Memorandum

To: Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB)

From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau

Date: September 11, 2019

Re: ESPA CAMP progress report background, schedule, update on progress towards CAMP targets
Joint Committee Agenda Item 2b

Background

In 2006 Idaho Legislature passed Idaho SCR 136 which requested the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) prepare and submit a comprehensive aquifer management plan (CAMP) for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA). By 2007, the IWRB appointed an advisory committee to prepare and recommend a plan. The IWRB and the Advisory Committee worked together to develop and submit the ESPA CAMP to the 2009 Idaho Legislature where it became effective as of the Idaho State Water Plan upon adoption of HB 264.

Legislative Request for a Plan Review

On May 8, 2019 the IWRB received a letter from Idaho House Speaker Scott Bedke requesting the IWRB complete a 10-year review of the ESPA CAMP and to submit appropriate planning recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor's office by the start of the next regular legislative session. Since the IWRB received the letter from Speaker Scott Bedke they have received several additional letters regarding the ESPA CAMP 10-year review (see attached letters).

Process & Schedule - Joint Aquifer Stabilization & Planning Committee meetings

Staff is completing the ESPA CAMP 10-year review through a series of Joint Aquifer Stabilization & Planning Committee meetings between now and the next legislative. Upcoming Joint Committee meetings are scheduled for the following dates

<u>Wednesday September 18th in Boise</u>

Agenda Items:

- Managed Recharge (Where we are at now, average annual calculations)
- Update on ESPA CAMP Targets
- ESPA CAMP Stakeholder Comment (IGWA, Coalition of Cities, Surface Water Coalition, Idaho Power Company)
- ESPA Managed Recharge Environmental Technical Working Group

Wednesday October 23rd in Boise

Agenda Items:

- Cloud Seeding/Weather Modification (how much from program contributes to aquifer water budget change/aquifer management)
- Rough draft
- ESPA CAMP Stakeholder Comment (Spring Users, Environmental perspective, IACI)

Wednesday November 13th in Boise

Agenda Items:

- Aquifer Storage Analysis (review actions that resulted in storage change)
- ESPA CAMP Stakeholder Comment (IWUA, TBA)
- Report Conclusions
- Final draft

Attachments(s):
Estimated Progress towards ESPA CAMP Targets
House Speaker Bedke Letter
Idaho Power Company Letter
Surface Water Coalition Letter
Idaho Ground Water Appropriators Letter