



State of Idaho

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Director

June 11, 2013

Re: Measurements of pumping diversions along the Snake River between Love Ridge Bridge (State HWY 51) and Swan Falls Dam

Dear Water Right Holder,

As the recently-appointed watermaster for Water District 2, I am asking your cooperation to allow the measurement of your water right point of diversion (POD). Leading up to and during the week of July 15, 2013, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR), in cooperation with Idaho Power Company (IPCO) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS), would like to inventory and measure diversions on the Snake River between Love Ridge Bridge and Swan Falls Dam, including most irrigation diversions. With the measurement information the State hopes to develop a measurement and monitoring protocol for reporting average daily flows in the Snake River at the Murphy Gage near Swan Falls.

You have received this letter because Idaho Department of Water Resource (IDWR) records indicate you hold one or more water rights within Water District 2. At least one of those water rights diverts from a point of diversion that IDWR would like to include in this measurement program.

To improve and expedite the flow measurement process, I am asking for your assistance in two matters. First, allow IDWR, IPCO, and/or USGS staff access to your point of diversion to conduct the inventory and measurements. Second, complete the attached questionnaire 1) so I can assess the level of effort required to collect flow measurements on your system; and 2) to give written permission for IDWR/IPCO/USGS access to your point of diversion.

Please return the questionnaire using the enclosed self-addressed envelope on or before June 21, 2013.

Your cooperation in this process is greatly appreciated. The information gathered will help me and IDWR assist you in selecting an appropriate measuring device for your system.

As Water District 2 watermaster, it is my responsibility to assist you in understanding IDWR measurement standards. Feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns: 208-731-0435 or [corbin.knowles@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:corbin.knowles@idwr.idaho.gov).

Sincerely,

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