



# IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

**C.L. "Butch" Otter**  
Governor

September 20, 2017

**Roger W. Chase**  
Chairman  
Pocatello  
District 4

Mr. Gay Richardson  
PO Box 314  
Elk City, ID 83525

**Jeff Raybould**  
Vice-Chairman  
St. Anthony  
At Large

RE: Appointment of Hearing Officer in the matter of Application for Stream Channel Alteration Permit No. S82-20066

Dear Mr. Richardson,

**Vince Alberdi**  
Secretary  
Kimberly  
At Large

Please find enclosed a Resolution adopted by the Idaho Water Resource Board ("Board") on September 15, 2017.

**Peter Van Der Meulen**  
Hailey  
At Large

The Resolution states that, on August 2, 2017, the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") denied your Joint Application for Permit No. S82-20066 for suction dredge mining within the Red River, a tributary of the South Fork Clearwater River. You had fifteen days from August 2, 2017, to notify the Department of your request for a hearing before the Board on the denial of your application. The Department timely received your request for hearing. Accordingly, it was necessary for the Board to appoint a hearing officer to preside over the matter. As the Resolution states, the Board appointed the Honorable Judge John M. Melanson as the hearing officer to preside over the hearing you requested and issue a recommended order for the Board's consideration.

**John Rusche**  
Lewiston  
At Large

**Albert Barker**  
Boise  
District 2

Counsel assisting Judge Melanson in this matter will be in contact with you to discuss potential dates for a prehearing conference.

**John "Bert" Stevenson**  
Rupert  
District 3

**Dale Van Stone**  
Hope  
District 1

Sincerely,

Brian Patton  
Executive Officer  
Idaho Water Resource Board

cc: Aaron Golart, State Coordinator, Stream Protection Program, IDWR

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF STREAM CHANNEL )  
ALTERATION PERMIT NOS. S82-20066 and ) RESOLUTION  
S82-20067 )

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2017, the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") denied Joint Application for Permit No. S82-20066 in the name of Gay Richardson ("Richardson") for suction dredge mining within the Red River, a tributary of the South Fork Clearwater River; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2017, the Department denied Joint Application for Permit No. S82-20067 in the name of John Stickley ("Stickley") for suction dredge mining within the Red River, a tributary of the South Fork Clearwater River; and

WHEREAS, Richardson and Stickley had fifteen days from August 2, 2017, to notify the Department, in writing, of their request for hearing before the Idaho Water Resource Board ("IWRB") on the denial of their respective Joint Applications for Permit;

WHEREAS, the Department received a letter from Richardson on August 15, 2017, requesting a hearing on the denial of Joint Application for Permit No. S82-20066; and

WHEREAS, the Department received a letter from Stickley on August 17, 2017, requesting a hearing on the denial of Joint Application for Permit No. S82-20067; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the IWRB to appoint a hearing officer to preside over the hearings requested by Richardson and Stickley and issue a recommended order or recommended orders in accordance with Idaho Code §§ 67-5243(1)(a) and 67-5248; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the IWRB hereby appoints Hon. John M. Melanson as the hearing officer in the above-captioned proceedings.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.



ROGER CHASE, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST:   
VINCE ALBERDI, Secretary