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To: Attached Distribution List

Re: Notice of Porter Creek Water District 65B Annual Meeting for 2015

Dear Water District Members:

This notice is to let you know the annual meeting has been slightly rescheduled. Many or perhaps all of you already heard about this possibility from the current chairman, Randy Heffner. The 2015 meeting is scheduled as follows:

11:00 a.m., Wednesday March 11, Longbranch Cafe, Horseshoe Bend.

Last year included some unexpected developments for your water district. Election and appointment of a watermaster was not completed. It appears the elected secretary/treasurer resigned sometime during the irrigation season. This was critical because the county did not intend to collect and disperse assessments adopted in your 2014 budget.

This office sent you a backup plan for the advisory committee to address potential water delivery calls last year in the absence of a duly elected watermaster who could be appointed by the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) director to deliver water rights. That was a one-time solution and should not be repeated.

Please be advised it is your responsibility to elect a suitable watermaster for 2015. Likewise, a suitable secretary/treasurer must be elected. Both individuals will need to complete an oath in order for the IDWR director to appoint them and allow them to carry out their statutory duties.

IDWR will have to consider other options if the district cannot complete its business required by Idaho law. Other options would probably cost more and perhaps be more complicated for everyone. I hope IDWR can work with you to find a practical and least costly solution for your water district.

Sincerely,

Steve Lester

Interim Western Region Manager

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