

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
WATER PIPELINE TO THE MOUNTAIN HOME AIR
FORCE BASE

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTING
WITH IMCO CONSTRUCTION AND TO
AUTHORIZE FUNDS FROM THE ARPA STATE
FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AND PROVIDE
SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

1 WHEREAS, Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB), an active-duty United States Air Force base,
2 derives its municipal water supplies exclusively from ground water pumped from the Mountain Home
3 Plateau aquifer in Elmore county; and
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5 WHEREAS, ground water levels in the Mountain Home Plateau aquifer are in decline, the area
6 surrounding MHAFB has been designated as a ground water management area, and there are concerns
7 about the possible contamination of the Mountain Home Plateau aquifer that supply MHAFB; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Air Force is contemplating increase in the base's population, and ground water
10 supplies are presently inadequate to meet future long-term needs of MHAFB; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) is a constitutional agency of the State of
13 Idaho, organized, existing, and operating pursuant to Article XV, Section 7 of the Idaho Constitution and
14 Idaho Code § 42-1732 through § 42-1780, which has authority to construct and operate water projects
15 and to acquire, purchase, lease, or exchange land, rights, water rights, or other property related to water
16 projects; and
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18 WHEREAS, House Bill 479, passed in March 2014, provided \$4 million to the IWRB for the
19 acquisition of senior priority Snake River water rights, to supply the MHAFB with a reliable supply of
20 surface water; and
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22 WHEREAS, the IWRB has secured right-of-way easements from the Bureau of Land Management
23 that define the water transmission system's pipeline alignment; and
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25 WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Pub. L. 117-2 subtitle M (2021), appropriated
26 \$219,800,000,000 to the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for making payments
27 to the States to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with response to
28 the Coronavirus disease; and
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30 WHEREAS, the SLFRF funds may be used to, among other things, make necessary investments in
31 water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. Pub L. 117-2 sec. 602(c)(1)(D), 42 U.S.C. § 802(c)(D); and
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33 WHEREAS, eligible uses of the SLFRF include projects that would be eligible to receive financial
34 assistance through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), 40 CFR 35.3520; and
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36 WHEREAS, the DWSRF may be used for the rehabilitation of wells or development of eligible
37 sources to replace contaminated water sources, 40 CFR 3520(b)(2)(iii); and
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39 WHEREAS, the SLFRF funds may also be used for projects that meet the requirements of the
Resolution No. 44-2023

40 DWSRF and also support drinking water needs for a reasonable amount of increased population growth,
41 31 CFR § 35.6(e)(1)(v); and
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43 WHEREAS, in 2022 the Idaho Legislature passed House Bill 769 in which it expressed its intent to
44 set aside approximately \$250,000,000 of ARPA funding to support projects managed by the IWRB,
45 including construction of a water delivery pipeline project, which includes a pipeline, pumpstation, and
46 other appurtenances, for MHAFB; and
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48 WHEREAS, House Bill 769 appropriated \$100,000,000 from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund
49 for Fiscal Year 2023 to support projects managed by the IWRB, including for the construction of a water
50 delivery pipeline project for MHAFB, and Senate Bill 1181 appropriated an additional \$50,000,000 from
51 the same fund for the same purpose for Fiscal Year 2024; and
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53 WHEREAS, on September 16, 2022 the Board authorized expenditure of \$5,000,000 from the
54 ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the development and construction of a water delivery pipeline project
55 for Mountain Home Air Force Base, Board Resolution 28-2022; and
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57 WHEREAS, the Board has negotiated a \$26,439,000 contract with IMCO Construction to design,
58 build, and test a Water Transmission System consisting of an intake, pumping station, and pipeline that
59 will deliver water from CJ Strike Reservoir to a water treatment plant at Mountain Home AFB.
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61 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves of contracting with IMCO to design,
62 build, and test the Water Transmission System.
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64 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes expenditures of up to \$35,000,000,
65 including \$5,000,000 already approved by the Board, from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the
66 development and construction of the Mountain Home AFB Water Transmission System. Further
67 authorizations will be required upon determination of total development and construction costs.
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69 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman, to execute
70 the IMCO Agreement and other necessary agreements or contracts for the purpose of this resolution.

DATED this 28th day of November, 2023.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary