IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

AQUIFER STABLIZATION COMMITTEE MEETING
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Idaho Water Center Conference Rooms 602 C-D
322 East Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83720

July 23, 2026

Chair Dean Stevenson called the meeting to order at 09:00 a.m.

Agenda Item No. 1: Introductions and Attendance

Attendees included Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB, Board) Aquifer Stabilization Committee Chair Dean Stevenson (online), Committee members Al Barker (online), Brian Olmstead (online), and Pat McMahon (online); Board members Jeff Raybould (online), Jo Ann Cole-Hansen (online), and Dale Van Stone (online), were also in attendance. IDWR Staff members in attendance were Brian Patton, Ann Yirbar, Cynthia Bridge Clark, Wesley Hipke, Justin Ferguson, Mary Condon, Matt Anders, Mike Morrison, Cooper Fritz (online), and Milin Ream.

Guests at the meeting included: Mark Zirschky with Flood Control District 10, Bruce Sandoval with Ardurra, Michael Fuss with Stantec, Ryan Gibbs with Big Wood Canal Company, Hattie Zobott with Ardurra (online), Scott Searle and David Christensen with the Snake River Valley Irrigation District (online), and Tony Dixey with Bingham Groundwater District (online).

Agenda Item No. 2: Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Recharge Infrastructure

IDWR Senior Water Resource Agent Cooper Fritz provided the Committee with a review of two Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Managed Recharge Infrastructure proposals. Referring to his PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Fritz reviewed the details of the first project, the Snake River Valley Irrigation District's Sugar Factory Recharge Basin Proposal.

Following his review, the Committee and other Board members engaged in a question-and-answer session with members of the Snake River Valley Irrigation District.

Following this, Mr. Fritz moved to the next project for the Committee's consideration, the Bingham Groundwater District Weggland Ditch Recharge Basin Proposal. Following a question-and-answer session, Mr. Cooper highlighted a summary slide of the new proposed recharge projects for the Committee's consideration.

At this time, Mr. Barker inquired whether the item would first be presented to the Finance Committee for a recommendation before being considered by the Board. Chair of the Finance Committee, Ms. Cole-Hansen, explained that the Board had previously approved funding for recharge infrastructure in the Secondary, Planning, and Aquifer Management Fund that could be applied to these proposals. Accordingly, Committee recommendations would proceed directly to the Board for final consideration.

Following review and discussion, Chair Stevenson entertained a motion from the Committee.

Mr. Olmstead moved to recommend the IWRB to consider approving funding for the Snake River Valley Irrigation District Sugar Factory Recharge Basin Proposal and Bingham Groundwater District's Weggland Ditch Recharge Basin Proposal, by way of a resolution. Mr. Baker seconded. **Roll Call Vote:** Mr. Barker aye; Mr. Olmstead aye; Mr. McMahon aye; and Chair Stevenson aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 3: Other Items
There was no other business to come before the Committee.

Agenda Item No. 4: Adjourn
Mr. Barker moved to adjourn. Mr. Olmstead seconded. **Voice Vote:** All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 09:45 a.m.

Committee Members: Chair Dean Stevenson, Al Barker, Brian Olmstead, and Pat McMahon.

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