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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	January 25, 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

6/12/2017
Following the IWUA Convention
Sun Valley, ID

Agenda

Call to Order	Albert Lockwood
Roll Call of Committee	Dale Swensen
Minutes 4/27/2017	Dale Swensen
Watermaster Update	Lyle Swank
USGS – Gaging Large Scale Velocity Particle	
IDWR Director Report	Gary Spackman
Reservoir Operations Update	Cory Loveland
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
APRIL 27, 2017

This meeting of the Committee of Nine was called to order on April 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the Pocatello Airport. A roll call of Committee of Nine members showed the following were present: Dan Shewmaker, Albert Lockwood, Brent Bowen, Jennifer Ellis, Alan Kelsch (arrived at 10:24 a.m.), Dave Chappel (alternate for Darrel Ker), Luke Hicks, Rodney Dalling, and Mike Rasmussen.

Chairman Lockwood recognized Roland Springer, Corey Loveland, and Brian Stevens of the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and Paul Arrington newly appointed executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association.

The minutes of Committee of Nine meetings held on March 6, 2017, and March 7, 2017, were approved. Rodney Dalling moved, seconded by Dan Shewmaker, and unanimously passed.

Watermaster Lyle Swank reported that cloud seeding suspension criteria was reached in mid-March so all areas were suspended except for portions of Clark County. Staff activity has been focused on early season recharge and getting hydromet stations going earlier than usual. Something new this year was the passage of HB319 which allows for temporary water permits for recharge. Two Hundred Sixty Thousand acre feet has been recharged since last Friday under the water board program. The annual billing has been mailed out. The most frequent question being asked is whether Palisades Reservoir will fill or not. Blackfoot Reservoir is over 90% full which is the highest it has been in many years. Flow Augmentation contribution from the common pool is 185,000 af and assuming reservoirs will fill the rental price will be \$7.65.

Mat Weaver, Assistant Director of the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources reported that because of new changes to temporary use of water under HB319 IDWR has received about 10 applications for recharge. There was discussion about requiring measurement as a condition of permit approval and credit for the recharge under the settlement agreement. Luke Hicks announced the Recharge Subcommittee is meeting on July 26 to discuss issues surrounding recharge.

Roland Springer, Area Manager of the Bureau of Reclamation wants to be sure Reclamation is sharing information and doing what is required in the contracts in regard to Palisades operations. To improve communications Reclamation plans to have additional meetings to share information before winter flows are set. In addition they want to establish a work group to go over all the information before the River and Reservoir Operations Subcommittee meets. Alan Kelsch, chairman of the subcommittee said he appreciated emails from Reclamation on reservoir operations and asked what is the role and purpose of the Operations Forum and the Committee of Nine subcommittee. Lyle explained the history and purpose of the Operations Forum is to look at amounts and timing of flows past Milner. The Director has asked that two members of the Committee of Nine participate in the forum which has been delegated to members of the River and Reservoir Operations Subcommittee. Alan intends to have the subcommittee discuss winter

releases as they relate to power production.

Corey Loveland, Reservoir Operations Manager showed the teacup diagram with Palisades at 14% full. Corey used Somsen Ranch snow water equivalent (SWE) comparing 2017 to 2006 and 2014 to illustrate how inflows were very different for each year with similar snowpack conditions concluding that runoff cannot be predicted based only on snowpack. Graphs of SWE at Lewis Lake Divide for 1986, 1996, 2014 vs 2017 showed 2017 is in the middle at this time. Precipitation above Palisades is much higher than the other graphed years. Heise unregulated flow is estimated at 4.3 MAF compared to actual flows of 4.45 MAF for 1996, 4.5 MAF for 1986, and 3.45MAF for 2014. In regard to a question about how moisture in the soil profile plays into the forecast Corey said that is not a component of the forecast but they will try to look at that. Jackson Lake Reservoir is just under flood rule curve requirements so decreases to releases were made to compensate. Palisades is higher than the requirement and so increases to releases were made. Ririe reservoir is tracking the rule curve. Corey also showed graphs of reservoir fill and releases for Island Park, Grassy Lake, American Falls, and Milner. He reviewed a Water Operations Plan Summary for each of the reservoirs.

Paul Arrington, new Executive Director of the Idaho Water Users Association reported he has been transitioning this month. He is in the process of setting up site visits to meet people and see irrigation projects. Regarding legislation, with the exception of the governor's veto of the invasive species coordinator bill everything else passed that IWUA supported which included bills dealing with stockwater rights, reintroduction of salmon above Hells Canyon, temporary permits, and irrigation district statute changes.

Attorney John Simpson reported about the Tribal Rights Subcommittee. Alan Kelsch and attorneys attended the last Tribal Intergovernmental Board meeting where the Bannock Creek equitable adjustment was discussed. The Tribes put forth a proposal that will be coming to the Committee of Nine. The proposal was not agreeable to Alan or the attorneys in attendance.

Rod Dalling, Chairman of the Rental Pool Subcommittee reported that at the last meeting the committee addressed excess uses and resolved them. They also talked about Palisades Water Users Inc. and the need Lyle has for knowing where their water is assigned.

Lyle Swank reviewed financial reports contained in the meeting packet. He said the budget line item for personnel may be a little tight because gage readers began working a little earlier than normal because of early recharge. There will not be any impacts this year because the BOR's flood control operation will offset any impacts to reservoir fill caused by last year's rental pool operations. Lyle also suggested there could be a tweak to the rental pool procedures on what is charged for the early rentals before the reservoir allocation is done.

Attorney Jerry Rigby reported that a mediation was held this month on the reset issue. In the end the Tribes did not come back with a counter offer and so mediation is done. John Simpson attended the last Columbia Basin Partnership meeting and reported that Oregon is now talking to Idaho about reintroduction of salmon above Hells Canyon because of Idaho's legislative

leadership. The Committee of Nine is supporting the state of Idaho in those meetings. Idaho is looking at pilot programs on the Salmon and Lemhi Rivers to improve salmon habitat. There are monthly calls about the Columbia River Treaty with the State Department head negotiator Brian Doherty. Canadian elections have held up the negotiations with Canada. The calls are important because Idaho is not always on the same page as Washington and Oregon. Those states want to terminate the treaty but Idaho wants to only make changes in minutes rather than the treaty itself. Treaty discussions may be subsumed by soft lumber tariff discussions, NAFTA, dairies and other issues. May 19 is the next Tri-State meeting. The treaty will be discussed as well as salmon and other regional issues. The Coalition for Idaho Water met in Boise on April 6 to discuss FCRPS issues (first meeting in 5 years). The Coalition represents all types of water users and interests that are impacted by natural resource issues. The Committee of Nine has been a part of the coalition in the past but has not participated in funding.

Steve Howser reported that the Department of Environmental Quality is undergoing a tri-annual review about their priorities. White paper number one is how to deal with water quality designated uses for manmade conveyances.

It was announced that the BOR public meeting concerning Jackson Lake Reservoir operations will be in Jackson on May 16 at 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with the annual windshield snow survey.

At 12:08 p.m. Rod Dalling moved, Dan Shewmaker seconded, and unanimously passed by roll call vote that the Committee of Nine, alternates, and Water District 1 staff meet in executive session 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.

At 12:55 p.m. Dan Shewmaker moved, seconded by Rod Dalling, and unanimously passed to go out of executive session without any motions being made in executive session.

At 12:56 p.m. Brent Bowen moved to adjourn. Luke Hicks seconded and passed unanimously.

ATTENDANCE ROSTER
COMMITTEE OF NINE MEETING
APRIL 27, 2017

Dan Temple	A&B Irrigation District
Steve Howser	Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company
Scott Breeding	Alternate, Committee of Nine
David Chapple	Alternate, Committee of Nine
Roger Clark	Alternate, Committee of Nine
Keith Salisbury	Alternate, Committee of Nine
Lynn Harmon	American Falls Reservoir District #2
Kent Fletcher	Attorney, Minidoka Irrigation District, American Falls
Reservoir District #2	
Jerry Rigby	Attorney, Committee of Nine
John Simpson	Attorney, Committee of Nine
Corey Loveland	Bureau of Reclamation
Roland Springer	Bureau of Reclamation
Brian Stevens	Bureau of Reclamation
John Lind	Burley Irrigation District
Brent Bowen	Committee of Nine
Rod Dalling	Committee of Nine
Jennifer Ellis	Committee of Nine
Luke Hicks	Committee of Nine
Alan Kelsch	Committee of Nine
Albert Lockwood	Committee of Nine
Mike Rasmussen	Committee of Nine
Dan Shewmaker	Committee of Nine
Shawn Tischendorf	Falls Irrigation District
Aaron Dalling	Fremont-Madison Irrigation District
Jeff Raybould	Fremont-Madison Irrigation District
Dale Swensen	Fremont-Madison Irrigation District
Mat Weaver	Idaho Dept of Water Resources
Paul Arrington	Idaho Water Users Association
Julie Sievers	Milner Irrigation District
Dan Davidson	Minidoka Irrigation District
Louis Thiel	New Sweden Irrigation District
DeWitt Marshall	North Side Canal Company
Brian Olmstead	Twin Falls Canal Company
Tony Olenichak	Water District 1
Lyle Swank	Water District 1