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**From:** Miller, Nick  
**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2019 9:40 AM  
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**Cc:** Whitney, Rob; Luke, Tim; Visosky, Steven  
**Subject:** RE: Cold Springs Creek Water Meeting Documents  
**Attachments:** WD61E\_Watermaster Appointment 2019.pdf

Dear Cold Springs Creek Water District Water Users:

The Department has received both the oath of office from Mr. Wootan and the resignation of Mr. McCallum. Accordingly, it has appointed Mr. Wootan as watermaster effective immediately. See the attached document for your information.

I understand Mr. Wootan will begin working immediately and will be in contact with the Water Distribution Section of the Department to obtain necessary training and information.

Should you need to contact the Watermaster, his contact information is below.

Rich Wootan, Watermaster Water District 61E  
208-599-0394  
rwcattle@icloud.com  
2286 S. Pruett Rd.  
King Hill, Idaho 83633

Thank you all for participating in this process.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Nick Miller  
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**From:** Miller, Nick  
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Dear Cold Springs Creek Water District Water Users:

As we discussed during the phone conference today, I am writing this email to document the advisory committee meeting held by telephone today. In short, the advisory committee voted by a majority of the members to nominate Rich Wootan as a successor to JT McCallum. I expect the Department will appoint Rich Wootan as watermaster upon

resignation of JT McCallum and receipt of an oath of office from Rich. I will place this email in the water district file as part of the appointment process.

Thank you all for participating and feel free to contact me if you have any further questions on this matter.

Nick.

**Summary of the Meeting:**

Advisory Committee members present on the telephone were Lou Anderson, Dave Bean, Travis Christensen, Susan Denny, Joann Hunt, Teresa and John McCallum, Harley Riggs, Kelly and Paula Riggs, and Ann Wilson. Nick Miller and Steve Visosky from IDWR were also present on the phone.

Lou Anderson was selected to chair the meeting and he called it to order a few minutes after 1:00 pm. Mr. Anderson explained that the only matter of business was to nominate a watermaster to succeed JT McCallum who is expected to resign. Mr. Anderson called for nominations. Paula Riggs nominated Rich Wootan. John McCallum seconded the nomination. The Chair then asked for a call for discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. The voting was unanimous in favor of nominating Mr. Wootan. Mr. Miller explained he would follow up with a summary of the meeting and that the Department would appoint Mr. Wootan upon receipt of a resignation by JT McCallum and an oath of office from Mr. Wootan. Steve Visosky agreed to work with Mr. Wootan to provide any training or information needed so Mr. Wootan can perform watermaster services.

Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting and the telephone call was ended.

**From:** Miller, Nick

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**Subject:** RE: Cold Springs Creek Water Meeting Documents

Dear Cold Springs Creek Water District Water Users:

In the email below, I mistyped the telephone number for tomorrow's phone meeting. Please use the following phone number:

Call in to: 1-720-279-0026

Enter participant code: 126664#

Note the last four digits of the phone number are 0026. I apologize for any confusion this may have or will cause...

Thank you,

Nick Miller

Manager, IDWR Western Region

**From:** Miller, Nick

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Dear Cold Springs Creek Water District Water Users:

The purpose of this email is to provide notice of a meeting of the Water District 61E Advisory Committee to be held by telephone on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to nominate a watermaster to replace JT McCallum who was elected at the 2019 annual meeting, but intends to resign. You may attend the telephonic meeting by dialing in using the following numbers at 1pm on 2/7/19:

Call in to: 1-720-279-0029

Enter participant code: 126664#

The only agenda item is to discuss nominating Rich Wootan as a replacement watermaster for 2019. My understanding is that all of you are, by resolution of the district, members of the advisory committee and so are expected to participate if possible. If you are not able to attend the telephone meeting, you may contribute your thoughts on this topic by "replying all" to this email thread.

I have written some other explanatory comments below, but feel free to reply to this email if you have questions on this topic or if you have concerns about this process.

Thanks,

Nick Miller

Manager, IDWR Western Region

Further explanation of the purpose of the meeting:

At the annual water district meeting for Water District No. 61E, held on January 14, 2019, the users elected JT McCallum to serve as watermaster for the coming year. My understanding is that a substitution of the watermaster was contemplated by all of the people at the annual meeting if a person was found that more people were in support of. My understanding is that that the users have identified Rich Wootan as an alternate person to serve as watermaster for the district and that Mr. McCallum intends to step down. So, the purpose of the meeting is to fulfill the statutory process for replacing Mr. McCallum.

The process for replacing an elected watermaster that resigns is described in Section 42-605(10), Idaho Code. That law reads as follows:

" If a duly elected or appointed watermaster resigns, dies or is physically unable to perform his duties during the remainder of the elected or appointed watermaster term

of service, then the director is authorized to appoint a successor for the unexpired term as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.

(a) If a water district advisory committee has been chosen as provided in subsection (6) of this section, the water district advisory committee shall meet to either nominate a successor watermaster or request a special meeting as provided in subsection (11) of this section to elect a new watermaster. Upon receipt of a nomination from a majority of the members of the water district advisory committee, the director is authorized to appoint the nominated successor watermaster for the unexpired term.

(b) If a water district advisory committee has not been chosen, the director of the department of water resources is authorized to appoint a temporary successor watermaster. The temporary appointment extends through the unexpired term unless a special meeting is requested as provided in subsection (11) of this section and water users elect a new watermaster."

This law provides two options for selecting a new watermaster – either hold a special meeting of the users to hold a second election, or the Advisory Committee can nominate someone to serve. My understanding is that the Advisory Committee of Water District 61E is composed of all of the users in the district, so the difference between an Advisory Committee Meeting and a Special Meeting is mainly one of timing since a Special Meeting requires 14 days advance notification by mail and the Advisory Committee meeting does not. Since the irrigation season is starting in two weeks, and we can accomplish the spirit of the statutes (participation by the affected users) it is expedient to go the Advisory Committee route to nominate a person for the Director to appoint.

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Hello everyone,

Attached are the following documents for the water meeting scheduled for Monday January 14 at 6:00.

Agenda  
2018 Meeting Minutes  
2018 Water Master Report

Please let me know if you have any questions, thanks.

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Paula Riggs  
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