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NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2006

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Dear Advisory Board Member;

The Water District No. 65 Advisory Board will meet on **Monday February 13th at 7:00 P.M.** in the evening. The meeting will be held in the **Payette River Irrigation Office** located at 102 North Main Street in Payette Idaho. The following tentative agenda items will be considered during the meeting.

- ***Review to Approve December 12th Minutes.***
- ***Review to approve Financial Statement.***
- ***February 1, Snow Report.***
- ***River Flow Projections.***
- ***2006 Cost Share Program Requests.***
- ***Any other business to be brought before the board.***

There will also be a Meeting of the Payette River Water Users Association, board of directors following the water district meeting. Members please find the meeting notice enclosed with this mailing.

Remember: **February 13th, 7:00 pm, at the Payette River Irrigation Office.**

Sincerely,



Ron Shurtleff

charged proportionally to all storage holders in the system. The combined storage used totaled 432,174.5 acre-feet on November 30, 2005. Liz reported that when the total storage used amount is subtracted from the total storage available the remaining figure is 458,510.9 acre-feet. This figure is compared to the Actual Reservoir Content as measured in the reservoirs and the resulting difference equals negative 5,340.1. Liz also provided a chart of the total flow of Payette River passing the gage at Horseshoe Bend which compared the irrigation years of 2000 through 2005 to the 30 year average total flow. For a new season outlook she reported that the Payette basin at present is holding a 75% of an average snow water equivalent and since October 1st precipitation has equaled 99% of the average. Liz also showed fill rate charts for Deadwood and Cascade Reservoirs that indicated the reservoirs are below levels at this time last year but filling at normal rates. Ron presented the Bureau of Reclamation Teacup Diagram and indicated that the storage facilities in the Payette River system, including Cascade and Deadwood reservoirs are at 55% of capacity as of December 10, 2005 and the Natural Flow on that day was 605cfs.

Snow Report: Ron provided in the information packets, a chart for eight of the 2005 Snotel sites in the Payette basin. He also included a Snow Depth and Water Content graph for Deadwood Summit and Brundage Reservoir. It showed that as of December 10, 2005 the water content for Brundage Reservoir was at approx. 6 inches and the snow depth had dropped slightly too approximately 33 inches. Deadwood Summit showed water content at approximately 11 inches and snow depth also dropping slightly too approximately 49 inches.

Cost Share
Progress
Report:

An updated copy of the Cost Share Application and Payments for 2005 was provided. Ron reported that line item #14, The Gem County Mosquito Abate. Dist. Project was deleted and as of this date, \$116,892.99 has been funded for completed projects. There is approx. \$83,057.42 still left to be disbursed on in-completed projects. The total Cost Share Payments and Payables for 2005 Facility Improvement Programs will be \$199,950.41. The total Cost Share Payments for 2005 Water Quality Programs are \$4,383.10 and all submitted assistance requests has been funded.

Black Canyon Irrigation Dist. reported that the Ramp Flume project was proceeding along smoothly and the footing and floor was poured last week, they plan on installing the wing walls this week and will keep the board posted on their progress. The Emmett Irrigation Dist. reported that the State of Idaho was willing to pay a share of the Main Canal Pipe Rehabilitation Project still pending, but stressed the fact, that the Irrigation Dist. needs to find a way to complete this project without shutting down the road. Updates will be provided at future meetings.

Ron reported that as of this date, nine applications, representing \$178,387.20 have been received for the 2006 Cost Share program, and it is likely that other requests will be submitted. Three applications for Water Quality Improvement Projects have also been submitted, for requests totaling of \$4,575.00.

Committee
Reports:

Ron reported that Chairman McEvoy was absent but all other members were in attendance for the November 30, 2005 Budget Committee Meeting. The board reviewed the proposed 2006 budget and after much discussion it was decided to increase the Cost Share for Facility Improvements from \$100,000 to \$150,000. **George McClelland moved to increase the proposed \$100,000 to \$150,000 for the Facility Improvement-50% Cost Share Program, Gene Parks seconded and the motion passed.**

Jim Standley then moved that the advisory board accept the amended budget and present it at the Water Districts Annual Meeting and recommended it for approval. Dean Charters seconded and the motion passed.

8:05p.m., Dan Surmeier joined the meeting at this time.

Joy Sisler reported that all the committee members were in attendance at the November 14, 2005 Nominations Committee Meeting. The committee included two nominees for the position of Vice-Chairman and Secretary in order to provide options while the committee verified that the candidates would be willing to serve if elected. All nominees were present at this December meeting and with permission from the candidates that had been submitted at the November 14th meeting, it was decided to trim the list to