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## MINUTES CLOUD SEEDING COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 3-22

Water Center  
Conference Rooms 602 C&D / Online Zoom  
322 E. Front St.  
BOISE

May 5, 2022

**Committee Members:** Chair Roger Chase, Jeff Raybould, Pete Van Der Meulen, and Al Barker.

### **Agenda Item No. 1: Introductions & Attendance**

Chairman Roger Chase called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM (MT) in Boise and online. He turned the meeting to Jeff Raybould to chair the meeting. Committee members present online were Chairman Roger Chase, Albert Barker, Jeff Raybould, and Pete Van Der Meulen. Other board members online were Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Brian Olmstead and Dean Stevenson.

IDWR staff members present were: Brian Patton, Kala Golden, Mike Morrison, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Steve Stuebner, and Jennifer Strange. Staff online were Sascha Marston, Sean Vincent, Wesley Hipke, and Ethan Geisler.

Guests present were Scott Pugrud, Kresta Davis, and John Simpson. Online included Drew Johnson, Ashlynn Goody, Amanda Harper, and Ann Yribar.

### **Agenda Item No. 2: Cloud Seeding Program Authorization**

Kala Golden proposed criteria for authorizing cloud seeding operations. Mr. Barker had several questions on the criteria. Scott Pugrud of Idaho Power Company shared support for the criteria.

Ms. Golden discussed a draft resolution for program authorization.

Al Barker moved to recommend the criteria as discussed and edited to the full board. Roger Chase seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item No. 3: Bear River Basin Cloud Seeding Update**

Kala Golden provided a summary of the progress on cloud seeding in the Bear River Basin. Mike Morrison highlighted the need for better coordination with NCAR and the contractor, and the importance of having two pilots and automated data logging.

Next steps for the program would be to pursue an exemption to keep the fourth aircraft operational for the next season. No actions were taken.

**Agenda Item No. 4: FY23 Budget Overview**

Kala Golden presented the proposed budget for the cloud seeding program. No actions were taken.

**Agenda Item No. 5: Other Items**

There were no other items for discussion.

**Agenda Item No. 6: Adjourn**

Pete Van Der Meulen moved to adjourn. Al Barker seconded. Voice vote: all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 2:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Strange, Administrative Assistant to the Board.