

ESPA Water Districts

➤ Proposed Duties of Watermaster:

- 1) curtail illegal diversions
- 2) measure and report diversions under water rights
- 3) enforce provisions of stipulated agreements
- 4) curtail out-of-priority diversions that are not included in a stipulated agreement or mitigation plan and that are found to cause injury

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➤ Other Watermaster Duties, Minimum Standards for Watermasters and Water Districts:

- See Draft Documents:

Attachments B & C

Outline for Creation of Water Districts and Administration of Rights to the Use of Ground Water From the ESPA in IDWR Administrative Basins 35, 36, 41, and 43

- December 11, 2001

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➤ Other Watermaster Duties or Tasks:

- investigate rights not covered by agreements
- investigate unauthorized diversions with GIS & field inspections, participate in NOV and compliance procedures
- follow-up on excessive diversions
- QA water measurement data & compare with water rights, coordinate with IDWR on water right database issues and cleanup
- QA field audits
- water measurement/monitoring pilot projects?
- annual budget reports/budget collection
- ownership changes

Water District Staffing Options

Elect IDWR as Watermaster

- 1 FTE from department assigned and appointed as watermaster for each district (2 FTE's total)
- Staffed in Eastern & Southern regional offices (& Idaho Falls & Twin Falls)
- Supervision through regional manager and Water Distribution Section Manager
- Additional IDWR staff support – SRBA/GIS, Measurement District, Clerical, Distribution
- Use regional office space, field equipment, PC's, vehicles etc.

IDWR OPTION

- Estimated costs per district provided by IDWR for 2002 and 2003

1 FTE	\$38,400
Benefits	\$12,950
Indirect	<u>\$17,050</u>
	\$68,400

Note: Expenses similar to ESPA measurement districts

Water District Staffing Options

- Estimated Budget per district
- Considerations: (Staff, Operating & Capital)
- Watermaster salary
 - Assistant or clerical staff (part-time?)
 - Office space
 - Standard office equipment/expenses
 - Communication equipment
 - Computer equipment
 - Vehicle & mileage
 - Field equipment: measurement

Water District Staffing Options

- Estimated Budget per district
- WM Salary: \$50,000 – \$65,000
- Other average annual costs: \$25,000 - \$30,000
- Assistant Staff: \$7,500 - \$10,500
- Total Staff & Operating: \$75,000 – \$106,000
- Capital Outlay : \$2,500 - \$35,000
- Total: \$75,000 – \$140,000

Water District Staffing Options

- Comparisons from Other Districts:
- Payette Water District: \$134,622
- Big/Little Wood Districts: \$146,922
(Salary + basic operating about \$89,000)
- District 01 IDWR Contract: \$370,000


