



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

WATER STORAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

Notes 2-26

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Idaho Water Center
Conference Rooms 602 B-D
322 East Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83720

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March 4, 2026

Chairman Olmstead called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Attendees included Chairman Olmstead, Committee members Albert Barker, Jo Ann Cole-Hansen (online), Marc Gibbs (online), and Jeff Raybould (online); Board members Patrick McMahon (online), Dean Stevenson (online), and Dale Van Stone (online) were also in attendance. Staff members in attendance were Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Wesley Hipke, Justin Ferguson, Ann Yirbar, and Milin Ream. Guests at the meeting included Chris Keith, Pete Cooper, Ryan Hendrick, and Gayle McGarry with the Bureau of Reclamation, Donald Barksdale and Wil Paterson with NMID, Ron Shurtlef with Lake Reservoir Co., Daniel Hoke with Water District 63, Bryce Forris with Sawtooth Law, Robin Lee-Beusan with the City of Boise, Lisa Piccuso, Dan Piccuso, and Phil Altheron, with Pioneer Ditch, and Neil Shippy with Water District 65.

Planning and Projects Bureau Chief Cynthia Bridge-Clark introduced the item and invited the staff with the Bureau of Reclamation to present their PowerPoint (PP) presentation. Chris Keith provided a general summary review of the project and Pete Cooper reviewed additional information on water supply mitigation. Following review, there was discussion on cost estimating.

Next, Project Manager Justin Ferguson provided a PP review on the Project Spaceholder Allocation Plan. It was the consensus of the Committee to provide public outreach and input via an online survey open for 30 to 60 days. Following public input, the Committee would review and discuss the information at a subsequent meeting.

No action was taken by the Committee during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Committee Members: Chairman Brian Olmstead, Al Barker, Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Marc Gibbs, and Jeff Raybould.

Respectfully submitted by Milin J. Ream, Administrative Assistant to the Board.