

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

**IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF
WATER TO WATER RIGHT NOS. 85-
15730 (ARD) AND 85-15851 (BOWEN)**

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

On July 25, 2025, David Ard and Mark (Jim) Bowen (“Petitioners”) submitted a *Petition for Delivery Call* with the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Department”), pursuant to Rule 30 of the Department’s Rules for Conjunctive Management of Surface and Ground Water Resources (IDAPA 37.03.11). On September 15, 2025, Department staff returned the original petition to the Petitioners because it was missing required information. On October 7, 2025, the Petitioners filed an amended *Petition for Delivery Call* (“*Petition*”) with the Department, naming the Lewiston Orchard Irrigation District as the sole respondent. On October 23, 2025, the Department issued an order appointing James Cefalo to serve as hearing officer in this matter.

The Department has scheduled this case for an informal settlement conference on **December 16, 2025**, beginning at **1:30 pm (MST)**. The applicant and protestant(s) must attend.

Please use the following numbers to participate via Webex. Participation options are detailed in a separate document included with this notice.

**Meeting number (access code): 2864 411 8885
Meeting password: 2025**

Agenda items for the informal settlement conference will include:

1. Review of the Petition
2. Additional informational needs,
3. Settlement options,
4. Need for additional informal proceedings or alternative dispute resolution options, and
5. Commencement of formal proceedings.

The Department encourages the parties to discuss and resolve the concerns before the informal settlement conference. If private discussions are not possible or do not resolve the concerns, the informal settlement conference provides another opportunity for the parties to meet before commencing a formal hearing. Parties often settle their differences at the informal settlement conference.

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The informal settlement conference will be conducted in a facility that satisfies the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate in, or understand the prehearing conference, please notify the Department at least ten (10) days prior to the conference. Inquiries about scheduling, hearing facilities, etc., should be directed to Christina Henman at 208-525-7161 or christina.henman@idwr.idaho.gov.

Dated this 12th day of November 2025



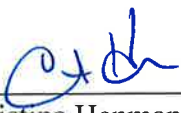
James Cefalo
Regional Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 12th day of November 2025, true and correct copies of the documents described below were served by the method indicated upon the following:

Documents Served: Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

DAVID R ARD 3627 23 RD ST LEWISTON, ID 83501 Daveard65@gmail.com <i>Petitioner</i>	☒ U.S. Mail, postage prepaid ☒ Email
MARK J BOWEN 2304 GRELLE AVE LEWISTON, ID 83501 mjimbowen@gmail.com <i>Petitioner</i>	☒ U.S. Mail, postage prepaid ☒ Email
LEWISTON ORCHARDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT FRANK MARESCA BARNEY METZ 1520 POWERS AVE LEWISTON, ID 83501 barneymetz@loid.net <i>Respondent</i>	☒ U.S. Mail, postage prepaid ☒ Email



Christina Henman
Administrative Assistant

TO USE WEBEX

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Meeting password: 2025

Using Your Computer:

- Calendar invitations were sent to email addresses provided. Simply click the link included to join the meeting and follow on-screen instructions.

Using the Mobile app:

- Download WebEx Meetings to your mobile device. (App is free.)
- Click Join Meeting.
- Enter Meeting Number, name, and email address.
- Click 'join'.
 - If you intend to share documents, maps, images, etc. please ensure that you have granted the WebEx app the appropriate permissions to access those documents before the meeting.

Using Your Telephone: (No video or internet required)

- Call 1-415-655-0001
- Follow Prompts

More options are included in the emailed link. If you have any questions, need a copy of the invitation sent to another email address, or otherwise need the link, feel free to contact Christina Henman at (208) 525-7161 or christina.henman@idwr.idaho.gov.