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Idaho Water Board extends public comment period on draft criteria for evaluating Regional Sustainability water projects; comments due Oct. 11

BOISE - (Sept. 9, 2022) – The Idaho Water Resource Board has extended the public comment period for receiving feedback on the evaluation criteria for large water projects that might qualify for the Board's Regional Water Sustainability Projects priority list.

The Board's Finance Committee voted on Thursday to extend the public comment period for another 30 days to Oct. 11, 2022. The latest evaluation criteria can be viewed <u>online here</u> on pages 3-5 in the Sept. 8 Finance Committee meeting materials.

Once finalized, Board staff and Board members will use the updated criteria in evaluating large water projects for the <u>Regional Water Sustainability Project list</u>.

Feedback on the Board's draft criteria should be sent in writing to Board staff member Neeley Miller, <u>Neeley.Miller@idwr.idaho.gov</u>.

Getting placed on the Board's list of Regional Water Sustainability Projects is not a funding commitment, but rather, a recognition that the project has the potential to help achieve water sustainability, officials said. Each project on the list is unique and will have its own implementation timelines and milestones.
