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Dear Tim,

The water advisory board of the 43-B water district located in Malta, Idaho does hereby request that I.D.W.R. send notice to the water users of this district, information of the following items:

- A. All water users that receive water from the water ways in the district will adhere to the rules and regulations set out in Idaho code 42-701. That each point of diversion will have suitable head gates and lockable controlling works and a rating flume or other accurate measuring device
- B. No water user will remove water from the waterways in 43-B after April 1 without authorization by the current water master.

We have discussed the time frame involved in installing the measuring devices and would still like this to be enforced this year. If you believe the date of April 1st to be problematic please contact us and we will discuss an alternate date. The members were told that this was going to happen in the February meeting, so we hope that April won't be a problem.

There were other things discussed in the last meeting of the committee when Alan Merritt was present, they include: Can a pump panel be considered lockable controlling works, and is a culvert and a yardstick a measuring device? Would you mind commenting on these questions? We believe it necessary for the water master to inform the water users when they can take water out of the waterways. Does the state have a problem with that? Is there a provision in the state statutes to allow the water master, in the case of very high or flood waters, to authorize any water right holder to remove water from the waterways, whether they have installed the measuring devices or not, for flood control purposes?

If you have any questions or comments on the direction of the committee please contact us.

Sincerely, Nolan Branch

