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**Governor Brad Little** 

**Director Gary Spackman** 

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RE: Notice of Pending Curtailment of Ground Water Rights with Priority Dates Junior to June 14, 1977—Surface Water Coalition Delivery Call

Dear Water Right Holder,

You are receiving this letter because, according to the records of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department"), you are the holder of one or more ground water rights subject to curtailment pursuant to the attached *Final Order Curtailing Ground Water Rights Junior to June 14, 1977*, ("Curtailment Order") issued by the Director of the Department in response to the water delivery call by members of the Surface Water Coalition ("SWC"). The SWC includes A&B Irrigation District, American Falls Reservoir District #2, Burley Irrigation District, Milner Irrigation District, Minidoka Irrigation District, North Side Canal Company, and Twin Falls Canal Company. The SWC called for delivery of their water rights under the Department's Rules for Conjunctive Management of Surface and Ground Water Resources (IDAPA 37.03.11) ("CM Rules").

The SWC delivery call applies to ground water rights for irrigation, commercial, industrial, municipal, non-exempt domestic uses, and other consumptive uses. Non-consumptive uses and culinary in-house uses of water are not subject to curtailment under the order.

The Curtailment Order requires that, at 12:01 a.m. on or before August 3, 2021, ground water users holding water rights bearing priority dates junior to June 14, 1977, within the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer area of common ground water supply (ESPA ACGWS), and listed in Attachment A to the order, must curtail/refrain from diversion and use of ground water pursuant to those water rights, unless notified by the Department that the order of curtailment has been modified or rescinded as to their water rights. The Curtailment Order also requires that watermasters for the water districts within the ESPA ACGWS who regulate ground water are directed to review the water rights listed in Attachment A to the order and begin contacting the water right holders in their respective districts to evaluate and determine how the water rights will be curtailed.

Because you are the holder of one or more ground water rights listed in Attachment A to the Curtailment Order, you must curtail/refrain from any diversion under the above referenced water right(s) in compliance with the order, unless and until you receive further direction from the Department or watermaster after the watermaster has consulted with the Department.

Information regarding the ongoing status of this curtailment may be found at: https://idwr.idaho.gov/legal-actions/delivery-call-actions/SWC/. If you have questions

concerning this notice, please contact the Department's State Office in Boise at 208-287-4800, or the watermasters for the water districts within the ESPA ACGWS who regulate ground water.

Respectfully,

Gary Spackman

Director