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MINUTES MEETING NO. 11-17

Idaho Water Center Conference Rooms 602 B, C, D 322 East Front Street, 6th Floor BOISE

October 24, 2017 **Board Meeting No. 11-17**

At 1:00 p.m. Chairman Chase called the meeting to order. All members were present.

Agenda Item No. 1: Roll Call

Board Members Present

Roger Chase, Chairman

Vince Alberdi, Secretary

Bert Stevenson

Albert Barker

Jeff Raybould, Vice-Chairman

Pete Van Der Meulen

Dale Van Stone

John Rusche (via teleconference)

Staff Members Present

Brian Patton, Bureau Chief

Ann Vonde, Attorney General

Cynthia Bridge Clark, Water Projects Section Manager

Neeley Miller, Senior Planner

Guests Present

Shane Phillips

Terry Scanlan

Bud Corbus Hal Anderson Scott Campbell

Agenda Item No. 2: Priest Lake Water Management Study

Mr. Miller introduced Shane Phillips from Mott MacDonald to the Board. Mr. Phillips delivered a presentation to the Board highlighting the preliminary recommendations associated with the Priest Lake Management Study. The study included the following recommendations: 1) Temporarily raising the surface level of Priest Lake 3 to 6 inches during the recreational season of dry years and integrating real-time streamflow data to allow more flexibility, 2) Outlet structure improvements to the scour apron, modifying and strengthening gates, and electrical gate operation, and 3) Replace the current existing porous

322 East Front Street • P.O. Box 83720 • Boise, Idaho 83720-0098 Phone: (208) 287-4800 Fax: (208) 287-6700 Website: idwr.idaho.gov/IWRB/ breakwater with an impervious sediment retention feature and dredging a portion of the Thororfare channel.

Agenda Item No. 3: Boise River Storage Studies

Ms. Bridge Clark provided an overview of recent activities involving the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The Bureau of Reclamation discussed the proposed scope of work for a feasibility study of small raises of three existing dams on the Boise River (Anderson Ranch, Arrowrock and Lucky Peak Dams) and discussed options for partnering with the IWRB in the study as the non-federal partner on behalf of other water users in the Treasure Valley.

Ms. Bridge Clark presented a resolution authorizing funding and execution of the necessary agreements between the IWRB and Reclamation if the Board chose to move forward with the feasibility study.

Mr. Van Stone made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: Aye; Raybould: Abstain; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 4: Elmore County Recharge Project

Mr. Hipke gave a brief overview of the Elmore County Water Supply Study. The report also included potential projects that could assist with Elmore County's limited water supply and offset demand on declining groundwater levels. One of the projects evaluated was the Canyon Creek Recharge Project. Elmore County presented an initial proposal to develop a managed recharge site off of Canyon Creek to improve groundwater levels near the City of Mountain Home and surrounding areas. Elmore County requested that the IWRB consider providing a cost-share for the project.

Mr. Hipke presented resolutions for the IWRB's consideration to authorize cost-share funding for the proposed Canyon Creek Recharge Project.

Mr. Barker made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Van Stone seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Alberdi: Aye; Barker: Aye; Raybould: Abstain; Stevenson: Aye; Van Der Meulen: Aye; Van Stone: Aye; Rusche: Aye; Chairman Chase: Aye. Motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

Agenda Item No. 5: Non-Action Items for Discussion

No items were discussed.

Agenda Item No. 6: Next Meeting and Adjourn

Next meeting was scheduled for November 7-8, 2017 in Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of July, 2018.

Vince Alberdi, Secretary

Nikki Regent, Administrative Assistant II

Board Actions:

- Approved a resolution to commit funds and provide signatory authority in the matter of the Boise River Feasibility Study.
- Approved a resolution to fund the development of the Canyon Creek Recharge Sites.