ROSTER OF ATTENDANCE

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED CREATION)
OF A WATER DISTRICT FOR THE LOWER)
PORTNEUF RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES, AND THE)
PROPOSED COMBINATION OF WATER DISTRICTS)
29C, 29F & 29U WITH THE NEW PROPOSED DISTRICT)

PUBLIC HEARING May 12, 2009 3:00 P.M. City Hall Council Chambers 911 N 7th Ave. Pocatello, Idaho

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED)
EXPANSION OF WATER DISTRICT NO.)
29, PORTNEUF RIVER AND)
TRIBUTARIES,)
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AND;) TESTIMONY OF THE SHOSHONE-
) BANNOCK TRIBES
IN THE MATER OF THE PROPOSED)
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DISTRICTS 29-C, 29-F AND 29-U WITH)
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The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes (hereinafter referred to as "Tribes"), the State of Idaho (hereinafter referred to "State"), and the United States entered into an agreement in 1990, entitled the "1990 Fort Hall Indian Water Rights Agreement" (hereinafter referred to as Agreement) to quantify the rights of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in the upper Snake River Basin. The Agreement was congressionally mandated agreement and was subsequently entered into a Decree by the Snake River Basin Adjudication District Court in 1994. The Agreement and subsequent Decree recognizes and respects the sovereignty of each of the entities that are party to the Agreement.

In the Agreement the parties agreed to cooperate in the administration of water resources. The parties agreed to administer water rights within the Reservation as follows: the Tribes administers the distribution of all Tribal water rights within the Reservation; the United States administers the distribution of the Fort Hall Irrigation Project water rights and the Fort Hall Agency water rights; and the State administers the distribution of those water rights acquired under state law within the Reservation that are not part of the Fort Hall Agency, Tribal or Fort Hall Irrigation Project water rights.

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes holds water rights and land in above proposed districts which are listed in the "Partial Final Consent Decree Determining the Rights of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to the Use of Water in the Upper Snake River Basin."

It is critical that the proposed expansion and creation of water districts do not interfere with the Tribes ability to develop and manage its water rights or future development of groundwater diversions for utilization on any Indian lands pursuant to the Agreement.

Furthermore, the Agreement provides that the Tribes, State and United States will work cooperatively, pursuant to provisions of the Agreement, to coordinate and monitor water use to

the same extent as required of other users in Idaho. The Tribes are willing to work cooperatively with the other parties provided that any monitoring equally benefits and protects each party's interests.

The Tribes believes that the proposed expansion and creation of water districts in SRBA Basin 29 may interfere with the provisions, nature, scope, or spirit of the "1990 Fort Hall Indian Water Rights Agreement" and rights decreed and protected under the Agreement. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes maintains jurisdiction to implement and administer the water rights on the Reservation that would be potentially impacted by this change pursuant to the "1990 Fort Hall Indian Water Rights Agreement."

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes reminds the State of Idaho and water users that the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes have a "unique status" with the United States Government consistent with the Fort Bridger Treaty of 1868, a congressionally ratified treaty which guarantees a trust responsibility to Tribes with the Federal government. The Tribes further assert that civil regulatory authority is vested with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Hall Reservation; all monitoring activities will be in cooperation with the Tribes and the State relating to non-Indian lands.

We, therefore, demand that the State implement enforcement measures, on both non-Indian surface water and non-Indian groundwater use, within said district to ensure that Tribal water rights are preserved.

Dated this /2 th day of May, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elberta Eschief, Chair Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

Water Resources Commission