



# AGENDA

## IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

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Finance Committee Meeting No. 2-22

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

10:00 a.m. (MT)

**Brad Little**

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**Jeff Raybould**

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Water Center  
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1. Introductions and Attendance
2. Overview of Funds for Water Sustainability & Aging Infrastructure
3. Criteria for Regional Water Sustainability Projects
4. Criteria for Aging Water Infrastructure Loan/Grant Program
5. Other Items
6. 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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# IWRB Funding Program

## Aging-Infrastructure Cost-Share

- Loan/grant combination
- Competitive
- Lower interest rate
- Funding source: WMA, RDA

## Standard Loan

- Loan
- Can apply anytime
- Standard interest rate
- Funding source: RDA, WMA

## Flood Management Grant

- Grant
- Competitive
- Requires 50% matching funds
- Funding source: WMA

## Regional Water Sustainability

- Board Initiative
- Ranked process
- Funding source: ARPA (Limited uses), WMA, RDA

## Funding Sources

**ARPA:** Limited uses, \$250M one-time funding, ARR, MHAFB, Recharge (*Allocation of ARPA funding is subject to US Treasury Guidelines*)

**Water Management Account (WMA):** \$70M one-time previous appropriated + \$75M newly appropriated (1/3 of \$75M in grants) = \$145M; Also get \$1M annually for Flood Grants. Used for Regional Sustainability, Aging-Infrastructure, Flood Management Grants, Loans, Grants, or Expenditures.

**Revolving Development Account (RDA):** \$18M available for Loans. Can apply anytime. Balance revolves.

**Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund (SAF):** Gets \$10M/year on-going (\$5M cigarette tax + \$5M General Fund). Used for Recharge Program, Cloud Seeding Program, Statewide Aquifer Monitoring & Modeling.

# IWRB Regional Water Sustainability Priority List

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) will partner with eligible entities on large projects that help achieve water sustainability on a regional, basin-wide, or statewide scale. The IWRB will maintain a Water Projects Priority List (List) of those projects. These are projects the IWRB has determined have the potential to help achieve water sustainability.

**Eligible Entities:** Irrigation Districts, Canal Companies, Drainage Districts, Groundwater Districts, Ditch Companies, Municipalities, Counties

**Eligible Geographic Area:** Statewide

**Water Projects Priority List:** Projects that provide regional, basin-wide, or statewide benefits are eligible to be placed on the List; The List will be updated annually at the regularly scheduled January meeting of the IWRB. Projects are prioritized by the readiness of project to proceed.

Getting placed on the List is not a funding commitment, but rather a recognition that the project has the potential to help achieve water sustainability. Each project on the list is unique and will have its own implementation timeline and milestones.

## **Project Consideration Process**

Possible metrics for qualification and tier prioritization:

- Demonstration of regional benefits
- Demonstration of broad stakeholder support
- Provides resolution of long-standing or anticipated water use conflicts
- Relative economic and public benefits, and/or improves water sustainability and resiliency.
- Project readiness (may influence tier)

## IWRB Aging Infrastructure Loan/Grant Criteria

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) has identified a need to support projects that address aging water infrastructure needs as an investment in the Idaho economy and to ensure long-term water sustainability. The IWRB provides financial assistance on a statewide competitive basis through loan and grants to entities interested in pursuing projects to rehabilitate or improve aging water infrastructure.

The IWRB defines an aging water infrastructure project as any project intended to address repair, maintenance, replacement, or improvements to existing infrastructure that supports water delivery, storage, treatment, and application of water.

**Eligible Entities:** Irrigation Districts, Canal Companies, Drainage Districts, Groundwater Districts, Ditch Companies, Municipalities, Counties

**Eligible Geographic Area:** Statewide

### **Loan/Grant Funding Available and Cost-Share Component:**

- Projects that demonstrate a cost-share component by leveraging IWRB funding will be prioritized. The IWRB Preferred Funding Package = IWRB Low Interest Loan for 2/3<sup>rd</sup> (67%) of total project costs + IWRB Grant for a maximum of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> (33%) of total project costs.
- IWRB grant portion cannot exceed 1/3<sup>rd</sup> (33%) of total project costs after accounting for all other grant funding sources. If other non-IWRB grant funding is awarded to the project after a IWRB funding award is made, the IWRB's grant will be limited to 1/3<sup>rd</sup> (33%) of total project costs after accounting for all other grant funding sources. This requirement is intended to ensure project sponsors have a "stake" in the project and to maximize the use of available IWRB grant funds. *(Example: \$1.5M project; project has obtained \$900,000 non-IWRB grant; After all other grant funding the project still requires \$600,000. Project is eligible for IWRB grant up to \$200,000)*
- Funding awards may be reallocated if a project is not initiated prior to May 1, 2023.
- Funding will not be made available unless the project is fully permitted. Sponsor is responsible for providing permit documentation to IWRB staff.

**Evaluation Criteria:** To maximize the effective and efficient use of available funds, applications and sponsor's grant document will be evaluated, scored (*215-point scale*), and ranked according to the following criteria:

#### First Time Applicants (10 points)

- First time applicants will receive points

### IWRB Loan/Grant Combination (30 points)

- Applicants that elect the IWRB loan/grant combination will receive points. Grants not contingent on IWRB loan combo, but applications that propose loan/grant combination will receive additional points

### Public Interest of Project (Up to 50 points)

- Projects that address a public interest, including consideration of the communities, population, irrigated acres, and economic activity provided by the aging infrastructure for water storage or delivery system.

### Urgency and Effectiveness of Project (40 points)

- What is the urgency of the project and how does it specifically focus on repairing, replacing, or improving aging infrastructure? (10 points)
- What are the objectives and benefits of the project? (10 points)
- How does the proposed project solution address the objectives? (10 points)
- Are project sponsors using relevant and appropriate information to develop the proposed project? (Sponsor should include references to relevant design plans and specifications, studies, assessments, reports, management plans, etc.) (10 points)

### Budget and Organizational Capacity of Project (85 points)

- Lead sponsor of project is identified and there is a description of other affected stakeholders and jurisdictions. (10 points)
- Project sponsors will provide documentation that affected local stakeholders and jurisdictions have been consulted. (5 points)
- Is the proposed budget, scope of work and schedule provided? (15 points)
- Are plans and specifications included in the submission package? (15 points)
- Projects that propose grant amounts below 33% of total projects costs after accounting for all other grant sources will receive additional points (1 point for each additional 1% decrease up to 20 additional points).
- What is the sponsor's history of successful accomplishments on projects similar to this one? The sponsor shall provide several past project examples, if possible. (10 points)
- Please describe what level of sponsor and consultant staffing that will be directed toward the implementation of the proposed project? Discuss the number of sponsor and consultant staff and amount of time dedicated for each for the project. Will the project utilize volunteers? If so, how? Include brief resumes or list of qualifications for each member of the project team. (10 points)

### **Application Process:**

- Application Deadline: August 5, 2022
- Project Funding Recommendations: Early September 2022 Finance Committee
- Funding Awarded: September 2022 IWRB meeting

**Loan/Grant Implementation Process:**

- Loan and grant contracts will be developed following IWRB funding awards, and funds will be distributed and/or reimbursed per those contracts.

**IWRB Districts are:**

District No. 1: Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis and Idaho counties.

District No. 2: Adams, Valley, Washington, Payette, Gem, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore and Owyhee counties.

District No. 3: Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia, Blaine, Lincoln, Minidoka, Lemhi, Custer and Butte counties.

District No. 4: Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bingham, Bonneville, Power, Bannock, Caribou, Oneida, Franklin and Bear Lake counties.

*\* No more than 50% of the total budget may be spent within a single IWRB district. This limit may be waived if there are no competing funding demands.*