

Water District 130

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - February 7, 2023

Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Magic Valley Regional Office – Sublett Conference Room

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves around the room and roll call of the Advisory Committee was completed.

Attendance: Brian Ragan, Joey Wallace, David Betts, Corey King, Rob Whitney, Justin Temple, Bart Webster, Benton Palmer, Jim Redmond, Tom Van Tassel, Rigo Juarez, Dean Stevenson, Lynn Carlquist, Linda Lemmon

Jim Redmond moved that Dean Stevenson serve as WD-130 Advisory Committee meeting chairman, Justin Temple seconded the motion, motion passed.

Justin Temple moved that Meribeth Lomkin serve as WD-130 Advisory Committee meeting secretary, Lynn Carlquist seconded the motion, motion passed.

Jim Redmond moved to approve the 2022 minutes as amended (Correct mis-spelled name). Justin Temple seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Water District Operations - Watermaster Report:

Update: Brian Ragan is the new watermaster (since March 2022) and will provide the District water update here, with more detail in the WD-130 annual meeting.

2022 Curtailments:

3 in season injury and 1 carryover injury were filed.

2 curtailed

24 investigated – but nothing to curtail

11 un-used wells

Fall 2022 reading event included 1700 devices.

Of the meters – 148 had some deficiency – 8.7% of the total – this is a typical percentage. Best advice for irrigators – keep an eye on your meters – if it doesn't look right, fix it or contact IDWR for assistance.

200+ use power consumption co-efficient as the metering method, this is allowed on simple irrigation systems (ex: 1 well and 1 pump).

Reason for deficiencies:

46 – dead batteries – a chronic problem

13 – broken meters

28 – no power to meter

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Question: What percentage of wells does IDWR visit each year?

Answer: All of those not associated with ground water districts. Ground Water Well Consultants does the monitoring for wells associated with a ground water district, and IDWR does QA/QC on the work completed under that contract.
IDWR is preparing mailings now to notify water users about meter maintenance needed.

Spring Flow Data:

Brian showed data through early 2023 for spring flows in the Kimberly to King Hill Reach.

Snowpack/Forecast:

Brian showed the mountain snow water equivalent information/ NRCS Snowtel maps.

ESPA Recharge Summary:

84,613 acre feet recharged (Provisional amount – not final data) between 10/15/22 and 2/1/23.

Review Financial Report:

See handout for details – Fiscal year is March 1 through February 28.

Discussion on assessment rate: WD-130 has a comfortable cushion in \$31,000. Don't anticipate change needed for 2023. May have higher costs in 2024 due to IDWR wage increase.

Review/Endorse Proposed Budget:

See proposed budget handout.

Question: Is \$40 enough to cover the cost to monitor non-reporting points of diversion?

Answer: Yes.

2022 Assessment Collection Summary:

Not Paid:

Water Use Type:	Number of those not paid that are repeat offenders:
Small users: 12	5
Reporters: 4	2
\$1,063.30 (1.6%)	\$718.30

Assessments not paid often related to ownership change or land subdivisions. A huge related problem is landowners not transferring their water right when property changes hands. This is not required by state law, therefore, IDWR ends up "chasing" payments for those water rights.

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Proposed apportionment for 2023:

1 change to note: WD-130 – Small users (2022 = 111, 2023 = 53)

This change is because some received a curtail notice and joined the ground water district, some have been determined to be non-consumptive users.

Per the Advisory Committee's request from 2022, there are three years of cost apportionment data (2021-2023) in the packet. Number fluctuate each year based upon water usage.

Dean spoke for the group that the Water District is happy with the way things are going in the cooperation between IDWR and the Water District, and with the financials.

Jim Redmond moved to approve the budget as presented. Justin Temple seconded the motion, motion passed.

Resolutions:

The group reviewed the resolutions – expected changes include updating dates and names (Water Master, Treasurer, Advisory Committee Chair), budget amounts and reviewing minimum charge.

Justin Temple moved to approve the resolutions. Benton Palmer seconded the motion, motion passed.

Benton Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Meribeth Lomkin,
Secretary

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