NOTICE OF PETITION FILED BY MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT REGARDING STORAGE RESET IN WATER DISTRICT 01 AND INITIATION OF FORMAL PROCEEDINGS

Notice is hereby given that, on August 18, 2017, Milner Irrigation District ("Milner") submitted a letter to the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") asserting the "fall storage 'reset' for purposes of water right administration" in Water District 01 "is not authorized in the current storage water right partial decrees, including the Lake Walcott storage right (1-219)" and "has in effect curtailed Milner's natural flow water right 1-17 (November 14, 1916 priority date) in recent years." Milner requests "the Water District and Director ensure Milner receives the appropriate natural flow as required by Idaho law."

Milner's letter is a petition as defined by the Department's Rule of Procedure 230. *See* IDAPA 37.01.01.230. The letter is available at the Department's website for this matter at https://idwr.idaho.gov/legal-actions/administrative-actions/milner-petition.html.

The Director will conduct formal proceedings to address the above-described petition in accordance with the Department's Rule of Procedure 104 (IDAPA 37.01.01.104). A copy of the Rules of Procedure may be obtained from the Department or at the following website link: https://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current/37/0101.pdf.

The Director will hold a prehearing conference on **November 13, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. (MDT) at the Department's State Office, located at 322 E. Front Street, 6th Floor, Director's Conference Room, Boise, Idaho 83720.** Parties and those seeking to intervene must be represented at the prehearing conference in person or by telephone. The prehearing conference will be held in accordance with provisions of Chapters 2 and 17, Title 42 and Chapter 52, Title 67, Idaho Code, and the Department's Rules of Procedure.

Milner is a party to this matter. Others who want to formally participate must file petitions to intervene with the Department by November 12, 2017, in accordance with the Department's Rules of Procedure 350-352. See IDAPA 37.01.01.350-352.

Gary Spackman, Director

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