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*To:* Members of the Committee of Nine,  
Alternates and Advisors

*From:* Wendy Murphy

*Date:* February 28, 2017

*Re:* Committee of Nine meeting schedule

So that you each will have an opportunity to arrange your long-term schedule, I have set a tentative schedule for Committee of Nine Meetings, as follows:

COMMITTEE OF NINE MEETING SCHEDULE				
Thursday	April 27, 2017	Purpose: USBR Flow Augmentation Location: Pocatello Airport	10:00	AM
Monday	June 12, 2017	Purpose: Allocation/Rental Pool Review Location: Sun Valley, ID	Follows IWUA Convention Session	
Thursday	September 7, 2017	Purpose: Quarterly Meeting Location: Pocatello Airport	10:00	AM
Thursday	<del>January 25, 2018</del> January 18, 2018	Purpose: Budget /Rental Pool Rule Review Location: Pocatello Airport	10:00	AM
Monday	March 5, 2018	Purpose: Resolution Review Location: Idaho Falls	2:00	PM
Tuesday	March 6, 2018	Purpose: Water District 1 Annual Meeting Location: Idaho Falls Keefer's Convention Center Inside the Shilo	9:00	AM

Agendas will be mailed to members and those who request and will also be posted at the offices of Water District 1 at 900 North Skyline Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to each regular meeting.

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# Committee of Nine Meeting

9/07/2017  
Pocatello Airport  
Pocatello, ID

## Agenda

Call to Order	Albert Lockwood
Roll Call of Committee	Dale Swensen
Minutes 6/12/2017	Dale Swensen
Watermaster Update	Lyle Swank
IDWR Director Report	Gary Spackman
Reservoir Operations Update	Cory Loveland
Committee Reports	
Tribal Rights Committee Report	Dan Shewmaker
Water Right Accounting/Programming	Brent Bowen
Recharge	Luke Hicks
USBR Reservoir & River Operations	Alan Kelsch
IWUA Report	Paul Arrington
Legal Updates	Jerry Rigby John Simpson

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session – The Committee of Nine, alternates, and tribal rights subcommittee members will meet pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (1) subsection (f), for the purpose to communicate with legal counsel regarding legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Executive Session is closed to the public.

Following adjournment of Executive Session – meeting reopens to the public.

Adjourn

## Additional Information

MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF NINE MEETING  
POCATELLO AIRPORT  
JUNE 12, 2017

This meeting of the Committee of Nine was called to order on June 12, 2017, at 5:15 p.m. at the Sun Valley Inn. A roll call of Committee of Nine members showed the following were present: Dan Shewmaker, Albert Lockwood, Jennifer Ellis, Alan Kelsch, Darrel Ker, Luke Hicks, Rodney Dalling, and Mike Rasmussen.

The minutes of the Committee of Nine meeting held on April 27, 2017, were approved. Darrel Ker moved, seconded by Rod Dalling, and unanimously passed.

Watermaster Lyle Swank reported that this is a big water year and high elevation snow is rapidly melting. Palisades Reservoir is storing about half of 40,500 cfs inflow from June 1 - 10. Peak runoff occurred sometime last week. Palisades is over 80% full and Jackson Lake Reservoir is 92%. Milner spill and recharge at off canal sites has resumed. The water right accounting is showing that all water rights are being filled. Water District staff has been collecting diversion data and getting additional automation installed. The water district also sent a letter to Palisades Water Users Association asking for updated information on shareholders and their allocations.

Christian Schmitt, Deputy Director of Idaho USGS joined the meeting by telephone. He talked about the Large Scale Particle Image Velocimetry (LSPIV) pilot project. He explained the stream measuring process and the dramatic effect macrophytes have on measurements. This pilot project uses remote operated cameras to estimate and correlate water velocity more timely. The project objectives are to more quickly and accurately adjust rating tables when rated measurement sections are changing rapidly, without raising costs versus sending out people more often to measure streams and improve accuracy by more frequently doing water velocity measurements. This is especially the case during macrophyte die off. Three gages included in the study proposal are Henry's Fork at Island Park, Snake River at Blackfoot, and Snake River at King Hill. Christian explained how funding will work for each of the gages. There was general discussion on study costs and benefits to the water users. Darrel Ker moved to table the proposal to gather additional information. Luke Hicks seconded the motion which passed.

Corey Loveland, Water Operations Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation reported that the weather trend above 9000' is cooler through Thursday and Friday then warming up Saturday and Sunday. Rain below 8500' forecasting accumulation over 1" over next two days. Inflow has gone way down above Jackson Lake. The Lewis Lake Divide snotel peaked last week. The tea cup diagram shows the reservoir system is 92% full. Corey reviewed current contents and releases from each of the reservoirs and operation plans going into next. Alan Kelsch asked about the timing of flow augmentation releases. Ryan Newman answered that flow augmentation doesn't start until after the day of allocation. Even though Milner spill stopped in May Reclamation felt there would be further flood control operations so flow augmentation did not begin. Alan brought up previous years when flow augmentation was released before day of allocation but after flood control operations and asked for the reference in the biological opinion

that describes the timing of flow augmentation releases.

Paul Arrington, Executive Director of the Idaho Water Users Association reported IWUA is working on the Columbia River Treaty and the Instream Flow Coalition is considering Darrell Olson's speech today about invocation of the god squad which is contained in the Endangered Species Act in regard to Judge Simon's recent decisions on threatened and endangered salmon species. Paul will help to ground-truth Olson's concept of using the god squad.

Attorney John Simpson further reported on the god squad concept. The attorneys weren't able to set up a meeting with the United States in July and are trying for August to further the discussions on tribal rights issues. There will be a meeting with Clive Strong to discuss reset issue alternatives. The Columbia Basin Partnership will be meeting in July in Wenatchee, WA. John is planning to attend.

Attorney Jerry Rigby asked that the attorneys be authorized to research the god squad concept to see if it is a viable avenue. Mike Rasmussen moved, seconded by Rod Dalling, and unanimously passed to authorize the Committee of Nine attorneys to look into the god squad concept in conjunction with the IWUA. IWUA is writing a white paper to describe all of the issues with the Columbia River Treaty and get other like minded groups such as the Idaho Association of Electrical Cooperatives involved to present to Idaho's Congressional Delegation.

In response to a question about how to get meetings scheduled with the U.S. on Tribal issues John said the attorneys are working on white papers about uncontracted storage and powerhead. Roland Springer volunteered to help facilitate getting a meeting put together and John has asked for set meetings during the next 6 months of not less than 45 days between.

Jerry Rigby asked if the Committee of Nine should be coordinating protests filed by various water user entities on new water right applications recently filed by the Sho-Ban Tribes. Darrel Ker moved to so authorize. Jennifer Ellis seconded and motion unanimously passed.

Ryan Newman reported that the early season storage meeting is set for August 3 in Idaho Falls.

At 6:48 p.m. Darrel Ker moved, seconded by Luke Hicks, and unanimously passed to adjourn.

ATTENDANCE ROSTER  
COMMITTEE OF NINE MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2017

Dan Temple	A&B Irrigation District
Steve Howser	Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company
Scott Breeding	Alternate, Committee of Nine
DeWitt Marshall	Alternate, Committee of Nine
Randy Budge	Attorney, Idaho Ground Water Appropriators
Hyrum Erickson	Attorney, Rigby Law Firm
Norm Semanko	Attorney, Moffitt Thomas
Travis Thompson	Attorney, Barker, Rosholt and Simpson
Jerry Rigby	Attorney, Committee of Nine
John Simpson	Attorney, Committee of Nine
Corey Loveland	Bureau of Reclamation
Ryan Newman	Bureau of Reclamation
Roland Springer	Bureau of Reclamation
John Lind	Burley Irrigation District
Rodney Dalling	Committee of Nine
Jennifer Ellis	Committee of Nine
Luke Hicks	Committee of Nine
Alan Kelsch	Committee of Nine
Darrel Ker	Committee of Nine
Albert Lockwood	Committee of Nine
Michael Rasmussen	Committee of Nine
Dan Shewmaker	Committee of Nine
Aaron Dalling	Fremont-Madison Irrigation District
Jeff Raybould	Fremont-Madison Irrigation District
Dale Swensen	Fremont-Madison Irrigation District
Brian Patton	Idaho Dept of Water Resources
Gary Spackman	Idaho Dept of Water Resources
Lynn Tomingaga	Idaho Ground Water Appropriators
Jon Bowling	Idaho Power Company
Shaun Parkinson	Idaho Power Company
Vince Alberdi	Idaho Water Resource Board
Roger Chase	Idaho Water Resource Board
Paul Arrington	Idaho Water Users Association
Walt Mullins	Milner Irrigation District
Dan Davidson	Minidoka Irrigation District
Terry Short	Minidoka Irrigation District
Gary Dixon	New Sweden Irrigation District
Louis Thiel	New Sweden Irrigation District
Lyle Swank	Water District 1