Memorandum

To: Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB)

From: Neeley Miller, IDWR Planning Bureau

Date: September 5, 2013

RE: Water Smart Grant Status Report

At the January 2013 meeting of the Idaho Water Resources Board (IWRB or Board), Board members were briefed about the creation of Water District 02 (WD02) and a coordinated effort among district water users and both IDWR and IWRB staff to secure cost share funding through a US Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Water Smart Grant to assist with the installation of measuring devices and telemetry equipment for diversions in the district.

WD02 was created in July, 2012. The district will provide for the administration of water rights from the Snake River between Milner and Swan Falls Dams. Water right administration includes delivery and regulation of water rights, and measuring and reporting of water diversions. Measurement of water diversions is a critical and necessary function of the water district. Measurement and regulation of diversions in the district is one of a number of tools that the State can employ to help maintain the IWRB's minimum in-stream flow at the Murphy Gage in accordance with the Swan Falls Agreement. The Board supports the installation of measurement devices in WD02 as evidenced by policy 1H of the Idaho State Water Plan adopted by the Board in 2012 which states, "Quantification and measurement of Idaho's water supply and use is essential for sound water resource planning, management, and administration."

In May 2013 the BOR announced that the IWRB Water Smart proposal will receive funding in the amount of $151,425. Funds will be available under the grant starting in October 2013. IWRB and IDWR staff (project manager Neeley Miller and watermaster Corbin Knowles) has met several times with the local BOR grant coordinator to work through regulatory compliance issues and coordinate with water users. In early September we finalized the Financial Assistance Agreement with the BOR. Additionally, all project regulatory compliance has been completed under budget. Board staff is currently coordinating with each irrigation entity to put in place cost-reimbursement contracts. Installation of measurement devices and telemetry equipment will begin in October 2013 and we anticipate completion by spring/summer 2014.

The total budget for this grant is $352,152, with $200,726 coming from water users and $151,425 coming from the BOR. The Board will have no financial obligation other than the cost of staff time to work with WD02 to administer grant funds. The estimated cost-share for the parties is attached.

Non-federal entities	SHARE	USBR	Total
1. Grand View Irrigation District	$3,568	$2,692	$6,260
2. Grand View Mutual Canal Co.	$8,043	$6,067	$14,110
3. Upper Grand View Canal Co.	$7,146	$5,391	$12,537
4. Snake River Irrigation District	$10,707	$8,077	$18,784
5. Indian Cove Irrigation District	$11,068	$8,350	$19,418
6. South Elmore Irrigation Co.	$15,136	$11,418	$26,554
7. Clover Hollow Co.	$10,291	$7,764	$18,055
8. Little Valley Mutual Irrigation Co.	$7,146	$5,391	$12,537
9. Bybee Lateral Water Users Assoc.	$11,068	$8,350	$19,418
10. J R Simplot Co. (7 stations)	$68,596	$51,747	$120,343
11. Black Mesa Farms LLC	$7,146	$5,391	$12,537
12. Salmon Falls Land & Livestock Co.	$7,146	$5,391	$12,537
13. Flying H Farms (2 stations)	$13,467	$10,159	$23,626
14. Michael James	$8,892	$6,708	$15,600
15. Andrew Johnson	$11,306	$8,529	$19,835
TOTALS	**$200,726**	**$151,425**	**$352,152**