MINUTES OF EMERGENCY TELEPHONIC MEETING

MEETING NO. 02B-06
March 13, 2006, 8:37 a.m.
Idaho Department of Water Resources at the Idaho Water Center – 6th Floor
Conference Room 648A 322 East Front Street, Boise, Idaho

Meeting No. 02B-06 of the Idaho Water Resource Board was called to
order via teleconference by Chairman Rigby
At the Idaho Water Center in Boise Idaho
(One Recording Tape)

Agenda Item No. 1, Roll Call

Board Members Attending
Jerry Rigby, Chairman
Terry Uhling
Dick Wyatt
Leonard Beck
Vic Armacost
Claude Storer
Leonard Beck
Gary Chamberlain
Bob Graham

Board Members Absent
Bob Graham

Department of Water Resources Staff Present
Hal Anderson, Administrator
Patsy McGourty, Admin. Asst. II
Mike Keckler
Bill Graham, Bureau Chief
Brian Patton
Director Karl Dreher

Agenda Item No. 2, Public Comment

There was no public comment

Agenda Item No. 3, Authorization to place in the Water Resource
Board’s Water Bank a portion of Water Right Permit No. 01-07054 held
by the Water Resource Board for recharge

Mr. Anderson introduced Director Dreher to present item No. 3. Mr.
Dreher briefed the board on the department’s activities for recharge. He
stated that Mr. David Blew had canvassed the canal companies to see which
ones might be able to divert water early to maximize recharge. Director
Dreher also outlined the Governor’s office pilot plan for addressing the
recharge issue. He had met with the Governor on this issue. He also mentioned that a recent Attorney General’s opinion had been issued which addressed two issues regarding the Swan Falls Agreement. The opinion stated that recharge is a beneficial use to which some water rights are subordinate. The Swan Falls Agreement statutes passed in 1984 made hydro power rights subordinate to current and future water uses above the minimum stream flows established at Swan Falls. The flows above the Swan Falls minimums were put in trust for state management.

He further explained that it might be necessary to use the water board’s water right permit by the Lower Snake Aquifer Recharge District to divert water to the Shoshone recharge site. The department’s intent is to begin recharge on March 15.

Chairman Rigby called for questions and Director Dreher responded to Board members’ questions. Vic Armacost moved to adopt the resolution before the Board authorizing the transaction. Gary Chamberlain seconded.

**Voice Vote:** Resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Agenda Item No. 4, Other items**

No other items.

Mr. Wyatt moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Chamberlain seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Dated this 14th day of May 2006.

D. Richard Wyatt, Secretary

Patsy McGourty, Administrative Assistant II

**Board Actions**

1. The Board approved a resolution authorizing the placement of a portion of Water Right Permit No. 01-07054 held by the Water Resource board for recharge into the Water Bank, by unanimous voice vote.