

**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
PREHEARING 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 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. An informal settlement conference was held on December 16, 2025.

The Department has scheduled this matter for a prehearing conference on **January 13, 2025**, beginning at **2:00 pm**.

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): 2861 148 1047
Meeting password: 2026**

The presiding officer will be James Cefalo.

Agenda items for the prehearing conference will include:

1. Identify spokesperson and/or counsel representing the applicant and protestant,
2. Identify concerns,
3. Discovery needs,
4. Designate date for identifying witnesses and exhibits,
5. Designate target date for conducting administrative hearing if resolution is not possible during the prehearing conference, and
6. Address other matters that may expedite orderly conduct and disposition of the proceeding.

It is important for all parties to give considerable thought to each of these matters before appearing at the prehearing conference.

The Department encourages the parties to discuss and resolve the concerns before the prehearing conference. If private discussions are not possible or do not resolve the concerns, the Department's Rules of Procedure provide for a prehearing conference to be held before scheduling a formal hearing.

The prehearing 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 hearing. Inquiries about scheduling, hearing facilities, etc., should be directed to Christina Henman at 208-525-7161.

Dated this 30th day of December 2025

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J Cefalo', written over a horizontal line.

James Cefalo
Eastern Regional Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 30th day of December 2025, true and correct copies of the documents described below were served by the method indicated upon the following:

Documents Served: Notice of Prehearing Conference

DAVID R ARD 3627 23 RD ST LEWISTON, ID 83501 Daveard65@gmail.com <i>Petitioner</i>	☒ U.S. Mail, postage prepaid ☒ Email
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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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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.