

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PRIEST LAKE
OUTLET DAM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

RESOLUTION TO FUND ENGINEERING
SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT FOR THE PRIEST LAKE
OUTLET DAM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

1 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho owns the Priest Lake Outlet Dam (dam) which was constructed in
2 1950 and reconstructed in 1978 as an outlet control structure to maintain lake levels in the Priest Lake in
3 accordance with Idaho Code §70-507; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 2018, Senate Bill 1261 was passed and approved by the Legislature, updating
6 Idaho Code §70-507 to 1) clarify that management of the state-owned dam is under the jurisdiction of
7 the IWRB, and 2) giving the IWRB flexibility to maintain the lake's level between 3 feet and 3.5 feet on
8 the USGS Priest Lake Outlet gage; and
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10 WHEREAS, in 2016 the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) authorized the expenditure of funds
11 from the Revolving Development Account for Project Engineer Mott MacDonald to complete the Priest
12 Lake Water Management Study (Study) to evaluate strategies to meet long-term water management
13 objectives for the Priest Lake and Priest River system; and
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15 WHEREAS, in 2020 Project Engineer Mott MacDonald completed the design to implement
16 construction of the improvements recommended in the Study; and
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18 WHEREAS, in August 2020 the IWRB authorized the expenditure of \$5,000,000 from the
19 Revolving Development Account for the Priest Lake Outlet Dam Improvements Project; and
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21 WHEREAS, in October 2021 the IWRB authorized an additional \$450,000.00 from the Revolving
22 Development Account for additional construction work on the project; and
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24 WHEREAS, Outlet Dam construction was performed during the winter months of 2020-2021 and
25 2021-2022 but was not completed; and
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27 WHEREAS, in 2022 and 2023 Project Engineer Mott MacDonald completed a survey of the work
28 needed to complete the construction and prepared the associated design documents; and
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30 WHEREAS, Outlet Dam construction is planned to be completed by a different construction
31 contractor during the winter months of 2023-2024; and
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33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes the expenditure of funds not to
34 exceed \$500,000 from the Water Management Account to cover the costs of engineering and
35 construction management services for the Priest Lake Outlet Dam Improvements project.

DATED this 21st day of July 2023



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

Dean Stevenson, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF PRIEST LAKE CONSTRUCTION
LITIGATION

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDS FOR
OUTSIDE COUNSEL

1 WHEREAS, on August 20, 2020, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) and Strider Construction
2 Co., Inc. (Strider) entered a construction contract for improvements to the Priest Lake Outlet Dam; and

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4 WHEREAS, on July 27, 2022, Strider submitted a notice of termination of the contract; and

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6 WHEREAS, on July 29, 2022, Strider filed a lawsuit against the IWRB related to the contract; and

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8 WHEREAS, on August 23, 2022, the IWRB filed a counterclaim against Strider; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has determined that it is necessary and
11 appropriate to retain a private law firm to assist the OAG in the representation of the IWRB's interest in
12 the defense of litigation with Strider; and

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14 WHEREAS, the OAG has selected Stephen B. Andersen of the firm Kirton McConkie (Counsel) to
15 assist in legal representation of the IWRB in the Strider litigation; and

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17 WHEREAS, on September 16, 2022, the Board approved contracting with Counsel to represent
18 the IWRB in the Strider litigation; and

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20 WHEREAS, on September 27, 2022, the Board entered into an agreement for Professional Services
21 with Stephen B. Anderson of the firm of Kirton McConkie on the Strider matter; and

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23 WHEREAS, in January 2023 the IWRB authorized funds expected to cover litigation through May
24 2023;

25 WHEREAS, the funds authorized in January have been expended;

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27 WHEREAS, Kirton McConkie has estimated that the costs of litigation in the Strider matter through
28 trial beginning in February 2024 could be as much as \$815,000; and

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30 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the IWRB authorizes expenditure of up to \$815,000 from the
31 Water Management Account to defray the costs of litigation in the Strider matter; and

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33 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or designee,
34 to execute the necessary agreements or contracts for the purpose of this resolution.

DATED this 21st day of July 2023.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST



DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LOST VALLEY RESERVOIR
EXPANSION

RESOLUTION TO SUBORDINATE A PORTION
OF WATER RIGHT APPLICATION NO. 67-7590
TO WATER RIGHT APPLICATION NO. 67-7938

1 WHEREAS, the Idaho State Water Plan recognizes that surface water development will play a
2 role in meeting Idaho's future water needs, and supports assessment and development of new high
3 potential storage facilities; and
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5 WHEREAS, Lost Valley Reservoir, located in the Weiser River Basin, was identified in the 2012
6 Idaho State Water Plan as a reservoir that had an Apparent High Potential for Development; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Lost Valley Reservoir Company Board (LVRC) has been investigating a potential
9 raise of the Lost Valley Dam (Project), increasing the storage capacity from approximately 10,000 acre-
10 feet to an estimated 30,000 acre-feet; and
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12 WHEREAS, in 1982, IWRB filed a water right application No. 67-7590 for the proposed Galloway
13 Dam on the Weiser River. The application contemplates a total storage capacity of up to 1,500,000 acre-
14 feet; and
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16 WHEREAS, the LVRC filed an application for the additional 20,000 acre-feet of storage water in
17 1993 (No. 67-7938); and
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19 WHEREAS, water right application No. 67-7938 was protested by the U.S Forest Service with
20 concerns about the probable loss of wildlife habitat and wetlands, requirements that would impose
21 bypass flows as part of the special use permit, and concerns about stream temperatures; and
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23 WHEREAS, water right application No. 67-7938 and its protests remain pending and unresolved;
24 and
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26 WHEREAS, the LVRC completed initial design and cost estimate for the construction of the Lost
27 Valley Project and began investigating the environmental compliance requirements and hydrologic
28 analyses in 2013; and
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30 WHEREAS, the priority date of IWRB's water right application would reduce the fill potential of
31 the new Lost Valley Reservoir space and limit the economic viability of the Project; and
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33 WHEREAS, subordinating a portion of water right application No. 67-7590 would allow the new
34 Lost Valley Reservoir space to be filled prior to the reservoir formed by the Galloway Dam and LVRC has
35 represented to the IWRB that subordination is necessary for the Lost Valley Reservoir project to be
36 viable; and
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38 WHEREAS, at the request of LVRC, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) passed Resolution
39 No. 12-2020 (Resolution) on July 30, 2020 (No. 12-2020) authorizing subordination of up to 20,000 acre-

feet of water right application no. 67-7590 to water right application no. 67-7938 provided LVRC can demonstrate the following conditions were met:

- 1) Within three (3) years of the date this resolution, LVRC must advance coordination with the United States Forest Service (USFS) such that the USFS has published the Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS for the Project; and
- 2) LVRC must obtain a water right permit, approved by the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, for the increased storage capacity in the Lost Valley Reservoir in accordance with criteria set forth in Idaho Code § 42-203A; and
- 3) Construction of the proposed Lost Valley Dam Project must be complete within ten (10) years of the date of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution further authorized LVRC to apply for extensions to complete conditions 1 and 3 if LVRC can demonstrate good cause and due diligence in the development of the Project; and

WHEREAS, IWRB staff contacted LVRC on July 6, 2023 requesting information to verify compliance with the conditions of the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2023, LVRC submitted a letter detailing project development activities that have occurred since the IWRB Resolution was passed and requesting modification of the Resolution to extend Condition 1 an additional three years (Attachment A); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves revision of the terms of Resolution No. 12-2020 and agrees to subordinate up to 20,000 acre-feet of its water right application to LVRC's water right application for an additional period of (3) years provided LVRC can demonstrate the following conditions are met:

- 1) Within three (3) years of the date this resolution, July 21, 2026, LVRC must complete coordination with the United States Forest Service (USFS) such that the USFS has published the Notice of Intent to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement for the Project and commenced consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act; and
- 2) Construction of the proposed Lost Valley Dam Project must be complete within ten (10) years of the date of the original resolution; and
- 3) Prior to commencement of construction, LVRC must obtain a water right permit, approved by the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, for the increased storage capacity in the Lost Valley Reservoir in accordance with criteria set forth in Idaho Code § 42-203A; and

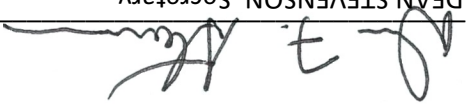
NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is not an endorsement of the Lost Valley Reservoir Project, LVRC's water right application, or an approval of the Project by the Board under Idaho

86 Code § 42-1737. The IWRB reserves the right to review the Project pursuant to its authorities and
87 obligations under Title 42, Idaho Code.

DATED this 21st day of July, 2023.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

Lost Valley Reservoir Company
PO Box 408
Cambridge, ID 83610
raiselostvalley@gmail.com

July 10, 2023

Idaho Water Resource Board
c/o Mr. Justin Ferguson
Sent via email

RE: Request for Modification of Subordination Resolution

Dear Idaho Water Resource Board Members and Staff:

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this Request for Modification of the "Resolution to Subordinate a portion of IWRB's Water Right Application No. 67-7590 to Lost Valley Reservoir Company's Water Right Application No. 67-7938," signed on July 30, 2020 by the Chairman of the Idaho Water Resource Board. A copy of the resolution is attached.

The subordination resolution contains three conditions, as follows:

- 1) Within three (3) years of the date this resolution, LVRC must advance coordination with the United States Forest Service (USFS) such that the USFS has published the Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS for the Project; and
- 2) LVRC must obtain a water right permit, approved by the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, for the increased storage capacity in the Lost Valley Reservoir in accordance with criteria set forth in Idaho Code § 42-203A; and
- 3) Construction of the proposed Lost Valley Dam Project must be complete within ten (10) years of the date of this resolution.

The resolution goes on to say as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LVRC may apply for extensions to complete conditions 1 and 3 if LVRC can demonstrate good cause and due diligence in the development of the Lost Valley Project.

We request that condition no. 1 of the resolution be extended for three years. We have proceeded diligently on this project but as we all know, moving through all of the steps to increase storage is

difficult and time consuming. Since the resolution was originally signed on July 30, 2020, we have completed the attached steps:

- Conducted further coordination with local members of the Idaho Legislature.
- Obtained estimates for:
 - Financing Costs
 - Initial Engineering Costs
 - Environmental Studies Costs
- Filed an SF-299 Application with the U.S. Forest Service.
- Arranged for three additional meetings in the Weiser River Basin, on September 13, 2021: Washington County Commissioners, Adams County Commissioners, and Interested Parties at the Adams County Courthouse
- These meetings resulted in Letters of Support from:
 - Adams County Commissioners
 - Washington County Commissioners
 - Snake River Development Alliance
- Presented to the Idaho Water Resource Board in a special meeting on November 17, 2021, seeking:
 - Cost-match for pre-construction activities
 - A determination if the IWRB wants to acquire some of the water
- Offered shares in the enlarged space to existing shareholders in Lost Valley Reservoir Company and others in the Weiser River Basin. To date 10,326 shares have been requested (of 16,000 available, where 1 share = 1 acre-foot). Share offerings have been closed to allow the IWRB to decide on whether or not the State of Idaho is interested in acquiring the water.
- Inquired of a ground water district in the upper Snake basin if there is an interest in acquiring the remaining shares, to be exchanged for use in their basin. The answer was YES!
- Applied for funding in the first two rounds of Aging Infrastructure funding without success.
- Applied for funding in the Water Sustainability program. A determination is anticipated to be made at the IWRB meeting on July 21, 2023.
- Continued an ongoing discussion with the District Rangers of the New Meadows Ranger District, where the project is located. These discussions have ensured that as soon as funding is secured to move forward on pre-construction activities, Lost Valley Reservoir Company representatives will meet with the USFS to design next steps in the process.

We feel that we have been proceeding as diligently as possible toward successful completion of this project. We are hopeful that our most recent request for matching funding from the IWRB will enable us to move forward rapidly toward accomplishment of the following plan:

Lost Valley Reservoir Enlargement as of June 14, 2023

ACTIVITY	ANTICIPATED COST	PLANNED START DATE
Collect funds from interested spaceholders and IWRB	Obtain \$560K from the IWRB and \$560K from the Shareholders	1-Aug-23
Initiate Pre-Construction Activities		1-Aug-23
Complete Pre-Construction Activities		1-Aug-24
Arrange for financing for final engineering and construction.	\$13.5M additional minus grants from IWRB and Federal Govt.	1-Aug-24
Prepare and distribute final engineering RFP with IWRB Staff and Lost Valley Team		1-Sep-24
Prepare and distribute construction RFP with IWRB Staff and Lost Valley Team		1-Mar-25
Select construction company and contract for		1-Jun-25
Construct the Project		2025-2026
Store and deliver water		Spring 2027

We have shared this timeline with Dana Harris, the current District Ranger of the New Meadows Ranger District and she is committed to working with us on this project. One of her predecessors stated that Lost Valley Reservoir is the best recreation area in the New Meadows Ranger District, and additional storage has the opportunity to enhance recreation and fishery values in the area.

The three conditions in the existing resolution are specifically addressed as follows:

- 1) Within three (3) years of the date this resolution, LVRC must advance coordination with the United States Forest Service (USFS) such that the USFS has published the Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS for the Project.

We feel that we have moved forward diligently with the USFS, but the Notice of Intent will not be filed until later in the process. We have filed the SF299. Additional information to support this document will be prepared in the engineering portion of the pre-construction activities. There are multiple steps in the coordination with USFS. If all goes well the Notice of Intent could be filed by 2024 but we are requesting an extension of three years on this condition to allow for unanticipated contingencies.

2) LVRC must obtain a water right permit, approved by the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, for the increased storage capacity in the Lost Valley Reservoir in accordance with criteria set forth in Idaho Code § 42-203A.

When the application for permit was originally filed and advertised there was just one protestant – the USFS. Resolution of this protest will go hand-in-hand with working with the USFS to file the Notice of Intent.

3) Construction of the proposed Lost Valley Dam Project must be complete within ten (10) years of the date of this resolution.

This deadline will end on July 30, 2030. We intend to meet this objective.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide an update on the status of this project, and we request an extension of the deadline in the first condition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dale A. Barton".

Dale A. Barton
Chairman, Lost Valley Reservoir Company Board

Attachment: Resolution to Subordinate a portion of IWRB's Water Right Application No. 67-7590 to Lost Valley Reservoir Company's Water Right Application No. 67-7938

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LOST VALLEY
RESERVOIR EXPANSION

RESOLUTION TO subordinate a portion of the
IWRB's Water Right Application No. 67-7590
to Lost Valley Reservoir Company's Water
Right Application No. 67-7938

1 WHEREAS, the Idaho State Water Plan recognizes that surface water development will play a role
2 in meeting Idaho's future water needs, it supports assessment and development of new high potential
3 storage facilities; and
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5 WHEREAS, an enlargement of the Lost Valley Reservoir, located in the Weiser River Basin north of
6 Council, Idaho is identified in the 2012 Idaho State Water Plan as a reservoir site with apparent high
7 potential for development; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Lost Valley Reservoir Company Board (LVRC) is investigating a potential raise of
10 the Lost Valley Dam (Lost Valley Project, Project) to increase reservoir capacity from approximately 10,000
11 acre-feet to as much as 30,000 acre-feet to provide additional water supply for irrigation, recreation, fish
12 and wildlife, and other purposes based on interest; and
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14 WHEREAS, the LVRC filed a water right application for 20,000 acre-feet of additional storage water
15 in 1993 (No. 67-7938) and later completed initial design and cost estimates for construction of the Lost
16 Valley Project. In 2013, the LVRC began investigating environmental compliance requirements and
17 updating hydrologic analyses; and
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19 WHEREAS, in 1982, IWRB filed a water right application No. 67-7590 for the proposed Galloway
20 Dam on the Weiser River. The application contemplates a total storage capacity of up to 1,500,000 acre-
21 feet; and
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23 WHEREAS, the priority date of IWRB's water right application would reduce the fill potential of
24 the new Lost Valley Reservoir space and limit the economic viability of the Lost Valley Project; and
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26 WHEREAS, subordinating a portion of water right application No. 67-7590 would allow the new
27 Lost Valley Reservoir space to be filled prior to the reservoir formed by the Galloway Dam;
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29 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB will subordinate up to 20,000 acre-feet of its
30 water right application to LVRC's water right application so long as LVRC can demonstrate the following
31 conditions are met:
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- 33 1) Within three (3) years of the date this resolution, LVRC must advance coordination with the
34 United States Forest Service (USFS) such that the USFS has published the Notice of Intent to
35 prepare the EIS for the Project; and
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- 37 2) LVRC must obtain a water right permit, approved by the Director of the Idaho Department
38 of Water Resources, for the increased storage capacity in the Lost Valley Reservoir in
39 accordance with criteria set forth in Idaho Code § 42-203A; and
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41 3) Construction of the proposed Lost Valley Dam Project must be complete within ten (10) years
42 of the date of this resolution; and
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44 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LVRC may apply for extensions to complete
45 conditions 1 and 3 if LVRC can demonstrate good cause and due diligence in the development of the Lost
46 Valley Project.
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48 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is not an endorsement of the
49 Lost Valley Reservoir Project, LVRC's water right application, or an approval of the Project by the Board
50 under Idaho Code § 42-1737. The IWRB reserves the right to review the Project pursuant to its authorities
51 under Title 42, Idaho Code.

DATED this 30th day of July 2020.



ROGER W. CHASE, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

VINCE ALBERDI, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF FLOOD
MANAGEMENT GRANTS

RESOLUTION TO AWARD 2024 FUNDS

1 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1181 passed and approved by the Idaho Legislature transferred
2 \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Water Management Fund for a Flood Management
3 Grant Program administered by the Idaho Water Resources Board (IWRB) to be used for the
4 purpose of flood-damaged stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood risk
5 reduction, or flood prevention projects; and

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7 WHEREAS, House Bill 1181 allows for the award of grants larger than \$50,000 for the
8 Flood Management Program, at the discretion of the IWRB; and

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10 WHEREAS, House Bill 1181 directs the IWRB to require the availability of fifty percent
11 (50%) matching funds for all projects to be considered under the grant program; and

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13 WHEREAS, House Bill 1181 directs the IWRB to prioritize projects on a competitive
14 statewide basis; and

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16 WHEREAS, on March 31, 2023 the IWRB adopted on-going criteria for the award of Flood
17 Management Grants, and

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19 WHEREAS, thirteen (13) Flood Management Grant applications were received by the
20 deadline of Friday June 2, 2023 and the applications were evaluated, scored and ranked
21 according to the criteria adopted by IWRB; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Finance Committee met and discussed the projects, and recommended
24 the IWRB provide funding for ranked projects as specified in Attachment A to this resolution; and

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26 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the award of Flood
27 Management Grants as specified in Attachment A to this resolution.

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DATED this 21st day of July, 2023.



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST



Dean Stevenson, Secretary

Attachment A: 2024 Flood Management Grant Application Ranking						
Entity	IWRB District	Funds Requested	Total Project Costs	Final Evaluation Score	Final Rankings	Awarded Funding
Eagle Sewer District	2	\$200,000.00	\$1,913,580.00	114	1	\$200,000.00
Flood District 9	3	\$118,086.00	\$296,586.00	100	2	\$118,086.00
City of Parma	2	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	99	3	\$50,000.00
Hiawatha Canal Users Association	3	\$200,000.00	\$696,497.00	99	3	\$200,000.00
Oakley Highway District	3	\$176,000.00	\$351,090.00	97	4	\$176,000.00
Joint School District No. 171	1	\$89,064.00	\$178,128.00	95	5	\$89,064.00
Clearwater SWCD - Jim Ford Crossing	4	\$81,063.00	\$163,308.00	92	6	\$81,063.00
TFCC & City of Twin Falls	3	\$158,973.00	\$317,946.00	91	7	\$5,914.00
Idaho SWCD	1	\$54,524.00	\$109,888.00	90	8	\$54,524.00
City of Victor	4	\$27,500.00	\$55,000.00	89	9	\$27,500.00
Clark County	4	\$48,100.00	\$96,200.00	87	10	-
Clearwater SWCD - Orogranda Log Culvert	1	\$33,239.00	\$69,797.00	84	11	-
Flood District 17	1	\$3,260.00	\$6,520.00	70	12	-
Total Funds Requested		\$1,239,809.00	\$4,354,540.00			\$1,002,151

*50% cap in IWRB District 3

IWRB District #1	15%
IWRB District #2	25%
IWRB District #3	50%
IWRB District #4	10%
	100%

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF CLOUD SEEDING IN THE
STATE OF IDAHO

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR
INSTRUMENTATION AND COMPUTING

1 WHEREAS, House Bill 266 (HB 266), passed and approved by the 2021 legislature, recognized
2 that cloud seeding has provided a unique and innovative opportunity to support sustainable water
3 supplies for the State of Idaho, and designated the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) as the agency
4 responsible for authorization of cloud seeding programs within the State; and
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6 WHEREAS, HB266 Directed the IWRB to conduct an assessment of cloud seeding opportunities
7 across the State of Idaho, and identify opportunities for expanding the Cloud Seeding Program (Program)
8 within the State; and
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10 WHEREAS, Cloud seeding remains an up and coming technology and our understanding of the
11 water management strategy will require investments in data collection and modeling technologies; and
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13 WHEREAS, the IWRB will need to consider options for the development of tools and resources to
14 support Program development and analysis.
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16 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the IWRB authorizes expenditures not to exceed
17 \$750,000 from the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation for a project to
18 complete a Statewide Calibration of the WRF-Hydro model.
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the IWRB authorizes expenditures not to exceed \$210,000 from
21 the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund for work to expand the WRF-
22 WxMod model to cover the Lemhi and Bear River Basins
23

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the IWRB authorizes expenditures not to exceed \$100,000 from
25 the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund for the purchase of computing
26 resources to support existing and on-going IWRB projects.
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the IWRB authorizes expenditures not to exceed \$450,000 from
29 the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund for the deployment of a
30 weather radar, and the collection and post processing of data.
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the IWRB authorizes expenditures not to exceed \$465,000 from
33 the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund for costs related to LES
34 modeling.
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or designee, Brian Patton,
37 Executive Officer to the IWRB, to execute the necessary agreements or contracts to complete the
38 proposed modeling effort.

DATED this 21st day of July 2023.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST



DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PINEHURST WATER
DISTRICT LOAN REQUEST

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LOAN FUNDING
FOR COSTS RELATED TO DELIVERY SYSTEM
INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS AND
IMPROVEMENTS

1 WHEREAS, Pinehurst Water District (District) submitted a loan application to the Idaho Water
2 Resources Board (IWRB) in the amount of \$87,000 to cover costs associated with the repair and
3 replacement of damaged infrastructure; and
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5 WHEREAS, the District was established in 1959 and provides municipal water across 860
6 connections in and around the town of Pinehurst, Idaho; and
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8 WHEREAS, the District held a \$160,000 loan with the IWRB in 2007 to replace wooden storage
9 tanks that has been paid in full; and
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11 WHEREAS, the District currently holds a \$100,000 loan with the IWRB in which the funds were
12 used to purchase and install a backup generator for the system; and
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14 WHEREAS, said loan to install a backup generator is to be paid in full as of, or prior to, June
15 2024; and
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17 WHEREAS, the proposal is requesting funds to repair fire damaged infrastructure as well as the
18 purchase of an additional pump and motor; and
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20 WHEREAS, the District is a qualified applicant, and the proposed Project is eligible for a loan
21 from the Board's Revolving Development Account; and
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23 WHEREAS, the proposed Project is in the public interest and is in compliance with the State
24 Water Plan.
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26 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB provides authority to the Chairman
27 of the Idaho Water Resource Board, or his designee, to enter into contracts, to effectuate the loan, with
28 the Company on behalf of the IWRB.
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30 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves a loan not to exceed \$87,000 from
31 the Revolving Development Account at 8.0 % interest with a 10-year repayment term.
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33 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the approval of the loan are
34 subject to the following conditions:
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- 36 1) The District shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations that apply to the proposed
37 Project.

- 38 2) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the District shall comply with all statutory
39 requirements for incurring debt.
40 3) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the District will provide acceptable security for the
41 loan to the IWRB.
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DATED this 21st day of July, 2023.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S
RECOMMENDATION

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE IDAHO WATER
RESOURCE BOARD'S ARPA SPENDING PLAN

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature, though House Bill 769 passed in 2022 appropriated \$100 Million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) to be used for certain ARPA-eligible water projects; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature, though Senate Bill 1181 passed in 2023 appropriated \$50 Million of ARPA funds to the IWRB to be used for certain ARPA-eligible water projects; and

WHEREAS, additional appropriations of ARPA funds to the Idaho Water Resource Board are planned in the amount of \$50 million in 2024 and \$50 million in 2025, for a total of \$250 million in total; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2022, the IWRB adopted a spending plan for the uses of ARPA funds as follows:

Anderson Ranch Reservoir Enlargement	\$90 million
Mt. Home AFB Water Pipeline	\$30 million
ESPA Recharge Infrastructure	<u>\$75 million</u>
TOTAL	\$195 million

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2023, the IWRB's Finance Committee recommended the modification of the ARPA spending plan to the following:

Anderson Ranch Reservoir Enlargement	\$125 million
Mt. Home AFB Water Pipeline	\$61 million
ESPA Recharge Infrastructure	<u>\$14 million</u>
TOTAL	\$200 million

WHEREAS, the recommended modification to the ARPA spending plan takes into account updated cost estimates for the Anderson Ranch and Mt. Home Air Force Base projects, and

WHEREAS, the recommended modification to the ARPA spending plan would allow for the allocation of \$50 million of ARPA funds to other ARPA-eligible water projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts a modified ARPA spending plan as recommended by the Finance Committee as follows:

Anderson Ranch Reservoir Enlargement	\$125 million
Mt. Home AFB Water Pipeline	\$61 million
ESPA Recharge Infrastructure	<u>\$14 million</u>
TOTAL	\$200 million

DATED this 21st day of July 2023.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST



DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGIONAL WATER
SUSTAINABILITY PRIORITY LIST

RESOLUTION TO AWARD FUNDS

1 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 769 passed in 2022 appropriated \$75 million
2 to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) to be used for certain ARPA-eligible water projects and
3 projects that have been identified by the IWRB as high priority sustainability projects; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature, through Senate Bill 1181 passed in 2023 appropriated \$150
6 million to the IWRB to be used for certain ARPA-eligible water projects and projects that have been
7 identified by the IWRB as high priority sustainability projects; and
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9 WHEREAS, in July 2021 the IWRB adopted an initial Regional Water Sustainability Priority List to
10 help guide the Idaho Water Resource Board's (IWRB's) spending for large, regional water sustainability
11 projects from ARPA funds, state general funds, or other applicable sources. The IWRB also, in January
12 2022, adopted threshold criteria indicating that for a project to be included on the Regional Water
13 Sustainability Priority List it must help achieve water supply sustainability on a regional, basin-wide, or
14 state wide basis; and
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16 WHEREAS, on October 26, 2022 the IWRB adopted criteria for the inclusion of projects on the
17 Regional Water Sustainability Priority List. The criteria include a process for how projects can be added,
18 types of information required to be submitted in requests, considerations for inclusion, and a process for
19 removing projects from the list. At the October 26th meeting the IWRB also set a deadline of December 1
20 annually for requests to be submitted; and
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22 WHEREAS, the IWRB received 15 requests to remain on or be added to the list. In January 2023 the
23 IWRB updated the List; and
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25 WHEREAS, in May 2023 the IWRB authorized staff to solicit presentations from project sponsors.
26 Project presentations took place at Finance Committee meetings scheduled on June 2, 8, 14, and 26; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Finance Committee met on July 12th 2023 to discuss the projects, and
29 recommended the IWRB provide funding for ranked projects as specified in Attachment A to this
30 resolution; and
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32 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the award of Regional Water
33 Sustainability Funds as specified in Attachment A to this resolution.
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35 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED staff is directed to work with project sponsors on
36 draft contracts for each of these projects, including appropriate Terms & Conditions which shall be
37 brought back to the IWRB for approval before execution of each contract.

DATED this 21st day of July 2023.



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST


Dean Stevenson, Secretary

Attachment A: Funding Recommendations for Regional Water Sustainability Projects

Construction-ready projects:	ARPA	IWRB District	Amount Requested	Total Cost	Recommendation	Notes
American Falls Spillway Rehab	yes	4	\$12,486,758	N/A	12,500,000	
Copper River Storage Project	-	2	\$2,500,000	\$5,520,000	-	see 8
Gooding Flood Control Project	-	3	\$4,000,000	\$40,000,000	4,000,000	
Lewiston Orchards Exchange Project	yes	1	\$20,000,000	\$60,000,000	hold for now	
Mackay Dam Repair	-	3	\$5,280,384	\$7,280,384	hold for now	
Nampa Reuse Pipeline	-	2	\$3,000,000	\$180,069,587	\$3,000,000	requested \$6M total for 3 projects
New York Canal Lining	yes	2	\$51,593,344	\$51,593,344	\$25,000,000	
North Fremont Canal Systems Phase 5 Pipeline Project	-	4	\$7,811,056	\$19,769,044	\$7,811,056	
Raft River Pipeline	-	3	\$14,111,000	\$49,000,000	\$7,000,000	
System Improvements to Pioneer System (Moses Drain Project)	-	2	\$500,000	\$1,456,000	-	see 8
Treasure Valley Water Supply Assessment Project	-	2	\$155,500	\$155,500	\$155,500	

\$121,438,042

\$59,466,556

Planning-level projects:	ARPA	IWRB District	Amount Requested	Total Cost	Recommendation	Notes
Palouse Basin Aquifer Water Supply	-	1	\$365,000	\$365,000	\$182,500	Next Steps for Alternative 5
Elmore County/Mountain Home Aquifer Water Supply	-	2	?	?	wait on AIG	13 mile seepage study; no cost provided, plans to submit AIG application
Lost Valley Reservoir Enlargement	-	2	\$560,000	\$1,120,000	\$560,000	Pre-Construction work including EIS

\$925,000

\$742,500