



Water District 29-D, Lower Portneuf River & Tribs

Steering Committee Meeting

December 16, 2009



❑ Background:

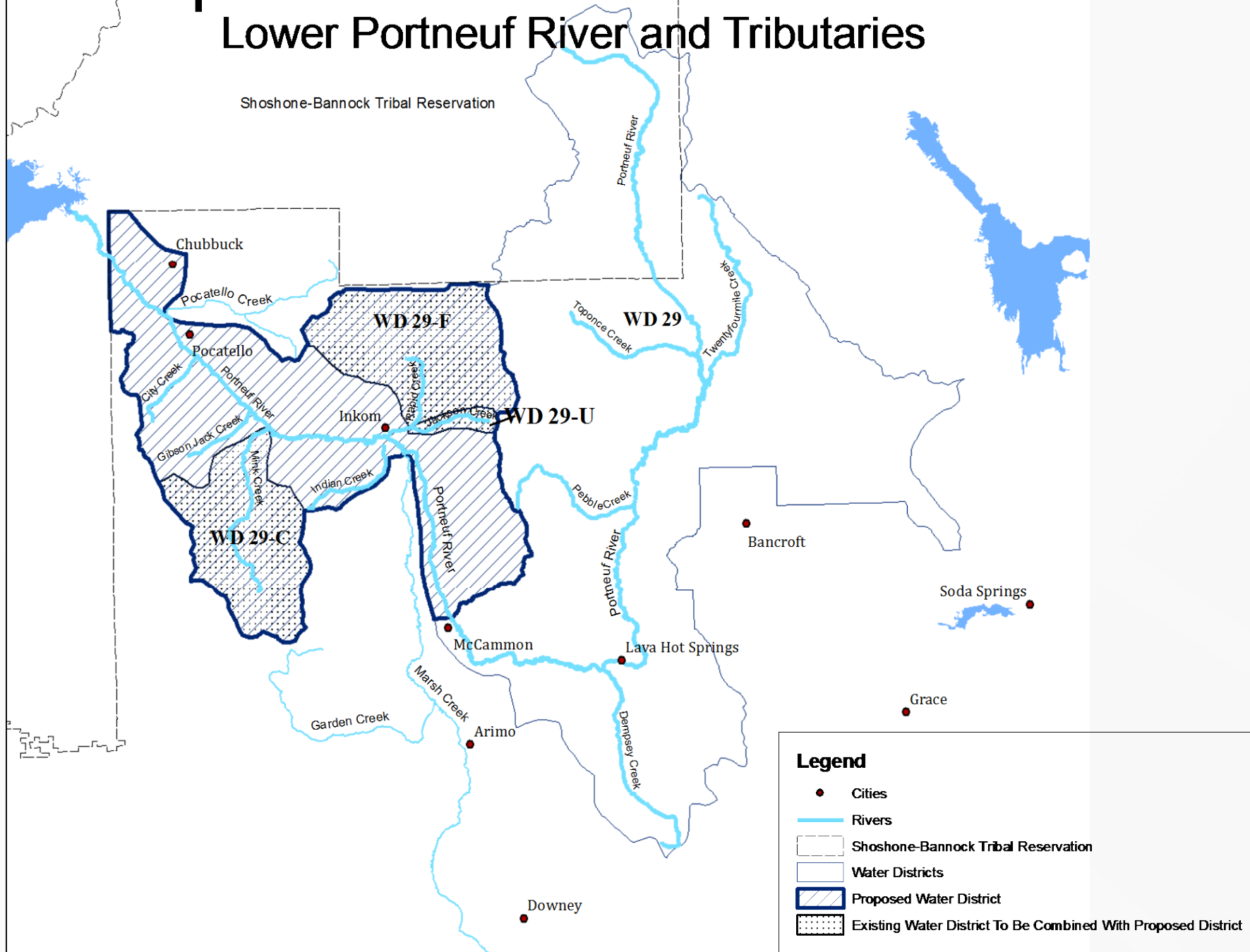
- ❖ Order Signed June 22, 2009
- ❖ District Creation Effective Oct 1, 2009
 - Includes all surface water rights – see map
- ❖ First Annual Meeting to be held March, 2010
 - Steering Committee Goals prior to March, 2010

❑ Steering Committee Goals:

- ❖ Determine proposed budget (& assessments)
- ❖ Draft resolutions for annual meeting
- ❖ Solicit interest for watermaster position

Proposed Water District Creation

Lower Portneuf River and Tributaries

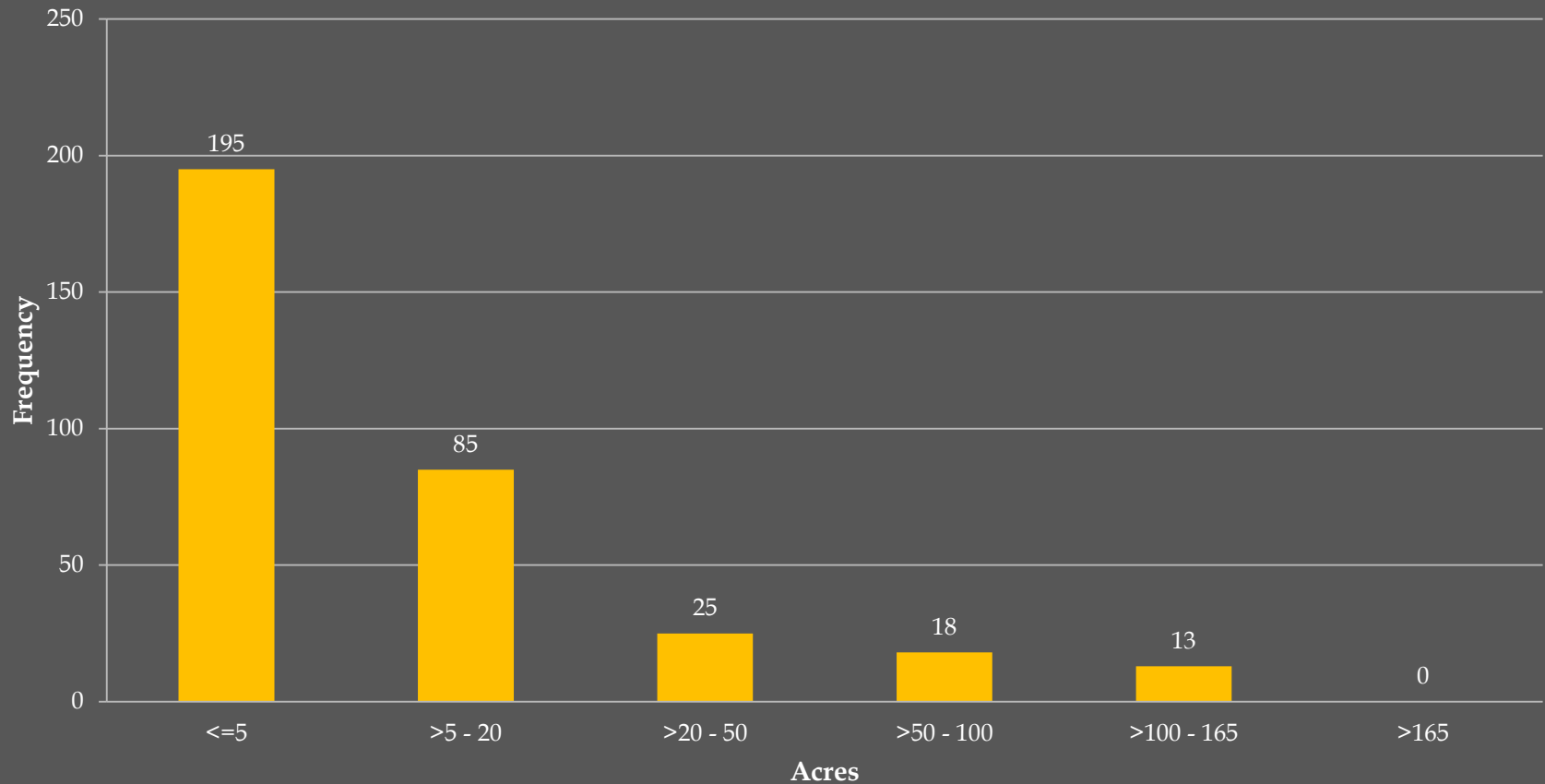




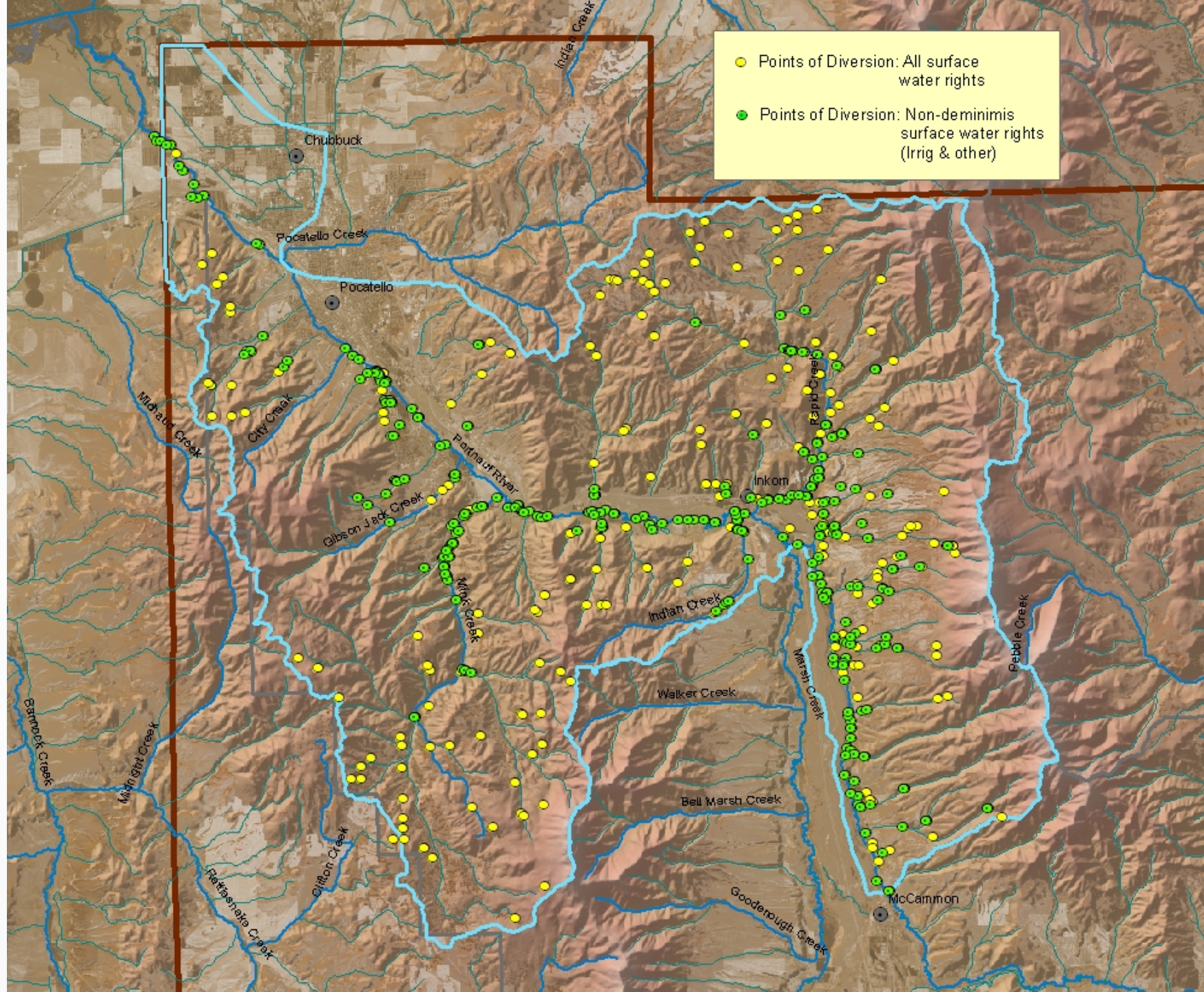
Water Rights Overview – WD29D:

- ❖ **654 surface water rights total**
- ❖ **About 300 deminimis stock and domestic rts.**
 - Includes about 52 private & Fed in-stream stock rts
 - Additional 116 Fed stock rts (not in-stream)
 - About 132 private domestic & stock rts
- ❖ **About 354 remaining rights**
 - 338 for irrigation (0.2 to 165 acres)
 - 4 municipal
 - 4 hydro power
 - 5 recreation/wildlife storage
 - 2 fish propagation

Histogram Water Right Irrigated Acres - WD29D



Note: Some individual water rights are appurtenant to the same location & number of acres



Watermaster Duties

- ❑ Regulation of diversions (by priority)
- ❑ Measurement & reporting of diversions
 - may exclude domestic/stock rights
- ❑ Enforcement
 - curtail illegal diversions/uses

Watermaster Duties

- ▣ Reporting
 - Annual diversion reports
 - Budget reports
 - (includes annual use, assessments, & financial review)

Watermaster Duties

- Water rights administration
 - address ownership issues
 - water right transfers/exchanges
 - inventory diversions & maintain water rights/diversions delivery list

Benefits of district & watermaster?

- ❑ Delivery & protection of rights
- ❑ Keep order/peace on streams
- ❑ Oversight & Accountability
- ❑ Local expertise to users

Requirements of District & Watermaster

- ▣ - Elect Watermaster, Advisory Committee & Treasurer
- maintain financial accounts and review
- budget: assessments & reports
- comply w/ employment requirements

Requirements of District & Watermaster

- ▣ Maintain office/home contact/presence
 - phone contact, access to standard equip

- ▣ Min. PC/communication requirements
 - cell, fax, DSL or other broadband link
 - GIS/GPS software & experience
 - other PC experience

Water District Costs

- ❑ Law provides up to \$50 minimum charge
- ❑ Larger irrigation, other uses may have charge exceeding minimum, but not likely more than several hundred dollars