

**Water District No. 140
Oakley Valley Area
2024 Resolutions**

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The water users of Water District No. 140, meeting at an annual district meeting on February 1, 2024 at the City of Burley Offices located at 1401 Overland Avenue in Burley, Idaho, HEREBY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

1. The watermaster shall perform the duties as required by Chapter 6, Title 42, Idaho Code and in accordance with the following:
 - a. The duties described in the Final Order Creating Water District No. 140 signed by the Director of IDWR, December 28, 2006, including:
 - 1) Assure that water uses are in compliance with Idaho water law;
 - 2) Administer and enforce water rights in order of priority, and curtail out-of-priority diversions under ground water rights in Water District No. 140 determined by the Director to be causing injury to senior priority water rights if not covered by a stipulated agreement or a mitigation plan approved by the Director;
 - 3) Measure, record and report flows under the water rights and diversions in the district, in accordance with requirements established by IDWR.
 - 4) Curtail unauthorized or excessive diversions (i.e., any diversion without a water right or in excess of the elements or conditions of a water right);
 - 5) Enforce the provisions of any stipulated agreements or mitigation plans approved by the Director and applicable in Water District No. 140.
 - b. Work with sub-district watermasters and advisory committees to assure that the duties described above in item 1a. are carried out in local sub-districts.
 - c. Direction and guidance provided by the Director of IDWR, including but not limited to, general guidelines as provided in the IDWR Watermaster Handbook.
 - d. The annual water district resolutions as adopted herein.
2. That Water Well Consultants, Inc. (WWC) elected to provide the watermaster services for Water District No. 140 and that the Director appoint Jaxon Higgs or other employees of WWC as may be necessary, to serve as the watermaster for the ensuing year.
3. As provided in Idaho Code 42-608(4), the watermaster's term of service shall begin upon annual meeting election and continue until the next annual meeting or until a successor may be appointed.
4. The water users of Water District No. 140 hereby empower the duly elected Chairperson of the Water District No. 140 Advisory Committee created herein to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Water District No. 140 and WWC (Jaxon Higgs) that will provide the following:
 - a. Water District 140 will assume full responsibility for all expenses of the district incurred following the 2023 water district annual meeting. WWC will provide full-time or part-time employees as necessary for watermaster duties during the dates of service as identified in Resolution #3, and pursuant to the adopted budget.

- b. WWC (Jaxon Higgs) may appoint other employees as necessary to perform measurement and reporting of diversions within the water district that are not within a sub-district and/or heretofore have not measured or reported flows. Such employees will work directly under the supervision of the watermaster.
 - c. The water master shall maintain an office for the ensuing year at 355 West 500 South, Burley, ID.
- 5. Water users in Water District 140 who are not reporting annual diversions to one of the sub-districts created herein shall report diversions directly to the watermaster of Water District 140. *Measuring and reporting charges paid either to a subdistrict or directly to Water District 140 will not be used to determine voting shares.*
- 6. The itemized budget for Water District 140 for the fiscal year 2024 beginning March 1, 2024 and ending on February 28, 2025, be as follows: Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,500) for legal and accounting fees, Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$220) for Idaho Water User's membership dues, One Thousand dollars (\$1,000) for travel expenses and conference registration fees associated with Idaho Water User's meetings, Twenty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$29,250) for Watermaster Duties, and Fifty-Three Thousand Forty Dollars (\$53,040) for measuring and reporting of diversions that are required to be measured and reported pursuant to an order of the Director of IDWR and that are not reporting to a sub-district.
- 7. Ty Beck be elected Water District 140 treasurer. The duties of the treasurer will be to approve expenses and disburse Water District funds, and to prepare or review a written statement of financial affairs of the district at the end of each fiscal year, in accordance with Idaho Code Section 42-619, and to authorize a periodic formal review of the financial affairs of the district as is determined necessary.
- 8. In accordance with Idaho Code § 42-618, the Watermaster of Water District 140 is hereby authorized to collect the assessments of the Water District directly from the water users or from the subdistricts. The Watermaster will make an assessment to each individual water user, or, in aggregate to each subdistrict, in pro-rata amounts as determined by the budget which is formally adopted at the annual meeting. All funds shall be deposited in a separate bank account maintained by the Water District.
- 9. Given that the water district cost for administering water for many water users is greater than their normal assessments would be based upon their total annual use of water, it is resolved that the watermaster of Water District 140 is authorized to assess a \$25 minimum charge for watermaster services for water users within his or her jurisdiction.
- 10. The watermaster shall prepare assessments for the 2024 budget after the water users present at the 2024 annual meeting have formally adopted the budget. The advisory committee recommends that the 2024 assessments be due to Water District 140 on or before April 15, 2024 so that there will be sufficient funds early enough in the year to accommodate the expenses of the water district.
- 11. All payments for assessments not received by May 1, 2024 shall accrue penalties in the amount of 10% of the charge plus interest in the amount of 1% per month, with a minimum of \$20, as provided pursuant to Idaho Code Section 42-617.

12. It is resolved that the Watermaster is authorized pursuant to Idaho Code Section 42-618, to withhold or suspend deliveries of water to any water user who has not paid their assessment charges by January 1 of the year following the billing date.
13. An advisory committee shall be elected to provide input to the watermaster and the Director of IDWR. The number and composition of the advisory committee for the ensuing year shall total 12 seats as follows:
 - 3 members of the Southwest Irrigation District;
 - 2 members of the Goose Creek Irrigation District;
 - 2 members of the Magic Valley Ground Water District ;
 - 3 non-irrigation ground water users (1 from municipal, 1 from industrial, 1 from dairies);
 - 2 Basin 45 ground water irrigators not in Southwest or Goose Creek Irrigation Districts or Magic Valley Ground Water District.

Each group represented may also select an alternate for each seat. Candidates will be voted on at caucus during the annual meeting. The advisory committee will meet as often as needed to address the structure, governance and operation of the district. Decisions or recommendations of the advisory committee must be made with at least 50% of advisory members present in favor

14. The Water District No. 140 annual meeting shall hereafter be held on the first Thursday of February of each year unless the Director of IDWR should find it necessary to change the meeting date or unless changed by future resolution of the District at any annual meeting. An agenda for the annual meeting shall be prepared 14 days prior to the annual meeting by the advisory committee and posted to the IDWR water district web site. Copies shall be mailed to all advisory committee members.
15. Copies of the Minutes of the annual meeting, all approved resolutions, and any report prepared in accordance with Idaho Code 42-615, shall be filed with the Director of the IDWR in accordance with Idaho Code 42-617.
16. The watermaster shall be responsible for submitting to IDWR annual reports showing water use and such other information that may be deemed necessary by the Director of IDWR in accordance with Idaho Code 42-606, 42-708, and 42-709.
17. The Water District No. 140 watermaster and any watermaster assistants are authorized as appointed agents of IDWR under Idaho Code 42-1701(5) to make reasonable entry on lands within the District, in accordance with IDWR policy, to carry out their duties as instructed by IDWR. These duties include but are not limited to:
 - a. Monitoring diversion and measuring rate and volume of water diverted from surface and ground water and other public water sources.
 - b. Measuring the depth to water in wells.
 - c. Monitoring the place, period, and nature of use of water to identify unauthorized diversion and use of water and report to IDWR.
18. The Advisory Committee shall make available any proposed resolutions or budget at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual meeting. This shall not preclude any water right owner from proposing any new resolution or proposing changes to resolutions at any annual meeting.

19. Water District 140 includes one or more water districts, ground water districts, irrigation districts, municipalities, or other geographical areas where the source of water or nature of water use is common among water right owners and users. Since water districts and irrigation districts may already be measuring and reporting diversions on their own, and in order to promote efficiency in the administration of water rights and water management, the Director of IDWR, working with the members of the water district through an advisory or steering committee, may provide for sub-districts as he finds appropriate. The director therefore recognizes and provides the following sub-districts:
- Magic Valley Ground Water District (B45 portion)
 - Southwest Irrigation District
 - Goose Creek Irrigation District
 - City of Burley
21. In order to provide greater representation for ground water users in the district, Water District 140 will participate in Idaho Water Users Association and provide budgeted funds for annual membership dues and travel funds for one (1) representative to attend the Idaho Water User's annual convention and other associated meetings.