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### RE: Notice of Stay of Curtailment Order – Rangen Delivery Call

Dear Water User:

The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Department”) has granted a temporary stay of the Final Order issued January 29, 2014 in the Rangen Delivery Call, which required curtailment of ground water rights with priority dates junior to July 13, 1963. The stay will benefit members of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc. (“IGWA”) and non-member participants in IGWA’s mitigation plan. **The stay does NOT apply to holders of ground water rights junior to July 13, 1962, who are not members of IGWA or who are not non-member participants in IGWA’s mitigation plan.** Curtailment will be enforced as of March 14, 2014, for affected ground water rights junior to July 13, 1962 which are not participating in a mitigation plan.

On February 11, 2014, IGWA filed *IGWA’s Mitigation Plan and Request for Hearing* (“Mitigation Plan”). On February 12, 2014, IGWA filed *IGWA’s Petition to Stay Curtailment, and Request for Expedited Decision* (“Petition to Stay”). The Petition to Stay asks the Director to delay enforcement of the Final Order until a decision is made on IGWA’s Mitigation Plan. On February 21, 2014, the Director granted IGWA’s petition to stay curtailment, and also provided a notice of hearing for the Mitigation Plan. The hearing is set for **March 17 & 18, 2014, beginning at 9:00 am**, at the Department’s State Office in Boise.

Holders of affected ground water rights that are not members of a ground water district or irrigation district may participate in IGWA’s mitigation plan through a local IGWA member ground water district or irrigation district<sup>1</sup>. Such right holders may be deemed a non-member participant for mitigation purposes pursuant to H.B. No. 737 (*Act Relating to the Administration of Ground Water Rights within the Eastern Snake River Plain*, ch. 356, 2006 Idaho Session Laws 1089) and Idaho Code § 42-5259.

If you are not participating in mitigation, or if you are not sure of your participation status, please contact the local IGWA member irrigation district or ground water district closest to you. Maps of ground water and irrigation district boundaries and contact information for each district may be found

<sup>1</sup>IGWA member ground water districts and irrigation districts located within Water District 140 and the affected area of the Rangen Curtailment Order include the Southwest and Goose Creek Irrigation Districts and the Magic Valley Ground Water District.

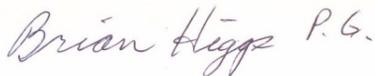
on the Department's website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov> under the "What's New" tab and the "Rangen Curtailment Order" sub-heading. If you do not have internet access and would like copies of any documents, contact me at the phone number listed in this letter or call the Department's State Office in Boise at 208-287-4800.

The Director expects to issue a decision on the Mitigation Plan shortly after the hearing. **Please be advised that in the event the mitigation plan is not approved, the curtailment order will go into effect immediately.** Curtailment will be enforced regardless of the time of year, even if irrigation is already underway.

The curtailment order affects consumptive ground water rights for irrigation, commercial, industrial, municipal, non-exempt domestic and stockwater use, and other consumptive uses. Non-consumptive uses and culinary in-house uses of water are not subject to curtailment.

Please contact me or the Department at the above numbers if you have questions concerning the curtailment, the temporary stay, or any of the ongoing proceedings. Water District 140 will notify you again if there are any changes in the notice of stay. You may also check the Department's website for additional updates or information.

Respectfully,



Brian Higgs, Watermaster

cc: Gary Spackman, IDWR Director  
Southwest Irrigation District  
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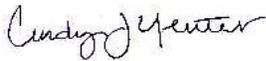
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Regards,



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