



Amended AGENDA

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

Finance Committee Meeting No. 3-24

Monday, May 13, 2024

1:00 p.m. (MT) / Noon (PT)

Water Center

Conference Rooms 602 C & D

322 E. Front St.

BOISE

Brad Little

Governor

Jeff Raybould

Chairman

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At Large

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District 2

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Twin Falls

At Large

Marcus Gibbs

Grace

District 4

Patrick McMahon

Sun Valley

At Large

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1. Introductions and Attendance
2. Upper Payette Basin Storage*
3. FY 2025 Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund Budget*
4. Water Management Account and ARPA Spending Plans*
5. Grant Program Timelines*
6. Aging Infrastructure Grant Criteria Update*
7. Loan Program
 - a. Farmers' Land & Irrigation Company*
 - b. Boise City Canal Company Loan Extension*
8. Raft River Irrigation District Update
9. Other Items
10. Adjourn

Committee Members: Chair Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Jeff Raybould, Marc Gibbs, Dale Van Stone, and Dean Stevenson.

* 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.

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Memorandum

To: Idaho Water Resource Board's Finance Committee

From: Cynthia Bridge Clark

Date: May 9, 2024

Re: Upper Payette Storage Project



REQUIRED ACTION: Consider a recommendation from the IWRB Storage Committee to the Finance Committee to consider committing funds for a project to acquire uncontracted storage in the Upper Payette Basin.

The Upper Payette Storage Association (Association) presented a project proposal to the Idaho Water Resource Board's (IWRB) Storage Committee on May 6, 2024. The proposal involves the acquisition of available uncontracted storage from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to help meet water supply needs in the Payette River Basin. The proposal is outlined in the attached request to the IWRB.

The Storage Committee recommended the following:

1. The full IWRB consider adding this project to the Regional Sustainability Projects List.
2. The IWRB Finance Committee budget funding for the project with the understanding that the amount can be adjusted as more information becomes available.
3. Direct staff to begin coordination with the various parties that have an interest in the proposal, including but not limited to the Upper Payette Basin Association, Payette River Watermaster and Water District 65 Advisory Committee, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The Committee further recommended staff to bring a report back to the Storage Committee outlining options to achieve the desired outcome and any issues to be considered.

Staff will discuss the proposal and Storage Committee recommendations at the May 13, 2024, Finance Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

- Upper Payette Basin Association April 23, 2024, request letter and PowerPoint slides.

April 23, 2024

Brian Patton
IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD
322 E. Front Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

VIA EMAIL ONLY
brian.patton@idwr.idaho.gov

**Re: Request for Board to Consider Acquisition of Uncontracted Storage for
Water Supply Needs in the Payette River Basin**

Dear Brian:

This request is submitted on behalf of the Upper Payette Storage Association (the "Association"), seeking to have the Idaho Water Resource Board (the "Board") consider the acquisition of available uncontracted storage from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to help meet emerging water supply needs in the Payette River Basin. The Association stands ready to cooperate with and assist the Board in this endeavor.

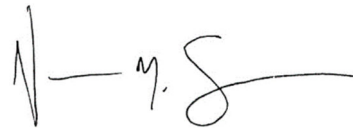
We understand that the first step in this process is to have the matter on the agenda for a meeting of the Water Storage Projects Committee of the Board. We look forward to that meeting being scheduled in the near future.

Attached is a set of PowerPoint slides setting forth the need and potential pathway for acquiring uncontracted water from the Bureau in the Payette Basin, which the Association would be glad to present to the Committee and the full Board. In short, both irrigation and municipal needs in the Basin could be met in large part through the acquisition of more than 16,000 acre-feet of federal storage that is dedicated for those purposes in Cascade Reservoir, with an additional 22,000 acre-feet of uncontracted water also potentially available from Deadwood Reservoir.

We appreciate your facilitation of our request.

Regards,

PARSONS BEHLE & LATIMER



Norman M. Semanko

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Attachment

UPPER PAYETTE STORAGE WATER ASSOCIATION

**PARSONS
BEHLE &
LATIMER**

Reasons to Contract Storage Space

- Enlarged administration by Water District 65 to include Payette River tributaries
- Water rights on tributaries will now be identified and accounted for as storage users
- Will not alter stream flows; use already exists
- Rental Pool Procedures prioritize in-basin storage use over flow augmentation
- Supplemental (contracted) storage for tributary users would avoid reliance on Rental Pool

Reasons to Contract Storage Space

- Upper Payette Storage Water Association to serve a large group of users including irrigation and municipal providers (e.g., McCall, Cascade and Horseshoe Bend)
- Equal opportunity to access federal storage; under current situation, one storage space owner can dictate the fate of another producer

Reasons to Contract Storage Space

- Uncontracted Cascade space (16,747 acre-feet) is committed to irrigation/municipal uses (also 22,000 acre-feet uncontracted in Deadwood)
- Separate from uncontracted space (95,000 acre-feet) available for flow augmentation
- Improve supply for flow augmentation by avoiding increased in-basin Rental Pool demand
- Fulfill Federal responsibilities to Payette Basin and project cost recovery/spread O&M costs

2008 Upper Snake Biological Opinion

- 13.3.1 New Contracts for Water Stored in Reclamation Projects. Reclamation's salmon flow augmentation program is heavily dependent on annual water rentals from Idaho's water rental pools, which are variable and insecure sources. Due to this variability, Reclamation must consult with NOAA Fisheries prior to issuing a new contract that would reduce streamflows or reduce Reclamation's ability to meet salmon flow augmentation commitments, as described in its PA; or whenever Reclamation otherwise determines that listed salmon or steelhead species or critical habitat may be affected.

2008 Upper Snake Biological Opinion

- 13.4.1 New Contracts for Water Stored in Reclamation Projects. Prior to entering into any agreement to commit uncontracted storage space in any of its reservoirs covered by this Opinion to any use other than salmon flow augmentation, Reclamation shall consult with NOAA Fisheries under Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA. In addition, Reclamation shall consult with NOAA Fisheries under Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA prior to entering into a new contract that would reduce streamflows or reduce Reclamation's ability to meet its salmon flow augmentation commitments, as described in its PA, or whenever Reclamation otherwise determines that listed salmon or steelhead species or critical habitat may be affected. Such consultations shall identify the amount of discretionary storage being sought or the amount of streamflow reduction, the current probability of such storage or streamflow being available for salmon flow augmentation, and any plan to replace the storage volume or streamflows currently available to salmon flow augmentation that would be lost as a result of the proposed commitment. NOAA Fisheries criterion in conducting such a review is to ensure that there either be an improvement or "zero net impact" on Snake River flows and on Reclamation's ability to provide up to 487 kaf for salmon flow augmentation. Replacement supplies should have at least an equal probability of being available for salmon flow augmentation as the storage space or streamflows that are being committed.

Memorandum



To: Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB)

From: Neeley Miller

Date: May 9, 2024

Re: Proposed Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund – FY 2025 Budget

REQUIRED ACTION: Recommend Proposed FY 2024 Secondary Aquifer Fund Budget to IWRB for Adoption

Staff will discuss the FY 2025 proposed budget for the Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management & Implementation Fund (Secondary Aquifer Fund).

Attachment:

- 1) Proposed Secondary Aquifer Fund – FY 2025 Budget

FY2025 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE SECONDARY AQUIFER FUND

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------------------|
| Estimated Carry-Over From FY24 | \$ | 4,000,000 |
| General Fund (SB 1269; 2024) | \$ | 5,000,000 |
| HB547 funds - receipt of Cigarette Tax proceeds | \$ | 5,000,000 |
| Estimated interest | \$ | 750,000 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 14,750,000 |

| Category | | Sub-Category | FY25 Proposed |
|--|---|---|---------------------|
| ESPA MANAGED RECHARGE PROGRAM | | | |
| ESPA Recharge Operations | Conveyance Cost | | \$3,500,000 ** |
| | O&M (equipment, supplies, operational fees, etc.) | | \$200,000 |
| | Recharge Monitoring | | \$550,000 |
| | TOTAL | | \$4,250,000 |
| ESPA Recharge Investigations | Budgeted Investigations | Upper Valley site characterization & canal capacity investigations | \$500,000 |
| | | TOTAL | \$500,000 |
| PROGRAM TOTAL | | | \$4,750,000 |
| CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM | | | |
| Operations & Maintenance | Upper Snake River Basin | 2024-2025 Project Operations - Aircraft & Remote Ground (=2/3 * \$1,675,000) | \$1,117,225 |
| | Wood River Basin | 2024-2025 Project Operations - Aircraft & Remote Ground (=2/3 * \$765,000) | \$510,255 |
| | Boise River Basin | 2024-2025 Project Operations - Aircraft & Remote Ground (=2/3 * \$1,010,000) | \$673,670 |
| | Collaborative Program | Estimated Water User Contributions | (\$430,000) |
| | HCRCD Program | 2024-2025 Upper Snake Project Operations - Manual Ground | \$60,000 * |
| | Technology | Administration Operational Modeling and Computing | \$60,000 |
| | | TOTAL | \$1,991,150 |
| Capital | Weather Instrumentation | (Existing) Replacement/Enhancement/Upgrade | \$200,000 * |
| | | (Statewide) New Devices | \$0 |
| | Technology | (Infrastructure) Computing and Modeling | \$1,100,000 * |
| | Equipment | Remote Ground Generators | \$0 |
| | | TOTAL | \$1,300,000 |
| Research & Development | Technology | (Development) Weather Instrumentation and Modeling | \$1,000,000 * |
| | Investigations | Analysis/Assessments, cost share for research to support policy questions | \$600,000 * |
| | New Basins | Infrastructure, investigations, administration Bear River Basin | \$300,000 * |
| | Reserve | Additional Program Costs | \$250,000 |
| | | TOTAL | \$2,150,000 |
| PROGRAM TOTAL | | | \$5,441,150 |
| TREASURE VALLEY | | | |
| | | Monitoring in support of the Treasure Valley model (annual) | \$145,000 |
| | | TOTAL | \$145,000 |
| RAFT RIVER | | | |
| | | Raft River Hydrologic Studies and Monitoring | \$50,000 |
| | | RAFT RIVER TOTAL | \$50,000 |
| PORTNEUF BASIN | | | |
| | | Portneuf Hydrogeologic Study (Year 2 of 4) | \$150,000 |
| | | TOTAL | \$150,000 |
| BEAR RIVER BASIN | | | |
| | | Water Sustainability | \$100,000 |
| | | TOTAL | \$100,000 |
| LEMHI BASIN | | | |
| | | Support of Water Sustainability Initiatives per settlement | \$100,000 |
| | | TOTAL | \$100,000 |
| MID-SNAKE BASIN | | | |
| | | Mid-Snake Water Quality Monitoring (annual) | \$50,000 |
| | | TOTAL | \$50,000 |
| PALOUSE BASIN | | | |
| | | Water Supply Project | \$200,000 * |
| | | TOTAL | \$200,000 |
| MOUNTAIN HOME BASIN | | | |
| | | Groundwater Model Development Year 1 of 4 | \$250,000 * |
| | | TOTAL | \$250,000 |
| BIG LOST BASIN | | | |
| | | Monitoring in support of Big Lost model development (annual) | \$120,000 |
| | | TOTAL | \$120,000 |
| WOOD RIVER BASIN | | | |
| | | Conservation, infrastructure fund associated with settlement (year 3 of 3) | \$200,000 |
| | | Camas GW characterization, drilling, water levels associated with settlement (year 3 of 3) | \$300,000 |
| | | TOTAL | \$500,000 |
| HYDROLOGY ACTIVITIES | | | |
| | | ESPA monitoring | \$250,000 |
| | | Statewide surface water and aquifer monitoring | \$450,000 |
| | | New monitoring wells and instrumentation for ESPAM data gaps | \$300,000 |
| | | TOTAL | \$1,000,000 |
| STATEWIDE | | | |
| | | Professional Services (includes media & federal outreach services) and administrative costs | \$300,000 |
| | | TOTAL | \$300,000 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | | \$13,156,150 |
| Reserve for Work in Other Priority Aquifers Total | | | \$ 1,593,850 |

*These items will require the IWRB pass an additional resolution to authorize funding.

**Since FY2019, \$3.5 M has been budgeted for ESPA Recharge Conveyance annually with the understanding that money budgeted but not spent within a fiscal year would stay committed and accrue for years when there is a large magnitude of water is available for managed recharge. Counting the current fiscal year (FY24) there is ~\$8.5 M reserved for future conveyance fees.

Memorandum



To: Idaho Water Resource Board's Finance Committee

From: Cynthia Bridge Clark

Date: May 9, 2024

Re: FY 2025 Water Management Account and American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) Spending Plans

REQUIRED ACTION: Review and recommend FY 2025 spending plans for the Water Management Account and ARPA funds to the full IWRB.

The Idaho Water Resource Board's (IWRB) Finance Committee will review draft spending plans for its Water Management Account and American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) funds.

In 2022, the Idaho Legislature passed House Bill 769 in which it expressed its intent to set aside approximately \$250,000,000 of ARPA funding to support projects managed by the IWRB. Federal ARPA guidance requires that the funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended prior to December 31, 2026.

ATTACHMENTS(S)

- FY 2025 Draft Spending Plan, Water Management Account and American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Idaho Water Resource Board - FY 2025 Draft Spending Plan
Water Management Account

(As of March 31, 2024)

Appropriations

| | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|
| FY 2020 (HB 285, Sec 1, Leg 2022) | \$20,000,000 | |
| FY 2022 (SB 1121, Sec 1, Leg 2021) | \$50,000,000 | |
| FY 2023 (HB 769, Sec 6, Leg 2022 - 1/3 portion to be used for Aging Infrastructure Grants) | \$75,000,000 | |
| FY 2024 (HB 361, Sec 1, Leg 2023 - 1/3 portion to be used for Aging Infrastructure Grants) | \$150,000,000 | |
| FY 2025 (SB 1411, Sec 3) | \$30,000,000 | |
| Interest Earned | \$6,000,000 | <i>estimate</i> |
| Total: | \$331,000,000 | |

Regional Water Sustainability Projects & Other Large Projects (alphabetical order)

| | <u>Obligated</u> * | <u>Spent</u> |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| Anderson Ranch Dam Raise ** | \$17,600,000 | \$1,232,041 |
| Bear Lake Additional Storage | \$2,000,000 | \$0 |
| City of Gooding - Little Wood River Channel Flood Control Project | \$4,000,000 | \$0 |
| City of Nampa Wastewater-to-Irrigation Reuse | \$3,000,000 | \$0 |
| Dworshak/Clearwater Pipeline (Governor's Initiative) | \$70,000,000 | \$0 |
| ESPA Recharge Infrastructure ** | \$22,400,000 | \$0 |
| Lewiston Orchards Exchange Project ** | \$1,287,000 | \$0 |
| Lost Valley Reservoir Enlargement - Planning | \$560,000 | \$0 |
| Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project ** | \$28,000,000 | \$0 |
| North Fremont Canal Systems Phase 5 Pipeline Project | \$7,811,056 | \$0 |
| Palouse Basin Aquifer Water Supply Planning | \$182,500 | \$0 |
| Priest Lake Water Management Project *** | \$5,000,000 | \$4,282,016 |
| Raft River Pipeline Project | \$7,000,000 | \$0 |
| Treasure Valley Drains Monitoring | \$155,500 | \$0 |
| Total: | \$168,996,056 | \$5,514,057 |

* Funding has been obligated through IWRB resolution.

** Potential ARPA-Eligible Project

*** Part of the Priest Lake project funding through the Revolving Development Account

**Idaho Water Resource Board - FY 2025 Draft Spending Plan
Water Management Account cont.**

| Aging Infrastructure Grants | <u>Obligated</u> * | <u>Spent</u> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Round 1 | \$12,500,000 | \$6,262,996 |
| Round 2 | \$12,500,000 | \$883,865 |
| Round 3 | \$11,083,621 | \$595,208 |
| Round 4 | \$7,678,350 | \$0 |
| Round 5 (scheduled FY 2025 - Legislative Direction HB 361, FY 2023) | \$12,500,000 | -- |
| Round 6 (scheduled FY 2026 -Legislative Direction HB 361, FY 2023) | \$12,500,000 | -- |
| Total: | \$68,761,971 | \$7,742,069 |

| Loans | <u>Obligated</u> * | <u>Disbursed</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Loans Committed | \$20,811,000 | \$0 |

Grand Total: **\$258,569,027**

Available Remaining after Commitments: **\$72,430,973**

Other Potential Needs (Review with IWRB)

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Projects Grant Program | \$12,500,000 |
| Upper Payette Basin Storage Water ** | \$3,000,000 |
| Efficiency and Capacity Improvements to Canal Systems Project | TBD |
| Minidoka Dam Raise ** | TBD |

Available Remaining After Commitments and Other Needs: **\$56,930,973**

* Funding has been obligated through IWRB resolution.

** Potential ARPA-Eligible Project

*** Part of the Priest Lake project funding through the Revolving Development Account

Idaho Water Resource Board - FY 2025 Draft Spending Plan
American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) *
(As of March 31, 2024)

| <u>Appropriations</u> | <u>Appropriations</u> | <u>Cash Received</u> | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|---|
| FY 2023 (HB 769, Sec 8, Leg 2022; Supplemental) | \$100,000,000 | \$100,000,000 | |
| FY 2024 (SB 1181, Sec 6 & Supp SB 1411, Sec 5; Leg 2023) | \$50,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | <i>(\$25M shortfall applied through Supplemental SB 1411)</i> |
| Scheduled FY 2025 (SB 1269 and Supp SB 1411, Sec 5 & 7, Leg 2024) | \$50,000,000 | \$50,000,000 | <i>(Includes \$50M FY25 Approp + \$25.5M shortfall from FY24)</i> |
| Scheduled FY 2026 | \$50,000,000 | | |
| Total Received and Scheduled through FY 25: | \$200,000,000 | \$200,000,000 | |
| Total Received and Scheduled through FY 26: | \$250,000,000 | | |

| <u>Regional Water Sustainability Projects</u> | <u>Spending Plan</u> | <u>Obligated **</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Comments</u> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Anderson Ranch Dam Raise Funding | \$125,000,000 | \$72,900,000 | \$72,871,406 | Summer 2024: Additional expenditures will be issued based on updated costs. |
| Mountain Home Air Force Base Water Resilience Project | \$35,000,000 | \$35,000,000 | \$907,374 | Fall 2024: Project completion and expenditure of funds. |
| Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Recharge Infrastructure | \$14,000,000 | \$14,868,047 | \$2,614,112 | Dec 2026: Completion of all sites/project and expenditure of funds. |
| American Falls Dam Spillway Repair | \$12,500,000 | \$12,500,000 | \$3,500,000 | Payments to be disbursed in 3 additional installments by Dec 31, 2026. |
| New York Canal Rehabilitation Project | \$25,000,000 | \$25,000,000 | \$0 | |
| Total: | \$211,500,000 | \$160,268,047 | \$82,507,005 | |

| | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Remainder of \$250M Legislative Appropriation Commitment: | \$38,500,000 | \$89,731,953 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|

* ARPA Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026

** Funding has been obligated through IWRB resolution.

FRED BUTLER
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BOISE PROJECT BOARD OF CONTROL

(FORMERLY BOISE U.S. RECLAMATION PROJECT)

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OPERATING AGENCY FOR 167,000
ACRES FOR THE FOLLOWING
IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

NAMPA-MERIDIAN DISTRICT
BOISE-KUNA DISTRICT
WILDER DISTRICT
NEW YORK DISTRICT
BIG BEND DISTRICT

May 10, 2024

TEL: (208) 344-1141
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Idaho Water Resource Board
Attn: Neeley Miller
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720

Dear Neeley:

In November 2022, Boise Project applied for the Sustainability Priority List requesting \$50,000,000 to modernize and rehabilitate six miles of canal lining in the New York Canal. Boise Project was fortunate enough to be selected to receive \$25,000,000 from ARPA funds.

As we move through the process of the project, the anticipated costs to complete the six-mile project have increased due to inflation and the cost of living. Please see below for the updated estimated costs:

| <u>Mile</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Costs</u> |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| One | 2024 | \$11,394,650 |
| Two | 2025 | \$12,192,275 |
| Three | 2026 | \$13,045,734 |
| Four | 2027 | \$13,958,936 |
| Five | 2028 | \$14,936,061 |
| Six | 2029 | \$15,981,585 |
| Total Costs | | <u>\$81,509,241</u> |

The above estimate is based on a bid received (attached) on May 3, 2024, for the work to be performed on Mile One in the Fall/Winter of 2024/2025. A 7% escalation cost has been added for Miles Two – Six.

Boise Project Board of Control is requesting an additional **\$50,000,000** from any remaining availability of ARPA funds. This project is “Shovel-Ready” with construction of Mile One scheduled to begin at the end of irrigation season in October 2024.

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Boise Project Board of Control appreciates IDWR in providing this opportunity to obtain additional funding to rehabilitate and improve our aging water infrastructure. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Carter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Carter" clearly distinguishable.

Robert Carter
Project Manager

bc:mse

Enclosures

Project
Bid Opening

BPBC - NEW YORK CANAL LINING PROJECT 2024/25
5/3/2024, 2:00 pm



| Item | Description | Unit | Quantity | IMCO | |
|--------------|---|------|----------|----------------|------------------------|
| | | | | Price | Total |
| 201.4.1.D.1 | REMOVAL OF EXISTING CANAL LINER (CONCRETE AND/OR ASPHALT) | SY | 48,500 | \$16.00 | \$776,000.00 |
| 202.4.1.A.1 | EXCAVATION (PLAN QUANTITY) | CY | 19,800 | \$25.00 | \$495,000.00 |
| 202.4.6.A.1 | BORROW | CY | 2,500 | \$8.50 | \$21,250.00 |
| 307.4.1.E.1 | TYPE C SURFACE RESTORATION (GRAVEL ROADWAY) | SY | 14,100 | \$21.00 | \$296,100.00 |
| 702.4.2.A.1 | REINFORCING STEEL | LB | 206,790 | \$1.25 | \$258,487.50 |
| 702.4.2.B.1 | WELDED WIRE FABRIC | SF | 211,480 | \$0.40 | \$84,592.00 |
| 703.4.1.B.1 | CONCRETE (CAST-IN-PLACE) CLASS 40 | SY | 48,930 | \$120.00 | \$5,871,600.00 |
| 801.4.1.B.1 | 3" MINUS UNCRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE | TON | 200 | \$50.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| 802.4.1.B.1 | ¾" MINUS CRUSHED AGGREGATE FOR BASE, TYPE 1 | TON | 11,420 | \$40.00 | \$456,800.00 |
| 1001.4.1.A.1 | SEDIMENT CONTROL | LS | 1 | \$300,000.00 | \$300,000.00 |
| 2010.4.1.A.1 | MOBILIZATION | LS | 1 | \$1,075,000.00 | \$1,075,000.00 |
| SP-01 | CANAL LINER | SY | 48,930 | \$19.00 | \$929,670.00 |
| SP-02 | RESTORE DELIVERY STRUCTURE | EA | 5 | \$3,000.00 | \$15,000.00 |
| SP-03 | PVC WATER STOP SEAL | LF | 58,900 | \$8.50 | \$500,650.00 |
| SP-04 | SOFT SPOT REPAIR | SY | 5,100 | \$45.00 | \$229,500.00 |
| SP-05 | CONSTRUCTION SURVEY | LS | 1 | \$75,000.00 | \$75,000.00 |
| | | | | | \$11,394,649.50 |
| | | | | | 100.00 |

Memorandum



To: Idaho Water Resource Board
From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau
Date: May 9, 2024
Re: IWRB Grant Activity Timeline

Action: Make a recommendation to the IWRB regarding the proposed timeline for a new grant program

Staff will discuss 2024/2025 grant activities and timelines with the Committee.

Attachment(s):

2024/2025 calendar year grant activities timeline

Selected 2024/2025 Calendar Year Grant Activities

| | 2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2025 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|--|--|
| | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | | | | |
| Flood Management Grant (FMG) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Application Period; consultation with project sponsors</i> <i>Application Deadline June 7 2024</i> <i>Staff Review & Ranking</i> <i>Finance Committee Recommendation</i> <i>IWRB FMG Funding Awards (Regular Meeting)</i> <i>FMG Contract Development*</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *This requires ongoing coordination with project sponsor to get contract information necessary information and finalize contracts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aging Infrastructure Grant (AIG) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Application Period; consultation with project sponsors</i> <i>Round Five Proposed Application Deadline - August 2, 2024</i> <i>Staff Review & Ranking</i> <i>Finance Committee Recommendation</i> <i>IWRB AIG Funding Awards (Special Meeting)</i> <i>AIG Contract Development*</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Application Period; consultation with project sponsors</i> <i>Round Six Proposed Application Deadline - August 8, 2025</i> <i>Staff Review & Ranking</i> <i>Finance Committee Recommendation</i> <i>IWRB AIG Funding Awards (Special Meeting)</i> <i>AIG Contract Development*</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *This requires ongoing coordination with project sponsor to get contract information necessary information and finalize contracts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regional Water Sustainability Priority List (RWSPL) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Annual Deadline to Request To Be Added (Dec 1)</i> <i>Review Requests</i> <i>Update List* (Regular Meeting)</i> <i>Funded Projects/Terms and Conditions**</i> <i>RWSPL Contract Development***</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Currently implementing or supporting 11 projects on the Priority List. The list is updated in January but also updated throughout the year. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Coordination with Project Sponsor to develop Terms and Conditions for Funded Projects | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ***This requires ongoing coordination with project sponsor to get contract information necessary information and finalize contracts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Groundwater to Surface Water Conversion Grant (GWSWG) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Criteria Development*</i> <i>Finance Committee</i> <i>Solicit Public Comments (30 days)</i> <i>Finance Committee**</i> <i>IWRB Meeting to Adopt Criteria; Set application period (Regular Meeting)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Application Period; consultation with project sponsors</i> <i>Round One Proposed Application Deadline - December 6, 2024</i> <i>Staff Review & Ranking</i> <i>Finance Committee Recommendation</i> <i>IWRB Funding Awards Special Meeting)</i> <i>Contract Development</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Will require coordination with technical staff, upper management and Board members to develop process for assessing project impacts to aquifer sustainability/recovery, Snake River Reach Gains, reduction in gw pumping as needed for ranking of projects. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Finance Committee will meet to review and consider public comments | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Memorandum



To: Idaho Water Resource Board
From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau
Date: May 9, 2024
Re: Aging Infrastructure Grant Criteria

Action: Make recommendation to the IWRB regarding the Aging Infrastructure criteria

Staff will discuss the proposed update to the Aging Infrastructure Grant Criteria with the Finance Committee.

Attachment(s):

Proposed Redline Criteria

IWRB Aging Infrastructure Grant Criteria

The Idaho legislature has appropriated to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) funding to be used for grants for water projects to **rehabilitate or improve aging water infrastructure**. The legislature provided that “no more than one-third of these moneys shall be used for grants”, and directed the IWRB to:

develop criteria, taking into account the public's input for the expenditures of money for **grants**, which shall **be competitive, matching grants that prioritize projects based on the public benefits they provide**. Considerations of public benefits should include the protection of existing water rights, the uses identified in Section 42-1760(2)(d), Idaho Code, which include consideration of the value of existing hydropower to the state's economy, providing water for future development, and addressing aging water storage and delivery infrastructure for projects that provide environmental, safety, or recreational benefits. H.B. 769, § 7.

Projects that rehabilitate or improve Idaho’s water infrastructure support the Idaho economy, provide economic value, and ensures long-term water resource stability and sustainability. Pursuant to House Bill 769, the IWRB has developed these criteria to provide financial assistance on a statewide competitive basis through grants to eligible entities interested in pursuing eligible projects to rehabilitate or improve aging water infrastructure.

Eligible Projects: The IWRB defines an aging water infrastructure project as any new project, or new phase of an improvement project intended to repair, maintain, replace, or improve existing infrastructure that supports irrigation water delivery, storage, drainage, treatment, and use of water for irrigation. Projects that are already completed or underway by the application deadline are not eligible for this funding opportunity. Additionally, for purposes of this grant program, the term ‘aging water infrastructure’ does not include municipal drinking or wastewater systems.

Eligible Entities: Irrigation Districts, Irrigation Boards of Control, Canal Companies, Drainage Districts, Groundwater Districts, Ditch Companies, Lateral Ditch Users Associations, Reservoir Districts, Municipal Irrigation Districts (formed per Title 42, chapter 18, Idaho Code), Municipalities, Counties and Water Districts

Eligible Geographic Area: Statewide

Grant Considerations:

- IWRB grant portion cannot exceed 1/3rd (33%) of total project costs.
- In-kind services can be used for 30% of the total projects costs. Legal/Administrative in-kind services are limited to 5% of total project costs.
- Funding awards may be reallocated if a project is not completed within the grant period of the grant award contract.

- Permits are not required during the application phase. For those projects that are funded and require local, state, or federal permitting, funding reimbursement will not be made unless the project is fully permitted. Sponsor is responsible for providing permit documentation to IWRB staff, if requested.
- **Costs incurred after IWRB grant funding award are eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursement requests can be made once a cost-reimbursement contract is established between Sponsor and IWRB. No reimbursement will be made until contracts are fully executed.**

Grant Award Limit: \$2 million

Grant Application Requirements: Grant applications will require the applicant to provide the following information:

- Project background (infrastructure description, repair, rehabilitation, improvement needs/objectives/benefits)
- Project sponsor description (organization type, background, revenue sources, current operations)
- Project description (narrative, map, conceptual plan and design, land entitlements at project location, description of any known environmental issues).
- Cost estimate and budget
- Project funding sources (IWRB grant, other state and federal grants, sponsor's contribution)
- Project implementation schedule

Evaluation Criteria: To maximize the effective and efficient use of available funds, grant applications submitted by eligible entities for eligible projects will be evaluated, scored (*100-point scale*), and ranked according to the following criteria. Project scoring will be used to prioritize funding. Applications shall discuss how the project under consideration meets the evaluation criteria.

Project Proposal Clarity and Detail (*up to 30 points*)

- Clarity and detail of project proposal: need, description, budget and benefits (*up to 10 points*)
- Plans and specifications included with the grant application (*up to 10 points*)
- Description of the personnel (sponsor employees, contractors and/or volunteers) that will plan, design, construct and implement the proposed project (descriptions may include the number, qualifications (resumes if applicable) and time of personnel that will be involved in the project. (*up to 10 points*))

Public Interest of Project (*up to 30 points*)

- Economic values supported by the infrastructure, including consideration of the communities, irrigated acres, provision of water for future development and

economic activity served by the water infrastructure (*up to 25 points*)

- Uses/benefits identified in Section 42-1760(2)(d), Idaho Code (*up to 10 points*):
 - water quality
 - fish and wildlife
 - recreation
 - hydropower
 - water supply stability and sustainability
 - drought resiliency
 - public safety
 - other benefits to the citizens of the State

Urgency and Effectiveness of Project (*up to 30 points*)

- Urgency of the project (e.g., infrastructure age, infrastructure function) (*up to 25 points*)
- Effectiveness of the proposal in accomplishing project objectives and benefits (e.g., nature and magnitude of operational efficiency improvement and/or water savings) (*up to 5 points*)
- Budget cost/benefit (i.e., reasonableness of labor and materials costs, comparison of those costs to project outcomes) (*up to 5 points*)

Organizational Capacity of Applicant (*up to 10 points*)

- Has the sponsor demonstrated the capacity, authority and ability to complete the project? Demonstration may include a synopsis of the sponsor's organization and descriptions of similar projects completed by the Sponsor. (*up to 10 points*)

reallocate points to above

Grant Process:

- Application deadline will be set by IWRB for each round
- IWRB staff will make project funding recommendations to IWRB Finance Committee
- IWRB reviews Finance Committee recommendations and makes grant funding awards
- IWRB staff will notify project applicants of grant approval.
- Project sponsors will provide notice to the IWRB of acceptance of funding within 90 days after they have been notified of grant approval.
- Grant contracts between the IWRB and project sponsors will be developed and executed following IWRB funding awards.

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- During and/or after project implementation, IWRB will distribute and/or reimburse grantees for projects costs per those contracts. Grant reimbursement requests should be sent to IdwrPayable@idwr.idaho.gov
- Additional funding rounds will be held if more funding becomes available.

IWRB Districts are:

District No. 1: Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis and Idaho counties.

District No. 2: Adams, Valley, Washington, Payette, Gem, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore and Owyhee counties.

District No. 3: Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia, Blaine, Lincoln, Minidoka, Lemhi, Custer and Butte counties.

District No. 4: Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bingham, Bonneville, Power, Bannock, Caribou, Oneida, Franklin and Bear Lake counties.

** No more than 50% of the total budget may be spent within a single IWRB district. This limit may be waived if there are no competing funding demands.*

MEMO



To: Idaho Water Resource Board
From: Justin Ferguson
Date: May 24, 2024
Subject: Farmers Land & Irrigation Company – New Water Project Loan Application

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve loan request of \$185,333.00

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Farmers Land & Irrigation Company (FLIC) is requesting a new loan in the amount of \$185,333 from the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) to replace their existing Soda Creek check structure, located in Soda Springs. Included in the design are additional gates to improve diversion controls and an overshot weir, allowing unrestricted flows within the creek outside the irrigation season.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The Farmers Land & Irrigation Company, established in 1890, began diverting and delivering water from both Soda and Big Spring Creeks through the FLIC Soda Creek Diversion works constructed in 1923. Since that time, the service area has grown with 22 shareholders and 4,670 shares servicing 4,300 acres across 20 miles of canals.

3.0 PRIOR LOANS

FLIC has not held loans with the IWRB directly however, they are included in the Pooled Loan Program Revenue Bond, Series 2011A (October 7, 2011) to Caribou County. As such, they are responsible for a \$29,736 annual payment to Caribou County. At the time of this memo, a total of 8 payments (annual) remain on the outstanding balance.

4.0 PROPOSED PROJECT

The Project will replace the existing 1923 diversion works with a new structure to address deterioration & provide more accurate flow control. The existing radial gates will be replaced with three smaller slide gates to control leakage and, more precisely, control flows within the canal. Additionally, the new structure will include a pivot weir allowing FLIC to drop the gate to the channel bottom during the non-irrigation season, providing unrestricted flows through Soda Creek. This weir will also help FLIC better control the surface elevation upstream and provide more consistent flow rates.

5.0 BENEFITS

Accomplishing the Project would provide FLIC with multiple benefits, most notably a more reliable system to consistently deliver water for their patrons. The updated gates prevent leakage and allow for more precise deliveries, which will help conserve water within the system, while the overshot gate provides full, unrestricted flows within the creek during the non-irrigation season.

6.0 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The total Project cost is estimated at \$246,500 with a \$28,500 contingency for a total of \$275,000. Of that total, FLIC is requesting a loan of \$185,333 with the remaining portion to be covered under an IWRB Aging Infrastructure grant (awarded Jan. 2024).

The current assessment per share is \$27.00, representing 0.92 acres. Currently, there are 4,760 shares held by 22 shareholders for a total estimated income of \$128,500 with no other sources of income. The estimated annual payment, based on a 15-year term and an estimated 3 equal disbursements, would be \$22,500 at an 8.5% interest rate.

Per the application information, FLIC plans to raise the shareholder assessment in February 2025 for the term of the loan, including costs for operation and maintenance. Aside from the payment due to Caribou County, no other debits were listed in the application.

7.0 WATER RIGHTS

| Water Right | Source | Priority Date | Rate | Beneficial Use |
|-------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 11-432 | Big Spring Creek | 7/1/1905 | 20.00 cfs | Irrigation |
| 11-531A | Soda Creek | 5/1/1892 | 76.10 cfs | Irrigation |
| 11-2109 | Waste Water | 4/23/1953 | 2.84 cfs | Irrigation |
| 11-8081 | Soda Creek | 12/31/1965 | 50.00 cfs | Irrigation, Irrigation from Storage |

8.0 SECURITY

As security for the loan, the applicant has authorized the Board to hold a lien against the company's infrastructure, including the reservoir dam, diversion works, water rights, and parcels of land under the reservoir. Ownership documentation has been provided in the application package from the applicant.

9.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The funds requested will be used to repair the existing Soda Creek diversion works, originally constructed in 1923. Improving the structure will allow the Company to more finely control diversions and, allow for the entire volume to pass through during the non-irrigation season without significantly raising the water level downstream.

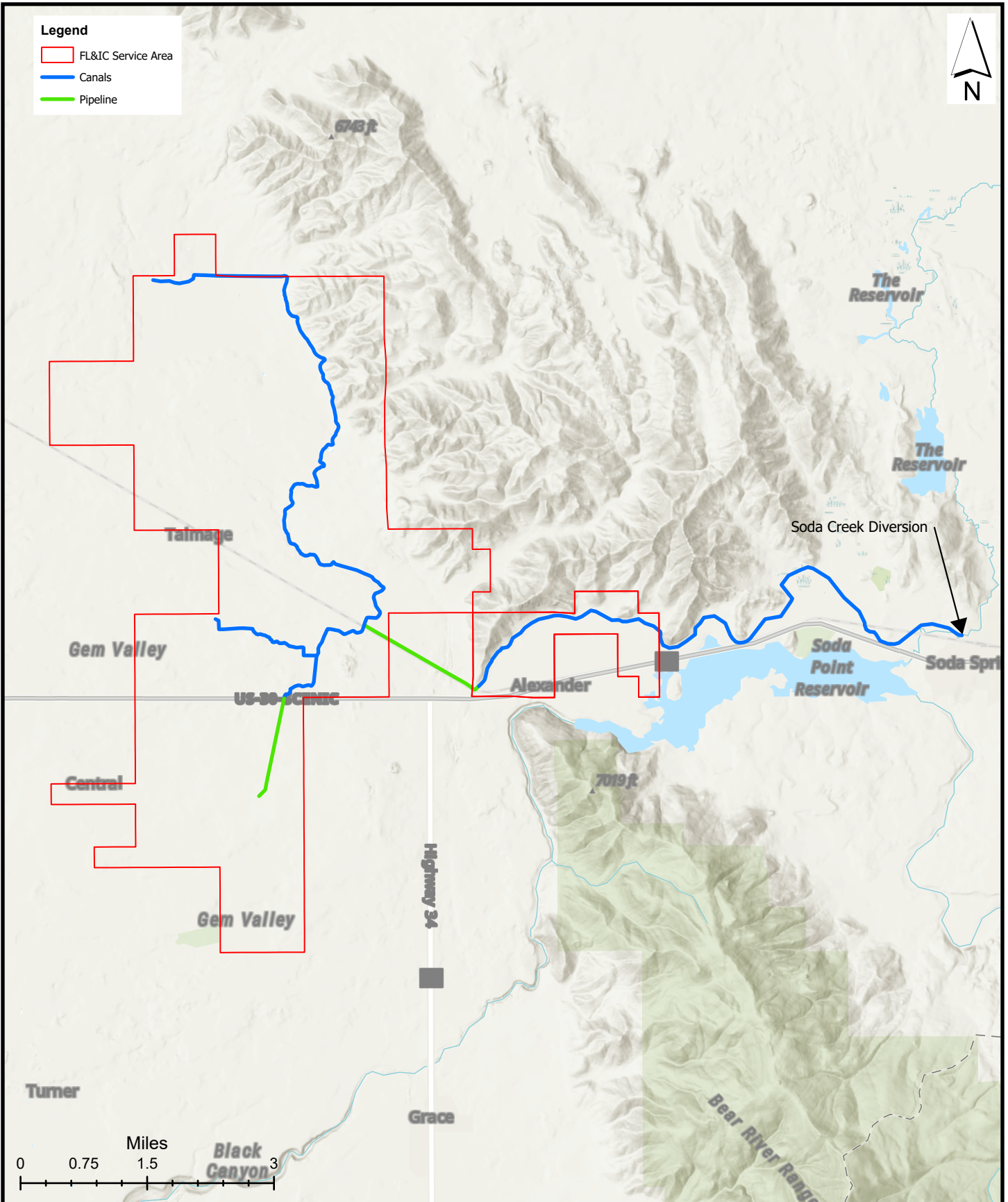
As a non-profit organization, the Company plans to raise shareholder assessments to meet the estimated annual payment and will provide adequate collateral to secure the loan.

The applicant meets the qualification criteria, and the proposed project is consistent with the goals established by the Board in the Idaho State Water Plan. Staff recommend approval of the loan request, for the total amount of \$185,333.00.

Attachments: FLIC Map, FLIC Draft Resolution

Legend

- FL&IC Service Area
- Canals
- Pipeline



**Farmers Land & Irrigation Company
Service Area and Canals**

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE FARMERS LAND &
IRRIGATION COMPANY LOAN REQUEST

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LOAN FUNDING
FOR COSTS RELATED TO DIVERSION WORKS
REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

1 WHEREAS, Farmers Land & Irrigation Company (Company) submitted a loan application to the
2 Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) in the amount of \$185,333 to cover costs associated with the repair
3 and replacement of the existing Soda Creek diversion works; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Company was established in the 1890s and currently delivers approximately
6 11,000 acre-feet of irrigation water across 4,300 acres for 22 shareholders; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Soda Creek diversion works were constructed in 1923 and repairs are no longer
9 economically feasible; and
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11 WHEREAS, the proposal is requesting funds to rebuild the structure allowing the Company to
12 better control diversions during both the irrigation season and non-irrigation season; and
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14 WHEREAS, alternative options were explored but did not provide the Company a long-term
15 solution to deliver irrigation water to their patrons; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Company will increase assessments to their shareholders, beginning in February
18 2025, to cover costs associated with the annual loan payments; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Company is a qualified applicant, and the proposed Project is eligible for a loan
21 from the Board's Water Management 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 \$185,333 from
31 the Water Management Account at 8.5 % interest with a 15-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 Company shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations that apply to the
37 proposed Project.
38 2) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Company shall comply with all statutory
39 requirements for incurring debt.
40 3) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Company will provide acceptable security for the
41 loan to the IWRB.
42 4) The IWRB reserves the opportunity to review the proposal at any time prior to the execution
43 of the contract.
44 5) The Company shall be under contract within 60 days of the date of this resolution unless
45 otherwise approved by the IWRB.
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DATED this 24th day of May, 2024.

JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST _____
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

MEMO



To: Idaho Water Resource Board
From: Justin Ferguson
Date: May 24, 2024
Subject: Boise City Canal Company – Contract Extension of Time

REQUIRED ACTION: The Board will consider approval of a resolution to extend the 1-year period for execution on IWRB1041 for the Boise City Canal Company

A loan application for the Boise City Canal Company (BCCC) was approved at the March 2023 meeting and executed in June of that year. The loan was for a total of \$200,000 to be used to repair and modernize the existing canal infrastructure, lower the canal floor, and improve water accessibility for the Company throughout the season. Per IWRB resolution number 04-2023, an applicant has one year to act on the loan unless otherwise granted by the Board.

After the execution of the contract, BCCC applied for and received an Aging Infrastructure grant for \$122,000 in January of 2023 to help offset the costs of the Project. At the time of the loan, BCCC was unaware they would receive the grant funding. To date, BCCC has not drawn upon the loan, however, the loan is expected to be required to finish the project. In recognition that using the grant funding rather than the loan until such time as needed is in the best interests of the BCCC patrons, staff would request an extension of time through December 2025.

Attachments:

- Idaho Water Resource Board Resolution 17-2023
- Draft Resolution to Extend Timeframe to Act On Loan

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF BOISE CITY CANAL COMPANY
CONTRACT EXTENSION REQUEST

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN EXTENSION
TO ACT ON CONTRACT IWRB1041

1 WHEREAS, Boise City Canal Company (Company) submitted a loan application to the Idaho
2 Water Resource Board (IWRB) in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the Revolving Development account
3 to cover costs associated with the repair and improvement of existing delivery infrastructure; and
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5 WHEREAS, the total estimated cost for the Project is approximately \$422,000, and the Company has
6 secured additional funding in the amount of \$122,000 from the Board's Aging Infrastructure grant program; and
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8 WHEREAS, the application for BCCC was approved by the IWRB; and,
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10 WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce the financial burden to their patrons, BCCC is using the grant
11 funding to accomplish as much work as possible prior to drawing on the loan; and,
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13 WHEREAS, in consideration of the financial decisions BCCC is making on behalf of their patrons,
14 staff would recommend an extension on the contracts through December 2025, providing sufficient
15 time to complete work under the grant funding;
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17 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the extension of time to act on
18 contract IWRB1041 for the Boise City Canal Company, through December 2025.
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20 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the approval of the
21 extension of time are subject to the following conditions:
22

- 23 1) BCCC shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations to the proposed Project.
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DATED this 24th day of May 2024.

Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST _____
Dean Stevenson, Secretary

Resolution No. _____

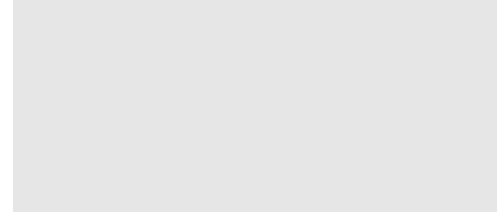
Memorandum



To: Idaho Water Resource Board
From: Neeley Miller, Planning & Projects Bureau
Date: May 9, 2024
Re: Raft River Watershed Project Update

Action: no action at this time

Representatives from the Raft River Irrigation District will provide an update on the Raft River Watershed Project to the Committee.



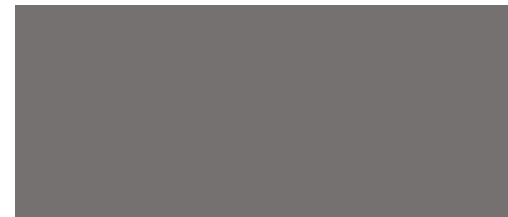
RAFT RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT

IWRB Finance Committee Update

May 13, 2024



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Raft River Watershed Project



RAFT RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT

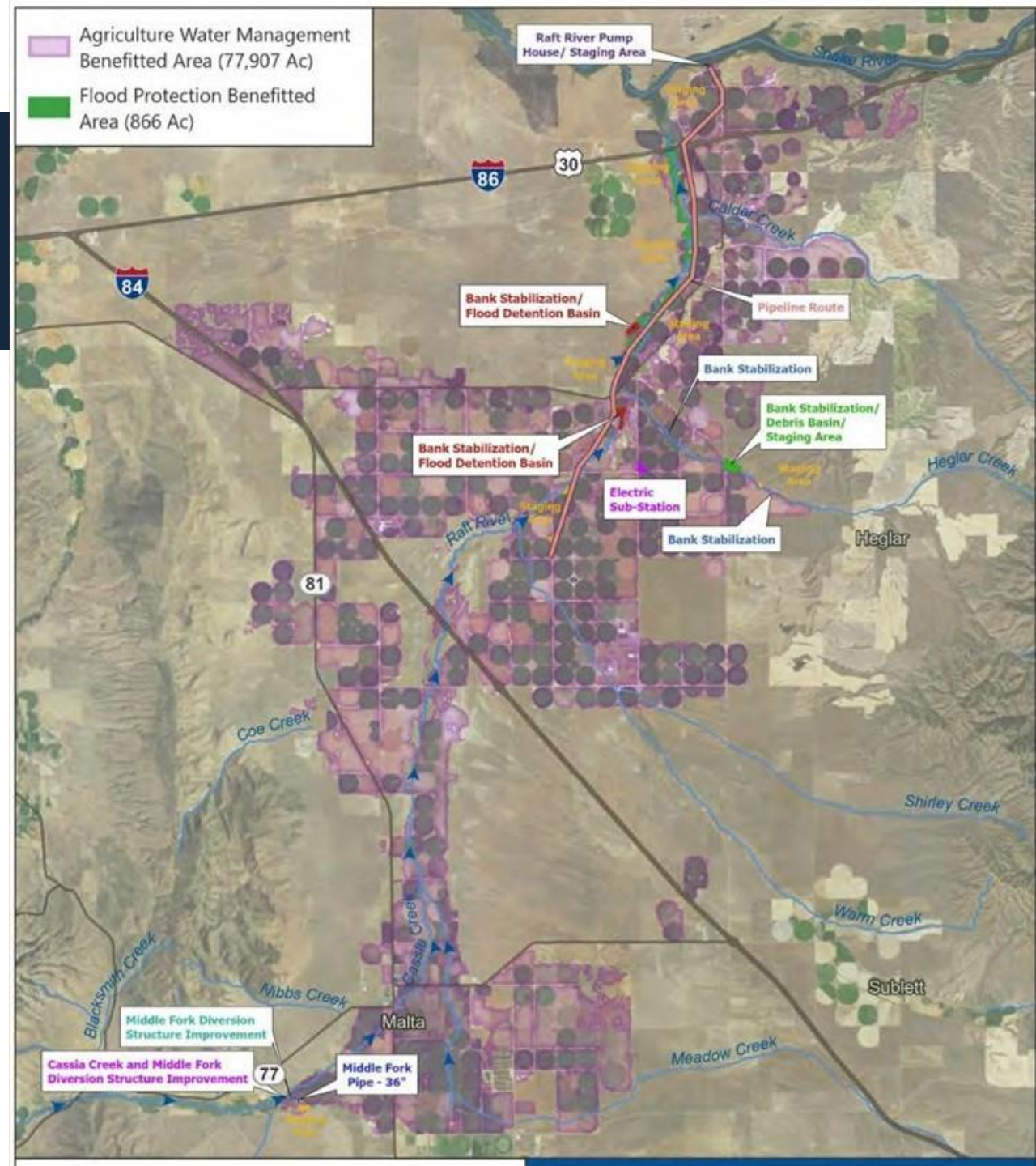
Comprehensive watershed restoration project to sustain agriculture and improve water quality

Partners Include:

- Raft River Flood District
 - *Raft River Recharge Group LLC*
 - *Raft River Electric*
- Raft River Groundwater District
- Raft River Irrigation District

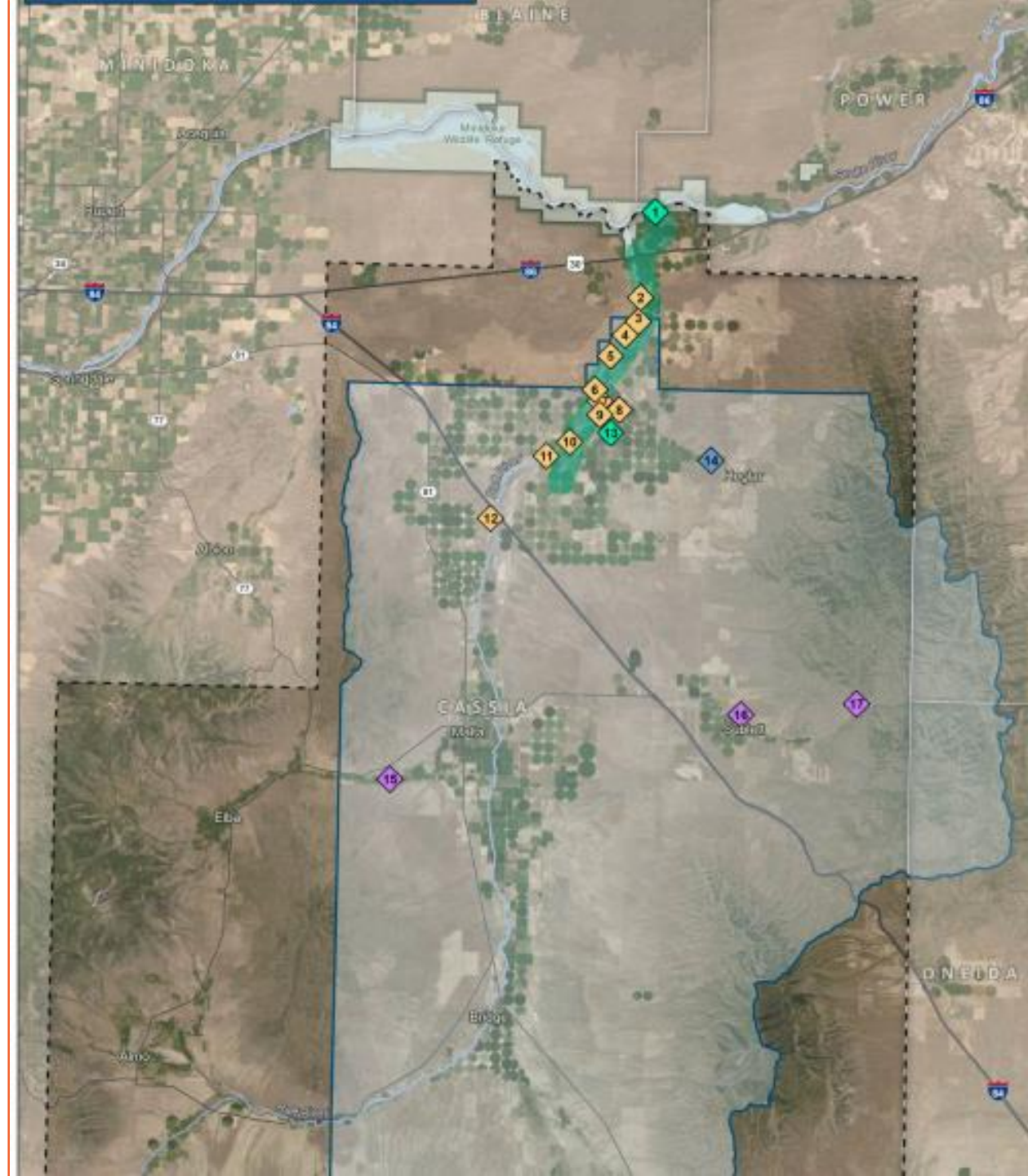
RAFT RIVER WATERSHED

- Flood protection for the Raft River Basin
- Provide recharge to a designated CGWA aquifer
- Provide a sustainable source of irrigation water for agricultural producers
- Improve water quality in Raft River before it flows into the Snake River



RAFT RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Installing a pump station and pipeline from the Snake River into the Raft River basin to deliver private water rights for recharge
- Developing flood detention and recharge ponds that recharge the aquifer, remove sediment and pollutants, and reduce flood flows
- Completing bank restoration protection projects on tributaries of the Raft River



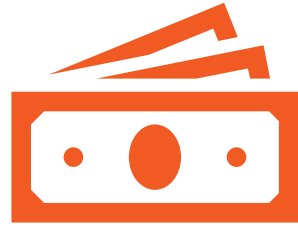


FUNDING REVIEW

Raft River Recharge Group Efforts



RAFT RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT IWRB FUNDING



Regional Water Sustainability Program

Selected for \$7 M in funding for project



Water Projects Loan Program

20 year repayment

4.75% interest rate

\$14.1 M loan approved by IWRB in
January

- Formation of the Raft River Irrigation District

PROJECT FUNDING SUMMARY

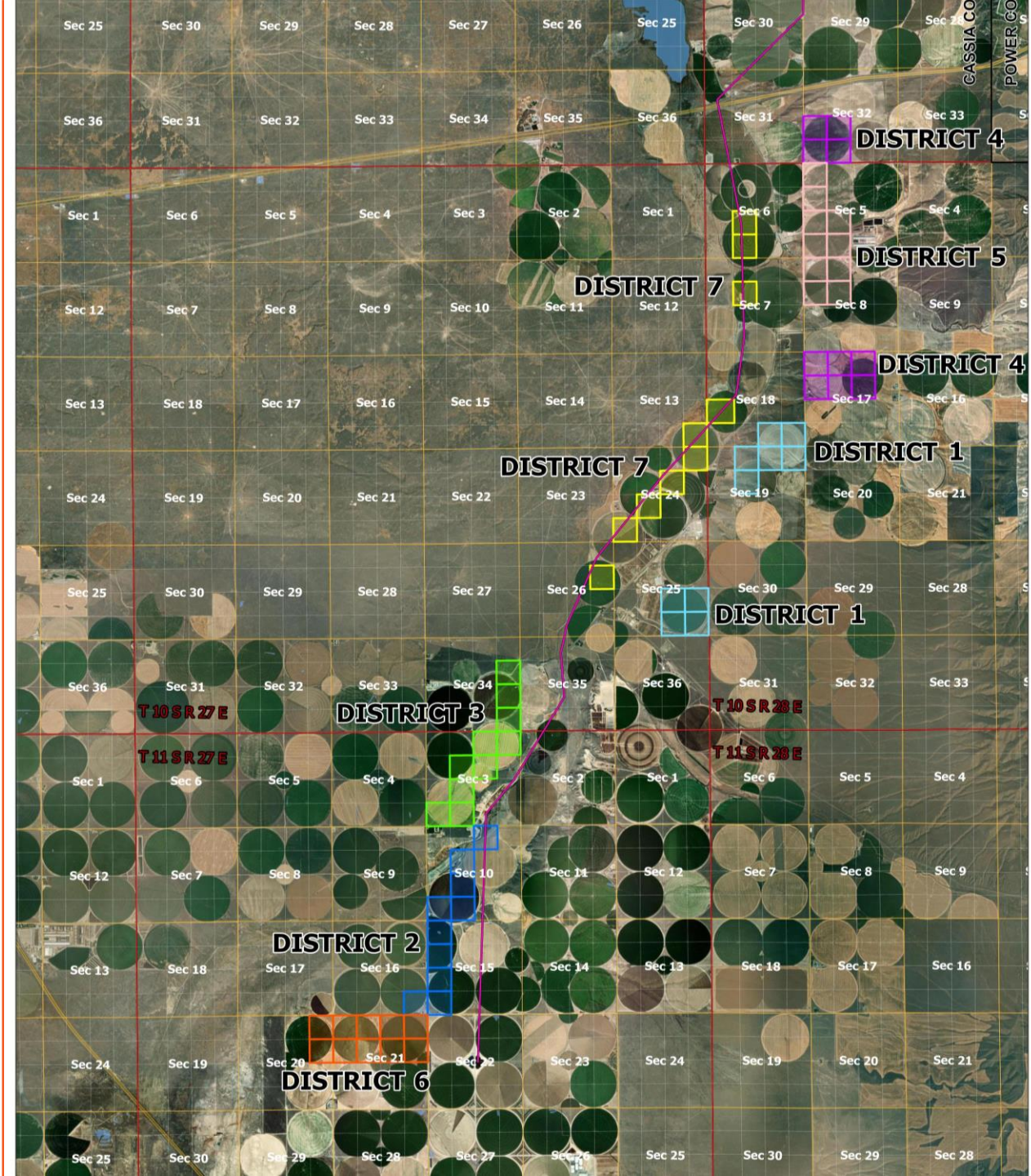
| Source of Funding | Amount | % of Total |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| IWRB Loan | \$14,111,000 | 24% |
| IWRB Regional Water Sustainability | \$7,000,000 | 12% |
| NRCS Phase 3 (Construction) | \$25,000,000 | 43% |
| NRCS Phase 2 (Design) | \$5,523,067 | 10% |
| Raft River Recharge Group (Cash) | \$6,250,000 | 11% |
| Total Estimated Funding | \$57,884,067 | 100% |

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RAFT RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

RAFT RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT FORMATION

- Limited to 3,000 acres total for directors to live outside of district
- 7 districts were formed



RAFT RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT FORMATION STATUS

- Hired legal counsel to represent the district
 - *Darrington Law*
- Election to Form District
- Prepared and submitted petition to form the district in Cassia County
 - *Order to Form the District*
 - Issued by Cassia County on November 7, 2023
- Resolution to Incur Indebtedness
 - *April 22, 2024*
 - *Assessment for Loan*
 - \$1,108,425.64
- File Judicial Confirmation to Incur Indebtedness
 - *May 20, 2024*

JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION

Expected to take 1-2 months

- All members of the district will sign a consent to expedite process
- Cassia County does not have a sitting judge—may impact timeline
- Counsel is confident we will have judgement to incur indebtedness before August of this year





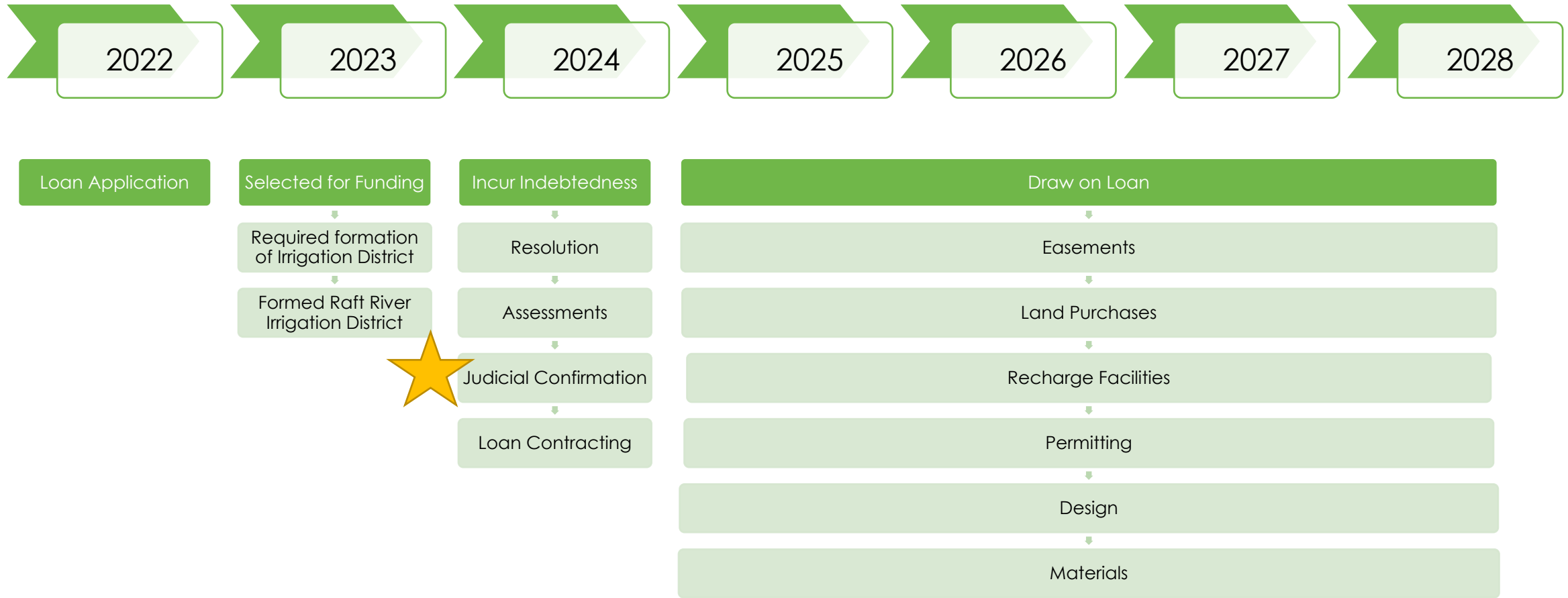
PROJECTED LOAN EXPENSES

Use for project elements outside of construction costs

- Easements
- Land purchases
- Recharge facilities
- Design
- Permitting
- Major Material Purchases
 - *Pumps*
 - *Pipe*
 - *Valves*
 - *Electrical Equipment*
 - Substation
 - Controllers

| Project | Cost |
|---|---------------------|
| Construction | \$42,981,298 |
| Engineering | \$4,683,287 |
| Subtotal | \$47,664,585 |
| Estimated Project Cost (w/20% contingency) | \$57,197,502 |

CURRENT LOAN TIMELINE



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PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Raft River Recharge Group

CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

- Draft Preliminary Plan EA submitted to Idaho National Watershed Management Center
 - *Submitted in June and October of 2023*
 - *Returned, requires additional cultural coordination between agencies and tribal entities*
- PENDING Re-Submittal to the National Watershed Management Center
 - *Anticipating June-August timeframe for resubmittal*

CURRENT PROJECT TIMELINE



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SUPPORT NEEDED

Raft River Irrigation District

SUPPORT REQUESTED FROM IWRB

- Continue to hold interest rate at 4.75% while the Raft River Irrigation District completes steps to incur indebtedness
 - *Interest rate impacts the assessments on the farm ground of the district*
 - *The district will use the loan as soon as possible*
 - Pending judicial confirmation
 - Pending contracting with the IWRB for loan
- Contract for the duration of expenditures and construction: 2024-2028
- Guidance on disbursement requirements
 - *Minimum and maximum withdrawals*
 - *Timelines*
 - *Requirements for use of money (any limitations?)*

QUESTIONS

Thank you!

