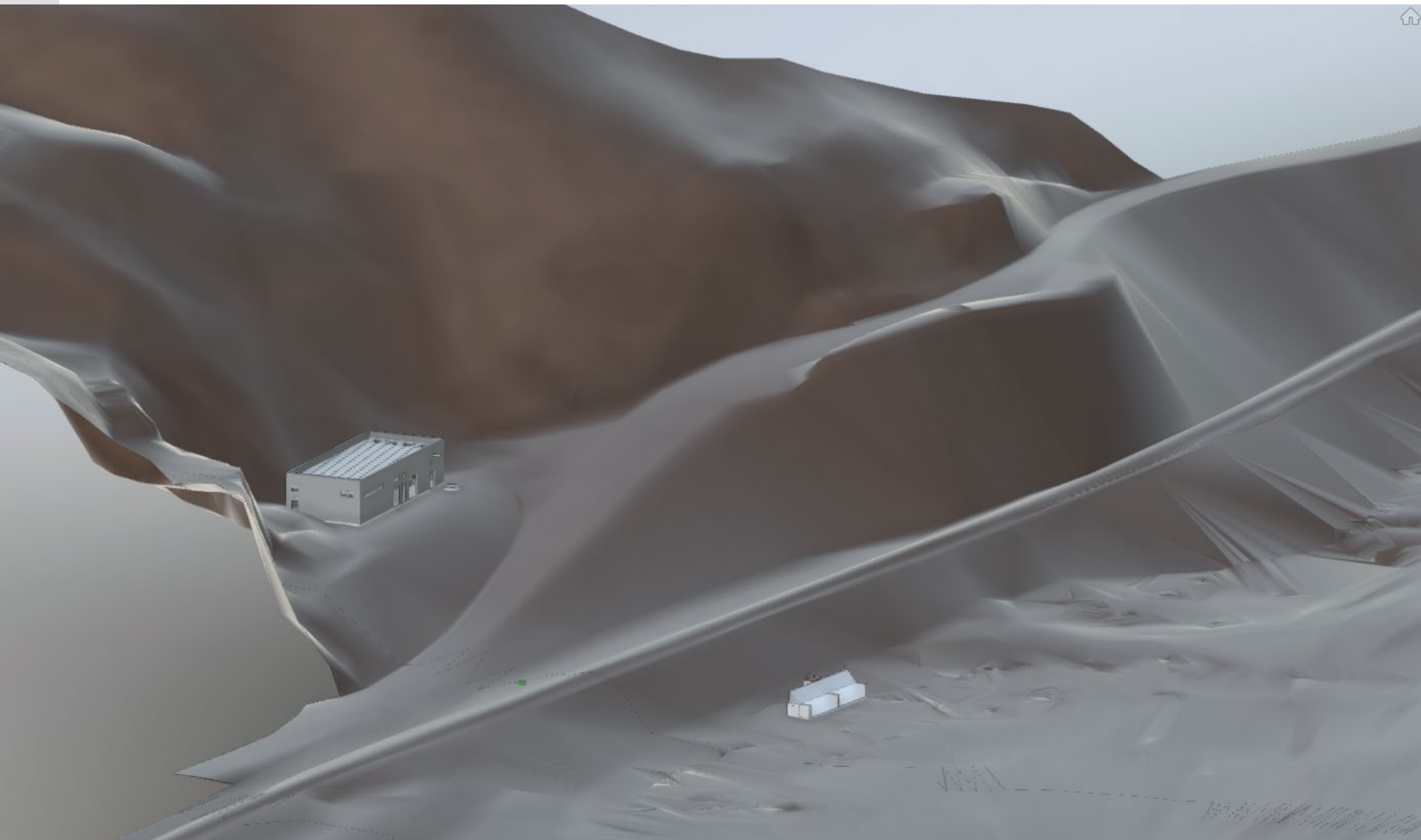


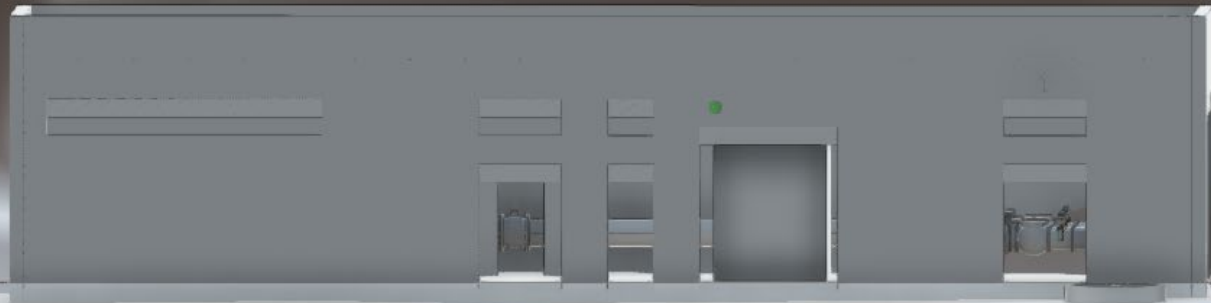




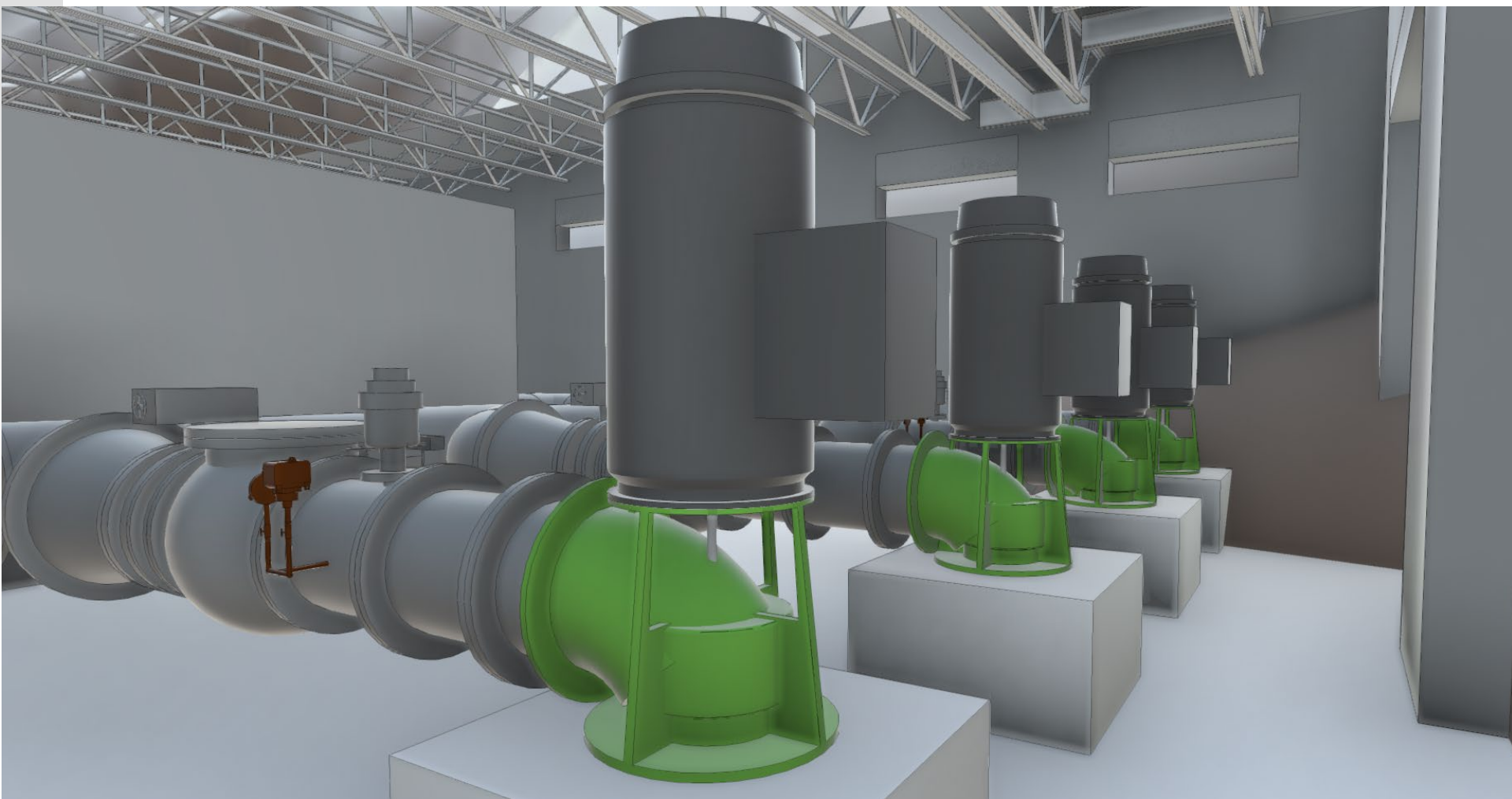






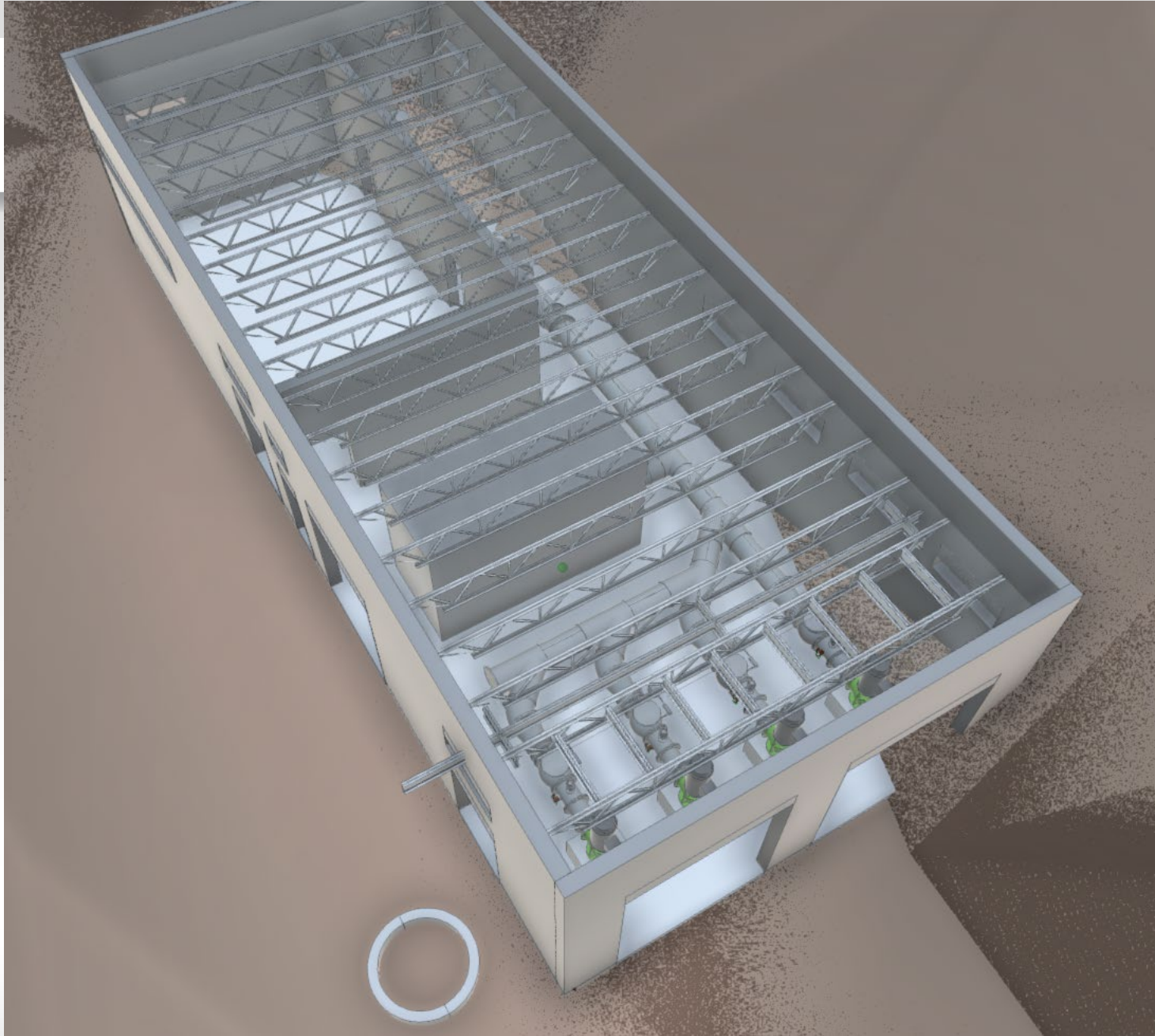






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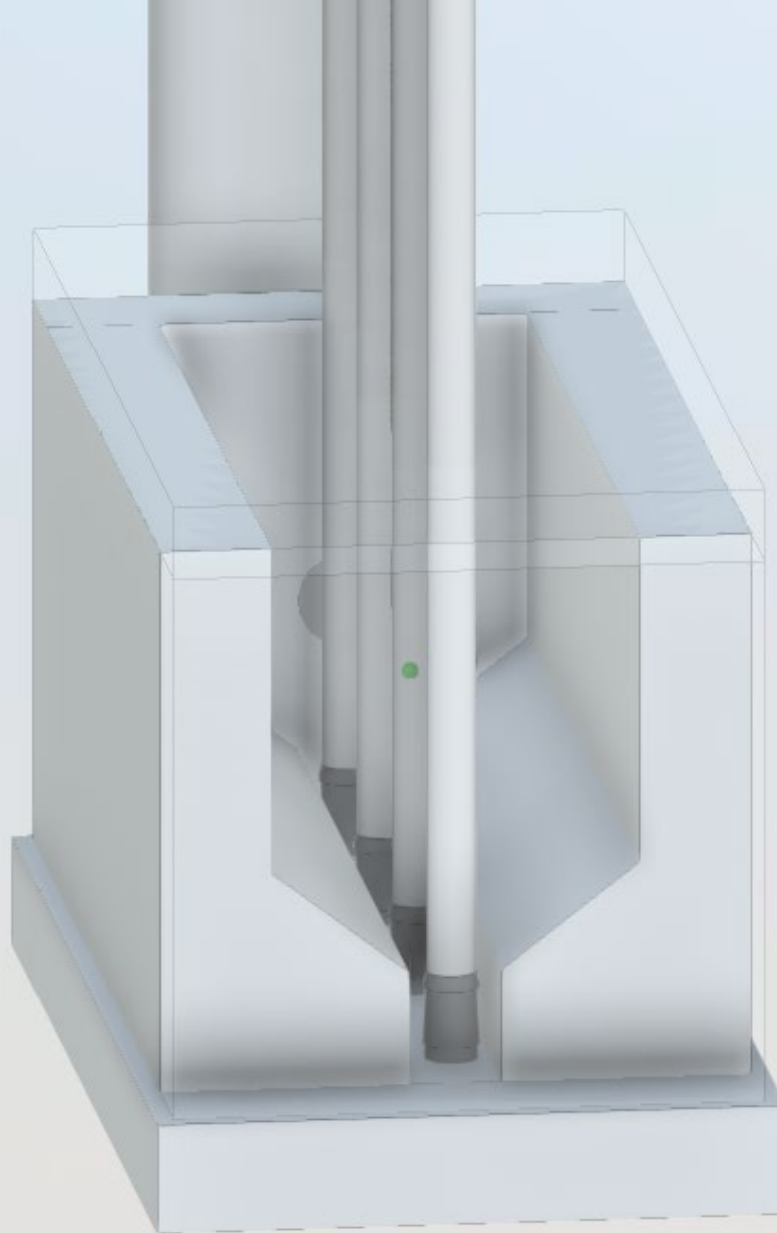


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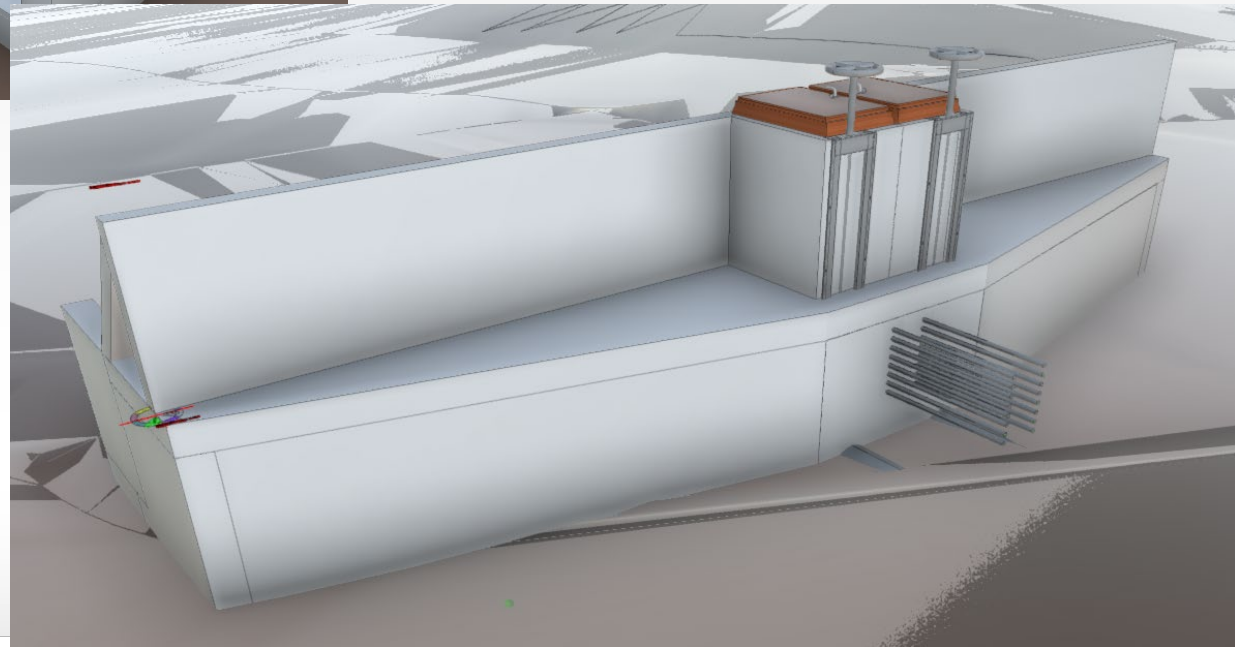
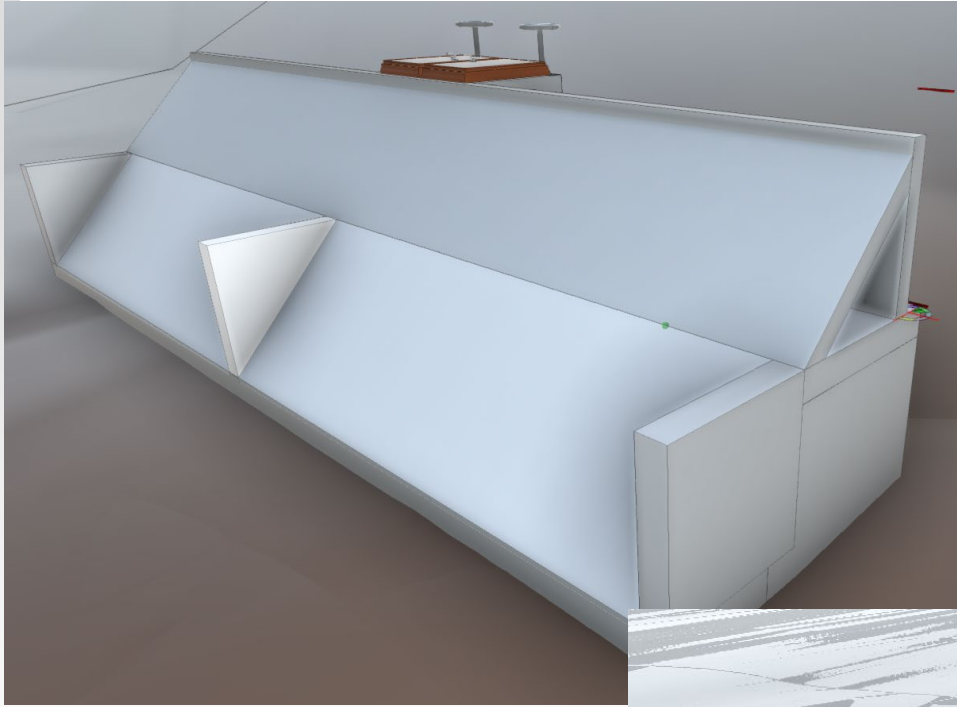
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# et Well



# River Intake





# CM/GC Process

- Constructability Reviews
- In-Water Work
- Deep Wet Well Excavation
  - High impact on size and design
- Pipeline Material
  - Cost, Availability, Constructability
- Electrical Systems
  - Cost, Availability, Lead Times
- Construction Cost Estimating

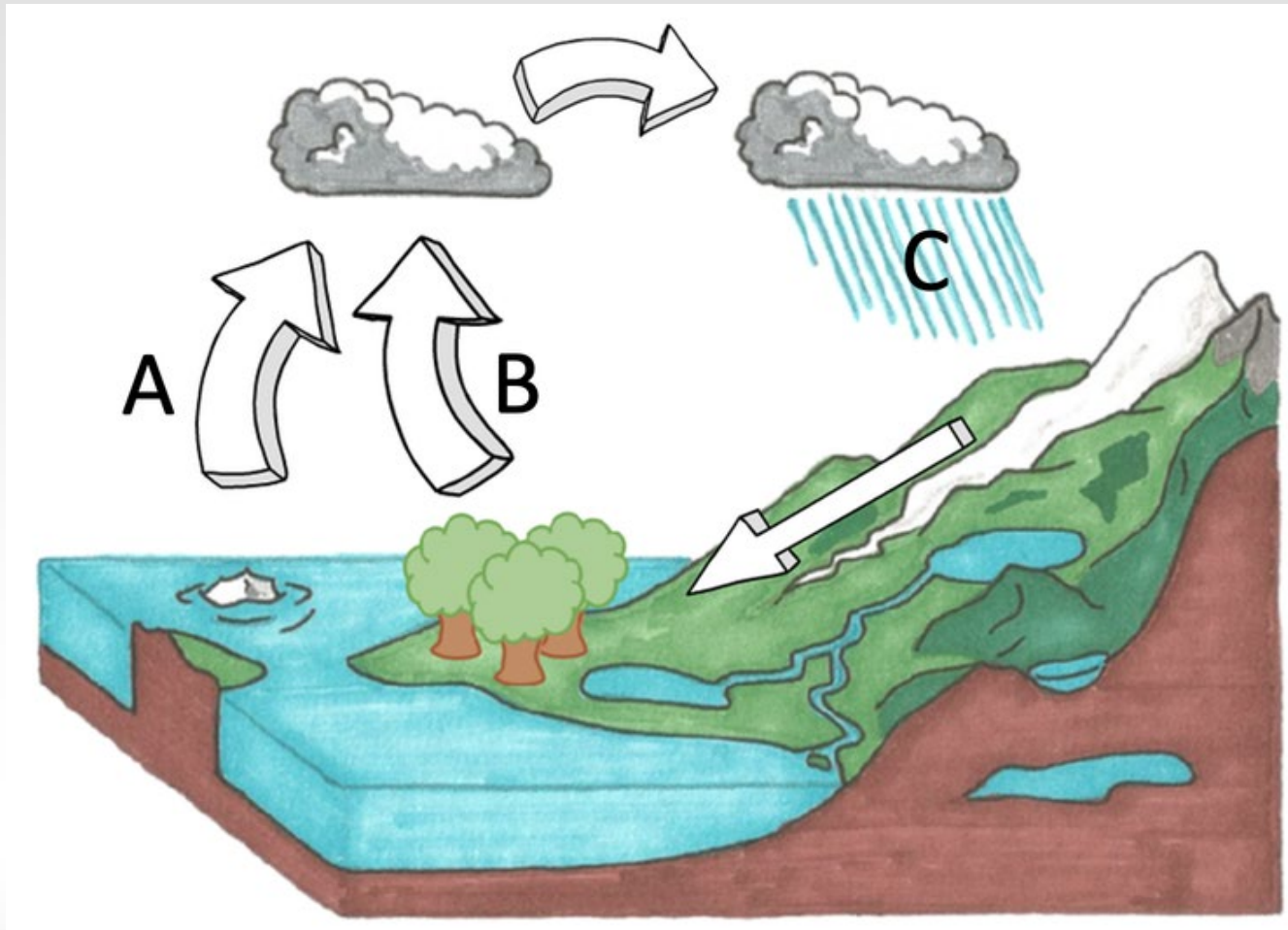
# Schedule/Next Steps

- 30% Design
  - End of May, Client Review in June
- 60% Design
  - Starts in July, funding dependent
  - Winter 2025/2026 Finished
- CMGC
  - Starts in July, funding dependent
- Final Design
  - End of 2026





# Questions?





# AGENDA

## IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

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**Board Meeting No. 7-25**

**Friday, May 23, 2025**

**Executive Session begins at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time / 9:00 a.m. Mountain Time**

**Open Meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. Pacific Time / 9:30 a.m. Mountain Time**

**Best Western University Inn**

**Silver Conference Room**

**1516 Pullman Road**

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**Livestream available at <https://www.youtube.com/@iwrp>**

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1. Roll Call
2. Executive Session: Board will meet pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1) subsection (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Topics: Priest Lake Litigation and Anderson Ranch Water Right 63-34753. Closed to the public.
3. Agenda & Approval of Minutes 5-25 and 6-25 \*
4. Public Comment
5. Financial Report
6. Idaho Water Transactions Program \*
7. Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project
8. ESPA Telemetry and Monitoring Grant Awards \*
9. Regional Water Sustainability List \*
  - a. ESPA Regional Water Sustainability Project \*
  - b. Criteria \*
10. FY26 Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund Budget \*
11. Water Management Account Spending Plan FY 2026 \*
12. ESPA Recharge Program \*
13. Cloud Seeding Program
14. Criteria Recommendation \*
  - a. Aging Infrastructure Grant \*
  - b. ESPA Ground Water to Surface Water Conversion Grant \*
  - c. Surface Water Operational Efficiencies Program \*
  - d. SWC Measuring & Monitoring Support Grant \*
15. State Water Plan & ESPA CAMP \*
16. Director's Report
17. Non-Action Items for Discussion
18. Next Meeting & Adjourn

\* 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:** If you require special accommodations to attend, participate in, or understand the meeting, please make advance arrangements by contacting Department staff by email [jennifer.strange@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:jennifer.strange@idwr.idaho.gov) or by phone at (208) 287-4800.



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## MINUTES MEETING NO. 5-25

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

March 20, 2025  
**Work Session**

### **Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call**

Chairman Raybould called the work session meeting to order at 8:30 AM (MT) in Boise, Idaho. The meeting was livestreamed on the Board's YouTube Channel online. Board members present were Al Barker (online), Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Marcus Gibbs, Patrick McMahon, Brian Olmstead (online), Dean Stevenson, Dale Van Stone, and Chairman Jeff Raybould.

IDWR staff members present were: Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Wesley Hipke, Matt Anders, Ethan Geisler, Craig Tesch, Erik Boe, Mary Condon, Mike Morrison, Kala Golden, Mike McVay, Garrick Baxter, and Jennifer Strange.

Guests present were: Steve Stuebner, Brian Murdock, Paul Arrington, Eric Dodds, Michael Fuss, and Ray Sheppard.

After roll call, Mr. Gibbs moved to amend the agenda to move agenda items 6 and 7 to the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

### **Agenda Item No. 6: Dworshak Small Hydro Power Facility**

Mike Morrison provided an update on a generator spill that happened at the Dworshak Small Hydro, near Orofino. He discussed the impacts of the spill and the subsequent cleanup efforts.

### **Agenda Item No. 7: Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project Update**

Mike Morrison discussed the construction schedule for the Mountain Home Air Force Base project. He said the Air Force had submitted a gift package for congressional notification and review, with a timeline for handing off the project by July 1.



#### **Agenda Item No. 2a: Rental Pool Procedures Water District 01**

Mary Condon introduced changes to the Upper Snake, Water District 01. Changes included new land purposes, increased rental prices, and adjustments to the assignment pool. The advisory committee for WD 01 adopted the procedures.

#### **Agenda Item No. 2b: Rental Pool Procedures Water District 65**

Mary Condon discussed the rental pool procedures in the Payette River Basin, Water District 65. The changes involved deadlines for private leases and a fillable date for storage assignments. The WD 65 advisory committee adopted the procedures.

#### **Agenda Item No. 3: Aquifer Investigations & Modeling Efforts**

Craig Tesch provided an update on the hydrology section's work on modeling and monitoring. Ongoing basin studies were discussed. The importance of data collection and stakeholder engagement in groundwater modeling was emphasized.

#### **Agenda Item No. 4: Water Supply Update**

Ethan Geisler provided a water supply update. He noted that most of the state was doing well overall, with some moderately dry and abnormally dry conditions in the Eastern Upper Snake and the Panhandle.

#### **Agenda Item No. 5: Cloud Seeding Program Update**

Kala Golden provided an update on the cloud seeding program, mentioning the four authorized programs in Idaho. She highlighted the cloud-seeding webpages for further information for the public. Updates for the liquid propane investigation were provided.

#### **Agenda Item No. 8: Administrative Rules Update**

Erik Boe provided a brief update on the administrative rules and rule-making efforts.

#### **Agenda Item No. 9: Legislation of Interest**

Garrick Baxter discussed various legislative bills of interest.

#### **Agenda Item No. 10: Non-Action Items for Discussion**

Steve Stuebner provided a presentation on the Boise City Canal project.

#### **Agenda Item No. 11: Adjourn**

Mr. McMahon moved to adjourn. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 PM.

The group departed for a field trip to the Boise City Canal project in Boise. Following the field trip, the board had lunch.

March 21, 2025  
**Board Meeting No. 5-25**

At 8:00 AM (MT) Chairman Raybould called the meeting to order in Boise, Idaho. The meeting was livestreamed on the Board's YouTube Channel online upon adjournment of the executive session.

## **Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call**

### *Board Members Present*

Albert Barker, online  
Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Vice Chairman  
Marcus Gibbs  
Patrick McMahon  
Brian Olmstead, online  
Dean Stevenson, Secretary  
Dale Van Stone  
Jeff Raybould, Chairman

### *Staff Members Present*

Brian Patton, Executive Manager/Dep. Director  
Cynthia Bridge Clark  
Garrick Baxter  
Blake Burkard  
Neeley Miller

Shelley Keen, Deputy Director

Wesley Hipke

Neal Farmer

Nick Miller

Mary Condon

Amy Cassel

Jennifer Strange

Justin Ferguson

Meghan Carter

Mike Morrison

### *Staff Members Present Online*

### *Guests Present*

Tom Banducci  
Steve Stuebner  
Chris Ketih  
Neil Shippy

Brian Murdock

Paul Arrington

Brianna Pitcock

Scott Campbell

Ron Shurtleff

Sara Allstot

Pamela Pace

## **Agenda Item No. 2: Executive Session**

At 8:01 AM, Mr. Stevenson moved to resolve into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1) subsection (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated and pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1) subsection (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure. Mr. McMahon seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 8 ayes. The motion passed.

Meghan Carter spoke on Priest Lake Dam litigation, Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project, and Anderson Ranch Dam Raise. Scott Campbell spoke on Pristine Springs.

Mr. Stevenson moved to resolve out of executive session at 9:26 AM. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried. The executive session was closed to the public, and no actions were taken during the executive session.

## **Agenda Item No. 3: Agenda and Approval of Minutes 1-25, 2-25, 3-25, and 4-25**

The agenda and minutes for meetings 1-25, 2-25, 3-25, and 4-25 were available for approval. There were no changes to the agenda. Ms. Cole-Hansen moved to approve the minutes for meetings 1-25, 2-25, 3-25, and 4-25. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

#### **Agenda Item No. 4: Board Elections & Committee Assignments**

Brian Patton conducted the election for chairman. Dean Stevenson nominated Jeff Raybould as chairman. Dale Van Stone seconded. Marc Gibbs moved to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Raybould. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

Chairman Raybould requested elections for Vice Chair and Secretary. Dale Van Stone moved to elect Jo Ann Cole-Hansen as Vice Chair and Dean Stevenson as Secretary. Marc Gibbs moved to cease nominations and to cast unanimous ballots for the slate of nominations presented. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

#### **Agenda Item No. 5: Public Comment**

Brian Murdock, a farmer in Blackfoot, requested that the pause in recharge injection wells be lifted.

Sara Allstot from Eagle, Idaho spoke on concerns with the cloud seeding program.

#### **Agenda Item No. 6: Financial Report**

Neeley Miller provided the Board's financial report. The accounts as of January 31, 2025, were: Secondary Aquifer Fund: cash balance \$38,872,537, committed \$32,328,762, and uncommitted balance \$6,543,776; Revolving Development Account: cash balance \$35,806,341, committed balance \$27,752,462, loan principal outstanding and other obligations \$20,855,170, and uncommitted balance \$8,053,879; and Water Management Account: cash balance \$319,686,495, total obligated funds \$308,259,950, and unobligated funds \$11,426,545. Total committed/earmarked/obligated but not disbursed \$368,341,174; total loan principal outstanding \$20,855,170; and total uncommitted/unobligated balance \$26,024,200.

ARPA appropriations: received per HB 769 is \$100,000,000; received per SB 1181 is \$24,497,544; received per SB1411 (2024) \$75,502,456; total received: \$200,000,000. Total obligated \$250,000,000; expended \$123,858,894; committed balance \$135,918,193.

#### **Agenda Item No. 7: Loan Program Interest Rate**

Justin Ferguson presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee to adjust the loan program interest rate to the 30-year bond rate. The resolution included a minimum interest rate of 2.5% and a maximum of 5.5%. Ms. Cole-Hansen highlighted that the rate would go into effect April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Stevenson mentioned that rate adjustments would occur quarterly.

Mr. McMahon moved to adopt the resolution to authorize adjustments to loan program conditions. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, absent; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, absent; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 6 ayes. The motion passed.

#### **Agenda Item No. 8: Anderson Ranch Dam Raise Update**

Chris Keith with the Bureau of Reclamation provided an update. He shared changes with the BOR team. He stated the 90% design review was complete, with 350 comments received and addressed.

#### **Agenda Item No. 9: MHAFB Water Resilience Project**

Meghan Carter highlighted a draft resolution in the matter of the Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project.



Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the resolution to accept proposed stipulations to resolve protests to water right application 2-10556. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, absent; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, absent; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 6 ayes. The motion passed.

**Agenda Item No. 10: Priest Lake Litigation**

Meghan Carter highlighted a resolution to approve funds for outside counsel in the matter of Priest Lake construction litigation.

Mr. Stevenson moved to adopt the resolution with the discussed dollar amount of \$713,000. Mr. Gibbs seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, absent; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, absent; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 6 ayes. The motion passed.

**Agenda Item No. 11: Payette Basin Storage Request**

Amy Cassel discussed a resolution in the matter of the Upper Payette River basin storage project to request the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation identify the process to evaluate acquisition of uncontracted storage space in Cascade and Deadwood Reservoirs.

Ron Shurtleff with the Upper Payette Storage Water Association expressed appreciation for consideration of the resolution.

Mr. Gibbs moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, absent; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, absent; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 6 ayes. The motion passed.

**Agenda Item No. 12: Blackfoot River Equitable Adjustment—Blackfoot River Management Plan**

Brian Patton explained the Blackfoot River Management Plan and the need for the board to sign the plan.

Mr. Gibbs moved to adopt the resolution to approve revisions to the Blackfoot River Water Management Plan. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, absent; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, absent; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 6 ayes. The motion passed.

**Agenda Item No. 13: ESPA Recharge Program**

Wesley Hipke provided an update on the board's recharge program, including current activities and future recharge plans.

Mr. Stevenson moved to lift the pause on recharge injection well funding. Mr. Gibbs seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, absent; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, absent; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 6 ayes. The motion passed.

**Agenda Item No. 14: Rental Pool Procedures (WD 01 & WD 65)**

Mary Condon shared resolutions for the procedures along with a memo from Director Weaver expressing his approval.

Mr. Stevenson moved to approve both resolutions for WD 01 and WD 65. Ms. Cole-Hansen seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item No. 15: Flood Management Grant Criteria**

Blake Burkard presented the resolution that the Finance Committee had recommended to adopt updated criteria for the Flood Management Grant Program.

Mr. Van Stone moved to adopt the resolution with the attached amended criteria. Mr. McMahon seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, absent; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, absent; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 6 ayes. The motion passed.

**Agenda Item No. 16a: Loan Program: Barber Pool Hydro Loan Extension**

Justin Ferguson discussed the resolution to extend a loan for Barber Pool Hydro.

Ms. Cole-Hansen moved to adopt the resolution to approve the extension of time to act on loan contract IWRB1033 through December 2027. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, absent; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, absent; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 6 ayes. The motion passed.

**Agenda Item No. 16b: Loan Program: North Side Canal Company Loan Extension**

Justin Ferguson stated that North Side Canal Company was seeking an extension for their loan.

Mr. Stevenson moved to adopt the resolution to approve the extension of time to act on loan contract IWRB1038 through December 2027. Mr. Olmstead seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, absent; Ms. Cole-Hansen, aye; Mr. Gibbs, aye; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, absent; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 6 ayes. The motion passed.

**Agenda Item No. 17: Regional Manager Update**

Nick Miller provided an update on the Western Region's activities, including water right application and construction trends.

**Agenda Item No. 18: Director's Report**

Brian Patton mentioned that a group of staff including the Director would be visiting specific basins next week, and he discussed the JFAC budget approval.

**Agenda Item No. 19: Non-Action Items for Discussion**

There were no other items for discussion.

**Agenda Item No. 20: Next Meeting and Adjourn**

Mr. Patton stated the next regular meetings would be May 22-23, 2025, in Moscow. Mr. Van Stone moved to adjourn. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM (MT).

Respectfully submitted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2025.

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Dean Stevenson, *Secretary*

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Jennifer Strange, *Administrative Assistant II*





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## MINUTES MEETING NO. 6-25

Idaho Water Center  
Conference Room 648 A  
322 E. Front Street  
BOISE

May 2, 2025

At 9:00 AM (MT) Chairman Raybould called the meeting to order in Boise, Idaho. The meeting was livestreamed on the Board's YouTube Channel online upon adjournment of the executive session.

### Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

#### *Board Members Present on Zoom*

Albert Barker  
Patrick McMahon  
Brian Olmstead  
Dean Stevenson, Secretary  
Dale Van Stone  
Jeff Raybould, Chairman

#### *Staff Members Present*

Brian Patton  
Jennifer Strange

Wesley Hipke  
Kara Ferguson

Mike Morrison

#### *Guests Present*

Ann Yribar

### Agenda Item No. 2: Executive Session

At 9:02 AM, Mr. Stevenson moved to resolve into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1) subsection (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Mr. McMahon seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Barker, aye; Ms. Cole-Hansen, absent; Mr. Gibbs, absent; Mr. McMahon, aye; Mr. Olmstead, aye; Mr. Stevenson, aye; Mr. Van Stone, aye; and Chairman Raybould, aye. 6 ayes. The motion passed.

Ann Yribar spoke on Priest Lake Dam adjudication claims.

Mr. Stevenson moved to resolve out of executive session at 9:38 AM. Mr. Van Stone seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried. The executive session was closed to the public, and no actions were taken.

**Agenda Item No. 3: Priest Lake Adjudication Claims**

Mr. Patton mentioned that in executive session, Ann Yribar of the Attorney General's office discussed potential challenges with the department's recommendations on Priest Lake Adjudication claims. Mr. Barker moved to direct staff and the AG's office to provide objections to all five of the recommendations. Mr. McMahon seconded. Voice vote. All in favor. The motion carried.

**Agenda Item No. 4: Non-Action Items for Discussion**

There were no other items for discussion.

**Agenda Item No. 5: Next Meeting and Adjourn**

Mr. Patton mentioned upcoming meetings. Mr. Van Stone moved to adjourn. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Voice vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 AM (MT).

Respectfully submitted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2025.

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Dean Stevenson, *Secretary*

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Jennifer Strange, *Administrative Assistant II*

# Memorandum

To: Idaho Water Resource Board  
From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau  
Date: May 20, 2025  
Re: Financial Status Report



As of March 31, 2025 the IWRB's available and committed balances are as follows:

## Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund:

Cash Balance	\$39,539,343
Committed	\$31,529,753
Uncommitted Balance	\$8,009,590

## Revolving Development Account:

Cash Balance	\$37,487,302
Committed Balance	\$26,692,116
Loan principal outstanding	\$20,695,419
Uncommitted Balance	\$10,795,186

## Water Management Account

Cash Balance	\$319,849,883
Total Obligated Funds	\$305,999,536
Unobligated Funds	\$13,850,347

<b>Total committed/earmarked/obligated but not disbursed</b>	<b>\$364,221,405</b>
<b>Total loan principal outstanding</b>	<b>\$20,695,419</b>
<b>Total uncommitted/unobligated balance</b>	<b>\$32,655,123</b>

## ARPA

### Appropriations

Received per HB 769 (2022)	\$100,000,000
Received per SB 1181 (2023)	\$24,497,544
Received per SB 1411 (2024)	<u>\$75,502,456</u>
Total Received to date	\$200,000,000*

Total Obligated	\$250,000,000
Expended	\$125,591,052
Remaining Committed Balance	\$134,186,035

\* IDWR Fiscal staff anticipates receipt of the \$50M FY 2026 ARPA appropriation on or shortly after July 1, 2025



- The obligated and unobligated balances in the Water Management Account include funding from the following appropriations:
  - FY 2020 (HB 285, Sec 1, Leg 2019) - \$20 million
  - FY 2022 (SB 1121, Sec 1, Leg 2021) - \$50 million
  - FY 2023 (HB 769, Sec 6, Leg 2022 - 1/3 or \$25M to be used for Aging Infrastructure Grants) - \$75 million
  - FY 2024 (HB 361, Sec 1, Leg 2023 - 1/3 or \$50M to be used for Aging Infrastructure Grants) - \$150 million
  - FY 2025 (SB 1411, Sec 3 - Received after July 1, 2024) - \$30 million

Idaho Water Resource Board  
Sources and Applications of Funds  
as of March 31, 2025

**SECONDARY AQUIFER PLANNING, MANAGEMENT, & IMPLEMENTATION FUND**

Legislative Appropriation (HB 291, Sec 2) Transfer from Rev Dev FY2011.....	2,465,300.00
Legislative Appropriation (SB 1389, Sec 5) Transfer from Rev Dev FY 2012.....	1,232,000.00
Legislative Appropriation (HB 270, Sec 3) Transfer from Rev Dev FY2013.....	716,000.00
Water User Contributions.....	109,493.16
Interest Earned State Treasury.....	5,368,679.61
Loan Interest.....	15,861.10
Magic Valley/North Snake GWD Principal Payment (Magic Springs Pipeline Project loan).....	4,000,000.00
Magic Valley/North Snake GWD (Magic Springs Pipeline Project loan).....	(4,000,000.00)
Water User Contribution Expenditures.....	(106,537.50)
Conversion Project (AWEP) measurement devices.....	(16,455.21)
Cloud Seeding Project.....	(20,000.00)
Public Information Services.....	(13,641.25)
Five-Year Managed Recharge Pilot Program.....	(1,424,113.56)
Cooperative Weather Modification Program (CON01109).....	(483,997.64)
Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB) Water Sustainability Project.....	(1,238,945.67)
Carryforward to SRAS Sub-Account.....	(1,222,548.45)
Total Expenditures for HB291, Sec 2; SB1389, Sec 5; HB270, Sec 3; Other Contributions.....	(8,526,239.28)
<b>Balance of HB291, Sec 2; SB1389, Sec 5; HB270, Sec 3; Other Contributions.....</b>	<b>5,381,094.59</b>

<b>Committed Funds</b>	<b><u>Committed</u></b>	<b><u>Expended</u></b>	<b><u>Uncommitted</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
<b>HB291 Sec 2, SB1389 Sec 5 &amp; HB270 Sec 3</b>				
Cooperative Weather Modification Program (CON01109).....	492,000.00	(483,997.64)	(8,002.36)	0.00
MHAFB Water Sustainability Project.....	1,900,000.00	(1,238,945.67)	(661,054.33)	0.00
<b>Balance of Committed Funds for HB291, SB1389, HB270.....</b>	<b>2,392,000.00</b>	<b>(1,722,943.31)</b>	<b>(669,056.69)</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**State Recharge & Aquifer Stabilization (SRAS) Sub-Account**

Legislative Appropriation (HB547) State Recharge & Aquifer Stabilization.....	53,886,412.34
Recharge Payments - City of Pocatello.....	91,364.00
Carryforward from Recharge Infrastructure Projects Sub-Account.....	2,151,238.59
SRAS Operations - 29822.....	(791,756.14)
SRAS Recharge Conveyance - 29823.....	(19,900,610.15)
SRAS Studies - 29824.....	(1,005,304.65)
SRAS Projects - 29825.....	(11,586,593.18)
SRAS Monitoring - 29826.....	(2,702,863.46)
SRAS Hydrology Monitoring - 29827.....	(1,622,305.45)
SRAS Grants - 29828.....	0.00
Total Expenditures for HB547 - SRAS.....	(37,609,433.03)
<b>Balance for State Recharge &amp; Aquifer Stabilization Sub-Account.....</b>	<b>18,519,581.90</b>

<b>Committed Funds</b>	<b><u>Committed</u></b>	<b><u>Expended</u></b>	<b><u>Uncommitted</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
<b>HB547</b>				
SRAS Operations - 29822.....	1,648,880.00	(791,756.14)	(625,439.35)	231,684.51
SRAS Recharge Conveyance - 29823.....	31,250,000.00	(19,900,610.15)	(816,351.70)	10,533,038.15
SRAS Studies - 29824.....	8,423,568.00	(1,005,304.65)	(4,630,809.87)	2,787,453.48
SRAS Projects - 29825.....	38,317,958.50	(11,586,593.18)	(25,938,466.36)	792,898.96
SRAS Monitoring - 29826.....	4,294,500.00	(2,702,863.46)	(777,571.43)	814,065.11
SRAS Hydrology Monitoring - 29827.....	2,475,000.00	(1,622,305.45)	(260,990.17)	591,704.38
SRAS Grants - 29828.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total HB547 Commitments.....</b>	<b>86,409,906.50</b>	<b>(37,609,433.03)</b>	<b>(33,049,628.88)</b>	<b>15,750,844.59</b>

**Water Sustainability (WS) Sub-Account**

Legislative Appropriation (SB1190, Sec 3) Water Sustainability.....	500,000.00
Legislative Appropriation (SB1402, Sec 4) Water Sustainability.....	2,500,000.00
Legislative Appropriation (SB1402, Sec 5) Water Sustainability.....	5,000,000.00
Legislative Appropriation (SB1176, Sec 4) Water Sustainability.....	5,000,000.00
Legislative Appropriation (HB677, Sec 4) Water Sustainability.....	5,000,000.00
Legislative Appropriation (HB256, Sec 4) Water Sustainability.....	5,000,000.00
Legislative Appropriation (HB646, Sec 4) Water Sustainability.....	4,750,000.00
Legislative Appropriation (SB1190, Sec 4) Water Sustainability.....	5,000,000.00
Legislative Appropriation (HB769, Sec 4) Water Sustainability.....	5,000,000.00
Legislative Appropriation (SB1181, Sec 4) Water Sustainability.....	5,000,000.00
Legislative Appropriation (SB1269, Sec 14) Water Sustainability.....	5,000,000.00
Water District Repayment for Cloudseeding.....	432,978.00
Carryforward from North Idaho Studies Sub-Account.....	109,351.82

WS Administration - 29840.....	(1,794,513.80)	
WS Operations - 29842.....	0.00	
WS Recharge Conveyance - 29843.....	0.00	
WS Studies - 29844.....	(6,849,051.50)	
WS Projects - 29845.....	(2,006,166.53)	
WS Monitoring - 29846.....	0.00	
WS Hydrology Monitoring - 29847.....	(3,231,296.09)	
WS Hydrology Modeling - 29848.....	(2,639,817.90)	
WS Grants - 29849.....	(119,196.03)	
WS Programs - 29850.....	(109,583.72)	
WS Clouds - 29860.....	(15,904,038.02)	
Total Expenditures for Water Sustainability.....		(32,653,663.59)
<b>Balance for Water Sustainability (WS) Sub-Account.....</b>		<b>15,638,666.23</b>

<b>Committed Funds</b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Uncommitted</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>SB1190 &amp; SB1402</b>				
WS Admin & Operations - 29840 & 29842.....	2,041,500.00	(1,794,513.80)	(70,976.70)	176,009.50
WS Recharge Conveyance - 29843.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WS Studies - 29844.....	9,834,403.00	(6,849,051.50)	(1,021,827.63)	1,963,523.87
WS Projects - 29845.....	5,024,659.00	(2,006,166.53)	(1,838,652.31)	1,179,840.16
WS Monitoring - 29846.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WS Hydrology Monitoring - 29847.....	5,003,352.82	(3,231,296.09)	(972,832.50)	799,224.23
WS Hydrology Modeling - 29848.....	3,070,000.00	(2,639,817.90)	0.00	430,182.10
WS Grants - 29849.....	600,000.00	(119,196.03)	(480,803.97)	0.00
WS Programs - 29850.....	200,000.00	(109,583.72)	0.00	90,416.28
WS Clouds - 29860.....	28,728,150.00	(15,904,038.02)	(1,684,400.00)	11,139,711.98
<b>Balance for SB1190 &amp; SB1402.....</b>	<b>54,502,064.82</b>	<b>(32,653,663.59)</b>	<b>(6,069,493.11)</b>	<b>15,778,908.12</b>

**Department of Energy SEP Grants Sub-Account - 29870 & 29871**

Department of Energy Grant Reimbursement (\$251K).....	251,000.00
Department of Energy Grant Reimbursement (ESPA).....	928,000.00
Department of Energy Grant Reimbursement (Big Lost).....	1,140,000.00
Department of Energy Grant Reimbursement (Raft River).....	832,000.00
Department of Energy Grant Expenditures (\$251K).....	(251,000.00)
Department of Energy Grant Expenditures (29871 - ESPA).....	(928,000.00)
Department of Energy Grant Expenditures (29872 - Big Lost).....	(1,140,000.00)
Department of Energy Grant Expenditures (29874 - Raft River).....	(832,000.00)
<b>Balance of DOE SEP Grants Sub-Account.....</b>	<b>0.00</b>

<b>Funds Awarded</b>	<b>Total Award</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>Uncommitted</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Dept of Energy SEP Award</b>				
DOESEP (2017-2018).....	251,000.00	(251,000.00)	0.00	0.00
ESPA Hydrologic Monitoring (DOE - Years 1-3 = \$928,000).....	928,000.00	(928,000.00)	0.00	0.00
Hydrologic Monitoring (DOE - Years 1-3 = \$1.14M).....	1,140,000.00	(1,140,000.00)	0.00	0.00
Raft River Hydrologic Monitoring (DOE - Years 1-3 = \$832K).....	832,000.00	(832,000.00)	0.00	0.00
<b>Balance of DOE Funds Awarded.....</b>	<b>3,151,000.00</b>	<b>(3,151,000.00)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Committed Funds..... 31,529,752.71**

**Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Available Funds..... 8,009,590.01**



IDaho Water Resource Board Sources and Applications of Funds as of March 31, 2025		
REVOLVING DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT		
Original Appropriation (1969).....	\$500,000.00	
Legislative Appropriation FY90-91.....	\$250,000.00	
Legislative Appropriation FY91-92.....	\$280,700.00	
Legislative Appropriation FY93-94.....	\$500,000.00	
Legislative Appropriation 2001, SB1239.....	\$200,000.00	
Legislative Appropriation 2004, HB843, Sec 12.....	\$500,000.00	
21,364.25 Loan Interest.....	\$15,223,750.94	
54,921.74 Interest Earned State Treasury (Transferred).....	\$4,133,223.96	
826,301.84 Water Supply Bank Receipts.....	\$11,954,772.29	
Transferred to/from Water Management Account.....	\$317,253.80	
Filing Fee Balance.....	\$47,640.20	
Bond Fees.....	\$1,467,101.45	
Series 2000 (Calvert New York) Pooled Bond Issuers fees.....	\$43,657.93	
2012 Ground Water District Bond Issuer fees.....	\$366,000.00	
Bond Issuer fees.....	\$17,407.59	
Pierce Well Easement.....	\$2,000.00	
Transfer from Aquafire Sub-Account.....	\$1,117,800.85	
Transfer from Pristine Springs Sub-Account.....	\$554,882.10	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE.....</b>	<b>37,476,191.11</b>	
Legislative Audits.....	(\$49,404.45)	
IWRB Bond Program.....	(\$25,900.00)	
IWRB Studies and Projects.....	(\$249,067.18)	
Arbitrage Calculation Fees.....	(\$14,000.00)	
Protest Fees.....	(\$995.00)	
Attorney fees for Jughandle LID (Skinner Fawcett).....	(\$3,600.00)	
Attorney fees for A&B Irrigation (Skinner Fawcett).....	(\$4,637.50)	
Lemhi Basin Protest Costs - (Attorney General's Office).....	(\$32,279.54)	
Weiser Galloway Study - US Army Corps of Engineers.....	(\$1,554,918.51)	
Boise River Storage Feasibility Study.....	(\$333,000.00)	
Geotech Environmental (Transducers).....	(\$6,402.61)	
Priest Lake Improvement Study (16-Mar-16).....	(\$917,725.21)	
Priest Lake Construction Project Contribution.....	(\$830,864.50)	
Treasureton Irrigation Ditch Co.....	(\$5,000.00)	
Balance of Outstanding Loans.....	(\$20,695,142.33)	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....</b>	<b>(\$24,722,936.83)</b>	
<b>CASH BALANCE OF MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS.....</b>	<b>\$12,753,254.28</b>	
<b>Ririe Reservoir Flood Control</b>		
Transfer to Ririe Reservoir Flood Control (SB1190, Sec 7).....	\$4,203,829.73	
Rule Curve Modification Expenditures (Mitigation Inc CON01561).....	(\$1,233,866.11)	
<b>Cash Balance Ririe Reservoir Flood Control Project.....</b>	<b>\$2,969,963.62</b>	
Committed Funds.....		
Mitigation Inc (CON01561).....	\$410,378.74	
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$410,378.74</b>	
<b>Uncommitted Ririe Reservoir Flood Control.....</b>	<b>\$2,559,584.88</b>	
<b>Minidoka Dam Enlargement/Teton Dam Replacement Studies (29510)</b>		
Legislative Appropriation 2008, SB1511 Sec 2, Minidoka/Teton Studies.....	\$1,800,000.00	
Legislative Appropriation 2008, SB1511 Sec 2, Minidoka Studies Expenditures.....	(\$1,229,460.18)	
<b>Balance for Minidoka Dam Enlargement/Teton Dam Replacement Studies.....</b>	<b>\$570,539.82</b>	
Committed Funds.....		
Minidoka Dam Enlargement/Teton Dam Replacement Studies.....	\$570,539.82	
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$570,539.82</b>	
<b>Uncommitted for Minidoka Dam Enlargement/Teton Dam Replacement Studies.....</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>Priest Lake Water Management Project (29521)</b>		
Legislative Appropriation (2018, HB 677 Sec 5).....	\$2,400,000.00	
Legislative Approval (2018, HB 677 Sec 6).....	\$2,419,580.50	
Transfer to Priest Lake Construction Project.....	(\$4,169,135.50)	
Bonner County Contribution.....	\$160,000.00	
Sandpiper Shores Contribution.....	\$10,000.00	
Legislative Approval (2020, HB 645 Sec 7).....	\$410,000.00	
Interest Earned State Treasury.....	\$263,905.49	
<b>Total Priest Lake Water Management Project Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$1,494,350.49</b>	
Contract Expenditures - Mott MacDonald (CON01426).....	(\$638,162.35)	
Dam Operator Contracts.....	(\$63,150.65)	
Misc Expenditures.....	(\$40,302.67)	
<b>Total Priest Lake Water Management Project Expenditures.....</b>	<b>(\$741,615.67)</b>	
<b>Cash Balance Priest Lake Water Management Project.....</b>	<b>\$752,734.82</b>	
Committed Funds.....		
Dam Operator Contracts (CON01445, CON01453, CON01454).....	\$0.00	
Dam Operator Contracts (CON01541, CON01542).....	\$0.00	
Dam Operator Contracts (CON05770, CON05771) Year 1 of 5.....	\$144,471.63	
Mott MacDonald Contract (CON01426).....	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$144,471.63</b>	
<b>Uncommitted Priest Lake Water Management Project Balance.....</b>	<b>\$608,263.19</b>	
<b>Priest Lake Construction Project (29522)</b>		
Transfer to Priest Lake Construction Project.....	\$4,169,135.50	
Contribution from Uncommitted Funds.....	\$830,864.50	
Additional Approved Funds.....		
Local Contribution.....	\$0.00	
<b>Total Priest Lake Construction Project Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$5,000,000.00</b>	
Mott MacDonald Expenditures (CON01484).....	(\$1,772,233.30)	
Strider Construction - Outlet Dam Expenditures (CON01480).....	(\$1,164,270.75)	
Strider Construction - Thorofare Expenditures (CON01481).....	(\$2,052,265.86)	
Builder's Risk Insurance.....	(\$41,879.00)	
Butler Spink LLP (CON01597).....	(\$2,175.00)	
IDL Mineral Lease.....	(\$2,160.00)	
Legal Advertisement.....	(\$733.58)	
Travel and Misc Costs.....	(\$4,443.54)	
Kirtan McConkie (CON01615).....	(\$46,688.76)	
Northbank Civil & Marine.....	\$0.00	
<b>Total Priest Lake Construction Project Expenditures.....</b>	<b>(\$5,106,749.79)</b>	
<b>Cash Balance Priest Lake Construction Project.....</b>	<b>(\$106,749.79)</b>	
Committed Funds.....		
Mott MacDonald Contract (CON01484).....	\$36,214.94	
Strider Construction - Outlet Dam (CON01480).....	\$0.00	
Strider Construction - Thorofare (CON01481).....	\$0.00	
Construction Contingency (Kirtan McConkie - CON01615).....	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$36,214.94</b>	
<b>Uncommitted Priest Lake Construction Project Balance.....</b>	<b>(\$142,964.73)</b>	
<b>Bell Rapids Water Rights Sub-Account</b>		
Legislative Appropriation 2005, HB392.....	\$21,300,000.00	
Bureau of Reclamation Payments Received.....	\$29,446,335.46	
Remaining balance in ESPA Sub-Account.....	\$341,759.55	
Water Supply Bank Payments - Owner's Share.....	\$97,857.00	
Interest Earned State Treasury.....	\$698,613.04	
<b>Total Bell Rapids Water Rights Sub-Account Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$51,884,565.05</b>	
Bell Rapids Purchase.....	(\$22,041,697.55)	
Transfer to General Fund - P&I.....	(\$22,072,052.06)	
Payment to US Bank for Alternative Financing Note.....	(\$7,118,125.86)	
Payment for Water District 02 Assessments.....	(\$167,209.88)	
Payment for Ongoing Bell Rapids Finance Costs (trustee fees, water bank, etc.).....	(\$6,740.10)	
<b>Total Bell Rapids Water Rights Sub-Account Expenditures.....</b>	<b>(\$51,405,825.45)</b>	
<b>Cash Balance Bell Rapids Water Rights Sub-Account.....</b>	<b>\$478,739.60</b>	
Committed Funds.....		
Ongoing Bell Rapids Finance Costs (trustee fees, WD02).....	\$396,894.10	
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$396,894.10</b>	
<b>Uncommitted Bell Rapids Water Rights Sub-Account Balance.....</b>	<b>\$81,845.50</b>	
<b>Pristine Springs Project Sub-Account</b>		
Rental Payments to be Transferred to Secondary Aquifer Fund.....	\$961,675.10	
Loan Interest.....	\$3,322,865.32	
Loan Principal from Magic Valley & North Snake GWD.....	\$8,720,788.86	
<b>Total Pristine Springs Project Revenue to be Transferred.....</b>	<b>\$13,005,349.28</b>	
Total Pristine Springs Project Revenue Transferred to 0129-01.....	(\$5,129,300.00)	
Total Pristine Springs Project Revenue Transferred to 0129.....	(\$7,160,000.00)	
<b>Total Pristine Springs Project Sub-Account Transfers.....</b>	<b>(\$12,289,300.00)</b>	
<b>Cash Balance Pristine Springs Sub-Account.....</b>	<b>\$716,049.28</b>	
Pristine Springs Committed Funds.....		
Loan Payments to be transferred to 0129.....	\$716,000.00	
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$716,000.00</b>	
<b>Loans Outstanding for Purchase of PS Water Rights</b>		
Loan to North Snake & Magic Valley GWD.....	\$10,000,000.00	
Payments from North Snake & Magic Valley GWD.....	(\$8,134,091.11)	
Total Loans Outstanding.....	\$1,865,908.89	
<b>Uncommitted Pristine Springs Sub-Account.....</b>	<b>\$49.28</b>	
<b>Rathdrum Prairie CAMP &amp; Treasure Valley CAMP Sub-Account</b>		

	Pristine Springs Hydropower and Rental Revenues.....	\$271,672.34	
	Interest Earned State Treasury.....	\$573.11	
	<b>Rathdrum Prairie CAMP &amp; Treasure Valley CAMP Sub-Account Revenue.....</b>		<b>\$272,245.45</b>
	Spokane River Forum.....	(\$23,000.00)	
	Treasure Valley Water Quality Summit.....	(\$500.00)	
	Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Cons. Dist. - Agrimet Station.....	(\$20,000.00)	
	Rathdrum Prairie-Spokane Valley Aquifer Pumping Study (LJUN0989).....	(\$10,000.00)	
	Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative.....	(\$10,000.00)	
	<b>Rathdrum Prairie CAMP &amp; Treasure Valley CAMP Sub-Account Expenditures.....</b>		<b>(\$123,800.00)</b>
	<b>Cash Balance Rathdrum Prairie CAMP &amp; Treasure Valley CAMP Sub-Account.....</b>		<b>\$148,745.45</b>
	Committed Funds.....		
	Spokane River Forum.....	\$0.00	
	<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	
	<b>Uncommitted Rathdrum Prairie CAMP &amp; TV CAMP Sub-Account.....</b>		<b>\$148,745.45</b>
	<b>Upper Salmon/CBWTP Sub-Account.....</b>		
	Water Transaction Projects Payment Advances from CBWTP/Agcord.....	\$7,147,414.03	
	FUSP+ Funds for Admin of Non-Diversion Easements on Lemhi River.....	\$216,984.46	
	Interest Earned State Treasury.....	\$675,380.33	
	<b>Upper Salmon/CBWTP Sub-Account Revenue.....</b>		<b>\$8,039,378.82</b>
	Transfer to Water Supply Bank.....	(\$129,812.92)	
	Change of Ownership.....	(\$600.00)	
	Appraisals/Closing Costs.....	(\$15,023.98)	
	Payments for Water Acquisition.....	(\$5,222,084.08)	
	<b>Upper Salmon/CBWTP Sub-Account Expenditures.....</b>		<b>(\$5,367,520.98)</b>
	<b>Cash Balance CBWTP Sub-Account.....</b>		<b>\$2,671,857.84</b>
	Committed Funds.....		
	Administration of Non-Diversion Easements on Lemhi River.....	\$119,250.61	
	Bar G Farms (Pahsimeroi- Little Mud).....	(\$5,290.98)	
	Bayhorse Creek (Peterson Ranch).....	\$17,834.38	
	Badger Creek (OWBP) WSB.....	\$2,389.10	
	Beaver Creek (DOT LLP).....	\$81,610.78	
	Big Timber Tyler Phase II (Leadore Land Partners).....	\$217,710.32	
	Big Timber Tyler Phase II (Leadore Land Partners).....	\$73,419.63	
	Bohannon Creek DJ (Barbara Stokes).....	\$661,283.33	
	Bohannon Creek BS (Betty Stokes).....	\$325,190.00	
	Canyon Creek/Big Timber Creek (Beyeler).....	\$223,875.16	
	Carmen Creek (Bill Slavin).....	\$149,315.14	
	Carmen Creek (Bruce Slavin).....	\$93,696.42	
	Fourth of July Creek (DeJance Investments).....	\$8,560.09	
	Iron Creek (Koncz).....	\$54,392.61	
	Knapp Creek (Cape Horn Ranch LLC).....	(\$7,804.50)	
	Kenney Creek Source Switch (Gail Andrews).....	\$14,576.50	
	Lemhi - Big Springs (Merrill Beyeler).....	\$36,012.54	
	Lemhi River & Little Springs Creek Kauer (McFarland Livestock Co).....	\$10,773.86	
	Little Springs Creek ( Snyder).....	\$144,100.36	
	Lower Eighteenmile Creek (Elsworth Angus Ranch).....	\$1,777.78	
	Lower Lemhi Thomas (Robert Thomas).....	\$900.00	
	P-9 Bowles (River Valley Ranch).....	\$95,256.19	
	P-9 Charlton (Sydney Downton).....	\$6,358.52	
	P-9 Dowton (Western Sky LLC).....	\$76,195.28	
	P-9 Litzing (Litzing).....	\$94,241.32	
	Patterson-Big Springs PBSC9 (Silver Bit Angus/S Whitworth).....	\$103,249.85	
	Pole Creek (Salmon Falls Land).....	\$457,632.58	
	Pratt Creek (Mukley).....	\$62,333.01	
	Spring Creek (Richard Beard).....	\$1,562.61	
	Spring Creek (Ella Beard).....	\$2,285.76	
	Whiterfish (Leadore Land Partners).....	\$42,428.68	
	<b>Total Committed Funds.....</b>	<b>\$3,165,122.93</b>	
	<b>Uncommitted CBWTP Sub-Account Balance.....</b>		<b>(\$493,265.09)</b>
	<b>Water Supply Bank Sub-Account.....</b>		
	Interest Earned State Treasury.....	\$112,720.91	
	Payments received from renters.....	\$7,948,436.95	
	Payments made to owners.....	(\$7,363,743.63)	
	<b>Cash Balance Water Supply Bank Sub-Account.....</b>		<b>\$697,414.23</b>
	Committed Funds.....		
	Owners share.....	\$546,417.39	
	<b>Total Committed Funds.....</b>	<b>\$546,417.39</b>	
	<b>Uncommitted Water Supply Bank Sub-Account Balance.....</b>		<b>\$150,996.84</b>
	<b>Eastern Snake Plain Sub-Account.....</b>		
	Legislative Appropriation 2005, HB392.....	\$7,200,000.00	
	Legislative Appropriation 2005, HB392, CREP Program.....	\$3,000,000.00	
	Interest Earned State Treasury.....	\$2,257,534.39	
	Loan Interest.....	\$10,626.68	
	Reimbursement from Commerce & Labor W-Canal.....	\$74,709.77	
	Reimbursement from MVGWD & NSGWD-Pristine Springs.....	\$1,000,000.00	
	Reimbursement from Water District 1 for Recharge.....	\$159,764.73	
	Reimbursement from BOR for Palisades Reservoir.....	\$2,381.12	
	Black Canyon Exchange Project Revenues.....	\$23,800.00	
	<b>Eastern Snake Plain Sub-Account Revenue.....</b>		<b>\$14,028,816.69</b>
	Installment payments to Bell Rapids Irr Co.....	(\$3,375,180.00)	
	Interest Credit due to Bureau of Reclamation (Part of Fourth Installment).....	(\$19,860.45)	
	Pristine Springs Project Costs.....	(\$6,863.91)	
	Palisades (FMC) Storage Costs.....	(\$3,541,652.21)	
	W-Canal Project Costs.....	(\$326,834.11)	
	Black Canyon Exchange Project Costs.....	(\$261,352.00)	
	2008 Recharge Conveyance Costs.....	(\$14,580.00)	
	2009 Recharge Conveyance Costs.....	(\$355,253.00)	
	2010 Recharge Conveyance Costs.....	(\$484,231.62)	
	2008-2010 Recharge Conveyance Costs.....	(\$854,064.62)	
	Additional recharge projects preliminary development.....	(\$7,919.75)	
	Transfer to Bell Rapids Sub Account.....	(\$341,759.55)	
	Transfer to Pristine Springs Sub Account.....	(\$1,000,000.00)	
	Transfer to Priest Lake Sub-Account (2018 HB 877, Sec 6).....	(\$2,419,580.50)	
	<b>Eastern Snake Plain Sub-Account Expenditures.....</b>		<b>(\$12,155,067.10)</b>
	<b>Cash Balance Eastern Snake Plain Sub-Account.....</b>		<b>\$1,873,749.59</b>
	Loans and Other Commitments.....		
	Commitment - Additional recharge projects preliminary development.....	\$337,594.00	
	Commitment - Palisades Storage O&M.....	\$3,221.64	
	Commitment - Black Canyon Exchange Project (fund with ongoing revenues).....	\$442,252.95	
	<b>Total Loans and Other Commitments.....</b>	<b>\$783,068.59</b>	
	<b>Eastern Snake Plain Sub-Account Balance after Commitments.....</b>		<b>\$1,090,681.00</b>
	CREP Loans Outstanding.....		
	American Falls-Aberdeen GWD (CREP).....	\$0.00	
	Bonneville Jefferson GWD (CREP).....	(\$277.16)	
	Magic Valley GWD (CREP).....	\$0.00	
	North Snake GWD (CREP).....	\$0.00	
	<b>TOTAL ESP CREP LOANS OUTSTANDING.....</b>	<b>(\$277.16)</b>	
	<b>Uncommitted Eastern Snake Plain Sub-Account Balance.....</b>		<b>\$1,090,958.16</b>
	<b>Dworshak Hydropower Project.....</b>		
	Power Sales & Other.....	\$17,954,498.73	
	Interest Earned State Treasury.....	\$2,145,274.09	
	<b>Total Dworshak Project Revenue.....</b>		<b>\$20,099,772.82</b>
	Operations & Maintenance.....	(\$4,410,960.33)	
	Powerplant Repairs.....	(\$180,409.72)	
	Capital Improvements.....	(\$318,366.79)	
	FERC Payments.....	(\$148,076.88)	
	Transferred to 1st Security Trustee Account FINAL.....	(\$148,542.63)	
	Construction not paid through bond issuance FINAL.....	(\$256,106.63)	
	First Security Fees FINAL.....	(\$314,443.35)	
	Bond payoff FINAL.....	(\$391,863.11)	
	<b>Total Dworshak Project Expenditures.....</b>		<b>(\$6,138,769.64)</b>
	<b>Cash Balance Dworshak Hydropower Project.....</b>		<b>\$13,961,003.18</b>
	Dworshak Project Committed Funds.....		
	Emergency Repair/Future Replacement Fund.....	\$6,980,804.73	
	FERC Fee Payment Fund.....	\$0.00	
	<b>Total Dworshak Project Committed Funds.....</b>	<b>\$6,980,804.73</b>	
	<b>Uncommitted Dworshak Hydropower Project Sub-Account Balance.....</b>		<b>\$6,980,198.45</b>
	<b>Loans Outstanding:</b>	<b>Amount Loaned</b>	<b>Principal Balance</b>
	A&B Irrigation District (Pipeline & Pumping Plant, Dec).....	\$3,500,000.00	\$2,207,486.89
	A&B Irrigation District (Pipeline & Pumping Plant, Sept).....	\$3,500,000.00	\$2,214,134.09
	Barnock Feeder Canal.....	\$335,110.00	\$329,728.36
	Bee Line Water Association (Sep 23, 2014; System Improvements).....	\$600,000.00	\$427,355.78
	Bennington Irrigation Company (Infrastructure replacement).....	\$117,184.82	\$39,330.51
	Blaine County Cal Co.....	\$6,000,000.00	\$15,725.55
	Boise City Canal Company.....	\$200,000.00	\$101,290.57
	Boise Warm Springs Water District.....	\$2,810,000.00	\$2,810,001.02
	Canyon County Drainage District No. 2 ( 28-Nov-12; Drain tile pipeline replacement).....	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
	Clearview Water Company.....	\$50,000.00	\$5,488.52
	Cloverdale Ridge Water Corporation (Irrigation Infrastructure).....	\$55,615.00	\$50,374.77
	Conant Creek Canal Company.....	\$90,000.00	\$76,000.00
	Consolidated Irrigation Company (July 20, 2012; pipeline project).....	\$500,000.00	\$245,984.48
	Dalton Water Association.....	\$1,036,900.00	\$872.76
	Enterprise Canal Company.....	\$3,588,856.00	\$3,121,700.00
	Evans Water Corporation & HOA.....	\$20,000.00	\$9,139.64

190,000.00	Falls Irrigation District.....	\$9,095,000.00	\$1,417,788.11
	Foothill Ranch Homeowners Association (7-oct-11; well rehab).....	\$150,000.00	\$33,809.63
	Goose Lake Reservoir Corp.....	\$320,000.00	\$180,371.39
	King Hill Water Corporation (Irrigation infrastructure replacement).....	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,411,570.17
	Lakeview Estate Subdivision HOA.....	\$65,000.00	\$39,989.39
	Last Chance Canal Company (14-July-2015, diversion dam rebuild).....	\$2,500,000.00	\$1,421,935.06
	Marsh Center Irrigating Company.....	\$700,000.00	\$69,803.74
	Miner Irrigation District (pipeline replacement).....	\$2,000,000.00	\$1,623,439.88
	North Side Canal Company (Phase 1 - canal rehab project).....	\$1,846,092.61	\$1,216,683.80
	Outlet Water Association (22-Jan-16; new well & improvements).....	\$100,000.00	\$26,001.05
(3,631.33)	Picabo Livestock Co Inc.....	\$95,000.00	\$87,979.36
	Pinehurst Water District (23-Jan-15).....	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
	Pinehurst Water District.....	\$87,000.00	\$82,159.21
	Point Springs Grazing Association (July 20, 2012; stock water pipeline).....	\$48,280.00	\$281.52
	Point Springs Grazing Association.....	\$47,335.53	\$30,000.00
	Producers Irrigation Company.....	\$102,127.50	\$0.00
	Reynolds Irrigation District.....	\$250,000.00	\$154,106.06
	South Valley Ground Water District.....	\$150,000.00	\$18.46
	St. Johns Irrigating Company (14-July-2015; pipeline project).....	\$1,417,905.22	\$921,899.69
	Twin Lakes Canal Company (Winder Lateral Pipeline Project).....	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
	Valley County Local Improvement District No. 1/Jughandle HOA (well project, 27-Jan-12).....	\$907,552.00	\$236,880.03
106,090.00	Weiser Irrigation District.....	\$126,500.00	\$106,090.00
	<b>TOTAL LOANS OUTSTANDING.....</b>		<b>\$20,695,419.49</b>
	<b>Loans and Other Funding Obligations:</b>		
	Reserved for Future Loans.....		\$0.00
	Bannock Feeder Canal.....		\$0.00
	Barber Pool Hydro.....		\$850,670.00
	Blaine County Canal Co.....		\$3,701,235.91
(40,071.00)	Boise City Canal Company.....		\$98,709.43
	Boise Warm Springs Water District.....		(\$1.02)
	Chester Canal & Irrigation Company.....		\$34,895.00
	Conant Creek Canal Company.....		\$14,000.00
	Enterprise Canal Company.....		\$467,156.00
(190,000.00)	Falls Irrigation District.....		\$7,677,211.89
	Lakeview Estates Subdivision HOA.....		\$25,010.61
	Marsh Center Irrigating Company.....		\$35,000.29
	Pinehurst Water District.....		\$509.69
	Point Springs Grazing Association.....		\$17,335.53
(106,090.00)	Weiser Irrigation District.....		\$20,410.00
AVAILABLE BALANCE:	<b>TOTAL LOANS AND OTHER FUNDING OBLIGATIONS.....</b>		<b>\$12,942,143.33</b>
10,795,185.72	<b>TOTAL CASH BALANCE.....</b>		<b>\$37,487,301.92</b>
	<b>COMMITTED FUNDS AFTER LOAN OBLIGATIONS.....</b>		<b>(\$26,692,116.20)</b>
CASH BALANCE	<b>UNCOMMITTED FUNDS AFTER LOAN OBLIGATIONS.....</b>		<b>\$10,795,185.72</b>
37,487,301.92			



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD  
Sources and Applications of Funds  
as of March 31, 2025  
**REVOLVING DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT**

Original Appropriation (1969).....		\$500,000.00	
Legislative Appropriation FY90-91.....		\$250,000.00	
Legislative Appropriation FY91-92.....		\$280,700.00	
Legislative Appropriation FY93-94.....		\$500,000.00	
Legislative Appropriation 2001, SB1239.....		\$200,000.00	
Legislative Appropriation 2004, HB843, Sec 12.....		\$500,000.00	
Loan Interest.....		\$15,223,750.94	
Interest Earned State Treasury (Transferred).....		\$4,133,223.96	
Water Supply Bank Receipts.....		\$11,954,772.29	
Transferred to/from Water Management Account.....		\$317,253.80	
Filing Fee Balance.....		\$47,640.20	
Bond Fees.....		\$1,467,101.45	
Series 2000 (Caldwell/New York) Pooled Bond Issuers fees.....		\$43,657.93	
2012 Ground Water District Bond Issuer fees.....		\$366,000.00	
Bond Issuer fees.....		\$17,407.59	
Pierce Well Easement.....		\$2,000.00	
Transfer from Aqualife Hatchery Sub-Account.....		\$1,117,800.85	
Transfer from Pristine Springs Sub-Account.....		\$554,882.10	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE.....</b>			<b>37,476,191.11</b>
Legislative Audits.....		(\$49,404.45)	
IWRB Bond Program.....		(\$25,900.00)	
IWRB Studies and Projects.....		(\$249,067.18)	
Arbitrage Calculation Fees.....		(\$14,000.00)	
Protest Fees.....		(\$995.00)	
Attorney fees for Jughandle LID (Skinner Fawcett).....		(\$3,800.00)	
Attorney fees for A&B Irrigation (Skinner Fawcett).....		(\$4,637.50)	
Lemhi Basin Protest Costs - (Attorney General's Office).....		(\$32,279.54)	
Weiser Galloway Study - US Army Corps of Engineers.....		(\$1,554,918.51)	
Boise River Storage Feasibility Study.....		(\$333,000.00)	
Geotech Environmental (Transducers).....		(\$6,402.61)	
Priest Lake Improvement Study (16-Mar-16).....		(\$917,725.21)	
Priest Lake Construction Project Contribution.....		(\$830,864.50)	
Treasureton Irrigation Ditch Co.....		(\$5,000.00)	
Balance of Outstanding Loans.....		(\$20,695,142.33)	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....</b>			<b>(\$24,722,936.83)</b>
<b>CASH BALANCE OF MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS.....</b>			<b>\$12,753,254.28</b>
<b>Ririe Reservoir Flood Control</b>			
Transfer to Ririe Reservoir Flood Control (SB1190, Sec 7).....	\$4,203,829.73		
Rule Curve Modification Expenditures (Mitigation Inc CON01561).....	(\$1,233,866.11)		
<b>Cash Balance Ririe Reservoir Flood Control Project.....</b>			<b>\$2,969,963.62</b>
Committed Funds			
Mitigation Inc (CON01561).....	\$410,378.74		
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$410,378.74</b>		
<b>Uncommitted Ririe Reservoir Flood Control.....</b>			<b>\$2,559,584.88</b>
<b>Minidoka Dam Enlargement/Teton Dam Replacement Studies (29510)</b>			
Legislative Appropriation 2008, SB1511 Sec 2, Minidoka/Teton Studies.....		\$1,800,000.00	
Legislative Appropriation 2008, SB1511 Sec 2, Minidoka Studies Expenditures.....		(\$1,229,460.18)	
<b>Balance for Minidoka Dam Enlargement/Teton Dam Replacement Studies.....</b>			<b>\$570,539.82</b>
Committed Funds			
Minidoka Dam Enlargement/Teton Dam Replacement Studies.....	\$570,539.82		
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$570,539.82</b>		
<b>Uncommitted for Minidoka Dam Enlargement/Teton Dam Replacement Studies.....</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Priest Lake Water Management Project (29521)</b>			
Legislative Appropriation (2018, HB 677 Sec 5).....	\$2,400,000.00		
Legislative Approval (2018, HB 677 Sec 6).....	\$2,419,580.50		
Transfer to Priest Lake Construction Project.....	(\$4,169,135.50)		
Bonner County Contribution.....	\$160,000.00		
Sandpiper Shores Contribution.....	\$10,000.00		
Legislative Approval (2020, HB 645 Sec 7).....	\$410,000.00		
Interest Earned State Treasury.....	\$263,905.49		
<b>Total Priest Lake Water Management Project Revenue.....</b>			<b>\$1,494,350.49</b>
Contract Expenditures - Mott MacDonald (CON01426).....	(\$638,162.35)		
Dam Operator Contracts.....	(\$63,150.65)		
Misc Expenditures.....	(\$40,302.67)		
<b>Total Priest Lake Water Management Project Expenditures.....</b>			<b>(\$741,615.67)</b>
<b>Cash Balance Priest Lake Water Management Project.....</b>			<b>\$752,734.82</b>
Committed Funds			
Dam Operator Contracts (CONU1445, CONU1453, CONU1454).....	\$0.00		
Dam Operator Contracts (CON01541, CON01542).....	\$0.00		
Dam Operator Contracts (CON5770, CON5771) Year 1 of 5.....	\$144,471.63		
Mott MacDonald Contract (CON01426).....	\$0.00		
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$144,471.63</b>		
<b>Uncommitted Priest Lake Water Management Project Balance.....</b>			<b>\$608,263.19</b>
<b>Priest Lake Construction Project (29522)</b>			
Transfer to Priest Lake Construction Project.....	\$4,169,135.50		
Contribution from Uncommitted Funds.....	\$830,864.50		
Additional Approved Funds.....			
Local Contribution.....	\$0.00		
<b>Total Priest Lake Construction Project Revenue.....</b>			<b>\$5,000,000.00</b>
Mott MacDonald Expenditures (CON01484).....	(\$1,772,233.30)		
Strider Construction - Outlet Dam Expenditures (CON01480).....	(\$1,184,270.75)		
Strider Construction - Thorofare Expenditures (CON01481).....	(\$2,052,265.86)		
Builder's Risk Insurance.....	(\$41,879.00)		
Butler Spink LLP (CON01597).....	(\$2,175.00)		
IDL Mineral Lease.....	(\$2,160.00)		
Legal Advertisement.....	(\$733.58)		
Travel and Misc Costs.....	(\$4,443.54)		
Kirton McConkie (CON01615).....	(\$46,588.76)		
Northbank Civil & Marine.....	\$0.00		
<b>Total Priest Lake Construction Project Expenditures.....</b>			<b>(\$5,106,749.79)</b>
<b>Cash Balance Priest Lake Construction Project.....</b>			<b>(\$106,749.79)</b>
Committed Funds			
Mott MacDonald Contract (CON01484).....	\$36,214.94		
Strider Construction - Outlet Dam (CON01480).....	\$0.00		
Strider Construction - Thorofare (CON01481).....	\$0.00		
Construction Contingency (Kirton McConkie - CON01615).....	\$0.00		
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$36,214.94</b>		
<b>Uncommitted Priest Lake Construction Project Balance.....</b>			<b>(\$142,964.73)</b>
<b>Bell Rapids Water Rights Sub-Account</b>			
Legislative Appropriation 2005, HB392.....	\$21,300,000.00		
Bureau of Reclamation Payments Received.....	\$29,446,335.46		
Remaining balance in ESPA Sub-Account.....	\$341,759.55		
Water Supply Bank Payments - Owner's Share.....	\$97,857.00		
Interest Earned State Treasury.....	\$698,613.04		
<b>Total Bell Rapids Water Rights Sub-Account Revenue.....</b>			<b>\$51,884,565.05</b>
Bell Rapids Purchase.....	(\$22,041,697.55)		

Transfer to General Fund - P&I.....		(\$22,072,052.06)	
Payment to US Bank for Alternative Financing Note .....		(\$7,118,125.86)	
Payment for Water District 02 Assessments.....		(\$167,209.88)	
Payment for Ongoing Bell Rapids Finance Costs (trustee fees, water bank, etc.).....		(\$6,740.10)	
<b>Total Bell Rapids Water Rights Sub-Account Expenditures.....</b>			<b>(\$51,405,825.45)</b>
<b>Cash Balance Bell Rapids Water Rights Sub-Account.....</b>			<b>\$478,739.60</b>
Committed Funds.....			
Ongoing Bell Rapids Finance Costs (trustee fees, WD02).....	\$396,894.10		
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$396,894.10</b>		
<b>Uncommitted Bell Rapids Water Rights Sub-Account Balance.....</b>			<b>\$81,845.50</b>
<b>Pristine Springs Project Sub-Account</b>			
Rental Payments to be Transferred to Secondary Aquifer Fund.....	\$961,675.10		
Loan Interest.....	\$3,322,885.32		
Loan Principal from Magic Valley & North Snake GWD.....	\$8,720,788.86		
<b>Total Pristine Springs Project Revenue to be Transferred.....</b>			<b>\$13,005,349.28</b>
Total Pristine Springs Project Revenue Transferred to 0129-01.....	(\$5,129,300.00)		
Total Pristine Springs Project Revenue Transferred to 0129.....	(\$7,160,000.00)		
<b>Total Pristine Springs Project Sub-Account Transfers.....</b>			<b>(\$12,289,300.00)</b>
<b>Cash Balance Pristine Springs Sub-Account.....</b>			<b>\$716,049.28</b>
Pristine Springs Committed Funds.....			
Loan Payments to be transferred to 0129.....	\$716,000.00		
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$716,000.00</b>		
<b>Loans Outstanding for Purchase of PS Water Rights</b>			
Loan to North Snake & Magic Valley GWD.....	\$10,000,000.00		
Payments from North Snake & Magic Valley GWD.....	(\$8,134,091.11)		
Total Loans Outstanding.....	\$1,865,908.89		
<b>Uncommitted Pristine Springs Sub-Account.....</b>			<b>\$49.28</b>
<b>Rathdrum Prairie CAMP &amp; Treasure Valley CAMP Sub-Account</b>			
Pristine Springs Hydropower and Rental Revenues.....	\$271,672.34		
Interest Earned State Treasury.....	\$573.11		
<b>Rathdrum Prairie CAMP &amp; Treasure Valley CAMP Sub-Account Revenue.....</b>			<b>\$272,245.45</b>
Spokane River Forum.....	(\$23,000.00)		
Treasure Valley Water Quality Summit.....	(\$500.00)		
Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Cons. Dist. - Agrimet Station.....	(\$20,000.00)		
Rathdrum Prairie-Spokane Valley Aquifer Pumping Study (CON00989).....	(\$70,000.00)		
Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative.....	(\$10,000.00)		
<b>Rathdrum Prairie CAMP &amp; Treasure Valley CAMP Sub-Account Expenditures.....</b>			<b>(\$123,500.00)</b>
<b>Cash Balance Rathdrum Prairie CAMP &amp; Treasure Valley CAMP Sub-Account.....</b>			<b>\$148,745.45</b>
Committed Funds.....			
Spokane River Forum.....	\$0.00		
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		
<b>Uncommitted Rathdrum Prairie CAMP &amp; TV CAMP Sub-Account.....</b>			<b>\$148,745.45</b>
<b>Upper Salmon/CBWTP Sub-Account</b>			
Water Transaction Projects Payment Advances from CBWTP/Accord .....	\$7,147,414.03		
PCSRF Funds for Admin of Non-Diversion Easements on Lemhi River.....	\$216,584.46		
Interest Earned State Treasury.....	\$675,380.33		
<b>Upper Salmon/CBWTP Sub-Account Revenue.....</b>			<b>\$8,039,378.82</b>
Transfer to Water Supply Bank.....	(\$129,812.92)		
Change of Ownership.....	(\$600.00)		
Appraisals/Closing Costs.....	(\$15,023.98)		
Payments for Water Acquisition.....	(\$5,222,084.08)		
<b>Upper Salmon/CBWTP Sub-Account Expenditures.....</b>			<b>(\$5,367,520.98)</b>
<b>Cash Balance CBWTP Sub-Account.....</b>			<b>\$2,671,857.84</b>
Committed Funds.....			
Administration of Non-Diversion Easements on Lemhi River.....	\$119,250.61		
Bar G Farms (Pahsimeroi- Little Mud).....	(\$5,290.98)		
Bayhorse Creek (Peterson Ranch).....	\$17,834.38		
Badger Creek (OWBP) WSB.....	\$2,389.10		
Beaver Creek (DOI LLP).....	\$81,610.78		
Big Timber Tyler Phase I (Leadore Land Partners).....	\$217,710.32		
Big Timber Tyler Phase II (Leadore Land Partners).....	\$73,419.63		
Bohannon Creek DJ (Barbara Stokes).....	\$661,283.33		
Bohannon Creek BS (Betty Stokes).....	\$325,190.00		
Canyon Creek/Big Timber Creek (Beyeler).....	\$223,875.16		
Carmen Creek (Bill Slavin).....	\$149,315.14		
Carmen Creek (Bruce Slavin).....	\$93,696.42		
Fourth of July Creek (Defiance Investments).....	\$8,560.09		
Iron Creek (Konec).....	\$54,392.61		
Knapp Creek (Cape Horn Ranch LLC).....	(\$7,804.50)		
Kenney Creek Source Switch (Gail Andrews).....	\$14,576.50		
Lemhi - Big Springs (Merrill Beyeler).....	\$36,012.54		
Lemhi River & Little Springs Creek Kauer (McFarland Livestock Co).....	\$10,773.86		
Little Springs Creek (Snyder).....	\$144,100.36		
Lower Eighteenmile Creek (Ellsworth Angus Ranch).....	\$1,777.78		
Lower Lemhi Thomas (Robert Thomas).....	\$900.00		
P-9 Bowles (River Valley Ranch).....	\$95,256.19		
P-9 Charlton (Sydney Dowton).....	\$6,358.52		
P-9 Dowton (Western Sky LLC).....	\$76,195.28		
P-9 Elzinga (Elzinga).....	\$94,247.32		
Patterson-Big Springs PBSU (Silver Bit Angus/S Whitworth).....	\$103,249.85		
Pole Creek (Salmon Falls Land).....	\$457,632.58		
Pratt Creek (Mulkey).....	\$62,333.01		
Spring Creek (Richard Beard).....	\$1,362.61		
Spring Creek (Lila Beard).....	\$2,285.76		
Whitefish (Leadore Land Partners).....	\$42,428.68		
Total Committed Funds.....	\$3,165,122.93		
<b>Uncommitted CBWTP Sub-Account Balance.....</b>			<b>(\$493,265.09)</b>
<b>Water Supply Bank Sub-Account</b>			
Interest Earned State Treasury.....	\$112,720.91		
Payments received from renters.....	\$7,948,436.95		
Payments made to owners.....	(\$7,363,743.63)		
<b>Cash Balance Water Supply Bank Sub-Account.....</b>			<b>\$697,414.23</b>
Committed Funds.....			
Owners share.....	\$546,477.39		
<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS.....</b>	<b>\$546,477.39</b>		
<b>Uncommitted Water Supply Bank Sub-Account Balance.....</b>			<b>\$150,936.84</b>
<b>Eastern Snake Plain Sub-Account</b>			
Legislative Appropriation 2005, HB392.....	\$7,200,000.00		
Legislative Appropriation 2005, HB392, CREP Program.....	\$3,000,000.00		
Interest Earned State Treasury.....	\$2,257,534.39		
Loan Interest.....	\$310,626.68		
Reimbursement from Commerce & Labor W-Canal.....	\$74,709.77		
Reimbursement from MGVWD & NSGWD-Pristine Springs.....	\$1,000,000.00		
Reimbursement from Water District 1 for Recharge.....	\$159,764.73		
Reimbursement from BOR for Palisades Reservoir.....	\$2,381.12		
Black Canyon Exchange Project Revenues.....	\$23,800.00		
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2009 Recharge Conveyance Costs.....	(\$355,253.00)		
2010 Recharge Conveyance Costs.....	(\$484,231.62)		

2008-2010 Recharge Conveyance Costs.....	(\$854,064.62)	
Additional recharge projects preliminary development.....	(\$7,919.75)	
Transfer to Bell Rapids Sub Account.....	(\$341,759.55)	
Transfer to Pristine Springs Sub Account.....	(\$1,000,000.00)	
Transfer to Priest Lake Sub-Account (2018 HB 677, Sec 6).....	(\$2,419,580.50)	
<b>Eastern Snake Plain Sub-Account Expenditures.....</b>		<b>(\$12,155,067.10)</b>
<b>Cash Balance Eastern Snake Plain Sub-Account.....</b>		<b>\$1,873,749.59</b>
Loans and Other Commitments		
Commitment - Additional recharge projects preliminary development.....	\$337,594.00	
Commitment - Palasades Storage O&M.....	\$3,221.64	
Commitment - Black Canyon Exchange Project (fund with ongoing revenues).....	\$442,252.95	
Total Loans and Other Commitments.....	\$783,068.59	
<b>Eastern Snake Plain Sub-Account Balance after Commitments.....</b>		<b>\$1,090,681.00</b>
CREP Loans Outstanding:		
American Falls-Aberdeen GWD (CREP).....	\$0.00	
Bonneville Jefferson GWD (CREP).....	(\$277.16)	
Magic Valley GWD (CREP).....	\$0.00	
North Snake GWD (CREP).....	\$0.00	
TOTAL ESP CREP LOANS OUTSTANDING.....	(\$277.16)	
<b>Uncommitted Eastern Snake Plain Sub-Account Balance.....</b>		<b>\$1,090,958.16</b>
<b>Dworshak Hydropower Project</b>		
Power Sales & Other.....	\$17,954,498.73	
Interest Earned State Treasury.....	\$2,145,274.09	
<b>Total Dworshak Project Revenue.....</b>		<b>\$20,099,772.82</b>
Operations & Maintenance.....	(\$4,410,960.33)	
Powerplant Repairs.....	(\$180,409.72)	
Capital Improvements.....	(\$318,366.79)	
FERC Payments.....	(\$148,076.88)	
Transferred to 1st Security Trustee Account FINAL.....	(\$148,542.63)	
Construction not paid through bond issuance FINAL.....	(\$226,106.83)	
First Security Fees FINAL.....	(\$314,443.35)	
Bond payoff FINAL.....	(\$391,863.11)	
<b>Total Dworshak Project Expenditures.....</b>		<b>(\$6,138,769.64)</b>
<b>Cash Balance Dworshak Hydropower Project.....</b>		<b>\$13,961,003.18</b>
Dworshak Project Committed Funds		
Emergency Repair/Future Replacement Fund.....	\$6,980,804.73	
FERC Fee Payment Fund.....	\$0.00	
Total Dworshak Project Committed Funds.....	\$6,980,804.73	
<b>Uncommitted Dworshak Hydropower Project Sub-Account Balance.....</b>		<b>\$6,980,198.45</b>
<b>Loans Outstanding:</b>	<b>Amount Loaned</b>	<b>Principal Balance</b>
A&B Irrigation District (Pipeline & Pumping Plant, Dec).....	\$3,500,000.00	\$2,207,486.89
A&B Irrigation District (Pipeline & Pumping Plant, Sept).....	\$3,500,000.00	\$2,214,134.09
Bannock Feeder Canal.....	\$335,110.00	\$329,728.36
Bee Line Water Association (Sep 23, 2014; System Improvements).....	\$600,000.00	\$427,355.78
Bennington Irrigation Company (Infrastructure replacement).....	\$117,184.82	\$39,330.51
Blaine County Canal Co.....	\$6,000,000.00	\$15,725.55
Boise City Canal Company.....	\$200,000.00	\$101,290.57
Boise Warm Springs Water District.....	\$2,810,000.00	\$2,810,001.02
Canyon County Drainage District No. 2 ( 28-Nov-12; Drain tile pipeline replacement)	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
Clearview Water Company.....	\$50,000.00	\$5,488.52
Cloverdale Ridge Water Corporation (Irrigation infrastructure).....	\$56,615.00	\$50,374.77
Conant Creek Canal Company.....	\$90,000.00	\$76,000.00
Consolidated Irrigation Company (July 20, 2012; pipeline project).....	\$500,000.00	\$245,984.48
Dalton Water Association.....	\$1,036,900.00	\$872.76
Enterprise Canal Company.....	\$3,588,856.00	\$3,121,700.00
Evans Water Corporation & HOA.....	\$20,000.00	\$9,139.64
Falls Irrigation District.....	\$9,095,000.00	\$1,417,788.11
Foothill Ranch Homeowners Association (7-oct-11; well rehab).....	\$150,000.00	\$33,809.63
Goose Lake Reservoir Corp.....	\$320,000.00	\$160,371.39
King Hill Water Corporation (Irrigation infrastructure replacement).....	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,411,570.17
Lakeview Estate Subdivision HOA.....	\$65,000.00	\$39,989.39
Last Chance Canal Company (14-July-2015, diversion dam rebuild).....	\$2,500,000.00	\$1,421,935.06
Marsh Center Irrigating Company.....	\$700,000.00	\$69,803.74
Milner Irrigation District (pipeline replacement).....	\$2,000,000.00	\$1,623,439.88
North Side Canal Company (Phase 1 - canal rehab project).....	\$1,846,092.61	\$1,216,683.80
Outlet Water Association (22-Jan-16; new well & improvements).....	\$100,000.00	\$26,001.05
Picabo Livestock Co Inc.....	\$95,000.00	\$87,979.36
Pinehurst Water District (23-Jan-15).....	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
Pinehurst Water District.....	\$87,000.00	\$82,159.21
Point Springs Grazing Association (July 20, 2012; stock water pipeline).....	\$48,280.00	\$281.52
Point Springs Grazing Association.....	\$47,335.53	\$30,000.00
Producers Irrigation Company.....	\$102,127.50	\$0.00
Reynolds Irrigation District.....	\$250,000.00	\$154,106.06
South Valley Ground Water District.....	\$150,000.00	\$18.46
St. Johns Irrigating Company (14-July-2015; pipeline project).....	\$1,417,905.22	\$921,899.69
Twin Lakes Canal Company (Winder Lateral Pipeline Project).....	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
Valley County Local Improvement District No. 1/Jughandle HOA (well project, 27-Jan-12).....	\$907,552.00	\$236,880.03
Weiser Irrigation District.....	\$126,500.00	\$106,090.00
<b>TOTAL LOANS OUTSTANDING.....</b>		<b>\$20,695,419.49</b>
<b>Loans and Other Funding Obligations:</b>		
Reserved for Future Loans.....		\$0.00
Bannock Feeder Canal.....		\$0.00
Barber Pool Hydro.....		\$850,670.00
Blaine County Canal Co.....		\$3,701,235.91
Boise City Canal Company.....		\$98,709.43
Boise Warm Springs Water District.....		(\$1.02)
Chester Canal & Irrigation Company.....		\$34,895.00
Conant Creek Canal Company.....		\$14,000.00
Enterprise Canal Company.....		\$467,156.00
Falls Irrigation District.....		\$7,677,211.89
Lakeview Estates Subdivision HOA.....		\$25,010.61
Marsh Center Irrigating Company.....		\$35,000.29
Pinehurst Water District.....		\$509.69
Point Springs Grazing Association.....		\$17,335.53
Weiser Irrigation District.....		\$20,410.00
<b>TOTAL LOANS AND OTHER FUNDING OBLIGATIONS.....</b>		<b>\$12,942,143.33</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH BALANCE.....</b>		<b>\$37,487,301.92</b>
<b>COMMITTED FUNDS AFTER LOAN OBLIGATIONS.....</b>		<b>(\$26,692,116.20)</b>
<b>UNCOMMITTED FUNDS AFTER LOAN OBLIGATIONS.....</b>		<b>\$10,795,185.72</b>



Idaho Water Resource Board  
Sources and Applications of Funds  
as of March 31, 2025  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ACCOUNT

Legislative Appropriation (HB 769, Sec 8, 2022).....	100,000,000.00
Legislative Appropriation (SB 1181, Sec 6, 2023).....	24,497,543.89
Legislative Appropriation (SB 1411, Sec 7, 2024).....	75,502,456.00
BOR - Anderson Ranch CON 21WN102130.....	(73,346,406.00)
Mountain Home Air Force Base pipeline.....	(27,415,644.70)
Recharge Project Expenditures.....	(6,521,457.45)
Regional Water Sustainability Projects.....	(18,307,544.00)
Total ARPA Fund Expenditures.....	(125,591,052.15)
<b>Total Cash Balance ARPA.....</b>	<b>74,408,947.74</b>

**ARPA Funds Approved by Resolution**

	Obligated	Contracted	Expenditures	Committed
USDOI/BOR - Anderson Ranch (CON 21WN102130).....	112,500,000.00	73,375,000.00	(73,346,406.00)	39,153,594.00
Mountain Home Air Force Base pipeline (CON4537, CON01636).....	33,000,000.00	31,749,377.00	(27,415,644.70)	5,584,355.30
<b>Recharge Projects</b>				
Butte & Market Lake - Recharge Wells.....	546,700.00			546,700.00
Enterprize Canal Company - 55th Road (CON01666).....	1,700,000.00	1,700,000.00		1,700,000.00
Enterprize Canal Company - Swan Highway Project (CON01638).....	3,400,000.00	3,400,000.00	(1,408,000.50)	1,991,999.50
Hamer Road Recharge Project (CANCELLED).....	0.00			0.00
Minidoka Irrigation Dist - Goyne Sump Recharge Project (CON01616).....	3,387,047.00	3,387,047.00	(430,931.27)	2,956,115.73
New Sweden Irrigation Dist - Head of the Basalt Recharge Site (CON01675).....	1,116,253.00	1,116,253.00	(1,129,398.75)	(13,145.75)
Progressive Irrigation Dist - South Fork Hwy Project (CON5362).....	3,650,000.00	3,650,000.00	(3,553,126.93)	96,873.07
Southwest Irrigation Dist - Big Sky & Murtaugh Injection Well.....	200,000.00			200,000.00
Enterprize Canal Company - 55th Road Basin Expansion Project*.....	2,388,587.00			2,388,587.00
Fremont-Madison Irrigation District - Egin Recharge Wells Complex*.....	7,388,500.00			7,388,500.00
<b>Regional Water Sustainability Projects</b>				
Idaho Power - American Falls Spillway Rehab (CON4998).....	12,500,000.00	12,486,758.00	(6,912,894.00)	5,587,106.00
Boise Project Board of Control - New York Canal Lining (CON5786).....	25,000,000.00	25,000,000.00	(11,394,650.00)	13,605,350.00
Boise Project Board of Control - New York Canal Lining (CON5786).....	25,000,000.00	25,000,000.00		25,000,000.00
LOID - Lower Clearwater Exchange Project (CON5787).....	28,000,000.00	28,000,000.00		28,000,000.00
<b>Total ARPA Funds.....</b>	<b>259,777,087.00</b>	<b>208,864,435.00</b>	<b>(125,591,052.15)</b>	<b>134,186,034.85</b>

\*These projects have been authorized so that WMA or ARPA funds can be used for payment. Total ARPA cannot exceed \$250M

# Memorandum



To: Idaho Water Resource Board

From: John Loffredo

Date: May 22, 2025

Re: Water Transaction Program – Lemhi Permanent Agreement – Rulon Wellard

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**REQUIRED ACTION:** The Board is asked to consider a new permanent transaction on the lower Lemhi River. Upon approval staff will proceed with final project approval and contracting through the Idaho Water Transaction Program Process.

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## Background:

The Lemhi River subbasin has been identified by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service as critical habitat for recovery of Endangered Species Act-listed Snake River spring/summer Chinook salmon, Snake River Basin steelhead, and resident bull trout. The mainstem Lemhi River and its tributaries support the spawning, rearing, and migration of all freshwater life-stages of these focal species.

During the irrigation season, March 15 – November 15, lawful irrigation withdrawals can result in deleterious instream flows below the L-6 Diversion that create a migration barrier for juvenile and adult salmonid emigration, both in, and out of the Lemhi River subbasin. The State of Idaho committed to maintaining flows between 25 and 35 cfs at the L-6 Diversion (River Mile 7) in the Lemhi Framework which was developed as part of the 2004 Snake River Water Rights (Nez Perce) Agreement. The agreement carries forward target goals which were included in earlier conservation agreements developed and approved by local water users and state and federal agencies. The 35 cfs instream flow facilitates juvenile emigration in the spring and 25 cfs facilitates pre-spawn adult escapement to primary spawning habitat (River Mile 32 - 62) in the mid-to-late summer.

Additionally, through enacting Idaho Code 42-1506 and 42-1765A, the Idaho Legislature directed the Board to establish a minimum streamflow water right of 35 cfs in the lower Lemhi River to be met through water right rentals or other appropriate methods under state law (Water Right No. 74-14993).

For the past twenty years, the Board has been working to meet the 35 cfs target. Efforts have led to the following:

Flow Target:	35 cfs
Currently Protected:	
Permanent Subordination Agreements	16.83 cfs
City of Salmon Source Switch	2.43 cfs
Annual Subordination Agreements	12.41 cfs (100 days/yr) & 9.11 cfs (5 – 30 days/yr)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31.67 cfs (100 days/yr)</b>

Both the annual and permanent subordination agreements allow water users to irrigate their full irrigated acreage unless the Board's minimum stream flow water right is not being met naturally. To maintain 35 – 25 cfs below the L-6 Diversion, participants rotate use to maintain the minimum flow.

There are limited times when all participants are not diverting, but whenever the Lemhi River below the L-6 Diversion is above the minimum flow, water users can divert and irrigate their full acres. In some years, the participants have full access to their water rights throughout the irrigation season. Over the last 20 years, the average number of curtailment days to maintain the lower Lemhi River minimum flow is 55 days, with a range from 5 to 123 days per yr. In sum, the Board's subordination agreements allow maximum use of water whenever flows are above the minimum 25 – 35 cfs, while providing a minimum flow to protect the most critical migration corridor for ESA-listed salmonids in the Lemhi River subbasin.

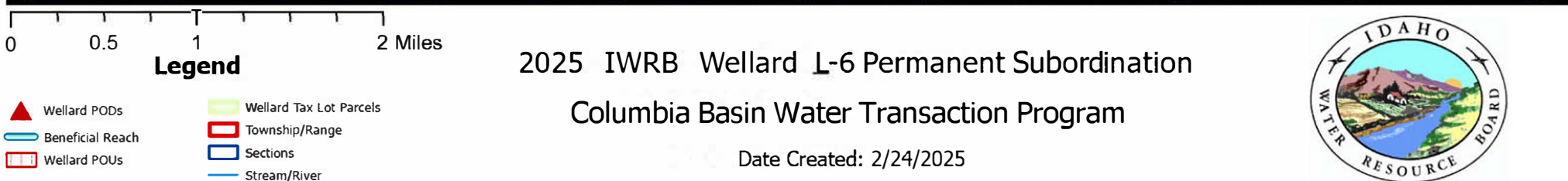
In order to move towards the goal of protecting 25 cfs instream in perpetuity, staff propose to enter into a permanent subordination agreement with Rulon Wellard for 0.52 cfs from the L-7 Diversion (Water Right Nos. 74-324K, 74-326C, 74-328C, 74-804, and 74-15444). The permanent conservation easement will be deeded to the appurtenant Lemhi County tax lots and will allow irrigation when flows are above 25 – 35 cfs. Rulon Wellard has never participated in the lower Lemhi minimum stream flow program to date but has been a local concrete contractor for over thirty years helping to install and maintain nearly 100 rotary drum fish screens for the Idaho Fish and Game's Anadromous Fish Screen Program based in Salmon. In February 2024, staff conducted targeted landowner outreach for all irrigation water rights with a priority date of 1895 or better at the L-6, L-7, L-8A, and L-9 Diversions, where existing annual and permanent subordination agreements are located, in an effort to increase program participation. Mr. Wellard is excited for the opportunity to contribute to the long-term maintenance of the lower Lemhi River minimum stream flow and represents the first permanent conservation easement executed by the Board since 2018.

Funding is available for the permanent agreement from the Idaho Fish Accord MOA Water Transactions Fund. The cost of the new transaction is based on a 2024 appraisal completed by HS Calhoun LLC and additional fair-market valuation strategies which established a price of \$220,000 per cfs. An additional \$12,000 per cfs will be placed in the water transaction sub-account of the IWRB's Revolving Development Account to pay for a contract with Water District 74 for permanent administration of the new conservation easement. The total cost of the permanent transaction is \$120,240 (\$114,000 to Wellard & \$6,240 to Water District 74) for 0.52 cfs of permanently protected flow for the lower Lemhi River minimum stream flow, bringing the total amount of permanently protected flow at the L-6 Diversion to 17.35 cfs.

#### Attachments:

1. Lower Lemhi Subordination, Wellard – Location Map
2. Draft, Purchase and Sales Agreement
3. Draft, Conservation Easement
4. Draft, Water District 74 Administration Contract
5. Funding Resolution







## **AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE WATER RIGHT SUBORDINATION EASEMENT**

This Agreement is entered into by and between Rulon G Wellard hereinafter (“Owners”), 15 Three Mile Lane, Salmon, Idaho 83467-5251, and the State of Idaho through the Idaho Water Resource Board hereinafter (“IWRB”), 322 East Front Street, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0098.

### **RECITALS**

1. Owner owns water rights designated as no. **74-324K, 74-326C, 74-328C, 74-804, and 74-15444** which allow for the diversion of 0.52 cubic feet per second (“cfs”) of water from the Lemhi River (“the Water Right”). The legal place of use for water right no. **74-324K, 74-326C, 74-328C, 74-804, and 74-15444** is located in Lemhi County, more particularly described on Exhibit A attached and incorporated by this reference.
2. IWRB promotes water rights agreements and water projects that maintain the local agricultural economy by retaining irrigated agriculture while providing flows necessary for recovery of ESA-listed fish species.
3. IWRB wants to permanently maintain target flows of 35 cubic feet per second “cfs” 80 percent of the time between March 15 and June 30, and 25 cfs 100 percent of the time between March 15 and November 15 to facilitate migration of Chinook salmon and steelhead in the Lemhi River below the Lemhi L-6 diversion.
4. Owner wants to sell a water right subordination easement to the IWRB to contribute to the target flows identified in Recital No. 3.

The Owner and IWRB agree as follows:

### **AGREEMENT**

#### **1. Obligations of the Owner**

- a) Owner shall sell and convey to IWRB a water right subordination easement that permanently subordinates the Water Rights to IWRB’s minimum stream flow right 74-14993. The subordination will restrict the Owner’s right to divert water from the Lemhi River as follows:
  1. Owner will limit the diversion of water under the Water Rights and any subsequent splits to contribute to target flows of 35 cfs 80 percent of the time between March 15 and June 30, and 25 cfs 100 percent of the time between March 15 and November 15

each year in perpetuity as measured at USGS gage 13305310. This easement may be exercised independent of any other permanent flows secured to maintain flows beyond 25 cfs; and

2. Delivery of the Water Rights will be restricted no more than 100 days per irrigation season, as directed by IWRB, even if the target flows are not met.
  - b) Owner shall not transfer, change, remove or otherwise attempt to alienate the water from its present lawful place of use.
  - c) Owner shall execute simultaneously with this Agreement a water right subordination easement consistent with terms of this Agreement. The form of the easement, labeled as Exhibit B, is attached and incorporated by this reference.
2. Obligations of IWRB
- a) The Board shall pay, and Owners shall accept as full payment for the perpetual water right subordination easement, one hundred fourteen thousand dollars (\$114,000).
  - b) IWRB will record the water right subordination easement in the real estate records in Lemhi County and with the Idaho Department of Water Resources.
  - c) IWRB shall use its best efforts to process payment to Owner within thirty (30) calendar days of final execution of this Agreement and the water right subordination easement.
3. General Provisions
- a) The parties intend that the rights and obligations created by this Agreement shall burden and run with the Property in perpetuity. Every provision of this Agreement that applies to the Owner or IWRB shall also apply forever to and shall burden or benefit, as applicable, their respective agents, heirs, devisees, administrators, employees, personal representatives, lessees, and assigns, and all other successors as their interests may appear.
  - b) All water authorized to be diverted under the Water Rights and any subsequent splits from the Lemhi River and the provisions of the water right subordination easement will be regulated by the watermaster for water district 74 under the direction of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.
  - c) In the event the Owner meets the obligations of the terms of this Agreement and the desired target flows are not reached during the March 15<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup> time period, IWRB shall hold harmless the Owner from all damages and liability resulting therefrom.



- d) All of the covenants, agreements, representations and warranties, set forth in this Agreement shall survive after the water right subordination easement has been recorded, and shall not merge into any deed, assignment, or other instrument, executed or delivered under this Agreement.
- e) In the event that operations pursuant to this Agreement shall be declared illegal or otherwise unenforceable for any reason and IWRB is prevented from achieving the target flows by a court of competent jurisdiction, the parties shall execute such other instruments and make such other consideration, including but not limited to the purchase of the remainder of water right from the Owners at fair market value so as to achieve the target flows in the Lemhi River.

4. Duplicate Originals

This Agreement is executed in duplicate. Each of the agreements with an original signature of each party shall be an original.

The parties executed this Agreement on the date following their respective signatures.

Rulon G Wellard  
Owner

Jeff Raybould, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# EXHIBIT A

## Water Right 74-324K

**Owner Type**      **Name and Address**  
 Current Owner      RULON G WELLARD  
                              15 THREE MILE LN  
                              SALMON, ID 83467-5251

Former Owner      FRANK & NORMA WELLARD  
                              9 THREE MILE LN  
                              SALMON, ID 83467

**Priority Date:** 1/24/1877

**Basis:** Decreed

**Status:** Active

**Source**  
 LEMHI RIVER

**Tributary**  
 SALMON RIVER

<b><u>Beneficial Use</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>Diversion Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Volume</u></b>
IRRIGATION	03/15	11/15	0.20 CFS	
	<b><u>Total Diversion</u></b>		0.20 CFS	

**Source and Point(s) of Diversion**

LEMHI RIVER      SESE      Sec. 24, Twp 21N, Rge 22E, LEMHI County

**Place Of Use**

IRRIGATION within LEMHI County

			NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
Twp	Rng	Sec	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
21N	22E	14											5.0						5.0

POU Total Acres: 5.0

**Conditions of Approval:**

1. C18 This partial decree is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of the water rights as may be ultimately determined by the Court at a point in time no later than the entry of a final unified decree. Section 42-1412(6), Idaho Code.

**Water Supply Bank:**

N/A

## Water Right 74-326C

**Owner Type**      **Name and Address**  
Current Owner      RULON G WELLARD  
                                 15 THREE MILE LN  
                                 SALMON, ID 83467-5251

Former Owner      FRANK & NORMA WELLARD  
                                 9 THREE MILE LN  
                                 SALMON, ID 83467

**Priority Date:** 6/9/1875

**Basis:** Decreed

**Status:** Active

**Source**  
LEMHI RIVER

**Tributary**  
SALMON RIVER

<b><u>Beneficial Use</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>Diversion Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Volume</u></b>
IRRIGATION	03/15	11/15	0.13 CFS	
STOCKWATER	01/01	12/31	0.01 CFS	
	<b><u>Total Diversion</u></b>		0.13 CFS	

**Source and Point(s) of Diversion**

LEMHI RIVER      SESE      Sec. 24, Twp 21N, Rge 22E, LEMHI County

**Place Of Use**

IRRIGATION within LEMHI County

			NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
Twp	Rng	Sec	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
21N	22E	14															3.0		3.0
21N	22E	23		2.0															2.0

POU Total Acres: 5.0

**Conditions of Approval:**

1.      C18      This partial decree is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of the water rights as may be ultimately determined by the Court at a point in time no later than the entry of a final unified decree. Section 42-1412(6), Idaho Code.
2.      E55      USE OF THIS RIGHT WITH RIGHT 74-328C IS LIMITED TO THE IRRIGATION OF A COMBINED TOTAL OF 5 ACRES IN A SINGLE IRRIGATION SEASON.
3.      N05      THE QUANTITY OF WATER UNDER THIS RIGHT FOR STOCKWATER USE SHALL NOT EXCEED 13,000 GALLONS PER DAY.
4.      N08      THE QUANTITY OF WATER DECREED FOR THIS WATER RIGHT FOR STOCKWATER USER IS NOT A DETERMINATION OF HISTORICAL BENEFICIAL USE.

**Water Supply Bank:**

N/A



## Water Right 74-328C

**Owner Type**      **Name and Address**  
Current Owner      RULON G WELLARD  
                                 15 THREE MILE LN  
                                 SALMON, ID 83467-5251

Former Owner      FRANK & NORMA WELLARD  
                                 9 THREE MILE LN  
                                 SALMON, ID 83467

**Priority Date:** 6/9/1875

**Basis:** Decreed

**Status:** Active

**Source**  
LEMHI RIVER

**Tributary**  
SALMON RIVER

<b><u>Beneficial Use</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>Diversion Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Volume</u></b>
IRRIGATION	03/15	11/15	0.04 CFS	
STOCKWATER	01/01	12/31	0.01 CFS	
	<b><u>Total Diversion</u></b>		0.04 CFS	

**Source and Point(s) of Diversion**

LEMHI RIVER      SESE      Sec. 24, Twp 21N, Rge 22E, LEMHI County

**Place Of Use**

IRRIGATION within LEMHI County

			NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
Twp	Rng	Sec	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
21N	22E	14															3.0		3.0
21N	22E	23		2.0															2.0

POU Total Acres: 5.0

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2. E55 USE OF THIS RIGHT WITH RIGHT 74-326C IS LIMITED TO THE IRRIGATION OF A COMBINED TOTAL OF 5 ACRES IN A SINGLE IRRIGATION SEASON.
3. N05 THE QUANTITY OF WATER UNDER THIS RIGHT FOR STOCKWATER USE SHALL NOT EXCEED 13,000 GALLONS PER DAY.
4. N08 THE QUANTITY OF WATER DECREED FOR THIS WATER RIGHT FOR STOCKWATER USER IS NOT A DETERMINATION OF HISTORICAL BENEFICIAL USE.

**Water Supply Bank:**

N/A

## Water Right 74-804

**Owner Type**      **Name and Address**  
Current Owner      RULON G WELLARD  
15 THREE MILE LN  
SALMON, ID 83467-5251

Former Owner      FRANK & NORMA WELLARD  
9 THREE MILE LN  
SALMON, ID 83467

**Priority Date:** 7/27/1888

**Basis:** Decreed

**Status:** Active

**Source**  
LEMHI RIVER

**Tributary**  
SALMON RIVER

<b><u>Beneficial Use</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>Diversion Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Volume</u></b>
IRRIGATION	03/15	11/15	0.13 CFS	
STOCKWATER	01/01	12/31	0.01 CFS	
	<b><u>Total Diversion</u></b>		0.13 CFS	

**Source and Point(s) of Diversion**

LEMHI RIVER      NESW      Sec. 30, Twp 21N, Rge 23E, LEMHI County

**Place Of Use**

IRRIGATION within LEMHI County

			NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
Twp	Rng	Sec	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
21N	22E	14															3.5		3.5

POU Total Acres: 3.5

STOCKWATER within LEMHI County

			NE				NW				SW				SE			
Twp	Rng	Sec	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE
21N	22E	14																

**Conditions of Approval:**

1. C18 This partial decree is subject to such general provisions necessary for the definition of the rights or for the efficient administration of the water rights as may be ultimately determined by the Court at a point in time no later than the entry of a final unified decree. Section 42-1412(6), Idaho Code.

**Water Supply Bank:**

N/A

## Water Right 74-15444

**Owner Type**      **Name and Address**  
Current Owner      RULON G WELLARD  
                                 15 THREE MILE LN  
                                 SALMON, ID 83467-5251

Former Owner      FRANK & NORMA WELLARD  
                                 9 THREE MILE LN  
                                 SALMON, ID 83467

**Priority Date:** 7/27/1888

**Basis:** Decreed

**Status:** Active

**Source**  
LEMHI RIVER

**Tributary**  
SALMON RIVER

**Beneficial Use**  
IRRIGATION

<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>Diversion Rate</u></b>
03/15	11/15	0.02 CFS
<b><u>Total Diversion</u></b>		0.02 CFS

**Volume**

**Source and Point(s) of Diversion**

LEMHI RIVER

NESW

Sec. 30, Twp 21N, Rge 23E, LEMHI County

**Place Of Use**

IRRIGATION within LEMHI County

			NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
Twp	Rng	Sec	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
21N	22E	9								0.8									0.8

POU Total Acres: 0.8

**Conditions of Approval:**

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**Water Supply Bank:**

N/A



## **WATER RIGHT SUBORDINATION EASEMENT**

THIS INDENTURE, made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by and between RULON G WELLARD (Grantor), 15 Three Mile Ln, Salmon, Idaho 83467, and STATE OF IDAHO, IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD, 322 East Front Street, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0098 and its successors and assigns, (Grantee);

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred fourteen thousand dollars and 00/100 (\$114,000.00), lawful money of the United States of America, the Grantor grants to the Grantee, its successors, and assigns, forever an easement to limit the Grantors' withdrawal of water from the Lemhi River to facilitate the migration and habitat for salmon and steelhead. The water rights subject to this easement authorizing the diversion of water for irrigation from the Lemhi River are identified as follows: 74-324K, 74-326C, 74-328C, 74-804, 74-15444 and any subsequent splits. The water right subordination easement is appurtenant to the following described lands situated in **LEMHI COUNTY**, State of Idaho, to wit:

**Township 21N, Range 22E, Section 14 B.M.:**  
**5.0 acres in the SWSW**

**Township 21N, Range 22E, Section 14 B.M.:**  
**6.5 acres in the SESW**

**Township 21N, Range 22E, Section 23 B.M.:**  
**2.0 acres in the NENW**

**Township 21N, Range 22E, Section 9 B.M.:**  
**0.9 acres in the NWSE**

Subject to the following terms:

1. This easement shall burden and run with the property in perpetuity.
2. This easement shall be recorded in the real property records of Lemhi County and designated appropriately in the official files of the Idaho Department of Water Resources to ensure that the water is regulated accordingly in future years. Water authorized for diversion under water right no. 74-324K, 74-326C, 74-328C, 74-804, 74-15444 and any subsequent splits (the "Water Right") shall remain appurtenant to the legal place of use described herein and shall not be subject to administrative actions to transfer or otherwise alienate the water from the land.
3. The diversion of water from the Lemhi River under water right no. 74-324K, 74-326C, 74-328C, 74-804, 74-15444 and any subsequent splits is permanently restricted under the water right subordination easement as follows:

- a. The Water Rights shall be regulated by the State of Idaho to limit the diversion of water under the Water Rights and any subsequent splits to contribute to target flows in the Lemhi River below the L-6 diversion of 35 cfs of water 80 percent of the time between March 15 and June 30 and 25 cfs 100 percent of the time between March 15 and November 15 each year maintained in the reach and as measured at USGS gage 13305310. This easement may be exercised independent of any other permanent flows secured to maintain flows beyond 25 cfs.
  - b. Delivery of the Water Rights will be restricted no more than 100 days per irrigation season, as directed by IWRB, even if the target flows are not met.
4. In the event that operations pursuant to this Water Right Subordination Easement or the Agreement shall be declared illegal or otherwise unenforceable for any reason and the Grantee is prevented from achieving the target flows by a court of competent jurisdiction, the parties shall execute such other instruments and make such other consideration, including but not limited to the purchase of the remainder of water right from the Grantors at fair market value so as to achieve the target flows in the Lemhi River as provided herein.
5. In the event the Owner meets the obligations of the terms of this Easement and the desired target flows are not reached during the March 15<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup> time period, IWRB shall hold harmless the Owner from all damages and liability resulting therefrom.

The parties executed this Water Right Subordination Easement on the date following their signatures.

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Rulon G Wellard (Grantor)

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Date

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025,  
by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Raybould, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board (Grantee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025,  
by \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_



## **AGREEMENT TO ADMINISTER SUBORDINATION EASEMENTS**

This Agreement entered into between Water District 74 (“WD 74”) and the State of Idaho through the Idaho Water Resource Board (“IWRB”), is made in reference to the following facts:

### **RECITALS**

- A. WD 74 delivers water from the Lemhi River to a point of diversion known as the L-6 Diversion.
- B. IWRB desires to maintain target flows at L-6, to facilitate migration of Chinook salmon and steelhead in the Lemhi River below the Lemhi L-6 diversion.
- C. IWRB has purchased permanent subordination easements from some irrigators on the Lemhi River. The subordination easements will allow 0.52 cfs of water to stay in the River during key times. The easements are attached as Attachment A and incorporated by this reference.
- D. IWRB wants to provide funding to WD 74 as compensation for ensuring that the target flows are reached in the Lemhi River below the L-6 diversion using the water rights with subordination easements.
- E. IWRB has secured funding through the Idaho Fish Accord – Idaho Water Transactions Fund for this Agreement.

WD 74 and IWRB agree as follows:

### **AGREEMENT**

#### **1. Scope of Work**

- A. Target flows have been established in the Lemhi River below the L-6 diversion of 35 cfs 80 percent of the time between March 15 and June 30, and 25 cfs 100 percent of the time between March 15 and November 15. The Watermaster will not divert permanently subordinated water right nos. **74-324K, 74-326C, 74-328C, 74-804 and 74-15444** to help achieve the target flows.
- B. WD 74 shall distribute funds paid by IWRB to secure watermaster services to administer the permanently subordinated water rights.

#### **2. Compensation**

IWRB shall pay to WD 74 an amount equal to twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) for each cfs for a total compensation of six thousand, two hundred forty dollars (\$6,240).

### **3. Operational Disputes**

It is the intent of the parties that WD 74 and the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") shall have responsibility for making administrative decisions regarding water distribution. In the event of a dispute between various water users regarding water rights subject to subordination easements owned by IWRB or other agreements where IWRB has secured control over water rights, WD 74 and IDWR shall make the final decision to resolve any outstanding disputes between water users.

### **4. General Terms and Conditions**

- A. WD 74 agrees to abide by all applicable terms and conditions contained in the "Standard Contract Provisions, Idaho Water Resource Board, attached as Attachment A and incorporated by this reference.
- B. The parties understand that this Agreement is based on circumstances existing today concerning the Lemhi River. The parties agree that, should circumstances require a modification of the parties' obligations, the parties will meet and renegotiate this Agreement in good faith.

### **5. Term**

This Agreement shall take effect on the date of execution by both parties and shall continue in perpetuity.

### **6. Duplicate Originals**

This Agreement is executed in duplicate. Each of the two Agreements with an original signature of each party shall be an original.

The parties signed this Agreement on the date following their respective signatures.

Carl Ellsworth, Chairman  
Water District 74

Jeff Raybould, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

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Date

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Date

DRAFT



**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
LOWER LEMHI RIVER PERMANENT  
SUBORDINATION AGREEMENTS FOR WATER  
RIGHT NOS. 74-324K, 74-326C, 74-328C, 74-  
804, 74-15444

RESOLUTION TO MAKE A FUNDING  
COMMITMENT

1 WHEREAS, Chinook salmon, steelhead, and bull trout habitat in the Lemhi River Basin is  
2 limited by low flow in the Lower Lemhi River; and  
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4 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State of Idaho to permanently reconnect the Lower  
5 Lemhi River to encourage recovery of ESA-listed Chinook salmon, steelhead, and bull trout; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho committed to maintaining flows of 25 cfs to 35 cfs at the L-  
8 6 Diversion on the Lower Lemhi River in the Lemhi Framework which was developed as part of  
9 the 2004 Snake River Water Rights Agreement; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the Lemhi Framework carries forward target goals which were included in  
12 earlier conservation agreements developed and approved by local water users, and state and  
13 federal agencies; and  
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15 WHEREAS, though enacting Idaho Code 42-1506 and 42-1765A, the Idaho Legislature  
16 directed the Board to establish a minimum streamflow water right of 35 cfs in the Lower Lemhi  
17 River to be met through water right rentals or other appropriate methods under state law; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board has the authority to enter into water right  
20 agreements and undertake water projects; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board is authorized to expend Bonneville Power  
23 Administration funds for flow restoration through the Columbia Basin Water Transaction  
24 Program and the Bonneville Fish Accord Water Transaction Fund; and  
25

26 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board promotes water transactions that maintain  
27 the local agricultural economy by retaining irrigated agriculture; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Board staff has developed short-term and permanent subordination  
30 agreements, also known as the Lemhi Subordination Agreements (agreements) with local water  
31 users to improve stream flow for anadromous and resident fish; and  
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33 WHEREAS, Board staff has developed a long-term subordination agreement to improve  
34 stream flow for anadromous and resident fish with owners of water rights 74-324K, 74-326C, 74-  
35 328C, 74-804 and 74-15444; and  
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37 WHEREAS, the water right owners desire to enter into subordination agreements that  
38 permanently limit their diversions during times of low flow; and  
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40 WHEREAS, for these agreements, the water users will continue to irrigate to their full  
41 extent when flows exceed the flow targets; and  
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43 WHEREAS, the Lemhi Subordination Agreements are in the public interest and in  
44 compliance with the State Water Plan.  
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46 WHEREAS, \$114,000 is available through the Idaho Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)  
47 Fish Accord Water Transaction Program or the Columbia Basin Water Transaction Program to  
48 fund the cost of said agreements; and  
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50 WHEREAS, \$6,240 is available through the Idaho (MOA)/Fish Accord Water Transaction  
51 Program or the Columbia Basin Water Transaction Program to fund the administration of said  
52 agreements by Water District 74; and  
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54 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes the Chairman to enter into  
55 permanent subordination agreements with the current or subsequent owners of water rights 74-  
56 324K, 74-326C, 74-328C, 74-804 and 74-15444 to subordinate their diversions from the Lemhi  
57 River to the IWRB's Lemhi River minimum streamflow water right (74-14993), using an amount  
58 not to exceed \$114,000.  
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60 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes the Chairman to enter into  
61 contracts with Water District 74 using administration funds in the amount of \$6,240.  
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63 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to the condition  
64 that the IWRB receives the requested funding from the Bonneville Power Administration through  
65 the Idaho (MOA)/Fish Accord Water Transaction Program or the Columbia Basin Water  
66 Transaction Program in the amount of \$120,240.  
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DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

# Memorandum

To: Idaho Water Resource Board  
From: Mike Morrison  
Date: May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Re: Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project



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**REQUIRED ACTION:** None

## Project Update

Project Status and Timeline: Construction of the transmission system is complete and the facility is operational. This includes completion of the pump station, intake, and pipeline to the Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB). Testing will be complete by May 28<sup>th</sup>, and Staff expects that any deficiencies noted during testing will be corrected in early June. Air Force personnel from the 366<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron are currently being trained to operate the pumpstation. The facilities will be ready for transfer to the Air Force before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

- **June 2025:** Acceptance Testing Complete.
- **July 1st 2025:** Hand-off to Air Force (Delayed by Air Force)

Transfer of Ownership/Gifting Delay: As of the date of this memo, it is unlikely that the Air Force will be ready to take ownership of the facility on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. On March 20, 2025, the Air Force notified IWRB Staff that the Air Force would not be ready to accept ownership of Board-constructed facilities by the planned July 1<sup>st</sup> handoff date. To date, the Air Force has not provided a date by which this review will be complete, but has informed Staff that it could take many months.

The Air Force has requested that the Board enter into a temporary operations and maintenance agreement under which the Air Force will operate, manage, and maintain Board-constructed facilities; however, the Air Force has not committed to executing this agreement before the schedule July 1 handoff date.

Staff is working closely with the Air Force to effect transfer of the facilities as soon as possible; however, little tangible progress has been made since the Air Force notified Staff of the delay two months ago.

Staff will keep the Board apprised of progress in this matter.



# MHAFB Water Resilience Project



## Project Update

Dr. Mike Morrison, P.E.

Water Planning/Projects Bureau Engineer



# Project Status

- The facility is operational.
- Testing and Commissioning are underway (May 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>)
- 366<sup>th</sup> CES Staff are currently being trained to run the pump station.
- Any deficiencies found during Testing/Commissioning will be corrected by early June.
- The Facility will be ready for handoff before July 1<sup>st</sup>; however,
- The Air Force has indicated that they will not be prepared to accept it on that date.



# Timeline

June 2025: Testing, Commissioning, and Training Complete.

July 1st 2025: Hand-off to Air Force.





# Pump Room





# Pump Room





# Electrical Room





Surge Tank will be cold-proofed!





# Air Force: Gift Package Delay

- On March 20, 2025 the Air Force notified the Board that it would not be ready to accept ownership of Board constructed facilities by the planned July 1<sup>st</sup> Handoff Date.



# Gift Package Delay: Mitigation Efforts

- Staff is working closely with the Air Force to minimize the delay; however:
  - The Air Force has not provided a date by which they will be able to accept the facilities.
  - The Air Force has proposed an operating agreement under which Air Force would be able to operate the pump station until they can accept the facilities.



Questions?





# MEMO



**To:** Idaho Water Resource Board  
**From:** Justin Ferguson  
**Date:** May 16, 2025  
**Subject:** Telemetry Grant Program Scoring & Recommendation

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**REQUIRED ACTION:** The Board will consider approval of the recommended grant applications for funding

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## Background

On November 22, 2024 the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) passed resolution 57-2024 adopting criteria to award grant funding for Telemetry & Monitoring equipment. The application deadline for the program was March 28<sup>th</sup> 2025; 11 applications were received and evaluated by Staff for consideration by the IWRB.

Funding for the program was awarded to the IWRB from the Bureau of Reclamation through the Investing in America – Inflation Reduction Act. The federal funding is intended to provide real-time information on both surface water and groundwater diversions, enabling more effective and efficient management of limited water supplies during periods of drought.

## Key Elements of the Criteria

Eligible Projects: Projects considered under this program are for the purchase of monitoring and telemetry equipment for both surface and groundwater diversions within the ESPA.

Eligible Entities: Groundwater Districts, Irrigation Districts, Irrigation Boards of Control, Canal Companies. Individuals must apply through one of the eligible entities.

Eligible Geographic Area: Projects are limited to diversions within the Eastern Snake River Plain Common Groundwater Boundary

Grant Award Limit: 50% cost share up to \$250,000 per application

- This program is focused on helping irrigators throughout the ESPA with the costs of purchasing telemetry and monitoring equipment for ground and surface water diversions
- Grant funding must be used for the purchase of Telemetry and/or Monitoring equipment
- All installation costs will be covered by the applicant as part of the in-kind/cost share portion

## Staff Recommendation

Staff have evaluated the applications according to the criteria adopted by IWRB. Staff recommend the IWRB approve the grant awards as specified in Attachment A to this resolution.

**Attachment(s):**

Attachment A – Applications Received & Funding Recommendation  
Proposed Telemetry & Monitoring Funding Resolution



## Attachment A

<b>Telemetry &amp; Monitoring Applications (3/2025)</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Funds Requested</b>	<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
Bingham GWD - Existing Well Telemetry Project	\$ 30,362.50	\$ 60,725.00	\$ 30,362.50
Bingham GWD - Ethos-developed Telemetry System Deployment	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 1,079,620.00	\$ 250,000.00
Fremont-Madison HFGWD - Groundwater Level & Recharge Telemetry	\$ 6,610.73	\$ 13,221.46	\$ 6,610.73
Minidoka Irrigation District - Moveable Flume Purchase	\$ 22,534.00	\$ 45,068.09	\$ 22,534.00
Milner Dam Inc. - Dam Piezometer & Observation Well Improvement	\$ 9,394.80	\$ 18,789.60	\$ 9,394.80
Magic Valley GWD - BID Soft Conversion Monitoring System Development	\$ 40,450.00	\$ 80,900.00	\$ 40,450.00
Southwest Irr. District - BID Soft Conversion Monitoring System Development	\$ 63,790.00	\$ 127,580.00	\$ 63,790.00
Southwest Irr. District - Milner Irr. District Flowmeter & Telemetry Equipment	\$ 43,900.00	\$ 87,800.00	\$ 43,900.00
Southwest Irr. District - Twin Falls Canal Co. Pump Station Telemetry Equipment	\$ 18,748.40	\$ 42,496.80	\$ 18,748.40
Southwest Irr. District - West Cassia Irr. LLC Telemetry Equipment Replacement	\$ 54,426.00	\$ 120,852.00	\$ 54,426.00
Twin Falls Canal Co. - 2025 Rubicon SlipMeter TAP 59 & TAP 3.5 Project	\$ 26,288.00	\$ 52,576.00	\$ 26,288.00
<b>Total Funds Requested</b>	<b>\$ 566,504.43</b>	<b>\$ 1,729,628.95</b>	<b>\$ 566,504.43</b>

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF RECLAMATION FUNDED  
IWRB TELEMETRY & MONITORING GRANTS

RESOLUTION TO AWARD FUNDS

1 WHEREAS, a resolution was adopted (Res. 57-2024) by the Idaho Water Resource Board  
2 (IWRB) on November 22, 2024 outlining criteria for the award of grants for the purchase of  
3 Telemetry & Monitoring Equipment and, to set an application deadline of March 28, 2025; and  
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5 WHEREAS, funding for the program was awarded to the IWRB from the Bureau of  
6 Reclamation through the Investing in America – Inflation Reduction Act; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the funds are intended to provide real-time information on both surface water  
9 and groundwater diversions, enabling more effective and efficient management of limited water  
10 supplies during periods of drought; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the program is an effort to promote water conservation efforts throughout  
13 the Eastern Snake River Plain (ESPA) supporting the 2024 SWC/IGWA agreement; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the program is focused on helping irrigators throughout the ESPA with the  
16 costs of purchasing telemetry and monitoring equipment for ground and surface water  
17 diversions; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the IWRB received eleven Telemetry & Monitoring Grant applications by the  
20 deadline. The applications were evaluated according to the criteria adopted by the IWRB; and  
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22 WHEREAS, on May 16, 2025, the Finance Committee met and discussed the applications,  
23 and recommended that the IWRB approve grant awards as specified in Attachment A to this  
24 resolution; and  
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26 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the award of Telemetry &  
27 Monitoring Grant funding as specified in Attachment A to this resolution not to exceed  
28 \$566,504.43.  
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30 NOW IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for the projects will be disbursed as funding  
31 is made available from the Bureau of Reclamation.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2025.

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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

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## Attachment A

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# Memorandum

**To:** Idaho Water Resource Board's Finance Committee

**From:** Cynthia Bridge Clark

**Date:** May 19, 2025

**Re:** ESPA Regional Water Sustainability Project



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**REQUIRED ACTION:** Consider a recommendation from the Finance Committee to add the ESPA Regional Water Sustainability Project to the Priority List.

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The IWRB maintains a list of priority Regional Water Sustainability Projects (RWSP Priority List). The RWSP Priority List is intended to help guide the IWRB's spending from state general funds, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, or other applicable sources for projects that support water supply sustainability on a regional, basin, or statewide scale. The IWRB also adopts criteria for inclusion of projects on the RWSP Priority List and has approved funding for projects on a case-by-case basis.

On April 14, 2025, the IWRB's Finance Committee recommended the addition of an ESPA Regional Water Sustainability Project to the RWSP Priority list to support projects and programs that contribute to aquifer stabilization. The Finance Committee also recommended the creation of specific ESPA RWSP activities to receive funding from the IWRB's Water Management Account to expedite development of water infrastructure, including but not limited to, programs and specific projects that support Surface Water Coalition measuring and monitoring capabilities, ESPA recharge infrastructure, ESPA groundwater to surface water conversion projects, and surface water operational efficiencies

**Attachment(s):**

- Draft Resolution to Add the ESPA Regional Water Sustainability Project to the Priority List

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF THE IDAHO WATER  
RESOURCE BOARD'S REGIONAL WATER  
SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS PRIORITY LIST

RESOLUTION TO ADD THE ESPA REGIONAL  
WATER SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT TO THE  
PRIORITY LIST

1           WHEREAS, since July 2021, the IWRB has maintained a list of priority Regional Water Sustainability  
2 Projects (RWSP Priority List). The RWSP Priority List is intended to help guide the IWRB's spending from  
3 state general funds, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, or other applicable sources for projects that  
4 support water supply sustainability on a regional, basin, or statewide scale. The IWRB also adopts criteria  
5 for inclusion of projects on the RWSP Priority List and has approved funding for projects on a case-by-case  
6 basis; and

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8           WHEREAS, on April 14, 2025, the IWRB's Finance Committee recommended the addition of an  
9 ESPA Regional Water Sustainability Project (RWSP) to the RWSP Priority list to support projects and  
10 programs that contribute to aquifer stabilization; and

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12           WHEREAS, the Finance Committee also recommended the creation of specific ESPA RWSP  
13 activities to receive funding from the IWRB's Water Management Account to expedite development of  
14 water infrastructure, including but not limited to, programs and specific projects that support Surface  
15 Water Coalition measuring and monitoring capabilities, ESPA recharge infrastructure, ESPA groundwater  
16 to surface water conversion projects, and surface water operational efficiencies; and

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18           WHEREAS, the 2025 Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 445, appropriated \$30 Million to the  
19 WMA to be used for planning, construction, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and improvement of water  
20 infrastructure throughout the state; and

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22           WHEREAS, HB 445 further directed that, for fiscal year 2026, fifty percent (50%) of the  
23 appropriation from HB 445 shall be allocated for use in IWRB district 3 and fifty percent (50%) in IWRB  
24 district 4 for the purpose of supporting the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan entered into by surface and  
25 ground water users on the Eastern Snake Plain; and

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27           NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the addition of the ESPA RWSP to the  
28 RWSP Priority list as recommended by the Finance Committee.

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30           NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB shall develop programs and identify  
31 specific projects under the ESPA RWSP and commit funding from the WMA, or other sources, to cover  
32 eligible projects.



DATED this 23rd day of May 2025.

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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

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DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

# Memorandum



To: Idaho Water Resource Board

From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau

Date: May 19, 2025

Re: Regional Water Sustainability Projects Priority List – criteria update

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**Action:** Consider resolution to adopt criteria

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## **Background**

In July 2021 the IWRB adopted an initial Regional Water Sustainability Priority List to help guide the Idaho Water Resource Board's (IWRB's) spending for large, regional water sustainability projects from ARPA funds, state general funds, or other applicable sources. The IWRB also, in January 2022, adopted a threshold criteria indicating that for a project to be included on the Regional Water Sustainability Priority List it must "help achieve water supply sustainability on a regional, basin-wide, or state wide basis."

On October 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 the IWRB adopted criteria for the inclusion of projects on the Regional Water Sustainability Projects Priority List (RWSP Priority List). The criteria include a process for how projects can be added, types of information required to be submitted in requests, considerations for inclusion, and a process for removing projects from the list.

Staff discussed proposed updates to the criteria with the Finance Committee on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025.

## **Attachment(s):**

Resolution w/proposed Updated Regional Water Sustainability Projects Priority List Criteria

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGIONAL  
WATER SUSTAINABILITY PRIORITY LIST

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CRITERIA

1 WHEREAS, since July 2021, the IWRB has maintained a list of priority Regional Water  
2 Sustainability Projects (RWSP Priority List). The RWSP Priority List is intended to help guide the  
3 IWRB's spending from state general funds, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, or other  
4 applicable sources for projects that support water supply sustainability on a regional, basin, or  
5 statewide scale. The IWRB also has approved funding for projects on a case-by-case basis; and  
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7 WHEREAS, on October 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 the IWRB adopted criteria for the inclusion of projects  
8 on the RWSP Priority List; and  
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10 WHEREAS, on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 the IWRB's Finance Committee met to recommend updated  
11 criteria for the inclusion of projects on the RWSP Priority List; and  
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13 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the attached criteria for the  
14 inclusion of projects on the RWSP Priority List.  
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DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2025.

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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary



## IWRB Regional Water Sustainability Projects Priority List

The IWRB maintains the [Regional Water Sustainability Projects Priority List](#) (List) to help guide spending for large, regional water sustainability projects from ARPA funds, state general funds, or other applicable sources. The IWRB will support implementation of water sustainability projects, including studies (collectively projects), that provide benefits on a regional, basin-wide, or statewide scale.

**Eligible Entities:** Irrigation Districts, Irrigation Boards of Control, Canal Companies, Drainage Districts, Groundwater Districts, Ditch Companies, Flood Control Districts, Regional Water Supply Organizations, Municipal Irrigation Districts (formed per Title 42, chapter 18, Idaho Code), Water Districts, cities, counties, and water-related stakeholders.

**Eligible Geographic Area:** Statewide.

**Eligible Projects:** The IWRB defines an eligible project as any new project that helps to achieve water sustainability on a regional basis. For purposes of this program, an eligible project does not include municipal drinking or wastewater systems.

**Expectations for inclusion on the list:** Inclusion on the List is not a funding commitment, but rather a recognition that the project has the potential to help achieve water sustainability. For projects that are included on the List, the IWRB may 1) help advocate for Federal funding opportunities for these projects, 2) facilitate state funding consideration, and 3) help with letters of support related to necessary funding and/or permitting authorizations.

To obtain funding from an existing grant, loan or other funding program, the Project Sponsor will be required to submit the requisite application(s), and the project will be considered for funding pursuant to the procedures and criteria of the program. Additionally, the IWRB may at its discretion assist the Project Sponsor in obtaining funding from other funding sources.

Each project on the List is unique and will have its own implementation timeline and milestones.

**Process for inclusion on the List:** There are two ways for a project to be included on the list: 1) Project Sponsors can submit a request to the IWRB for a project to be added to the List anytime throughout the year, and 2) the IWRB can add projects to the List at its discretion.

The IWRB Finance Committee will consider these requests and make a recommendation to the IWRB. The List will be reviewed annually at the regularly scheduled January IWRB meeting.

**Project Sponsors will provide the following information:**

- Cover letter with project summary.
- Project background (infrastructure description, repair, rehabilitation, improvement needs/objectives/benefits).

- Project Sponsor description (organization type, background, revenue sources, current operations).
- Project description (narrative, map, conceptual plan and design, land entitlements at project location, description of any known environmental issues).
- Cost estimate and budget.
- Project funding sources.
- Project implementation schedule.

**Considerations for inclusion on the list:**

- Project demonstrates broad stakeholder support, including legislative support.
- Project provides or contributes to resolution of long-standing water supply challenges or anticipated water use conflicts.
- Project provides sustainability benefits on a regional scale (basin-wide or statewide) based on geographic area or number of impacted individuals. Projects with multiple benefits may be prioritized.
- Project leads to stabilization and recovery of groundwater levels in basins where groundwater declines are occurring.
- Relative economic and public benefits including consideration of public benefits such as how the project:
  1. Protects existing water rights and uses identified in I.C. § 42-1760(2)(d), including consideration of the value of existing hydropower to the state's economy. I.C. § 42-1760(2)(d) states: Any project selected pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection must protect all existing water rights and consider the effects of such projects on other water uses, such as water quality, fish and wildlife, recreation, and hydropower, that provide economic value, stability, water sustainability, drought resiliency, and other benefits to the citizens of the state.
  2. Provides water for future development; and
  3. Addresses aging water storage and delivery infrastructure for projects that provide environmental, safety or recreational benefits

**How a project is removed from the List:**

- Project is fully funded and/or implemented.
- Sponsor of the project requests the project be removed.
- IWRB at its discretion removes project.

# Memorandum



To: Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB)

From: Neeley Miller

Date: May 19, 2025

Re: Proposed Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund – FY 2026 Budget

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**REQUIRED ACTION: Recommend** Consider resolution to adopt FY 2026 Secondary Aquifer Fund Budget

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Staff will discuss the FY 2026 proposed budget for the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund (Secondary Aquifer Fund). The Finance Committee met on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 and recommended the attached budget for consideration by the IWRB.

**Attachment:**

- 1) Resolution w/Attachment A: Proposed Secondary Aquifer Fund – FY 2026 Budget



**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

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

RESOLUTION TO PASS FISCAL YEAR 2026  
BUDGET

1 WHEREAS, House Bill 547 passed and approved by the 2014 Legislature allocates \$5 million  
2 annually through 2019 from the Cigarette Tax to the Idaho Water Resource Board's (IWRB) Secondary  
3 Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund (Secondary Aquifer Fund) for statewide aquifer  
4 stabilization; and

5 WHEREAS, House Bill 256 passed and approved by the 2019 Legislature allocated \$5 million in  
6 ongoing General Fund dollars to the IWRB's Secondary Aquifer Fund for statewide water sustainability  
7 and aquifer stabilization; and

8 WHEREAS, un-allocated funds already in the Secondary Aquifer Fund will be carried forward into  
9 the Fiscal Year 2026 budget; and

10 WHEREAS, many aquifers across Idaho are declining or have existing or potential conjunctive  
11 administration water use conflicts, including the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, Mountain Home Aquifer,  
12 Wood River Valley Aquifer, Big Lost Aquifer, Raft River Aquifer, Malad Valley Aquifer, Treasure Valley  
13 Aquifer, Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer, Palouse Basin Aquifer, Lewiston Plateau Aquifer, and others; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho relies on spring discharge from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer  
15 (ESPA) through the Thousand Springs to assist in meeting the minimum streamflow water rights at the  
16 Murphy Gage established under the Swan Falls Agreement; and

17 WHEREAS, prior to the initiation of significant aquifer stabilization efforts around 2014, the ESPA  
18 had been losing approximately 216,000 acre-feet annually from aquifer storage since the 1950's resulting  
19 in declining ground water levels in the aquifer and declining spring flows from the aquifer; and

20 WHEREAS, during parts of 2013 and 2014 flows at the Murphy Gage approached the minimum  
21 flow, and in 2015 flows at the Murphy Gage went below minimum flows; and

22 WHEREAS, the ESPA experienced conjunctive administration water use conflicts over the past two  
23 decades that had the potential to significantly impact Idaho's economy; and

24 WHEREAS, on June 30, 2015 members of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators entered into an  
25 agreement with the Surface Water Coalition whereby the ground water users agreed to reduce their  
26 consumptive use from the ESPA by 240,000 acre-feet annually and take other actions, and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Idaho Legislature passed and approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 138 supporting this agreement; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Plan includes a goal to accomplish managed recharge in the ESPA averaging 250,000 acre-feet annually; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Idaho Legislature passed and approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 136 directing the IWRB to develop the capacity to achieve 250,000 acre-feet of annual average managed recharge to the ESPA by December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the cities on the ESPA entered into an agreement with the Surface Water Coalition and the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators whereby the cities agreed to enhance the ESPA by an average of 7,650 acre-feet annually; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Idaho Legislature passed and approved House Concurrent Resolution 10 supporting this agreement; and

WHEREAS, the ground water use reduction and managed recharge are together designed to stabilize and then recover the ESPA; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2024 the members of the Surface Water Coalition and Ground Water Districts on the ESPA entered into a new settlement agreement that increases the Water Resource Board's annual ESPA recharge goal from 250,000 acre feet to 350,000 acre feet; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Idaho Legislature passed and approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 110 to express legislative support for the November 15, 2024 settlement agreement between the members of the Surface Water Coalition and Ground Water Districts along the Eastern Snake Plain. The legislation also expresses support for the ongoing efforts of the State of Idaho to address water supply challenges along the Eastern Snake plain and supports the Water Board's efforts to increase aquifer recharge goals from 250,000 acre feet to 350,000 acre feet; and

WHEREAS, a 2016 study commissioned by the IWRB predicts the growing Treasure Valley population could result in an increase in Domestic, Commercial, Municipal, and Industrial water-demand ranging from 109,000 to 188,000 acre-feet per year by the year 2065; and

WHEREAS, the IWRB approved development of the Treasure Valley Ground Water Model in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey to support future monitoring of ground water conditions, water use, and administration of ground water and surface water rights, and approved entering into an agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to complete the Boise River Storage Feasibility Study to provide additional water supply through new surface water storage, and

WHEREAS, conjunctive administration water delivery calls have been made in the Big and Little Wood River Basins against junior-priority upstream ground water uses; and

60 WHEREAS, the Mountain Home aquifer is being over-drafted by about 30,000 acre-feet annually;

61 WHEREAS, the deep aquifer in the Palouse Basin has been declining for decades despite  
62 aggressive conservation measures; and

63 WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources recently enacted Ground Water Management  
64 Areas in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, Big Wood River Aquifer, Malad Valley Aquifer, Mountain Home  
65 Aquifer and the Lewiston Plateau Aquifer in response to declining ground water levels in those aquifers;  
66 and

67 WHEREAS, ground water levels in many aquifers are inadequate to sustain a supply of water for  
68 surface and ground water irrigation, hydropower, municipal, industrial, and other uses, the curtailment  
69 of which would cause severe economic harm to Idaho's economy; and

70 WHEREAS, the 2016 Idaho Legislature passed and approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 137  
71 which recognized that stabilizing and enhancing aquifer levels is in public interest, and directs the IWRB  
72 to take actions in aquifers across the state to stabilize and enhance aquifer levels thereby maintaining  
73 water supply for consumptive and non-consumptive uses and minimizing harm to Idaho's economy arising  
74 from water supply shortages; and

75 WHEREAS, on May 12, 2025 the IWRB Finance Committee recommended the approval of a Fiscal  
76 Year 2026 Budget for the use of available funds in the Secondary Aquifer Fund for statewide water  
77 sustainability and aquifer stabilization purposes; and

78 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the  
79 continuously-appropriated Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund as  
80 shown in Attachment A to this resolution.

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget may be adjusted if necessary based on the actual  
82 amount of Cigarette Tax funds received, interest income received, or the actual amount of carry-over from  
83 Fiscal Year 2025.

84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expenditures for identified ESPA managed recharge operations,  
85 and investigations for further ESPA managed recharge capacity development may proceed with no further  
86 approvals; however, the IWRB shall be kept apprised of such expenditures.

87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expenditures for monitoring in support of the Treasure Valley  
88 model and Big Lost Ground Water Model, and for hydrologic studies/monitoring in the Portneuf Basin/  
89 Raft River Basin/Mid Snake Basin, for statewide surface water and aquifer monitoring, new monitoring  
90 wells and instrumentation for ESPAM data gaps, Palouse Aquifer monitoring, to support the settlement  
91 in the Wood River Basin, professional assistance for securing federal funding, and administrative expenses  
92 may proceed with no further approvals; however, the IWRB shall be kept apprised of such expenditures.



93 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expenditures for the Operations and Maintenance costs for the  
94 Cooperative Cloud Seeding Program may proceed with no further approvals; however, the IWRB shall be  
95 kept apprised of such expenditures. Further, it is the IWRB's stated goal that both the state and the water  
96 users financially participate with Idaho Power in the Cooperative Cloud Seeding Program.

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

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DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2025

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Jeff Raybould, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Dean Stevenson, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A:  
FY2026 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE SECONDARY AQUIFER FUND

Estimated Carry-Over From FY25	\$	5,191,425
General Fund (2026)	\$	5,000,000
HB547 funds - receipt of Cigarette Tax proceeds	\$	5,000,000
Estimated interest	\$	750,000
TOTAL	\$	15,941,425

Category		Sub-Category	FY26	
ESPA MANAGED RECHARGE PROGRAM				
ESPA Recharge Operations		Conveyance Cost	\$3,500,000	**
		O&M (equipment, supplies, operational fees, etc.)	\$200,000	
		Recharge Monitoring	\$750,000	
		TOTAL	\$4,450,000	
ESPA Recharge Investigations	Budgeted Investigations	Recharge site characterization & canal capacity investigations	\$250,000	
		TOTAL	\$250,000	
PROGRAM TOTAL			\$4,700,000	
CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM				
Operations & Maintenance	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	
	Boise River Basin	2024-2025 Project Operations - Aircraft & Remote Ground (=2/3 * \$1,079,000)	\$755,300	
	Collaborative Program	Estimated Water User Contributions (11.58%)	(\$442,910)	
	New Basins	Infrastructure, Investigations, Administration   Bear River Basin	\$1,906,000	*
	HCRCDC Program	2024-2025 Upper Snake Project Operations - Manual Ground	\$60,000	*
	Administration	Partnership Collaborations, Staff Travel, WMA/NAWMC Memberships	\$20,000	
	Technology	Administration   Operational Modeling and Computing (\$64K Total 50/50)	\$32,000	
TOTAL			\$4,253,290	
Capital	Weather Instrumentation	(Existing) Replacement/Enhancement/Upgrade	\$200,000	
		(Statewide) New Devices	\$0	
	Technology	(Infrastructure) Computing and Modeling	\$500,000	*
	Equipment	Remote Ground Generators	\$0	
TOTAL			\$700,000	
Research & Development	Technology & Investigations	(Development) Weather Instrumentation and Modeling	\$1,625,000	*
TOTAL			\$1,625,000	
Reserve			\$250,000	
CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM TOTAL			\$6,828,290	
TREASURE VALLEY				
Monitoring in support of the Treasure Valley model (annual)			\$150,000	
TOTAL			\$150,000	
RAFT RIVER				
Raft River Hydrologic Studies and Monitoring			\$50,000	
RAFT RIVER TOTAL			\$50,000	
PORTNEUF BASIN				
Portneuf Hydrogeologic Study (Year 3 of 4)			\$150,000	
TOTAL			\$150,000	
BEAR RIVER BASIN				
Water Sustainability			\$600,000	*
TOTAL			\$600,000	
LEMHI BASIN				
Support of Water Sustainability Initiatives per settlement			\$600,000	*
TOTAL			\$600,000	
MID-SNAKE BASIN				
Mid-Snake Water Quality Monitoring (annual)			\$50,000	
TOTAL			\$50,000	
PALOUSE BASIN				
Aquifer monitoring			\$200,000	
TOTAL			\$200,000	
MOUNTAIN HOME BASIN				
Groundwater Model Development Year 2 of 4			\$250,000	
TOTAL			\$250,000	
BIG LOST BASIN				
Monitoring in support of Big Lost model development (annual)			\$150,000	
TOTAL			\$150,000	
WOOD RIVER BASIN				
Conservation, infrastructure fund associated with settlement (year 1 of 3)			\$200,000	
Camas GW characterization, drilling, water levels associated with settlement (year 3 of 3)			\$0	
TOTAL			\$200,000	
HYDROLOGY ACTIVITIES				
ESPA monitoring			\$300,000	
Statewide surface water and aquifer monitoring			\$600,000	
New monitoring wells and instrumentation for ESPAM data gaps			\$100,000	
TOTAL			\$1,000,000	
STATEWIDE				
Professional Services (includes media & federal outreach services) and administrative costs			\$250,000	
TOTAL			\$250,000	
GRAND TOTAL			\$15,178,290	
Reserve for Work in Other Priority Aquifers Total			\$ 763,135	

\*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. Counting the current fiscal year (FY25) there is ~\$9.5 M reserved for future conveyance fees.

# Memorandum

**To:** Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB)

**From:** Cynthia Bridge Clark

**Date:** May 18, 2025

**Re:** Water Manage Account Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Spending Plan



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**REQUIRED ACTION:** Consider a draft Water Management Account spending plan for FY 2026.

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## **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 \$355 million to the IWRB's Water Management Account (WMA). 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 oversees grant programs focused on aging infrastructure, flood management, and groundwater to surface water conversion projects, utilizing appropriations and revolving development funds. The IWRB is also planning new grant programs targeting delivery system efficiency and capacity improvements, and monitoring and measurement activities.

## **Finance Committee Recommendation:**

On May 16, 2025, the IWRB's Finance Committee recommended a draft FY 2026 spending plan for the Water Management Account for consideration by the full IWRB. This plan incorporates the \$30 million ongoing appropriation authorized under House Bill 445, enacted during the 2025 legislative session. The legislation includes specific direction for FY 2026, requiring that the funds support implementation of the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan entered into by surface and ground water users on the Eastern Snake Plain. Additionally, it mandates that fifty percent (50%) of the appropriation for water projects be allocated to Board District 3 and fifty percent (50%) to Board District 4 in FY 2026.

## **Attachment(s):**

- Draft Resolution to Approve Water Management Account Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2026
- Resolution Attachment - Fiscal Year 2026 Water Management Account Spending Plan



**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF THE IDAHO WATER  
RESOURCE BOARD'S WATER MANAGEMENT  
ACCOUNT

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE WATER  
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT SPENDING PLAN  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

1 WHEREAS, the Water Management Account (WMA) was created pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-  
2 1760 and is administered by the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB); and

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4 WHEREAS, through House Bill (HB) 285, the 2019 Idaho Legislature appropriated \$20 Million to  
5 the WMA to be used for the Anderson Ranch Reservoir Enlargement (Anderson Ranch Dam Raise) or the  
6 Mountain Home Air Force Base Sustainable Water Project (MHAFB Project); and

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8 WHEREAS, HB 285 also made amendments to Idaho Code § 42-1760, which state, in part, that the  
9 Anderson Ranch Dam Raise, MHAFB Project, additional aquifer recharge infrastructure, and other projects  
10 selected by the IWRB may be undertaken with funds in the Water Management Account; and

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12 WHEREAS, through Senate Bill (SB) 1121, the 2021 Idaho Legislature appropriated \$50 Million to  
13 the Water Management Account; and

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15 WHEREAS, in March 2021, through Resolution No. 07-2021, the IWRB allocated funds  
16 appropriated under HB 285 and SB 1121 to the Anderson Ranch Dam Raise, MAHFB Project, Eastern Snake  
17 Plain Aquifer recharge infrastructure, and the Bear Lake Additional Water Storage project; and

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19 WHEREAS, the 2022 Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 769, appropriated \$75 Million to the  
20 WMA to be used for large water projects and directed the IWRB to use the funding for expenditures,  
21 loans, or grants for water projects, including studies, to address water sustainability, rehabilitate or  
22 improve aging water infrastructure, or support flood management; and

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24 WHEREAS, HB 769 further directed that no more than one-third of the moneys be used for grants  
25 and the IWRB shall use criteria that takes into account the public's input for the expenditures of money  
26 for grants, that is competitive, and prioritizes projects based on the public benefits they provide; and

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28 WHEREAS, HB 361, passed and approved by the 2023 Idaho Legislature, appropriated \$150M to  
29 the WMA for large water projects and specified that the funding be used for purposes similar to those  
30 specified in HB 769, including the requirement that no more than one-third of the money be used for  
31 grants; and

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33 WHEREAS, the 2024 Idaho Legislature, through SB 1411, appropriated \$30 Million to the WMA to  
34 be used for large water projects at the direction of the IWRB; and

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36 WHEREAS, the 2025 Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 445, appropriated \$30 Million to the

WMA to be used for planning, construction, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and improvement of water infrastructure throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, HB 445 further directed that of the \$30 Million appropriated in a single year, no more than fifty percent (50%) may be used within a single IWRB district, as defined in Idaho Code § 42-1732 unless there are not competing funding applications for water infrastructure projects in other districts for the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2026, fifty percent (50%) of the appropriation from HB 445 shall be allocated for use in IWRB district 3 and fifty percent (50%) in district 4 for the purpose of supporting the 2024 Stipulated Mitigation Plan entered into by surface and ground water users on the Eastern Snake Plain; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with HB 769 and 361 referenced above, the IWRB established the Aging Infrastructure Grant Program and, over five application rounds, awarded \$55,331,242 in grant money during fiscal years 2022 through 2025; and

WHEREAS, since July 2021, the IWRB has maintained a list of priority Regional Water Sustainability Projects (RWSP Priority List). The RWSP Priority List is intended to help guide the IWRB's spending from state general funds, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, or other applicable sources for projects that support water supply sustainability on a regional, basin, or statewide scale. The IWRB also adopts criteria for inclusion of projects on the RWSP Priority List and has approved funding for projects on a case-by-case basis; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2025, the IWRB's Finance Committee recommended the addition of an ESPA Regional Water Sustainability Project to the RWSP Priority list to support projects and programs that contribute to aquifer stabilization; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2025, the IWRB's Finance Committee recommended a spending plan for appropriations made to the WMA under the legislation referenced above, including estimated interest. The recommended WMA Spending Plan considers projects currently identified on the RWSP Priority List, Aging Infrastructure Grants, certain IWRB approved loans, and other potential projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, the recommended spending plan also allocates the \$30 million appropriation for programs and projects under the ESPA Regional Water Sustainability Project that meet the spending requirements defined in HB 445 for fiscal year 2026; and

WHEREAS, a number of projects on the RWSP Priority List were determined eligible for funding from ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund. Given that ARPA funding has specific federal and state spending requirements, the spending plan includes allocation of additional funds from the WMA to be used if additional funding is required for project completion or if it is determined that ARPA funds are not authorized for specific project tasks; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the attached WMA Spending Plan as recommended by the Finance Committee.

83           NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for projects identified in the attached spending  
84 plan and approved by the IWRB for funding from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund, the IWRB  
85 authorizes expenditures from the WMA to cover project activities deemed ineligible for ARPA funding.

DATED this 23rd day of May 2025.

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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary



**Idaho Water Resource Board - Water Management Account**  
**FY 2026 Spending Plan**  
*May 23, 2025*

**Appropriations for Regional Water Sustainability Projects, Loans, Aging Infrastructure & Other Grants**

FY 2020 (HB 285, Sec 1, Leg 2019)	\$20,000,000
FY 2022 (SB 1121, Sec 1, Leg 2021)	\$50,000,000
FY 2023 (HB 769, Sec 6, Leg 2022 - 1/3 or \$25M to be used for AI Grants)	\$75,000,000
FY 2024 (HB 361, Sec 1, Leg 2023 - 1/3 or \$50M to be used for AI Grants)	\$150,000,000
FY 2025 (SB 1411, Sec 3)	\$30,000,000
FY2026 (HB 445, Sec 4, Receive after July 1, 2025)	\$30,000,000
Interest Earned (as of March 2025)	\$26,283,323
<b>Total Appropriations:</b>	<b>\$381,283,323</b>

<b>Regional Water Sustainability Projects &amp; Other Large Projects</b>	<b>Budgeted Amount</b>
Anderson Ranch Dam Raise *	\$10,000,000
Bear Lake Additional Storage	\$2,000,000
City of Gooding - Little Wood River Channel Flood Control Project	\$4,000,000
City of Nampa Wastewater-to-Irrigation Reuse	\$3,000,000
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	\$100,000
Dworshak/Clearwater Pipeline (Governor's Initiative)	\$60,000,000
Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Improvement Projects	\$5,000,000
Lewiston Orchards Exchange Project *	\$1,287,000
Lost Valley Reservoir Enlargement - Planning	\$560,000
Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project *	\$10,000,000
Near Blackfoot to Minidoka Reach Gain Improvements Projects	\$5,000,000
North Fremont Canal Systems Phase 5 Pipeline Project	\$7,811,056
Palouse Basin Aquifer Water Supply Planning	\$5,000,000
Priest Lake Water Management Project	\$5,420,000
Priest Lake Outlet Dam Litigation	\$2,748,000
Raft River Pipeline Project	\$7,000,000
Thousand Springs Area Water Subordination Agreements	\$8,000,000
Statewide Recharge Infrastructure *	\$40,000,000
Treasure Valley Water Supply Assessment Project	\$474,320
Upper Payette Basin Storage Water Project	\$5,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$182,400,376</b>

*Projects listed in alphabetical order. \* Eligible for ARPA Funding.*

<b>ESPA Regional Water Sustainability Project FY 2026 Earmark (\$30M Appropriation) **</b>	<b>Budgeted Amount</b>
Surface Water Coalition Measuring & Monitoring Support Grant	\$1,000,000
ESPA Recharge Infrastructure	\$4,000,000
ESPA Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Projects Grant	\$20,000,000
Surface Water Operational Efficiencies Program	\$5,000,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$30,000,000</b>

*\*\* IWRB Districts 3 & 4 must receive 50% of FY2026 funding each. Additional funding may be available from pre-FY2026 appropriations.*

<b>Aging Infrastructure Grants ***</b>	<b>Budgeted Amount</b>
Round 1	\$12,500,000
Round 2	\$12,500,000
Round 3	\$11,083,621
Round 4	\$7,678,350
Round 5 (FY 2025)	\$11,569,271
Round 6 (scheduled FY 2026)	\$20,000,000
Round 7 (scheduled FY 2027)	\$20,000,000
<b>***Additional funding committed beyond initial \$75M appropriation for AIGs.</b>	<b>\$95,331,242</b>

<b>Loans, Grants, and Other Potential Needs</b>	<b>Budgeted Amount</b>
Loans Committed <i>(Funds will be available for reallocation upon repayment)</i>	\$20,996,333
Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Projects Grant (Round 1)	\$13,330,625
Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Projects Grant (Round 2)	\$6,669,374
Efficiency and Capacity Improvements to Canal Systems Grant	\$20,000,000
Statewide Monitoring and Measurement Grant	\$10,000,000
Other Regional Water Sustainability Projects, Loans, or Grants	\$2,555,373
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$73,551,705</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$381,283,323</b>



# Memorandum

To: Idaho Water Resource Board  
Date: May 16, 2025  
Re: ESPA Managed Recharge Program Update

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## I. IWRB Managed Recharge Summary

### IWRB Natural Flow Managed Recharge

The 2024/2025 IWRB recharge season started on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 when the IWRB's natural flow recharge water came into priority. A summary of recharge activities to date is provided below and can also be accessed at the webpage: <https://iwrbrecharge-idwr.hub.arcgis.com/>.

The IWRB recharge water rights went out of priority on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as various canals started this year's irrigation deliveries. Water District 01 determined water was available for managed recharge on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The Bureau of Reclamation flood control releases were increased such that the Minidoka Hydropower right of 2,700 cfs was met and water was released past Milner Dam. Water District 01 designated the water as releases from storage. The Lower Valley (below American Falls Reservoir) started managed recharge activities on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The Upper Valley (above American Falls Reservoir) water was able to start managed recharge as early as April 7<sup>th</sup>, due to the lag time determined by Water District 01 for the travel time of water from the Eastern part of the state to Milner Dam. IWRB recharge stopped on midnight of April 20<sup>th</sup> and water released from Milner Dam was stopped on the morning of April 21<sup>st</sup>. Again, due to the lag times managed recharge was stopped in the Upper Valley a maximum of 4 days before April 21<sup>st</sup> in the farthest reaches from Milner Dam.

A summary of recharge operations is included in Table 1 and shown in Figure 1. The higher diversion rates shown on Figure 1 when IWRB managed recharge starts is a result of normal adjustments as the operators adjust from the irrigation season to the recharge season. The IWRB chose to divert approximately 50% of the water available for managed recharge the remaining water was allowed to flow past Milner Dam for other beneficial uses from December 2<sup>nd</sup> through February 15<sup>th</sup>. During this period 36,585 acre-feet of water was released past the Milner Dam.

The IWRB's recharge water right on the Little Wood River (37-23110) came into priority on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Big Wood Canal Company started recharging at the Richfield Site off of the Dietrich Canal on March 6<sup>th</sup> and recharge was stopped on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### IWRB Recharge for the Cities

As part of the Cities-SWC agreement, the City of Pocatello transferred 5,210.6 af of storage water to the IWRB for managed recharge. Recharge began on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and completed by November 26<sup>th</sup>. The recharge was conducted utilizing Progressive Irrigation District's South Fork Recharge Basin site and the Reid Canal Company system.



**Table 1. IWRB Managed Recharge Program 2024/2024 Summary**

Water Source	Area	Start	# Days	Median Rate (cfs)	Total Recharged (Acre-feet)*
Snake River	Lower Valley	Oct. 22 - Mar. 25, Apr. 11 - Apr. 20	165	301	122,467
	Upper Valley	Apr. 7 – Apr. 17	11	439	7,665
	<b>Snake River Total</b>		<b>169</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>130,132</b>
Little Wood River	Lower Valley	Mar. 6 – Mar. 31	26	19	884
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>175</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>131,016</b>

\* As of May 16, 2025 – Reported recharge volumes and other data in the table are preliminary and subject to change.

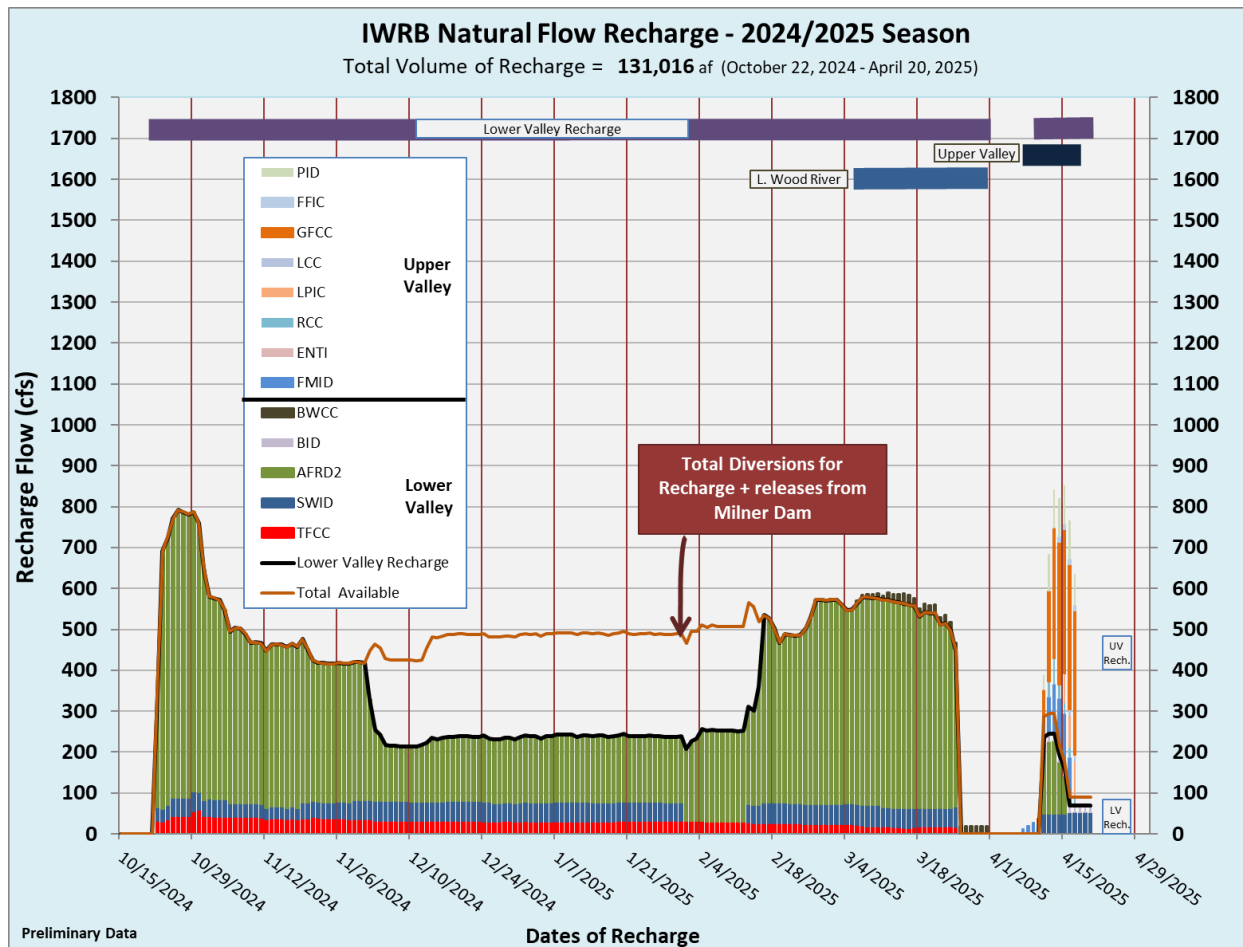


Figure 1. IWRB Recharge 2024/2025 season.

## **II. IWRB Managed Recharge Projects**

The IWRB has been actively developing managed recharge capacity throughout the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) since the start of the full-scale Program in 2014. Over the past ten years the IWRB has added over 2,300 cfs of recharge capacity across the ESPA, with only 300 cfs added in the Upper Valley (above American Falls).

The IWRB, since 2014, has been actively developing recharge capacity throughout the ESPA. The current focus is developing capacity in multiple geographic areas to provide both short- and long-term benefits to the aquifer and surface flows. The intent of the IWRB is to develop a program that can achieve the goals set by the Legislature and ensure the ESPA remains a sustainable water supply for Idaho.

**Table 2. Current IWRB ESPA Managed Recharge Capacity/Site Projects**

<b>IWRB Partner</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>IWRB Funds</b>	<b>Scheduled Completion</b>	<b>Description / Key Items</b>
Minidoka I.D.	Goyne Sump Recharge Project	Construction	Active	\$3,387,047	Fall 2026	<b>Improvement of Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funded 2022</li> <li>• Build diversion channel, improve pumps, and additional infrastructure during winter months 2023-2026.</li> </ul>
Southwest I.D.	Lambert Recharge Wells	Construction	Active	\$245,000	Spring 2026	<b>Additional Recharge Well(s)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funded 2022</li> <li>• Complete contract &amp; easements – Fall 2024</li> <li>• Well – drilled Winter 2024/2025</li> </ul>
Enterprize Canal Co.	Swan Hwy Recharge Project	Construction	Active	\$3,400,000	Fall 2025	<b>Site Construction &amp; Improvement of Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funded 2022</li> <li>• Construction of two recharge basins &amp; assist with capacity improvement</li> <li>• Canal Capacity improvements complete – Spring 2024</li> <li>• Completion of basins – Spring/Summer of 2025</li> </ul>
Enterprize Canal Co.	55th Road Recharge Site	Construction	Complete	\$1,700,000	Spring 2024	<b>Site Construction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funded 2023</li> <li>• Estimated recharge capacity 20-40 cfs</li> </ul>
New Sweden I.D.	Head of Basalt Recharge Site	Construction	Complete	\$1,330,000	Fall 2023	<b>Site Construction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funded 2023</li> <li>• Recharge capacity 15 cfs</li> <li>• Monitor well installed March 2025</li> </ul>
Butte & Market Lake Canal Co.	Poitivan Recharge Wells	Construction	Active	\$571,000	Spring 2025	<b>Two Additional Recharge Wells</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funded 2024</li> <li>• Wells – drilled Dec. 2024</li> <li>• Diversion works – Winter 2025</li> </ul>
Progressive I.D.	South Fork Recharge Site	Construction	Active	\$4,240,000	Spring 2025	<b>Site Construction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funded 2024</li> <li>• Basin constructed in Fall 2024</li> <li>• Recharge capacity 60 cfs</li> <li>• Finishing diversion works – Spring 2025</li> </ul>

IWRB Partner	Project Name	Project Type	Status	IWRB Funds	Scheduled Completion	Description / Key Items
Egin Bench Canal Co.	Egin Recharge Well Complex	Construction	Active	\$7,388,500	Winter 2026	<b>Site Construction &amp; Improvement of Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funded 2024</li> <li>10 additional recharge wells &amp; improvements to infrastructure to increase recharge capacity.</li> </ul>
Enterprize Canal Co.	55th Road Recharge Site Expansion	Construction	Active	\$2,388,587	Fall 2025	<b>Expansion of Current Site</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funded 2024</li> <li>Adding an additional 7 acres to the original 55th Road Site (8 acres).</li> </ul>
Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Co.	Vanderford Test Recharge Well	Construction	Active	\$296,500	Fall 2025	<b>Test Recharge Well</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funded 2024</li> <li>Test well to determine feasibility of recharge wells in this area.</li> <li>Conducted background water quality sampling.</li> </ul>
Peoples Canal Co.	Moreland Test Recharge Well	Construction	Active	\$135,000	Fall 2025	<b>Test Recharge Well</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funded 2024</li> <li>Test well to determine feasibility of recharge wells in this area.</li> <li>Conducted background water quality sampling.</li> </ul>
New Sweden I.D.	Great Western / Osgood Test Recharge Well	Construction	Active	\$250,000	Fall 2025	<b>Test Recharge Well</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funded 2024</li> <li>Test well to determine feasibility of recharge wells in this area</li> <li>Conducted background water quality sampling.</li> </ul>
New Sweden I.D.	Head of Basalt Recharge Well	Construction	Active	\$256,000	Spring 2025	<b>Test Recharge Well</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funded 2024</li> <li>Test well to determine feasibility of recharge wells in this area.</li> <li>Conducted background water quality sampling.</li> <li>Well drilled January 2025.</li> <li>Monitor well drilled March 2025</li> </ul>



# Memorandum

To: Idaho Water Resource Board

Date: May 19, 2025

Re: ESPA Managed Recharge Infrastructure – Bingham GWD Recharge Facility Proposal



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**REQUIRED ACTION:** The Idaho Water Resource Board will consider funding for the Bingham GWD Recharge Facility Proposal.

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The Bingham Ground Water District (BGWD) has submitted a proposal for a recharge facility. The development of this facility is to support groundwater pumpers in meeting the requirements of the mitigation plan for the 2024 SWC Settlement Agreement. The following memo provides a summary of the proposal and a staff review of the proposed recharge site.

## I. Project Proposal

BGWD is requesting \$2.5 million in funding to support the development of the recharge facility. This phase includes purchasing the land and the design / planning of the facility. The breakdown of requested funds is as follows:

Expense Category	Estimated Cost
Land Acquisition (112 acres)	\$2,400,000
Engineering and Planning	\$100,000
<b>Total Grant Request</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>

The proposed site is situated between the main Aberdeen Springfield canal (estimated capacity of 1,100 cfs), and People's main canal (estimated capacity of 300 cfs) (Figure 1). The BGWD is in the process of obtaining letters of endorsement for recharge deliveries to the Facility from both irrigation entities.

BGWD submitted a Uniform Agricultural Appraisal Report valuing the land at \$2,410,000. Various recharge methods are being evaluated, and the proposed facility will likely involve a combination of trenching, basin construction, and recharge wells. The goal is to implement the most effective recharge approach while adhering to all applicable rules and regulations. Minimizing material haul-off is a priority, and the proposed engineering study will assist in determining the infrastructure development plans.

BGWD is requesting the full \$2,500,000 for this phase of the project. Upon completion of the facility the IWRB would have use of 50% of the facilities' capacity up to a maximum of 45 cfs.

## II. MAR Site Summary

Est. Recharge Capacity:	145 cfs	Canal:	Peoples & Aberdeen Springfield
Size (ac):	112 ac	Delivery System:	PCC & ASCC
5-yr Retention:	18%	50% Response Time:	12 – 16 months
Depth to Water:	60 ft. – 90 ft.	Ownership:	Private

The majority of the water recharged at this site would return to the Near Blackfoot to Neeley reach (~61%) and the Shelley to Near Blackfoot reach (~30%) of the Snake River. Time required for 50% of the recharged water to discharge to the Snake River is 3-4 trimesters or 12-16 months.

ESPAM 2.2. and ETRAN V3.4. were used to determine the 5-year retention, 50% response time, percent return to various reaches of the Snake River, and the time required for 50% of the water recharge to return to the Snake River.

## III. Hydrogeology Summary

The subsurface geology from well logs show sand / gravel and basalt at the site and to the east, whereas to the west of the is predominantly basalt. A clay unit is found in most of the wells at an elevation of approximately 4,460 feet (often in the first 50 feet of the well). Reports of fractured basalt underneath the clay unit are not uncommon in the well logs. Figures 2 and 3 provide geological cross-sections over the proposed site.

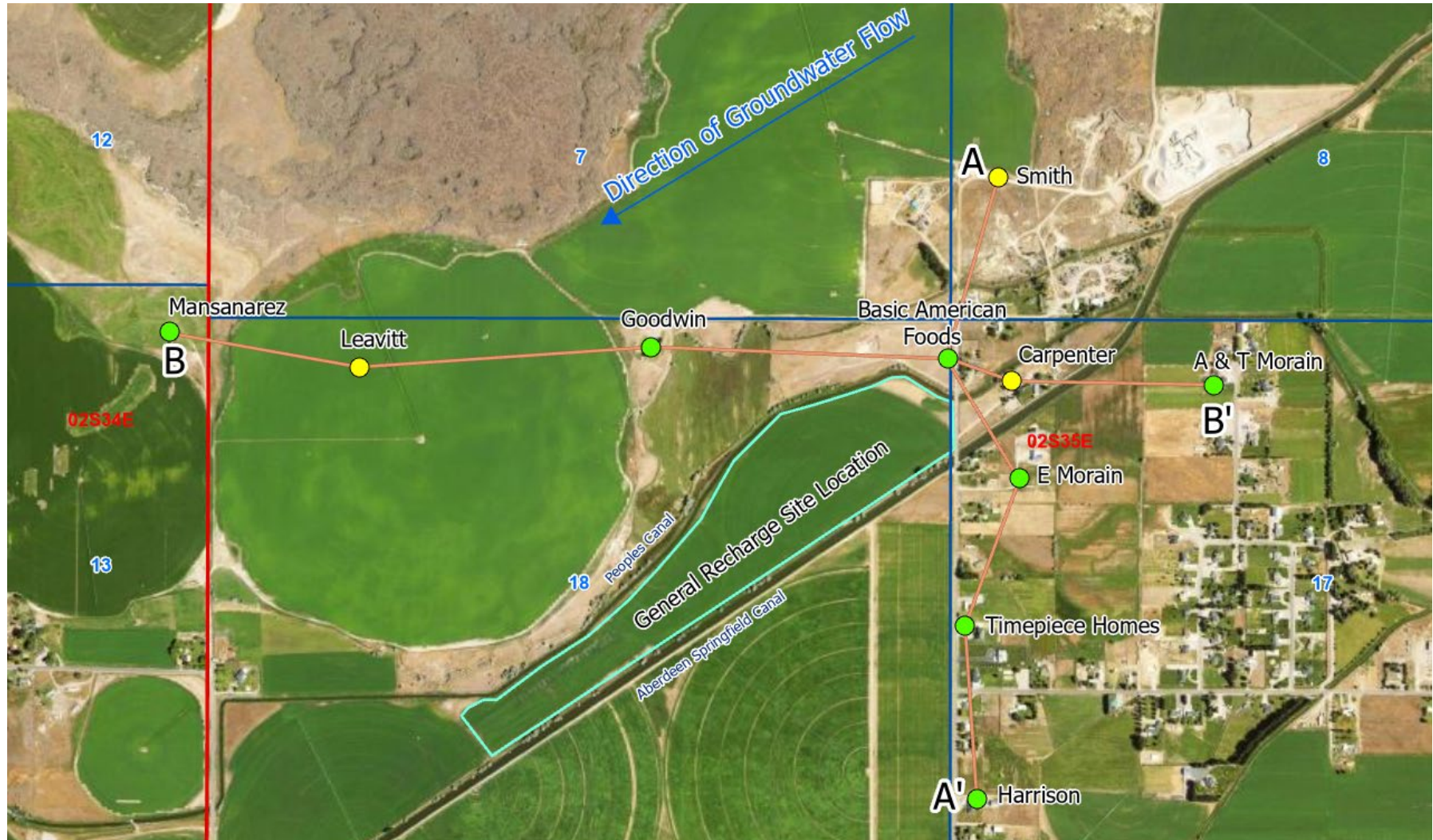
## IV. Site Vicinity

To obtain an approved groundwater monitoring plan from IDEQ or to permit an injection well from the IDWR UIC program a review of facilities and potential areas of concern is usually required. A review of IDEQ's Source Water Assessment and Protection map showed the following facilities:

- Four RCRA sites are within approximately 2 miles of the proposed site.
- Two dairies are located within 1-2 miles to the northeast of the proposed site.
- An adjacent parcel to the south of the proposed site is a water reuse site with an Underground Storage Tank.
- Two feedlots are in the area one 0.25 mi to the southwest, and another 2 mi to the northeast of the project.
- A landfill is located less than 1 mi to the southwest.

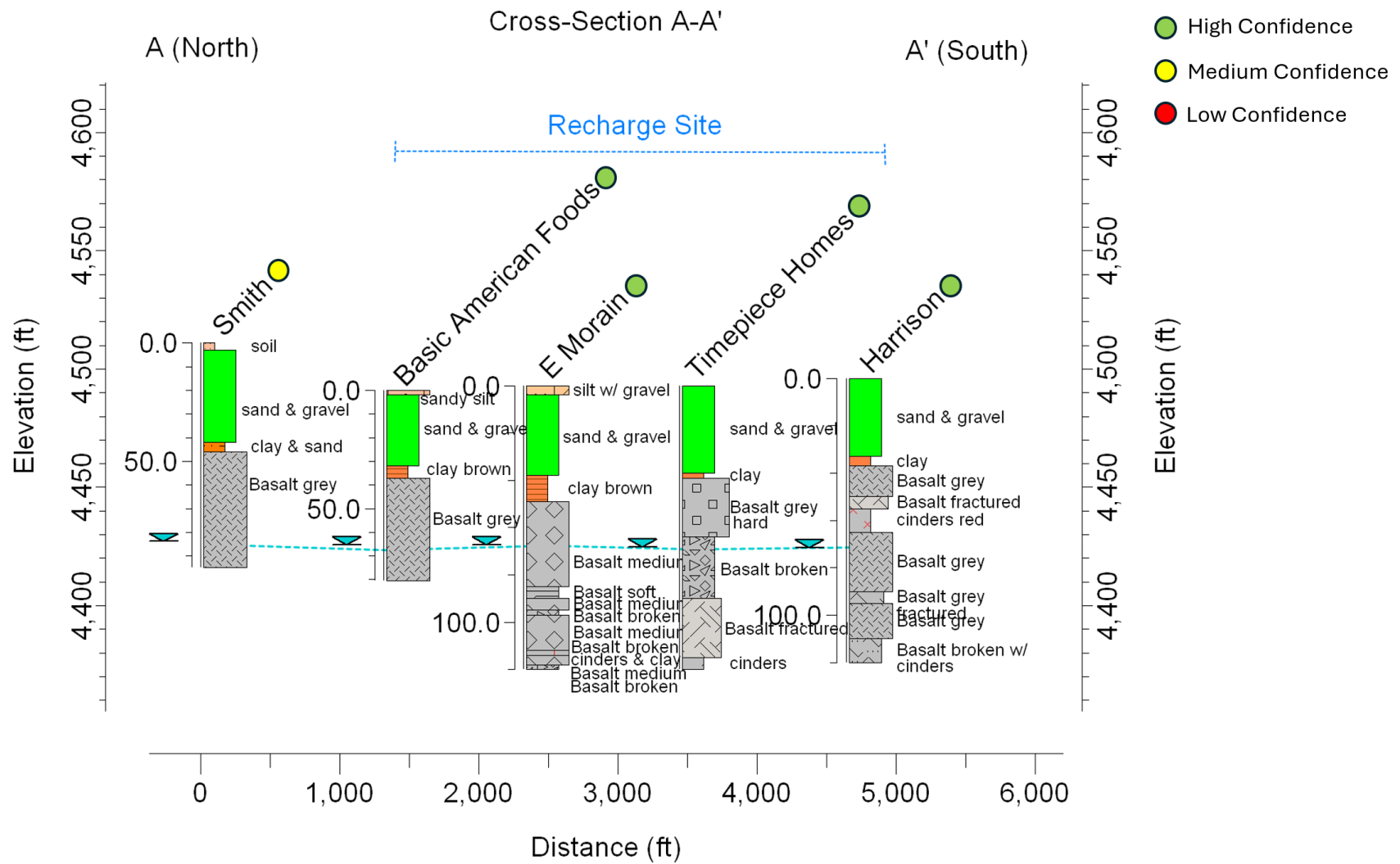
An additional water quality consideration for both IDEQ and the UIC Program is the locations of Public Water Systems (PWS) near the site. This site is within the 3-year time of travel zone for the following Public Water Systems:

- Johnson Mobile Village (PWS #6060039),
- East Moreland Water Company (PWS #6060014),
- Moreland Water and Sewer District (PWS #6060117),
- Riverside Estates (PWS #6060059),
- JSD Water Company (PWS #6060037),
- Pioneer Acres (PWS #6060056).

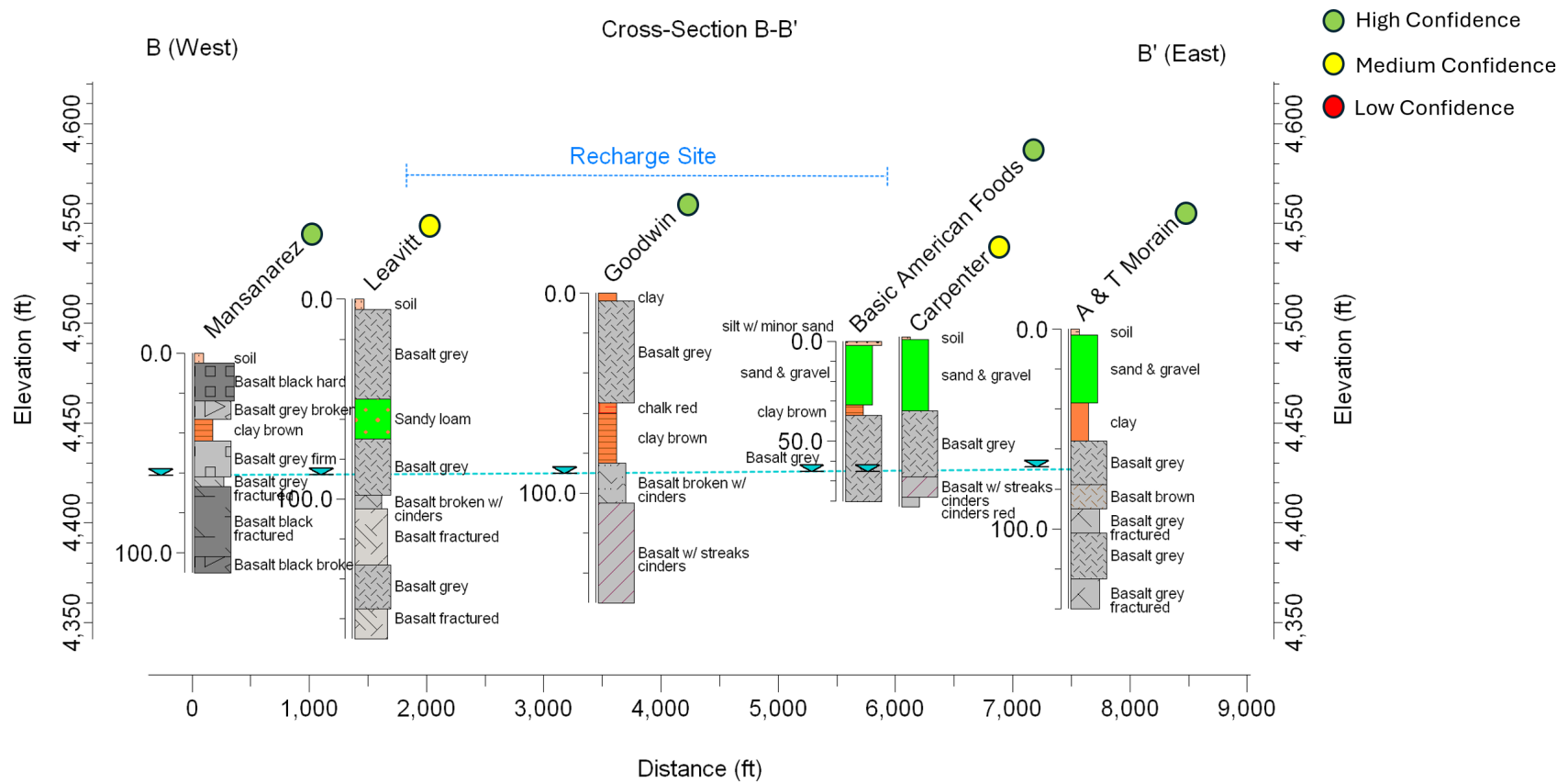


**Figure 1.** Locations of proposed site and wells used for geology cross-sections.





**Figure 2.** Geology cross-section from north to south.



**Figure 3.** Geology cross-section from west to east.

Proposed Site

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF BINGHAM GROUNDWATER  
DISTRICT RECHARGE FACILITY

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDS FROM THE  
WATER MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT AND  
PROVIDE SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

1 WHEREAS, about one-third of Idaho's population resides on the Eastern Snake Plain and the  
2 Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) is the primary source of drinking water for both cities and most rural  
3 residents of the Eastern Snake Plain; and  
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5 WHEREAS, numerous factors, including drought, have contributed to the loss of approximately  
6 216,000 acre-feet of storage annually from ESPA since the 1950's resulting in declining groundwater levels  
7 in the aquifer and reduced spring flows to the Snake River; and  
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9 WHEREAS, implementation of managed recharge on the ESPA will assist in the stabilization and  
10 improvement of aquifer levels to protect municipal and domestic drinking water supplies, support  
11 agriculture and other industries important to the state economy, and help address variability in climatic  
12 conditions, including drought; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the 2025 Idaho Legislature passed and approved Concurrent Resolution 110 directing  
15 the IWRB to increase the annual recharge goal for the IWRB ESPA Managed Recharge Program from  
16 250,000 acre-feet to 350,000 acre-feet on average; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the Surface Water Coalition and the Groundwater Districts executed the 2024  
19 Stipulated Mitigation Plan to supersede the 2015 agreement and continue groundwater conservation,  
20 managed aquifer recharge, and mitigation activities by water users; and  
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22 WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 42-1760 authorizes the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) to expend,  
23 loan, or grant money from the Water Management Account for water projects that conserve or increase  
24 water supply, improve drought resiliency, address water sustainability, or support flood management,  
25 including the identification, study, and construction of managed aquifer recharge sites above Milner dam;  
26 and  
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28 WHEREAS, Bingham Groundwater District presented a proposal to the IWRB seeking funding to  
29 assist in the development of a managed aquifer recharge facility to increase recharge in the Blackfoot to  
30 Neeley reach of the Snake River (Project); specifically for the acquisition of land, engineering assessments  
31 and feasibility studies for a proposed cost of \$2,500,000.  
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33 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes expenditure of up to \$2,500,000 from  
34 the Water Management Account for the purchase of land and engineering studies associated with the  
35 Project.  
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37 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or designee, to  
38 execute the necessary agreements or contracts for the purpose of this resolution.

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

DATED this 23rd day of May 2025.

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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

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Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Memorandum

To: Idaho Water Resource Board  
From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau  
Date: May 19, 2025  
Re: Cloud Seeding Program

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**Action:** no action at this time

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Brian Patton will provide an update on the Cloud Seeding Program.

# Memorandum



To: Idaho Water Resource Board  
From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau  
Date: May 19, 2025  
Re: Aging Infrastructure Grant criteria - update

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Action: Consider resolution to adopt Aging Infrastructure criteria

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Staff will discuss the proposed update to the Aging Infrastructure Grant criteria.

**Attachment(s):**

Resolution w/proposed Aging Infrastructure criteria

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF AGING WATER  
INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CRITERIA

1 WHEREAS, BILL 769 passed and approved in 2022 by the Idaho Legislature appropriates  
2 to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) \$25,000,000 to be used to rehabilitate or improve  
3 aging water infrastructure; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Bill 361 passed and approved in 2023 by the Idaho Legislature appropriated to  
6 the IWRB \$50,000,000 to be used to rehabilitate or improve aging water infrastructure; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature provided that these moneys shall be used for grants and  
9 directed the IWRB to develop criteria, taking into account the public's input for the expenditures  
10 of money for grants, which shall be competitive, matching grants that prioritize projects based  
11 on the public benefits they provide. Considerations of public benefits should include the  
12 protection of existing water rights, the uses identified in Section 42-1760(2)(d), Idaho Code,  
13 which include consideration of the value of existing hydropower to the state's economy,  
14 providing water for future development, and addressing aging water storage and delivery  
15 infrastructure for projects that provide environmental, safety, or recreational benefits; and  
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17 WHEREAS, staff prepared an updated criteria for the award for Aging Infrastructure  
18 Grants based upon feedback from previous funding rounds; and  
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20 WHEREAS, on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 the IWRB's Finance Committee met to discuss the updated  
21 Aging Infrastructure Grant criteria developed by staff. The Finance Committee recommended  
22 the attached criteria be adopted by the IWRB; and  
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24 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the attached criteria for the  
25 award of Aging Infrastructure Grants.  
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27 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB sets a budget for this  
28 upcoming round (round 6) of Aging Infrastructure Grants at \$20,000,000 and sets an application  
29 deadline of August 1, 2025.  
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DATED this 23<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary





## IWRB Aging Infrastructure Grant Criteria

The Idaho legislature has appropriated to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) funding to be used for grants for water projects to ***rehabilitate or improve aging water infrastructure***.

Projects that rehabilitate or improve Idaho's water infrastructure support the Idaho economy, provide economic value, and ensure long-term water resource stability and sustainability. The IWRB has developed these criteria to provide financial assistance on a statewide competitive basis through grants to eligible entities interested in pursuing eligible projects to rehabilitate or improve aging water infrastructure.

**Eligible Projects:** 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. Water efficiency projects that reduce incidental recharge will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

**Ineligible Projects:**

- Projects that are already completed or underway by the application deadline
- Municipal drinking or wastewater systems

**Eligible Entities:** Irrigation Districts, Irrigation Boards of Control, Canal Companies, Drainage Districts, Groundwater Districts, Ditch Companies, Lateral Ditch Users Associations, Reservoir Districts, Municipal Irrigation Districts (formed per Title 42, chapter 18, Idaho Code), Municipalities, Counties and Water Districts

**Eligible Geographic Area:** Statewide

**Program Budget:** 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.

**Funding Details:**

- Funding Details: Up to \$2,000,000 per project; one project per application
- IWRB grant portion cannot exceed 50% of total project costs
- Legal/Administrative services are limited to 5% of total project costs
- Costs incurred prior to the grant award date are not eligible for reimbursement
- Reimbursement requests can be made once a cost-reimbursement contract is established between the applicant and IWRB
- Reimbursement of invoices will not surpass 50% of the invoice amount submitted to Board Staff.

- Contract term will not exceed 3 years after the grant funding award (date of IWRB Resolution) unless an extension is approved by IWRB's contract manager
- Funds may be reallocated if a project is not completed within the term of the cost-reimbursement contract, or if no response is received by the applicant within a calendar year after the grant award date

**Application Requirements:** For the grant proposal to be considered, the following must be provided:

- A cover letter that is addressed to the IWRB and with the applicant's letterhead. The letter must contain a project summary and the project manager's contact information. The summary must include the funding request dollar amount and expected total project cost.
- An application containing the following:
- Addresses all evaluation criteria described below
- Required regulatory approval and permit documents; if project has not yet received permit documents, note this in the application's project schedule.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Grant applications submitted by eligible entities for eligible projects will be evaluated, scored (*120-point scale*), and ranked according to the following criteria. Project scoring will be used to prioritize funding. Applications shall discuss how the project under consideration meets the evaluation criteria.

Project Details (*up to 50 points*)

- Project applicant: Description of the applicant that includes organization type, background, revenue sources, and current operations. (*10 points*)
- Project proposal: Description of the project, where it will occur, and its benefits. Include pictures of the existing infrastructure (if applicable), and maps of the project area that have county and coordinate information. (*10 points*)
- Project schedule: The project's timeline of important milestones, such as obtaining funds, permitting, and construction. The time to complete the project is irrelevant, grading only pertains to the quality of the schedule. (*10 points*)
- Plans and specifications: Relevant drawings and material specifications for construction. (*10 points*)
- Project team: The organization(s) and personnel involved in completing the project. Provide the roles, time commitment, and relevant experience. (*10 points*)

Urgency of Project (*up to 20 points*)

- Urgency of the project (e.g., infrastructure age, infrastructure function) (*20 points*)

Public Interest of Project (*up to 30 points*)

- Economic values supported by the existing and/or additional infrastructure. This includes consideration of the communities, irrigated acres, provision of water for future development and economic activity served by the water infrastructure. (*15 points*)
- Uses/benefits identified in Section 42-1760(2)(d), Idaho Code. (*15 points*):
  - water quality
  - fish and wildlife
  - recreation
  - hydropower
  - water supply stability and sustainability

- drought resiliency
- public safety
- other benefits to the citizens of the State

**Budget Planning and Cost-Effectiveness (up to 20 points)**

- Cost-effectiveness of the project compared to other options explored by the applicant. (10 points)
- Cost estimate describing all foreseen costs of materials and labor, as well as justification for those costs. Include all sources of funding for the project and their amounts. (10 points)

**Grant Process:**

- IWRB staff presents funding recommendations to IWRB Finance Committee
- Funding awarded at the IWRB meeting
- IWRB staff will notify project applicants of grant approval and will administer cost-reimbursement contracts
- IWRB will reimburse grantees for project costs upon submittal of funding reimbursement request

**Cost-Reimbursement Process:**

- Funds will be distributed upon the applicant submitting funding reimbursement requests to the IWRB
- The applicant's funding requests shall include a cover letter which shall include a description of the project activities, dates for performing the project activities, and contractor or supplier invoices
- The Board will review and upon approval, pay invoices in accordance with Idaho Code § 67-2302
- In-kind services, labor, and materials must be invoiced to the applicant to be eligible for reimbursement
- The Board shall determine the value of in-kind contributions of materials and labor
- A certificate of project completion and a financial summary of the total project cost shall be issued by the applicant in order to receive final reimbursement

**Application Submission:**

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**IWRB Districts are as follows:**

District No. 1: Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis and Idaho counties.

District No. 2: Adams, Valley, Washington, Payette, Gem, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore and Owyhee counties.

District No. 3: Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia, Blaine, Lincoln, Minidoka, Lemhi, Custer and Butte counties.

District No. 4: Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bingham, Bonneville, Power, Bannock, Caribou, Oneida, Franklin and Bear Lake counties.

*\* 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.*



# Memorandum



To: Idaho Water Resource Board

From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau

Date: May 19, 2025

Re: ESPA Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Grant Criteria

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**Action:** Consider resolution to adopt criteria

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Staff will discuss draft criteria for a new grant funding opportunity to be used for water projects targeted at converting lands irrigated from groundwater to surface water irrigation on the ESPA.

**Attachment(s):**

Resolution w/proposed criteria

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF ESPA GROUNDWATER  
TO SURFACE WATER CONVERSION GRANTS

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CRITERIA

1 WHEREAS, as part of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Regional Water Sustainability  
2 Project the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) is budgeting \$20,000,000 for a new ESPA  
3 Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion grant from the Water Management Account in FY  
4 2026; and

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6 WHEREAS, staff developed criteria for the award of ESPA Groundwater to Surface Water  
7 Grants; and

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9 WHEREAS, on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 the IWRB's Finance Committee met to discuss the proposed  
10 criteria developed by staff. The Finance Committee recommended the attached criteria be  
11 adopted by the IWRB; and

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13 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the attached criteria for the  
14 award of ESPA Groundwater to Surface Water Grants from the Water Management Account.

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16 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB sets an application deadline  
17 of August 1, 2025.

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DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2025.

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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

## **ESPA Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Grant Criteria**

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) is offering grant funding to be used for water projects targeted at converting lands irrigated from groundwater to surface water irrigation (Conversion Projects).

**Eligible Projects:** Projects located in eligible geographic areas that propose to convert from groundwater to surface water irrigation. Hard Conversions are projects that would permanently convert to the use of surface water. Soft Conversions projects would partially convert to the use of surface water but may have to use groundwater when surface water is not available.

**Eligible Entities:** **Groundwater** Districts, Irrigation Districts, Irrigation Boards of Control, Canal Companies. Individuals must apply through one of the eligible entities.

**Eligible Geographic Area:** Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) area of common groundwater supply

### **Grant Considerations:**

- IWRB grant portion cannot exceed (50%) of total project costs for soft conversions. IWRB grant portion cannot exceed (75%) of total project costs for hard conversions.
- Must agree to cease pumping the proposed portion of groundwater related to project and that delivered conversion water will be used only on lands with an existing groundwater right tied to this project. Groundwater rights previously used on the conversion project lands cannot be put in the Water Bank for lease.
- If project construction is underway or completed by the application deadline the project is not eligible for this funding opportunity. Although projects that have previously been awarded conversion grant funding are eligible to apply for additional funding.

**Grant Application Requirements:** Grant applications will require the applicant to provide the following information:

- Project background (infrastructure description, repair, rehabilitation, improvement needs/objectives/benefits)
- Project sponsor description (organization type, background, revenue sources, current operations)
- Project description (narrative, map, 30% design plans and cost estimates, land entitlements at project location, description of any known environmental issues).
- Project budget and implementation schedule
- Project funding sources (IWRB grant, other state and federal grants, sponsor's contribution)
- If not directly diverting from a river, documentation is required from Irrigation District/Canal Company of support for the project and agreement to deliver the surface water supply for the conversion project, and documentation of long-term leases, storage water, existing shares, etc. to support the proposed project.

Documentation should address the term of the surface water delivery agreement and how often water will be available to support the project.

- Documentation from Groundwater District of support for the project and agreement to administer the pumping reduction.

**Evaluation Criteria:** To maximize the effective and efficient use of available funds, grant applications submitted by eligible entities for eligible projects will be evaluated, scored (*100-point scale*), and ranked according to the following criteria. Project scoring will be used to prioritize funding. Applications shall discuss how the project under consideration meets the evaluation criteria.

Benefits/Effectiveness (Up to 75 points)

- Project with a greater percentage of pumping offset will receive more points (up to 15 points)
- The application demonstrates a reduction in average annual groundwater pumping in acre-feet associated with this project. (Up to 10 points)
- The applicant demonstrates the dependability of the surface water supply in terms of quantity and seasonal availability. (up to 5 points)
- Applicant has demonstrated aquifer storage benefits and/or reach gain benefits associated with the project? Applicants should submit modeling results to support their claims. (up to 20 points)
- The applicant demonstrates the project involves multiple entities, or is the project regionally focused. (up to 5 points)
- The project includes a recharge component. (up to 10 points)
- More points for conversions that are greater than 85% efficient. (up to 10 points)

Project Proposal Clarity and Detail (up to 15 points)

- Clarity and detail of project proposal: need, description, budget and benefits (*up to 5 points*)
- Plans and specifications included with the grant application (*up to 5 points*)
- Description of the personnel (sponsor employees, contractors and/or volunteers) that will plan, design, construct and implement the proposed project (descriptions may include the number, qualifications (resumes if applicable) and time of personnel that will be involved in the project. (*up to 5 points*)

Urgency of Project (up to 10 points)

- Urgency of the project – The project is necessary to avoid curtailment or to help support a settlement (*up to 10 points*)



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**Grant Process:**

- IWRB staff present funding recommendations to IWRB Finance Committee
- Funding awarded at a regular IWRB meeting
- IWRB staff will notify project applicants of grant approval and will administer cost-reimbursement contracts
- IWRB will reimburse grantees for project costs upon submittal of funding reimbursement request

**Cost-Reimbursement Process:**

- Funds will be distributed upon applicant submitting funding reimbursement requests to the IWRB
- Applicant funding requests shall include a cover letter which shall include a description of the project activities, dates for performing the project activities, and contractor or supplier invoices
- In-kind services, labor, and materials must be invoiced to applicant to be eligible for reimbursement
- Invoices should be sent to [IdwrPayable@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:IdwrPayable@idwr.idaho.gov)
- A certificate of project completion shall be issued by the applicant in order to receive final reimbursement

# Memorandum



To: Idaho Water Resource Board

From: *Justin Ferguson, Project Manager*

Date: April 21, 2025

Re: *DRAFT – Surface Water Operational Efficiencies Program Administration Guidelines and Qualification Criteria*

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## **Program Description**

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) has allocated funding to help surface water entities throughout the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer (ESPA) area implement innovative operational efficiencies in an effort to improve the demand for surface water. Applications for funding for this program will be accepted year-round.

### **Program Focus:**

Projects considered under this program include purchasing and installing equipment, conducting efficiency studies, and/or other activities designed to improve operational efficiencies that result in reduction in the demand for surface water.

### **Geographic Area**

Limited to surface water diversions within the Snake River Plain Aquifer Area of Common Groundwater Supply are eligible for this program

### **Application Requirements:**

Surface water operational efficiencies funding applications need to include the following criteria:

#### **Efficiency Results Likely to Be Achieved**

- What are the proposed project goals and how will the project improve operational efficiency. Please provide sufficient details supporting how the efficiency results were determined.
- Consideration will be given to potential impacts to the ESPA for the efficiency actions and will be reviewed on a case by case basis

#### **Project Proposal Clarity & Implementation Schedule**

- Project sponsor description: organization type, background, current operations, etc.
- Project description
  - Proposed project narrative, project map, scope of work (and supporting documents/designs if appropriate) & any other supporting information the applicant would like to include
- Cost estimate and budget
- Project implementation schedule

### **Additional Project funding sources**

- If other funding sources are used to support the project, please provide a list with the agency and funding amount
  - *Sponsor's contributions, IWRB grants, other state and federal grants, etc.*

### **How Does This Project Promote State and/or Local Priorities**

- Demonstrate how this project will support the 2024 SWC agreement.

### **Eligible Entities:**

Irrigation Districts, Irrigation Boards of Control, Canal Companies, Drainage Districts, Groundwater Districts, Ditch Companies, Lateral Ditch Users Associations, Reservoir Districts, Municipal Irrigation Districts (formed per Title 42, chapter 18, Idaho Code), Municipalities, Counties and Water Districts

### **Funding Limit**

Projects funded under this project are eligible for up to 100% funding per project.

### **Contract Terms**

Funding for projects may be made in annual installments each fiscal year based on the amount of appropriations.

### **Application Process**

Staff will review submitted applications and, when necessary, schedule a meeting with the applicant to discuss the information provided. For a request to be considered complete, all sections of the application must be filled out, with supporting documentation provided where necessary. All incomplete applications will be held for 30 days from receipt; incomplete applications past 30 days will be declined and returned to the applicant, at which time a new, complete application must be submitted.

Funding requests will be presented to an appropriate IWRB Finance Committee for a recommendation to the IWRB. Funding request applications that do not receive funding or do not receive a favorable recommendation will be declined and returned to the applicant. An unfavorable recommendation or incomplete application does not prevent applicants from re-applying.

### **Program Proposal Submission**

Completed applications can be emailed to the Idaho Water Resource Board's Grants Team at [IWRBGrants@IDWR.Idaho.gov](mailto:IWRBGrants@IDWR.Idaho.gov). Physical copies must be postmarked by the application date and can be mailed to:

Idaho Department of Water Resources  
Attn: IWRB Grants Team – Surface Water Operational Efficiencies Team  
P.O Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0098

Applications can also be dropped off in person on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Idaho Water Center in Boise, ID. The Idaho Water Center is located at:

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***If you have questions about the application package or would like to schedule a meeting with the Grants Team, email us at [IWRBGrants@IDWR.Idaho.gov](mailto:IWRBGrants@IDWR.Idaho.gov), Attention: Surface Water Ops Program.***

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**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF THE IDAHO WATER  
RESOURCE BOARD SURFACE WATER  
OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES PROGRAM

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROGRAM  
CRITERIA

1 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) has undertaken various projects and  
2 programs to address the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer (ESPA); and  
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4 WHEREAS, additional funding was appropriated to the IWRB from the State of Idaho to  
5 continue its work helping irrigators throughout the State; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Water Resources continues to model impacts to  
8 water users within the ESPA with shortages resulting in several water calls since the mid-2000s;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, improving operational efficiencies within the ESPA can help reduce modeled  
11 impacts to senior surface water users; and  
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13 WHEREAS, this program will work with Surface Water users within the ESPA to begin  
14 looking at what operational efficiencies may be available for their systems; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the program will accept applications year-round for projects that fit the  
17 proposed criteria; and  
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19 WHEREAS, on May 16, 2025, the Finance Committee met and discussed the proposed  
20 criteria and recommended them for approval by the IWRB;  
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22 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the Surface Water  
23 Operational Efficiencies Program criteria as specified in Attachment A to this resolution.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2025.

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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

# Memorandum



To: Idaho Water Resource Board

From: *Justin Ferguson, Project Manager*

Date: May 16, 2025

Re: DRAFT – SWC Monitoring Support Grant Program Administration Guidelines and Qualification Criteria

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## **Program Description**

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) has allocated funding to continue to promote water conservation efforts throughout the Eastern Snake River Plain (ESPA) through the purchase and installation of monitoring equipment, measurement devices, or other supportive infrastructure for ground and surface water diversions. Funding under this program seeks to continue and expand upon the previous Telemetry grant utilizing funding from the Bureau of Reclamation.

The contracts for this program will be a cost-reimbursement contract, with invoices to be submitted to Staff for review and approval.

*Note: Measurement and monitoring equipment must meet current Idaho Department of Water Resources Standards- add link to IDWR*

## **Qualification Criteria**

### **Eligible Projects:**

Projects considered under this program are for the purchase and installation of monitoring and measurement equipment for both surface and groundwater diversions within the ESPA. Projects that are completed by the application deadline are not eligible for this program.

*Example projects: New monitoring wells, flumes, weirs, telemetry equipment, software development, automation equipment, etc.*

### **Eligible Entities:**

Irrigation Districts, Irrigation Boards of Control, Canal Companies, Drainage Districts, Groundwater Districts, Ditch Companies, Lateral Ditch Users Associations, Reservoir Districts, Municipal Irrigation Districts (formed per Title 42, chapter 18, Idaho Code), Municipalities, Counties and Water Districts

### **Geographic Area**

Limited to diversions within the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer Area of Common Groundwater Supply

### **Award Limit**

Funding under this program will be limited to 50% of project costs up to a maximum of \$250,000 per project

### **Project Funding Method**

Proposals for the purchase of and/or the installation of monitoring equipment, measurement devices, or supporting infrastructure will be scored on the following criteria:

**How Does This Project Promote Goals Under the 2024 SWC/Ground Water District Settlement Agreement**

- 30 points can be awarded if the applicant can demonstrate how this project will further agreement priorities regarding water resources

**Equipment Installation**

- Up to 20 points can be awarded if this is a new install of monitoring, telemetry, and/or measurement equipment on the Sponsor's diversion works
- Up to 10 points can be awarded if this is a retrofit of existing monitoring, telemetry and/or measurement equipment already installed on the Sponsor's diversion works

**Project Implementation Schedule**

- 20 points can be awarded if the project will be completed in 1 year
- 10 points can be awarded if the project will be completed in 2 years
- 5 points can be awarded if the project will be completed in subsequent years

**Description of Equipment Installed**

- 5 points can be awarded if the Sponsor is able to provide a description of the equipment being installed

**Project Proposal & Clarity**

- Up to 10 points can be awarded if the Sponsor provides a description of the Project and identifies the Project's need, proposed budget, and public interest
- Up to 5 points can be awarded if the Sponsor can provide plans, timeline, and drawings for the Project

### **Grant Application Requirements**

- Grant applications will require the applicant to provide:
- Project background (infrastructure description, repair, rehabilitation, improvement needs/objectives/benefits)
- Project sponsor description (organization type, background, revenue sources, current operations)
- Project description (narrative, map, conceptual plan and design, land entitlements at project location, description of any known environmental issues).
- Cost estimate and budget
- Project funding sources (IWRB grant, other state and federal grants, sponsor's contribution)
- Project implementation schedule

### **Program Administration**

Contracts under this program will be a 50% cost share of the total project costs. A final accounting of all funding sources used on the project may be requested by Staff at the end of the project for verification.

Funding may be reallocated if the contract expires without a renewal notification from the recipient, if an executed contract isn't received within 60 days of issuance, or if the project is not completed within the award contract duration.

### **Application Process**

Staff will review the funding request and, when necessary, schedule a meeting with the applicant to discuss the information provided. For a request to be considered complete, all sections of the application must be filled out, with supporting documentation provided where necessary. All incomplete applications will be declined and returned to the applicant; at which time a new, complete application must be submitted.

Funding requests will be presented to the IWRB Finance Committee for a recommendation at a scheduled meeting between the close of applications and the November IWRB meeting. Upon the receipt of a favorable recommendation, Staff will take the request to the IWRB for approval via funding resolution. Funding request applications that do not receive funding or do not receive a favorable recommendation will be declined and returned to the applicant. An unfavorable recommendation or incomplete application does not prevent applicants from applying in subsequent funding rounds.



### **Grant Submission**

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Attn: IWRB Grants Team - Monitoring & Support Grant Team  
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Boise, ID 83720-0098

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For questions on the application package or to schedule a meeting with the Grants Team, email us at [IWRBGrants@IDWR.Idaho.gov](mailto:IWRBGrants@IDWR.Idaho.gov) and please specify the Monitoring & Support Grant Program.

**BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF IDAHO WATER  
RESOURCE BOARD SWC MONITORING  
SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROGRAM  
CRITERIA AND OPEN INITIAL APPLICATION  
PERIOD

1 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) has undertaken various projects and  
2 programs to address the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer (ESPA); and  
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4 WHEREAS, part of the 2024 Surface Water Coalition agreement contains increased  
5 requirements regarding the measurement and monitoring of diversions throughout the ESPA;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, additional funding was appropriated to the IWRB from the State of Idaho to  
8 continue its work helping irrigators throughout the State; and  
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10 WHEREAS, this program is intended to provide financial assistance to irrigators within the  
11 Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Area of Common Groundwater Supply and will focus on providing  
12 funding assistance for projects that will increase the measurement and monitoring ability of  
13 irrigators within the ESPA; and  
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15 WHEREAS, on May 16, 2025, the Finance Committee met and discussed the proposed  
16 criteria and recommended them for approval by the IWRB;  
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18 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the criteria for the SWC  
19 Monitoring Support Grant Program as specified in Attachment A to this resolution.  
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21 NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the application window for the first round of awards  
22 will be open until September 2025, with applications due on the last Friday of September, and a  
23 total budget amount for this initial round of \$1 million dollars

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2025.

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JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary