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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. Six new full members joined WARN since previously reported with the addition of Kidd Island Bay Water Association, and the cities of Driggs, Paul, Plummer, Tetonian and Kimberly. One new associate member has been added being Madison County. So, IDWARN now has 35 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: Idaho Rural Water Association (IRWA); Ada County LEPC; FBI; the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (OEM); Department of Homeland Security; 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 January 11th at the IRWA office. Members unable to attend in person also participated via teleconference. The next regular member meeting will be April 12th.
- IDWARN is reaching out to Idaho State Office of Emergency Management to better understand how WARN and OEM may coordinate resources. IDWARN representatives are hosting a booth and are scheduled to present at the upcoming OEM conference in February 2017. The purpose of participating is to introduce WARN to area county coordinators.
- WARN is offering a statewide training and tabletop exercise on March 14, 2017 in conjunction with the IRWA Spring Conference to be held in Boise, ID.
- IDWARN has been working with the Oregon and Washington sections to build relationships and coordinate activities. The Tri-state WARN combined efforts to host EPA representatives and training contractors Horsley Witten in Pasco, WA on November 9-10, 2016, for collaboration and training on the potential of interstate support that would particularly benefit systems on state lines. Education was provided on the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and other mechanisms to coordinate interstate mutual aid.
- 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