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AGENDA

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Water Storage Projects Committee Meeting No. 1-25 Friday, January 31, 2025 1:00 p.m. (MT) / Noon (PT) Water Center Conference Rooms 602 C & D 322 E. Front St. BOISE

Livestream available at <u>https://www.youtube.com/@iwrb</u>

- 1. Introductions and Attendance
- 2. Anderson Ranch Dam Raise New Storage Allocation Discussion
- 3. Other Items
- 4. Adjourn

Committee Members: Chair Brian Olmstead, Jeff Raybould, Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Marc Gibbs, and Al Barker.

Finance Committee Meeting No. 1-25

Begins upon adjournment of Water Storage Committee No. 1-25

- 1. Introductions and Attendance
- 2. Water District 63 Project Proposal*
- 3. Other Items
- 4. Adjourn

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

Special Board Meeting No. 2-25

Begins upon adjournment of Finance Committee Meeting No. 1-25

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Water District 63 Project Proposal*
- 3. Non-Action Items for Discussion
- 4. 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:** The meeting will be held in person and online. 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 or by phone at (208) 287-4800.

Memorandum

To: Idaho Water Resource Board
From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau
Date: January 29, 2025
Re: Treasure Valley Water Supply Project



Action: Consider funding resolution for phase two of this project

The IWRB added phase one of the Treasure Valley Water Supply Project to the Regional Water Sustainability Priority List in July 2023 (resolution no. 31-2023) and approved contract terms and conditions for this project (resolution no. 40-2023).

Phase one of the project focused on the installation of measuring equipment on drains and automation. Phase two of this project will project future return flows and develop real-time flow trends to inform WD 63 delivery operations.

Treasure Valley Water Supply Project



Representatives from Water District 63 will provide a presentation on the Treasure Valley Water Supply Project.

Attachment(s):

Funding resolution w/Attachment A Contract Terms and Conditions Water District 63 Presentation

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE TREASURE VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT – PHASE TWO

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDING AND CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 769 passed in 2022 appropriated \$75 Million 2 to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) to be used for certain ARPA-eligible water projects and 3 projects that have been identified by the IWRB as high priority sustainability projects; and 4 5 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 361 passed in 2023, appropriated \$150 6 Million to the IWRB to be used for certain ARPA-eligible water projects and projects that have been 7 identified by the IWRB as high priority sustainability projects; and 8 9 WHEREAS, in July 2021 the IWRB adopted an initial Regional Water Sustainability Priority List to 10 help guide the Idaho Water Resource Board's (IWRB's) spending for large, regional water sustainability 11 projects from ARPA funds, state general funds, or other applicable sources. The IWRB also, in January 12 2022, adopted threshold criteria indicating that a project must help achieve water supply sustainability 13 on a regional, basin-wide, or statewide basis to be included on the Regional Water Sustainability Priority 14 List; and 15 WHEREAS, on July 21, 2023, the IWRB added the Treasure Valley Water Supply Project (Project) 16 17 to the Regional Water Sustainability Priority List and authorized funding in the amount of \$155,500 for 18 phase one of the project (resolution no. 31-2023) and on November 17,2023 the IWRB approved contract 19 terms and conditions (resolution no. 40-2023); and 20 21 WHEREAS, phase one of the Project has been completed, and the results have been presented to 22 the IWRB's Finance Committee; and 23 24 WHEREAS, the Project sponsor, Water District 63, presented a proposal and funding request in 25 the amount of \$318,820 for phase two of the Project to the IWRB's Finance Committee; and 26 27 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the IWRB authorizes expenditure of up to \$318,820 from the 28 Water Management Account to complete phase two of the Treasure Valley Water Supply Project; and 29 30 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the IWRB approves the Terms and Conditions for 31 phase two of the Treasure Valley Water Supply Project as specified in Attachment A to this resolution. 32 33 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the project contract will also contain standard IWRB 34 contract conditions and other project specific Terms and Conditions not specified in this resolution. 35

Resolution No. _____

DATED this 31st day of January, 2025.

Jeff Raybould, Chairman Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST ____

Dean Stevenson, Secretary

Resolution No. _____

ATTACHMENT A: Terms & Conditions

Treasure Valley Water Supply Study – phase two

Cost -Reimbursement Contract and Proposed Terms & Conditions

- This is a cost reimbursement not to exceed Contract where the Board has approved funding for the project. The sponsor shall pay the remainder of the project costs.
- Sponsor shall submit documentation demonstrating cost share has been secured (grant award letter, loan, bank statements).
- 10% holdback on funds until Project Completion Form is submitted.
- Any products & data produced as a result of this project will be shared with the IWRB upon request, including data that would help to inform the Treasure Valley groundwater flow model.
- When requested by the Board, provide a monthly progress report to the Contract Manager. The progress report shall include at a minimum:
 - Updated schedule to completion
 - \circ $\;$ Issues encountered in the reporting period
 - Final cost forecasts where applicable
 - Up to date project budget
- The Contractor shall provide with the final invoice a financial summary of the Project's costs with a detailed list of the type and amount of funds used to pay for the Project. The financial summary shall include the following:
 - Total final cost of the Project based on expenditures.
 - List all funding sources and the amount used on any aspect of the Project.
 - If a Federal or State grant was awarded for any portion of the Project, include the amount awarded.

Resolution No.

Treasure Valley Water Supply Project



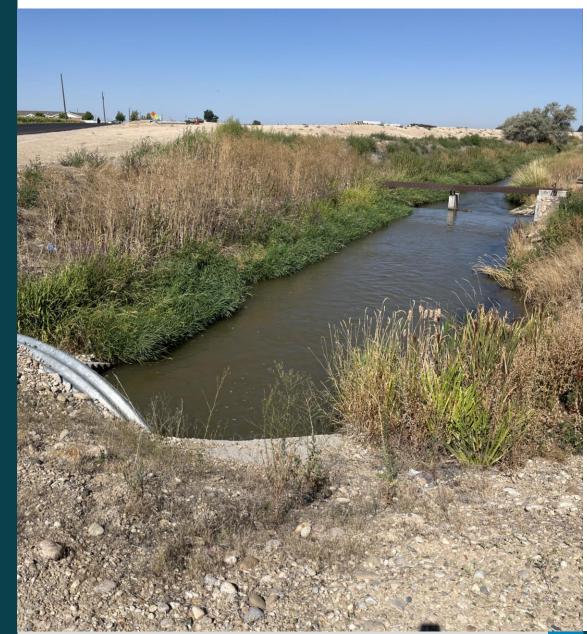
January 31, 2025 Idaho Water Resource Board Finance Committee Meeting Presented by: Daniel Hoke – Water District 63 Mike Schubert – HDR Dan Steenson – Sawtooth Law

Agenda

- Project Review
- Questions posed at November 8, 2024 Meeting
 - Why do we need this project?
 - What are the TVWSP work products?
 - Are there other similar models?
 - What are the benefits to water managers?
 - How will ongoing measuring and modeling costs be managed?
- Project Schedule, Funding, and Stakeholder Commitments

Treasure Valley Water Supply Project

- The drains in the Treasure Valley are our Thousand Springs
- Surface water delivery relies on drain return flow
- Changes to the Treasure Valley landscape (land use, irrigation practice, delivery systems, operations) impact drain flow
- Water District 63 is leveraging data collection, automation, and analytics to understand the changes and improve water management in the Treasure Valley



Objective

To improve Treasure Valley water supply management through **data collection**, **analytics, and mitigation**.

Treasure Valley Water Supply Project

IWRB Regional Water Sustainability List

• "Assessment of tributary drains and shallow aquifer to address low flows near Middleton during the irrigation season."

Project Partners



Boise River June 30, 2022 Low Flow

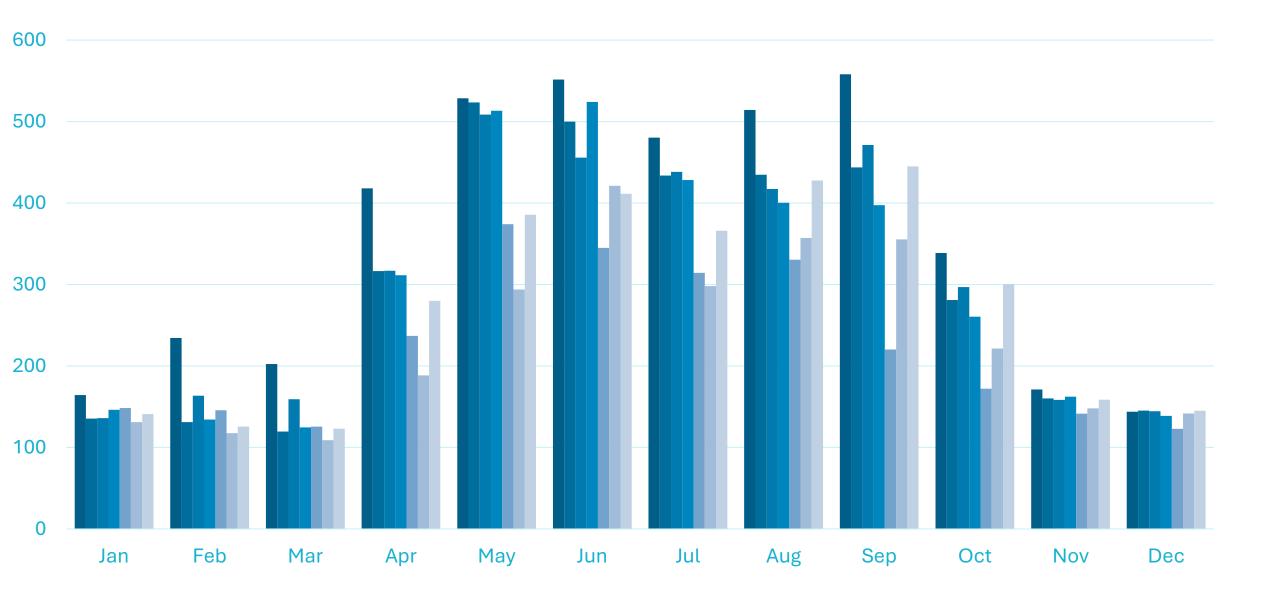
On June 30th of 2022 Water District 63 did not have enough water in the Boise River to supply the demand below Caldwell. The only reason we were able to deliver water to 5 different canal companies and farmers was that we had BOR flow augmentation water in the river. Looking at the accounting, we were approximately 150 CFS short.

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June 30, 2022

Drain	June 30 Mean Daily Flow, 2017-2022 (cfs)	June 30, 2022 Mean Flow (cfs)	Difference (cfs)
Eagle Drain	34	40	+6
Fifteen Mile Creek	103	97	-6
N Middleton Drain (Mill Slough)	38	25	-13
S Middleton Drain	71	43	-28
Mason Creek	151	75	-76
West Hartley Gulch	21	12	-9
East Hartley Gulch	55	47	-8
Conway Gulch	31	27	-4
Dixie Drain	160	135	-25
TOTAL	664	501	-163

Mean Monthly Flow (cfs), Drains between Middleton and Caldwell



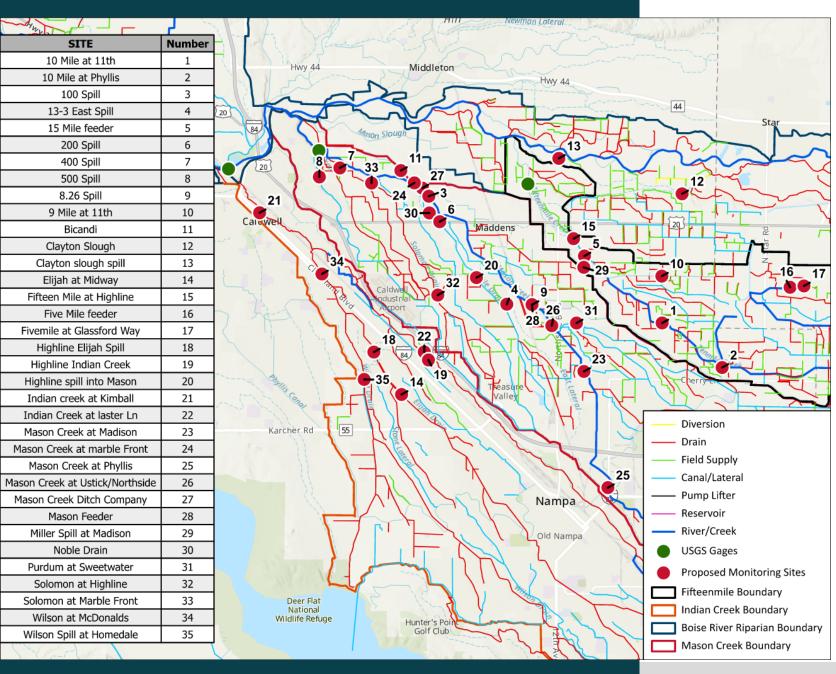
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Treasure Valley Water Supply Project



TVWSP Phase 1- Complete

- Equipment Installation
- Boise River Mass Balance
- Trend Analysis
- Tributary Flow Evaluation



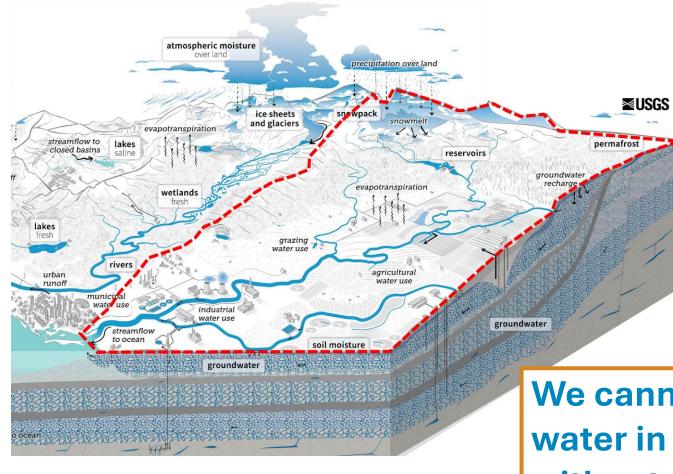
Monitoring Sites Installed

- LoRaWAN telemetry established for Treasure Valley (Ethos Connected)
- Drain flow, spills, and returns measured in Fifteenmile Cr., Mason Cr., and Indian Cr.
- <u>Ethos Connected</u>
 <u>Dashboard</u>



Why do we need this model?

Developing a Surface Water Model

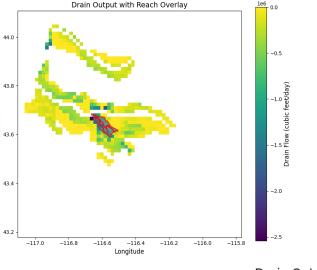


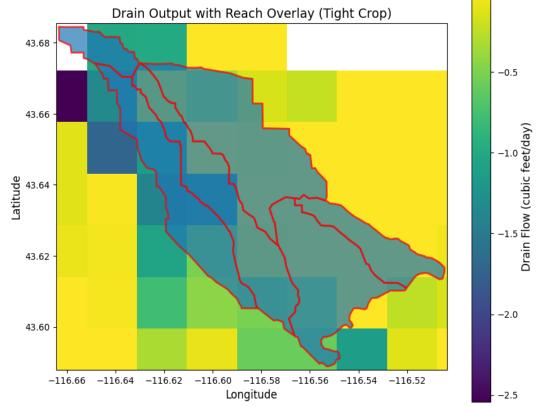
- Spills to Drains
- Diversions
- Returns
- Direct Runoff from fields
- Groundwater gains/losses

We cannot evaluate available surface water in drains and Boise River without all these components

Treasure Valley GW Model

- Flow to drains is generalized and coarse
- Only calibrated during winter months, drainshed average
- No consideration for field runoff, diversions, returns, pump back, and seepage loss
- Was not designed for, calibrated to, or capable of simulating flow in drains during irrigation season





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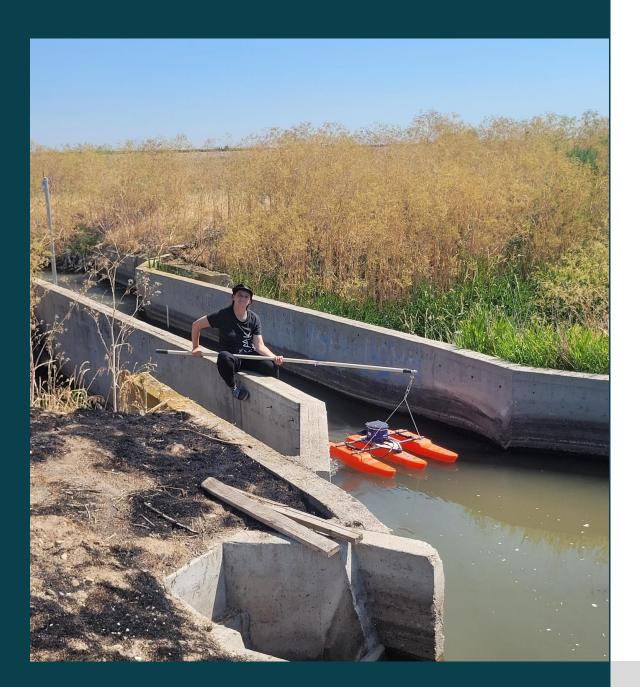
TVWSP Phase 2- Modeling and Analytics

- Project and anticipate return flows to the Boise River
 - Groundwater Trends
 - Development Trends
 - Irrigation and delivery efficiency
 - IWRB aquifer recharge scenarios
- Develop real-time data to water mangement

Current tools, such as the groundwater flow model cannot provide water users useful, accurate data to manage deliveries and anticipate future conditions from drains



What are the TVWSP work products?

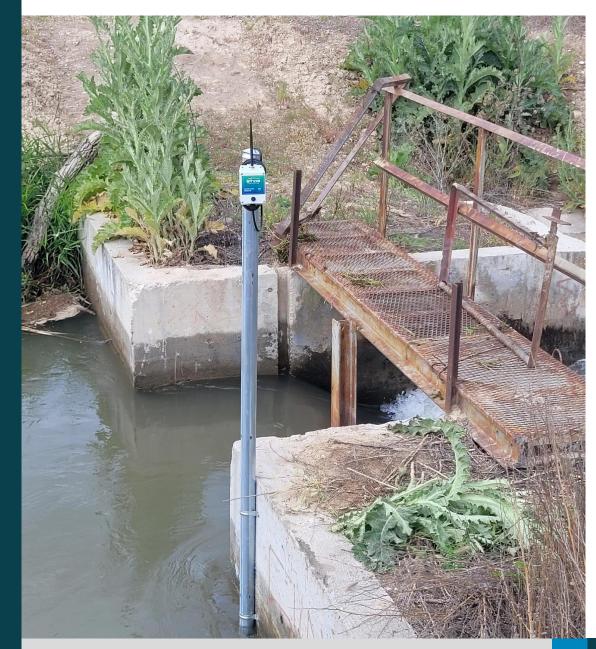


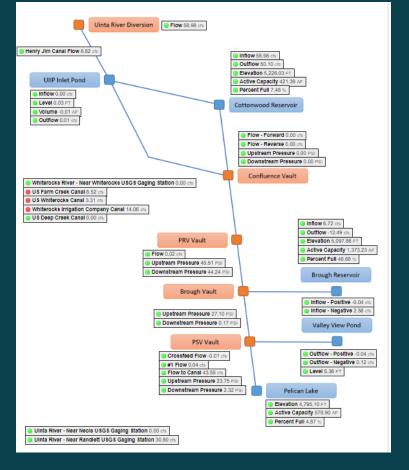
Field Work and Data Collection – 2 years

- Measurements
- Manual cleaning
- Site Maintenance

Data storage, LoRaWAN Subscription, Flow data maintenance

- Ethos Connected subscription (\$84/month/site)
 - 2 years, 50 sites
 - Cloud storage
 - Rating curve updates
 - Technical support
 - Wireless connectivity





Outflow		05:00PM MST	-14.99cfs
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Ashley Creek Gauging Station (USGS) Stream Flow		11/07/2024 04:45PM MST	19.80cfs

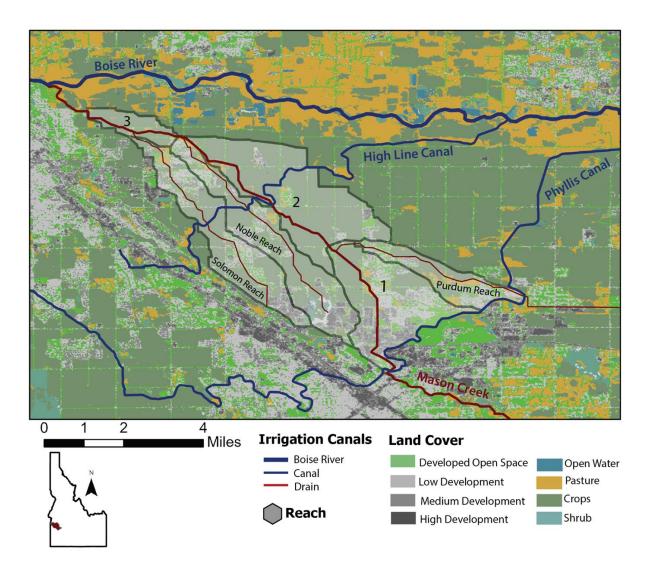
Real-time Data Dashboard

- Quick visual for flow conditions, comparisons to recent years, trends, and projections
- Operational data (returns, diversions, river flow) for WD63 to manage deliveries

This dashboard will allow WD63 to see flow conditions and manage water delivery with real time data

Treasure Valley Surface Water Model

- Use measured spills, returns, diversions and drain flows quantify known diversions/returns
- Calculate direct runoff from field data
 - Crop type
 - Irrigation type
 - ET
- Quantify gains and losses
- Evaluate changes to drain flows
 - Development
 - Irrigation Conversions
 - Pump Back
 - Recharge



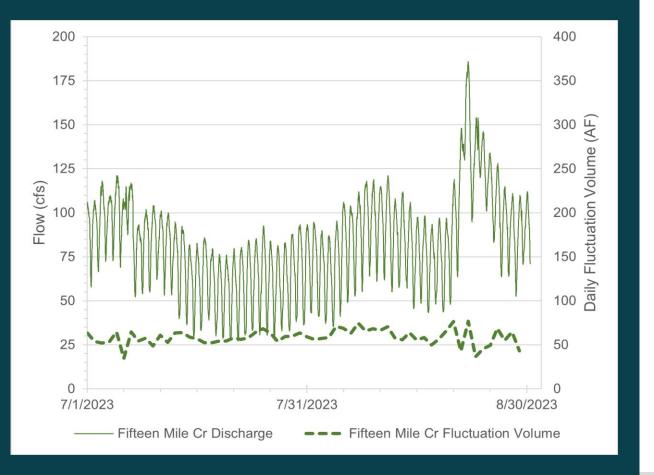




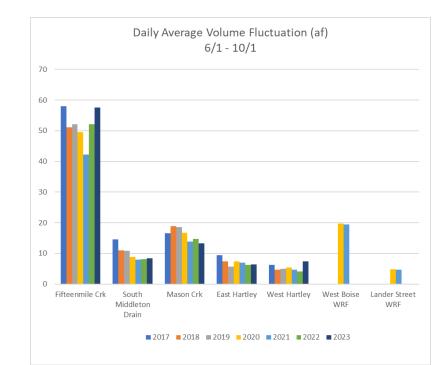
Phase 3: Manage and mitigate hydrologic impacts

- Surface water supply management and mitigation
- Groundwater management and mitigation (e.g. managed recharge)
- Water conservation incentives
- Water quantity and timing

15 Mile Drain Regulation



- Daily drain fluctuations impact WD63 deliveries in the Boise River
- WD63 could regulate Fifteen Mile Creek with 25 ac-ft
- Gravel pits exist near the Boise River confluence with adequate volume





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Are there other similar models?

Other Similar Efforts in Idaho

IDWR Upper Snake Model	Estimate flow in Snake River (Diversions, Returns, reservoir operations)
IPC Streamflow Forecasting	Forecasts flow to IPC hydropower projects, accounts for GW inflow, reservoir operations, surface water return, and diversions
Bear River Collaborative Modeling	Estimates future conditions in Bear River based on changes in water management upstream

Other Similar Efforts outside Idaho

- Utah Lake System Accounting Model
- Great Salt Lake Integrated Model
- Central Arizona Project- future demands
- Central Valley Water Management Screening Model
- Nebraska COHYST Model

Technical Coordination

We have discussed the need for and utility of this model along with potential data sharing with the following entities

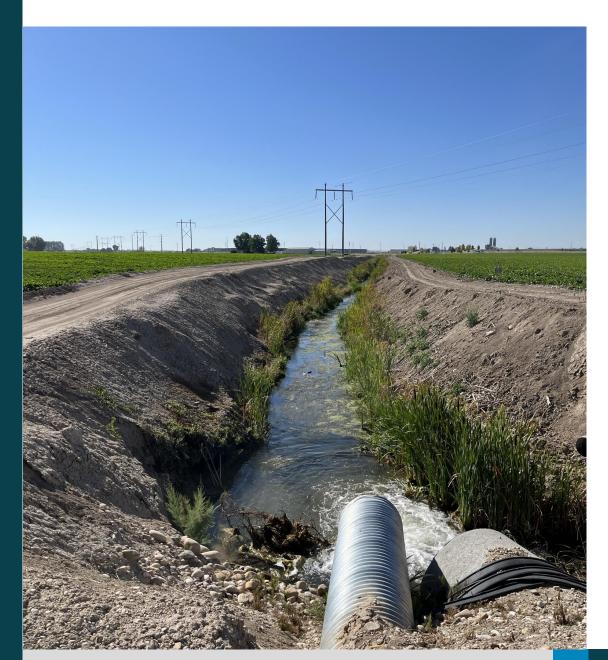
- IDWR
- USGS
- IWRII
- Reclamation
- Idaho Power Company
- TVWSP Supporters (counties, municipalities, Veolia)



What are benefits to water managers?

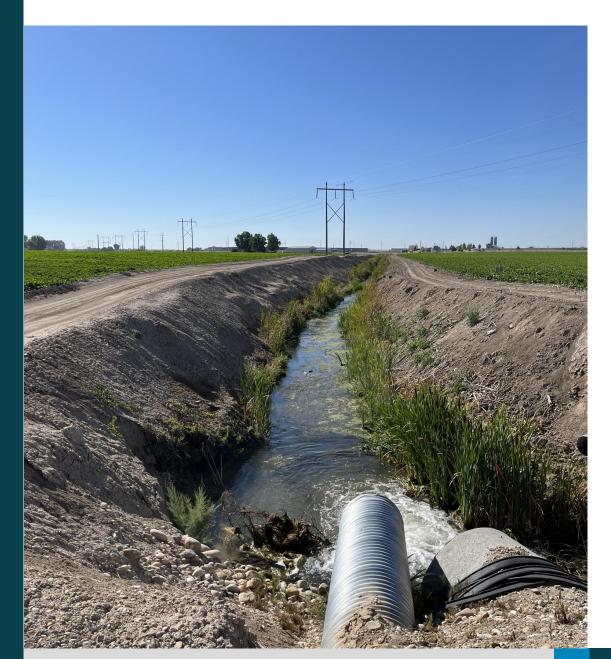
Evaluate impacts on surface water availability

- Evaluate land use change impacts on surface water supply
 - Development
 - Irrigation Conversion
- Evaluate long-term sufficiency of drain flow for development
 - Pump backs
 - Drain reuse



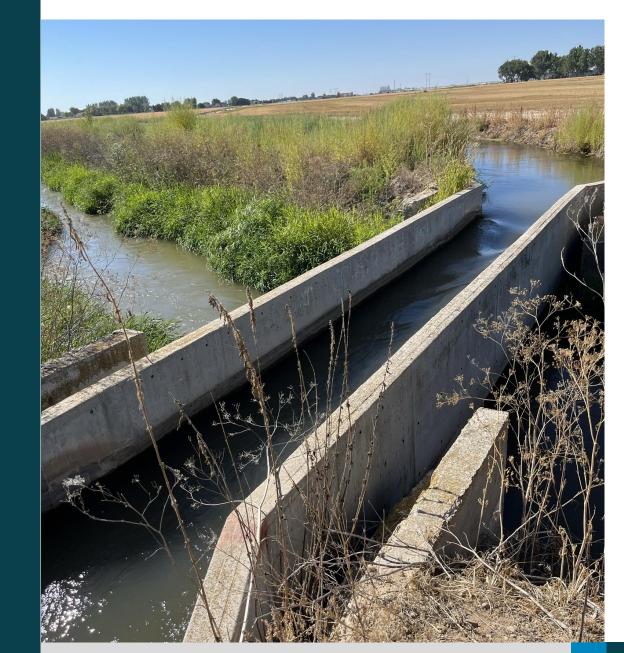
Evaluate impacts on surface water availability

- Given changes in the watershed (development, irrigation, crop, groundwater)...
- Will return flows to Boise River be sufficient to meet demands downstream of Caldwell?
- Will drains be able to support pumped irrigation demands or will additional spills be needed?
- How much reuse can we plan to have long-term?
- Will proposed recharge scenarios offset drain declines?



Benefits to water users

- Develop dashboard and data to see real-time flow trends and projections in drains and Boise River
- Monitor flow in drains that are reused for water supply
- Project Boise River Flow shortages before they occur
- Manage and Mitigate water shortages





How will ongoing measuring and modeling costs be managed?

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Ongoing Costs

- Will evaluate data to determine necessary flow measurement
 - Fieldwork WD63 Staff
 - Subscription for necessary gages would be covered by water users
 - Pursue water user, grants, and stakeholder support
- Modeling
 - Evaluate model results against projections within 5 years of completion
 - Determine whether additional scenarios, model updates, updated calibrations are required
 - Pursue water user, grants, and stakeholder support

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Project Schedule, Funding, and Stakeholder Commitments

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Phase 2 Schedule

Task	Start Date	End Date
WaterSMART Award	02/2025	03/2025
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Project Close Out	08/2026	09/2026

TVWSP Phase 2- Cost and Funding Summary

Budget Summary (2 years)

Task	Cost
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Total	\$783,961

Funding Summary

Funding Sources	Amount
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Treasure Valley Water Users Association	\$5,000
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Project Supporters

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. Idaho Water Resource Board Regional Sustainability List Funding		\$ 318,820		41%				1/31/2025 IWRB presentation
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Treasure Valley Water Supply Project

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Thank you for your time

Treasure Valley Water Supply Project



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	Pen	ding 2025 requests:	\$ 60,000					



January 28, 2025

Michael Shinney Grants Management Specialist Denver MSO/Remote mshinney@usbr.gov

Re: Funding Opportunity No. R23AS00446, WaterSMART-Applied Science Grant for the Treasure Valley Water Supply Project Surface Water Modeling and Dashboard

Dear Mr. Shinney:

During the January 13th, 2025 annual meeting of Idaho Water District #63, the water users voted to commit \$63,161 of in-kind cost for the WaterSMART-Applied Science Grant for the Treasure Valley Water Supply Project Surface Water Modeling and Dashboard.

1-28-25

Clinton Pline Water District #63 Chairman

Date



55 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 100 / Meridian, ID 83642 PH 208.888.0988 / FX 208.888.4586

January 27, 2025

Michael Shinney Grants Management Specialist Denver MSO/Remote <u>mshinney@usbr.gov</u>

Re: Funding Opportunity No. R23AS00446, WaterSMART-Applied Science Grant for the Treasure Valley Water Supply Project Surface Water Modeling and Dashboard

Dear Mr. Shinney:

The Treasure Valley Water Users Association has committed \$5,000 toward the non-Federal cost share to help fund the WaterSMART-Applied Science Grant for the Treasure Valley Water Supply Project Surface Water Modeling and Dashboard.

Date

1-27-25

Clinton Pline President Treasure Valley Water Users Association

Cc: Water District No. 63

BOISE RIVER FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT #10 PO Box 140396 Garden City, Idaho 83714-0396



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Michael Shinney Grants Management Specialist Denver MSO/Remote <u>mshinney@usbr.gov</u>

Re: Funding Opportunity No. R23AS00446, WaterSMART-Applied Science Grant for the Treasure Valley Water Supply Project Surface Water Modeling and Dashboard

Dear Mr. Shinney:

Boise River Flood Control District No. 10 has committed and remitted \$5,000 to Water District 63, toward the non-Federal cost share to help fund the WaterSMART-Applied Science Grant for the Treasure Valley Water Supply Project Surface Water Modeling and Dashboard.

Regards,

Mark Zirschky District Manager Flood Control District 10 208-861-2766

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