



IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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May 8, 2026

Chairman Jeff Raybould called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 1: Introductions and Attendance

Attendees included Chairman Jeff Raybould, Committee members Dean Stevenson (online), Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, and Brian Olmstead; Board members Al Barker, Marcus Gibbs (online), and Patrick McMahon (online) were also in attendance. Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Staff members in attendance were Brian Patton, Ann Yribar Cynthia Bridge Clark, Wesley Hipke, Mary Condon, Justin Ferguson, Matt Anders, Mike Morrison, Jake Vermas, and Milin Ream.

Agenda Item No. 2: House Concurrent Resolution No. 34 – Bear River Legislative Report

IDWR Engineer Supervisor Mike Morrison presented a PowerPoint outlining staff's work on a draft report addressing House Concurrent Resolution No. 34 and the study of the Bear River system.

The presentation included:

- A summary of the report contents
- Water supplies in the Lower Division
- Opportunities for development of Idaho's compact allocation
- Associated costs and timelines

Following review, no formal action or recommendation was made. Staff will provide the draft report to the full Board for their review and feedback before submitting it to the Idaho Legislature.

Agenda Item No. 3: IWRB Palisades Storage Release and Swan Falls Agreement Flows

IDWR Technical Programs Supervisor Matt Anders provided the Committee with a detailed PowerPoint presentation update on the 2026 Swan Falls Minimum Stream Flows. Mr. Anders provided background on the Swan Falls Dam, the Swan Falls Agreement, and its adjusted average daily flows.

He then reported on the 2026 hydrology inputs and withdrawals, explaining the minimum streamflow shortfall and the Idaho Water Resource Board's (IWRB) adoption of a resolution establishing a "Debit System" to track the shortfall and provide equivalent storage water to Idaho Power Company upon request.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Cole-Hansen moved to recommend that the Board follow the 2015 "Debit System" and adopt a resolution to offset the March 2026 shortfall to the Swan Falls Minimum Streamflow Water Right. Mr. Stevenson seconded. **Voice Vote:** Four ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 4: Other Items

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

Agenda Item No. 5: Adjourn

Mr. Gibbs moved to adjourn. Ms. Cole-Hansen seconded. **Voice Vote:** Four ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Committee Members: Chairman Jeff Raybould, Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Dean Stevenson, and Brian Olmstead.

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