

**BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

**IN THE MATTER OF
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
MOUNTAIN HOME GROUND
WATER AREA ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

**ORDER ESTABLISHING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A. Introduction

The Cinder Cone Butte Critical Ground Water Area (1981) and the Mountain Home Ground Water Management Area (1982) were designated by orders of the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") pursuant to the provisions of Sections 42-233a and 42-233b Idaho Code.

These areas are the source of water for the City of Mountain Home, Elmore County, the Mountain Home Air Force Base, and individual irrigation and domestic users. It is in the best interest of all these water users to coordinate efforts to assist in the management of the ground water resource.

B. Objectives

This combination of water users lends itself to the formation of the Mountain Home Ground Water Area ("MHGWA") Advisory Committee, which has the following objectives:

1. Serve as a forum for collecting and reviewing data obtained relative to the MHGWA.
2. Serve as a forum for mediating water related issues involving water users within the MHGWA.
3. Develop a draft ground water management plan for the MHGWA as a proposal to the Director by December 31, 1997.
4. Develop and propose implementation of a ground water recharge program.

5. Serve as a forum for communication of water related issues with the community.

C. Guidelines

The MHGWA Advisory Committee is to develop written guidelines which describe its operational procedures, and submit these guidelines for review and approval by the IDWR Director.

D. Composition

The MHGWA Advisory Committee is to consist of the following representatives to be selected and approved by the IDWR Director:

- One from City of Mountain Home
- One from Mountain Home Irrigation District
- One from Elmore County
- One Well Driller
- One from Mountain Home Air Force Base
- Three irrigators
- Two domestic/industrial users

E. Authority

The MHGWA Advisory Committee should seek a consensus on solutions that are mutually beneficial to all parties. The Committee does not have formal enforcement authority. Establishment of the MHGWA Advisory Committee is not intended to limit or supplant the statutory enforcement responsibilities of IDWR.

F. Dispute Resolution

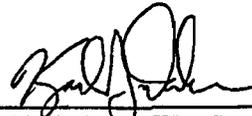
IDWR encourages disputes regarding pumpage of ground water within the MHGWA to be first referred to the MHGWA Advisory Committee. The advisory committee will mediate the dispute with the parties to seek a resolution in accordance with Idaho Law. Matters on which consensus with the contesting parties is not achieved will be brought before IDWR and be set for

informal resolution under the provisions of section 67-5241, Idaho Code, if doing so will expedite the case without prejudicing the interests of any party. Matters not resolved in this manner will be set for a formal hearing, in accordance with the provisions of IDAPA rule 37.03.11 and the Administrative Procedure Act.

ORDER

The Mountain Home Ground Water Area Advisory Committee is hereby established, in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

DATED this 6th day of June, 1996.



KARL J. DREHER
Director