Memorandum

To: Idaho Water Resource Board

From: Cynthia Bridge Clark

Date: September 9, 2013

Re: Water Storage Projects Committee Meeting - August 8, 2013

The Idaho Water Resource Board's (IWRB) Water Storage Projects Committee (committee) held a meeting in Rexburg, Idaho on August 8, 2013. Committee members include Chuck Cuddy (Chairman), Bert Stevenson, Jeff Raybould, Al Barker and Pete Van Der Meulen. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss progress on both the Henrys Fork Basin Study and Boise River Feasibility Study. A tour of the Henrys Fork basin was provided during the day and a committee meeting held from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in Rexburg, Idaho.

Committee members, invited guests, and staff participated in a tour of parts of the Henrys Fork River basin to view the area, several of the surface water storage sites evaluated in the study, and the Egin Lakes recharge site. Participants in the tour included:

- IWRB members Roger Chase, Chuck Cuddy, Bert Stevenson, Jeff Raybould, Pete Van Der Meulen, and Vince Alberti
- Representative Marc Gibbs, Mike Webster (Office of the Gov.), Steven Goodson (Office of the Gov.), Jerry Rigby (Western States Water Council Idaho representative), Dale Swensen (FMID)
- Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR): Director Gary Spackman, Brian Patton, Helen Harrington, Cynthia Bridge Clark, and Kade Raymond
- Bureau of Reclamation: Lesa Stark, Rick Gold

All of the committee members participated in the even meeting (Al Barker participated by telephone). Staff provided a presentation of the Henrys Fork Basin Study process and an overview of the water management alternatives evaluated and results to date. Staff also discussed the anticipated schedule for study completion around December 2013, and a proposal to draft a companion document to the final Basin Study report. The supplemental report would provide recommendations and prioritization of projects to pursue along with a possible path forward. It would be developed by the IWRB and staff in collaboration with Reclamation and a small group of stakeholders. The information contained in the report could be used by the State of Idaho to inform decisions regarding projects to pursue. The committee was supportive of the proposal.

An update on the Boise River Feasibility Study was provided by Tim Fleeger with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He provided a summary of feasibility study process and reviewed the anticipated project tasks.

The committee received public comments regarding the Henrys Fork Basin Study.