WHEREAS, the State of Idaho relies on spring discharge from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) through the Thousand Springs to assist in the meeting minimum streamflow water rights at the Murphy Gage established under Swan Falls Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the ESPA has been losing approximately 216,000 acre-feet annually from aquifer storage since the 1950's resulting in declining groundwater levels in the aquifer and declining spring flows from the aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan (ESPA CAMP), identified managed recharge as a key strategy of achieving the goal of aquifer stabilization and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Idaho Legislature passed and approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 136 directing to IWRB to develop the capacity to achieve 250,000 acre-feet of annual average managed recharge to the ESPA by December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Surface Water Coalition (SWC) filed a delivery call in 2005 with the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) under the Conjunctive Management Rules (IDAPA 37.03.11 et seq.)

WHEREAS, the ground water rights of the cities on the ESPA have been subject to IDWR administration, including curtailment, as a result of the SWC delivery call; and

WHEREAS, IDWR designated the ESPA as a Ground Water Management Area (GWMA) on November 2, 2016

WHEREAS, a group of cities (Cities) on the ESPA desire to implement a long-term resolution to mitigation obligation under both the SWC Delivery Call and the ESPA-GWMA (Settlement Agreement) that allows for cities to continue to grow and develop

WHEREAS, the Cities as part of the Settlement Agreement between the SWC, Participating Members of the IGWA, and Cities ("Final Settlement Agreement"), seeks a contract with Board through which it can assign to the Board variable amounts of City water to be recharged by the Board

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB agrees to utilize water transferred from the Cities as part of the IWRB ESPA managed Recharge Program to recharge the ESPA aquifer; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB will be compensated for recharging the water received from the Cities; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or designee, Brian Patton, Executive Officer to the IWRB, to execute the necessary agreements or conduct managed
recharge for the Cities as part of the Final Settlement Agreement.

DATED this 25th day of January, 2019.

ROGER W. CHASE, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST
VINCE ALBERDI, Secretary