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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

SOUTH VALLEY GROUND WATER DISTRICT and GALENA GROUND WATER DISTRICT,

Petitioners-Respondents-Cross Appellants,

v.

THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES and GARY SPACKMAN, in his capacity as Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources,

Respondents-Appellants-Cross Respondents,

and

SUN VALLEY COMPANY, CITY OF BELLEVUE, BIG WOOD CANAL COMPANY, BIG WOOD & LITTLE WOOD WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, CITY OF POCATELLO, CITY OF KETCHUM, and CITY OF HAILEY

Intervenor-Respondents.

Supreme Court Docket No. 49632-2022

Blaine County District Court No. CV07-21-00243

AFFIDAVIT OF MARK CECCHINI-BEAVER

STATE OF IDAHO) ss.
County of Ada)

Mark Cecchini-Beaver, being first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify to the matters contained herein.
- 2. I represent the Appellants-Cross Respondents, the Idaho Department of Water Resources and its Director, Gary Spackman (collectively, "the Department"). I am responsible for drafting the Department's briefs in this appeal.
- 3. This affidavit is submitted in support of the Stipulated Joint Motion to Modify Briefing Schedule, filed concurrently herewith.
 - 4. No extensions have been previously requested, granted, or denied in this appeal.
 - 5. Currently, the Department's opening brief is due on July 26, 2022.
- 6. A 10-day extension of the Department's opening brief due date is necessary to accommodate previously scheduled out-of-state travel with my family. The trip is scheduled to last 10 days, beginning on July 16, 2022. The trip includes multi-leg air travel an extended family gathering that cannot be rescheduled. Should the 10-day extension be granted, the Department's opening brief would be due on August 5, 2022.
- 7. I have conferred via email with counsel for the Respondents-Cross Appellants, South Valley Ground Water District and Galena Ground Water District ("Districts"), as well amicus curiae Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc. ("IGWA"), regarding the briefing schedule for this appeal. The Department, the Districts, and IGWA stipulate to the following schedule:

- August 5, 2022 the Department's opening brief
- September 16, 2022 the Districts' (a) response to the Department's opening brief and (b) cross-appeal opening brief; IGWA's amicus brief; and brief of any Intervenor-Respondent that supported the Districts in the district court
- October 21, 2022 the Department's combined (a) reply brief and (b) cross-appeal response brief; and brief of any Intervenor-Respondent that supported the Department in the district court
- November 14, 2022 the Districts' cross-appeal reply brief
- 8. Considering the number and scope of issues in this appeal, the parties agree that the stipulated briefing schedule is necessary because it provides sufficient time for each side to brief the case without unnecessarily extending the default briefing schedule set by the Idaho Appellate Rules.
- 9. All parties to the stipulation agree on the proposed schedule and timely filed their briefs and other filings in the proceedings below, so there is reasonable assurance the briefs will be filed in accordance with the stipulated briefing schedule.

DATED this 24⁻⁴⁴ day of June 2022.

MARK CECCHINI-BEAVER

Deputy Attorney General

Idaho Department of Water Resources

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this

day of June 2022.

Notary Public for the State of Idaho

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this <u>24th</u> day of June 2022, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Affidavit of Mark Cecchini-Beaver*, via iCourt E-File and Serve, upon the following:

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