

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LOWER LEMHI 2022 WATER RIGHT
SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT

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, through enacting Idaho Code 42-1506 and 42-1765A, the Idaho Legislature
16 directed the Idaho Water Resource Board (Board) to establish a minimum streamflow water right
17 of 35 cfs in the Lower Lemhi River to be met through water right rentals or other appropriate
18 methods under state law; and WHEREAS, the Board has the authority to enter into agreements
19 to improve flow for anadromous and resident fish; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to expend Bonneville Power Administration funds for
22 flow restoration through the Columbia Basin Water Transaction Program and the Bonneville Fish
23 Accord Water Transaction Fund; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Board promotes water transactions that maintain the local agricultural
26 economy by retaining irrigated agriculture; and
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28 WHEREAS, Board staff has developed an additional one-year subordination agreement,
29 also known as a Lemhi Subordination Agreement, with a local water user to improve stream flow
30 for anadromous and resident fish; and
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32 WHEREAS, the water user has agreed to limit up to (3) cfs of his total diversion under
33 Water Right Nos. 74-318B and 74-318C during times of low flow; and
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35 WHEREAS, the water user will continue to irrigate his full place of use when flows exceed
36 the flow targets; and

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38 WHEREAS, the Lemhi Subordination Agreement is in the public interest and in compliance
39 with the State Water Plan; and
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41 WHEREAS, funding is available through the Idaho MOA/Fish Accord Water Transaction
42 Program to fund the cost of said agreement in 2022; and
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44 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Chairman to enter into
45 an agreement for 2022 with a Lower Lemhi River irrigator to not divert up to three (3) cfs out of
46 the Lemhi River, for an amount not to exceed twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000); and
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48 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to the condition
49 that the Board receives the requested funding from the Bonneville Power Administration through
50 the Idaho MOA/Fish Accord Water Transaction Program in an amount up to twenty-seven
51 thousand dollars (\$27,000).

DATED this 1st day of April 2022.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

JO ANN COLE-HANSEN, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

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12 earlier conservation agreements developed and approved by local water users, and state and
13 federal agencies; and
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16 directed the Idaho Water Resource Board (Board) to establish a minimum streamflow water right
17 of 35 cfs in the Lower Lemhi River to be met through water right rentals or other appropriate
18 methods under state law; and WHEREAS, the Board has the authority to enter into agreements
19 to improve flow for anadromous and resident fish; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to expend Bonneville Power Administration funds for
22 flow restoration through the Columbia Basin Water Transaction Program and the Bonneville Fish
23 Accord Water Transaction Fund; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Board promotes water transactions that maintain the local agricultural
26 economy by retaining irrigated agriculture; and
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28 WHEREAS, Board staff has developed short-term subordination agreements, also known
29 as the Lemhi Subordination Agreements (agreements) with local water users to improve stream
30 flow for anadromous and resident fish; and
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32 WHEREAS, for all agreements, the water users have agreed to limit their diversions during
33 times of low flow for a maximum of 100 days; and
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35 WHEREAS, the 2021 irrigation season experienced extremely low flows and exceptional
36 drought conditions in the Lemhi River Basin; therefore, Resolution No. 23-2021 was adopted by
37 the Board to authorize the Chairman to enter into additional agreements with local water users
38 that compensated them for subordination of their water rights beyond the 100-day contract
39 maximum; and
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41 WHEREAS, drought response annual agreements with local water users may be necessary
42 in future drought years in order to secure additional water beyond the 100 days maximum and
43 prevent impassable low flows or dewatering conditions in the Lower Lemhi River; and
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45 WHEREAS, diversion restrictions are necessary to maintain the 25 - 35 cfs target minimum
46 flow at the L-6 Diversion; and
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48 WHEREAS, funding is available through the Idaho MOA/Fish Accord Water Transaction
49 Program to fund the cost of said agreements; and
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51 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, in order to meet the 35 cfs target flow from March
52 15 through June 30, and 25 cfs target flow from July 1 through November 15, the Board
53 authorizes the Chairman to enter into drought response annual agreements with Lower Lemhi
54 River irrigators to not divert out of the Lemhi River when the total days of subordinated water
55 will exceed the contract maximum of 100 days.
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57 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to the condition
58 that the Board receives the requested funding from the Bonneville Power Administration through
59 the Idaho MOA/Fish Accord Water Transaction Program and the Columbia Basin Water
60 Transaction Program.

DATED this 1st day of April 2022.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

JO ANN COLE-HANSEN, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
CANYON CREEK WATER
TRANSACTION AGREEMENT**

**RESOLUTION TO MAKE A FUNDING
COMMITMENT**

1 WHEREAS, Canyon Creek, tributary to the Teton River provides quality habitat for fluvial
2 and resident Yellowstone cutthroat trout, but is flow limited at certain times of the year; and
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4 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State of Idaho to increase stream flow in the Teton
5 River and its tributaries, including Canyon Creek, to encourage the recovery of Yellowstone
6 cutthroat trout, which are managed as an Idaho Species of Greatest Conservation Need; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) has the authority to enter into water
9 right agreements and undertake water projects; and
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11 WHEREAS, the IWRB is authorized to expend Bonneville Power Administration funds for
12 flow restoration through the Columbia Basin Water Transaction Program and the Bonneville Fish
13 Accord Water Transaction Fund; and
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15 WHEREAS, the IWRB promotes water transactions that maintain the local agricultural
16 economy by retaining irrigated agriculture; and
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18 WHEREAS, Idaho Water Resource Board staff has developed a three-year agreement not
19 to divert (agreement) to improve flow conditions for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in Canyon
20 Creek; and
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22 WHEREAS, a proposal in the amount of \$285,000.00 has been submitted to the Columbia
23 Basin Water Transaction Program to be used to fund the agreement; and
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25 WHEREAS, staff anticipates the funds being placed into the IWRB's Revolving
26 Development Account for annual payment to support the agreement; and
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28 WHEREAS, the agreement not to divert is in the public interest and in compliance with
29 the State Water Plan.
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31 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes the Chairman to enter into a
32 three-year agreement not to divert for the purpose of improving flow in Canyon Creek, tributary
33 to the Teton River, using an amount not to exceed \$285,000.
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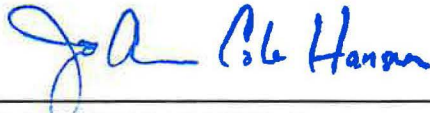
35 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to the condition
36 that the IWRB receives the requested funding from the Columbia Basin Water Transaction

37 Program in the amount of \$285,000.

DATED this 1st day of April 2022.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board



ATTEST

JO ANN COLE-HANSEN, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PRIEST LAKE WATER
MANAGEMENT PROJECT CONTSTRUCTION**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE PRIEST LAKE
OUTLET DAM CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
TO EXTEND CONSTRUCTION TO A THIRD
YEAR**

1 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho owns the Priest Lake outlet dam which was constructed in 1950
2 and reconstructed in 1978 as an outlet control structure to maintain lake levels in the Priest Lake in
3 accordance with Idaho Code § 70-507; and
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5 WHEREAS, as a result of drought conditions in northern Idaho in 2015 and 2016, it was difficult
6 to maintain required lake pool levels and downstream minimum flows in the Priest River during the
7 recreational season; and,
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9 WHEREAS, in 2016 the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) authorized the expenditure of funds
10 from the Revolving Development Account to complete the Priest Lake Water Management Study to
11 evaluate strategies to meet long-term water management objectives for the Priest Lake and Priest River
12 system; and
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14 WHEREAS, bids were opened in July 2020 and Strider Construction Co., Inc. (Strider) provided
15 the low bid for the construction of the outlet dam portion of the Priest Lake Water Management
16 Project; and
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18 WHEREAS, in August 2020, the IWRB authorized the expenditure of funds from the Revolving
19 Development Account for the construction of the outlet dam portion and executing necessary contracts;
20 and
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22 WHEREAS, on August 20, 2020, the IWRB executed a contract with Strider for outlet dam
23 construction, which requires Strider substantially complete construction by April 1, 2021; and
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25 WHEREAS, in February 2021, Strider, indicated it had encountered conditions not anticipated
26 below the outlet dam and believed it may take a second season to complete the construction; and
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28 WHEREAS, Strider resumed construction at the outlet dam in fall 2021; and
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30 WHEREAS, in Dec 2021, Strider, indicated it had encountered piping that resulted in water
31 flowing under the existing outlet dam during construction; and
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33 WHEREAS, Strider, IWRB staff and Mott MacDonald conducted onsite investigations, hydraulic
34 modeling, and engineering analyses through March 2022 in order to ascertain the extent of the problem
35 and develop a plan for mitigating its impact to construction activities and the integrity of the outlet dam;
36 and

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38 WHEREAS, due to anticipated spring runoff the construction work cannot resume until fall 2022;
39 and

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41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes an extension of the
42 Contract Date to April 15, 2023; and

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44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes the Chairman, or his
45 designee, to negotiate the terms of the Contract Date extension but does not authorize the Chairman,
46 or his designee, to agree to any changes in Contract Price without further resolution of the IWRB.

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48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a condition of the contract extension date is
49 the contractor shall make the outlet dam operational for the 2022 Priest Lake Management season; and

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51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the extension of the substantial completion
52 date does not constitute agreement on the part of the IWRB regarding any change of conditions.

Dated this 1st Day of April 2022.



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AMENDED
RENTAL POOL PROCEDURES FOR THE UPPER
SNAKE RIVER RENTAL POOL

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDED RENTAL
POOL PROCEDURES FOR 2022

1 WHEREAS, section 42-1765, Idaho Code and subsections of IDAPA 37.02.030.40, Water
2 Supply Bank Rule 40, authorizes the Idaho Water Resource Board to appoint local committees to
3 facilitate the lease and rental of stored water within rental pools; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Water District 01 Advisory Committee is the local committee appointed by
6 the Idaho Water Resource Board to facilitate the lease and rental of stored water within the
7 Upper Snake River Rental Pool; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Water District 01 Advisory Committee has adopted amended procedures
10 for the calendar year 2022, pursuant to which they intend to facilitate the lease and rental of
11 rental pool stored water; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Water Resources has reviewed the local
14 committee procedures and has recommended that the Idaho Water Resource Board approve the
15 2022 rental pool procedures; and
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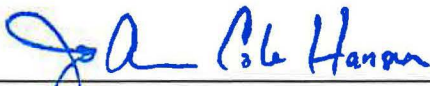
17 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Water District 1 2022 Rental Pool Procedures
18 are approved by the Idaho Water Resource Board
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20 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that if, pursuant to Rule 5.2.101 of the Water District
21 01 2022 Rental Pool Procedures, additional amendments or changes to the rental pool
22 procedures are needed, such changes will be subject to additional review and recommendation
23 by the Director of IDWR and approval by the Idaho Water Resource Board.

DATED this 1st day of April 2022.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board



ATTEST

JO ANN COLE-HANSEN, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE TREASURE VALLEY
GROUNDWATER FLOW MODEL

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING
FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF
AGRICULTURAL DRAINS IN THE LOWER
TREASURE VALLEY

1 WHEREAS, in 2016, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) commissioned the U.S. Geological
2 Survey to establish and operate 10 real-time drain gaging sites plus three miscellaneous measurement
3 sites to support development of the Treasure Valley Ground Water Flow Model; and
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5 WHEREAS, agricultural drains in the lower Treasure Valley are collectively the largest aquifer
6 outflow from the Treasure Valley aquifer system; and
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8 WHEREAS, the period of funding for the model development project has ended and additional
9 funding is now needed to maintain the Treasure Valley drain monitoring network; and
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11 WHEREAS, the IDWR modeling team supports ongoing collection of drain flow and other
12 hydrologic monitoring data to allow for recalibration of the Treasure Valley Groundwater Flow Model in
13 the future; and
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15 WHEREAS, money for ongoing drain monitoring was included as a line item in the IWRB's
16 FY2022 Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund budget; and
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18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes funds in the amount of \$125,000 from
19 the IWRB's Second Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund for the operation of
20 maintenance of agricultural drain monitoring stations in the lower Treasure Valley.

Dated this 1st day of April 2022



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BIG LOST RIVER
GROUNDWATER FLOW MODEL**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A
GROUNDWATER FLOW MODEL**

1 WHEREAS, in February 2022, IDWR conducted a statistical analysis of water level data from wells
2 in the Big Lost River Valley. The analysis indicates a statistically significant average water level decline of
3 0.38 ft/yr for the period 1970 to 2020; and
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5 WHEREAS, the observed water level declines have increased losses from the Big Lost River; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Big Lost River and the hydraulically connected aquifer system are both important
8 sources of water for irrigated agriculture, which is important to the local economy; and
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10 WHEREAS, in response to concerns about the adequacy of the surface and groundwater supplies
11 in the Big Lost River basin, a petition to the IDWR Director to designate a Critical Ground Water Area
12 was submitted by the Butte County Commissioner in September 2016, and signed by over 200 water
13 users; and
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15 WHEREAS, in May 2017 a second petition was submitted by the Chairman of the Big Lost River
16 Ground Water District to instead designate a ground water management area in the Big Lost River basin;
17 and
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19 WHEREAS, in June 2017 both pending petitions were withdrawn, and the petitioners agreed to
20 cooperate in developing a ground water management plan for approval by the IDWR Director; and
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22 WHEREAS, a groundwater flow model would be useful to quantify the hydrologic water impacts
23 of water management alternatives for development of a ground water management plan for the Big
24 Lost River basin; and
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26 WHEREAS, from 2018 to 2022, IDWR conducted a project to characterize the surface and
27 groundwater hydrology of the Big Lost River Basin. IDWR partnered with the Idaho Geological Survey
28 (IGS) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS); and
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30 WHEREAS, the above-referenced project provides a foundation for groundwater flow model
31 development; and
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33 WHEREAS, the United States Geological Survey partnered with IDWR on the above-referenced
34 hydrologic characterization project and previously collaborated with IDWR on groundwater flow model
35 development projects for the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie, Wood River Valley, and Treasure Valley
36 aquifer systems; and
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38 WHEREAS, with input from IDWR, the USGS developed a scope of work and cost estimate to
39 develop a groundwater flow model for the Big Lost River basin aquifer system; and
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41 WHEREAS, the proposed groundwater flow model development would be completed by the USGS
42 with oversight from IDWR over a three year-period at a cost of \$480,000; and
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44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes funds in the amount of \$480,000 from
45 the IWRB's Second Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund for development of a numerical
46 groundwater flow model of the Big Lost River basin aquifer system.

Dated this 1st day of April 2022



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE BIG WOOD RIVER
GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA
MANAGEMENT PLAN – CONSERVATION,
INFRASTRUCTURE, AND EFFECIENCY FUND

RESOLUTION TO MAKE A FUNDING
COMMITMENT

1 WHEREAS, on June 18, 1991, the Director of the Department of Water Resources (Director)
2 designated the Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area (BWRGWMA); and
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4 WHEREAS, The BWRGWMA includes that portion of the Big Wood River drainage upstream from
5 Magic Reservoir, including the Camas Prairie aquifer system, and also includes the upper Silver Creek
6 drainage in the vicinity of Picabo; and
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8 WHEREAS, the surface and ground waters of the Big Wood River drainage are interconnected such
9 that diversion of ground water from wells can deplete the surface water flow in streams and rivers. New
10 ground water uses can also deplete available supplies for other users and affect basin underflow which
11 presently accumulates in the Magic Reservoir; and
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13 WHEREAS, the primary management strategy after the 1991 designation of the BWRGWMA was
14 to restrict the approval of new groundwater appropriations in the BWRGWMA unless the applicant
15 mitigated for depletions that would injure senior surface and groundwater rights; and
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17 WHEREAS, while the management strategy limited the development of new groundwater
18 appropriations in the BWRGWMA, water users remained concerned about the impacts of groundwater
19 diversions on both groundwater and surface water sources in the Wood River Basin. Work to resolve the
20 concerns largely paused during the Snake River Basin Adjudication. As the SRBA ended for non-de minimis
21 water rights, the desire for conjunctive administration of surface and groundwater rights by priority came
22 into focus in much of the SRBA area. In the Wood River Basin, the Idaho Department of Water Resources
23 (IDWR) and the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) responded by cooperating with the water users and
24 with other agencies to increase ability to manage water resources in the basin; and
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26 WHEREAS, in 2010 together with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), IDWR began a program to
27 expand the existing hydrologic monitoring network in the Wood River Valley with the installation of four
28 stream gages in the Wood River Valley, and
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30 WHEREAS, in 2011, IDWR issued an order creating the Upper Wood Rivers Water Measurement
31 District and requiring groundwater users to install measuring devices prior to the 2014 irrigation season,
32 and
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34 WHEREAS, in 2012, in cooperation with the USGS and with funding from the IWRB, IDWR began
35 work on development and calibration of a numerical groundwater-flow model for the Wood River Valley,
36 including Silver Creek and the Bellevue Triangle area; and
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38 WHEREAS, in 2013 IDWR issued an order combining water districts for the Big Wood River, the

39 Little Wood River, and Silver Creek into Water District 37 ("WD37"); adding groundwater rights from the
40 Upper Big Wood River valley above Magic Reservoir and from the Silver Creek drainage to WD37; and
41 abolishing the Upper Wood Rivers Water Measurement District, and
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43 WHEREAS, in 2016 ground water users within the Wood River valley formed the South Valley
44 Ground Water District and the Galena Ground Water District, and
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46 WHEREAS, in 2016 the USGS published a final report documenting version 1.0 of the Wood River
47 Valley Groundwater Flow Model; and
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49 WHEREAS, in 2019 IDWR published a final report documenting recalibrated version 1.1 of the
50 Wood River Groundwater-Flow Model; and
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52 WHEREAS, in 2015 and 2017, water delivery calls were filed pursuant to IDWR's Conjunctive
53 Management Rules, which were dismissed on procedural issues and lack of standing; and
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55 WHEREAS, in October 2020, the Director of the Department of Water Resources formed an
56 Advisory Committee to draft a new management plan for the BWRGWMA in response to proposals for a
57 conjunctive use management plan for the BWRGWMA; and
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59 WHEREAS, on May 4, 2021, in response to severe drought conditions causing water supply
60 shortages in the Wood River Basin, the Director initiated administrative proceedings for the Wood River
61 Basin. On June 28, 2021, the Director issued an order curtailing junior groundwater rights in the Bellevue
62 Triangle area of the BWRGWMA to increase the supply of water to senior water right holders in the Silver
63 Creek and Little Wood River drainages. On July 8, 2021, the Director approved the groundwater users'
64 mitigation plan and stayed the curtailment order. Prior to submitting the mitigation plan, the parties to
65 the administrative proceedings signed a settlement document that included a commitment to work with
66 the Advisory Committee to submit a proposed groundwater management plan for the BWRGWMA to the
67 Director by December 1, 2021.
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69 WHEREAS, by January 2022 the Advisory Committee negotiated the elements of the Big Wood
70 River Ground Water Management Area Advisory Committee Groundwater Management Plan Term Sheet
71 ("Term Sheet") describing various management and mitigation actions intended to "inform the
72 development of a groundwater management plan pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-233b, support the delivery
73 of water to senior surface water rights, support stream health, and improve and maintain aquifer health;"
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76 WHEREAS, the Term Sheet was used to create the draft Big Wood River Ground Water
77 Management Area Management Plan, which has been submitted to the Director for review and approval;
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80 WHEREAS, the draft Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area Management Plan contains
81 certain management actions, including ground water use reduction, funding for the cooperative cloud
82 seeding program in the Wood River Basin, Snake River storage water delivery, and establishment of a
83 Conservation, Infrastructure, and Efficiency Fund; and
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85 WHEREAS, the Conservation, Infrastructure, and Efficiency Fund (CIEF) will be used for
86 infrastructure improvements and other permanent measures that improve the efficiency of delivering
87 senior water rights, protect groundwater levels, increase surface water flows, and for purchasing storage
88 water. Ground water users will contribute to the CIEF as specified in the draft BWRGWMA Management
89 Plan; and
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91 WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee requests the IWRB match the amounts ground water users
92 contribute to the CIEF, up to a maximum of \$200,000 annually; and
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94 WHEREAS, a committee will be established by the Advisory Committee to select projects on which
95 to use the CIEF funds, and the IWRB will have a representative on that committee to be appointed by the
96 IWRB Chair; and
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98 WHEREAS, providing matching funds for CIEF-funded projects is consistent with the purpose of
99 the IWRB's Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund.
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101 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes a commitment of funds not to
102 exceed \$200,000 annually from the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund,
103 for the next three years, on a two-to-one match in year one and on a dollar-for-dollar match in subsequent
104 years, for those funds the ground water users contribute to the CIEF.
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106 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this commitment of funds is subject to the
107 Director's approval of the Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area Management Plan.
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109 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or designee,
110 to execute the necessary agreements or contracts for the purpose of this resolution.
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112 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after three years, the progress under the Big
113 Wood River Ground Water Management Area Management Plan, including progress made with CIEF-
114 funded projects, shall be reviewed, and if found satisfactory the IWRB may elect to extend its commitment
115 made under this resolution.
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117 NOW, THEREFOR BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the initial three-year period, an amount at
118 least equal to the IWRB's contribution to the CIEF shall be committed for conservation, infrastructure, and
119 efficiency projects.

DATED this First day of April 2022.


JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 
JO ANN COLE-HANSEN, Secretary