

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

WATER SUPPLY BANK RENTAL AGREEMENT No. 924

This is to certify that:

SHEEP MEADOW LLC
C/O MICHAEL JOHN, MANAGER
7510 N EUCALYPTUS DR
PARADISE VLY, AZ 85253-3319

filed an application to rent water from the Water Supply Bank ("Bank"). The Idaho Water Resource Board ("Board"), being authorized to operate a Bank and to contract by and through the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Director, Department") for rental of water from the Bank, agrees to rent water as follows:

Summary of Water Rights or Portions Rented from the Bank

Water Right No.	Priority Date	Source	Diversion Rate (CFS)	Diversion Volume (AF)	Acres (AC)	Rate Per Acre (CFS/AC)	Volume Per Acre (AF/AC)
37-20900	1/6/1975	GROUND WATER	0.01	3.1	0.9	0.01	3.4
Rental Totals			0.01	3.1	0.9	0.01	3.4

Term of Rental: This rental agreement shall take effect when all parties have signed it and shall continue in effect until December 31, 2028. Use of rental water shall be authorized as of either the date this rental agreement takes effect or the first day of the rental season of use, in 2025, whichever occurs last.

Annual Rental Fee:

2025 - 2028: \$102.30 annually

The full fee for the rental of the above-described right(s) is \$102.30 per year for years 2025 - 2028. The rental fee includes an administrative fee of \$10.23 per year for years 2025 - 2028.

An annual payment shall be received by the Department on or before December 31 each year preceding the use of the rented water rights. The agreement will be void if payment is not received by the due date in a given year. Rental fees are non-refundable. To voluntarily terminate the agreement early, notify the Department in writing prior to the rental fee due date.

Detailed water right conditions are attached.

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The undersigned renter agrees to use the water rented under this agreement in accordance with the Water Supply Bank rules and in compliance with the limitations and conditions of use described in this agreement:



Signature of Renter

4/8/25

Date

MICHAEL JOHN

Printed Name

MANAGER SHEEPWATER LLC

Title

*Title required if signing on behalf of a company or organization or with power of attorney

Having determined that this agreement satisfied the provisions of Idaho Code § 42-1763 and IDAPA 37.02.03.030 (Water Supply Bank Rule 30), for the rental and use of water under the terms and condition herein provided, and none other, I hereby execute this Rental Agreement on behalf of the Idaho Water Resource Board.

By 

BRIAN PATTON, Executive Manager
Idaho Water Resource Board

Date 4/16/25

Rental approved by IDWR 

Date 4/16/25

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WATER USE DETAILS

LOCATION OF POINT(S) OF DIVERSION

GROUND WATER NWNE Sec. 12, Twp 04N, Rge 17E, BLAINE County

BENEFICIAL USE

IRRIGATION

DIVERSION RATE

0.01 CFS

VOLUME

3.10 AF

SEASON OF USE

Water Right No.	From	To
37-20900	3/15	11/15

RENTERS PLACE OF USE: IRRIGATION

Twp	Rng	Sec	NE				NW				SW				SE				Totals
			NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	
04N	17E	12		0.8	0.1														0.9

Total Acres: 0.9

RENTAL AGREEMENT CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

1. The use of water under this agreement shall be subject to the provisions of Idaho Code § 42-1766.
2. Rental of the specified right from the bank does not, in itself, confirm the validity of the right or any elements of the water right, or improve the status of the right including the notion of resumption of use. It does not preclude the opportunity for review of the validity of this water right in any other department application process.
3. Use of water under this agreement does not constitute a dedication of the water to renter's place of use, and upon expiration of this agreement, the points of diversion and place of use of the water shall revert to those authorized under the water right and/or again be available to rent from the bank.
4. Use of water under this agreement shall not prejudice any action of the Department in its consideration of an application for transfer or permit filed by the applicant for this same use.
5. Renter agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws while using water under this agreement.
6. Renter agrees to hold the Board, the Director and the state of Idaho harmless from all liability on account of negligent acts of the renter while using water.
7. Renter acknowledges and agrees that the Director may terminate authorization for the use of a water right based on a water right's priority date.
8. Failure of the renter to comply with the conditions of this agreement is cause for the Director to rescind approval of the rental agreement.
9. Use of water under this right may be regulated by a watermaster with responsibility for the distribution of water among appropriators within a water district. At the time of this approval, this water right is within State Water District No. 37.
10. After specific notification by the Department, the right holder shall install a suitable measuring device or shall enter into an agreement with the Department to use power records to determine the amount of water diverted and shall annually report the information to the Department.
11. This rental shall be subordinate to the Big Wood River minimum streamflow water rights 37-7919 & 37-8307 and diversions are only authorized when flow exceed 189 cfs as measure at the USGS Stream Gage 13139510 in Hailey, ID.

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12. This rental agreement does not authorize the construction of a well.
13. This right when combined with all other rights shall provide no more than 0.03 cfs nor more than 3.1 afa at the field headgate for irrigation of the place of use.
14. Prior to December 31 of each year, the Board may review this rental agreement to determine whether it is consistent with the management plan that may be approved for the Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area (BWRGWMA). The Board may cancel this rental agreement if the Board determines it is not consistent with the BWRGWMA plan. If this rental agreement is canceled, the cancellation shall not take effect until December 31 of the year in which the rental agreement is canceled.

Idaho Water Resource Board

Attachment to Water Supply Bank Rental Agreement No. 924

Effective until December 31, 2028

This map depicts the **rental place of use** pursuant to the rental agreement and is attached to the agreement solely for illustrative purposes.



Legend

- Water Supply Bank Rental POD
- Water Supply Bank Rental POU
- Township/Range
- Sections
- QQ



0 230 460 Feet

**STATE OF IDAHO
WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

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Oct 21, 2024

DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

**APPLICATION TO RENT WATER
FROM THE BOARD'S WATER SUPPLY BANK**

Applicant Name: Sheep Meadow, LLC

Is this application being submitted with a lease application as a lease/rental package?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, specify companion water rights in Section 4

This application must be completed according to the minimum requirement checklist below. This checklist is part of the rental application and must be included with the rental application. Applications that do not meet the minimum requirements will not be placed in the processing queue and may be returned until all minimum requirements have been met.

Rental applications should be submitted well in advance of the desired start date for the use of rental water. Rental applications may be processed as early as November 1 of the year prior to the intended use of rental water. Any rental application received on or before November 1 for use in the next year will be assigned a received date of November 1. Rental applications submitted more than one year in advance of the proposed start date for the use of rental water will not be accepted and will be returned to applicants. Rental applications may be returned to applicants if the desired start date for the use of rental water cannot be accommodated by the Water Supply Bank. Rental requests will not be accepted once the rental season of use period has concluded.

One rental application per beneficial use of water. For multiple beneficial uses of water, separate rental requests should be submitted for each unique beneficial use of water. One rental application can be submitted if you propose to rent water from multiple sources.

For additional instructions on completing a rental application, visit the Bank's website at http://idwr.idaho.gov/water_supply_bank.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

Check All Items as Either Attached (Yes) or Not Applicable (N/A)

Yes

- ☒ Completed *Application to Rent Water from the Board's Water Supply Bank*
- ☒ Confirmation that this form has been printed single sided, per requirement of the Water Supply Bank

Attachment N/A Yes

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|----|-------------------------------------|--|
| 2 | ☒ | A map showing the proposed point(s) of diversion, place(s) of use, and water diversion and distribution systems proposed to be used with your rental request |
| 3A | ☐ | ☒ Detailed information on a proposed use of rental water |
| 3F | ☒ | ☐ Authorization from the owner/operator of the rental point(s) of diversion |
| 3H | ☒ | ☐ Water modeling to account for the impacts of the rental request |
| 3J | ☒ | ☐ Documents justifying a rate of flow greater than 0.02 cfs/acre |
| 3K | ☒ | ☐ Authorization from the owner/operator of the property at the proposed rental place(s) of use |
| 4B | ☐ | ☒ Explanation of how the rental water will sufficiently accomplish your rental purposes |
| 4C | ☒ | ☐ Explanation of consumptive use amounts for water rights experiencing a change in nature of use |

Department Use Only – Proposed Water Right(s)

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**STATE OF IDAHO
WATER RESOURCE BOARD**

Application to Rent Water (Continued)

1. CONTACT INFORMATION

A. Applicant Sheep Meadow, LLC

Mailing Address c/o Michael John, Manager 7510 North Eucalyptus Drive Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

Street City State Zip Code
Email Address MJohn@mjjcapitalmgt.com Phone Number 415-264-6933

B. Is this application being completed by an authorized representative on behalf of the applicant? Yes ☒ No ☐
If yes, representatives (includes company employees if the applicant is a corporation, as well as legal counsel or consultants) should provide their information below if they desire to be included on correspondence with the rental applicant.

Representative David R. Tuthill, Jr. Professional Title Ph.D, P.E.

Organization Idaho Water Engineering Relationship to Applicant Consultant

Mailing Address 2918 N El Rancho Pl, Boise, ID 83704

Email Address dave@idahowaterengineering.com Phone Number 208-378-1513

2. MAP

Create a map of the proposed point(s) of diversion, place(s) of use and water diversion, delivery and distribution systems. Make sure the rental place of use is outlined and annotated with legal land descriptions (Township, Range, Section and Quarter-Quarters) or with GPS coordinates. For irrigation purposes, mark the number of acres you desire to irrigate. Attach the map to this application and label it **Attachment 2**.

3. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED USE FOR RENTAL WATER

A. Describe why you desire to rent water and provide a detailed description of your proposed use. If the proposed use is not for irrigation, describe in detail how you determined the amount of rental water required. If the space below is insufficient, attach additional sheets as required and label them **Attachment 3A**:

Irrigation of 0.86 acres of landscaping.

B. Enter the desired and/or minimum rates of flow, volume, or irrigable acres requested for your rental purposes:

Desired Rate (Cubic Feet/Second)	Desired Volume (Acre-Foot)	Minimum Rate* (Cubic Feet/Second)	Minimum Volume* (Acre-Foot)	Desired Acres (if applicable)
0.02 CFS	3.01 AF	0.02 CFS	3.01 AF	0.86 AC

* Sometimes water rights provide an exceptionally low rate per acre and/or low volume per acre. This section is meant to establish an acceptable range of water sufficient for your proposed water use. Please see question 4B and complete if necessary.

C. This section must be completed in full. Enter the proposed start date and latest possible start date for using rental water as well as the number of years you would like to rent water. The latest possible start is the latest possible date by which you would be willing to pay for a rental and be able to benefit from utilizing rental water.

Desired Start Date (month/day/year)	Latest Possible Start Date (month/day/year)	*Mark Desired Rental Duration (Calendar Years)					**Applicant's preference if rental application cannot be processed prior to the latest possible start?	
4/15/2025	5/1/2025	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☒ 5	☒ Process application as soon as possible	☐ Return application to applicant

* The number of years permissible for a rental is subject to the lease contract duration for the water right(s) being rented.

** Per Idaho Code 42-201, it is unlawful to divert or use water without a valid water right. Water Supply Bank rental applicants are not authorized to utilize rental water prior to the execution of an approved rental agreement. Rental requests may be returned to applicants if no water is available from the Bank to fulfill a rental request.

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- D. Describe your water distribution system and how rental water will be delivered from the point(s) of diversion (POD) to the proposed place of use (POU):
Household well in subdivision lot.

- E. Describe the physical type (pump, headgate, etc.) and location of the POD from which rental water is proposed to be diverted:

POD Description	Water Source	Other Water Rights Diverted from this POD
Household well	Groundwater	Domestic Exemption

If the POD(s) above are located where water is turned into a canal, lateral or ditch, or if they are located on your property but are serviced by water that is delivered via a canal, lateral or ditch, your rental request must include documented authorization from all relevant canal companies, irrigation districts and/or water delivery entities, confirming that they consent to your diversion of water from their system.

- F. Has documented consent from all relevant water delivery entities been obtained? Yes ☐ N/A ☒
If yes, include documented consent as Attachment 3F.

- G. Do any POD(s) identified in Question 3E divert from a water source that may require water modeling? Yes ☐ No ☒
Refer to the Water Modeling Requirements Information Sheet to determine if a rental POD may require water modeling.

- H. Has water modeling been provided with your rental request? Yes ☐ N/A ☒
If yes, label modeling Attachment 3 H.
Rental applications that require modeling will be returned if modeling is not provided.

- I. Specify the desired beneficial use of water and the requested season of use or number of acres required:

- ☒ Irrigation 0.86 (number of acres) Duration: Subject to IDWR standard seasons of use
☐ Commercial from: (mm/dd) to: (mm/dd)
☐ Stockwater from: (mm/dd) to: (mm/dd)
☐ Industrial from: (mm/dd) to: (mm/dd)
☐ Other: from: (mm/dd) to: (mm/dd)

- J. For irrigation uses, do you propose to divert water at a rate greater than 0.02 cfs/acre? N/A ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, justify the rate of flow and attach any supporting documents as Attachment 3J. Justification may include information on soil composition, conveyance losses, crop type, irrigation systems, public access areas, etc. A rate of 0.03 cfs/acre is permissible for irrigation of 5 acres or less.

- K. Do you own the land at the proposed rental place of use (POU)? Yes ☒ No ☐
If no, attach documentation from the POU owner/operator confirming your authorization to use the POU and label it Attachment 3K.

- L. List all other water rights and sources of water at the rental place of use for the same purpose, including privately owned water rights and water received from a municipal supplier, an irrigation district, a canal company or any other water delivery entity. Explain why additional water is required:
Domestic exemption

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Application to Rent Water (Continued)

4. RENTAL REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC WATER RIGHTS

A. Are you requesting to rent specific water rights?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, specify below the elements of the water rights you are requesting to rent. If no, continue to Question 4B.

Important Information: Diversion rates and volumes sought for rent must be proportionate to the per acre diversion rates and per acre volume limits of the water right under lease contract to the Water Supply Bank. Prior to completing this section, applicants should review all water right lease contracts and any active rental agreements to determine which elements of a water right are available to satisfy a rental request. Lease and rental documents are searchable via [IDWR's website](#).

Water rights identified below must either already be leased to the Bank or a lease proposal should accompany this rental request. **Rental requests for water rights not yet leased to the Bank will be returned if companion lease applications are not provided with the rental request.** For leased rights featuring combined limits, rentals must be consistent with combined diversion rate, volume or acre limits. Combined limits should be listed on a row below water right numbers.

Water Right Elements Leased to Water Supply Bank					Leased totals, minus water right elements involved in active rental agreements, equals water right elements available for rent	Water Supply Bank Rental Request		
Water Right Number (leave blank if sub-total of combined limits)	Nature of Use	Diversion Rate (CFS)	Volume (AF)	Acres (AC)		Diversion Rate (CFS)	Volume (AF)	Acres (AC)
Applicants must ensure the requested rate per acre and volume per acre do not exceed the rate per acre and volume per acre limits of water rights leased to the Water Supply Bank					TOTAL			
						CFS	AF	AC

*Attach multiple copies of this page if space above is insufficient to list all water rights requested to be rented on this application.

B. If water right conditions, combined limits, or the sum of all water right elements being requested provide an unconventional duty of water (e.g., an unusually low rate per acre or volume per acre for irrigation use), explain how your proposed rental will sufficiently accomplish your intended purposes. Attach a separate page if space is insufficient and label it **Attachment 4B**:

NA

C. Does your rental request propose to change the nature of use for any water right(s) being rented?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, explain how the water right(s) will be converted to new uses. Include the historic, consumptive use amounts for the water right being rented if you have it, as well as the new consumptive use amount for your proposed beneficial use. If space below is insufficient, attach a separate page and label it **Attachment 4C**:

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5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- A. Is this the first time that rental water is being requested for this purpose at the rental place of use? Yes ☒ No ☐
If no, list previous rental requests/agreements and explain why you have not secured a permanent water right for your needs:

- B. Have you or do you intend to submit an application for permit or transfer proposing a similar use as this rental? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, describe:

- C. Was this rental application submitted in response to a Notice of Violation (NOV) or a pending NOV? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, describe the date and location of the NOV.

- D. Additional Information

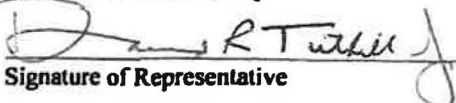
DECLARATION

I hereby assert that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any willful misrepresentations made in this application may result in rejection of the application or cancellation of an approval. I understand that if this rental application is approved, it will be subject to the provisions of Section 42-1766, Idaho Code and all applicable state and federal laws. I understand that the submission of a rental application provides no guarantee for approval of a rental agreement. I also understand that, per Idaho Code 42-201, it is unlawful to divert or use water without a valid water right and that I am not authorized to utilize water as proposed in this application prior to the execution of an approved rental agreement.


Signature of Applicant
MANAGER

Michael John, Manager
SHEEP MEADOW, LLC
Printed Name of Applicant

10/20/24
Date


Signature of Representative

David R. Tuthill, Jr.
Printed Name of Representative

10/20/24
Date

Mail to:

Idaho Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0098

Attachment to Application to Rent Water from the Board's Water Supply Bank

Item 3A. Detailed information on a proposed use of rental water.

The applicant desires to use this water on a 1.38 acre irrigation system associated with a household, with the water to be supplied by the well associated with the household. 0.5 acres will have the single household irrigation allocation – this rental is for the additional 0.86 acres.

Item 4B. Explanation of how the rental water will sufficiently accomplish your rental purposes.

Impacts to the water supply in the Wood River Basin will be mitigated by the rented water, on an acre for acre basis.



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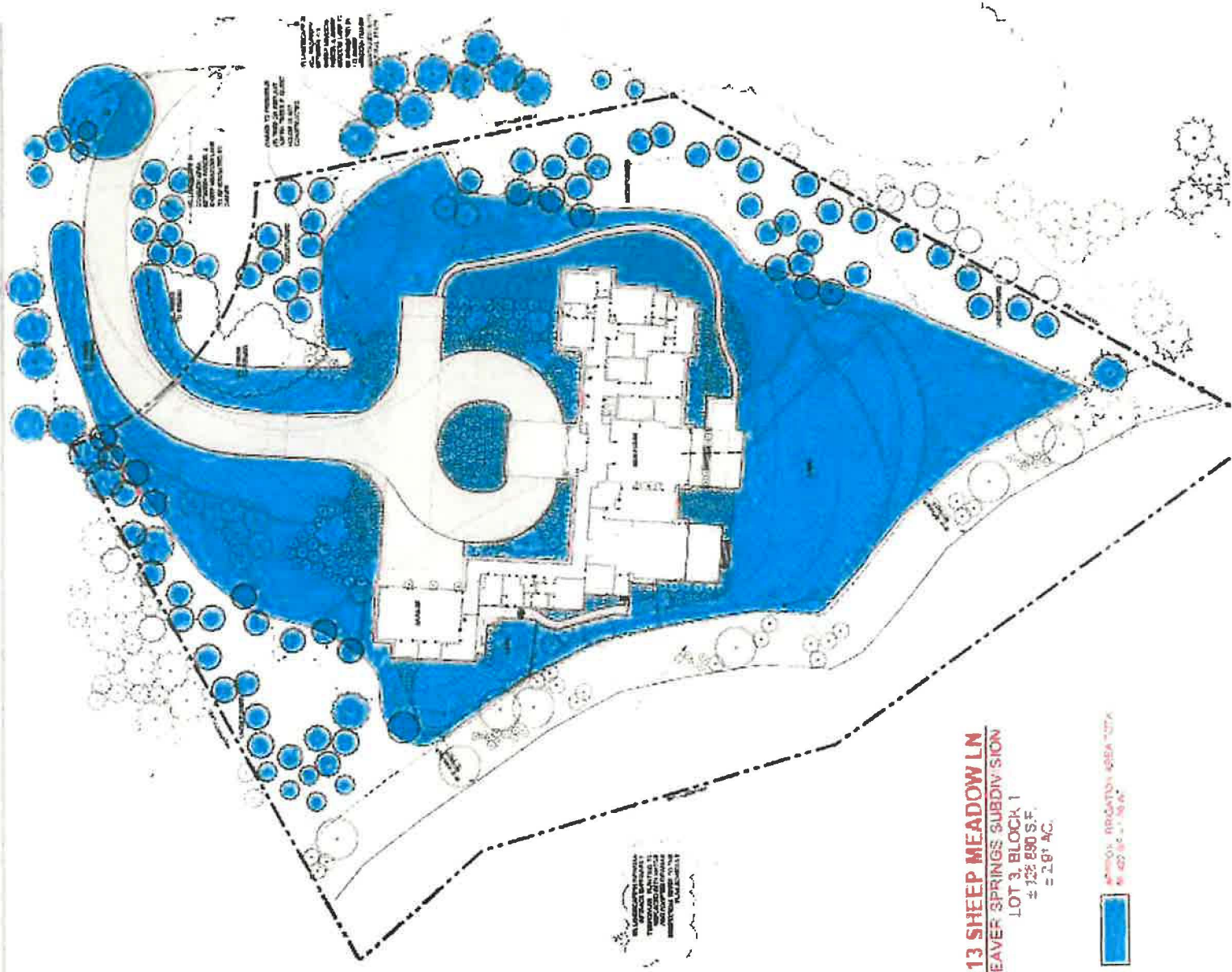
Place of Use

04N17E12SWNE

Beaver Springs Subdivision

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113 SHEEP MEADOW LN
BEAVER SPRINGS SUBDIVISION
 LOT 3, BLOCK 1
 ± 122,890 S.F.
 = 2.81 AC.

WATER OR IRRIGATION AREA
 422,890 S.F. = 9.67 AC

ALL DIMENSIONS SHOWN
 ARE APPROXIMATE.
 THE ACTUAL DIMENSIONS
 SHALL BE DETERMINED
 BY THE SURVEYOR'S
 FIELD MEASUREMENTS.

NOTE TO OWNER:
 THE SURVEYOR HAS
 CONDUCTED A VISUAL
 INSPECTION OF THE
 SITE AND HAS FOUND
 NO EVIDENCE OF
 ANY OTHER
 SURVEYING MARKS
 OR MONUMENTS
 EXCEPT THOSE
 SHOWN ON THIS
 PLAN.



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Governor Brad Little

Director Mathew Weaver

April 29, 2025

SHEEP MEADOW LLC
C/O MICHAEL JOHN MANAGER
7510 N EUCALYPTUS DR
PARADISE VLY, AZ 85253-3319

**RE: RENTAL OF WATER FROM THE WATER SUPPLY BANK
WATER RIGHT NO(S). 34-20900, AGREEMENT 924**

Dear Renter:

Please find enclosed a receipt in the amount of **\$102.30** and a copy of a fully executed Water Supply Bank Rental Agreement in connection with the rental of 3.1 acre-feet of water for irrigation of 0.9 acres during 2025. Upon receipt of this fully executed agreement, you are authorized to divert water in compliance with the conditions of water use described in the agreement.

Pursuant to the Water Supply Bank Rules, 90% or \$92.07 of the rental fee will be paid to the lessor(s) and 10% or \$10.23 will be retained by the Department to offset administrative costs.

The annual rental fee for 2026 is due by December 31, 2025. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact this office at bank@idwr.idaho.gov or 208-287-4800.

Sincerely,

Debr Mansfield

for
Water Supply Bank

Enclosures: Receipt No. C120823
Rental Agreement (copy)

c: Sascha Marston – Fiscal
IDWR Southern Regional Office
Representative
Water District 37
Galena Ground Water District

Mansfield, Debra

From: Mansfield, Debra
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 1:54 PM
To: watermanager; Skinner, Corey; IdwrPayable; galenagwd@gmail.com; dave@idahowaterengineering.com
Cc: Bank
Subject: Executed WSB Rental Agreement 924
Attachments: Executed WSB Rental Agreement 924 Sheep Meadow LLC 2025-2028.pdf

Hello,

Please see the attached copy of WSB Rental agreement 924, in the name of Sheep Meadow LLC, for your records.

Thank you,

Debra Mansfield | Technical Records Specialist 1
IDWR – State Office
322 E Front St, Boise ID 83702-7371
(208) 287-4921 | Debra.Mansfield@idwr.idaho.gov

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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

Hi Aaron

Thank you so much for your assistance on our application!

I have enclosed the signed Agreement and enclosed the check.

Please be sure to let me know if there is anything else you might need from me.

My cell # is 415 264-6933.

All the best

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael John', written over a horizontal line.

Michael John



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April 3, 2025

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**RE: APPLICATION TO RENT WATER FROM THE WATER SUPPLY BANK
WATER RIGHT NO(S). 37-20900, AGREEMENT 924**

*****TIME SENSITIVE RESPONSE REQUIRED*****

Dear Applicant:

The Department of Water Resources acknowledges receipt of your application to rent water from the Water Supply Bank. **I have enclosed a Water Supply Bank Rental Agreement for your review and signature.** Upon signature and return of the original agreement, together with the rental fee described below, the Department will also sign the original agreement and return an executed copy to you. Execution of the agreement and compliance with the conditions of approval authorize diversion and use of water as provided in the agreement.

A rental fee of \$102.30 per year was calculated based on the current rental rate of \$33.00 per acre-foot times a diversion volume of 3.1 acre-feet.

Please send a check for \$102.30 for 2025 made payable to the Idaho Department of Water Resources, **together with the signed rental agreement, within 14 days** so I can complete processing. An annual payment shall be received by the Department prior to the execution of this agreement and prior to January 1 in all subsequent years for the duration of the rental period. The agreement will be void if payment is not received prior to the due date in a given year. If you would like to terminate the agreement prior to the end of the rental period, you must submit written notice of your intent to the Department at least 30 days prior to the rental fee due date.

Pursuant to the Water Supply Bank Rules, 90% or \$92.07 of the rental fee will be paid to the lessor(s) and 10% or \$10.23 will be retained by the Department to offset administrative costs for **2025**.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at bank@idwr.idaho.gov or (208) 287-4800.

Sincerely,

Aaron Olson

for
Water Supply Bank

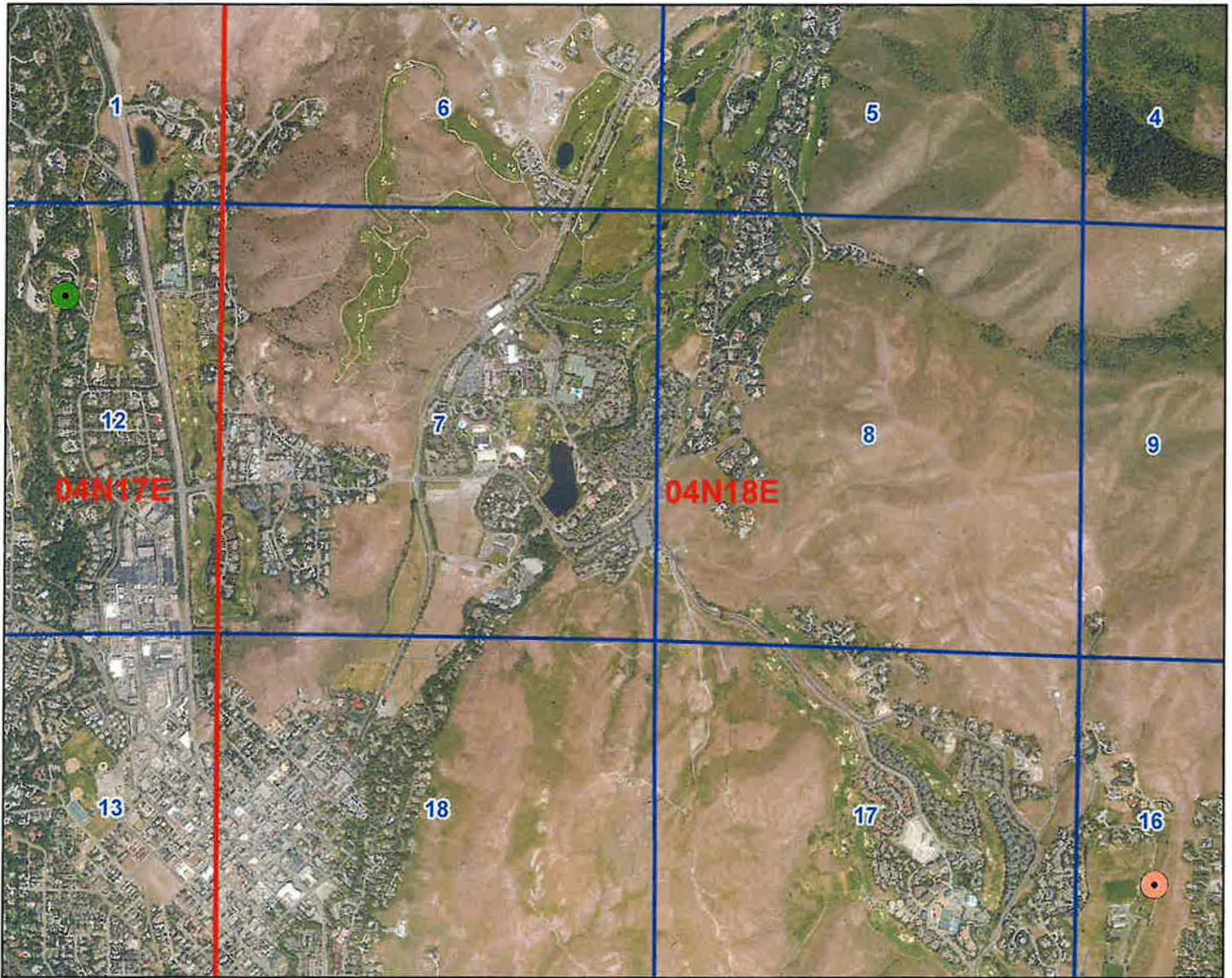
Enclosure: Rental Agreement

c: IDWR Front Desk, David Tuthill

Idaho Water Resource Board

WSB Move Map - Rental Application 3078

37-20900
2025-2028



- Active Lease POD
- Proposed Rental POD
- Township/Range
- Sections
- QQ



0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Miles

MEMORANDUM FOR AGREEMENT # 924

To: Water Right 37-20900

From: Aaron Olson

Date: 3/6/2025

Re: Review & Analysis of Application to Rent Water from the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: The Water Supply Bank (WSB) received rental application 3078 on October 21, 2024, on behalf of Sheep Meadow LLC. The application did not identify specific water rights and requests 0.86 acres of irrigation for 5 years. Review staff identified water right 37-20900 leased under contract 1857 to satisfy the rental for 4 years through 2028. This application is similar to previous agreement no. 520 which was set to expire at the end of 2025. The property was sold to new owners (applicant of this application) and the previous owners could not be contacted. The new applicant is requesting to rent water to irrigate a different number of acres than previous agreement no. 520 so the agreement has been cancelled.

The proposed point of diversion and place of use are within the Snake River Basin Moratorium Area, Galena Ground Water District, Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area, and the Trust Area.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The application was signed by Michael John and representative David Tuthill Jr. Michael is listed on Idaho Secretary of State business search website as a registered agent of Sheep Meadow LLC and therefore has authority to sign on behalf of the LLC. Blaine County parcel data shows that the applicant is the current owner of the proposed place of use and point of diversion and has authority to file the application.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: Water right 37-20900 was decreed in 2010. The right has been leased into the WSB from 2012-2022 and again from 2024-2028. Review of aerial photography shows evidence that the lessor has complied with the lease contracts while the right has been in the bank. There are no concerns of validity.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: The proposed point of diversion is a well approximately 2.8 miles in distance from the lease point and there will be no change in source. The leased right and proposed rental are both within the boundary of the Big Wood River Ground Water Management Area and Water District 37. Use of the water under this agreement will be administered by the Watermaster of Water District 37. There are no concerns of injury.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: There are no additional water rights for irrigation use overlapping the proposed place of use or point of diversion. The proposed point of diversion is a well that was drilled for domestic use and there are no other uses from the well. The application requests 0.86 acres of irrigation, a rate of 0.02 cfs, and a volume of 3.01 af. Water right 37-20900 has a rate per acre of 0.0105 cfs and a volume per acre of 3.5 af. The proposed acres will need to be rounded to 0.9 acres. The representative for the applicant confirmed that the rate of 0.01 cfs per acre will be sufficient to satisfy the rental. A volume of 3.1 af of right 37-20900 will be rented ($0.9 \times 3.5 = 3.15$, rounded down to 3.1 per Water Supply Bank Processing Memo No. 4). There are no concerns of enlargement.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST: Review staff has no information to suggest this application is inconsistent with the local public interest.

BENEFICIAL USE/CONSERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES:

The rental appears consistent with the conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

The location of the rental point of diversion is subject to Water District 37 and the Southern Region. A request for comment was sent to the Southern Regional Manager, and Water District 37 Watermaster on March 7, 2025.

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