

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
HEARING PROCEDURE REGARDING REVISION  
OF WATER DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO  
CHAPTER 6, TITLE 42, IDAHO CODE**

Hearing Regarding Revision of Water District 120, American Falls Area  
Red Lion Inn, Idaho Falls, Idaho  
February 1, 2006

**Preliminary Matters**

1. Director introduction and description of the nature of the proceeding.
2. Recognize department staff and any other officials in attendance.
3. Circulate an attendance roster showing persons who desire to make a statement and whom they represent (for those who did not sign at the door).
4. Generally discuss the hearing procedure and answer any preliminary questions.
5. Determine order of presentations:
  - either as they appear on the attendance roster, or
  - divided between speakers in favor of district creation and those opposed.
6. Identify persons who will testify and on whose behalf.
7. Determine spokesperson for entities with multiple representation, as time constraints require.

**Procedure**

1. Prior to going on the record, the Director will take questions on the reasons for the proposed water district and how the district would operate.
2. Accept and record oral statements and comments regarding the proposed district. Speakers will not be under oath and will not be subject to cross-examination. The Director may ask clarifying questions of the speakers, but will not respond to questions from the speakers or the audience while statements are being taken.
3. Accept written statements and comments at the hearing or until the close of the comment period on February 13, 2006. Exhibits may accompany any oral or written statements. All written statements and comments should identify the presenter and the proposed district to which the statement or comments relate.
4. The Director will issue a Final Order following the close of the comment period. A copy of the Final Order will be sent by regular mail to all holders of water rights affected by the order. Any party may file a petition for reconsideration with the Director within

fourteen days of the service of the order.

5. Any party aggrieved by the Final Order may seek judicial review before district court.
6. If the district is revised as proposed, ground water rights in portions of Basins 25 and 35 overlying the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer ("ESPA") will be included in Water District No. 120.

**The Hearing (tape recorder on)**

- Good evening, I am Karl Dreher, Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.
- I am serving as the Presiding Officer in this matter.
- This matter concerns the proposed revision of Water District No. 120. Specifically, the Department proposes expansion of Water District 120 to include ground water rights within the Department's Administrative Basin 25 overlying the ESPA. In addition, the Department proposes to expand Water District 120 to include ground water rights within the very northern portion of Administrative Basin 35 in Townships 5 and 6 North, Ranges 36 through 38, located north of the Bonneville-Jefferson Ground Water District.
- The provisions of Idaho Code § 42-604 require this hearing to be held prior to the revision of a water district by the Director of the Department of Water Resources.
- The hearing is being conducted on February 1, 2006, commencing at: 7:00 pm at the Red Lion Inn, located at 475 River Parkway in Idaho Falls, Idaho.
- The purpose of this hearing is to provide affected water right holders, or their representatives, an opportunity to make an oral statement on the record stating their position, views, or concerns on the proposed revision to the Water District No. 120.
- For the purposes of this hearing, persons making statements do not need to be sworn, nor will they be subject to cross-examination. All persons signing up to speak will be heard before others are heard. All persons wishing to speak will be heard once before anyone speaks a second time.
- Notice of this hearing was mailed to each affected water user in the proposed district as required under the provisions of Idaho § 42-604. In addition, notice was published in the Post Register (Idaho Falls), a newspaper of general circulation within the area of the proposed district.
- If there are no further questions, we are now at the point where we may begin taking statements and comments from those persons who desire to be heard in this

proceeding.

### **Taking of Statements**

- At this point, I would ask Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ to please come forward and make a statement for the record.
- Before proceeding with your statement, please state your name and address. Also please indicate if you are speaking for yourself only, or representing others.

### **Conclusion of Proceedings**

- If there are no other persons who desire to make a statement, then that will conclude the record of oral statements in this proceeding.
- Thank you all for your participation.
- The hearing record will remain open for 10 days, through February 13th, to allow time for the submittal of additional written comments as provided in the notice of this proceeding and as required by Idaho Code § 42-604, Idaho Code.
- I will issue a Final Order following the close of the comment period. A copy of the Final Order will be sent by regular mail to all holders of water rights affected by the order.
- Any party may file a petition for reconsideration with the Department within fourteen (14) days of the service of the Preliminary Order.
- Any party feeling aggrieved by any Final Order of the Director may seek judicial review before the district court within twenty-eight (28) days of an order becoming final, or within twenty-eight (28) days of the action taken on a petition for reconsideration.
- Thank you for attending. The record is now closed, except for the taking of additional written comments.