

Water District Budget

74G Sandy Creek

Fiscal Year 2026



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 Master: Curtis Fayle

Secretary: Kimberly McConnaghy

Secretary Address: 373 Sandy Creek Road Salmon, ID 83467

Secretary Phone: 208-303-4844

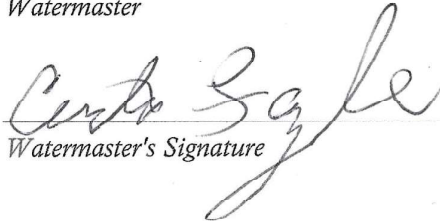
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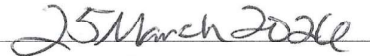
- The water district collects its own funds.
- Lemhi County is designated to collect the water district funds.
- A complete copy of adopted resolutions must be attached to this document. Highlight any resolutions that were added or changed. A copy of the adopted budget and resolutions must additionally be filed with the designated county or counties. ALL ARE NEWLY ADDED**

As the appointed watermaster of Water District 74G, I HEREBY CERTIFY that the adopted budget, and the resolutions included in this submittal, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Curtis Fayle

Watermaster


Watermaster's 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					
<u>Year</u>	<u>Watermaster Salary</u>	<u>Asst Watermaster Salary</u>	<u>Treasurer Salary</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>	<u>Total All</u>
2023	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$486.15	\$1,586.15
2024	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$486.15	\$1,586.15
2025	\$600.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$510.15	\$1,610.15

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		\$600.00
ASSISTANT WATERMASTER SALARY		\$200.00
SECRETARY/TREASURER SALARY		\$300.00
OTHER EXPENSES		\$560.15
TOTAL EXPENSES	2026	\$1,660.15

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

Water District 74G

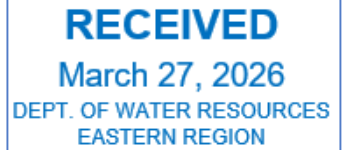
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Distribution of the Budget Among Water Users

BANK OF COMMERCE	74-15976	\$75.71
BART S & MINDY CROFOOT	74-1797B	\$30.00
BETTY W STOKES ESTATE	74-397	\$90.40
BRENT W MULKEY	74-192, 74-468, 74-2158, 74-16040, 74-16041	\$33.90
BRIAR ROSE RANCH LLC	74-1861	\$99.44
CLAYNE HANSON	74-854, 74-1797A, 74-2321, 74-7249, 74-15590	\$191.54
CURTIS R & SHANNON R FAYLE	74-205A, 74-205B, 74-371, 74-507A	\$56.50
DEE ANN CROFOOT	74-199, 74-202, 74-762, 74-763, 74-764, 74-765, 74-766, 74-16270	\$152.55
EMIL L & AUBREE B HERBST	74-389, 74-391	\$30.00
JAMES E DUNFORD	74-15551	\$30.00
KENNETH J & JERI J NUTT	74-14984	\$30.00
KENT A & KATHY A LOMONT	74-480A, 74-480B	\$30.00

PATRICK D MCCONNAGHY	74-2009A, 74-15975	\$61.02
PATRICK H & GLORIA BARRIS	74-507B, 74-16179, 74-16180, 74-16201, 74-16202, 74-16203	\$30.00
RICHARD M & HOLLY A NATELSON	74-14983, 74-15550	\$54.81
ROHN R & LORI A NELSON	74-1799B, 74-16686	\$30.00
SHAWN W & CHRIS C PAULSEN	74-2009B	\$30.00
STAN YOUNT & REGINA LEWIS GREENLEE	74-15238	\$30.00
TERRY A & JESSICA MCNELLIS	74-200, 74-203, 74-204, 74-408A, 74-408B, 74-409A, 74-409B, 74-430, 74-433	\$429.40
TIMOTHY BILL SUNDLES	74-480C, 74-481	\$153.68

Adopted Resolutions



General Information & History

Sandy Creek is one of the few streams in the Lemhi Valley that is not a live flow contributor to the Lemhi River. Sandy Creek is a disappearing stream that creates a boggy/marshy area in the Lemhi River floodplain.

It is remembered that John Snook created a channel across the Snook family lands to gather water for irrigation purposes. John was barred by E.M. Andrews from crossing his land with the channel, so he was unsuccessful in connecting the channel to the Lemhi River in the 17 Mile area. Said channel did give the seepage water a place to flow, so the water could be moved down the line from the marshy area and used for irrigation. At the channel's upper end, the largest seepage contributor is Sandy Creek therefore the channel was dubbed "Sandy Creek Slough".

The degree of separation between Sandy Creek and Sandy Creek Slough was recognized by 'Proposed Findings of Water Rights in the Lemhi River Basin' of Idaho Civil Case #4948 published December 1982. The Sandy Creek Slough rights contain the memo: This right is not to be filled at the expense of the existing decreed rights on Sandy Creek.

We, the historic Water District 74G, begrudgingly recognize that the Director of IDWR has the authority to modify water district boundaries (*Idaho Code 42-604*). And because oversight was desired by IDWR over the few Sandy Creek Slough water rights, Water District 74G boundaries were redefined to include Sandy Creek Slough in the IDWR order date 10 April 2018.

BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Water District 74G acknowledges the boundaries as defined in the IDWR order dated 10 April 2018.
2. Water District 74G shall administer all surface and groundwater rights within these boundaries as identified in the Director's order.
3. Water District 74G upholds that Sandy Creek & Sandy Creek Slough are separate entities gathered under a single umbrella. A degree of separation will be maintained so that if future circumstances permit a separation of the entities it can occur with little disruption.

- Water District 74G upholds that any water user may be eligible to hold office, however the nomination of a Sandy Creek person shall supersede that of an individual from Sandy Creek Slough.

Meeting

The annual water district meeting shall be scheduled to be held on the first Tuesday in March. The water district staff may adjust the meeting should the need arise.

Voting

Voting shall be by majority vote of the water users present at the meeting. Each person present who owns or has the use for the ensuing season of any water right in the water district shall be entitled to 1 vote. Absentee voting and voting by proxy are prohibited.

Staff Members

- The standard staff members' positions are: Water Master, Assistant Water Master, Treasurer and Secretary.
- Staff members are elected at the annual meeting.
- Each elected staff member must complete an oath of office before their first year of service.
- Each staff member's duties and responsibilities are outlined in Idaho Code Title 42 Chapter 6. Staff members are responsible for familiarizing themselves with these requirements.
- The term of each elected staff member shall be from 1 April to 31 March.
- The salary for each elected staff member is yearly. It is recognized that most of the work performed for the district is around the irrigation season. But extending the term of service, allows the district to have staff coverage thru the off-season to handle duties that can pop-up and not be billed for those duties on an individual basis.
- No one person can occupy more than 2 staff positions.

Assessments

WHEREAS, Idaho Code requires water districts to adopt an annual budget and levy assessments sufficient to fund district operations.

BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Assessments shall be levied as follows:
 - A dollar amount per Miner's inch(.02cfs) for consumptive rights. This should be sufficient to fund the district's operations and may be adjusted as needed to fund the budget.
 - \$ 0 per Miner's inch(.02cfs) for non-consumptive rights
 - Minimum assessments shall be utilized, primarily for junior rights. This may be adjusted as needed to fund the budget.
2. The assessments are payable before a water user activates their water right for the current irrigation season. Assessments are considered late if not paid by the 2nd irrigation season after receipt. The water master may interrupt water delivery for late assessments.
3. The watermaster is authorized to collect unpaid assessments and pursue enforcement as provided in Idaho Code.
4. If you own the water right, you pay the assessment whether you use the water or not. The assessment is simply the right to use the water based on Idaho Law.
5. Assessment records shall be maintained in accordance with IDWR guidance.

Water Master Authority to Enter Private Lands

WHEREAS Idaho Code § 42-1701 authorizes the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, watermasters, and their assistants to enter upon private lands for the purpose of inspecting diversions, headgates, measuring devices, and for carrying out lawful water administration duties; and **WHEREAS**, effective water distribution within Water District 74G requires timely access to diversion works, measurement structures, and points of delivery;

BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Water District 74G watermaster and designated assistants are authorized to enter upon private lands, at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, for the

purpose of performing inspections, verifying water use, maintaining or installing measuring devices, and carrying out all duties required under Idaho law.

2. The watermaster shall make reasonable efforts to notify landowners or water users prior to entry when practicable, except in circumstances requiring immediate access to ensure proper water administration.
3. Any obstruction, refusal, or interference with lawful entry by the watermaster shall be addressed in accordance with Idaho Code § 42-1701 and related enforcement provisions.
4. The watermaster shall document site visits as part of the district's operational records.

Water Delivery

The start of water delivery can be variable depending upon spring thaw conditions but typically begins on April 15th. All water rights have a priority date. Water rights are both activated at the beginning of the irrigation season and then cut as the water diminishes based on the priority date. The decision to cut is based on water available in the water source. Those with later or 'junior' priority dates are cut earlier than those that have 'senior' priority dates. The end of water delivery is variable from season to season. During dry years, a junior water right may not be activated at all.

The recognized senior water rights for each water source:

1. Sandy Creek -- 74-199(SC1), 74-14983(SC2A), 74-14984(SC2B), 74-202(SC3), 74-205A & 74-205B(SC4), 74-2009A(SC5A), 74-2009B(SC5B), 74-15975 & 74-15976(SC5C), 74-1797A(SC6), 74-1799B(SC7)
2. Middle Fork Sandy Creek -- 74-481
3. West Fork Sandy Creek -- 74-200 & 74-203 & 74-204 & 74-408A & 74-408B(WFSC1), 74-480C(WFSC2), 74-433(WFSC3), 74-15590(WFSC4)
4. Sandy Creek Slough -- 74-16041(SCS1), 74-1861(SCS2)

Owner Responsibilities

There are other aspects of owning and using surface water rights that are the owner's responsibility. These include understanding your water right(s). Water rights are issued and defined by the Idaho department of Water Resources. Irrigation water must be used for a beneficial purpose. It is the owner's responsibility to build and maintain their own private water delivery diversion (head gate, ditches, pump systems, etc.), at their own expense. Each private diversion is required to have a flow rate monitoring device, such as a weir in the ditch or flow meter in the pump discharge, to allow the water master to monitor usage and support adjustment of water flows throughout the system. The Water District will provide guidance regarding the installation and maintenance of private diversions which are required to meet minimum standards as approved by the district. Property owners need to contact the Water District prior to initiating new construction or improving an existing diversion.

It is important for owners to provide the Water District with current contact information, including mailing address, phone and email address for periodic correspondence and assessment purposes.