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Idaho Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (IdWARN)

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PNWS-American Water Works Association Board of Directors,

Our current Steering Committee Members consist of the following:

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IdWARN is continuing with quarterly meetings. All meetings are available to meet in person or via teleconference. Seventeen (17) new full members joined WARN since previously reported with the addition of Fernwood Water & Sewer District, Pinehurst Water District, Rogerson Water District, Santa-Fernwood Sewer Project, Santa Water & Sewer, as well as the cities of Ammon, Buhl, Castleford, Driggs, Hailey, Hollister, Horseshoe Bend, Ketchum, Orofino, Shoshone, Stites, and Weiser. Two (2) new associate members have been added being Twin Falls and Bonner counties. So, IdWARN now has 52 full members and 11 associate members. Associate members include utilities that have not signed the mutual assistance agreement, vendors, regulatory agencies and emergency services agencies. Current associate members include: some Idaho counties, Idaho Rural Water Association (IRWA); Ada County LEPC; FBI; the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (OEM); and Idaho Public Utility Commission Infrastructure office.

We are not aware of any emergencies that required dispatch of resources in the most recent quarter. The last activation we are aware of occurred on November 18, 2015 in North Idaho due to high winds that disrupted power to several utilities including drinking and wastewater operations. The event was

declared a federal disaster on December 23, 2015. There may have been additional resources dispatched we are not aware of because we are not always informed if members within our network reach out to one another for minor needs.

Our committee's succession plan includes the utilization of a Co-chair position to share responsibilities and have more than one individual available to provide leadership to the committee. As more members join WARN and educational activities continue to increase around the state, the committee is working to keep its Steering Committee members engaged and active in IdWARN.

Current activities include:

- The last quarterly meeting was held April 19th at the IRWA office. Members unable to attend in person also participated via teleconference. The next regular member meeting will be July 12th.
- IdWARN is working with the Idaho State Office of Emergency Management to better understand how WARN and OEM may coordinate resources. IdWARN representatives hosted a booth and shared a brief presentation at the OEM conference in February 2017. The purpose of participation was to introduce WARN to area emergency county coordinators.
- IdWARN offered a statewide training and tabletop exercise on March 14, 2017, in conjunction with the IRWA Spring Conference to held in Boise, ID.
- IdWARN has been working with the Oregon and Washington sections to build relationships and coordinate activities. Tri-state WARN representatives will be introducing WARN to attendees at the upcoming PNWS-AWWA conference May 3-5 in Kennewick, WA. A post training and exercise follow-up session from the EMAC and interstate mutual aid training held in Pasco, WA in November 2016 is scheduled for April 21, 2017. The purpose of the training in Pasco was to improve collaboration and training about the potential of interstate support that would particularly benefit systems on state lines.
- IdWARN has been working closely with the OEM to utilize their WebEOC (Web based Emergency Operation Center) system for communication. WebEOC is supported by OEM and allows IdWARN members to post significant events including emergencies, trainings and meetings as well as contact information and available resources.
- All activities are being sponsored by local Idaho utilities and Associate IdWARN members, the Idaho OEM and EPA. The only direct costs at this time are teleconference fees for hosting steering committee and regular member meetings. Updated marketing materials are needed for 2017. IdWARN was approved for a \$350 budget by AWWA to help offset the costs for printing new marketing material for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Roberts, Co-chair - IdWARN