

Survey Introduction

Anderson Ranch Dam Raise Project – Storage Interest Survey

Thank you for participating in this survey. The following questions have been developed by the Idaho Water Resource Board (“IWRB”) to better understand potential demand, pricing considerations, and allocation preferences for storage space associated with the Anderson Ranch Dam Raise Project.

Purpose of Survey

This survey is intended to inform IWRB planning, policy development, and evaluation of potential approaches for allocating new storage. Responses will be used for informational and planning purposes only. Participation in this survey is voluntary, and responses are **non-binding** and will not establish eligibility or priority for future contracting opportunities.

Intended Respondents

This survey is intended for entities that may have a potential need and capacity to beneficially use storage water associated with the Project, including municipal providers, irrigation entities, industrial users, and other water users.

Important Note on Storage Contracts

Water storage created through this project will not be sold or permanently conveyed by the IWRB. Any agreements for access to storage space are anticipated to be structured as time-limited contracts, under which the contracting party acts as an agent of the IWRB and would use storage space subject to terms and conditions established by the IWRB. A range of contract durations may be offered.

For questions or comments, please contact: AndersonRanch@idwr.idaho.gov

Project Background

The Bureau of Reclamation and the Idaho Water Resource Board have partnered on the Anderson Ranch Dam Raise project to capture an additional 29,000 acre-feet of water in the Anderson Ranch Reservoir. Current project costs for the dam raise and associated rim projects are estimated at \$149 million (Spring 2026), the IWRB portion of the total project costs are estimated at \$133 million. The IWRB will own approximately 26,100 acre-feet of the new storage. Construction is currently anticipated to begin in Fall 2027 and be completed by Fall 2031.

Updated timelines, key milestones, and project documents can be found on the [Anderson Ranch Dam Raise Project webpage](#)

Entity Information

Entity Name:

Entity type (e.g. private corporation, municipal/government entity, irrigation entity, nonprofit):

Estimated Water Demand by Beneficial Use

Please indicate the estimated annual volume of storage water your entity would plan to use, in acre-feet (AF), by beneficial use category:

Irrigation From Storage _____ AF	Commercial From Storage _____ AF
Municipal From Storage _____ AF	Domestic From Storage _____ AF
Groundwater Recharge From Storage _____ AF	Streamflow Maint. From Storage _____ AF
Water Quality Impr. From Storage _____ AF	Mitigation By Delivery From Storage _____
Industrial From Storage _____ AF	AF

Water Right and Project Readiness

1. Do you currently have, or plan to obtain, a Point of Diversion (POD) and Place of Use (POU) within place of use associated with Water Right Application No. 63-34753 where the storage water could be applied?

(Please see the attachment for the proposed Place of Use for Application 63-34753)

Yes

No

Planned

(Please describe)

2. Does your entity currently have access to infrastructure (e.g., canals, pipelines, recharge facilities) capable of delivering or using storage water from Anderson

Ranch Reservoir?

Yes

No

Planned

(If yes, please describe)

3. Please describe the general location (e.g., basin, county, or service area) where the storage water would be used:

Allocation Process Preferences

The IWRB is evaluating potential approaches for allocating new storage. Two primary approaches under consideration include:

- **Auction Process:** A competitive process in which interested entities submit bids for storage space. Contracts would be awarded based on defined criteria (e.g., price, volume, or other factors established by the IWRB). This approach emphasizes market-based price discovery and competition among participants.
- **Direct Contract Process:** A structured application and evaluation process in which entities submit proposals to the IWRB. Contracts may be awarded based on a combination of factors such as project readiness, beneficial use, public benefit, financial capability, and consistency with IWRB objectives. Pricing may be fixed or negotiated within defined parameters.

The IWRB Water Storage Committee recently received a presentation on possible options to make the new storage water available to interested parties.

A copy of that presentation can be found on the [IWRB Committee meeting materials page](#), as well as a link to the [IWRB's YouTube channel of the meeting](#).

4. Which allocation method would your entity prefer and why (e.g. auction, direct contract, or other?)?

5. If an auction process is implemented, what minimum advance notice would your entity require to prepare and participate?

6. If a direct contract process is implemented, what minimum advance notice would your entity need to prepare a proposal?

7. Are there any constraints (e.g. legal, financial, operational, or timing-related) that may limit your ability to participate in either an auction or direct contract process?

Pricing and Contract Preferences

Note: The following questions are for planning purposes only. Responses are non-binding.

The current estimated cost to the IWRB for new storage is approximately \$133 million, equating to roughly \$5,100 per acre-foot of storage capacity.

8. At what price per acre-foot, per year, would your entity be willing to participate in acquiring or contracting for storage space?
(Example: An estimated payment on a 20-year term, at \$5,100 per acre-foot, would be approximately \$255 per acre-foot per year)

9. At your stated price point, what volume of storage (in acre-feet) would your entity be interested in?

10. At your price point, what contract duration would your entity prefer (please specify a range of years)?

11. Would your entity consider alternative pricing structures (e.g., different price points for shorter or longer contract durations)?

Yes

No

If yes, please describe:

12. If your entity is unable to participate at \$5,100 per acre-foot, what is the maximum price per acre-foot your entity would be willing to pay?

13. Would your entity be interested in contract provisions such as a right of first refusal or a right to renew?

Yes

No

14. How would you characterize the confidence level of your responses?

Conceptual / exploratory

Planning-level

Budgeted / high confidence

Additional Input

15. Please provide any additional questions or comments:

You may also submit comments via email to: AndersonRanch@idwr.idaho.gov