



July 21, 2023

Notice of Public Meeting – Inclusion of Basin 29 Ground Water Rights in a Water District

Dear Water User,

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (Department) is initiating a process to include ground water rights in water districts within Administrative Basin 29 (Basin 29). Department records show you own one or more ground water rights that may be affected by the proposed action. The attached map shows existing water district boundaries and the proposed boundary of the affected area. Domestic and stockwater rights as defined by Idaho Code §§ 42-111 and 42-1401A (11) will not be affected or included.

The Department has scheduled two separate public information meetings to present its proposal and solicit related input from water users. Water users do not need to attend both meetings, because the same information will be presented by the Department at each meeting. The public meetings are scheduled as follows:

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| Date: | Tuesday, August 15, 2023 | | Date: | Wednesday, August 16, 2023 |
| Time: | 7:00 pm | | Time: | 7:00 pm |
| Location: | Marsh Valley High School Performing Arts Center 12655 S Old Hwy 91 Arimo, ID 83214 | | Location: | City of Pocatello Council Chambers 911 N 7th Avenue Pocatello, ID 83201 |

At these meetings, the Department will present options for inclusion of ground water rights in water districts, propose projected timelines to create or modify water districts, answer questions, and obtain feedback. The Department will hold a public hearing concerning the proposed action at a later date.

The proposed action will affect Basin 29 ground water rights that are not currently included in a water district. Water District 29O and Water District 120 currently include ground water rights and will not be affected. Water District 13T, which includes ground water rights and is located partially in Basin 29, may be impacted. The following options for inclusion of ground water rights in water districts may include:

- (1) Create one new water district, specific to Basin 29 ground water rights not currently included in a water district;
- (2) The same as option 1, except the northern portion of water district 13T within Basin 29 would be included; or
- (3) Modify existing Basin 29 water districts to include ground water rights. Existing Basin 29 water districts that may be modified include WD29 (Portneuf River), WD29A (Pocatello

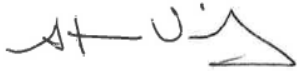
Creek), WD29B (Garden Creek), WD29D (Lower Portneuf River), WD29G (Birch Creek), and WD29H (Marsh Creek).

A copy of this notice has been sent to all owners of affected ground water rights and water district watermasters within the proposed affected area. This notice will be posted on the Town Hall Idaho website at <https://townhall.idaho.gov/>.

The meetings are being held in facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require special accommodations to attend, participate in, or understand the meeting, please contact the Department at least five days prior to the meeting.

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources State Office at 208-287-4800 or the Eastern Region Office in Idaho Falls at 208-525-7161.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Visosky', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven Visosky
Water Compliance Bureau
Idaho Department of Water Resources

Enclosure: map - *Administrative Basin 29 and Pertinent Boundaries*

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