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April 30, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

before The Idaho Water Resource Board

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2	of the State of Idaho	2	MR. BECK: Here.
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12	April 30, 2009, 10:00 a.m.	10	Seven present.
	before The Idaho Water Resource Board	11	THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any public comment
14	Gary M. Chamberlain	12	Anyone that's not going to be on the agenda that
15	Bob Graham Charles "Chuck" Cuddy	13	would like to address the Board at this time?
	Leonard Beck	14	Yes, sir. Please come forward.
16	Roger W. Chase	15	MR. HAZEN: My name is Bill Hazen. I work
	Vince Alberdi	16	with the Idaho Water Alliance. I don't know when
17	Jerry R. Rigby	17	the proper place to address the Board is, but this
18		18	is the time, I guess right now. It's a public
19		19	comment. And I'm as public as it gets.
20 21		20	I visited with Vince Alberdi the other day
22		21	regarding what is the proper format. And so I'll
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- some exploratory test holes along the Dietrich
- 2 canal. We dug three of them two weeks ago.
- 3 Eaton's drilled those. IDWR geologist Lynn
- 4 Campbell was there to make sure that we had the
- 5 good well logs that we need to make these kind of
- 6 decisions. Monday, two of them went up there and
- 7 videoed those holes to see if, in fact, we had
- enough cracks and fractures and cinders and stuff 9
- like that in order to proceed. And on two of the
- 10 three, we will be taking water -- potable water up
- 11 there in BLM trucks to see what kind of water will
- go down. And once we've done that, we'll make
- 13 some kind of a decision as to where to go.
- 14 Gooding, Lincoln and Jerome counties are all
- 15 interested as counties of trying to see if they
- 16 can help in providing the infrastructure to
- 17 perpetuate and get some recharge going. So we're
- 18 trying to get some of this stuff put together so
- 19 that we can maybe include some bore holes or some
- 20 more, actually, injection wells that the counties
- 21 would fund.

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- 22 I do encourage you, as you talk about the
- 23 implementation of the CAMP plan, to recognize the
- extreme need to have grunts on the ground to see
- these things are done. We can have committee

you're going to get those plans in effect, and

the good spots are, who's the people that are

players, how we can get this done, it will never

happen. So please, please consider the grunt end

of the deal when we get down to actually getting

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- the Swan Falls Settlement Agreement. That is the
- 2 agreement that was signed between the attorney
- general, the Governor, and Idaho Power that was
- the framework associated with this agreement that
- the State and Idaho Power has reached, which calls
- 6 for this Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. Chairman,
- 7 that has -- which is the subject of our discussion primarily today.
- 9 The Board has been briefed by Mr. Clive
- 10 Strong, who's been negotiating on behalf of the
- 11 Board and the State with the -- with the Idaho
- 12 Power Company on this -- on this agreement. And
- given that, Mr. Chairman, I would like to turn the
- 14 time over to Mr. Strong and let him go through the
- 15 details of the agreement for the Board and provide
- 16 opportunity for the Board to ask any questions 17 they might have.
- THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Strong, please. 18
- 19 MR. STRONG: Mr. Chairman, members of the
- 20 Board, what we're here today to do is to address
- 21 the -- one of the conditions for the
- 22 implementation of the Swan Falls reaffirmation
- 23 framework.

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- As you recall, the framework reaffirming the
- 25 Swan Falls Agreement itself is not a settlement

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- document, but rather lays forward a suite of
- unless you actually formulate and decide how 2 measures that, if taken, would ultimately
  - 3 constitute the settlement. And those suite of
- those people that are on the ground tell you where 4 measures are, one, signing reaffirmation
  - framework, which was done. Second was passage of
  - 6 three pieces of legislation, one dealing with the
  - 7 Board's review of managed recharge projects in
  - excess of 10,000 acre feet on an average annual
  - 9 basis. The second modification of 42-234 and
  - 10 42-4201A to remove the 1984 amendments and reflect
  - THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your comments, 11 the fact that managed recharge is an appropriate
    - state tool to move forward with. And then
    - 13 finally, implementation of legislation that would
    - reaffirm the same protections to Idaho Power
    - 15 Company that are received under the original Swan
    - 16 Falls Agreement in terms of PUC consideration of
    - 17 whether entry into the Swan Falls Agreement itself

    - 18 constitutes something that's contrary to the
    - 19 public interest.
    - 20 Those three measures were signed last Friday
    - 21 by the Governor. And so the remaining steps that
    - 22 need to be taken, one is the Board and the
    - 23 Governor's approval of the Memorandum of
    - 24 Agreement, which I will discuss in more detail in
    - 25 a moment. And then the final step would be

1 meetings; we can have all kinds of things. But

12 Any other public comment?

implementation plans done.

Thank you.

13 Idaho Power Swan Falls Settlement Agreement.

14 HAL ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the 14

- 15 Board, first of all, I want to make sure that
- everybody has the documents that we have included
- 17 for your consideration here. You should first
- 18 have a copy of a resolution. It says, "In the
- 19 Matter of a Memorandum of Agreement Regarding the
- 20 Implementation of Managed Recharge Under the
- 21 Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Management Plan and
- State Law." So you should have the resolution,
- 23 that is the resolution for the Board's
- consideration today.
- 25 You should also have a Framework Reaffirming

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#### Page 9 Page 11 submission of the proposed form of final decrees in a last little while, both your office, mine and 2 to the SRBA District Court for approval. other counsel that are representing the 3 3 If those remaining two actions occur, then independent, I guess, party participants. 4 as between the company and the State of Idaho, Obviously, with the condition that Idaho Power 5 that would constitute a resolution of the action confirmed the letter of -- that you'll be 6 brought by Idaho Power Company challenging the discussing, then I can represent to this Board and 7 Swan Falls -- the State's implementation of the to you that we are in agreement. 8 8 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Rigby. Swan Falls Agreement. I emphasize that that's an 9 agreement between the State and Idaho Power 9 Mr. Strong. 10 10 Company, because other water users may have MR. STRONG: Mr. Chairman, members of the different opinions or interests in this matter. 11 Board, which having said that, I've laid out the And they certainly have their right to participate framework. I don't intend to revisit the in each of these forums, and to make their views 13 framework. Instead, I'll now focus primarily on known on the adequacy of the settlement. the Memorandum of Agreement to which the Board is 15 MR, CHASE: You know, Mr. Chairman --15 being asked to consider approval. 16 16 The Memorandum of Agreement is -- it's THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chase. 17 MR. CHASE: I might note too, you know, I 17 important to set out what it does and what it 18 18 doesn't do. The Memorandum of Agreement is probably have a conflict of interest on this subject. And so, I'm going to listen to the 19 intended to reflect understandings between the 20 20 State and Idaho Power Company with respect to how debate, but I probably won't be able to vote on 21 21 we would move forward -- we the State would move this one. 22 22 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your -forward with managed recharge. 23 23 MR. CHASE: I've talked to attorneys about As I've previously advised the Board, under that, and that's what they told me I should the Swan Falls -- proposed Swan Falls settlement, 25 probably do. if it's implemented, there would be an Page 10 Page 12 1 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your candor, acknowledgment from the company that the issue of 2 Mr. Chase. 2 how managed recharge is conducted is a state 3 MR. CHASE: Okay. policy issue. And what this Memorandum of 4 MR. RIGBY: Well, Mr. Chairman, while we're Agreement attempts to do is to reflect the fact 5 that, between the power company and the State. on that subject, obviously, I'm one of the counsel 6 that represents the Upper Snake River users. And that there needs to be some dialogue that goes 7 7 we were party participants in the actual hearings back and forth on these particular issues. Not 8 themselves. And although I've not spoken to that the company has a right to control the state 9 Mr. Strong, I know that today I've been 9 process, but it's reaffirmation of its rights to participating because I've not felt that conflict. participate like other users in decisions that are But if -- if anyone is concerned of this, or if made through the State process, and also 12

Mr. Strong, on behalf of the State is, then I will 13 need to withhold as well. 14 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. 15 MR. STRONG: Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, from a conflict standpoint, if you're 17 adverse -- if your clients are adverse to the 18 State, then that would be a provision that would 19 require disqualification. My understanding, 20 though, is that your clients have indicated that 21 they are supporting of the agreement. If that's 22 the event, then I would say conflict them in. It 23 depends upon where you're at with your clients. 24 MR. RIGBY: And Mr. Chairman, Mr. Strong,

obviously, the -- we've had a lot of dialogue just

reaffirmation of the fact that we do have a contract with the company that reflects an understanding with regard to minimum flows that would be established at the Murphy Gauge and at the Milner Guage. And that, as the State moves forward with its management actions, those actions can have implications of -- in terms of the implementation of that underlying Swan Falls Agreement that we are committing ourselves under 21 this MOA to have a dialogue on those issues short 22 of going forward with litigation. 23 Now, nothing in the Memorandum of Agreement would preclude or change any parties' position,

either the Board or the company's right to seek

judicial relief. It's simply an expression of the 2 goodwill and intent that we should attempt to 3 dialogue on those issues before we have to resort 4 to litigation.

5 Having said that, the Memorandum of 6 Agreement has certain whereas clauses. Those 7 whereas clauses, if you go back and follow the pedigree of them, can be traced back to the 9 original Swan Falls Agreement, to the Swan Falls framework, which was the conceptual structure for 11 the Swan Falls Agreement that was entered into 12 back in 1984, and then provisions of the State water plan that were amended by this Board back in

14 1985 to reflect the Swan Falls Agreement. 15 Just I'm going to note issues as we go 16 along. One concern has been expressed by some of 17 the party participants in the litigation is the 18 fact that this -- these whereases only reference, 19 primarily, the recharge issue, and concern that, 20 by not referencing other provisions of the 21 original Swan Falls Agreement, that somehow those

24 the documents I've provided to you is a joint 25 statement from the Idaho Power Company and the

22 have a lesser standing. And I'd represent to the

23 Board that that is not the intent. In fact, among

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sense that, when you have a contractor, when you 2 have an agreement with a party, that you sit down

3 and you try to work cooperatively through those

4 issues. And that's what paragraph 1 attempts to 5 recognize.

6 Paragraph 2 is an understanding about the 7 ESPA CAMP process, which I should mention for the

8 purposes of the record that the CAMP legislation 9 was approved and signed into law by the Governor.

10 And under CAMP, as you're -- as this Board is well

11 aware, it provides for a managed recharge of up to 12 a hundred -- between 150,000 and 250,000 acre feet

13 on the average annual basis. But it provides that

14 that's going to be phased in over time, and that 15 the original intent was to phase in a hundred

16 thousand acre feet of recharge on the average

17 annual basis in the first ten-year period.

And so what we're reflecting here is that the State water plan represents, as a matter of law, what the State's policy is with regard to recharge at this time. Doesn't mean that it can't be changed in the future. In fact, the framework

23 makes clear that it can. But as it's presently 24 implemented, that provision of State law in CAMP

reflects what our recharge policy would be in the

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1 State of Idaho that goes into this issue in more 2 depth.

But basically, the reason these provisions were called out was we were trying to put the 5 framework of how this relates back to the Swan 6 Falls -- the original Swan Falls Agreement, how this is consistent with those original understandings and intent. And it is not intended 9 to reflect any change in terms of State policy, or 10 the agreements that were reached in the context of

11 the original Swan Falls Agreement. In fact, in the framework, we have an express provision that 13 reaffirms all aspects of the original Swan Falls

14 Agreement.

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15 Turning from the whereas clauses to the 16 therefore clauses, which are the critical ones, 17 let's walk through those. Paragraph No. 1 on page 18 2 is a codification of what I just expressed to you, the idea that we, as a State, and Idaho Power 20 Company, entered into an agreement back in '84. 21 We're reaffirming that agreement, and recommitting 22 ourselves to work cooperatively to implement the

23 principles of the Swan Falls Agreement, not to 24 change them, but to implement them. And from a

25 fundamental public policy standpoint, it makes

Upper Snake River Basin. And it's an

2 acknowledgment that, if we, as a state, choose to

3 change that policy in the future, that that would

constitute a requirement to go back through and

5 amend the State water plan pursuant to state law.

6 So again, it's just a reflection of an 7

understanding that that's what CAMP means. And

8 that's the process that we would use to change 9

those targets.

10 Paragraph 3 deals with ESPA CAMP 1 phase-in. 11 One of the kind of important issues in terms of 12 management of the waters of Snake River is to 13 recognize that -- and something we haven't done as adequately as we should have in the past is that 14 15 one action affects other rights in the river. And 16 so, to extent that we implement recharge in the -pursuant to the CAMP process, that will 18 necessarily mean that the waters that flow down 19 through the Snake River above Milner, for example, 20 will be altered, depending upon where we do that 22 will impact flows in various segments or reaches

21 recharge. The return flows from that recharge

23 of the river. And in particular, it could affect

24 the flows that currently unregulated flows that go

25 over the Milner Dam, and are available pursuant to

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the Swan Falls Agreement for use for hydropower generation at those facilities.

3 And again in the Swan Falls Agreement, it's 4 the State's -- State has the authority to use 5 those waters above Milner, and to use them in a 6 way for recharge without violating the Swan Falls 7 Agreement. But as a consequence of that, if we 8 take water out during certain times of the year 9 immediately above Milner, that means, in terms of 10 meeting the 3900 CFS -- 3900 CFS flow in the 11 irrigation season, or 5600 CFS flow in the winter season, that we have to be cognizant that that 13 action could impact what happens at those reaches.

And so what we're expressing here is an understanding that we're all going to be committed to moving forward with phase 1. The company has fully expressed its support for moving forward with phase 1. But it wants to be able to participate in how we implement that to try to minimize those impacts, and to avoid future potential conflicts between us.

And so, from that perspective, there's an understanding that, as the Board moves forward, we're going to look at that hundred thousand acre foot target for the first ten-year period. We

1 water management in the Snake River basin is that

2 we move forward independently of one another

3 without taking into account the implications from

4 a particular decision, and then we revisit those

5 problems in subsequent litigation or conflicts

6 that arise. And the idea here is that, rather

7 than allow issues to build, let's talk about them

8 up front. Let's work through them in a

constructive way.

Paragraph 5 is one that bears a significant amount of description for the reason that there is a concern that, by having the Board and the Governor work in good faith and cooperate with the

company and support the company's attempt to get
regulatory relief from the implications or impacts

16 of managed recharge, that that somehow makes the

17 Board or the Governor an institutional adversary

18 of the other water users in the basin,

19 particularly the groundwater users. And that's

20 been a concern from Mr. Rigby's clients, from

21 Idaho groundwater users, and from the City of

22 Pocatello. And first, I describe what the

23 understanding is between the State and Idaho Power

24 Company, and then how we have attempted to remedy

When this provision was being developed, the

or reconcile those concerns with the other

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1 recognize that adaptive management needs to be a 2 part of the CAMP process. And so built into this 3 is the notion that during that ten-year period, 4 we're not going to go more than 75,000 acre feet 5 above the hundred thousand acre foot target 6 without coming back to the Board and going through 7 a process and evaluating the consequences of that 8 decision. Again, it's your decision to make. 9 It's a process paragraph that we have there.

10 Paragraph 4 is the recognition, No. 1, that 11 by entering into this agreement, the company is 12 not waiving any of its rights to participate pursuant to state law as any other citizen would to come before the Board or to come before the legislature and to express its views with regard 16 to managed recharge and what implications it may 17 have on generation of hydropower at those 18 facilities below the Milner Dam. It also 19 recognizes that the Board will work with the company to sit down and to work through those 21 issues, to receive information from the company, 22 and to try to make -- use that information in a 23 meaningful way to make better decisions in terms 24 of water management.

Oftentimes, the major problem we've had with

affected water users.

concern from the company's perspective, and from my opinion rightfully so, was that, okay, if we as a company are going to agree that the State could move forward and make decisions about managed 7 recharge, that if you make those decisions, you ought to own the decision you made. In other 9 words, if our decision is we want to use water above Milner, and that's going to impact flows below Milner, and the ability to make energy from that water, that we ought to acknowledge that 13 we're making that decision, and what the consequences of that decision are. And that was all that was really intended. Because, oftentimes in these battles, you get into them, what happens is we make a decision, and then when someone seeks 18 relief, then they're viewed as a culprit for that 19 particular problem.

And what this is intended to do is to simply have us acknowledge as a government what the consequences of our decisions are. It's not intended to have the Board or the Governor be in a position of being an advocate for a particular proposal for the PUC. It's not intended to

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- deprive the PUC of it's authority to make
- 2 decisions about the adequacy of the requests being
- 3 made of the PUC, nor is it intended to have the
- 4 Governor or the Board take a position with regard
- 5 to that specific request. It's simply an
- 6 acknowledgment that we will recognize, based on
- 7 our own independent determinations what we think
- 8 the impact of the decisions we're making are so
- 9 that that can be part of the public record.

10 The concern is focused on the word support 11 and the view that that could be interpreted more

- broadly. And in response to that, in
- 13 conversations with various counsel and with others
- that are concerned, the State and Idaho Power
- 15 Company put together a joint summary of this
- particular MOA and the framework, and expressly
- 17 addressed this issue, and I would represent
- 18 reflect with comments I just made to you that this
- is intended to simply be an acknowledgment by the 19
- State of the consequences of its decisions as
- 21 opposed to taking a particular position before the
- 22 PUC.

23 As the legislation was moving forward

- 24 through the legislature, that concern continued to
- 25 resonate, and as a consequence, we received the

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- concerns of some of the groundwater users. I'll
- let them speak from their own perspective. But my
- understanding, at least from Mr. Budge on that, on
- behalf of his clients, making these a part of the
- 5 record, along with the resolution, would
- 6 adequately address their concerns about the
- 7 interpretation of this particular paragraph.

8 Paragraph 6 is one that -- from the -- from

- your perspective and Governor's perspective is an
- 10 important one. It's an acknowledgement both by 11 the company and the State that managed recharge is
- 12 fundamentally a public policy issue that needs to
- 13 be decided pursuant to state law. It's not a
- 14 matter of contract. It's a matter of state law.
- 15 And so as a matter of state law, it's subject to
- 16 change or modification in the future based upon
  - the policy directions that you or the legislature
- 18 adopt.

And then finally, paragraph 7. Paragraph 7

- 20 is an acknowledgment to the company that, by 21 entering into this MOA, and entering into the
- 22 general agreement, that they do have the right,
- 23 pursuant to state law, to continue to participate,
- 24 and that neither the Swan Falls Agreement nor this
- 25 MOA or the reaffirmation agreement precludes them

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- letter that I've provided to each of you, and I
- 2 would ask be made part of the record for Mr. Randy
- 3 Budge, that on behalf of the water users who
- 4 express their concerns over this particular
- 5 provision and the legislation.
  - Now, in addition to his letter, you will see
- 7 in the materials I provided, and I ask to be made
- 8 part of the record as well, a response that our
- 9 office, the Office of the Attorney General
- prepared in conjunction with the Governor's office
- 11 to reflect our understanding of this provision as
- 12 well as others. And it's about a 19-page letter.
- 13 And it has that statement of concern attached to
- 14 it as well.

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- 15 MR. RIGBY: Excuse me, Mr. Strong, that's
- 16 the April 13th?
- 17 MR. STRONG: That's correct.
- 18 So what we're proposing is to have those
- 19 issues made part of the record. We have -- in
- order to also give the other parties a comfort
- 21 level that, in fact, the representations that I am
- 22 making to you today, and that I am assuming
- 23 Mr. Tucker will make to you as well, are reflected
- 24 in the resolution for approval of the MOA. And
- 25 hopefully, with that, we'll address at least the

- from exercising those rights that are available
- pursuant to state law to express their views and
- 3 concerns with regard to managed recharge.
- 4 So Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, in
- summary, what we're bringing to you today, in my
- opinion, is a Memorandum of Agreement that
- 7 reflects a process for coordination, cooperation
- between the company, between the State on managed
- 9 recharge. It's not intended to create a new
- forum, but instead, it's intended to reflect
- 11 understandings that will allow us to move forward,
- 12 implement the policies of the State of Idaho with
- 13 regard to managed recharge in terms of CAMP. It
- 14 will allow the company to exercise its right in
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- the public forum with everyone else.
- 16 And so with that, Mr. Chairman, I would
- 17 stand for questions.
- 18 THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions of Mr. Strong?
  - MR. BECK: Mr. Chairman?
- 20 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Beck.
- 21 MR. BECK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 22 Mr. Strong, from this memorandum, it appears
- 23 that there is a tremendous -- or I shouldn't say
- 24 tremendous, but a concern for the decrease of
- flows because of recharge. Certainly on the other

Page 25 Page 27 1 hand, there has to be an approach, or an effort to (Unintelligible). 2 2 notice that the recharge would be to increase the MR. RIGBY: Mr. Chairman and Mr. Strong, I 3 aquifer levels, which would greatly reduce deep don't want to get out of order here. Just that, 4 well pumping. And in those levels being raised, 4 as I indicated before, for me to proceed, the only 5 it might also cause more flow in the river. 5 condition that I really have is the confirmation 6 Are we -- I'm more concerned about the 6 by Idaho Power of documents that they haven't 7 negativism versus the positive what a recharge 7 heretofore already executed, one of which is the 8 would look on it. April 13, 2009 letter. Obviously, not having 9 MR. STRONG: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Beck, perhaps executed, my understanding is Idaho Power is 10 in my presentation, I was too -- too much pointing prepared to confirm your response in that letter. on the downside, because that's the concerns that 11 And I guess that's what I'm saying. I don't 12 have been expressed. But the reality is you're 12 want to push this out of order. I know that Idaho 13 correct. Recharge has both positives and Power will be before the pulpit -- or the stand -negatives. And to the extent that recharge may you tell us -- go back to my church days here --15 not be going over Milner, it's certainly 15 and address this. But I just want to make sure 16 augmenting the aquifer. It provides a more stable 16 that's still on the Board. 17 supply, and it will help in those springs. And so 17 MR. STRONG: Mr. Chairman, members of the 18 it's a balancing act we're going to go through on 18 Board, it would be my recommendation to you that 19 recharge. not only do we hear from Idaho Power Company, but 20 I think really what's been kind of the heart 20 we hear from other water users. Though, I have 21 of debate on recharge over the last few years is 21 presented to you here what I believe to be the 22 22 everybody is looking at it from the worst case benefits of moving forward with this, not everyone 23 scenario. I think the reality, and what the 23 shares those views. And I think it's important in 24 future will show us is that recharge is a tool, making public policy decisions that everyone has 25 not the only tool, but a tool that can be used in an opportunity so that you have the information Page 26 Page 28 1 conjunction with other tools to try to bring the necessary to make an informed decision. 2 2 aquifer back into balance. And so from that perspective, I would 3 3 And I think that's reflected in your CAMP encourage you to invite, not only Idaho Power 4 proposal. And I think as we go forward and Company, but other participants here in the group that may have other concerns or issues they'd like 5 implement it, it's going to be incumbent upon us 6 to document what are the consequences of the 6 to have addressed. 7 decision we make. And it may be that we find more 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Strong. 8 8 benefits than we do negatives. But from a company Any other questions of Mr. Strong? 9 standpoint, they're concerned about the negatives 9 Clive, thank you. 10 because that impacts their ability to generate. 10 Mr. Tucker, I see you just itching to get to 11 From a positive standpoint, having enhanced 11 the pulpit. 12 12 spring flows is going to enhance their ability to MR. TUCKER: Mr. Chairman, thank you. No, I 13 generate with a more reliable flow, below Thousand 13 wasn't really itching to get up here, but I suspect that I perhaps should. Springs. And I think it's that realization -- and I'll allow Mr. Tucker to speak to that -- but I 15 THE CHAIRMAN: We appreciate it. 16 think it's that realization that recharge isn't 16 MR. TUCKER: I do not have any prepared 17 something you can view as either a positive or a remarks today. I suspect that I might be on the 18 negative. It's got a balance. And we need to 18 agenda, so I do have a few things to say. 19 consider that as we implement it and do it in a First of all, let me confirm what Mr. Strong way that's most effective to optimizing the said. Mr. Strong and I have appeared in various 21 21 resources. forums over the last month or so, including the 22 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 22 legislature on several occasions before various 23 Anything else Mr. Beck? 23 committees. And the representations from 24 Anyone else? Questions of Mr. Strong? 24 Mr. Strong on the general outline of the agreement, the framework, the MOA is correct. We 25 What?

- 1 certainly generally confirm and participated in
- 2 the summary that was done. And I confirmed the
- 3 letter that he sent. The letter that he sent, the
- September 13th letter or the April 13th letter,
- 5 generally concur with that letter. No problems
- with the letter.
- 7 What I want to do this morning is talk a
- 8 little bit broader than perhaps what this MOA
- 9 talks about. It's focused obviously on recharge.
- 10 But one of the first things that, when we sat down
- 11 with the State to talk about trying to resolve the
- 12 Swan Falls litigation, we agreed upon was a 13 litigation was not an appropriate forum to really
- 14 resolve complex public policy issues. We've been
- 15 in litigation with the State for several years on
- 16 issues that really we're not going to get to the
- 17 bottom line. And the bottom line being how do we
- 18 take care of the Snake River Plain Aquifer? How
- 19 do we implement CAMP? And how do we go forward to
- 20 see if we can't resolve some of the issues that
- 21 have been plaguing the State of Idaho over the
- 22 last several decades? Litigation wasn't going to
- 23 solve that. So we agreed upon that, and we agreed
- 24 to move forward.
- Now recharge, in that litigation, was a hot

- context, we felt we've got to more forward in a
  - 2 cooperative manner under the CAMP and look at
  - recharge in the same context as all the other
  - 4 water management tools we have. What benefits
  - 5 will it bring. What attributes does it have that
  - might foster some public policy debates about how
  - 7 much we should use recharge and where we should
  - 8 use it. That's what this agreement really does
  - 9 and sets the stage for. Sets the stage for Idaho
  - 10 Power Company to be a partner with the State in
  - 11 the context of the CAMP and water management
  - 12 processes.

13 Now, there's various other partners in that

- 14 process. Some of them are in the room. There are
- 15 other potential partners that we haven't even
- 16 talked to yet in the context of CAMP. But we
- 17 think it's recognized under CAMP that there has to
- 18 be a leadership role from the State of Idaho. And
- 19 frankly, this Board is going to have to take the
- 20 leadership role in that context. To really direct
- 21 CAMP, and direct these measures forward, and make
- 22 sound public policy choices as to what measures
- 23 are in the best interests of the State of Idaho,
- 24 the Snake River, and the Eastern Snake Plain
- 25 Aquifer.

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- 1 button issue. It was a hot button issue because
- 2 of what occurred two or three or four, five years
- 3 ago, 2006. We all remember House Bill 800? The
- 4 acrimony that came out of that debate, that fight,
- 5 if you will, which really blossomed into this
- 6 litigation. But as we went through that
- 7 litigation, we found that the end result was not
- 8 really going to even resolve that issue, because
- we knew -- Idaho Power knew, and I think the State
- 10 knew that, in the context of the CAMP process, we
- 11 were going to proceed with some recharge.
- 12 As Clive, recharge is a fundamental tool of
- 13 water management. It was recognized as a
- fundamental tool back in 1984, when the original
- 15 framework was signed for Idaho Power and the
- 16 State. The problem was no one knew how it was
- 17 going to be implemented or what it was going to
- 18 do. So as a consequence -- Clive is right -- it
- 19 became somewhat of a boogy man, if you will, in
- 20 the context of -- at least in the company's
- 21 perspective early on, how big was this going to
- 22 be? What impact it was going to have.
- 23 Mr. Beck makes a very good point, though.
- 24 As you start to look at recharge, you can see
- pluses and minuses on both sides. So in that

- What this framework does, and these
- 2 documents do is put Idaho Power in a position 3 where we can come before this Board, and we can
- present our information, our data, our science,
- and be involved in this process so that this Board
- б can make those sound public policy choices that
- 7 need to be made. This is going to be a long
- process. This first phase is expected to take ten
- 9 years. I may not be around for the end of that.
- 10 Though, it's got to start in a rational,
- 11 reasonable way with leadership from the State, and
- 12 leadership from this Board. And we, through this
- 13 agreement, are taking the position we want to be
- 14 part of that. We want to be an active member, an
- 15 active participant in that. And that's what the
- 16 agreement kind of clears the way for. It gets rid
- 17 of the litigation, and hopefully puts us in a
- 18 place where we'll be an active partner with the
- 19 State in moving forward on these issues.
- 20 So, again, I don't -- I think all too often 21 in this context of this settlement agreement, we
- look at recharge as being kind of the -- everybody
- 23 talks about recharge, recharge, recharge.
- 24 Recharge is an important management tool.
- 25 Mr. Hazen makes the point that recharge, we need

- to worry about boots on the ground, or grunts on
- 2 the ground. I agree. We need to worry about how
- 3 we're going to implement these various measures.
- 4 But they have to be implemented. And I think this
- 5 whole context of what we put together under the
- 6 legislation is they should be implemented under
- 7 the CAMP process. And there's a lot of work to be
- done that -- I just saw Mr. Barch come in --8
- 9 there's a lot of work to be done in the context of
- setting up the implementation committee, how that
- 11 committee's going to consider measures to move
- forward with, how its a going to bring those
- measures to this Board to get approved, and how
- 14 this whole process is going to work. A lot of
- 15 details to be worked out. We'd like to be a
- 16 partner in helping to work out the little details.

17 So with that, I'll answer questions if you

18 have specific questions about that. I just want

19 to give a little bit broader context.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: I believe that the fear of 21

- the unknown is what is holding all of us back. It is too bad that we can't look into a crystal ball
- 23 and see ten years from now how worthwhile these
- 24 decisions we're making today are going to be.
- 25 Are there any questions for Mr. Tucker?
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- Mr. Cuddy? 2 MR. CUDDY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 3 I take it from this, you and Clive both
- 4 believe that with the MOU and the April 13th
- 5 letter being an integral part of it, that it still
- leaves you the latitude to move up and down the
- 7 necessary process that may occur in the Snake
- 8 River Plain to properly manage it without
- 9 restriction?

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- MR. TUCKER: Mr. Cuddy, Mr. Chairman, when
- 11 you say you, Mr. Cuddy, I don't want to -- I don't
- want to answer that in the context of Idaho Power,
- because Idaho Power obviously is not the water
- 14 manager up and down the Snake River. It wants to
- 15 be a participant in those water management
- decisions. This sets the framework for Idaho
- 17 Power along with other interested parties to
- 18 participate in that.
- 19 MR. CUDDY: Well, that's what I mean. And I
- 20 see it, with this, you become a part of the
- 21 management process.
- 22 MR. TUCKER: That's our hope. And again,
- 23 not to raise our level. I don't want to give
- people paranoia to think that Idaho Power is
- stepping out and has some super priority

- someplace, because we don't. But we are -- as
- 2 with any other citizen, we have -- we have the
- ability and the opportunity to come before this
- 4 Board and talk about the measures that are going
- to be put in place, and how those measures should
- best address all of the various issues this Board
- 7
- should be concerned with with respect to water management.
- 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other questions?
- 10 Mr. -- Mr. Rigby.
- MR, RIGBY: Mr. Chairman, 11 12 MR. CHAIRMAN: I knew that.
- 13 MR. RIGBY: I'm sorry.
  - Mr. Tucker -- and again, this is the
- 15 attorney in me, but I just need to ask this
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- 17 In response to the April 13th, 2009 letter,
- 18 I heard you say general agreement. I guess I
- would ask you, is there anything specific in that
- letter -- I'm assuming you've read it numerous
- 21 times. Is there anything specific in that letter
- 22 that you have any problem with?
- 23 And again, I don't want to beat a dead
- 24 horse, but I want you to understand that I'm
  - concerned about my position on this Board. And
- the only -- in voting on this, the only way I can
- is a clear agreement of Idaho Power to that response, because I believe that response
- addresses the concerns of my particular clients in
- a -- obviously, there were many other concerns.
- But having gone through the litigation and dealt 7
- with the minutia of certain terms, that's why I'm
- beating this dead horse. And I apologize, but I
- 9 guess I really don't apologize. I need to have a
- 10 response to that.
- MR. TUCKER: Mr. Rigby, Mr. Chairman, I'm
- only smiling, Mr. Rigby, because it is the
- attorney in you, and it's cross-examination. And
- 14 if I had my counsel here, he might object.
- 15 But Mr. Rigby, Mr. Chairman, Board Members,
- we have no problems with the representations in
- 17 that September 13th letter. I use the word
- generally only because I'm an attorney also.
- Okay? But we've been through the letter. We've
- talked to Mr. Strong about it I've talked to
- Mr. Budge about it. I haven't talked with you
- 22 about it. I apologize for that. Certainly
- willing to do that. We've offered to go and sit
  - down with groundwater users boards, which I think we're going to do in the next month or two months,

Page 37 Page 39 1 and talk about not only the settlement, but the the Court was almost -- was ready to issue was put 2 2 on hold. And that's currently the status. All whole process of moving forward with CAMP, and try 3 to get kind of an understanding, relationship, and 3 the argument and briefing has been done. And the 4 Court has held back its order on summary judgment. 4 so we can, you know, communicate better. Be happy And then this settlement occurred. 5 to do that with your clients also. 5 6 6 MR. RIGBY: Mr. Chairman? It's important to know, and I know 7 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Rigby. Mr. Strong did say, that the other parties have 8 MR. RIGBY: Mr. Tucker, we would really 8 not agreed to the settlement entirely. We still 9 9 appreciate that. I think that would be very have some concerns about the framework and other 10 helpful. And you and I have had this discussion issues relating to the settlement, and haven't about meeting with my particular groups in the 11 made a decision on whether or not we will agree 12 with the settlement ultimately that's before past. I think it would be very, very worthwhile. 13 MR. TUCKER: Be happy to do that. this -- of the litigation that's pending in the 14 MR. RIGBY: Thank you. I will no longer SRBA District Court. That's why we wanted to make 14 sure that our April 9th letter that discusses 15 15 cross-examine. 16 MR. TUCKER: Thank you. May I step down 16 those questions and some of the things involved 17 now? 17 there is in the record as well as Mr. Strong's 18 THE CHAIRMAN: Just one second, Mr. Tucker. 18 April 13th response, which now Idaho Power has 19 Are there any other questions by other Board 19 joined in, from my understanding of the dialogue 20 Members of Mr. Tucker? 20 between Mr. Rigby and Mr. Tucker. 21 21 Hearing none, thank you, Mr. Tucker. But I did want to just make that clear that 22 MR. TUCKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 22 there is still pending litigation. And we haven't 23 23 made a decision entirely on the resolution of Thank you. 24 24 THE CHAIRMAN: Who else would like to weigh litigation. But as far as the Memorandum of 25 in on the Memorandum of Agreement? Agreement that you guys are to act on today, the Page 40 Page 38 resolution accomplishes -- or addresses our 1 MS. McHUGH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My 2 2 name's Candice McHugh. I represent the Idaho 3 Groundwater Appropriators. And we're here today 3 And with that, I would stand for any 4 4 to just, I guess, confirm some of the documents questions. 5 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Miss McHugh. that Clive -- or Mr. Strong has put into the 6 6 Any questions of the Board Members for record. 7 7 I understand you have Mr. Budge's April 9th Ms. McHugh? 8 8 letter that set forth some concerns not only about MS. McHUGH: Thank you. 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. the Memorandum of Agreement, but also about the 10 10 framework. We're here today, I understand, for Mr. Graham. 11 the Board to discuss the Memorandum of Agreement. 11 MR, GRAHAM: I'd like to ask Clive a 12 And specifically in that letter, we had a concern 12 question on paragraph 5 on page 3. 13 13 with paragraph 5. I understand the Board is going (Unintelligible). The way I understand --14 to be adopting a resolution that will address our 14 understood you commenting on that seems to differ 15 with the word and support on that second line. 15 concerns about that paragraph. Mr. Strong's 16 already gone over that. So as far as the 16 The way I'm reading paragraph 5 is that the Memorandum of Agreement goes, at this time, the 17 Governor and/or the Board will support Idaho Power 18 Groundwater Appropriators are satisfied, provided 18 in any proceedings. When you talked about that 19 the resolution is adopted. 19 particular paragraph, it sounded like there was a 20 There are some other background information 20 hedge on and support. 21 21 I think is important to put on the record. The MR. STRONG: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Graham, no, 22 settlement came about because of litigation before 22 there's not a hedge on the word support. It's any 23 the SRBA District Court. The parties briefed the 23 time you use words, they're not like a 24 matter on summary judgment. And at the request of 24 mathematical equation. They can be interpreted

25 Idaho Power and the State of Idaho, the order that

differently. And that's what the real issue has

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been. There's been this issue about what is meant

- 2 by the word and support. And I would reflect
- 3 again to the Board that as between the company and
- 4 the State, it was our understanding that and
- 5 support means that we will come forward, and as
- 6 the company's making its request, acknowledge what
- 7 we determine to be the, both the benefits and
- 8 impacts for recharge. If we implement a program,
- we ought to be able to acknowledge what the 9
- 10 consequences of that decision are. So that's what
- 11 paragraph -- from our perspective what paragraph 5
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13 And it's because of that concern that, in

- 14 your resolution, we have language that's intended
- 15 to try to address that. Specifically on the
- 16 second page, the second whereas clause, it says,
- 17 "whereas, the Memorandum of Agreement provides
- 18 that the Board would cooperate and inform the
- 19 Public Utilities Commission of any direct effects
- 20 the Board determines may arise from implementation
- 21 of managed recharge and hydropower generation
- 22 capacity." So that's what we understand the word
- 23 support to mean. And when we sign it, that's
- going to be -- if the Board approves it, that's
- going to be the understanding that that's what it

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1 So these three paragraphs are intended to 2 confirm the representations that I have made to

3 you about the meaning of that particular

provision, and will be part of the history of this

particular agreement if it is approved by the 6 Board.

7 Now, let's -- what we're really dealing with

here -- and I think Mr. Tucker is correct -- that

9 we have a relationship, one that is kind of like a

family relationship, where issues of trust have

11 arisen over time, and there's concerns about

making sure that we all have the same

13 understanding so we don't get into other

14 litigation down the road. And so that's why these

15 provisions are here, and rightly so.

> The water users that have been before you have expressed concern. Want to make sure that

17 18 there's that understanding so that we don't

unnecessarily or inadvertently cause conflict down

20 the road in terms of if implementation goes

forward. What we really need to do, and what I

22 think Mr. Tucker's point was well made this

23 morning, is when you get into these issues of

trust, you've got to start somewhere. And this is

what this is intended to do. It's intended to be

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1 meant.

2 Then, "whereas, nothing in this memorandum's

3 intended to divest or interfere with Public

4 Utilities Commission's authority to independently

5 evaluate the effects of managed recharge and

6 hydropower generation to pass the -- or the

7 appropriateness of any requests by Idaho Power

8 Company to address any such effects."

So again --

9 10 MR. GRAHAM: What paragraph are you reading

11 from on the resolution?

MR. STRONG: It's the second page of your 12

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14 HAL ANDERSON: The second whereas on that

15 page starts -- second and third.

16 MR. GRAHAM: Oh, okay. Thank you.

17 MR. STRONG: And then the third one is

18 intended to address the concern about what the

19 State would do in those proceedings. And it says,

"whereas, the memorandum does not require the

21 Board to take any affirmative position on whether

22 a specific request by the Idaho Power Company

23 seeking relief for the alleged effects of managed recharge is appropriate or necessary, or on how

any resolving rate impact should be allocated."

an agreement that starts us down the road to where, rather than viewing ourselves as

adversaries, we're going to try to view ourselves

as people who have interests that sometimes

conflict, and sometimes converge. And so, try to

manage those in a way that avoids the necessary --7

the conflict that we've had in the past. And obviously, because of the trust issues, it's

9 difficult to get there. But at the beginning of

the process, if you don't make some

representation, if you're going to go down that

12 process, you never get there anyway. 13 And so what we're really trying to do with

14 this MOA is to reflect that understanding. We're

15 going to try to find that cooperative relationship

16 that has existed in the past, restore ourselves back to that. At the end of the day, this MOA is

merely the statement of intent between Idaho Power

Company and the State. We cannot, as a matter of

20 state law, and the company recognizes this, we

21 cannot, matters of state law, bind the Board to a 22 particular position, we can't bind the Governor to

a particular position. As a government, you have

24 a right to make those decisions. There may be

another Governor that comes down the road that has

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- 1 a different point of view. But what this is
- 2. intended to do is to the extent of showing the
- goodwill, good faith effort to try to reconstruct
- 4 that constructive relationship that will lead us
- to a more effective water management process in
- 6 the future.
- 7 MR. GRAHAM: Does Mr. Tucker agree with 8 that?
- 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead, Mr. Tucker.
- 10 MR. TUCKER: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Graham, yes,
- 11 I agree with that. And just to put this, maybe,
- you know, again, in context, you know, I think we
- 13 realize, given what's happened over the last three
- 14 or four or five years with CAMP, that we -- you
- 15 know, we're in a zero sum game here. You know,
- 16 which means, if you take water from one place --
- one place -- Clive said this earlier -- and you
- 18 put it someplace else, it impacts various things.
- 19 When we started again, the discussions with the
- 20 Governor's office and the AG's office, all we
- 21 asked in the context of this provision was that
- if, again, the public policy choice is made to
- 23 move water from one part, one place to another
- 24 place that has impacts upon hydrogeneration, let

policy choice with knowledge of what it was going

You know, Idaho Power Company's not the

enemy here. We provide energy to the State, to a

And if public policy choices are made that impact

that ability, or make choices that we have to make

portion of the State. We provide energy to the

State. And we try to do it on a low cost basis.

to go, either, build a new plant or something

10 else, all we ask from the State in this context is

12 the -- we don't go to the PUC alone. The State

13 acknowledge we made a public policy choice we

11 that the State acknowledge, so we don't go to

25 the state acknowledge that they made that public

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- Board, I'm Jo Beeman of Beeman & Associates. And
- I represent the City of Pocatello in the two Swan
- 3 Falls matters at the SRBA court. As part of the
- record today, Candice McHugh provided the April
- 5 9th letter from the groundwater users. I wanted
- to ask if that letter had the attachment, which I
- 7 believe is an order -- there was an attachment to
- 8 that letter that was an order.
  - MS. McHUGH: No.
- 10 MS. BEEMAN: Okay. What I would like -- and
- 11 I have copies with me today -- to include in the record for the Board's consideration of the
- 13 Memorandum of Agreement is a notice that the City
- 14 of Pocatello filed in the Swan Falls litigation.
- 15 And in addition, in that notice is a reference to
- 16 the subtext of what we've been talking about this
- 17 morning, the third party beneficiaries of the Swan
- 18 Falls Agreement. And in the litigation,
- 19 Miss McHugh and Mr. Rigby represent the
- 20 groundwater users. And Pocatello is a
- 21 representative the face of the municipal water
- 22 users who are groundwater users in the state.
- 23 And in the context of the state policy, and 24 what the interface we have here between these
- 25 extremely important policy decisions, and the

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- boundaries established by the litigation in the
- court with the Swan Falls matter, is that we
- 4 can't, in making policy decisions, escape the fact
- that we have had 24 to 25 years of Swan Falls.

- 9 and the legislation is intended to address did not
- 10 include any evidence or discovery on the numbers

- 13 interplay of Milner and Swan Falls with the
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- 14 understand has energy ramifications. That's it. You know, PUC still has jurisdiction to do
- 16 whatever they want to do. It's not that the
- 17 Governor comes in with a heavy hand and directs
- 18 the PUC to do something particularly with respect
- 19 to rates or otherwise. It's simply an
- 20 acknowledgment that that public policy choice was
- made. That's all. That's really all that
- 22 provision does.

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to do.

- 23 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Tucker.
- 24 Miss Beeman,
- 25 MS. BEEMAN: Mr. Chairman and members of the 25

- 2 '80's, and now the litigation before the SRBA

- And unfortunately -- and this is something that
- 7 Pocatello will be bringing to the floor and has.
- 8 The litigation at the SRBA court, the framework
- 11 of how the Swan Falls flow has been measured, how
- 12 the flow at Milner Dam has been measured, and the

- operational decisions of Idaho Power.
- 15 I've had conversations with the Attorney
- 16 General's Office, because, of course, with what
- 17 Pocatello filed that we'll make of record today,
- 18 the notice that they filed, there was concern
- about could Pocatello put something in writing to 20 express its concerns. And I said, what -- I said,
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- we probably won't, because the notice states the
- 22 City's general concern. But what we would like to 23 have from the State is the data that shows what
- 24 those Idaho Power fluctuations have been in the
- dams between Milner Dam and Swan Falls. Because,

4/30/2009 Page 49 Page 51 part of this framework -- a core part of this know it's been signed, but 1169 makes public 2 framework sets forth in black and white a formula policy of the exhibits to the framework. Those about how those minimum flows are going to be exhibits include the decrees. The decrees have a measured. And we're going forward without the 4 4 formula. We don't know if that formula is, in 5 data of what has happened the last 24 years. That 5 fact, what the State has done for the last 24 6 is Pocatello's concern. years. And in large measure, we don't know, 7 7 And so my response to the State was, can you because we don't have the data. 8 provide us that data? I have begun to look at it. 8 That's my concern, that we're going forward 9 And I have to thank Miss McHugh's firm. They've 9 with a formula that says you look at the Murphy 10 had one of their experts looking at these issues Gauge, and you've got to know what color the water 11 as well. And we have talked about it. But we is. If it's red, we don't count it. If it's simply don't have the data. And the thing about 12 green, we do. That's the concern that Pocatello the certainty and the trust going forward that has. And the document I'm making of record is 14 everybody wants to support is that we have just a notice to the SRBA court that there are 15 2 million acres of land in this state irrigated five parties to the litigation. Two have signed 16 with groundwater. And we have two things that are the framework, and that Pocatello joined. It 17 very uncertain going forward to this framework. initiated one of the basin-wide issues on Swan 18 One is the Department's rules of appropriation, Falls for the benefit of the third party 19 which came out of the Swan Falls Agreement have at beneficiaries. The framework here that we're their very end a map, which has a line that talking about, and the Memorandum of Agreement 21 designates if you're inside this line and the Swan addressed the other piece of the Swan Falls 22 Falls flows are not met, you're going to be litigation. Pocatello came into that expressly as 23 curtailed if your priority date is junior to 1984 a third party beneficiary of the Swan Falls 24 24 and 1985. We don't know if that line is going to Agreement. 25 stay the same. And that's the capacity in which I'm Page 50

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2 Falls -- you could probably ask Director 3 Tuthill -- will tell you that's not a hydrologic line. And if, as we go forward with this 4 5 framework -- and this is stated in the 6 documents -- that there is a desire to make that 7 more correct. Well, I don't think anybody could 8 stand before you and say, in making that line 9 correct, we're going to have a smaller group of 10 groundwater users. No. If anything, that line 11 will get larger. That's concern No. 1. 12 No. 2 is, if you don't have the data about 13 what was going on at Swan Falls -- and by that, I mean -- this is an engineering term -- being able 15 to disaggregate how much of that flow is because the variations in Idaho Power operations -- I 17 think there are five or six dams. And most of 18 them run at the river. How much is from Bureau of Reclamation programs, how much is from rental 20 water, and what have we been doing in the past? 21 Has the determination of those minimum flows been 22 this is what the Murphy Gauge reads. And all of 23 the water is the same color. We count it the same. The framework that is going forward, and the legislation -- which is why Pocatello -- I

I think anybody who's worked on Swan

of Pocatello. If anyone has any questions, I'd --3 THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions of Miss Beeman? 4 MR. RIGBY: Mr. Chairman, I don't have any questions. I just want the record to be clear, Miss Beeman said that my group, and I want to make sure maybe there is a confusion. My group in the litigation were groundwater users. In fact, they were not. They are two from each of my -- what I call my three regions as representative clients, irrigation companies and canal companies, each of whom, however, do have, within their membership, certain groundwater users. But the actual entities themselves entities are surface water 14 15 users. I just wanted to make that --16 MS. BEEMAN: Mr. Chairman -- Mr. Rigby, 17 excuse me. 18 MR. RIGBY: No, that's fine. I just want to 19 20 MS. BEEMAN: I appreciate your correcting 21 the record. 22 THE CHAIRMAN: The attorney in all of us. 23 Any other questions of Miss Beeman?

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3	You know what the context of that statement is?	3	send out an e-mail later but I'll announce now
4	If you want to destroy democracy, the first thing	4	that last night I met with the director. And we
5	you do is kill all the attorneys.	5	have set up two meetings, two workshops. One will
6	And I thank you gentlemen.	6	be on May 6th. The purpose of the May 6th meeting
7	MR. RIGBY: Here, here.	7	will be to share information with regard to the
8	THE CHAIRMAN: I think we all realize how	8	number of water rights that the Department has
9	enjoyable it is to have attorneys in the room.	9	concluded would enjoy the benefit of the
10	Is there anyone else who would like to	10	subordination and those that would be deemed to be
11	address this before the Board takes action?	11	diverting from trust water.
12	I would entertain an acceptance of the	12	The next workshop would be on May 12th. And
13	resolution before us to approve the Memorandum of	13	both of these are in the afternoon at 1:00
14	Agreement.	14	o'clock. The May 12th workshop, will focus on the
15	MR, BECK: So moved, Mr. Chairman.	15	issue that Miss Beeman has raised about
16	THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Beck has made the motion		UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Phone is ringing.
17	to approve the Memorandum of Agreement that's	17	MR, STRONG: how we measure flows at the
18	before us.	18	Murphy Gauge. And so hopefully we'll be getting
19	Do I hear a second?	19	that information out
20	MR. GRAHAM: I'll second it.	20	MS. McGOURTY: Is that Bob's phone?
21	THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Graham has seconded it.	21	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't know. It's
22	Any discussion by the Board?	22	in the bag here. It's Bob's.
23	This is important enough, I think we need a	23	MS. McGOURTY: Bob
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- reaffirmation of Swan Falls Agreement is not an
- 2 intent to change it. For example, one issue
- 3 Miss Beeman raised was the issue of whether the
- 4 trust water line is going to change. I can
- 5 represent to you here as I did before the
- 6 legislature that this agreement does not
- 7 contemplate any change any change in the trust
- 8 water line. It will stay where that's at. The
- agreement's been based upon that. 9

10 Our objective from the State's perspective 11 is to make sure that the agreement is implemented

- as intended back in 1984. That's not to say that
- 13 we agree that all aspects of that agreement were
- 14 necessarily the best decision to make at the time,
- 15 but nonetheless, they do, as Miss Beeman suggests,
- 16 represent what we've been doing for the past --
- over 25 years. And so, as a reality, we need to
- 18 make sure that we all have a clear and complete
- 19 understanding of that.

20 I was reading a letter the other day that I

- 21 thought was kind of apropos where somebody said,
- 22 well, we need to record this because, as time goes
- 23 by, our memories fade. And I can assure you that
- 24 is happening. And hopefully this will give us an
- opportunity to refresh our memories.

- - Board's consideration about the uses of those
  - storage -- of that storage water, particularly in
  - light of some of the negotiations that he's been
  - involved in recently. So this is an agenda item
  - that Director Tuthill has requested.
  - 6 THE CHAIRMAN: Director Tuthill, please.
    - DIRECTOR TUTHILL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
  - And I'm very pleased that the Board does have
  - 9 5,000 acre feet of storage in Palisades. I think
  - it gives the state a great capability in
  - addressing water needs. Of course, as soon as
  - that water is acquired, many possible uses come
  - up. It is my understanding that the Board has
  - 14 assigned this water to the rental pool for this
  - 15 year.

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16 I did want to address one issue that has

- come up as a potential use for this water and as a
- 18 primary use. And that is to assist with the State
- meeting its obligation for minimum in-stream flows
- at Swan Falls. And in line with the issue that
- Ms. Beeman raised as far as computations and flows 21
- at Swan Falls, we do recognize that on occasion,
- 23 we have come very close to not meeting that
- minimum stream flow. It's 3900 cubic feet per
- second in the summer, 5600 cubic feet per second

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- 1 Thank you.
- 2 THE CHAIRMAN: Clive?
- 3 These meetings will be held where,
- 4 Mr. Strong?

- 5 MR. STRONG: They're going to be held here
- 6 at the Department of Water Resources.
  - THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.
- 8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What time?
- 9 MR. STRONG: 1:00 o'clock.
- 10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 1:00 o'clock.
- 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other questions?
- 12 Everybody understands, then.
- 13 Mr. Anderson.
- 14 Are we done with No. 3?
- 15 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, Members --
- 16 we're done with No. 3, yes.
- 17 Mr. Chairman, agenda item 4, at the last
- 18 Water Board meeting, the Board made a decision to
- 19 put the Board's Palisades storage contract water
- right in the water supply bank for rental for
- 21 2009. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board,
- 22 Director Tuthill had a conflict and was not able
- 23 to participate in that discussion. And Director
- 24 Tuthill asked for some time with the Board so he
- could understand and also bring some issues to the

- in the winter. So far, to my knowledge, there has 2
- not been even one day when that flow has not been met. For a time, it appeared that there was one
- day when it was not met, but the record was
- subsequently corrected. So that date does not
- reflect that the flow was not met.
- 7 However, in the future, there would possibly
- be times when the flow would not be met. It is an
- obligation of the State. And one potential use
- 10 that's been discussed of the 5,000 acre feet of
- 11 storage in Palisades is to augment the flow to
- 12 ensure that that minimum flow is met. So I did
- want to bring that before the Board. It appears
- that, for this year, we're probably okay. It's --
- 15 at this point, the forecast for minimum flows in
- 16 the Mid Snake would describe that we won't be
- 17 violating that minimum flow this summer.
- 18 But I would ask that the Board consider
- putting a caveat on the water that's put in the rental pool, that if it appears that water is
- 21 going to be needed to augment the minimum flow
- 22 over Swan Falls, that that water be available to
- be withdrawn by the Board for that purpose. So I 24 put that out as a request for consideration by the
  - Board for that purpose which is very important.

It's been discussed various times. And had I been
 here for the year end discussion, I would have
 mentioned that.

THE CHAIRMAN: What's the pleasure of the Board?

6 Mr. Rigby?

MR. RIGBY: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Director,
obviously, we recognize -- or at least I certainly
recognize that as being one of the potentials.
And, in fact, even the Idaho groundwater, they

were also not present at the very time and haveasked -- request that we do something with this

13 water and may it help them.

I think, at least in my voting the way we
did, the reason for it was just for this year
only. In other words, recognizing that until we
get a handle on what's happened with CAMP, with
everything else, that all of these are potential.

And obviously, that is an extremely important one.You can recognize, at least from my past, how

21 important I'd want -- I want to make -- as you, I
22 would want to ensure that that is met.

Having said that, I didn't -- I certainly didn't vote with the idea that this is going to be

25 what we're going to do for the future. That, in

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MR. TOMINAGA: Mr. Chairman, members of the
 Board, when EGWA came and approached the Board to

3 try and lease the water for this year, we were

4 with the understanding that that caveat would be

included in our rental, because we know that there

6 are higher uses of the water that needs to be

7 done. And our membership would be very amenable

8 to trying to work some -- some kind of language

9 out that would allow for that caveat. But we also

10 know that we probably won't pay a premium for that

11 water every year either, because it's not always

12 going to be available. So there's a tradeoff.

13 But that's -- we were always under the

14 understanding that that -- that water would have

15 that caveat in it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Tominaga.Any other comments?

18 DIRECTOR TUTHILL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

And the second issue related to the 5,000 acre

20 feet, relates to some of the discussions that have

21 been taking place involving the Fort Hall

22 Agreement. As you all are aware, we have been,

23 over the past about three or four years, been

24 discussing the Fort Hall water rights, and their

water rights related to the other water uses in

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essence, during this year, we get a handle on it, we get an understanding of what the possibilities

3 are, that the legislation hadn't yet passed, all

4 of those things. But for the future, that may

5 very well be something I would support. But I

6 didn't think it was necessary this year. That's7 why I voted the way at least I did at the times I

8 thought we won't need it this year. But certainly

9 in the future, that's a very good idea of, maybe,10 one of the arguments.

The only problem is that creates for someone that is -- if we were to lease it to them, not

firm water. So those are the kind of issues. But

14 I just felt like for this year and voting the way15 I did, that we're okay for this year. Let's get a

handle on it. Then the next year, we go intosomething that may very well require that.

THE CHAIRMAN: With the water supply that use've got this year, I don't really see any reason

to put the caveat in there for that. But I sure
think it's something we want to entertain for the
future.

Any other comments by any other Board Members?

Mr. Tominaga.

the Blackfoot River Basin in an attempt to

negotiate solutions to objections that the Fort

3 Hall -- the Shoshone Bannock tribes filed to the

Basin 27, Blackfoot River Basin water rights.

Part of the discussion has involved the 1990 Fort Hall agreement, which provided that the uses

Fort Hall agreement, which provided that theof water from the Blackfoot River would be

8 superior to the uses by the -- of the tribe.

9 Effectively, grandfathering in the existing uses

on the Blackfoot River on what's called the northside, the nontribal lands that divert from the

12 Blackfoot River. The placeholder that was placed

in the agreement was 45,000 acre feet as anestimate of the amount of water that was diverted

by the Blackfoot users with words in the agreement

stating that, if it turns out after adjudicationthat the amount diverted is in excess of 45,000,

18 there would be an equitable adjustment to the19 agreement.

So we've discussed considerably what that equit- -- how much that equitable adjustment

should be, or whether -- and how this would beenacted. The tribes have wanted to solve this

24 issue along with the other adjudication issues at

25 the same time, recognizing that the equitable

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adjustment is not, per se, an SRBA issue. It's 2 related to the agreement. But that's been 3 discussed along with the other SRBA issues.

4 In a meeting last month with the parties 5 involved in Pocatello, we were looking at 6 potential resolutions for this equitable 7 adjustment. And at this point, it appears that,

8 through proper management in Water District 27, 9 the amount of water, on average, diverted will 10 likely be about 50,000 acre feet. Some 5,000 acre

11 feet more than the placeholder in the agreement. 12 So the discussion has revolved around how to find 13 5,000 acre feet per year to add to the tribal

right as the equitable adjustment.

We recognize that we're installing measuring devices, and there's a water measurement plan, and now a water management plan that's been drafted for the Blackfoot River. So we're moving toward better management. And we'll, over time, have a better understanding of how much water really is diverted, recognizing that this particular water district, historically, has not been one where good water measurements were taken. >

24 In coming up with this agreement, where 25 we're at right now is that the parties are willing with this year, and to the extent that the Board

2 didn't need the water for another use, for

3 example, to provide for minimum flows over Swan

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Falls, and to the extent that, perhaps, the United

5 States would pay for the water, and to the extent

that the committee of nine would put this as part

7 of their procedures, rental pool procedures,

8 perhaps this would be a source in some years for 9

the 5,000 acre feet.

10 When I made that suggestion, immediately the 11 United States said they weren't going to pay for the water. Immediately, the tribes said they needed the water every year, not just when it's available. So that suggestion didn't take root. 15 But I did want to describe to the Board the nature of that conversation, the basis of it, the fact that I did mention this as part of a possible solution, not speaking for the Board, but 19 recognizing that, to the extent that the Board

20 would decide to put the water in the rental pool,

21 and recognizing that this Board would have an 22 interest in helping to find a resolution to the

23 tribal issue, that this might be a possibility. 24

So I don't have anything to bring before you today. You might hear about the discussion of the

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1 to accept, I believe, this agreement on an 2 eight-year basis while we add measuring devices

and improve the measuring systems. If there is

some equitable adjustment during that eight-year 5 period, the concept would be, after eight years,

6 to take another look at the actual diversions, and

7 make a more long-term solution. So, you know, 8 it's my understanding that if we were to find

9 5,000 acre feet per year for the next eight years.

10 we could find a resolution to this issue that's

on -- before us right now, and resolve the 12

adjudication issues for the most part in the

13 Blackfoot River Basin.

> In the context of this negotiation, one suggestion that came up is potentially to use the Board's 5,000 acre feet. It happens to be the same number by chance, totally by chance. But people are aware that the Board has acquired this water. And I made one proposal for consideration, stating that I certainly don't have authority to do anything with the Board's water right. That's

21 22 up to the Board. But I suggested that one

23 possible resolution for this next eight years

might be that, to the extent that the Board would

decide to put the water in the rental pool, as

5,000 acre feet related to the tribal discussions.

2 And I did want to provide that explanation to you.

3 So thank you Mr. Chairman.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Tuthill.

5 MR. RIGBY: Mr. Chairman?

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Rigby.

MR. RIGBY: Thank you.

Mr. Director, again, for the record,

9 obviously, the Committee of 9 is involved. I'm 10 involved with one of the firms -- one of the two

11 firms -- actually three firms on this big a one

that is involved with mediation for and on behalf

of the Committee of 9. I'm also involved as a result of Water Board itself. I represent a few

15 clients within Basin 27. I've got many conflicts

in this one.

17 Having said that, I do believe with 18 sincerity that the Water Board be represented 19 there. And whether we direct the director on our 20 behalf to be there -- in other words, come back to

21 the Board as he has here, and be our negotiator,

22 if you will, or someone else within the Board.

23 Certainly not me. I think it's imperative because 24 I think this is a group effort and a resolution.

The Committee of 9 is fully represented. Basin 27

- is now, I think, up to speed in being represented.
- 2 Obviously, the tribe is represented. The Feds are
- represented. I guess the one that is missing
- 4 right now in an apparent position, although the
- 5 director is certainly there, but without the, I
- guess, confirmed authority to act and work on
- 7 behalf of the Board, we may want to do that, or at
- least consider it. That would be my suggestion.
- 9 THE CHAIRMAN: What's the pleasure of the 10 Board?
- 11 Mr. Tuthill, would you be willing to report
- 12 back to us?
- 13 I am very appreciative of the report that
- 14 you just gave. It goes a long ways towards
- diffusing any problems that may arise from
- misinterpretation of information.
- 17 DIRECTOR TUTHILL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman

THE CHAIRMAN: It's a Palisades storage.

MR. ANDERSON: Members of the Board,

Mr. Jonathan Barch is here. The next agenda item

we take a five-minute break while we get him set

up. He's going to be presenting with power point

meeting back to order for about two minutes.

is the ESPA CAMP implementation. I would suggest

THE CHAIRMAN: We're going to bring this

We're going to go ahead and break for lunch. Our

meals have got here. And I know that Jonathan is

going to be lengthy enough that we're not going to wait to take our meal. So let's break for lunch

until about a quarter after 12:00. And then we'll

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, let's go.

20 has been reconvened at 12:15. And we are at

24 Board, it's a pleasure to be here with you. My

intent would be to walk through a power point

Let the record show that meeting No. 7-09

agenda item No. 5, ESPA CAMP implementation.

MR. BARCH: Mr. Chairman, Members of the

- 18 I'm pleased to continue to report to the Board on
- the activities. Right over this next month or 19
- 20 two, there will be -- it's a critical time in this
- 21 negotiation.

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- Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 22
- THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 23
- 24 Mr. Anderson.

presentation.

(Break taken.)

reconvene the meeting.

Jonathan Barch.

(Lunch break taken.)

25 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman.

- presentation regarding ideas for your
  - consideration in regards to how we -- how we get

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- 3 started with the tasks that are outlined in House
- 4 Bill 264 and the ESPA plan. And to do that, do a
- 5 little background what the components of the plan
- 6 are. So the draft implementation committee
- 7 purpose, function and composition, including the
- idea, the concept of working groups, I want to
- 9 re-emphasize here that this is just a starting
- 10 point for discussion. And for your discussion, to
- 11 talk a bit about the work plan, along with some
- 12 time frames, and then get some direction from you
- 13 as the Board.
- 14 Background, where we started from was when I
- 15 was -- when I was originally hired, it was a 16
- question about whether we're going to do anything 17 different in terms of managing this resource. And
- 18 that was -- we crossed that bridge when we did the
- 19 framework. And we convened -- you convened the
- 20 advisory committee. And that advisory committee
- 21 was trying to figure out what to do in terms of
- 22 how -- what to do to manage the resources, the
- 23 measures, the locations, the principles, including
- 24 the principles around funding.
- 25 It seems to me where we are now with the

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- adoption of House Bill 264 is that we're in the
- question -- we're in the place of how do we go
- about implementing the plan. And so, how do we
- establish a solid foundation for the work that's
- based on good science, that's consistent, that's
- coordinated, and while at the same time is not
- 7 being rigid. And so the challenge about getting
- and moving forward now is about how do we go about
- 9 developing these implementation plans; how do we
- go about operationalizing with enough specificity
- 11 to ensure success for what -- the good work that's
- 12 been done in the ESPA plan. So that's a bit of
- 13 the background there.
- 14 As you'll remember, as you all know, the
- 15 overall long-term goal is a 600,000 acre foot
  - water budget change, 20-year time frame, \$600
- 17 million cost, \$30 million annually, and where we
- 18 spent the bulk of the time was on phase 1, which
- is that one to ten years with a hydrologic target
- 20 of 2 to 300,000 acre foot change, water budget
- 21 change, actions that what we're trying to do is
- 22 increase the aquifer levels, the spring and reach
- 23 levels, distribute that equally, or geographically
- 24 across the ESPA, and set in motion the
- 25 institutional confidence with this long-term plan

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1 implementation.

2 The actions there, you've seen surface --3 groundwater, surface water conversions,

4 management, and incidental aquifer recharge,

5 demand reduction, pilot weather modification, as

6 well as other additional actions, including the

7 CAMP implementation committee. And we're going to

8 be talking specifically about that. Continuing to

9 integrate environmental considerations. The

10 clearing house, evaluate options to implement that

11 flexible market-based approach to connecting

12 willing participants in this, in the water

13 management projects.

14 Outreach and education. So outside of the 15 outstanding work that -- and leadership that

16 you've provided as a board in terms of educating a

17 broader range of interests than had previously

been done, how do we both develop and fund a broad

19 water education and outreach effort, management

20 and flexibility, as well as the downstream

21 transfer policy. And those are the plan -- the

22 highlights. And I guess I should say that I'm

23 staving at a pretty high level in terms of where

24 we are, and including the -- my ideas around the

implementation committee. And we can get into

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employed for the last number of years that has resulted in the ESPA plan.

Again, the draft tasks are similar.

Collection mechanisms, criteria and priority. goals and implementation plans, analysis and

incorporation of work group proposals. And I'll

7 talk about what I'm thinking about with the

working groups. Ensuring implementation,

9 coordination, consistency, monitoring and

reporting, and then any necessary legislation, if 11 any, to go about implementing the plan.

12 So here's where I'll stop for a moment and

13 talk about the who. My vision -- or my thought is that what is needed is a swift, easy and smooth

15 transition from the good work that's been done on the advisory committee into those tasks that I've

17 just outlined. My thought here is that previous

advisory members and alternates who are willing

and are able would be -- comprise the

20 implementation committee. If they're unable to

serve, then you would identify a replacement

22 through a solicitation process, and we'd have the

similar number of broadly represented interest

groups. You've made this investment in terms of

education. The sense of broad buy-in to the plan

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1 more specifics later.

2 So my draft purpose and function for this 3 implementation committee, which again, I just want

to overemphasize that this is an idea -- these are

5 ideas as to -- but consistent with the plan is to

6 develop consensus recommendations to you all. The

7 Board, of course, remains, and is the

decision-maker on the ESPA planned projects, which 8

9 is the phase 1 funding collection mechanisms.

10 That's top of the list in terms of identifying,

and the task that's going to be on a fast track in

12 terms of needing to have something done earlier in

13 this 12-month process that we're talking about.

14 Implementation criteria, plans and

15 priorities, early action projects. My

indications, and I think -- and I'd like some

17 feedback from you all later -- is that it's great

18 to have plans, criteria, protocols. And within

19 the next 12 months, we're going to need some 20

successes. We're going to need some actions on

the ground to demonstrate that and to build that 22 overall confidence. And so then there's the

foundation for -- for the plan of implementation 23

that's strategically coordinated, consistent and

transparent, similar to the process that you've

I think is going to be as important, if not more

important as we have had water users and others contributing financially to the plan. That we 3

would have agency participants continue to be --

5 to have an active role in committee deliberations.

6 Ultimate decisions, obviously, will be made by the Board. What you're looking for from this

8 group, as I understand it, is a consensus

9 recommendation by implementation committee

10 members. So when we are making decisions on

the -- on recommendations, it's not the alternates

12 or the agency participants, but it's those key

13 representatives, similar to the advisory

committee. That we would meet--- originally I had

15 thought -- and my discussions with Mr. Anderson

16 and with others, that the implementation committee

17 could meet on a quarterly basis. Based on

18 discussions, it's unlikely that that's going to be

enough time to help to -- to provide that policy

20 guidance. And so, what I was thinking was that we

would start with a bi-monthly meeting, and

22 potentially then afterwards, less frequently.

23 We'd establish a consistent schedule. And one

suggestion was to do that to make sure that the

implementation committee meets prior -- to

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coordinate, basically, with the Board schedule, so 2 that there would be timely updates to you about 3 the deliberations and the progress of the advisory 4 committee.

Now, what I've heard is concerns that the existing advisory committee, and if we have the implementation committee be a mirror image of that is too large and unwieldy. And I would agree with that in terms of developing proposals, specific 10 proposals, ideas. And that's why we're suggesting 11 a working -- a working group structure. Now, the 12 working groups would be -- their purpose would be 13 to develop those specific plan, recommendations and proposals for the implementation committee 15 review, refinement and adoption. These would be 16 truly working groups in the sense that we'd be looking for resources and assets that would help 18 us to develop the implementation plans around 19 recharge or the funding collection mechanisms. 20 And this would be -- they would include committee 21 members, but it would also be broad enough to include those specific resources and bring those 23 resources to bear in order to bring solidly based, informed and technically sound proposals to the

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web conferencing to help to -- both to manage the budget as well as to manage people's lives.

The working groups include funding. And so these recommendations from the funding working group need to be developed in rapid order. So that's the collection mechanism for the phase one commitments. And that would be in conjunction with the interim legislative committee as well as the Board and the Governor's office, proactive pursuit of the additional resources for the plan 11 as well. So it's how do we expand the pie here? How do we pursue those?

And then you'll see the other working groups 14 are those -- are those -- are the key elements that have been outlined in the plan, groundwater, surface water, conversions, manage and incidental recharge, demand reduction, weather modification. 18 What will be needed in order to make these working groups successful is consistency, a structure, and some consistent -- and the consistency about both the work products and the parameters and the side boards upon which they are working.

And so, the overall work plan -- and if I'm 24 moving too quickly, please stop me -- is to, in about a month or two, adopt operating protocols,

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Page 80 approve the work plan, and develop -- and develop

1 The -- each implementation committee member 2 would have a choice in participating in up to two 3 working groups. Assignments would be made based 4 on interests and expertise. I've spoken with 5 Mr. Anderson about the fact that each -- that the 6 Board staff will be assigned to each working 7 group. The working groups can also, as I've 8 already mentioned, include other staff resources 9 as necessary.

10 The funding committee working group is the exception to this. And what we're thinking is that the funding working group be comprised only of those representatives of interest groups that have phase 1 funding participation targets. So the -- the working groups themselves -- and I'll go into which ones they are in a moment -- would be open to -- except for the funding working group that would be brought -- and again, the funding working group, and that key issue of developing the agreement on the collection mechanism would be made up of those who have funding participation

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 21 22 targets. We'd meet on -- the working groups would meet monthly and on an as-needed basis. And the idea is that, in addition to in-person meetings, that we'd use the use of teleconferencing and/or

2 these working groups into groups that are actually functioning, that will produce a product at the --4 along the way. So the working groups will then work with proposals and plan recommendations. Some of these are going to be on a faster time 7 frame than others. But estimated two to six 8 months. The integration of the working group 9 proposals and recommendations, an estimate of two to four months. And again these are not -- it's 11 not sequential. There will be interaction and 12 there will be work and interaction between the 13 working groups and this larger implementation 14 committee. Again, the idea is that the 15 implementation committee, that broad-based group

that would sort of look to refine, to adopt and to 17 make recommendations to you through the support of 18 this. 19 So my questions to you are what 20 modifications, changes do you suggest regarding 21 the implementation committee purpose, function and 22 composition, the work plan modifications, 23 additions or areas of emphasis do you suggest? 24 And then the final question to you is about after

a year -- and although I recognize this is not a

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- year project. This is a long-term proposal. But
- 2 what we're looking to do in this first year is to
- 3 set a solid foundation for the implementation over
- 4 time here. How would you define success after one
- 5 year? What are the kinds of things that, when I'm
- 6 standing here a year from now, you want to say,
- 7 this is what was accomplished or you'd like to see 8 done.
- 9 So let's start with the first question,
- 10 Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, unless there
- are other things about ideas or questions about
- the implementation committee purpose, function and
- 13 composition.
- 14 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Rigby.
- 15 MR. RIGBY: Mr. Chairman, you know, it's
- 16 interesting -- not on the committee, and it would
- 17 be nice to hear from committee members, especially
- 18 that are here on the Board first, and others that
- are in the room. But it's kind of interesting.
- 20 As you know, when we first set this up, we thought
- that the Board would be -- I mean, the committee
- 22 would be unwieldy if we had more than 15, 17.
- 23 whatever. Then all of a sudden it doubled because
- 24 the committee itself would find the alternates.
- 25 And then, you add to that the agencies. And they

- don't know how you would reduce it, because it
- would be that same problem, that same dichotomy --
- is the working groups. And that is truly the
- answer to this is having the working groups,
- because just as before, that's what got this thing
- turned around. And I like your idea of having
- 7 only two, because, again, there are those who
- 8 would want to be on every working group. So there
- 9 again, it becomes too large.
  - MR. BARCH: Right.
- 11 MR. RIGBY: So I guess what I'm saying is
- that I -- the only thing I'm seeing there -- and
- I've kind of already gone over this, so I kind of
- knew where you were coming from. The only thing I
- 15 see there that I think I would recommend to the
- committee or maybe the Board has to do it so that
- the committee doesn't get in trouble with
- themselves and those that are participating, is
- requiring it to go back to just the committee and
- alternates as the acting participants, and having
- the others be there for their purposes and their
- 22 call.
- 23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All of them?
- 24 MR. RIGBY: Alternates and active. I --
- okay. Again, my thoughts, and just what I've

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- allowed them the same participation.
- 1 2 It's interesting and some of the comments
- 3 I've heard back is that we need to reduce it, but
- 4 don't reduce me. And it's one of those -- which
- 5 is typical. And I don't fault that at all. I can
- 6 totally appreciate that. I do think that one
- 7 thing is -- ought to maybe be reconsidered, from
- 8 what I'm hearing from them. And that is their own
- 9 protocols, or their own rules that allow first for
- the committee -- and if we're talking about the
- alternates as well -- for them to really be the
- 12 ones that are actively involved.
- 13 And agencies -- I know I'm going to get in
- trouble with my agency friends, but don't have
- 15 them equal in the sense of participation. I guess
- if I heard one complaint, it was maybe there was a little too much -- I don't want to say domination,
- 18 but a little too much participation by agencies
- 19 when maybe it kept it off track of some of the
- other areas that the committee wanted to go. I 21 just throw that out as what I have heard.
- 22 MR. BARCH: Yeah.
- 23 MR. RIGBY: I do agree that the only -- if
- you're going to continue that way with the whole
- committee, and the alternates -- and again, I

- heard, and especially those who were alternates.
- 2 Again, we were trying to make the committee so it
- wasn't too large to begin with. So we named the
- alternates. But as a practical matter, in almost
- 5 every case, that alternate represents a group or a
- 6 contingency that the main one does not. And if
- you now limit that -- and again, I want to hear
- from you guys. But if you limit that to only the
- active -- or the main one and not the alternate,
- 10 I'm afraid you'll have some major push back.
  - THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Alberdi.
- 11 12 MR. ALBERDI: Mr. Chairman, Jonathan, you
- know, when you look at the surface water group,
- the whole surface water area, I think one of the
- reasons that the success was -- the success that
- we had was that we had folks from the upper valley
- as well as from the lower valley that had an
- opportunity to come together. And I think,
- whether it's groundwater or it's surface water,
- that we have to have representatives, one from up
- 21 valley and one from down valley. Because, if we
- take that as a group and say, well, we're going to
- do surface as one, we're going to do groundwater
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- as one, but then you have to find balance of how many can we have and still move and operate and

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1	make the decisions necessary. It's got one real	1	about water, it's inversely related the
2	big plus. We don't have a lot of money, but we	2	quantity of water is inversely related to the
3	got a good water year.	3	price. The more water you've got available, the
4	MR. BARCH: That's true.	4	less money the less it costs for that
5	MR. ALBERDI: And we've all been through	5	incremental amount. Next year, if we go too slow,
6	these good water years when the water year slips	6	we may not have as much water, and the director
7	by, and then the next year isn't quite as good.	7	knows it's worth a lot more. So we got those
8	So I'm thinking that we talked on Mr. Rogers web	8	challenges here that, without a lot, we may be
9	hit, but we talked a lot about the low-lying	9	able to do something.
10	fruit. And I think the momentum we've got in that	10	THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chase, would you like to
11	group has to continue for this to be a success.	11	weigh in?
12	And we need to identify the low-lying fruit. And	12	MR. CHASE: Well, I agree with Vince that we
13	I see that, when you look at the number of things	13	need to find successes right off. It's amazing
14	we can do, realistically, the working committees	14	the group got where it got. And I think if we
15	can come up with some programs relatively easy	15	don't have successes, it will unravel pretty
16	because there aren't that many things we're going	16	rapidly.
17	to do.	17	I never looked at the group as too
18	MR. BARCH: Right,	18	burdensome. I think it kind of separated itself
19	MR. ALBERDI: And the detriment that we	19	that those who didn't show up didn't show up. And
20	could create by being very careful here is not	20	I don't know if they'd still want to stay on, but
21	come up with some plans that we can do with the	21	you know, I thought we made pretty good progress.
22	limited amount of money, if the Board puts the	22	So I don't know who we would eliminate, because
23	money in that we may be able to. Because, I'm	23	I you know, I haven't had a lot of calls on
24	with Jonathan that we need to have some successes,	24	this, but anybody that's called me wants to stay
25	because a ten-year period, we need to kick that	25	on the Board. So I think that becomes a problem
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1	thing off. So I'm not thinking we need a lot of	1	when you start eliminating.
2	people. And I had the same comments on my	2	But to me, the two most important factors
3	telephone. We don't want too many people on this	3	are that you've got to do it this year. You need
4	group, because we want to be nimble. We want to	4	to start collecting the money. And I agree with
5	be able to make decisions. But I want to be	5	Vince that, if you're paying money, you're going
6	included.	6	to want to sit on that that group.
7	MR. BARCH: Yeah.	7	And there is low there's low-hanging
8	MR. ALBERDI: So the thought process that	8	fruit out there that's we could do this year
9	I've gone through is that if you're paying, you're	9	very easily.
10	inclusive. If you're putting dollars into the	10	THE CHAIRMAN: So can we take a good look at
11	pot, then you've got to have a representative. So	11	the makeup of the committee and eliminate some
12	anybody, whether it's groundwater, surface water,	12	people just on the basis that they're not paying
13 14	the power company, the cities, the well drillers,	13 14	anything into the advancement of it?
15	those folks I don't know about the well	15	MR. CHASE: Well, you know, I argued that
16	drillers, because they're not putting anything in	16	argument when the well drillers I said, if you're not paying, I don't see why you can sit
17	there, I guess. But they were, but now they're not.	17.	
18	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We can ask them	18	front about that, that it's kind of hard to be at
19	MR. ALBERDI: Those people that are paying	19	the table if you're not participating. That's
20	have to have the representation. And the working	20	part of the problem.
21	groups I don't think the working groups need to	21	That's probably a pretty narrow view from my
22	have a lot of time, 'cause we we've beat this	22	perspective. That's why the City stepped up and
23		23	wanted to make sure we were paying, though, quite
2.4	alternatives are substant as the state of	23	wanted to make sure we were paying, mough, quite

24 alternatives are, what we can do, what we can't

25 do. We've got a water year here -- and the thing

25 from the table.

24 frankly. It was so that we couldn't be removed

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1 So you know, I don't know if you could make 2 that a caveat.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, it's the Board's choice who's going to be on there.

MR. CHASE: Yeah. And as far as agencies, I guess what agencies are we going to eliminate? I mean, I -- You know, to me, you need to have fish and game at the table on this, because those are issues we have to deal with in DEO's.

9 10 So when I'm sitting there, I'm trying to --11 there's only one group I could see that we could 12 eliminate. And I -- that didn't come a lot. And 13 that actually was IACI wasn't there very often. But I don't know if you can eliminate IACI. 14

15 MR. RIGBY: Mr. Chairman, maybe we need to 16 clarify what I said about that (unintelligible).

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Rigby, go ahead. 18 MR. RIGBY: Mr. Chase -- Mr. Chairman and 19 Mr. Chase, I did not mean in any way to eliminate

20 the agencies. What I talked -- what I was 21 referring to was the acting participation as any

22 other member. In other words, just as we

23 attempted to -- as we worked through this with the

24 Board, I, as chairman, attempted to allow Board Members to have the first go around. Once the

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make -- because I was an alternate, but I probably

spoke more on behalf of the cities than the

3 others. But I tend to talk too much at times too, 4

5 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Mr. Jonathan. 6 MR. BARCH: Well, I think there are a number

7 of ways that -- let's start with the agency

participation. I think that the operating

protocols which govern the advisory committee was

the first decision the advisory committee made.

And we're going to need to readopt them and make

12 modifications. Can call out specifically about

the participation of representatives, alternates

and agencies, and whether that specifically is

15 about that the agencies aren't at the table, and are only called upon as a resource. That's

17 something that you can -- you can decide.

I think in terms of the -- so I think the

19 operating protocols is where -- where, with your 20 guidance, we establish -- establish, basically,

those ground rules. I think, coming to the issue

22 of composition, recognizing that there are -- that

23 there are interest groups that are going -- that

have phase I funding participation targets, my

suggestion, or my proposal here was that they be

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Board had exhausted its questions, then I

2 generally resorted to you in the back and other

3 members. That's all I'm saying is that, as I saw

the group, and the complaint I've heard, is that

5 an agent -- one agent -- the agency member that

6 wanted to dominate or to deal with it had as much

7 right to participate as anyone else during that

8 initial go around. That's all I was suggesting.

9 Not that we eliminate them. No. You're

10 absolutely right. Most of those agencies, in the

end, you will need to have their objectives.

12 That's not what I inferred at all, or meant to say

13 at all.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman?

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Trevor.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think the agencies

17 are very important to keep that momentum going,

because any time people are eliminated, you get

19 that fallout. But that doesn't mean that they

20 have to have a voting right either. They can be

21 ex officio members and be involved in the process.

22 But when it comes to making the decisions in

23 voting, then I think it's -- goes back to the

24 paying members, or the voting members.

25 MR. CHASE: And Mr. Chairman, if I may

the only ones to be part of that funding working 2 group, that that's them. But that on a whole, we

don't get into trying to reconstitute the entire

implementation -- entire advisory committee. So

that was my attempt to say how do we recognize the

6 role that funding -- funding -- certain

7 stakeholders have in terms of the funding

8 participation targets, while at the same time as

creating and building on what we've done before.

And I -- I tend to agree with Mayor Chase

11 that I think that, in fact, that this -- this

12 is -- this was a successful group. That this was

13 a group that, from when I started, when you hired

me on here, people said you won't be able to get

15 anything done on this issue or with this group.

And I think that they've proven you wrong. Where

I come from, if it's not broken, or it's not -- it

18 ain't broke in Pennsylvania where I'm from, you

don't fix it. And so the idea is how do we build

20 on that success and that momentum while making

adjustments for more efficient -- and that's

22 really where the working groups come into play,

23 which is smaller groups, really task-oriented,

less -- more frequency than the implementation

committee itself. But not to -- not on the

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- implementation committee to start to take away
- 2 names or interest groups because I think what it
- 3 does is it will detract from the difficult work
- 4 that you have in front of us in terms of a very
- 5 short period of time.
- 6 And I think many -- Mr. Chairman, Members of
- 7 the Board, you remember how we convened advisory
- 8 committee. And that was not necessarily the
- 9 easiest process in the world. My hope would be
- 10 that we use the energy, the time, and the focus
- 11 that we have amongst the advisory committee
- that we have amongst the advisory committee
- 12 members to get started with doing the work. And
- 13 so that's kind of my interest -- overall interest
- 14 is getting on with the tough work in front of us
- 15 versus get bogged down in who's in and who's out,
- 16 and why am I out, and why are they -- other folks
- 17 not out. So -- but at the same time, recognizing
- 18 that the funding -- those who are contributing
- 19 financially have a different role in particular as
- 19 Infalicially have a different fole in particular as
- 20 it comes to the funding collection mechanism, and
- 21 that funding working group. So that's just so
- 22 we're clear about kind of where -- what I'm
- 23 thinking.
- 24 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Graham.
- 25 MR. GRAHAM: I think that makes a lot of

1 For those who are unwilling or unable to continue

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- 2 to serve, that they -- that there be a nomination
- 3 for just those -- those categories. It limits
- 4 your decision-making to versus the whole thing.
- 5 We keep the same interest groups there. And then
- 6 in terms of the working group, that there's likely
- 7 to be more interest in certain working groups than
- 8 others. But those have to be small. They have to
- 9 be focused. And there has to be the kind of
- 10 expertise so that we can actually develop viable
- 11 work plans that give us that consistent view
- 12 across about how we're going to implement this.
- 13 That, including the monitoring and developing
- 14 those types of protocols, that we're able to
- 15 really start with that, that foundation.
- 16 I think this is a real important year in
- 17 terms of setting -- setting the overall program up
- 18 for success. And we're going to need resources
- 19 outside of those who can provide policy direction.
- 20 So I'm hoping I'm being clear about what I'm
- 21 thinking. And again, I want to qualify all that
- 22 with this is your process and your decision. I'm
- just providing some input.MR. GRAHAM: What
  - MR. GRAHAM: What's your recommendation on
- 25 the numbers for the two working?

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- sense that funding group would be the people that
- are paying. But you must have some idea,
- 3 Jonathan, on target numbers for the implementation
- 4 committee and the two working groups.
- 5 MR. BARCH: Mm-hmm.
- 6 MR. GRAHAM: Do you have target numbers in
- 7 mind?
- 8 MR. BARCH: Well --
- 9 MR. GRAHAM: Total advisory group?
- MR. BARCH: That's what I'm suggesting,
- 11 which is that the advisory committee be
- 12 reconstituted in almost a mirror image, with some
- 13 exceptions, that become the implementation
- 14 committee. They don't meet as frequently. Their
- 15 role is continued to be more of an oversight,
- 16 again. And that the real question about how --
- 17 how to go implement the plan, from a technical
- 18 perspective, from an economic perspective, is done
- 19 in those working groups. And they're fed back
- 20 to -- the options in the proposals are fed back to
- 21 that for their policy -- the overall policy
- 22 direction, because I think that's where that can
- 23 serve you well.
- 24 So that -- the implementation committee I
- 25 would say is 16 members, plus their alternates.

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- 1 MR. BARCH: For the two working groups?
- 2 MR. GRAHAM: How many members on each group?
- 3 MR. BARCH: Right. So there's -- let's talk
- about the funding piece -- the funding
- 5 mechanism -- funding working group, which --
- 6 MR. GRAHAM: That would make me -- seems to
- me that would make sense, your recommendation that
- 8 those that are obtained be that group.
- 9 MR. BARCH: Right. So there would be seven.
- 10 So there would be a representative from irrigated
- 11 agriculture -- probably eight. So groundwater and
- 12 surface water, Idaho Power, municipal, spring
- 13 users, industrial and commercial users, as well as
- 14 the State. In addition -- so those would be the
- 15 core folks. And then we're going to need
- 16 economists. We're going to need folks to --
- 17 resources to basically develop realistic viable
- 18 options so that we're -- that things that are
- 19 actually going to be able -- to be able to
- 20 implement those. But that's -- that's my vision.
- 21 And that's a small -- small group that can be22 charged with developing a proposal.
- And I think this is -- this is the time
- 24 where -- well, I'll just back up. Sometime -- and
- 25 a little bit of diversion, but -- is that we were

Page 97 Page 99 1 able to make some substantive recommendations in demand reduction. And the implementation 2 this plan. Other things, we outlined the process committee is meant to -- that's who you'll get 3 for. This is the time now, and this committee and 3 your -- the recommendations from, not from the these groups to actually to start -- to gnaw on 4 4 working groups. 5 5 and develop actual - the substantive solutions to THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Cuddy. 6 how we're going to go about implementing this. 6 MR. CUDDY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 7 These are going to be tough decisions to be made. 7 Jonathan, I guess what I think I'm hearing 8 And I think that's where my job, as I understand is that agencies that financially contribute or 9 it, is to do -- is to drive them, and drive these individuals should be the formation of this 10 groups to making those tough decisions on the 10 committee. Agencies or whomever that do not financially contribute to it would only be in an 11 parts where we couldn't get there as part of the 11 12 plan. So the short answer -advisory capacity, and that you'll feel pretty 13 MR. GRAHAM: Operational people. 13 confident that you can put together a seven-member 14 MR. BARCH: Yeah. group that can come forward with some proposals. 15 MR. GRAHAM: Would the same number seven be MR. BARCH: So everything in terms of this your target for the second group? I assume that, committee, whether the implementation committee or 17 in the funding group, that seven would be the 17 working group, are all advisory. Right? They're 18 voters. And the other individuals that you 18 advisory to you. Right? So -- and what I'm mentioned would be resource advisors being seven. suggesting is that whether or not an interest 20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Probably be eight, 20 group has a direct funding participation target in 21 because --phase I, that if they are part of -- if that 22 MR. BARCH: Probably eight. Seven or eight. interest group was part of the advisory committee, 23 And then, let me just clarify. My proposal to you they become part of the implementation committee. 24 is not to vote. It's to use an interest-based And that the one group that's different is the process. You're the ones who are actually going funding group, which is made up only of those who Page 100 Page 98 1 to be making the decision. So what these folks have funding participation targets, as well as the 2 are going to do is develop ideas, proposals, and 2 resources to help to support that. 3 try to get to a -- as close a consensus as they 3 That's -- that's the recommendation that I'm 4 can on how we go about forward. If they can't do 4 making. I'm not making the distinction outside of 5 that, of course -- of course, the decision's that funding working group about who pays or who 6 always in your hands. But if they can't do that, doesn't. Because, I think it's in -- you've 7 what we'll do is to summarize the areas of created a broadly represented -- representative 8 agreement or disagreement, and then that will be advisory committee. There's value in that. 9 an informed way upon which you, as the Board, can There's power in that. And there's a -- and that make choices about which direction or not, but it was -- it wasn't necessarily always pretty. 11 that it's not a 50 plus 1 type, or even a super 11 And I know from direct experience that it wasn't 12 majority. necessarily easy. But it was effective in terms

13 MR. GRAHAM: Do the working groups make 14 their recommendations to the implementation group, 15 or to the Board. 16 MR. BARCH: To the implementation 17 committee --18 MR. GRAHAM: And then they get --

19 MR. BARCH: So you get one.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And they kind of 21 piece it all together.

22 MR. BARCH: And they look at the program as 23 a whole, right? So you know, the recharge working group may have some -- there will be influences

on, you know, the conversions, the recharge, the

of creating a broadly-based and supported plan.

And I think that's what you're going to need as we

move forward as well, which is implementation

16 plans that have broad support from a policy level 17 that are supported by good, sound science, and

that have a -- and that have the backing of a

broad range of folks. So just for clarification

20 about my proposal.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Beck.

22 MR. BECK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

23 Jonathan, I guess just a couple of comments. 24 One is the funding group eight, I really struggle

with that, but I don't know how to get past that.

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- 1 And that is, for irrigated ag to provide over a
- 2 third of the funding, and with two
- 3 representatives, where other entities are not
- providing anywhere near the funding, still have an
- 5 equal vote, I struggle with that. And then we
- throw in the State with their funding with one
- 7 vote, then maybe that's fair. But I just struggle

8 with that ratio there.

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The second is we keep talking about the 10 advisory group and the amount of effort that went forth, and that positive (unintelligible) in that 12 advisory group, we need not lose sense -- or lose 13 the focus that there was a smaller group that kept CAMP process going.

MR. BARCH: Mm-hmm.

MR. BECK: And for us to say that the 17 advisory group comes back as a whole because of 18 the effort that they put forth, we're really cutting those -- that smaller numbered group down 20 and not giving them the credit to keep the CAMP going. And so we need to keep focused, but we 22 need men of census building -- or I shouldn't say 23 men, but men and women of consensus building efforts that have a vision of where this thing's

going, instead of now letting the advisory group

- 1 hope for is full agreement or broadly-based
- agreement on the direction. Absent that --
- 3 because, even if this group voted and it was
- 4 unanimous, that -- it's still --
  - MR. BECK: Still on our shoulders.
- 6 MR. BARCH: It's still the Board's decision.
  - MR. BECK: Right.

8 MR. BARCH: But so -- but absent that, what

9 you need is solid information about, and

understanding about the interests, the concerns

11 and the needs, and the areas of diversion, B

points, and the why behind it, and the areas of

13 agreement and the reasons why behind it which will

14 give you a basis, a solid foundation for making

15 ESPA plan decisions. And so that's -- that's the

16 one thing.

And then, I think you're absolutely right 18 that there was a smaller group of stakeholders that met and helped to break the deadlock, if you 20 will, or to make some substantial and substantive 21 progress in this. And I don't think that that is 22 a group that is -- that group can still be -- can 23 still be convened. I think that's on a -- my 24 vision would be that we would use that group, if 25 needed, on an as-needed basis to help to break

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- 1 come back together, and then having individual
- 2 items of importance on their plate wanting to
- 3 bring forth and stop this process of any momentum.
  - MR. BARCH: Yeah, I think those are --
- 5 Mr. Chairman and Mr. Beck, I think those are good
- 6 comments. I think that as a precondition for
- 7 being on whatever the composition of this group is
- 8 that there has to be a commitment to figuring out
- 9 the how. It's not about -- again, it's not about
- 10 whether we're going to do something, or even what
- we're going to do. I think those have been
- 12 established in the framework and in the plan. The
- 13 composition of folks on there has to be -- there
- 14 has to be a commitment to figuring out -- and
- 15 there could be a wide range of different ways in
- 16 which we move forward on the how question, about
- 17 how we go about implementing the plan. But I
- think that's got an A as a precondition for
- 19 anybody to serve in this capacity.
- 20 In terms of the funding participants and the
- 21 ratio of their votes, I think that matters a lot
- 22 if you have a voting process, not a consensus
- 25 decision-makers. What you need -- what you would 25
- process upon which we'll -- because, you are the 24 decision-makers. And you'll continue to be the

- some deadlocks and to move the process forward if
- it needs be. But there's value in the
- transparency and the broadly represented as well.
- 4 But -- so I think that's still an option.

And I think your point is that credit should

- 6 be given to that group, and that's true. They
- 7 helped to really to move this thing forward. So I
- think that it's possible that we can still do that
- 9 in this -- in this -- and it is probably the --
- 10 you know, what I tried to do when we were pulling
- together that small group. I think everybody
- 12 agreed that what we needed to do was to bring that
- 13 small group together. And what we did is I
- 14 told -- we talked about it as part of the Board.
- We talked about it as part of the committee. And
- 16 so that even though that was a smaller group
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- there, it was an attempt to be as transparent as
- 18 possible. And then, of course, we brought those
- 19 recommendations back to the full group.

20 So I think it's possible and it's envisioned

- 21 within this process to have a smaller set of
- 22 folks. I've even debated about whether that
- 23 should be a formal group. Should that be an
- 24 executive committee? Should that be an advisory committee? It seems to me that we -- the

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1 option -- where I came down was that we used those 2 on an as-needed basis, and that we don't 3 necessarily call that out in a formal, formal way.

4 But this, again, is your -- is your process. 5

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chase.

6 MR. CHASE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

7 Jonathan, as I understand, just from the 8 conversation going on here today, we had the 9 regular large committee, then that committee would

10 have the discretion -- not necessarily there would

11 be two committees, that there may be a finance 12 committee, there may be an implementation

13 committee, there may be an executive committee.

14 But is what you're seeking to have that discretion

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of that Board, as we have before, as committees are needed, we set them up. And to me, that made

17 a lot of sense, instead of restricting them to

18 just a couple, because you don't know what's going 19 to happen.

20 The second thing, on the side of the money 21 issue -- which was a tough issue. A lot of people

had to really bite down hard to swallow with what 23 happened with the money. But I think two things

couple of reasons for that. One was because we

Second, there's probably different value in water

for cities than there was elsewhere, so we felt it

was worth our effort to get it going to come up

could see the benefits.

with a larger portion than anyone else, because we

But my caution would be there is once you

think in the future, we may use more as cities.

happened. For instance, the City's perspective,

25 we put in more than we used. Now, there are a

So it's a -- again, it's not a -- we don't -- I think it's an important screen not to

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18 have people on this committee that aren't

believers in figuring out, and problem solvers in

So I would envision this to be a group

I think that the groups that we at least envision

now are those major categories that have been

back to what I said to Mr. Beck, which is that

going to do, or even including the participation

targets. It's about how to go about -- how are we

contributions that have been established and are

this is a -- this is not re-opening what we're

going to go about collecting those funding

outlined in the plan. And again, I want to come

what we've already done. Don't re-invent

that's the major group that we had set up with sub

groups needed -- as needed. And keep the focus on

MR. BARCH: And Mr. Chairman and Mr. Chase,

21 terms of figuring out how we go about doing or

wanting to reopen things. Because, what I see is this is a stake in the ground. The framework was

the first stake in the ground, a milestone, if you

will. And the ESPA plan is the next one. And now

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getting implementation plans, the specific ones is the next one. And we're marching the ball toward 2

3 that water budget change that that's been

4 envisioned and it's desired for all of the reasons

that we've -- that we've articulated. So --

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Shannon, please.

7 MR. SHANNON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. 8 If I can just make one recommendation. As

9 we thought about this and thought about the

10 deliberations that the Board's going to have on

11 it, I think you probably need one other working group. And it's to address maybe the most thorny

subject other than funding. That came up in

the -- in the CAMP process. And that is a group

to sit down and think about recommending to the 16 Board what the criteria would be as you look at

17 projects. What criteria would the Board use as

18 their ranking or selecting projects.

19 I can tell you from sitting in the

Governor's office and seeing the thousand requests 20

21 come in for stimulus dollars that totalled 22 6 billion when we had 44 million that was

23 available, that I guarantee you, as soon as we're

24 ready to start receiving proposals, we are going to receive an unbelievable number, and a myriad of

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- ideas. And I think there would be a great deal of
- value in having a small working group that would
- 3 think through and struggle with what type of
- criteria that they feel, is the word I'll use, and
- 5 then bring those recommendations to you folks to
- 6 struggle with as well ---

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What will give the

- 8 State of Idaho the most bang for their buck.
- 9 MR. SHANNON: Yes, sir.
- 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Shannon.
- 11 Jonathan.
- 12 MR. BARCH: Mr. Chairman and members of the
- Board, as we typically do, we have ESPA advisory 13
- 14 committee members here and others. And I guess it
- 15 might be a good time for them to weigh in on --
- 16 THE CHAIRMAN: We would love to hear from
- 17 them.
- 18 MR. BARCH: -- on the perspectives, so I'll
- 19 step to the side here.
- 20 THE CHAIRMAN: Who's first?
- 21 MR. GIBSON: I guess I'll go first. I
- 22 didn't intend coming here to speak. I come here
- 23 for another reason. But while I'm here, I thought
- of a couple of things. One of them, I'd agree
- 25 with you, it's very important that we move fast on

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- we like these ideas, but when it comes down to all 2 the work on the ground, you know, the committee
- 3 isn't going to be able to do it. We're going to
- 4 have to have, you know, some real competent staff.
- 5 And we've got some good people that have
- 6 shepherded us along with Brian and a lot of really 7 good people from the department. But you know,
- 8 this is a -- this is going to be a big job.
- 9 And I guess that's all I have to say, if 10 anybody has any questions.
- 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Gibson.
- 12 Anyone else? Come on, Jim. I've never
- 13 known you to be at a loss for words.
- 14 MR. TUCKER: I am kind of at a loss for 15 words.
- 16 Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board, I
- 17 struggle a little bit. I had a discussion with
- 18 Jonathan the other day. And my first reaction,
- when thinking about this implementation committee,
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- was probably like a lot of people. Keep it small
- 21 and keep it nimble so it can act fast, and get the
- 22 job -- get things moving rather quickly. But then
- 23 when you listen to what has been discussed today,
- 24 and some of Jonathan's considerations, I can see
- 25 it's -- it's going to be difficult. You certainly

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- 1 this. I mean, we've got some momentum going.
- 2 Even though it's been nice to have a few months
- 3 without meetings, it's -- we need to get going.
- 4 And I think one of the important reasons is
- 5 there's some government money out there right now.
- 6 For example, if you want -- you know, Mr. Alberdi
- 7 spoke of the low-hanging fruit. You know, there's
- some government money out there to maybe help fund 8
- 9 some conversions. And construction costs of some
- of these conversions right now are as low as
- 11 they've been in years. And so there are some real
- 12 opportunities now to go forward. And I guess
- 13 that's one of the things I'd say.
- 14 And the other one -- and it comes back to
- 15 what Mr. Hazen said when he was here. You know,
- 16 this is a big project, and we're going to have to
- 17 have some staff. And I hate to ever say this, but
- 18 I -- you know, I don't want to say another
- 19 bureaucracy, but we're going to have to have a
- 20 level of staff. And there's going to have to be
- 21 people that are going to be able to work on this
- 22 full time with a lot of -- with some resources
- 23 behind them. Because, you know, we know as a
- 24 committee, we go out there, and we've got the view
- 25 at 30,000 feet, and we think this is -- you know,

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- can't exclude people from this process. There was enough interest, as we saw over the months, from
- 2 3 people that came to those meetings, that at the
- 4 very least, I would expect, even if you had a
- relatively small committee, you'd still have a lot
- of people in the room. And it would be difficult 7 to exclude them.
  - So I don't -- I mean, Jonathan's ideas here,
- 9 I think deserve consideration. It sounds like
- 10 it's workable. Jonathan and I have talked a
- 11 little bit. I think the first thing that an
- 12 implementation committee needs to do is develop
- 13 structure and protocols so that, even if you do
- 14 have 16 or 32 people in the room, you've got --
- 15 you know, as this Board knows, you've got to
- 16 conduct business. You've got to move forward with
- 17 business. And that's going to be the first thing
- 18 that that committee probably has to do. And it's
- 19 a little more difficult when you have that many
- 20 more people. But nonetheless, as Mr. Chase says,
- 21 we did it before, we can probably do it again.
- 22 So --
- 23 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, you have a good leader 24 in Jonathan, you know that.
- 25 MR. TUCKER: He did. He did a fine job.

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MR. TOMINAGA: Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Best for last.

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1	Once we beat up on him enough.	1	MR. TOMINAGA: Best for last.
2	Thank you, Mr. Chairman.	2	We provided some comments. And I don't know
3	THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Tucker.	3	if the Board had received them or not. But we can
4	Anyone else?	4	live with Jonathan's proposal, I believe. There
5	Randy McMillan. Mr. McMillan, please.	5	are some things that came up that Jerry we had
6	MR. McMILLAN: Well, Mr. Chairman and	6	some problems with CAMP in the state legislature.
7	Members of the Board, I think Jonathan has really	7	One of them was is folks in the Upper Snake that
8	captured the best approach. And that is to have	8	believe that the group did not address incidental
9	the flexibility for him, as the facilitator, to	9	recharge. And we almost didn't get it out of
10	make decisions whether or not we need a small	10	committee because of that. And so we need to make
11	group or a large group or it's kind of the idea	11	sure that we address the incidental recharge
12	of the plan itself is adaptive management. And	12	issue, because it's going to come back.
13	what Jonathan's proposed here with the working	13	And I agree with Jerry's recommendation that
14	groups, and perhaps with the core group, is to be	14	not only the participating members, but the
15	able to make that decision that we need to move to	15	alternates should be able to come in and
16	the core group to resolve some issues. So I'm in	16	participate in any of the working groups. I think
17	favor of what Jonathan's proposed.	17	that will make sure that you get full
18	I think it's really critical that we keep	18	participation from everyone that's involved. They
19	this process moving forward. And we don't need to	19	might have a different point of view than that
20	get bogged down, in my view, in the composition of	20	member. But at least they're not excluded from
21	the implementation yeah, the implementation of	21	participating. And then that way, everybody
22	the committee itself very much, because I think	22	that's involved, we can point to those
23	that the intensity of the meetings will probably	23	individuals, saying they were appointed to that
24	ultimately limit the number that are really able	24	group. It was up to them not to come and
25	to participate. It's at the same time, it's	25	participate, or not be involved with that
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1	really critical to keep this open, the whole	1	particular working group. And I think that will
2	process open, keep make sure that people in the	2	solve some of the issues, because the impression
3	public feel like they can come to the meeting and	3	that was given at the state legislature was that
4	offer their ideas. And we really need to look	4	the group from the Upper Snake was not actively
5	long term. If we start to close down on	5	participating, or were not part of the
6	participation, then when we get to phase 2 of the	6	implementation group. They were. But nobody at
7	plan, if we ever get there, the public's going to	7	the state legislature knew that. And that's what
8	be they may be very jaundiced about trying to	8	they preyed upon.
9	do that, if they haven't felt welcome in this	9	The other thing they preyed upon, and it's
10	process.	10	something that Jerry tried to address a little
11	So so I I'm in favor of what Jonathan	11	bit, was that, with a large number of working
12	has proposed here. And I think that as long as we	12	folks, Fish and Game, US Fish and Wildlife, Bureau
13	can keep some flexibility and nimbleness in	13	of Reclamation, that group again pointed to that
14	deciding how to proceed, we'll get through it.	14	group and said, these were the folks that led this
15	And as Jonathan said and others, we have a lot of	15	group, not the participants, which was not
16	hard work to do here, and some difficult decisions	16	again, not true. But again, when you have
17	to make. So I think that we need to make sure	17	somebody that's sitting down with those state
18	that people like Mr. Hazen feel welcome to	18	representatives that are from Northern Idaho, from
19	participate. They do offer some real expertise	19	Southwestern Idaho, they don't know. And we had
20	that all of us could, perhaps, profit from.	20	lot of problems trying to convince those folks
21	So thank you.	21	that they were a minor player. They were there
22	THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. McMillan.	22	because of their jurisdictional abilities over the
23	Mr. Tominaga.	23	water management or Fish and Wildlife issues that
24	MD TOMINIACA: Mr Chairman	21	ware agree inted with water menagement

were associated with water management.

And again, you have representatives that are

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- 1 very distrustful of State and Federal agencies.
- 2 And Mayor Chase knows that very well, especially
- 3 in our state legislature. And Representative
- 4 Cuddy, he knows -- he also knows that too, that
- 5 they preyed upon those fears. And that's why we
- 6 had a hard time getting that bill out of committee
- 7 because they preyed upon those fears. How do you
- because they proyect apon those rears. How do you
- 8 get rid of those? Well, I think the way Jonathan9 has set this up, it's inclusive, but yet,
- 10 hopefully the major decisions and implementation
- 11 will avoid that. And by having more
- 12 participation, will do that. But again, one of
- 13 the issues that need to be -- need to be addressed
  - 4 will be the incidental recharge.
- Also, the legislative interim committee is
- 16 one that needs to be addressed too. The members
- 17 of the Interim Natural Resource Committee believe
- 18 that they're -- they are going to play a major
- 19 role with the implementation committee. And so
- 20 that needs to have some kind of connection also,
- 21 because members of that committee that I visited
- 22 with believe that they are -- they believe that
- 23 being on that committee, they will have a major

So, yeah, you guys got your work cut out for

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Tominaga.

MR. BARCH: Mr. Chairman and Members of the

THE CHAIRMAN: Or a decision made whether

THE CHAIRMAN: That position is necessary.

committee, the purpose, the working group, and how

you. And the groundwater users will be there to

24 role in this process. So that also has to be

make sure this process hopefully is very

Board, what I was -- the direction that I'm

looking for from you is to, say, to extend the

invitation to those existing advisory committee

members to become part of the implementation

committee. And for those who are unable or

13 unwilling to continue with that commitment, to

then there would be a -- to solicit some

MR. BARCH: Or decision --

MR. BARCH: Yeah, right, right.

So that -- I mean, basically, in terms of

22 the overall approach about how the implementation

they would -- how -- groups and how they would

25 function, I'm looking for some direction from you

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in terms of -- and Mr. Anderson and Patsy -- I'm

- 2 not sure -- I don't think we need to vote, but I
- 3 do -- I may be wrong about that, but --
  - UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.
- 5 MR. BARCH: But we need some kind of
- 6 indication that we're on the right track --
  - UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Confirmation.
- 8 MR. BARCH: -- here, and that we should
- 9 proceed with -- and the plan would be that late
- 10 May, early June, we get -- we get started with
- 11 first implementation committee meeting. We get --
- 12 and the plan is then to get them in terms of adopt
- 13 that operating protocols, get a work plan, develop
- 14 the structure around the working groups. And I've
- 15 deliberately left some of this at a 30,000 foot
- 16 level in part because I think it's important for
- 17 the committee to weigh in and have ownership about
- 18 the specific task -- tasks and those kinds of
- 19 things. But I'm looking for you for direction and
- 20 getting started with this late May.
- 21 THE CHAIRMAN: Is there anybody on the Board
- 22 that has a problem with what Jonathan has
- 23 proposed?
- 24 Do we have any additions to what he's
- 25 proposed?

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- 1 MR. CHASE: Mr. Chairman?
  - THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chase.
  - 3 MR. CHASE: One -- thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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- 4 One question I'd have, Jonathan, the
- 5 staffing issue within the plan itself, there
- 6 wasn't money set aside for staffing. Would you
- 7 come back with a recommendation early on to tell
- 8 us what type of staffing is involved? Would that
- 9 be one of the first tasks, I would assume?
- MR. BARCH: So building on -- so building on
  - 11 kind of the -- some of the comments, which is,
  - 10 mall make decreased a large comments, which is,
  - 12 well, nobody wants a bureaucracy that -- the type
  - 13 of change that we're talking about, these are
  - 14 major projects, and that there are going to need
  - 15 to be resources that are identified. And I
  - 16 believe that that would be a product of the
  - 17 working groups, which include -- so how -- getting
  - 18 as specific as we can in terms of the nuts and
  - 19 bolts, which is, not only what are we going to do,
  - 20 and when we're going to do those, and -- but who's
  - 21 going to do those, and with what resources. I
  - 22 think that's -- that's part of what would come out
  - 23 of this, and whether that's in the -- you know, in
  - 24 the first two months, or in the second -- you
  - of the metric mention, or in the second you
  - 25 know, the next four months, when that -- that

Page 121 Page 123 on staff. We are facing 7 to \$10 million per year 1 comes up. 2 To me it seems like you need to know what 2 through this planning project. 3 we're going to be doing, and how we're going to be 3 I appreciated the comments of Mr. Stevenson 4 doing that. So the scale to the targets that have 4 on the need for staffing effort. My expectation 5 been identified and the hydrologic targets that is that we will be identifying need for staffing 6 6 have been identified in the phase 1 plan before, effort. We don't have it now in the department. 7 then, you can get into it. So it seems -- but, 7 And this 7 to \$10 million per year is going to 8 you know, that could be an accelerated item, have to partly be dedicated towards staffing 9 Mr. Chairman and Mr. Chase. 9 effort. So I appreciate the comments. It's very 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Rigby. true that we are strapped right now, and do not 11 MR. RIGBY: Mr. Chairman, without putting 11 have excess staff to support this project. you on the spot, Mr. Director and Hal, do you want 12 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Jonathan. 13 to at least address that particular issue? In 13 MR. BARCH: So it sounds to me like this is other words, what do you perceive as your -- you 14 actually one of the -- you know, in terms of I and your staff's availability? And is this 15 have a list of issues, substantive issues --16 perceived need truly necessary? 16 THE CHAIRMAN: Is this one of the issues 17 In other words, if we're -- if you felt like 17 that we have to cover? 18 all along you were going to handle it in the first 18 MR. BARCH: We've been talking a lot about 19 place, maybe we need to at least present that to 19 process. This is going to be one of the them. If you felt like, yeah, it would be nice to additional -- not an additional one, but one that have the extra staff, which I think it would be, 21 maybe has more of an emphasis, and it could be an but I'd like to hear from you. earlier emphasis about how is it that we can 23 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Tuthill. 23 balance these two things. One is a really strong 24 DIRECTOR TUTHILL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman desire on stakeholder's part to have an efficient 25 Mr. Rigby, when we received the funding and lean and nonbureaucratic approach, and at the Page 124 allocation for the \$20 million over the course of same time, about being able to have the 2 several years to be used at a rate of about \$3 organization to really -- to create the -- keep coming back to this -- the foundation for being million per year for the aquifer planning fund, we received three staff positions to go along with able to implement this over a period of time. And 4 5 that. So basically, one staff position per I think that's going to be -- that's going to be 6 million dollars per year. one of the issues that we're -- that you're going 7 MR. RIGBY: Out of that money? to need policy direction from this -- from the DIRECTOR TUTHILL: Out of that money, yes. 8 implementation committee on. So --9 9 And the funding came from the aguifer money. And THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Graham. 10 also along with that came authorization for three 10 MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, in order to move 11 new positions. That's challenging as it is to 11 things on, I hope, I understood your presentation 12 have -- because, with those positions, we're to say that the staffing issue was going to be one contracting and doing a variety of things. But I of the first chores of the working groups. If -would see that as a minimum of one person per rather than have to settle the staffing issue 15 million dollars per year. today, it looks like we would first want the input 16 16 What we're finding right now, as you know, from --17 17 with our 11, million percent reduction, plus 5 MR. BARCH: From the implementation committee. percent reduction in salary, we'll be undergoing, 18 19 19 for the first time in my 33-year career, MR. GRAHAM: From the working groups. 20 reductions in force. We had one fellow that was 20 MR. BARCH: I think that's right. reduced in force 25 years ago. This coming month 21 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Do you want to move on 22 to the last point that you have, and what factors? 22 we'll have another process for that. Some of the 23 staff reductions that we've had already are in the 23 MR. BARCH: Yeah. 24 planning bureau. Right now, Brian is short three MR. CHASE: Mr. Chairman? people in his bureau. So we are very, very short 25 THE CHAIRMAN: Sure, Mr. Chase.

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1	MR. CHASE: One quick question before you	1	Mr. Chairman, Members of the Board.
2	move off of that. And I guess from my	2	HAL ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, Members of the
3	perspective and I may be way out of line on	3	Board, we have one other housekeeping item on
4	this I believe you've got to look to find the	4	that. But before we go there, you should have
5	staffing within the money that the group itself	5	a you should have a resolution. It says a
6	produces. I think to go try to find new found	6	resolution to authorize a funding commitment.
7	money is going to be very difficult.	7	THE CHAIRMAN: It's in the blue folder.
8	MR. BARCH: Mm-hmm.	8	HAL ANDERSON: Yes. But I'd like I will
9	To the seven Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chase, the	9	say that I'll be working with Mr. Barch between
10	seven to, you know, to whatever million dollars a	10	now and the Water Board meeting on May, and we
11	year, that there's a portion of that that your	11	will probably come back with some more specifics
12	suggestion would be that it's a portion of that	12	on the implementation committee to make sure that
13	would be helping to administer this. And I think	13	all that is approved, embedded by the Board. And
14	that's I think that's useful input.	14	we'll be working hard over the next month with the
15	THE CHAIRMAN: Definitely.	15	Governor's office, and with the advisory committee
16	MR. BARCH: So what are you going to define		and others to make sure that we get this advisory
17	as what are the kinds of things you want to see	17	committee up and figure out who's who's in and
18	at the end of the end of the year, recognizing	18	who's not. And we can bring all that before the
19	this is you know, decades long piece. And what	19	Board on the May 8th.
20	we're trying to do is in this first year is get a	20	THE CHAIRMAN: Our May meeting.
21	really solid foundation, the protocols, the so	21	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.
22	that not saying it's going to run itself, but	22	THE CHAIRMAN: I would entertain a motion
23	that we have a much clearer direction about how	23	for the resolution to go forward.
24	we're going to move forward.	24	MR. CHASE: So moved.
25	THE CHAIRMAN: I think the main thing that		MR. RIGBY: Second.
	THE CHARGIAN. I think the main thing that		WIR. RIGDT. Second.
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1	all of us are looking forward is suggestions as to	1	Page 128 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chase. And Mr. Rigby
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	all of us are looking forward is suggestions as to how we're going to raise the monies necessary to get the staffing, to provide the monies for		THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chase. And Mr. Rigby
2	all of us are looking forward is suggestions as to how we're going to raise the monies necessary to	2	THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chase. And Mr. Rigby seconded. Roll call vote. MS. McGOURTY: Mr. Cuddy.
2 3	all of us are looking forward is suggestions as to how we're going to raise the monies necessary to get the staffing, to provide the monies for	2	THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chase. And Mr. Rigby seconded. Roll call vote.
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2 3 4 5	all of us are looking forward is suggestions as to how we're going to raise the monies necessary to get the staffing, to provide the monies for recharge, to build new dams and everything else that we need to do. I think that would be one of	2 3 4 5	THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chase. And Mr. Rigby seconded. Roll call vote. MS. McGOURTY: Mr. Cuddy. MR. CUDDY: Aye.
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from Mr. Brian Patton. And Mr. Patton will lead 2 that discussion.

3 (Unintelligible).

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Patton, go ahead. 4 5

MR. PATTON: Mr. Chairman, Members of the

Board, the North Snake and Magic Valley

7 Groundwater Districts are jointly requesting a

8 \$500,000 loan to construct a pipeline project to

9 satisfy their mitigation responsibility to the

10 Snake River Farm Facility, which is owned by Clear

Springs Foods. In response to a delivery call

12 made by Clear Springs Foods for that facility, in

13 2005, Director Dreher issued an order requiring

mitigation by the junior priority groundwater

15 users within these two districts for the impact

that their pumping causes on the senior surface

17 flows utilized by Clear Springs Foods at this

18 facility.

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19 After determined accounting for the 20 mitigation provided by the districts through CREP

and conversion projects, IDWR determined that the

acres of land served by groundwater within these

The district submitted a plan to construct

found acceptable by Director Tuthill by order he

the project must be completed by June 2nd, 2009,

construct consists of taking several wells located

above the rim above the Snake River Farm Facility

issued on March 26th, 2009. As per that order,

or the districts owe a \$10,000 per day penalty.

The project the districts are proposing to

that are currently used to deliver irrigation

water to about a thousand acres, and then no

this project to deliver this water, which was

22 districts have to provide 1.99 CFS to -- at the

Snake River Farm headgate. If this is not

provided, and a curtailment order actually has to be carried through, that could affect up to 41,000

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with a \$300,000 loan for the similar Sandy

2 Pipeline Project, all the way through until last

3 year with the Board loaned them \$10 million for

their participation in the Pristine Springs

Project. A number of other mitigation projects

and other things along the way. All loans have

7 been repaid either on time or ahead of schedule.

8 In looking at the effect that this loan

9 would have on the actual assessment rates, we 10 can't do that yet 'cause there's still some things

in play in regard to the \$10 million note

regarding how much some other districts such as

Southwest are going to pick up. But in running

through the numbers, the 500,000 -- this \$500,000

loan, if it's approved at 5 and a half percent for

16 10 years would result in a \$66,000 per year

17 repayment to the Board, which, spread out over the

18 220,000 acres encompassed in these two districts

results in about 30 cents per acre per year for

the cost of the loan. If the Board chose to

follow its precedent of loaning the money at 4

percent to the groundwater districts, that would

23 result in an annual payment of about \$61,600 a

year, and then would result in about 28 cents per

acre per year cost for the loan.

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So only about two 2 cents difference --

3 MR. PATTON: Two cents difference --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- in the cost per 5 year.

6 MR. PATTON: -- that's correct. That's 7 correct.

8 In conclusion, this is a -- this is a

project that is necessary for the groundwater

districts in order to meet the mitigation

11 requirements that are required of them. The

project has been found acceptable by the director

as an acceptable means of meeting the mitigation

requirements. These two districts have an

excellent prior repayment history in past

operations with the Board. And for that reason,

the staff recommends that you go ahead and

18 authorize this \$500,000 loan to the districts

19 iointly.

20 MR. GRAHAM: At what percent?

21 MR. PATTON: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Graham,

22 that's at the Board's discretion. If the Board

23 follows its prior precedent, it would be 4

percent. There's no reason that the Board would

have to continue with that precedent, however.

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1	MR. GRAHAM: Do we have the money?	1	the water swap, essentially, is what it is. And
2	MR. PATTON: Yes, sir. Yes, you do.	2	then, so that's and in the long term, that's
3	MR. GRAHAM: Don't have the sheet show	3	not a I mean, even in tough years, we can find
4	(unintelligible).	4	3500. 35,000 is harder. We've been down that
5	MR. PATTON: I'm aware. We were trying	5	road before.
6	to trying to be sensitive to the concerns about	6	THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Cuddy.
7	too large of e-mails being sent out prior to the	7	MR. CUDDY: What's the added is there an
8	meeting.	8	added expense to this water exchange, then?
9	The Board does have the funds. It would	9	DEAN: Well, we have the cost of lifting
10	actually have to be, however, a combination of	10	water, about I think about 80 feet. And then
11	funds from the Eastern Snake Plain sub account and	11	we'll have the cost of, you know, maintenance.
12	the May account. But that's that's a	12	And you know, those are costs. And as pumpers,
13	bookkeeping item that we can handle in-house.	13	we're all aware of that's kind of the business
14	Would like to note we do have	14	we're in. And so we're aware of those costs and
15	representatives of the two districts here today.	15	what those operating costs would be and what's
16	THE CHAIRMAN: Let's hear from them.	16	required.
17	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think Brian pretty	17	MR. CUDDY: But that takes care of the
18	much said kind of what our story is here. Is	18	problem of like water for like water.
19	there any first off, is there any questions	19	DEAN: Right.
20	that we have?	20	MR. CUDDY: You're not getting the surface
21	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you see a 5 and a	21	water
22	half percent being an encumbrance on the trial	22	DEAN: Well, there's still some questions on
23	voter at 2 cents a break.	23	that. But that's I mean, it's essentially
24	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Probably not. I	24	the wells are within a half mile of the spring
25	mean, it's it's a number we always you know,	25	source. So we assume that
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1	we would prefer we would always prefer cheaper.	1	MR. CUDDY: So you assume the quality will
2	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I understand that		be
3	but somewhere down the road you'd like to borrow	3	DEAN: We assume the quality's I mean, if
4	some more money, and	4	it's not if it's different water, we'd sure
5	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right, right.	5	like to know that.
6	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: the more mone	v 6	THE CHAIRMAN; Mr. Graham.
7	that we have come in, the more we've got to loan.	7	MR. GRAHAM: Can you make the do you plan
8	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right. And we	8	on making that June date? Can you get this done
9	understand that. We you know, we're at some	9	by
10	point, we'll probably have to borrow more money,	10	DEAN: Well, we've been involved in some
11	you're exactly right. But I don't see that as a	11	negotiations that
12	real issue.	12	MR. GRAHAM: For the penalty?
13	THE CHAIRMAN: Any questions by the Board	1 13	DEAN: No well, on the we've been
14	Members?	14	involved in some negotiations for some other
15	Mr. Cuddy.	15	alternatives. But, you know, we've got the
16	MR. CUDDY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.	16	engineering work going forward, the engineering
17	If I understand correctly, then, no one this	17	we haven't started the construction of this
18	year will suffer crop damage because of this	18	portion of it, but we've got engineering
19	movement of this water over the hill?	19	engineering people on (unintelligible).
20	DEAN: That's correct. That's if we get,	20	MR. GRAHAM: Are you anticipating having to
21	you know, getting everything in place. We've got	21	pay that fine, then?
22	the water lined up for the replacement water. I	22	DEAN: Not at this point, but
23	mean, with this year, that's not been a problem.	23	MR. GRAHAM: And then there's no term on
24		24	this suggested

24 And it essentially takes about 3500 acre feet of

25 water to supply those conversions to, you know, do 25

24 this suggested --

MR. PATTON: Mr. Chairman and Mr. Graham,

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1	again, that would, I think be the Board's	1	Springs loan that you loaned us to purchase the 10	
2	discretion, but	2	CFS, if that's the Pristine Springs.	
3	MR. GRAHAM: What do they want?	3	THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Alberdi, did you have	
4	THE CHAIRMAN: Ten years.	4	MR. ALBERDI: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, Dean, with	
5	MR. PATTON: I would throw out ten years as	5	regards to the project that you're doing, is there	
6	a starting point.	6	any contingency in the event that you need to	
7	THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir.	7	provide Clear Springs more water, is this a	
8	MR. CARLQUIST: Mr. Chairman, I'm Lynn	8	standalone project, or can it be expanded?	
9	Carlquist that determined the North Snake	9	DEAN: It can be scaled.	
10	Groundwater District. And the reason we need the	10	MR. ALBERDI: It can be scaled?	
11	loan is we had a short period of time to	11	DEAN: I mean, we're obviously looking in	
12	accomplish this work. And the conversion part of	12	the design, we're looking we're looking at the	
13	the process is already probably 90 percent done.	13	size of the pipe. I mean, for example, eight-inch	
14	All that work is done. But the project of getting	14	pipe would provide the CFS very easily. But you	
15	the pipeline actually over the rim is not yet	15	know, right now we're oversizing things that would	
16	underway. All the engineering has been done in	16	take more we're designing and with our	
17	terms of getting the easement most of the	17	engineering people, we're designing bigger. You	
18	easements have been obtained. And most of the	18	know, it's scalable is what I guess what I'm	
19	engineering work has been done. But as Dean said,	19	saying.	
20	there has been some negotiations ongoing between	20	MR. ALBERDI: And that's covered with the	
21 22	the parties at a different arrangement. But we	21	500,000.	
23	don't yet have anything in place, so we still feel like we need have this loan done.	23	DEAN: That would be the initial. You know,	
24	The groundwater districts did not have	24	obviously, to scale up would be we'd have more things we'd have to do with the system. But we	
25	enough available money to finance this thing all	25	you know, that's what our initial engineering work	
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2	MR. BECK: Mr. Chairman?	2	DEAN: Yes. What it is is there's we did
3	THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Beck.	3	the purchase because of the time frame, the two
4	MR. BECK: I didn't know if Mr. Graham's	4	largest players in the Pristine purchase were
5	motion was intended to cut off discussion, or if	5	Magic Valley and North Snake. And this was to
6	he had other interests.	6	solve they call it Blue Lakes. And Blue Lakes,
7	MR. GRAHAM: I'm very anxious to get into	7	for us, was really the bigger issue. I mean, the
8	this ethics subject.	8	Blue Lakes call, for example, this only affects
9	MR. BECK: Excited or not, I'll take time to	9	about 15 well, between 10 and 15 percent of
10	ask some questions.	10	Magic Valley Groundwater District. But we have to
11	THE CHAIRMAN: Please do, Mr. Beck.	11	go forward and protect our but it had a far
12	MR. BECK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.	12	reaching effect.
13	Dean, and perhaps Snake River Farm, have	13	And because of the way the time frame came
14	they bought off agreeable to what you're	14	together, the two groundwater districts took on
15	proposing?	15	the loan. There was some obligations that come
16	Is there anybody here from the Snake River	16	from southwest. There's some folks in Water
17	Farms?	17	District 140 outside of irrigation district.
18	DEAN: Snake River Farms is here, but	18	There's some folks at Carey. There's a couple
19	there's been a motion filed that opposes this.	19	of at Arco even as far away as Arco that had
20	You know, to stop the construction of the	20	obligations in the Blue Lakes call. And the
21	pipeline. So there is some issues. We have we	21	difficulty was is trying to figure out who owed
22	have our plan approved by the director. And	22	what. And that's what we're in the process of
23	that's, at this point, the one we really have	23	doing right now. The department Al Wiley's
24	he seems to be the most important one to approve	24	done some analysis. And we're in the process of
25	MR. ALBERDI: I've got three or four	25	meeting with him in determining truing up on
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1	questions.	1	figuring out who owes what on the Blue Lakes.
2	THE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead, Mr. Alberdi, here.	2	MR. ALBERDI: So one last question,
3	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who does it go to?	3	Mr. Chairman, if I could.
4	MR. ALBERDI: So the ground that's going to	4	THE CHAIRMAN: Mm-hmm.
5	be, I guess, converted to from deep well to	5	MR. ALBERDI: So if those negotiation with
6	what, other deep well?	6	those two entities do not come forward, does that
7	DEAN: Surface water.	7	leave you with extra mitigation water for future
8	MR. ALBERDI: And how far away are you from	8	use or
9	the surface water that you apply to those lands?	9	DEAN: No, it's - I think the negotiations
10	DEAN: There's a what lateral is that.	10	with those entities will come forward. It will
11	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The S Cooley	11	mean it's going to be a matter of internally
12	DEAN: The S Cooley.	12	between how to move mitigation credits around.
13	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: goes right through	i .	But I don't know. There may be at some point some
14	the and it's Northside (Unintelligible) Company	14	excess water. Right now there's excess water
15	has approved transporting the water, delivering	15	in we're over mitigated on Blue Lakes to the
16 17	the water to these sites and or helping to find canal shares that we can use to deliver the water.	16 17	tune I think of about 2 CFS because of our
18		1	conversion credit. And so we've got it's the
19	MR. ALBERDI: Okay. And then, over on the	18	Blue Lakes, and it's not the Snake River Farm. So
20	paragraph that's numbered 5.0 financial analysis,	19 20	we're overmitigated one spot, undermitigated in
21	you mentioned that you're in negotiations with the	21	another. But that's how life works, so
22	Carey Valley groundwater districts and the Southwest Irrigation Districts for the	22	THE CHAIRMAN: Any other questions?
23	participation in Pristine Springs.	23	Mr. Chase.
24	DEAN: Mm-hmm	24	MR. CHASE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

DEAN: Mm-hmm.

MR. ALBERDI: Is that for their

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Dean, I want to understand this penalty. 25 This \$10,000 a day. So if you're not done in, Page 145 t fined \$10,000 a

what, 32 days, you're going to get fined \$10,000 aday?

DEAN: Yeah. But I think the director has
the ability, if we're making progress, to waive
that. I'm not going to --

6 MR. CHASE: Well that's kind of, I guess, 7 where my question's going, because if you're five 8 days late, you're into this a hundred thousand

9 dollars, which, I just want it make sure you get 10 the money to pay that, I guess is my question.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's actually 12 \$50,000.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 50,000 a day.

MR. CHASE: Oh, sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: For five days, yeah.
 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That was the Board's 16

17 take on that, right?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, don't --

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We get half. They

20 get half.

21 MR. CHASE: But 50,000, I mean, I just hope

that you understand that. I guess that concernsme because that could add up real fast. Unless

24 they do construction faster in the Magic Valley

25 than they do in Pocatello.

replacement water under a replacement water plan

2 that's been approved by the director. And that

3 issue is on appeal to the District Court right

4 now. We had arguments this week on it.

And I'm not going to go into that issue.

But what I did want the Board to know is that

But what I did want the Board to know is thatClear Springs did file a motion this week to stay

8 construction of this project, that it would accept

9 for 2009 the conversions that Mr. Patton

10 represented, and the groundwater district

11 represented as identified as adequate mitigation

12 for 2009. Because, we have concerns over whether

13 or not the project should be built, how it should

4 be built, whether it is adequate water. Or

15 someone on the Board asked the question is this

6 like water? Well, there's no data to identify

17 whether it is like water in similar quality to the

18 water coming out of the springs or not. There

9 isn't the data. The data that they have is a

20 distance away.

So until those issues are resolved, until we have an opportunity to go through a hearing, a

23 mitigation hearing that's been at least noticed up

24 and protested and has yet to be scheduled, we have

concerns about whether the project should go

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THE CHAIRMAN: It would add up faster if

2 they don't do anything, if they don't even start

3 the construction.

4 MR. CHASE: Yeah.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

MR. CHASE: Okay.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So --

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other comments,

9 questions?

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10 Patsy, roll call vote, please.

11 MR. SIMPSON: Mr. Chairman, if I could

12 comment.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Simpson.

MR. SIMPSON: Thank you.

15 Mr. Chairman, John Simpson representing

16 Clear Springs.

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. SIMPSON: And Mr. Beck did ask a

19 question how Snake River Farms feels about the --

20 this proposed mitigation. And I would comment

21 that, first of all, in response to what Mr. Patton

22 said, it's replacement water. It's not mitigation

23 water. The rules are very clear that there's

24 mitigation plans under the Conjunctive Management 24

25 Rules Wilson. This has been identified as

1 forward.

2 In light of that, we felt like it's the best

3 use of everybody's time and money not to build the

4 project, not to be exposed to, quote, penalties if

5 those penalties are real, that jeopardize whether

6 or not the groundwater districts are able to

7 satisfy the replacement plan obligation, whether

8 Clear Springs, Snake River Farms gets adequate

9 water. Not just quantity, but quality. And

10 instead, let's proceed through this in a logical

11 manner. Let's go to hearing. Let's identify

12 whether this is the right type of mitigation that

we should be proceeding with.

Instead of racing to the finish line, if youwill, based upon a plan that was filed a month and

L6 a half ago, approved a month ago, and is set to be

17 completed or the time -- deadline for completion

18 is June 1st. So in light of that, what we've19 offered up -- Clear Springs has offered up is a

20 window, if you will, to accept the conversions,

which, as they expressed, are 90 to 95 percent

22 complete for this year. And let's go through a23 logical process to determine whether this over the

24 rim, with a pipe being built over the rim

5 delivering water down to an aquaculture facility

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is proper mitigation.

2 In light of that motion, if they would accept that motion to stay, the Board wouldn't 4 have to determine whether or not it has funds in

5 one account or another account to loan to the

6 groundwater districts. That could be put off for

7 another day. That could realistically be put off to determine after we determine whether it's an

9 appropriate mitigation plan instead of using our 10 replacement plan concept, whether the project

11 should go forward.

12 So I am not going to weigh in any further on 13 Clear Springs' positions on the elements of the plan, but simply we presented in a motion to the director the opportunity to set this program aside 16 for a period of time and proceed in a logical 17 manner. Thank you for that.

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THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Simpson. 19

20 DIRECTOR TUTHILL: Mr. Chairman.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Tuthill.

22 DIRECTOR TUTHILL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman

23 To respond to Mr. Simpson, I did receive the

motion. And this motion to which he refers is

Clear Springs Foods' motion for a partial stay of

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1 Now, I have required a weekly status update 2 since the order was issued on March 26th. Those

3 have been timely filed. My assessment is that the 4 groundwater districts have been moving forward

5 appropriately to install this water. Why the

urgency? The reason is because the alternative to

7 this plan is curtailment. The alternative to

providing replacement water is curtailing. And 9 the groundwater districts proposed this plan as an

10 alternative to curtailment. That has been

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12 So this replacement plan for 2009 has been 13 accepted. But with this short time frame, our 14 engineering staff evaluated the proposal and 15 determined that it could be built in 49 days, if 16 there were urgency. My expectation is still what 17 contractors are doing. It's not that big a 18 project, that it is feasible to construct this by June 1st. I'm expecting that it will be. If both

20 sides agree, or, depending on the outcome of the 21

status conference next week, I'll consider the 22 proposal. But right today, I'm expecting that

water will be delivered in accordance to the plan 24 proposed by the groundwater districts by June 1st.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Tuthill.

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1 implementation of directors March 26, 2009 order

approving groundwater district's replacement water

3 plan for 2009. This was filed earlier this week.

And it is true that there is a proposal by Clear

5 Springs. This motion does request a status 6

conference to be set.

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8 from the other side before taking immediate action. My expectation is to conduct a status 10 conference next week on this motion to see how the other side feels about this proposal. And it is possible that this stay will occur. I can't say

Normally, the process that we use is to hear

13 whether it will or not. I can say that I'm very

serious about the June 1st, 2009 date for

15 implementation of this replacement water. And as

16 Mr. Simpson suggests, this is a replacement plan 17 compared with a mitigation plan.

18 The groundwater districts did file both 19 jointly a replacement plan and simultaneously a 20 mitigation plan that has been advertised. So

21 we're moving forward with the process on these 22 plans. In my view, if the process is stayed, then

23 perhaps a loan won't be required. If, on the

other hand, it is not stayed, there is only about

a month of time for this project to be completed.

1 Mr. Stevenson, do you have anything else to 2 say?

3 MR. STEVENSON: Yeah, I believe as they 4 comment, Lynn, feel the need to chime in.

5 You know, what the director says, you know, if we don't -- if it comes to the point we don't

7 need to build a pipeline, you know, we won't wore

borrow money. Even though we are farmers, and we love to borrow money, that's what we do, but we --

10 we won't -- if we don't have to, you know,

encumber our districts for this debt, if it does

become necessary -- not necessary that we build

13 the pipeline, we won't do it. But we need to have

the money available if things go in a position we 15 can't fill ourselves in a spot that -- I assume

16 the Water Board's going to expect payment on this

17 big note from last year this fall, so we need to

18 get this one -- have this one available. So --19 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Stevenson.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, I might 21 make a comment.

22 There is a little bit of a problem with the

23 time frame because we've been in negotiations with 24 representatives from Clear Springs the last two

25 weeks. We initially tried to work out a

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- stipulated agreement between the groundwater
- 2 districts and Clear Springs Foods. And we weren't
- 3 able to reach an agreement that each side felt
- 4 like they could sign. And so, just late last
- 5 week, this motion, which the director has referred
- 6 to, Mr. Simpson referred to has been filed with
- 7 the department. In the last two weeks, everything
- 8 has kind of been put on hold in terms -- all the
- 9 engineering work has been done. And the
- 10 easement -- most of the easements have been
- 11 signed, and that's all been done. But we have not
- 12 started construction, which would have happened
- before now, because we've been trying to see if we
- could reach either a stipulated agreement, or see
- where we'll go with this motion that's been filed.
- Mr. Tuthill said that he would not have a status
- hearing on that until next week. And I don't want
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- to start digging the project until we know where 19 we have to be.
- 20 Now, representatives from Clear Springs
- 21 Foods said that they would indicate to the
- 22 department that they would give us more time
- 23 beyond the June 1st because we have kind of put
- 24 this thing on hold now for two weeks. So I think
- we're going to have to work. If the project does,

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- 1 in fact, end up going forward, it will be 2 difficult for us now to meet the over-the-rim
- 3 portion of the project in -- by June 1st, because
- 4 we've been on hold now for over two weeks. Now,
- 5 they finished up the engineering work that they
- 6 have done and so forth. But the engineers we've
- 7 been working with, and the contractors were all
- 8 ready to go. But we told them hold up and let's
- 9 see what happens here.
- 10 So that's where we're at in terms of that
- 11 time frame.
- 12 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
- 13 Gentlemen, we have a motion before us.
- 14 Patsy, would you call the roll, please.
- 15 MS. McGOURTY: Mr. Cuddy.
- 16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, are you
- 17 saying that the discussions are ended? Or do we
- have an opportunity for further discussion?
- 19 THE CHAIRMAN: Would you like to have
- 20 another -- some more discussion?
- 21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I would.
- 22 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Please.
- 23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And this question is
- 24 for Mr. Simpson.
- 25 So your willingness to stay, are you

times or so. Is that the best use of our money?

thinking, then, that the conversions will handle

the supply of water that would be pumped through

the mitigation obligation. Clear Springs doesn't

feel as though the number that's been identified

in the order that we're working with as of today

is the correct number. That's part of what the

appeal process is. As a part of the orders that

references the hearing officer's order, it

were issued by the department, final order, which

identified that additional work needed to be done

on better quantifying the relationship between

what appears in a spring versus what appears in

the reach gained as a result of the groundwater

Clear Springs has done some of that work.

The modeling committee is looking at some of that

work. So, for example, we may have an obligation

today that looks like it's 2 CFS. Once we've

12 CFS. If it's 12 CFS and we've built this

refined that work, it may be 1 CFS, or it may be

over-the-rim project, then it's just phase 1 of an

over-the-rim project that has to be expanded six

MR. SIMPSON: The conversions don't satisfy

the mitigation? Or you're just not in favor of

- 2 Likewise, we haven't -- we, Clear Springs,
- 3 hasn't had an opportunity to present to a hearing
- 4 officer whether we are in favor of the
- over-the-rim project or not. It's being imposed
- upon us against our will. We came to the director
- 7 at his suggestion in March, and we voiced our
- concerns over this over-the-rim project, whether
- it was the right quantity, quality, whether from a
- 10 business perspective, that was good for Clear
- Springs to accept water through a pipeline that's
- piped over the rim down to them from a quality
- 13 business perspective. But it's being imposed upon
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- 15 In lieu of having it imposed upon us, we're saving we're willing to accept the conversions
- 17 which allow the water coming through the aquifer
- 18 to continue to come through the aquifer and just
- 19 be discharged out of the springs, whatever amount
- 20 that is that isn't pumped out that comes out of
- that spring that satisfies Snake River Farms,
- they're willing to accept this year, because they
- feel so strongly that they're being denied due
- process, being denied the opportunity to have a
- 25 hearing on the plan as to the adequacies of the

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1	plan. They're just simply willing to back away	1	first.
2	and say, it is what it is. But let's not move	2	MR. GRAHAM: Let me see if I can figure out
3	forward in a manner in which might waste folks'	3	just exactly where we are right now on this. I
4	money. The dollar's being spent on a project	4	understand from two districts that you will not be
5	which we may find out to be inadequate.	5	doing anything until after this meeting next week,
6	Further, I mean, let's be honest. Let's	6	right, and possibly the Board decision; is that
7	stand here and say groundwater district's spent	7	correct? You will not start digging?
8	half a million dollars to build this project	8	MR. STEVENSON: Well, our intent will
9	pursuant to the director's order. That's as Brian	9	probably be not to start the actual digging until
10	Patton said. We determined that that's a good	10	we determine where director will go with this
11	project, that's adequate. What's the likelihood	11	motion that has been filed.
12	of Clear Springs getting a fair and open hearing	12	MR. GRAHAM: Next week.
13	on the adequacy of the plan after it's built? In	13	MR. STEVENSON: Well, we have to be in a
14	our view, that's a good question to ask. We	14	position you know, we have to be in a position
15	haven't got a good answer to it yet.	15	to move on this fairly fast if we
16	So that's our position.	16	MR. GRAHAM: But on that point, I understood
17	THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Rigby.	17	this gentleman to say, because of the two-week
18	MR. RIGBY: Mr. Chairman, I guess my concern	118	delay already, and more time looking at next week
19	is that I think it's a slippery slope for us to be	19	sometime, you probably are not going to make the
20	caught up and involved in litigations as a board.	20	June 2nd date anyway.
21	By that I'm saying, I don't proceed, and I will	21	MR. STEVENSON: We will not. I don't think
22	not be bullied based upon the arguments of whether	22	we can make the June 1st date. We will have to
23	or not all of which are good arguments on both	23	ask for an extension of that because of the
24	sides whether or not one should prevail or	24	extenuating circumstances that have come forth.
25	otherwise. In other words, I don't view us as the	25	Because, if we had continued right with the
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1	judge here or the director. That's for a whole	1	project going forward, we could have made that
2	different forum, a whole different body to deal.	2	June 1st date.
3	I view our vote here as a water user asking	3	MR. GRAHAM: But with the \$10,000 fine
4	for a loan, and using our general criteria, do	4	starting on June 2.
5	they qualify. Whether or not they perceive,	5	MR. STEVENSON: The director has the option
6	especially with the arguments that have been made	6	to hold that fine, as I understand it, our
7	here all of which are good arguments is up	7	agreement, based on extenuating circumstances.
8	to them. And if it's a waste of their money, then	8	That fine does not have to be imposed by the
9	we have to look to their ability to repay. Is it	9	director based on extenuating circumstances, which
10	a worthy project in and of itself under the	10	I think have taken place. And I've had verbal
11	general criteria outside of the litigation? Yes.	11	conversations with Clear Springs Foods that they
12	Does that mean they should go ahead with it? I	12	would also agree to that extension, because of the
13	don't think we should go there.	13	negotiations that we've been involved with.
14	THE CHAIRMAN: I agree with you, Mr. Rigby	14	THE CHAIRMAN: And this really isn't a
15	And that's the reason I'm calling for the motion	15	concern for the Board. This is between the
16	is the fact that they have come here in good faith	16	director and groundwater users.
17	asking for a loan, and we're basing this loan on	17	MR. STEVENSON: That's correct.
18	their criteria. What takes place outside of this	18	MR. GRAHAM: But couldn't we not wait until
19	room, we have no control over. And we have no say	19	after this meeting next week to have a telephone
20	in it.	20	conversation on
21	If there's no more discussion	21	THE CHAIRMAN: There's really no reason to
22	MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman?	22	wait to have a vote on the motion, because if they
23	THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Graham.	23	don't need it, they're not going to use it. And
24	MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Stevenson	24	this is we've done this before. We've approved
25	THE CHAIDMAN. No. Mr. Codds, Mr. Cochon	100	loons they beyond used the entire amount of the

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THE CHAIRMAN: No, Mr. Cuddy, Mr. Graham 25 loans they haven't used the entire amount of the

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1	loan, or they haven't used the loan. That's not a	1	realize it may not be our in our best interest.
2	problem.	2	And I don't know who our attorney is, whether
3	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, our	3	Clive's around or not
4	CREP loan that was approved by the Board that's	4	THE CHAIRMAN: He's right over there.
5	similar to that, the number of acres that signed	5	MR. ALBERDI: Clive, some counsel for the
6	into CREP wasn't as large as anticipated, and that	6	Board? I have a difficult time approving
7	loan was not fully used.	7	something that's got so many issues, question
8	THE CHAIRMAN: Right.	8	marks on it.
9	Mr. Cuddy.	9	MR. STRONG: Mr. Chairman, members of the
10	MR. CUDDY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.	10	Board, I think the advice that you were receiving
11	Brian, if we approve this loan today, when	11	from Mr. Rigby's the correct advice. The question
12	does the interest rate start on it.	12	you have before you is, in any of these kind of
13	MR. PATTON: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Cuddy, what	13	controversies, there's going to be issues about
14	happens on a normal loan that the Board approves	14	who's right or who's wrong. Those need to be
15	is disbursements from the loan are made based upon	15	decided in the administrative forum. And they
16	the needs of the construction project. Okay. So	16	will. I mean, the director's going to make his
17	we make construction progress payments as the	17	independent determination. And we can't we
18	project proceeds. Given the time frame, it will	18	can't influence that.
19	probably all happen in one lump sum here.	19	I think the decision that's before you today
20	Normally, the interest kicks in on the amount	20	is you have an application before you. Does the
21	that's outstanding. Okay. So on a \$500,000 loan,	21	application comply with your requirements. And in
. 22	if they borrow half as a construction installment,	22	your judgment, if it does, are they able to repay
23	then they're paying interest on half of that for	23	the loan? And if they do, that's the decision
24	that period of time until more is disbursed, and	24	that's before you. And these other decisions have
25	so on.	25	to be handled in the forum in which they're
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1	MR. CUDDY: Starting with the time they got	1	appropriately addressed.
2	the money?	2	MR. ALBERDI: One follow-up not for you,
. 3	MR. PATTON: Starting with the day they get	3	Clive, but for Brian.
4	the money; that's correct.	4	If we make this \$500,000 loan, how much
5	MR. CUDDY: The time we pass the motion.	5	money have we got left to loan?
6	MR. PATTON: That's correct. In fact, there	6	MR. PATTON: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman,
7	have been loans that you have approved that have	7	Mr. Alberdi, based on the fact that you allocated
8	never been drawn.	8	a hundred thousand dollars to continue with CDR's
9	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think that's what	9	contract, if you move forward and allocate this
10	Mr. Cuddy's question.	10	\$500,000 loan, that leaves you with, as of today,
11	MR. PATTON: Right. And my expectation is	11	about \$150,000 available. That does not count
12	that if an agreement is reached or the director	12	first, that does not count interest hydropower
13	does stay his order, then the groundwater	13	revenues or payment streams coming back in over
14	districts would probably not draw the loan, and it	14	the next several months. That would be a snapshot
15	becomes a moot issue.	15	as of today. May, you know, you have a hundred
16	THE CHAIRMAN: Anybody else want to say	16	thousand dollars in repayment coming in in May,
17	anything?	17	150 coming in in June, et cetera.
18	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, Mr. Alberdi,	18	(Unintelligible).
19	and then I'm next.	19	THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Beck.
20	THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Alberdi.	20	MR. BECK: I had heard the comment
21	MR. ALBERDI: Mr. Chairman, I always like to	21	replacement. Is this replacement water or

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, I'd

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22 do business as a good businessman. And if there 23 was a cloud over an issue, I'm new to both. I

25 like there should be a mechanism from here -- I

don't know how to proceed with this. But it seems

22 mitigation water?

defer to the director for that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Tuthill.

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1	DIRECTOR TUTHILL: Mr. Chairman, this is	1	THE CHAIRMAN: Adjourn?
2	replacement water.	2	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Adjourn, and nothing
3	THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Then we need to	3	was accomplished.
4	change mitigation in the third paragraph,	4	THE CHAIRMAN: Do I hear a second?
5	"whereas, the Idaho Water Resource funds would be		Mr. Beck?
6	used to construct a replacement project consisting	6	Anyone opposed?
7	of a pipeline to deliver groundwater to the Snake	7	Meeting's adjourned. Thank you, Patsy.
8	River."	8	(End of audio recording of proceeding.)
9	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, I'd		(End of dudio recording of proceeding.)
10	encourage us to add the word replacement water	10	
11	project.	11	
12	THE CHAIRMAN: So noted.	12	
13	Would the maker of that motion be acceptable	13	
14	to that change?	14	
15	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, whatever it		
16	takes to make that change.	16	
17	THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. We've moved first.	17	
18	And a second.	18	
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I will second it,	19	
20	yes.	20	
21	THE CHAIRMAN: Patsy, roll call vote,	21	
22	please, before anybody else speaks.	22	
23	MS. McGOURTY: Mr. Cuddy.	23	
24	MR. CUDDY: Aye.	24	
25	MS. McGOURTY: Mr. Alberdi.	25	
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1	MR. ALBERDI: Aye.	1	REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
2	MS. McGOURTY: Mr. Chase.	2	
3	MR. CHASE: Aye.	3 4	I Daham Ann Kusidlan Camiford
4	MS. McGOURTY: Mr. Beck.	5	I, Debora Ann Kreidler, Certified
5	MR. BECK: Aye.	6	Shorthand Reporter, State of Idaho, hereby certify:
6	MS. McGOURTY: Mr. Chamberlain.	7	That I am the reporter who transcribed
7	MR. CHAMBERLAIN: Aye.	· •	
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