BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF THE MITIGATION PLAN FILED BY FALLS IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO WATER RIGHTS HELD BY THE SURFACE WATER COALITION Docket No. CM-MP-2024-002

NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE

BACKGROUND

On May 7, 2024, Falls Irrigation District submitted *Falls Irrigation District's Rule 43 Mitigation Plan* ("*Plan*") to the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department"), pursuant to Rule 43 of the Department's Rules for Conjunctive Management of Surface and Ground Water Resources, IDAPA 37.03.11.043. Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc. protested the *Plan*.

On December 3, 2024, Hearing Officer Schroeder held a second continued prehearing conference. Both parties appeared represented by counsel. The District requested additional time to investigate historical records, with the intent of supporting claims made in its *Plan* concerning the District's impact on the subject reach and the extent of its mitigation obligation. The parties agreed to a status conference being set for a later date.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a status conference in this matter will be held on **April 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. (MT)**, at the Department's State Office, located at 322 E. Front Street, 6th Floor, Conference Room 648A, Boise, Idaho. All parties must be represented at the status conference, whether in person or remote. The parties shall come prepared to discuss investigation findings, progress made toward settlement, scheduling and procedural requests, and any other matters that could aid in the fair and efficient resolution of this contested case.

To join the conference via computer or smartphone, please click the following Webex link and follow the prompts: https://idahogov.webex.com/idahogov/j.php?MTID=m0b651d5 a76a9c08b267fbb44d4cb1a2c.

To join the conference via telephone, please dial 1(415) 655-0001 (US Toll) and enter the following meeting access code when prompted: 2863 317 9815.

The conference will be held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 17, Title 42, and Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code, and the Department's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 37.01.01. A copy of the Rules of Procedure may be obtained from the Department upon request or at https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/37/370101.pdf.

The status conference will be conducted in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require reasonable accommodation to attend, participate in, or understand the conference, please advise the Department no later than five (5) days before the conference. Inquiries for reasonable accommodations should be directed to Sarah Tschohl, Idaho Department of Water Resources, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0098, telephone (208) 287-4815, or email sarah.tschohl@idwr.idaho.gov.

DATED this 17th day of March 2025.

CERALD F. SCHROEDER

Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17th day of March 2025, the above and foregoing, was served by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

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