



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

WATER STORAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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February 5, 2026

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

Attendees included Chairman Olmstead, Committee members Albert Barker, Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Marc Gibbs, and Jeff Raybould; Board member Patrick McMahon was also in attendance. Staff members in attendance were Brian Patton, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Wesley Hipke, Mary Condon, Justin Ferguson, Mackenzie Kienholz, Benjamin Camp, Milin Ream, and Amy Cassell-via Zoom. Guests at the meeting included Brian Murdock, of Murdock Farms, Michael Fuss, Mary Paasch, and Mark Fountain with Stantec, and Justin Hayes with American Rivers.

The Committee discussed the draft Upper Snake River Basin Study Proposal (Proposal). Project Manager Amy Cassel provided the Committee with an overview of the 15-page Proposal document and the different criteria sections and related scoring. Following review, it was announced that the opportunity for stakeholder and public comment would be received through Friday, February 13, 2026.

During Public Comment, Brian Murdock, addressed the Committee to share his thoughts and support on the proposal and suggested the Board consider forming a Sub-Committee to assist the IWRB.

No action was taken by the Committee during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.

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