



AGENDA

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Finance Committee Meeting No. 1-22

Friday, January 14, 2022

1:00 p.m. (MT)

Water Center

Conference Room 602 C & D / Online Zoom Meeting

322 E. Front St.

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Brad Little

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Albert Barker

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District 2

Dean Stevenson

Paul

District 3

Peter Van Der Meulen

Hailey

At Large

Brian Olmstead

Twin Falls

At Large

1. Introductions and Attendance
2. Review Governor's Proposed Budget for IDWR
3. Allowable Uses of ARPA Funds for Water Projects
4. Criteria for Large Water Sustainability Projects*
5. Allocation of Funds*
6. Other Items
7. Adjourn

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

* Action Item: A vote regarding this item may be made this meeting. Identifying an item as an action item on the agenda does not require a vote to be taken on the item.

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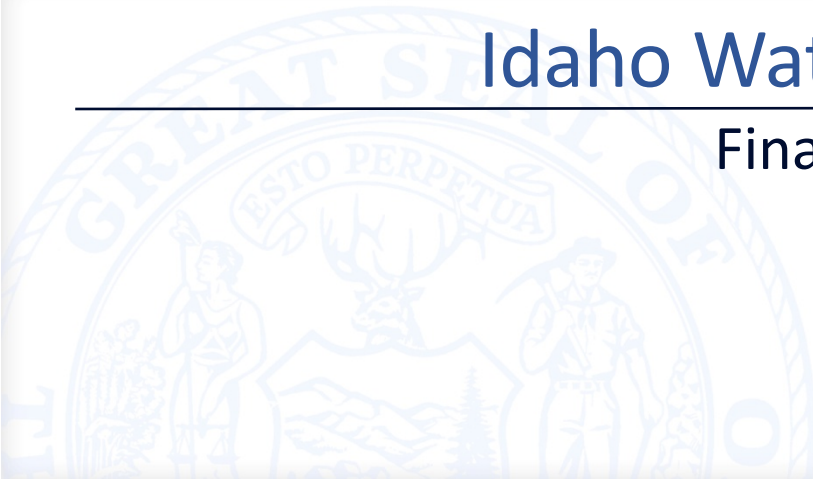
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FY 2023 Governor's Budget Recommendation for IDWR & IWRB

- Additional 15 FTP's – Increase to General Fund - \$1,386,900; ARPA Fund - \$30,000; other funds - \$168,200; total - \$1,585,100
- Other adjustments – Inflation, replacement items, benefit costs, SWCAP, CEC – Increase to General Fund - \$453,900; other funds - \$169,400; total - \$649,600
- Transfer from Revolving Development Fund - \$716,000
- FY 2022 Supplemental Request – Transfer from General Fund to Water Management Fund - \$75,000,000
- FY 2023 State Fiscal Recovery Fund - \$100,000,000

Uses of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Water Projects

- A certain amount of ARPA funds received by the State of Idaho may be used for water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure
- The Governor is proposing \$250M in ARPA funds for the IWRB
- On January 6, U.S. Treasury issued a final rule on the uses of ARPA funds including uses for water projects
- ARPA funds may be used for certain projects, and certain projects are excluded
- When IWRB authorizes expenditure of ARPA funds, the link back to the U.S Treasury Rule must be clearly established – federal audit
- Timelines – ARPA funds must be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026

Uses of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Water Projects

- The Federal Infrastructure Bill included a provision, incorporated in the U.S. Treasury Rule, that ARPA funds may be used for the non-federal match of an authorized Bureau of Reclamation water project – Treasury states in the Final Rule it will provide further guidance on this provision - Anderson Ranch Enlargement
- Except for that provision, the Treasury rule limits water projects to those that are eligible under the DWSRF and CWSRF funds – EPA guidance controls that eligibility
- Drinking water projects qualify so the MHA FB Water Supply qualifies

Uses of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Water Projects

- The document “Addressing and Mitigating Drought with the DWSRF” published by EPA states on Page 2 that the DWSRF may fund aquifer recharge projects
- The document “Overview of Clean Water State Revolving Fund Eligibilities” published by EPA on page 22 states that the CWSRF may fund aquifer recharge projects
- So, ARPA funds may be used for aquifer recharge infrastructure
- Other potential water project uses may be limited

Regional Water Sustainability Project Definition (Proposed):

“A project that helps achieve water resource sustainability on a regional, basin-wide, or state-wide basis”

Staff suggests this threshold for a project to be added to the Regional Water Sustainability Project Priority List

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Regional Water Sustainability Projects that provide would basin-wide, regional, or state-wide benefits

Tier 1 Projects	
Mountain Home Air Force Base Sustainable Water Project	\$30,000,000
Anderson Ranch Reservoir Enlargement	\$90,000,000
Large Upper Valley ESPA Aquifer Recharge Project	\$75,000,000
Aging Water Infrastructure Repair Fund	\$50,000,000
Cloud seeding infrastructure in additional basins	\$8,000,000
Lewiston Orchards Exchange Project	\$35,000,000
TOTAL – TIER 1	\$288,000,000

Tier 2 Projects	
Bear Lake Additional Storage	\$15,000,000
Mountain Home Aquifer Water Supply	\$50,000,000
Governors Salmon Work Group Projects	\$80,000,000
New York Canal Lining	\$50,000,000
Raft River Pipeline	\$30,000,000
TOTAL – TIER 2	\$225,000,000

Tier 3 Projects	
Lemhi Basin Aquifer Recharge	\$5,000,000
Lost Valley Reservoir Enlargement	\$50,000,000
Palouse Basin Aquifer Water Supply	\$70,000,000
Community Water Supply Projects	\$50,000,000
Flood Management Grant projects	\$5,000,000
Water quality projects statewide	\$30,000,000
Water Management Account & Secondary Aquifer Fund	\$100,000,000
Municipal water re-use projects	\$20,000,000
TOTAL – TIER 3	\$330,000,000

GRAND TOTAL	\$843,000,000
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- Adopted by Idaho Water Resource Board on July 23, 2021
- For a more detailed version of this list please see <https://idwr.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2021/09/Water-Projects-List-Draft-3.0.pdf>

Questions

