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**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR)
TRANSFER NO. 82318)
(in the name of Micheal S. Telford,)
Shannon Telford, and Telford Lands, LLC)

MOTION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW the Arco Water Conservation and Recreation Committee (AWCR), a recently formed Joint Powers Committee organized pursuant to Idaho Code section 67-2328, having sponsoring entities including Butte County, City of Arco, Water District No. 34 Recharge Committee, and Big Lost River Ground Water District, and respectfully files this Motion to Intervene in the Telford Lands, LLC Application for Transfer No. 82318, hereinafter referred to as the "Telford Transfer".

INTRODUCTION

Arco Water Conservation and Recreation Committee (AWCR) has been made aware of the pending Telford Transfer and the subsequent protest(s) filed by the City of Arco, Big Lost River Irrigation District, Young H. Walker, Joel S. Andersen, and Darrell E. McDonald. AWCR does not protest the Telford Transfer, but for reasons stated below does have significant interests in the pending transfer and potential issues raised by the applicant and protestant(s). To ensure that those interests are protected, AWCR must participant as a non-protestant and may even support certain issues and positions taken by the applicant and/or any of the protestant(s) as this matter proceeds. This motion is intentionally filed after the deadline period for filing protests, but as nearly to that deadline as possible so the Idaho Department of Water Resources and all parties can recognize AWCR as an interested party.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

AWCR has interest in this matter for the following reasons. AWCR also reserves the right to add to, withdraw, or modify this statement as this matter advances through pre-conference hearings, negotiations, and/or any formal hearings and proceedings.

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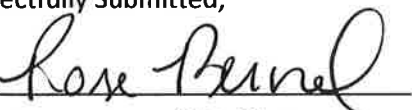
- 1.) AWCR has entered into discussions and a tentative agreement with Marc Hansen, the owner of the property which Telford Lands, LLC has received permission to use as a POD in their proposed transfer, to purchase and incorporate this Hansen property with other adjacent property, and develop those collective properties into a local conservation and recreation park.
- 2.) That proposed park will include natural and managed water recharge sites, fishing ponds, nature walk ways, enhanced natural river aesthetics, man-made water-ways, RV accommodations, and other features and designs conducive to the overall public use and development of the park.
- 3.) The development of this park will require similar transfers like the Telford Transfer of many surface and ground water rights from immediate and surrounding adjacent lands. The legal, hydrologic, and hydro-geologic issues in this matter will have direct and significant relevance on the strategies, plans, applications for grants and funding needed to insure the success of this park project.
- 4.) AWCR has a unique, broad, and diverse perspective of what the local public interests of water management and the full optimal economic use of the water resources of the Big Lost River Basin are by virtue of its multi-background committee membership.

CONCLUSION

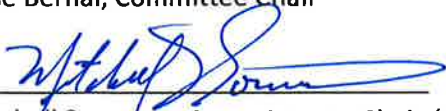
AWCR should be granted intervening status in this matter and allowed to participate in all communications and proceedings relating to this matter.

Dated this 26 day of June, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rose Bernal, Committee Chair



Mitchell Sorensen, Committee V. Chair (*designated representative*)

Enclosure: \$25.00 filing fee

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 27th day of June, 2018, true and correct copies of the documents described below were mailed by placing a copy of the same with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following: 

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