

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION)
FOR TRANSFER NO. 80275 IN THE NAME)
OF LOUANN THOMAS)**

**NOTICE OF
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

On February 1, 2016, LouAnn Thomas filed Application for Transfer No. 80275 with the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“department”). A protests was filed by Samaria Water & Irrigation Company.

The department has scheduled the matter for a pre-hearing conference to be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016, beginning at 11:00 am. The conference will be held at the Oneida County Ag Extension Office, 30 N 100 W, Malad, Idaho.

Agenda items for the pre-hearing conference will include:

1. Review the application.
2. Identify and discuss issues of protest.
3. Designate date for conducting an administrative hearing.
4. Set dates for discovery and pre-hearing disclosures.

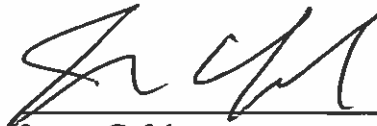
The department encourages the applicant and protestants to discuss and resolve the protests before the pre-hearing conference. If private discussions are not possible or do not resolve the protests, the department’s Rules of Procedure (IDAPA 37.01.01) provide for a pre-hearing conference to be held before scheduling a formal hearing.

The pre-hearing conference provides another informal opportunity for the applicant and protestants to meet. The parties often settle their differences at the pre-hearing conference. If a formal hearing is needed to resolve the protests, the pre-hearing conference serves as an opportunity to narrow or simplify the issues, obtain concessions of fact or identification of documents to avoid unnecessary proof, schedule discovery (when discovery is allowed), arrange for the exchange of proposed exhibits or prepared testimony, limit witnesses, schedule the hearing, establish procedure to be used at hearing, and address other matters that may expedite orderly conduct and disposition of the proceeding.

It is important for all parties to give considerable thought to each of these matters before appearing at the pre-hearing conference and to make the most of the opportunity to resolve the dispute informally.

The pre-hearing conference will be conducted in a facility that satisfies the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate in, or understand the conference, please notify the department at least (10) days prior to the hearing. Inquiries about scheduling or hearing facilities should be directed to Sharla Cox at (208) 525-7161.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2016,



James Cefalo
Water Resources Program Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 9th day of March, 2016, true and correct copies of the documents described below were served by placing a copy of the same with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

Documents Served: Notice of Pre-Hearing Conference
Hearing Procedure for Application for Permit

LOUANN THOMAS
2705 W 2000 N
MALAD CITY, ID 83252

SAMARIA WATER & IRRIGATION CO
5130 S 4400 W
MALAD CITY, ID 83252



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