



AGENDA

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Finance Committee Meeting No. 5-22

Thursday September 8, 2022

1:00 p.m. (MT)

Brad Little

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At Large

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District 4

Jo Ann Cole-Hansen

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Lewiston

At Large

Dale Van Stone

Hope

District 1

Albert Barker

Boise

District 2

Dean Stevenson

Paul

District 3

Peter Van Der Meulen

Hailey

At Large

Brian Olmstead

Twin Falls

At Large

Aquifer Stabilization Committee Meeting No. 3-22 Upon Adjournment of Finance Committee

Water Center

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Finance Committee Meeting No. 5-22

1. Introductions and Attendance
2. Regional Water Sustainability Criteria*
3. Aging Infrastructure Funding Recommendations*
4. Other Items
5. Adjourn

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

Aquifer Stabilization Committee Meeting No. 3-22

1. Introductions and Attendance
2. Milner to King Hill Spring Discharge Calculation
3. ESPA Recharge Program Project Development Plan
4. ESPA Recharge Infrastructure Funding Recommendations*
5. Other Items
6. Adjourn

Committee Members: Chair Dean Stevenson, Al Barker, Pete Van Der Meulen, and Brian Olmstead

* 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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Memorandum

To: Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB)
From: Neeley Miller
Date: September 6, 2022
Re: Criteria for Regional Water Sustainability Projects



REQUIRED ACTION: Review and consider action on updated draft criteria

At the April 20th Finance Committee staff presented the Committee with proposed criteria for regional water sustainability projects. The Committee chose to open a 30-day public comment period on the draft criteria for funding water projects statewide, with comments due on May 20th.

Attached to this memo is the updated draft criteria prepared by staff for your consideration.

IWRB Regional Water Sustainability Priority List

Sustainability focuses on the overall stewardship of the state's water resources for the good of the people of the State of Idaho. In the [Sustainability section](#) of the [State Water Plan](#) (SWP) the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) defines sustainability as the active stewardship of Idaho's water resources to satisfy current uses and assure future uses of this renewable resource in accordance with state law and policy. Stewardship of Idaho's water resources begins with the realization that the water resources of the state are not inexhaustible. Stewardship, by necessity, also includes taking affirmative steps to address declining trends in the resource.

The IWRB will partner with eligible entities on water sustainability 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. Projects included on the List are projects the IWRB has determined have the potential to help achieve water sustainability.

Eligible Entities: Irrigation Districts, Irrigation Boards of Control, Canal Companies, Drainage Districts, Groundwater Districts, Ditch Companies, Flood Control Districts, Regional Water Supply Organizations, Municipal Irrigation Districts (formed per Title 42, chapter 18, Idaho Code), and Water Districts to provide financial support for water users to implement water measurement-related improvements, and other public and private supporting stakeholders

Eligible Geographic Area: Statewide

Water Projects Priority List: Projects that provide for water sustainability on a regional, basin-wide, or statewide scale are eligible to be placed on the List;

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. For projects that are placed on the List, the IWRB may 1) help advocate for Federal funding opportunities for these projects, 2) prioritize these projects for State funding consideration, and 3) help with letters of support related to necessary funding and/or permitting authorizations.

Process for getting on the List: Two ways to get added to the list: 1) Eligible entities will submit a request to the IWRB for a project to be added to the List by December 1st, and 2) the IWRB can add projects to the List at their own discretion.

The IWRB Finance Committee will consider these requests and make a recommendation to the IWRB. The List will be updated annually at the regularly scheduled January IWRB meeting.

Eligible entities will provide the following information:

- Cover letter with project summary
- Project background (infrastructure description, repair, rehabilitation, improvement needs/objectives/benefits)

- Project sponsor description (organization type, background, revenue sources, current operations)
- Project description (narrative, map, conceptual plan and design, land entitlements at project location)
- Cost estimate and budget
- Project funding sources
- Project implementation schedule

Considerations for List Qualification and Tier Prioritization:

- Project helps to achieve water sustainability
- Demonstration of regional benefits based on geographic area or number of impacted individuals. Projects with multiple benefits would be prioritized.
- Relative economic and public benefits including consideration of public benefits such how the project: 1. Protects existing water rights and uses identified in I.C. § 42-1760(2)(d), including consideration of the value of existing hydropower to the state's economy. I.C. § 42-1760(2)(d) states: Any project selected pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection must protect all existing water rights and consider the effects of such projects on other water uses, such as water quality, fish and wildlife, recreation, and hydropower, that provide economic value, stability, water sustainability, drought resiliency, and other benefits to the citizens of the state. 2. Provides water for future development; and 3. Addresses aging water storage and delivery infrastructure for projects that provide environmental, safety or recreational benefits
- Demonstration of broad stakeholder support or solutions that have been developed through collaborative processes.
- Provides or contributes to resolution of long-standing water supply challenges or anticipated water use conflicts
- Leads to stabilization of groundwater levels in basins where unsustainable declines are occurring
- Project readiness (may influence tier)

How a project is removed from the List:

- Project is fully funded and/or implemented
- Sponsor of the project requests the project be removed
- IWRB at their discretion removes project

Memorandum



To: Idaho Water Resource Board
From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau
Date: September 6, 2022
Re: Aging Infrastructure Grant Scoring/Ranking

Action: Recommendation of Aging Infrastructure Grant Funding Awards to IWRB

On June 7th the IWRB adopted the aging infrastructure grant criteria which set out the application guidelines, application due date of August 5th and the budget for round one of \$12.5 million.

The IWRB received 31 grant applications requesting approximately \$41 million in funding.

Attached to this memo is a summary of staff scoring and ranking of the applications.

Attachment(s):

Aging Infrastructure Application Scoring for Round One

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Entity	Funds Requested	Total Project Costs	Loan Funds Requested	Final Evaluation Score	Final Rankings	Proposed Awarded Funding
Ada County Barber; Dam Bypass	550,330	1,651,000	\$850,670	80	7	
American Falls Reservoir District; Spillway	2,783,000	12,100,000		Ineligible	-	
Bannock Feeder; Diversion Replacement	250,000	885,110	\$585,000	82	5	250,000
Big Lost; Dam Repair	2,000,000	9,082,856		84	3	2,000,000
Big Wood Canal Company; Richfield Drains Headgate	5,900	18,900		77	9	
Blaine County Canal Company; Converting Ditch to Pipeline	246,070	746,070		69	13	
Boise Project Board of Control - New York Canal Lining	2,418,900	7,330,000		84	3	2,418,900
Boise Warms Springs Water District; Mainline Replacement	1,032,000	3,097,000	\$2,810,000	Ineligible	-	
Burley Irrigation District; Southside Canal Structure	891,000	2,700,000		71	14	
Chester Canal & Irrigation Company; Diversion Headgate	29,725	129,238	\$34,894	93	1	29,725
City of Salmon City; Waterline Replacement	731,250	2,925,000		Ineligible	-	
Cloverdale Ridge Water Corporation, Efficiency Improvements	11,661	35,335	\$23,675	66	16	
Dalton Gardens Irrigation District; Delivery Improvements	23,460	69,000		68	14	23,460 *
Enterprize Canal Company; Converting Canal to Pipeline	2,736,227	8,291,597	\$6,325,083	82	5	2,736,227
Falls Irrigation District; Pump Station Rehab	3,031,600	9,095,000	\$9,095,000	81	6	200,588 **
Fremont Madison Irrigation District; Upgrades to Diversion Structures	58,200	232,874		84	3	58,200
Gem Soil & Water Conservation District; Irrigation Pipeline	131,620	470,070		Ineligible	-	
Henry's Fork Foundation/Conant Canal Co. Canal Lining & Automation	588,505	2,101,804		76	10	
Idaho Power Company; Spillway	2,783,000	12,100,000		Ineligible	-	
King Hill Irrigation District; Pump Station & Closed Conduit	1,980,259	6,154,187	\$1,500,000	84	3	1,980,259
Lost Valley; Dam Replacement	4,867,000	9,733,000	\$9,733,000	79	8	
Minidoka Irrigation District; Converting Lateral to Pipeline	76,176	238,048		74	12	
Nampa-Meridian Irrigation District; Ridenbaugh Canal Modernization	3,180,000	9,637,000		83	4	1,820,048 ***
North Fremont Canal Systems; Converting Canal to Pipeline	6,490,785	19,669,044		72	13	
North Side Pumping Company #1; pump station/canal abandonment	3,526,900	15,334,536		80	7	
North Side Pumping Company #2; pump station/canal abandonment	951,800	4,138,388		82	5	951,800
Payette Soil & Water Conservation District; Drain Replacement	27,157	82,925	\$55,138	70	15	
Squaw Creek Soil & Water Conservation District; Culvert	4,194	12,709		65	17	
Twin Falls Canal Company #1; Highline Canal Delivery	39,172	118,703		77	9	
Twin Falls Canal Company #2; Highline Canal Lining	270,102	818,491		77	9	
Water District 63; Monitoring System Upgrades	30,793	133,883		85	2	30,793
Total Funds Requested	41,746,786	139,131,768	\$31,012,460			

Grant Budget is \$12.5 million for round one

Total: 12,500,000

*IWRB decision to fund this project because it is the only project in District #1

**Lowest ranked project to be offered funding. Not enough IWRB funds remain to fund entire project. Applicant is being offered partial funding towards this project

***IWRB decision to fund lowest ranked project in District #2 at a lower amount to comply with IWRB District limits in the criteria

IWRB District 1	23,460	0.2%
IWRB District 2	6,250,000	50%
IWRB District 3	2,951,800	24%
IWRB District 4	3,274,740	26%
Total	12,500,000	100%

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