

# WATER DISTRICT BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 20 23

The budget when adopted shall be filed with the secretary of the meeting and the watermaster shall immediately prepare and file a certified copy of the budget, along with a copy of all resolutions adopted at the annual meeting with the Idaho Department of Water Resources. When a county or counties are designated to collect the funds for the water district, a certified copy of the budget and resolutions must additionally be filed with the designated county or counties. (§ 42-613, Idaho Code)

Water District No. 29-B

Water District Name (Stream/Source): Garden Creek

Watermaster: Cory Losee

Annual Meeting Secretary: Theron Toler, Outgoing

Annual Meeting Secretary Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Meeting Secretary Telephone/Email: Anna Capel, 208-221-9458  
gazecape62@outlook.com

Please check the appropriate box regarding the collection of water district funds.

☒ The water district collects its own funds.

☐ \_\_\_\_\_ County is designated to collect the water district funds.  
(County name)

☐ **A complete copy of adopted resolutions must be attached to this document. Highlight any resolutions that were added or changed. A copy of the adopted budget and resolutions must additionally be filed with the designated county or counties.**

As the appointed watermaster of water district no. 29-B, I HEREBY CERTIFY that the adopted budget, and the resolutions included in this submittal, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Cory Losee  
Watermaster printed name

Cory Losee 3-5-23  
Watermaster signature Date

## WATERMASTER'S PROPOSED BUDGET

Each watermaster shall, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual meeting of the water users of the water district, prepare a proposed budget for the upcoming year, together with a distribution of the pro rata amounts of the budget assessed to the respective water users or water delivery organizations using the actual volume of water delivered for the past season or seasons. **The proposed budget and distribution of pro rata assessments shall be presented to the water users for consideration and approval at the next annual meeting.** (§ 42-612, Idaho Code).

1. In the work space below, enter the past year or years watermaster salary, secretary and/or staff salaries, and expenses. Past season costs and expenses, or average past seasons' costs and expenses, may aid in determining next year's budget. A more detailed listing or itemization of expenses and salaries can be attached to this form.

### PAST YEAR OR YEARS ACTUAL EXPENSES

YEAR	WATERMASTER		ASSISTANT WATERMASTER, SECRETARY, STAFF, ETC.		OTHER EXPENSES		TOTAL COSTS
	<i>streams</i> DAYS	SALARY	DAYS	SALARY	ITEM	COST	
2020	115	805			Admin WC	325	1130
2021	33	231			Admin WC	325	556
2022	74	518			Admin WC	450	968

2. Complete the proposed budget section below for the upcoming year. Using the total water delivered from the watermaster report, calculate the the distribution of the proposed budget among water users, and complete the table on pages 3 and 4.

If this district uses a past-year average of deliveries for assessment purposes, please attach the record of past deliveries used to obtain average deliveries or complete the Delivery Averaging Worksheet on page 5.

## WATERMASTER'S PROPOSED BUDGET

Watermaster Salary..... *10 yr average of 117 streams x \$7* \$ 819

Assistant Watermaster Salary (if any).....\$ 0

Treasurer Salary .....\$ 0

Other Expenses..... *Worker Comp, admin* \$ 450

Total Expenses for 2023 .....\$ 1269

3. Once a final budget is adopted, complete the Adopted Budget section on page three and make any adjustments to the Distribution of Budget table.



# BUDGET ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WATER USERS

WATER DISTRICT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Watermaster Salary 10 yr average of 117 streams X \$17 \$ 819  
 Assistant Watermaster Salary (if any).....\$ 0  
 Treasurer Salary .....\$ 0  
 Other Expenses Workers Comp, admin \$ 450  
 Total Expenses for 20\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1269

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BUDGET AMONG USERS

INDIVIDUAL, DITCH OR CANAL COMPANY, ASSESSED	WATER RIGHT IDENT. NO.	ADDRESS	AMOUNT OF BUDGET	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
See attached notes and explanation			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	
			\$	

## Notes and Explanation:

District 29-B, Garden Creek, is a small district. Garden Creek is a natural flow creek as there is no storage facility, i.e., reservoir, associated with it. Therefore, users are subject to the availability of water as strictly determined by Mother Nature. Some years water is plentiful, other years, not so much. Irrigation year 2022 was below average. By the end of June Garden Creek had pretty much dried up.

Our system works on a stream per 24-hour a day basis. A user is given access to a stream, irregardless of the actual size or flow of that stream. The watermaster manages the available streams as users call for the water in an effort to maximize use of the available flow. In plentiful years there may be enough water early in the year to feed more than one stream. The watermaster makes that determination and makes those multiple streams available.

The watermaster is paid \$7 per stream per day to manage the available water. Users are charged \$8 per stream per day to cover the watermaster's wages and some extra for administrative and miscellaneous expenses. Every authorized user of the system, whether they use water or not, has been charged an annual fee of \$11 to pay for the mandated unemployment insurance. This was enough to cover the historical annual premium of \$300, however, beginning with the 2022 premium, the State Insurance Fund now charges \$400 per year. This will necessitate a revised billing arrangement. At the annual meeting, it was decided to raise the insurance assessment to \$25 per user. This is a substantial increase but it is meant to cover the shortfall created by those who do not pay their bill and the significant increase in the premium by the State Insurance Fund.

For irrigation year 2022 based on actual streams:

Revenues equal:	\$8 per stream per day x 74 streams = \$592
	\$11 x 17 users = \$187
Expenses equal:	\$7 per stream per day to the watermaster x 74 streams = \$518
	\$400 for annual insurance premium

For irrigation year 2023 based on a ten-year average estimate of streams:

Estimated revenues	\$8 per stream per day x estimated 117 streams = \$936
	\$25 x 17 users = \$425
Estimated expenses:	\$7 per stream day x estimated 117 streams = \$819
	\$400 for annual Worker's Comp Insurance
	\$50 miscellaneous admin

The collection of the revenues will be distributed among those users who actually call for and use the water. Hence, everybody only pays for what they actually use, except for the insurance assessment.