

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE IDAHO WATER
RESOURCE BOARD LOAN PROGRAM
CONDITIONS

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADJUSTMENT
TO LOAN PROGRAM CONDITIONS

1 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) is authorized to make loans from its
2 accounts for projects which are in the public interest and which further implement the State Water Plan;
3 and,
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5 WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the IWRB recommended the IWRB's Loan Program (Program)
6 interest rate be adjusted from the then current loan interest rate of 4.5% to 3.5%; and,
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8 WHEREAS, on November 19, 2021, the IWRB recommended the IWRB's Loan Program (Program)
9 interest rate be adjusted from a fixed rate to the Federal Prime Rate; and,
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11 WHEREAS, the IWRB has identified a need to adjust the Program interest rate to an index that
12 provides a lower interest rate to potential applicants; and,
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14 WHEREAS, the IWRB Finance Committee (Committee) was provided with recommendations for
15 alternative indices on March 14, 2025 and selected the 30-Year Bond Yield Rate index to recommend to
16 the full IWRB for determining the interest rate for the Program; and,
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18 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Program interest rate shall reflect the 30-Year Bond
19 Yield Rate plus an additional 50 Basis Points (0.5%) on the first day of each quarter.
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21 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Program will also have a minimum interest
22 rate of 2.5% and a maximum interest rate of 5.5%.

DATED this 21st day of March 2025.



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

Dean Stevenson, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE MOUNTAIN HOME AIR
FORCE BASE WATER RESILIENCE PROJECT

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSED
STIPULATIONS TO RESOLVE PROTESTS TO
WATER RIGHT APPLICATION 2-10556

1 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board ("Board") is a constitutional agency of the State of
2 Idaho and empowered by Idaho Code § 42-1734 to acquire, purchase, lease or exchange land, rights,
3 water rights, easements, franchises and other property deemed necessary or proper for construction,
4 operation and maintenance of water projects, and
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6 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho recognizes the economic value of the Mountain Home Air Force
7 Base (MHAFB) to the local and state economy and supports the United States Military (Military) in
8 achieving its national security functions; therefore, the State of Idaho intends to coordinate with the
9 Military to develop a long-term sustainable water supply to support the MHAFB and its mission; and
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11 WHEREAS, on July 25, 2014, the Board purchased senior Snake River water right nos. 02-
12 10300A, 02-10330B and 02-10472 (Snake River Water Rights) for the purpose of obtaining a water
13 supply for the MHAFB; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it will pursue a water supply bank rental to change
16 the Snake River Water Rights to suit the needs of the MHAFB for summertime use; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Board filed water right application 02-10556 for wintertime water use on the
19 MHAFB; and
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21 WHEREAS, the United States Air Force owns ground water rights 61-7224, 61-11940, 61-11941,
22 61-11942, and 61-11943 for use on the MHAFB; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Board holds decreed minimum streamflow water rights at the Murphy Gaging
25 Station, just downstream of Swan Falls Dam, which require an average daily flow of 3,900 cfs between
26 April 1st and October 31st of every year, and 5,600 cfs between November 1st and March 31st of every
27 year; and
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29 WHEREAS, a protest to application 2-10556 was received from Elmore County regarding the
30 concurrent use of both surface and groundwater sources at the MHAFB; and
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32 WHEREAS, the protest from Elmore County was resolved through proposed inclusion of certain
33 provisions regarding the primary use of surface water and supplemental use of ground water on the
34 MHAFB terms, in the Water Use Agreement between the United States and the Board; and
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36 WHEREAS, additional provisions were requested by the MHAFB personnel to the previous Joint
37 Stipulation between the IWRB and Elmore County Board of Commissioners; and
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39 WHEREAS, the inclusion of the additional provisions requested by the MHAFB personnel in the
40 Water Use Agreement between the United States and the Board is acceptable to the Elmore County
41 Board of Commissioners.

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43 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho Water Resource Board hereby approves
44 The Amended Joint Stipulation and Notice of Conditional Withdrawal of Protest between
45 the IWRB and Elmore County Board of Commissioners attached hereto as Exhibit A and authorizes its
46 chairman or designee to execute said stipulations.

DATED this 21st day of March 2025.



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

Dean Stevenson, Secretary

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**BEFORE THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION
FOR PERMIT NO. 02-10556 (Idaho
Water Resource Board)**

**AMENDED JOINT STIPULATION AND
WITHDRAWAL OF PROTEST**

Applicant, the Idaho Water Resource Board (“Applicant” or “IWRB”) and protestant Elmore County Board of County Commissioners (“Elmore County”) by and through their undersigned counsel of record, and pursuant to IDAPA 37.01.01.204, 557 and .612, hereby stipulate to an amended settlement of Elmore County’s protest in the above-entitled matter, the terms and conditions of which are set forth herein.

On September 16, 2024, the IWRB filed a *Joint Stipulation and Withdrawal of Protest* (“Joint Stipulation”) in the above-entitled matter with IDWR. After filing the Joint Stipulation, new factual information regarding the United States Air Force’s (“Air Force”) desire to continue to use ground water well #8 to irrigate the golf course was brought to the parties’ attention. This new information requires amendment of the Joint Stipulation as follows:

Elmore County’s withdrawal is conditioned on the execution of a separate agreement between the United States Air Force (“Air Force”) and the IWRB, which outlines the parameters for continuing use of the Air Force’s ground water rights on the Mountain Home Air Force Base (the “Air Force–IWRB Agreement”). The following language will be included as definitions in the Air Force–IWRB Agreement:

1. *Ground Water Rights.* Water Rights Nos. 61-7224, 61-11940, 61-11941, 61-11942, and 61-11943 owned by the United States.
2. *Surface Water Rights.* The Water Rights and the Wintertime Right collectively.
3. *Water Rights.* Water Rights Nos. 2-10300A, 2-10300B, 2-10506. The water rights authorize a total diversion of 2500 acre-feet per year for irrigation use between April 1 and October 31.
4. *Wintertime Supply Right.* Application for Permit No. 2-10556 as well as any related subsequent permit or license issued by the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

The following language will be included as a provision of the Air Force-IWRB Agreement:

- 4.1 The Surface Water Rights shall be the primary source of water for MHAFB and such water may be used for municipal purposes.

4.2 The Ground Water Rights shall be used to supplement the Surface Water Rights in the following circumstances:

4.1.1 an emergency,

4.1.2 when Surface Water Rights are curtailed, and

4.1.3 at least once every five (5) years to prevent forfeiture.

4.3 In addition to the Ground Water Rights uses described in Section 4.2, up to 222.5 AFY of water may be withdrawn from Well No. 8 during the Irrigation Season for irrigation of Silver Sage Golf Course. Efforts by MHAFB are underway to (a) further decrease Well No. 8 usage over the next three years to 184.13 AF; (b) reduce the irrigated golf course acreage by as much as 10 acres; and (b) decrease the number of days the golf course is irrigated.

This Amended Joint Stipulation supersedes and replaces the Joint Stipulation filed by the parties on September 16, 2024. Provided that the above language is not subsequently amended, the withdrawal of Elmore County's protest shall be with prejudice. The parties respectfully request the entry of an Order approving the Amended Stipulation set forth herein; each party to bear its own costs, expenses, and attorney's fees.

DATED this ____ day of March 2025.

ANN N. YRIBAR
Deputy Attorney General

DATED this ____ day of March 2025.

Dylan Lawrence
For the Elmore County Board of
Commissioners

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this ____ day of March 2025, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing AMENDED JOINT STIPULATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF PROTEST by transmitting a copy thereof in the manner listed below:

Nick Miller Idaho Department of Water Resources Western Region 2735 W. Airport Way Boise ID 83705-5082	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail, postage prepaid <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Delivery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email to: nick.miller@idwr.idaho.gov file@idwr.idaho.gov <input type="checkbox"/> Facsimile: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Statehouse Mail
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John Simpson Marten Law LLP PO Box 63 Twin Falls ID 83303	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail, postage prepaid <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Delivery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email to: jsimpson@martenlaw.com <input type="checkbox"/> Facsimile: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Statehouse Mail

ANN N. YRIBAR
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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) determined that it was necessary and
11 appropriate to retain the private law firm of Kirton McConkie (Counsel) to assist the OAG in the
12 representation of the IWRB's interest in the defense of litigation with Strider; and

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14 WHEREAS, on September 27, 2022, the Board entered into an agreement for Professional Services
15 with the firm of Kirton McConkie on the Strider matter; and

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17 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2023, the Board authorized expenditure of up to \$370,000 from the
18 Water Management Account to defray the costs of litigation in the Strider matter; and

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20 WHEREAS, on July 21, 2023 the Board authorized expenditure of an additional \$815,000 from the
21 Water Management Account to defray the costs of litigation in the Strider matter; and

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23 WHEREAS, on May 24, 2024 the Board authorized expenditure of an additional \$280,000 from the
24 Water Management Account to defray the costs of litigation in the Strider Matter; and

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26 WHEREAS, trial in the Strider Matter was scheduled for February, 2025; and

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28 WHEREAS, in November, 2024 Kirton McConkie estimated that the costs of litigation in the Strider
29 matter through the February, 2025 trial to be \$570,000; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Board has contracted for additional legal counsel and litigation support services
32 for a cost of \$175,000; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Court rescheduled the trial in the Strider matter to August, 2025; and

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36 WHEREAS, funds previously approved by the Board have been depleted; and

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38 WHEREAS, Kirton McConkie has estimated that the costs of litigation in the Strider matter through
39 the August, 2025 trial date to be as much as \$713,000; and

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41 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the IWRB authorizes expenditure of up to \$713,000 from
42 the Water Management Account to defray the costs of litigation in the Strider matter; and
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44 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or designee,
45 to execute the necessary agreements or contracts for the purpose of this resolution.
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DATED this 21st day of March 2025.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF UPPER PAYETTE RIVER BASIN
STORAGE PROJECT

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE U.S. BUREAU
OF RECLAMATION IDENTIFY THE PROCESS TO
EVALUATE ACQUISITION OF UNCONTRACTED
STORAGE SPACE IN CASCADE AND
DEADWOOD RESERVOIRS

1 WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) owns and operates Cascade and
2 Deadwood Dams and reservoirs in the Payette River System; and

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4 WHEREAS, there is approximately 16,000 acre-feet (af) and 24,000 af of uncontracted federal
5 storage in Cascade and Deadwood Reservoirs respectively; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Upper Payette Storage Association (Association), consisting of mainstem Payette
8 River and tributary water users above and below Cascade Reservoir, was formed in December 2023 with
9 the goal of obtaining uncontracted storage in Cascade and Deadwood Reservoirs; and

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11 WHEREAS, in a letter dated April 23, 2024, the Association requested the Idaho Water Resource
12 Board (IWRB) consider the acquisition of available uncontracted storage from Reclamation to help meet
13 emerging water supply needs in the Payette River Basin; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Association approached the IWRB's Storage Committee on May 6, 2024,
16 requesting that a proposal to obtain uncontracted storage space be considered for the IWRB's Regional
17 Water Sustainability List; and

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19 WHEREAS, on May 13, 2024, the IWRB's Finance Committee recommended the proposal be
20 added to the Regional Water Supply Sustainability List; and

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22 WHEREAS, on May 24, 2024, the IWRB adopted Resolution No. 28-2024 and formally added the
23 Upper Payette Basin Storage Project to the Regional Water Sustainability Priority Projects List; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Storage Committee directed IWRB staff to begin coordination with the various
26 parties that have an interest in the proposal, including but not limited to the Upper Payette Basin
27 Association, Payette River Watermaster and Water District 65 Advisory Committee, and Reclamation; and

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29 WHEREAS, as a result of these discussions, Reclamation advised that the IWRB must submit a
30 written request asking Reclamation to define the steps necessary to secure uncontracted storage space;
31 and

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33 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB send Reclamation a formal request which asks
34 Reclamation to evaluate the steps and costs for obtaining uncontracted space in 1) Cascade Reservoir only
35 and 2) in both Cascade and Deadwood Reservoirs to meet water supply needs in the Payette River Basin.

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37 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the request to Reclamation specify the
38 acquisition of uncontracted storage space in Cascade and Deadwood Reservoirs would not impact storage

39 water released by Reclamation to meet flow augmentation obligations under the Snake River Water Rights
40 Agreement of 2004 and provisions of law, including 42-1763B, Idaho Code.

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42 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the request to Reclamation specify the
43 acquisition of uncontracted storage space in Cascade and Deadwood Reservoirs would be accomplished
44 through a contract between the IWRB and Reclamation.
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DATED this 21 day of March 2025.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST


DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCES BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE BLACKFOOT RIVER
WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO
THE 1990 FORT HALL INDIAN WATER RIGHTS
AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE
BLACKFOOT RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT
PLAN

1 WHEREAS, on July 5, 1990, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, the State of Idaho, the United States,
2 and certain Idaho Water Users entered into the *1990 Fort Hall Indian Water Rights Agreement*
3 (*"Agreement"*) to settle the water rights claimed by the United States for the benefit of the Shoshone-
4 Bannock Tribes in the Snake River Basin Adjudication District Court (*"SRBA"*). The *Agreement* was
5 approved by the legislative branches of these three governments, and on November 16, 1990, the
6 United States Congress enacted Pub. L. 101-602, the Fort Hall Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of
7 1990; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board (*"IWRB"*) is a signatory to the *Agreement*.
10 *Agreement* at 74; and

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12 WHEREAS, Subsection 8.3.1 of the *Agreement* requires the parties to "prepare and implement a
13 Blackfoot River Water Management Plan . . ." *Agreement* at 59. The *Agreement's* supporting
14 attachment states that plan "shall be developed to assist in the implementation of [the *Agreement*] as
15 decreed in the SRBA." *Id.* Attach. at 1; and

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17 WHEREAS, on August 2, 1995, the Presiding Judge of the SRBA entered an order approving the
18 *Agreement* and decreeing water rights to the United States for the benefit of the Tribes; and

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20 WHEREAS, on August 13, 2014, the Presiding Judge of the SRBA issued a *Revised Partial Final*
21 *Consent Decree Determining the Rights of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to the Use of Water in the Upper*
22 *S Snake River Basin ("Revised Decree")*. Attached to the *Revised Decree* as Attachment G is the *Blackfoot*
23 *River Water Management Plan Pursuant to the 1990 Fort Hall Indian Water Rights Agreement* (the
24 *"Plan"*); and

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26 WHEREAS, the IWRB is a signatory to the *Plan*. *Plan* at 26; and

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28 WHEREAS, the *Plan* establishes a comprehensive program to facilitate efficient and accurate
29 measurement and regulation of Basin 27 diversions, to promote transmission of data amongst the
30 Parties, and to develop a computer accounting program that determines the amount of natural flow
31 available to water users on the Blackfoot River; and

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33 WHEREAS, Section 7 of the *Plan* allows for modifications to the *Plan* "based on mutual
34 agreement of the Parties." *Plan* at 24; and

36 WHEREAS, the signatories to the *Plan* have been in negotiations over changes to the *Plan*; and
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38 WHEREAS, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes have approved the changes; and
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40 WHEREAS, the Water District 01 and 27 watermasters have reviewed the changes and support
41 the changes;
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43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the changes and authorizes its
44 chairman or designee, to sign the revised Blackfoot River Water Management Plan.

Dated this 21st day of March 2025.


JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 
DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AMENDED
RENTAL POOL PROCEDURES FOR THE UPPER
SNAKE RIVER RENTAL POOL

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDED RENTAL
POOL PROCEDURES FOR 2025

1 WHEREAS, section 42-1765, Idaho Code and subsections of IDAPA 37.02.030.40, Water
2 Supply Bank Rule 40, authorizes the Idaho Water Resource Board to appoint local committees to
3 facilitate the lease and rental of stored water within rental pools; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Water District 01 Advisory Committee, also known as the Committee of
6 Nine, is the local committee appointed by the Idaho Water Resource Board to facilitate the lease
7 and rental of stored water within the Upper Snake River Rental Pool; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Water District 01 Advisory Committee has adopted amended procedures
10 for the calendar year 2025, pursuant to which they intend to facilitate the lease and rental of
11 rental pool stored water; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Water Resources has reviewed the local
14 committee procedures and may recommend that the Idaho Water Resource Board approve the
15 rental pool procedures; and
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17 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amended Upper Snake River Rental Pool
18 procedures are approved by the Idaho Water Resource Board.

DATED this 21st day of March 2025.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AMENDED
RENTAL POOL PROCEDURES FOR THE PAYETTE
RIVER BASIN RENTAL POOL

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDED RENTAL
POOL PROCEDURES FOR 2025

1 WHEREAS, section 42-1765, Idaho Code and subsections of IDAPA 37.02.030.40, Water
2 Supply Bank Rule 40, authorizes the Idaho Water Resource Board to appoint local committees to
3 facilitate the lease and rental of stored water within rental pools; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Water District 65 Advisory Committee is the local committee appointed by
6 the Idaho Water Resource Board to facilitate the lease and rental of stored water within the
7 Payette River Basin Rental Pool; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Water District 65 Advisory Committee has adopted amended procedures
10 for the calendar year 2025, pursuant to which they intend to facilitate the lease and rental of
11 rental pool stored water; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Water Resources has reviewed the local
14 committee procedures and may recommend that the Idaho Water Resource Board approve the
15 rental pool procedures; and
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17 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amended Payette River Basin Rental Pool
18 procedures are approved by the Idaho Water Resource Board.

DATED this 21st day of March 2025.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF FLOOD
MANAGEMENT GRANTS

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CRITERIA

1 WHEREAS, House Bill 712 passed and approved by the 2018 legislature created a Flood
2 Management Grant Program administered by the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) to be used
3 for the purpose of flood-damaged stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood
4 risk reduction, or flood prevention projects; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) last updated the criteria for the award
7 of Flood Management Grants on March 31, 2023; and
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9 WHEREAS, the IWRB staff has developed updated criteria for the award of Flood
10 Management Grants; and
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12 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2025, the IWRB Finance Committee reviewed the criteria and
13 recommended the IWRB adopt the attached criteria for the Flood Management Grant Program;
14 and
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16 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the attached amended criteria
17 for the award of Flood Management Grants.

DATED this 21st day of March 2025.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

Dean Stevenson, Secretary



IWRB Flood Management Grant Program Criteria

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) Flood Management Grant Funding Program provides financial assistance on a competitive statewide basis to Flood Control Districts, Drainage Districts, Irrigation Districts, Canal Companies, Municipalities, Counties and other public entities interested in pursuing flood damaged stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood risk reduction, and flood prevention projects.

Pursuing flood damage repair and improvement projects can help prevent or reduce flood damage in Idaho's streams and rivers. To be considered for grant funding, entities must be able to provide evidence of flood damage, or evidence of conditions that create the risk of flooding in a stream channel and submit a funding request document outlining the proposed repairs and/or improvements to the stream channel.

Eligible Entities: Flood Control Districts, Drainage Districts, Irrigation Districts, Canal Companies, Municipalities, and Counties. Other public entities are eligible to apply.

Eligible Geographic Area: Statewide

Program Budget: 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.

Funding Details:

- Funding Details: Up to \$200,000 per project; one project per application
- Applicant is responsible for providing permit documentation to IWRB staff
- Costs incurred prior to the grant award date are not eligible for reimbursement
- Project costs related to the installation of road appurtenances (road signs, guard rails, etc.) are not eligible for reimbursement
- Funds may be reallocated if no response is received by the applicant within a calendar year after the grant award date
- Contract term will not exceed 3 years after the grant funding award (date of IWRB Resolution) unless an extension is approved by IWRB or authorized representative

Matching Funds for Projects:

- Entities requesting funding for flood management grant projects must provide at least 50% matching cost-share funding with non-state dollars. Projects that include higher cost share amounts will be prioritized during project evaluations (see evaluation criteria).
- In-kind services can be used for 30% of the total project's costs. Legal/Administrative in-kind services are limited to 5% of total project costs.

- EXAMPLE: For a \$100K project, applicant would have to provide at least \$50K in matching cost share funding. Of the \$50K, the applicant could provide up to \$30K in in-kind services, of which \$5,000 could be in legal/administrative costs, and \$20K in cash to meet the matching cost-share requirement.

Application Requirements: For the grant proposal to be considered, the following documents must be provided:

- A cover letter, on applicant's letterhead, addressed to the IWRB, that includes a brief project summary and the project manager's contact information. The project description should include the funding request dollar amount and expected total project cost.
- Grant application document that includes the following:
 - Project purpose and description of urgency regarding repair or improvement
 - Photographs and description of damage, if applicable
 - Project location (county, water source, PLS and/or Lat/Long), including map
 - Benefits achieved (stream channel repair, stream channel improvement, flood risk reduction, water quality improvement, other ecological benefits)
 - Project timeline, including start and completion date
 - Detailed cost estimates, including all labor and materials. In-kind work must be included in cost estimates.
 - Entity's relevant experience or contractor's relevant experience completing stream channel repair or improvement projects
 - Summary table that documents cost-share percentage for each funding source including in-kind work. If other grants are required to complete the project (USACE, NRCS, FEMA, etc.), include timelines for receiving those funds.
- Documentation that local stakeholders have been consulted. If the project is within an active Flood Control District, the applicant must include a letter of support.
- Conceptual Design Documents
- Required regulatory approval and permit documents; if project has not yet received permit documents, note this in the application document and provide permit timeline.

Evaluation Criteria: Projects that are determined not to be flood-related by staff will be declared ineligible and not scored. To maximize the effective and efficient use of available funds, the applications will be evaluated, scored (*125-point scale*), and ranked according to the following criteria:

First Time Applicant (5 points)

Application Professionalism and Clarity (up to 20 points)

- Cover letter and grant document are well-written and clearly state the goals and objectives of the project (10 points)
- Project map clearly shows the project location (10 points)

Effectiveness of Project (up to 45 points)

- Urgency of the project is explained (10 points)
- The benefits of the project are explained, and are measurable (20 points)
- Grant application considers alternatives solutions and explains why the chosen solution is most beneficial (10 points)

Readiness of Project (70 points)

- Description of applying entity and project leadership, documentation of expertise in subject matter of project (10 points)
- Documentation of project support from other stakeholders (10 points)
- The project schedule demonstrates the applicant has considered essential milestones (10 points)
- The cost estimate for the project budget is detailed and clearly accounts for all labor and material costs, including in-kind work (10 points)
- Projects that propose matching cost-share amounts above 50% will receive additional points in their score (1 point for each additional 1% up to 20 additional points)

Application Submission:

- Applications can be emailed to IWRBGrants@idwr.idaho.gov. Applications that are emailed must be received by 11:59 pm on the application due date.
- Applications that are mailed must be received by 11:59 pm on the application due date. Mailing address:
 ATTENTION: GRANTS TEAM
 IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
 PO BOX 83720
 BOISE, ID 83720-0098
- Applications can also be dropped off in person on the 6th floor of the Idaho Water Center in Boise. Applications must be dropped off on weekdays, excluding holidays, between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm. The Idaho Water Center is located at:
 IDAHO WATER CENTER
 322 E FRONT ST STE 648
 BOISE, ID 83702-7371

Grant Process:

- Application deadline on the first Friday of June
- IWRB staff present funding recommendations to IWRB Finance Committee
- Funding awarded at the July IWRB meeting
- IWRB staff will notify project applicants of grant approval and will administer cost-reimbursement contracts
- IWRB will reimburse grantees for project costs upon submittal of funding reimbursement request

Cost-Reimbursement Process:

- Funds will be distributed upon applicant submitting funding reimbursement requests to the IWRB
- Applicant funding requests shall include a cover letter which shall include a description of the project activities, dates for performing the project activities, and contractor or supplier invoices
- In-kind services, labor, and materials must be invoiced to applicant to be eligible for reimbursement
- Invoices should be sent to IdwrPayable@idwr.idaho.gov
- A certificate of project completion shall be issued by the applicant in order to receive final reimbursement

IWRB Districts are as follows:

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.*

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE BARBER POOL HYDRO
LOAN EXTENSION REQUEST

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF
TIME TO ACT ON LOAN FUNDING

1 WHEREAS, in September 2022, Barber Pool Hydro (BPH) submitted a loan application to the
2 Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) in the amount of \$850,670 to cover costs for a project to
3 rehabilitate the Barber Dam bypass structure (Project); and
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5 WHEREAS, the Barber Dam Hydroelectric Project (BDHP), originally constructed in 1905, is
6 located on the Boise River in Ada County, Idaho; and
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8 WHEREAS, Ada County was statutorily required to take ownership of the BDHP in 1970, and has
9 jointly operated the project in partnership with Fulcrum, a co-licensee on the dams FERC license; and
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11 WHEREAS, the BDHP bypass is in need of eminent repairs due to the age of the system; and
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13 WHEREAS, BPH is a qualified applicant, and the proposed Project is eligible for a loan from the
14 IWRB's Revolving Development Account; and
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16 WHEREAS, the proposed project is in the public interest and is in compliance with the State
17 Water Plan; and,
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19 WHEREAS, in September 2022, the IWRB approved a loan to BPH (Resolution No. 34-2022,
20 September 2022) in the amount of \$850,670 with a 3.33% interest rate and 20-year repayment term;
21 and,
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23 WHEREAS, BPH was granted an extension, through March of 2025(Resolution No. 38-2023,
24 September 2023) , to act on the contract due to circumstances beyond their control regarding FERC
25 licensing was approved in September 2023; and,
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27 WHEREAS, BPH is requesting an additional extension, through December 2027, to act on the
28 contract to continue working through the FERC license process.
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30 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB provides authority to the Chairman of the
31 Idaho Water Resource Board, or his designee, to enter into contracts, to effectuate the loan, with the
32 Company on behalf of the IWRB.
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34 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the extension of time to
35 act on loan contract IWRB1033 through December 2027.
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37 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the approval of the
38 extension of time are subject to the following conditions:
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- 40 1) The Company shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations that apply to the
41 proposed Project.
42 2) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Company shall comply with all statutory
43 requirements for incurring debt.
44 3) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Company will provide acceptable security for the
45 loan to the IWRB.
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DATED this 21st day of March 2025.



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

Dean Stevenson, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE NORTH SIDE CANAL
COMPANY LOAN REQUEST

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LOAN FUNDING
TO REPAIR DELIVERY SYSTEM
INFRASTRUCTURE

1 WHEREAS, the North Side Canal Company (Company) submitted a loan application to the Idaho
2 Water Resource Board (IWRB) in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 to cover costs for a project to repair
3 aging delivery system infrastructure (Project); and
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5 WHEREAS, the Company, located in Jerome County, delivers water for 155,000 acres and
6 approximately 2,200 shareholders in Elmore, Gooding, and Jerome counties; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Company's delivery infrastructure was constructed in 1908 with improvements
9 being made most recently as 2017; and
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11 WHEREAS, to remain sustainable for future use and conserve water the Company will need to
12 make repairs and improvements to its aging infrastructure; and
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14 WHEREAS, total project costs are estimated to be \$7,342,600, of which the Company will cover
15 \$342,600, have been selected for an Aging Infrastructure grant for \$2,000,000, and is requesting a loan
16 for the remaining project costs in the amount of \$5,000,000 from the IWRB; and
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18 WHEREAS, in December of 2022 the Company passed a resolution to authorize Alan Hansten,
19 General Manager, to submit a loan application for funding for the Project; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Company is a qualified applicant and the proposed Project is eligible for a loan
22 from the IWRB's Water Management Account; and
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24 WHEREAS, the proposed Project is in the public interest and is in compliance with the State
25 Water Plan.
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27 WHEREAS, in January 2023 the IWRB approved a loan not to exceed \$5,000,000 from the Water
28 Management Account at 4.38% interest with a 20-year repayment term under resolution 06-2023; and,
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30 WHEREAS, in November 2023 NSCC was granted an extension, through December of 2025, to
31 act on the contract under resolution 42-2023.
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33 WHEREAS, NSCC is requesting an additional extension, through December 2027, to act on the
34 contract to put the project back out for solicitation and begin construction.
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36 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB provides authority to the Chairman of the
37 Idaho Water Resource Board, or his designee, to enter into contracts, to effectuate the loan, with the
38 Company on behalf of the IWRB.
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40 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the extension of time to
41 act on loan contract IWRB1038 through December 2027.
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43 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the approval of the loan are
44 subject to the following conditions:
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- 46 1) The Company shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations that apply to the
47 proposed Project.
48 2) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Company shall comply with all statutory
49 requirements for incurring debt.
50 3) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Company will provide acceptable security for the
51 loan to the IWRB, including but not limited to its water rights and assessment income which
52 the Company collects from its members.

DATED this 21st day of March 2025.



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

Dean Stevenson, Secretary