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Re: Notice of Public Meeting – Creation of a Water District or Expansion of Water District No. 100 to Include Ground Water Rights in the Rexburg Bench Area

The Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") intends to initiate steps for the administration of ground water rights in the Rexburg Bench area either by creating a new water district limited to ground water rights in the area or by including the ground water rights in Water District No. 100 ("WD100"), St. Anthony-Rexburg area. Several factors affecting the Rexburg Bench area have focused the Department's attention on the need to create a new water district or modify WD100 for the administration of ground water rights within the area. These factors include:

- 1. The Snake River Basin Adjudication ("SRBA") was completed on August 25, 2014. Idaho law specifies that the Department shall create or modify water districts for the administration of water rights where the water supplies of such rights have been adjudicated.
2. The Rexburg Bench area is included within both the Madison Ground Water District and the Department's Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer ("ESPA") Model. Ground water in the Rexburg Bench area is hydraulically connected to the ESPA and the Snake River.
3. The Madison Ground Water District is both a participating member of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc. ("IGWA") and is a party to the Surface Water Coalition ("SWC") and IGWA Settlement Agreement regarding the SWC water rights delivery call. The SWC delivery call affects junior priority ground water rights in the ESPA. The Settlement Agreement stipulates that participating IGWA ground water districts will initiate a number of mitigation and water management strategies, including measurement of ground water diversions and reductions of ground water use.

The Department has scheduled a public information meeting as follows:

Date: February 28, 2017
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Rexburg City Hall
Council Chambers
35 North 1st East
Rexburg, Idaho 83440

The purpose of the meeting will be to inform water users of the requirements of water districts, the anticipated schedule for creation of any new water district or the modification of any existing water

districts, and to gather feedback. Department representatives will be on hand to discuss and address questions regarding a new or expanded water district.

The meeting will be conducted in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate in, or understand the meeting, please contact IDWR at least five days prior to the meeting.

A copy of this notice has been sent to all holders of ground water rights located within the current boundaries of Water District 100 and located within the Rexburg Bench area, except domestic and stockwater rights as defined under Idaho Code §§ 42-111 and 42-1401A (11).

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact the IDWR State Office at 208-287-4800 or the IDWR Eastern Region Office in Idaho Falls at 208-525-7161.

The map below shows the location of WD100 and the area where ground water rights are proposed to be included in a water district.

Water District 100 and Proposed District Expansion/Creation

