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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO VARIOUS WATER RIGHTS HELD BY AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF 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

Docket No. CM-DC-2010-001

DECLARATION OF ALAN JACKSON

- I, Alan Jackson, declare the following:
- 1. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify. If called upon to testify, I could testify to the following, all of which are within my own personal knowledge or based upon my professional judgment.
- 2. I am the manager of Bingham Ground Water District. I have been in that position for 7 years.
- 3. Attached as exhibit A is a spreadsheet showing recharge in the amount of 26,432 acrefeet, as well as the accompanying recharge permits.
- 4. Attached as exhibit B is a true and correct copy of an email forwarded through IGWA from Rob Sharpnack, state CREP program manager, of existing CREP acres among IGWA members.
- 5. Attached as Exhibit C is a list of all known and current surface water conversion done in Bingham Ground Water District.

6. Attached as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of the lease agreement between BGWD, and various canal companies and irrigation districts. BGWD's portion of that lease is 8,594 acre-feet.

I declare under the penalty of perjury pursuant to the law of the State of Idaho that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 2nd day of May 2024,

/s/ Alan Jackson Alan Jackson Manager for Bingham Ground Water District

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 2nd day of May, 2024, I served the foregoing document on the persons below via email or as otherwise indicated:

<u>/s/ Dylan Anderson</u> Dylan Anderson Attorney for Bingham Ground Water District

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Exhibit A.

sed on numbers provided to	BGWD by	canal entiti	es																
	Dai	nskin		Trego	В	lackfoot	W	earyrick	P	eople's	Nev	v Lavaside		Corbett		Parsons		ASCC	
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3/23/2024											40	79					230	455	
3/24/2024											37	74					230	455	
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3/26/2024	12	24	12	24					34	67	35	68			9	18	230	455	
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3/29/2024	15	30	10	20					52	103	36	71			21	42	324	642	
3/30/2024	15	30	10	20					50	99	39	78			22	44	340	673	
3/31/2024	15	30	10	20					50	99	39	77			22	44	340	673	
4/1/2024	17	34	8	16					57	113	39	76			22	44	340	673	
4/2/2024	17	34	8	16					57	113	39	77			22	44	340	673	
4/3/2024	17	34	8	16	40	79			56	111	41	80			22	44	353	699	
4/4/2024	17	34	8	16	40	79			56	111	40	80			22	44	354	701	
4/5/2024		34	8		40	79			57	113	42	84	П		22		360	713	
4/6/2024	17	34	8		40	79			57	113	45	88			22	44	370	733	
4/7/2024	17	34	8	16	40	79			57	113	42	84			22	44	377	746	
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4/9/2024		36	8		75	149			57	113	34	67			22	44	580	1148	
4/10/2024		34	8		75	149			57	113	36	71	21	41	22	44	680	1346	
4/11/2024		34	8		75	149			57	113	37	73	21	41	22	44	790	1564	
4/12/2024		34	8		75	149			57	113	37	73	21	41	22	44	795	1574	
4/13/2024		34	8		75	149			59	117	36	71	21	41	22	44	800	1584	
4/14/2024		34	8		75	149			61	121	36	72	21	41	22	44	800	1584	
4/15/2024		40	8	_	105	208			65	129	37	73	21	41	4	8	800	1584	
4/16/2024		40	8		105	208			90	178	32	63	19	38	4	8	800	1584	
4/17/2024		40	8		95	188			90	178	28	55	19	38	4	8	815	1614	
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4/19/2024		40	8		95	188	10	20			41	80	46	91	6		225	446	
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Recharge Permits		
Name	Permit#	Entitie(s) Using
ASCC	1-10629	ASCC, Peoples Canal, Danskin, Trego, Blackfoot, Corbett, Parsons, Wearyrick
Peoples Canal	1-10625	ASCC, Peoples Canal, Danskin, Trego, Blackfoot, Corbett, Parsons, Wearyrick
New Lavaside Canal	TP-1-117	New Lavaside

Exhibit B.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Rob Sharpnack < Rob. Sharpnack@swc.idaho.gov >

Date: Tue, Apr 30, 2024 at 11:36 AM Subject: Total CREP acres by GW District

To: Bob Turner, IGWA Executive Director < bob.igwa@gmail.com >

Cc: Delwyne Trefz < Delwyne.Trefz@swc.idaho.gov >

Bob,

This table shows the acreage by groundwater district that is <u>currently</u> enrolled in CREP. This includes both the contracts still under the first CREP Agreement and contract under the new Revised CREP Agreement.

GW Districts	Count	Fields	Acres
Aberdeen-American Falls	13	36	1,864
Bingham	20	52	2,461
Bonneville-Jefferson	2	8	51
Jefferson Clark	4	8	43
Magic Valley	62	340	3,541
NONE	4	6	80
North Snake	4	17	428
Raft River	22	105	1,692
	131	572	10,157

Exhibit C.

Surface Wa	ter Conver	sions
Member ID	Dry Acre	Туре
524	139	Conversion
504	132	Conversion
641	109	Conversion
560	77	Conversion
560	58	Conversion
506	163	Conversion
353	78	Conversion
353	69	Conversion
353	77	Conversion
353	17	Conversion
353	0	Conversion
353	16	Conversion
361	78	Conversion
361	147	Conversion
438	74	Conversion
438	29	Conversion
438	43	Conversion
365	115	Conversion
365	25	Conversion
438	131	Conversion
438	0	Conversion
717	93	Conversion
407	55	Conversion
407	148	Conversion
407	101	Conversion
407	91	Conversion
407	138	Conversion
442	51	Conversion
Total	2,254	

Exhibit D.

MULTIPLE ENTITY STORAGE WATER LEASE

This Storage Water Lease ("Agreement") is entered into between Idaho Irrigation District, Snake River Valley Irrigation District, New Sweden Irrigation District, Snake River Storage, Enterprize Canal Co, Sunnydell Irrigation District, Harrison Canal and Irrigation Co (Lessor"), and BINGHAM GROUND WATER DISTRICT, whose address is P.O. Box 1268, Blackfoot, ID 83221 ("BGWD"). This Agreement replaces and supersedes all previous storage water lease agreements between the parties.

RECITALS

- A. Lessor has the right to use, lease, and assign storage water allocated and available to Lessor as a space holder in the Idaho Water District 1 reservoir system pursuant to Lessor's Storage Water Contracts with the United States Bureau of Reclamation ("Reclamation").
- B. BGWD desires to lease storage water to satisfy mitigation obligations prescribed in the 2015 SWC/IGWA Settlement Agreement, or as determined by the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department"), and other related purposes, such as aquifer recharge and implementing dual irrigation systems which can use either ground or surface water.
- C. The amount of storage water BGWD needs for mitigation and related purposes may vary from year to year and also may change during the irrigation season.
- D. Lessor desires to lease storage water to BGWD, and BGWD desires to lease storage water from Lessor, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

<u>AGREEMENT</u>

- 1. <u>Storage Water Lease</u>. Lessor hereby leases to BGWD 26,712 acre-feet of storage water per year, at the price of \$40 per acre-foot, which BGWD is required to pay rent for whether or not BGWD uses the water.
- 2. <u>Term.</u> The initial term of this Agreement shall be for a period of five (5) years, commencing January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2025. Thereafter, this Agreement shall automatically renew for successive one-year terms, at an increase of \$1 per acre-foot annually, unless and until either party gives not less than sixty (60) days written notice to terminate this Agreement at the end of the original term or any renewal term.
- 3. <u>Payment of Rent</u>. BGWD will pay all Lease payments to Lessor in two installments, with the first one-half (1/2) paid on or before July 15th and the second one-half (1/2) paid on or before November 15th of each year.
- 4. Administrative Fees. BGWD will pay all administrative fees imposed by Water

District 1 and the Idaho Water Resource Board to complete the assignment of storage water leased from Lessor to BGWD.

5. <u>Delivery and Use of Leased Water</u>.

- 6.1 The assignment, delivery, and use of leased storage water will be determined by BGWD and is subject to the final accounting for the year by the Watermaster of Water District 1 and any applicable Water District 1 Rental Pool Procedures.
- 6.2 This Agreement does not include any right to use storage water below Milner Dam.
- 6.3 The storage water available to BGWD under this Agreement may be assigned and delivered by BGWD to any other person or entity for the authorized uses of recharge, mitigation, irrigation, or other lawful use at any time up to December 1 of each year during the term(s) of this lease.
- 6.4 Lessor may elect to have the storage water obligation supplied by other storage water right holders.
- 6.5 In the event the Rental Pool Procedures are amended to recalculate the impacts from private leases resulting in additional impacts, Lessor may elect to renegotiate the rental price or other terms herein. If the parties fail to agree to new rental terms Lessor may elect to terminate this lease within 180 days written notice to BGWD.
- 6.6 Any storage water not used or assigned by BGWD by December 1 shall remain in Lessor's Water District 1 storage account and then belong only to Lessor.
- 6.7 Lessor understands that any storage water leased may be subject to a last-to-fill water right priority in the irrigation year following the lease pursuant to the Water District 1 Rental Pool Rules.

6. Representations by Lessor. Lessor covenants and represents that:

- 7.1 It will provide to BGWD all storage water leased under this Agreement.
- 7.2 It is the true and lawful owner of the Storage Water and that nothing restricts or precludes Lessor from entering into this Agreement.
- 7. <u>Breach</u>. If either party defaults in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, and such default is not cured within thirty (30) days after receipt of

written notice thereof, the non-breaching party, at its option, may elect any or all of the following cumulative remedies:

- (a) Terminate this Agreement;
- (b) Seek specific performance of this Agreement;
- 8. <u>Assignment</u>. This Agreement may not be assigned by BGWD without the express written consent of Lessor, but the storage water leased by BGWD under this Agreement may be assigned or otherwise made available to any other person or entity.
- **9.** <u>Dispute Resolution</u>. Any substantial dispute between the parties shall be resolved in accordance with the following provisions.
 - **9.1** Good Faith Negotiation. Upon written notice from one party to the other, authorized representatives of the parties will attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute by negotiation.
 - 9.2 <u>Mediation</u>. If the dispute cannot be resolved by good faith negotiation, either party may demand that the dispute be subjected to mediation by a mediator designated by mutual agreement of the parties. The mediation will be held in Bingham County, Idaho, unless the parties mutually agree to a different location. Mediator costs will be split equally between the parties.
 - **9.3** <u>Litigation</u>. Litigation is allowed between the parties only: (i) if the dispute is not resolved by mediation, (ii) for the purpose of enforcing a settlement agreement entered into between the parties, or (iii) to seek temporary injunctive relief if a party deems such action necessary to avoid irreparable damage. The pursuit or granting of temporary injunctive relief does not excuse the parties from participating in good faith negotiation and mediation as set forth above. The prevailing party in any litigation is entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees and costs.
 - **9.4** Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue. This Agreement will be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Idaho. The parties agree that the courts of Idaho shall have exclusive jurisdiction, and agree that Bingham County is the proper venue.
 - **9.5** Exclusive Procedures. The procedures specified in this section 9 are the exclusive procedures for the resolution of disputes between the parties. All applicable statutes of limitation shall be tolled while the negotiation and mediation procedures specified in section 9.1 and 9.2 are pending.

10. <u>Notices</u>. All notices given pursuant to this Agreement must be in writing and shall be sent in one of the following manners: (a) by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; (b) by recognized overnight courier such as Federal Express; (c) by facsimile transmission; (d) by email if the receiving party acknowledges receipt of the emailed notice. Notices shall be deemed received on the earlier of actual receipt, three days after mailing for certified mail and regular mail, the next business day if given by fax, or the date the receiving party acknowledges receipt of email notice.

ADDRESSES TO BE USED FOR NOTICES AND DELIVERY OF LEASE PAYMENTS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Lessor:	Name: Idaho Irrigation District
	By: Alan D. Kelsch
	Address:
	Phone: Fax:
	Email:
Lessor:	Name: Snake River Valley Irrigation District
	By: Urch Jansen
	Address: 8/6 N 700 E
	Basalt, ID 83218
	Phone: (208) 357-3420 Fax:
	Email:
Lessor:	Name: New Sweden Irrigation District
	By: Lows Thiel
	Address: 2350 W17+h S
	Idaho Falls, ID 83402
	Phone: (208) 523-0175 Fax:
	Email:

Lessor:	Name: Snake River Storage	
	By: Jenn, for Ellis	
	Phone:	_ Fax:
	Email:	
Lessor:	Name: <u>Enterprize Canal Co</u>	
	By: Darrel Kerr	
	Address:	
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	Phone:	Fax:
	Email:	
Lessor:	Name: Sunnydell Irrigation District	
	Ву:	
	Phone:	Fax:
	Email:	

Lessor:	Name: <u>Harrison Canal and Irrigation Co</u>
	By: Price
	Address:
	Phone: 308 709-2132 Fax:
	Phone: 308 709-2132 Fax: Email: gipile 81 @ icloud · com
BGWD:	c/o Connie Christensen, Board Chairman BGWD
	P.O. Box 1268 Blackfoot, ID 83221 Phone: 208-608-9838
	Email: conniec@binghamgroundwater.com
Copy to:	Kirk Jacobs, Board Chairman Jefferson-Clark Ground Water District Address Phone: Email:
	Carl Taylor, Board Chairman Bonneville-Jefferson Ground Water District Address Phone: Email:
	may change its designated address by providing written notice of such e other party.
	ing Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon the respective heirs, ssors, and assigns of the parties.
	DATED this 9 day of June, 2020.

LESSEE:
BINGHAM GROUND WATER DISTRICT
By: (Onni hus anser)
Board Chairman
LESSOR: IDAHO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
IDANO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
By: Man D. Kelsel
Title:
LESSOR:
SNAKE RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
By: May Jensen Chairman
Title:
LESSOR:
NEW SWEDEN IRRIGATION DISTRICT
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By: James Show
Title: Character 1

LESSOR:

SNAKE RIVER STORAGE

By: Title:

LESSOR: ENTERPRIZE CANAL CO By:
Title: Thursday
LESSOR: SUNNYDELL IRRIGATION DISTRICT
By: Gresident Title: Vice President
LESSOR: HARRISON CANAL AND IRRIGATION CO
By: Employer GRECT PRICE Title: President

Canal	Committed
IID	6,678
SRV	:5;009
New Sweden	5,009
SRS	6,678
Enterprize	1,670
Sunnydell	334
Harrison	1,336
Total	26,712

Canal	Leased (acre-feet)	Pa	ayment to Canals	w	D01 Fees	I۱	NRB Fees		Total
IDAHO IRRIGATION DISTRICT	6,678	\$	267,120.00	\$	8,681.40	\$	26,712.00	\$	302,513.40
SNAKE RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT	5,009	\$	200,360.00	\$	6,511.70	\$	20,036.00	\$	226,907.70
NEW SWEDEN IRRIGATION DISTRICT	5,009	\$	200,360.00	\$	6,511.70	\$	20,036.00	\$	226,907.70
ENTERPRIZE CANAL CO LTD	1,670	\$	66,800.00	\$	2,171.00	\$	6,680.00	\$	75,651.00
SUNNYDELL	334	\$	13,360.00	\$	434.20	\$	1,336.00	\$	15,130.20
HARRISON CANAL & IRRIGATION CO	1,336	\$	53,440.00	\$	1,736.80	\$	5,344.00	\$	60,520.80
ABERDEEN SPRINGFIELD CANAL CO	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
BLACKFOOT IRRIGATION CO	500	\$	20,000.00	\$	650.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	22,650.00
CORBETT SLOUGH DITCH CO	750	\$	30,000.00	\$	975.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	33,975.00
PARSONS DITCH CO	100	\$	4,000.00	\$	130.00	\$	400.00	\$	4,530.00
PEOPLES CANAL & IRRIGATION CO	2,178	\$	87,120.00	\$	2,831.40	\$	8,712.00	\$	98,663.40
RIVERSIDE CANAL CO	50	\$	2,000.00	\$	65.00	\$	200.00	\$	2,265.00
THE UNITED CANAL CO	400	\$	16,000.00	\$	520.00	\$	1,600.00	\$	18,120.00
WATSON CANAL CO	50	\$	2,000.00	\$	65.00	\$	200.00	\$	2,265.00
WEARYRICK DITCH CO	150	\$	6,000.00	\$	195.00	\$	600.00	\$	6,795.00
CORBETT SLOUGH DITCH CO	400	\$	16,000.00	\$	520.00	\$	1,600.00	\$	18,120.00
PARSONS DITCH CO	20	\$	800.00	\$	26.00	\$	80.00	\$	906.00
PEOPLES CANAL & IRRIGATION CO	1,571	\$	62,840.00	\$	2,042.30	\$	6,284.00	\$	71,166.30
RIVERSIDE CANAL CO	30	\$	1,200.00	\$	39.00	\$	120.00	\$	1,359.00
THE UNITED CANAL CO	464	\$	18,560.00	\$	603.20	\$	1,856.00	\$	21,019.20
WEARYRICK DITCH CO	15	\$	600.00	\$	19.50	\$	60.00	\$	679.50
Total	26,714	14 \$ 1,068,560.00		\$34,728.20		\$106,856.00		\$ 1,210,144.20	
District	Ac-Ft Leased	Pa	Payment to Canals		WD01 Fees		IWRB Fees		Total
Jefferson-Clark	13,375	75 \$ 535,000.		\$17,387.50		\$ 53,500.00		\$	605,887.50
Bonneville-Jefferson	4,745	\$	189,800.00	\$ 6,168.50		\$ 18,980.00		\$	214,948.50
Bingham	8,594	\$	343,760.00	\$1	1,172.20	\$	34,376.00	\$	389,308.20
Total	26,714	\$	\$ 1,068,560.00		\$34,728.20		\$106,856.00		1,210,144.20