

State of Idaho **DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

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BRAD LITTLE Governor

July 8, 2021

GARY SPACKMAN Director

RE: Notice of Order Staying Curtailment of Ground Water Rights within the **Bellevue Triangle – Basin 37 Administrative Proceeding**

Dear Water Right Holder,

You are receiving this letter because, according to the records of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department"), you are the holder of one or more ground water rights in the Bellevue Triangle who received a curtailment order issued by the Director of the Department on June 28, 2021.

Enclosed with this letter is a Final Order Approving Mitigation Plan and Staying Curtailment in the Basin 37 Administrative Proceeding signed by the Director on July 8, 2021 ("Final Order"). This Final Order approves an amended mitigation plan submitted by the Galena and South Valley Ground Water Districts ("Districts") and stays curtailment of ground water rights in the Bellevue Triangle for the 2021 irrigation season, contingent upon the Districts' implementation and compliance with the mitigation plan. The mitigation plan is summarized in the Settlement Document signed by the Districts, the Big and Little Wood Water Users Association and the Big Wood Canal Company, which is attached to the Final Order. This means that the holders of ground water rights in the Bellevue Triangle may resume ground water pumping immediately, effective July 8, 2021. However, if the terms of the Settlement Agreement are not met, then the Water District 37 watermaster shall curtail ground water rights in the Bellevue Triangle.

Information regarding the ongoing status of this matter may be found at: https://idwr.idaho.gov/legal-actions/administrative-actions/basin-37.html . If you have questions concerning this notice, please contact the Department's State Office in Boise at 208-287-4800, or the Water District 37 watermaster at 208-886-2451.

Respectfully,

Gary Spackman, Director