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November 16, 2007

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Department of Water Resources

Mr. Jerry Rigby, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board  
322 East Front Street  
Boise, Idaho 83720

Dear Mr. Rigby;

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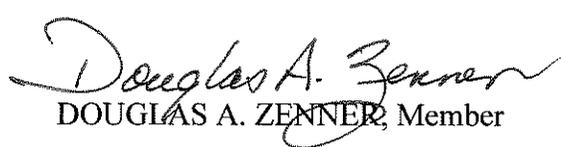
To facilitate this process, the Nez Perce County Commissioners request that a sub-committee be named with representation from local government entities to provide input and participate in the dialog.

Sincerely

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**November 19, 2007**

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DEPARTMENT OF  
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**Idaho Prior Appropriation Doctrine Association  
(IPADA)**

November 19, 2007

Memo to: Idaho Water Resource Board  
Attention: Helen Harrington

From: Roger Seiber & Jerry Deckard  
Executive Directors, IPADA

Re: The Idaho State Water Plan (SWP)

The members of the Idaho Prior Appropriation Doctrine Association (IPADA) would like to take this opportunity to submit to you comments for your consideration while you are revising the SWP, as noted in your letter of November 13, 2007.

First and foremost, we believe the Board should acknowledge and adhere to the Constitution of the State of Idaho; in particular as Article XV, Sect. 3 applies to the "Right to appropriate". As cited in the compiler's notes, "Priority in time is an essential part of western water law and to diminish one's priority works and undeniable injury to that water right holder." (Jenkins v State Dept of Water Resources).

We look forward to providing additional input in your decision making process and welcome the opportunity to visit with you. Please let us know how we might help you.

Also, we would appreciate you keeping us informed as to comments you receive from other "interested parties" regarding the revision of the SWP. You can forward that information to us via email at [roger@capitolwest.us](mailto:roger@capitolwest.us) . Our mailing address is:

IPADA  
PO 953  
Boise, Idaho 83701

Tel: 208.342.8900  
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**Harrington, Helen**

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**From:** Betty Slifer [slifer@filertel.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 25, 2007 12:10 PM  
**To:** IWRB-SWP  
**Subject:** water plan

comments from Betty Slifer, Filer, ID 83328

I don't understand why, with the water scarcity we have in this state, very large dairies continue to be approved. These dairies with thousands of cows not only use a vast amount of water 24/7/365 but they also pollute water.

We need to accept the reality that we live in a desert and that means that limits must be imposed.

## Harrington, Helen

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**From:** Claudiale3@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2007 9:20 AM  
**To:** IWRB-SWP  
**Subject:** time frame

Dear Sir:  
In reference to the article below what is the time frame for the public input.  
What is your cut off date for comments?  
Thank you,  
Claudia Haynes  
8830 Deersky Ranch Tr.  
Nampa, Idaho.  
[claudiale3@aol.com](mailto:claudiale3@aol.com)

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**BOISE, Idaho - The Idaho Water Resource Board is seeking public input**  
as it conducts a review and update of the Idaho State Water Plan,  
according to a press release from the agency.

The water plan establishes state policy that guides development,  
management, and conservation of Idaho's water resources. It contains  
objectives for state agencies and other organizations to meet the  
current and future water needs in the state.

The plan was first adopted in 1976 with four revisions in subsequent  
years with the last revision in 1996. The plan covers a wide range of  
issues related to conservation, development, management, and optimum  
water use including an inventory of Idaho water resources.

Among the issues that will be addressed during this process are global  
warming, climate variability, changing demographics, water supply,  
additional storage projects, and conjunctive management of surface and  
ground water.

The Idaho Water Resource Board is asking the public and interest groups  
to submit comments to the board regarding items they want the board to  
consider or issues related to existing policies. The existing plan is  
available at:  
[http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/waterboard/Planning/State%20Water%20Plan/state\\_plan.pdf](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/waterboard/Planning/State%20Water%20Plan/state_plan.pdf)

During the review process, a subcommittee of the board will meet as  
needed. Agendas and minutes for the subcommittee meetings are available  
at: [http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/waterboard/Meetings\\_Minutes/minutes.htm](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/waterboard/Meetings_Minutes/minutes.htm)

Prior to the plan's adoption, a series of public hearings will be  
conducted around the state seeking public input on a draft plan.  
Submission of the revised plan to the Idaho Legislature is expected in  
early 2010.

**Comments, suggestions, or questions about the State Water Plan update  
can be submitted** via e-mail to [iwrbswp@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:iwrbswp@idwr.idaho.gov) or by mail to  
IDWR Attn: Helen Harrington, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0098.

**Harrington, Helen**

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**From:** Claudialee3@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2007 5:18 PM  
**To:** Harrington, Helen  
**Subject:** from Claudia Haynes

Hi Helen:

I have tried to down load the last two board meetings on the Idaho State Water Plan, and I can not get anything. Can you attached the minutes to an email to me and send them? [claudialee3@aol.com](mailto:claudialee3@aol.com)

I have down loaded the State Water Plan. Idaho Water Resource Board is seeking public input as to a review and update of the Idaho State Water Plan. I belong to a group that wants to comment, having to do with inventory of water. But it is important for me to approach this correctly, can you give me a heads up as to what has already been suggested?

Give me a call when you can.

Sincerely,  
Claudia Haynes  
461 2062.

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