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Distribution to Water users of Cold Springs Creek and Bennett Creek
Water Districts 61 C & E

RE: Special Meeting to Elect Watermaster

Dear Water User:

The elected and appointed watermaster for the 2011 irrigation season, Mr. Gary Ellis Jr., is unable to fulfill the official duties for medical reasons. The annual meeting for the 2011 season was held August 31, 2010 due to the resignation of the 2010 watermaster. The Idaho Department of Water Resources (Department) has not received a certified copy of the meeting minutes as required by IC § 42-605(5), however, meeting notes of the Department indicate that the district(s) did not specifically "elect" an alternate watermaster to be subsequently appointed. The Department is therefore calling a "special meeting" for the purpose of electing a watermaster for the 2011 irrigation season.

The meeting will be held at the **Glenns Ferry City Hall on March 16, 2011 at 1:00 pm.** It is important that any nominees for the position be present at the meeting. At the annual district meeting held on August 31, 2010 there were two (2) nominees for watermaster: Gary Ellis Jr. and Jennifer Baker. Jennifer Baker is the elected alternate watermaster for Little Canyon Creek and apparently has interest in serving as watermaster for Bennett/Cold Springs Creeks as well.

Water users should note the importance of their participation in the business of these districts. While the Department has specific authorities to oversee distribution of water, create water districts and appoint watermasters, the Idaho Legislature has enacted Laws that allow water districts and their respective water users to administer water delivery as intended by law. The Department encourages all water users to participate in this process.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Whitney', written over a horizontal line.

Rob Whitney
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