

Memorandum

April 21, 2020

TO: Water District 74M File

FROM: Cindy Yenter, WD170 Watermaster

RE: Special Meeting of WD74M

The Agency Creek Water District no. 74M (WD74M) cancelled its annual meeting originally scheduled for April 7, 2020, due to the coronavirus public health threat. This was consistent with IDWR's determination that water district meetings, while mandatory, are not essential meetings during the pandemic, and should not be held if the 2020 scheduled water district meeting date fell after the issuance of the State of Idaho Order to Self Isolate (March 25, 2020).

WD74M desires to call their watermaster to duty during May 2020. It may not be possible to safely gather for a meeting prior to that time. In order that the district may conduct its meeting, adopt a budget, and elect the watermaster, the district asked for a special meeting to be conducted via teleconference.

Idaho Code § 42-605(11) states:

The director shall call a special meeting of the water users of a district upon receipt of a written request for such meeting from a majority of the members of the advisory committee for a district, a written request from water users representing thirty percent (30%) or more of the votes cast at the last regular annual meeting, a written request from the watermaster or on the director's own motion if the director determines a meeting is necessary to address matters that cannot be delayed until the next regular annual meeting. Notice of the time, place and purpose of the special meeting shall be given by the director in the manner provided in subsection (2) of this section, provided however, that a special meeting notice shall be sent at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting date.

Due to the circumstances, the WD170 watermaster acting on behalf of WD74M requested a special meeting pursuant to I.C. 42-605(11). On April 21, 2020, IDWR sent notice to all members of WD74M, of a rescheduled meeting to be held via teleconference on May 5, 2020.