

Big Lost River Meeting  
Moore, Idaho, August 10, 1989

Welcome

Thank LDS Church for making building available for this important meeting

Introduce staff

Norman Young - Administrator, Water Management Division  
Steve Baker - Hydrologist  
Ron Carlson - Regional Manager, Eastern Region, Idaho Falls

Reason for Meeting

Not a hearing - no sworn statements - no cross examination - we may ask questions of those making statements for clarification - but we will not debate any matter with you - you are free to express your opinions without fear of disagreement from us

Will not decide on action on any pending matter

Information gathering only - to find out what problems and concerns you have and what ideas you have for their solution

Why are we here? - because IDWR has received a number of inquiries, visits, telephone calls and now petitions about short water supplies in this area

\* Domestic wells drying up and having to be redrilled or deepened

\* Surface water rights diminished as result of GW pumping

\* Complaints of water supply delivery manipulation not according to law

On tuesday received a petition signed by 68 owners of GW rights in this area seeking a moratorium on actions on pending applications and undeveloped permits

Accompanying the petitions was a list of 92 domestic wells deepened or redrilled in 1988 and 89.

Hearing may be required and, if so, will be promptly done

Information received tonight will be useful understanding but cannot be part of the record of a formal hearing.

Here to receive local input on the nature and magnitude of the problems as you see them - we are here to listen

Descriptions of problems and explanations of their causes as you believe them to be are solicited and encouraged.

Pointing fingers at specific wells or water users will not be productive and is out-of-place at this meeting - that has its place at a formal hearing on specific actions and applications.

I have no supervisory authority over the Big Lost River Irrigation District except to assure that the District's storage and delivery of water is in accordance with the District's water rights.

I do have authority over the water master - the Irrigation District does not.

#### Format for Meeting

I want to hear from you first to get a clear, up-to-date picture of the conditions in the area.

Then, as time may allow, we will provide you with what information we have on the water supply conditions and the management actions we have taken and alternatives available.