

The Board's Water Supply Bank; As A Tool to Alleviate Drought Affects

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The Water Supply Bank

A mechanism by which water rights that are not being used can be made available for use by others through the lease and rental process.











What isn't "the Bank?"

Not a rental pool













Bank vs. Rental Pools

Board's Bank

- Managed by IDWR for the IWRB
- Throughout Idaho
- Ground and surface water – live/natural flow

Rental pool

- Managed by local committee
 - Snake River Basin
 - Boise River Basin
 - Payette River Basin
 - Lemhi River Basin
 - Wood River Basin
- Largely storage water











Bank's Purpose

Source: IDAPA 37.02.03.01 and Idaho Code 42-1761

- Exchange market
 - marketing of water rights
 - allows for private marketing
- Provides a source of adequate water supplies
- Mechanism to temporarily change/protect water rights
 - alternative to a transfer
 - protect from forfeiture
- Encourages the highest beneficial use of water
- Funding source
 - Board's financial program

Lease IN











Vocabulary

- Lease into the Bank
- Rent *from* the Bank



PROTECTION FROM FORFEITURE











Bank Process

Non-use of a water right



Application to **LEASE**



IDWR review Benefits to Leasing

Protection from forfeiture •Can be

profitable

•10% **Board** •90% Lessor



Leased water put to work at rental applicant's land



Bank

Not approvable

Individual in need of water



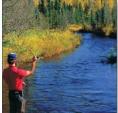
Application to **RENT**



IDWR review



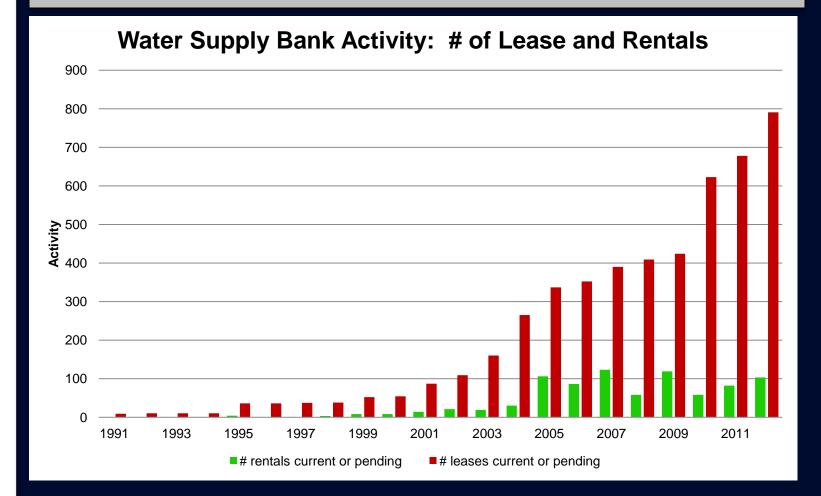






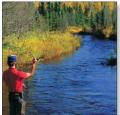


Historical Activity









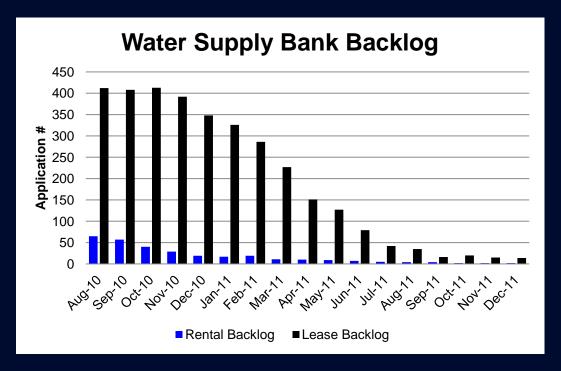




Historical Activity

Staff

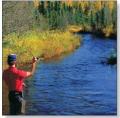
- •Historically one full-time agent and one part-time clerical staff
- •INCREASES ACTIVITY + LIMITED STAFF = BACKLOG



- More staff to process applications
- Cost of divertingIDWR staff



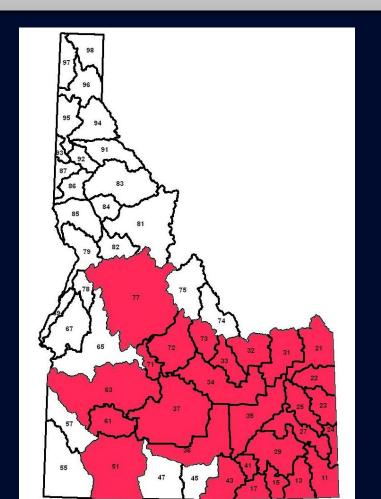








2013 Drought





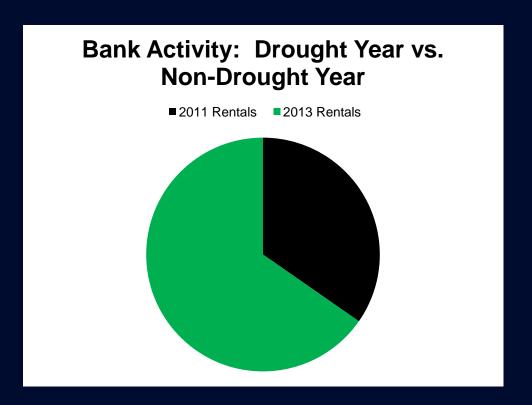








Drought and the Bank









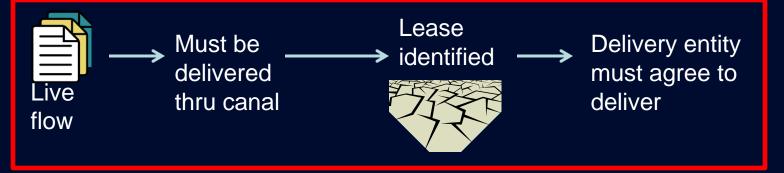




Case Study

Processing Rental Applications and Outside Influences

Synopsis















Findings

Processing Rental Applications and Outside Influences

Application question could not be completed by applicants 1 and 2.

B. OWNERSHIP

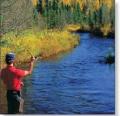
- Do you own the land at the proposed point of diversion? Yes No X
 If no, list owner, contact information, and attach a copy of the agreement or other written authority to use the proposed point of diversion.
- 2. Do you own the land at the proposed place of use?

 Yes No

If no, list owner, contact information, and attach a copy of the agreement or other written authority to use the proposed place of use.











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Discussion

Application 1



Delivery Entity





Application 2



Delivery Entity





Application 3



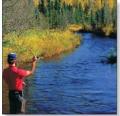
Delivery Entity















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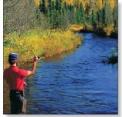
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Conclusion

- Serve the public
- Facilitate discussions
 - existing policies
 - wheeling fees
 - delivery losses
- Application success
 - Understand what the proposal is
 - •Who are the players
 - •What policies are in place by the 3rd party











The Future

The Future of the Bank

- New water supply bank coordinator position
 - Policy changes on the horizon
 - Streamline processing of applications
 - Create more on-line tools
 - Public outreach











Questions?

