

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

**IN THE MATTER OF WATER SUPPLY
BANK LEASE CONTRACT AND
RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR WATER
RIGHT NO. 35-4189 IN THE NAME OF
J.R. SIMPLOT COMPANY, LLC**

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED
PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

On July 14, 2025, J. R. Simplot Company, LLC (“Simplot”) filed an Application to Sell or Lease a Water Right to the Water Supply Bank (“WSB”) and an Application to Rent Water from the Board’s WSB with the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Department”). On March 30, 2026, the Department issued Water Supply Bank Lease Contract No. 2137 and the Water Supply Bank Rental Agreement No. 997. On April 3, 2025, Simplot filed *J.R. Simplot Company, LLC’s Petition for Reconsideration, Modification and Request for Hearing on Water Supply Bank Lease Contract 2137 & Rental Agreement 997*. On May 27, 2026, the Director of the Department issued an *Order Granting Request for Hearing and Appointing Hearing Officer*, and appointed Phill Hummer to serve as hearing officer. On June 5, 2026, Simplot filed a *Motion to Disqualify Hearing Officer and Appoint Independent Hearing Officer*. On July 7, 2026, the Director of the Department issued an *Order Granting Motion to Disqualify Hearing Officer*, and appointed Amy Cassel to serve as hearing officer in this matter. The Department scheduled a prehearing conference on September 4, 2026. Due to a scheduling conflict among representatives for Simplot, the representatives requested that the Department reschedule the prehearing conference.

The Department has rescheduled this matter for a prehearing conference on **September 29, 2026**, beginning at **9:00 am**. Consistent with Rule 201 of the Department’s Rules of Procedure (IDAPA 37.01.01) all agencies and business entities (LLC, trust, partnership, corporation, etc.) must be represented by an attorney at a prehearing conference.

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): 2635 116 2544
Meeting password: 2026**

The presiding officer will be Amy Cassel.

Agenda items for the prehearing conference will include:

1. Identify spokesperson and/or counsel representing the Petitioner.
2. Review of the Petition.
3. Identify issues before the Department.
4. Designate dates for discovery and for identifying witnesses and exhibits.
5. Designate target date for conducting administrative hearing if resolution is not possible during the prehearing conference.

6. Address other matters that may expedite orderly conduct and disposition of the proceeding.

The prehearing conference provides an informal opportunity for the petitioner and respondent to meet. If a formal hearing is needed to resolve the contested matter, the prehearing conference serves as an opportunity to formulate or simplify the issues, obtain concessions of fact or identify documents to avoid unnecessary proof, schedule discovery, arrange for exchange of proposed exhibits or prepared testimony, limit witnesses, schedule hearings, establish procedure at hearings, and address other matters that may expedite orderly conduct and disposition of the proceeding.

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 17th day of August 2026



Amy Cassel
Hearing Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 17th day of August 2026, true and correct copies of the documents described below were served by the method indicated upon the following:

Documents Served: Notice of Prehearing Conference

REBECCA VOSS REMINGTON BUYER J.R.SIMLOT COMPANY LLC 1099 W FRONT ST BOISE, ID 83702 rebecca.voss@simplot.com remington.buyer@simplot.com <i>Petitioner</i>	☒ U.S. Mail, postage prepaid ☒ Email
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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'.
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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.