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## Payette River Basin, State of Idaho

## Water District No. 65

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Regular Board MeetingWater District No. 65

Date: April 11, 2005

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: Payette River Irrigation Office, 102 North Main, Payette, Idaho

Attending: Marcia Herr, Robert Henggeler, C. Eugene Parks, Ron Mio, Dennis Heaps, Marc Shigeta, Dennis Lammey, Chuck Pollock, Michael McEvoy, Jim Standley, Duane Pancheri, George McClelland, and Watermaster, Ron Shurtleff.

Guests: Jerry Gregg, USBR, Richard Wells, USBR and Steve Burrell, IDWR.

Minutes: The minutes of the regular March 14, 2005 meeting had been mailed to the members with their meeting notice and presented to those attending in the meeting packets. Chairman Michael McEvoy asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made to those minutes. **Dennis Lammey moved to accept the minutes as presented, Ron Mio seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Financial: Chairman McEvoy asked Ron Shurtleff to give the financial report. Ron reported a checking account balance of \$2,342.24 and a savings balance of \$383,592.27. Ron showed accounts receivable at negative \$337.59. Ron explained that he has had good luck receiving most of the water rental payments for the past season, and will continue to bring all past due accounts current. The negative figure in the accounts receivable is the result of advance payments by a few companies that wish to carry a credit in their Rental Pool accounts to secure storage water when needed. Ron reported a fixed assets amount of \$54,101.30 consistent with the current inventory list. Ron reported that the total liabilities and equity of the district is currently \$499,074.42. Ron read through the Profit and Loss Statement and reported that the year to date income is at \$34,953.34. Ron presented the approved budget to actual expenses and progress to date. Ron then asked if there were any questions. **Dennis Lammey moved to accept the financial report as printed and reported. Chuck Pollock seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Biological

Opinion Report: Jerrold Gregg, Area Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation reported on the biological opinions from NOAA Fisheries and confirmed that the March 31, 2005 deadline was met and all future operations and routine maintenance at 12 Federal projects in the Upper Snake River Basin will be continued. Mr. Gregg noted that this will include operations at projects located in Wyoming, Idaho, and Oregon, including the Minidoka, Palisades, Ririe, Michaud Flats, Little Wood River, Boise, Lucky Peak, Mann Creek, Owyhee, Vale, Burnt River, and Baker Projects. This will also include continued operations of Reclamation's Upper Snake projects through the year 2035, including the continued provision of water to augment flows in the lower Snake River to benefit salmon through acquisition or lease from willing sellers and lessors. Mr. Gregg also reported on the future surveys and studies for Snake River physa below the Minidoka Dam. He noted that the 5-year study on the samples taken in 1996 and 1997 concluded that none of the specimens was living and were identified as physa gyrina and physa acuta rather than Snake River physa. Because of this finding Reclamation will establish a Technical Team and three years of Snake River physa surveys will be conducted within a five-year period, beginning in the fall of 2005. If no live Snake River physa are found, all survey activities for the physa will cease and this proposed action will end.

Snowpack &  
Storage Report:

Chairman McEvoy introduced Richard Wells from the Bureau of Reclamation to give the April 1, 2005 Snowpack and Storage fill estimate for the coming season. Mr. Wells stated that the recent storms in March have improved our water forecast, but that the basin is still at only about 60% as compared to a normal year. Richard presented the USBR's teacup diagram that indicated a current storage fill condition of 68% for the Payette basin, with Cascade Reservoir containing 73% of a full condition, and Deadwood with 48% of full. Mr. Wells predicted that cascade Reservoir will possible reach a complete however Deadwood will likely fall short about 20 %. Watermaster Ron Shurtleff presented the board with an overhead presentation of snowpack conditions showing several Snotel sites in the basin with comparison to the 30 year average, as well as the previous year of 2004. Ron pointed out that at many of the locations the snow water equivalent is equal to or greater than it was on this date last year. Ron further stated that what is missing in the water that had already contributed to our reservoir fill by this date last year.

Rental Pool  
Rates:

Watermaster Ron Shurtleff reported that in the recently adopted Nez Perce Agreement it is stipulated that the rental rate for out of basin flow augmentation from all basins will become subject to a universal rental rate. Ron provided the in the handouts a portion of the Nez Perce Agreement term sheet that pertained to these rates and read the following portion.

"A uniform rate will apply to all stored water released for flow augmentation:

- i. \$14.00 per acre-foot through 2012,
- ii. \$17 per acre-foot from 2013-2017,
- iii. \$20 per acre-foot from 2018-2022,
- iv. \$23 per acre-foot from 2023-2030.

The above rates are comprehensive. They include administration fees and all other charges."

Ron explained that the advisory board, also the Local Committee for the Rental Pool needs to officially adopt the new rental rates and forward the information to the Idaho Water Resource Board as a request to amend Water Districts No. 65 Rental Pool rules to reflect these uniform rates. Ron pointed out that the 10% surcharge of the amount received by the lessor that is paid to the Water Resource board does not compute out in even cents. The computed amount is \$1.182. Ron suggested either an even \$1.20 or \$1.18. Ron mentioned that there are no indications that the "in-basin" rental rates need to be adjusted at this time however if there is any interest this would be an appropriate time to consider an amendment. After some discussion **George McClelland moved and Gene Parks seconded to adopt the uniform flow augmentation rental rate of \$14.00 per acre-foot through 2012 and request no further amendments to the Water Districts Rental Pool Rules. Motion carried.**

USBR CMP  
Measuring  
Device:

Ron Shurtleff presented to the board information and photographs regarding a Ramp Flume for water measurements, constructed of 36" corrugated metal pipe. The device was designed by Shane Livingston and Shane is interested in having some of these installed in our district so that they may be tested and evaluated. He is offering a few devises at little or no cost to anyone who may have a situation where they might be adapted. Interested individuals should get in contact with Shane

Adjournment:

Chairman Michael McEvoy asked if there was any further business to come before this board. Seeing none Mr. McEvoy declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Jamie White,  
Recording Secretary,

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Chairman Michael McEvoy  
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