



AGENDA

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Special Board Meeting No. 5-24
Thursday, May 16, 2024

4:00 p.m. (MT) / 3:00 p.m. (PT)

Idaho Water Center
Conference Room 602 B
322 E. Front St.
BOISE

Brad Little
Governor

Jeff Raybould
Chairman
St. Anthony
At Large

Jo Ann Cole-Hansen
Vice Chair
Lewiston
At Large

Dean Stevenson
Secretary
Paul
District 3

Dale Van Stone
Hope
District 1

Albert Barker
Boise
District 2

Brian Olmstead
Twin Falls
At Large

Marcus Gibbs
Grace
District 4

Patrick McMahon
Sun Valley
At Large

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1. Roll Call
2. Executive Session: Board will meet pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1) subsection (f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Topic: MHAFB Water Resilience Project Easements. Closed to the public.
3. MHAFB Water Resilience Project Easements*
4. Non-Action Items for Discussion
5. Next Meeting & Adjourn

* Action Item: A vote regarding this item may be made at this meeting. Identifying an item as an action item on the agenda does not require a vote to be taken on the item. **Americans with Disabilities:** If you require special accommodations to attend, participate in, or understand the meeting, please make advance arrangements by contacting Department staff by email jennifer.strange@idwr.idaho.gov or by phone at (208) 287-4800.

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

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

RESOLUTION TO GRANT SIGNATORY
AUTHORITY FOR EASEMENTS, PERMISSIONS,
AND RELATED CONTRACTS FOR THE
MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE PROJECT

1 WHEREAS, Mountain Home Air Force Base (MHAFB), an active-duty United States Air Force
2 base, derives its municipal water supplies exclusively from groundwater pumped from the Mountain
3 Home Plateau aquifer in Elmore County; and
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5 WHEREAS, groundwater levels in the Mountain Home Plateau aquifer are in decline and the
6 area surrounding MHAFB has been designated as a groundwater management area; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) is a constitutional agency of the State of
9 Idaho, organized, existing, and operating pursuant to Article XV, Section 7 of the Idaho Constitution and
10 Idaho Code § 42-1732 through § 42-1780, which has authority to construct and operate water projects
11 and to acquire, purchase, lease, or exchange land, rights, water rights, or other property related to
12 water projects; and
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14 WHEREAS, on May 14, 2021, the IWRB, the Idaho Office of the Governor, the Office of the
15 Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy, Installations, and Environment, and the MHAFB
16 entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for Potential Water Resilience Project in the Mountain
17 Home Plateau Region, F1AF2E-21133-001 (MOU) to outline how the parties would cooperate to build
18 the water supply project to MHAFB; and
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20 WHEREAS, in 2022, the Idaho Legislature passed House Bill 769, in which it expressed its intent
21 to set aside approximately \$250,000,000 of ARPA funding to support projects managed by the IWRB,
22 including the construction of a water delivery pipeline project, which includes a pipeline, pump station,
23 and other appurtenances, for MHAFB; and
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25 WHEREAS, through House Bill 769 (FY 2023), Senate Bill 1181 (FY 2024), Senate Bill 1269 (FY
26 2023), and Supplemental Senate Bill 1411 (FY 2023 and 2024), the Idaho Legislature appropriated a total
27 of \$200,000,000 from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund to support projects managed by the IWRB,
28 including the construction of a water delivery pipeline project for MHAFB; and
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30 WHEREAS, IWRB Resolution nos.28-2022 and 44-2023 authorized expenditures for up to
31 \$35,000,000 from the ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the development of the Mountain Home AFB
32 Water Transmission system; and
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34 WHEREAS, the IWRB has secured right-of-way easements from the Idaho Department of
35 Transportation, Bureau of Land Management, and other Regulatory Agencies that define the water
36 transmission system's pipeline alignment; and

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WHEREAS, the execution of additional easements, contracts, and permissions is necessary to complete the construction, commissioning, and delivery of the Mountain Home AFB Water Transmission System;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes the Chairman or the Executive Manager of the Idaho Water Resource Board to execute any additional easements, permissions, and related contracts, subject to review by the Idaho Attorney General staff;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Idaho Water Resource Board or his designated Board Member(s) must review any easements, permissions or related contracts authorized by this Resolution prior to the Executive Manager executing any of those documents.

DATED this 16th day of May 2024.

JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST _____
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary