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PNWS-AWWA 2017 Winter Trustee Meeting

Idaho WUC Report

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Idaho Water Utility Council (IWUC) Mission and Goals

The Mission of the Idaho Water Utilities Council is to promote public policies, legislation, and regulations that ensure an adequate quantity of high quality potable water at the lowest economic and environmental cost.

Goals of the Idaho Water Utilities Council include:

- 1) *To provide for networking among Idaho water utilities*
- 2) *To facilitate coordinated action by the Idaho utilities, such as: (a) identify issues, (b) develop position papers, (c) provide testimony at public hearings, and (d) draft legislation*
- 3) *To monitor potential legislation and regulations*
- 4) *To work with associated interests to develop coalitions*
- 5) *To promote public awareness*

Membership/Meetings

IWUC is open to all utilities whether or not they are an AWWA member. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Suez Marden

Water Treatment Plant in Boise. This past year the IWUC held six regular meetings with an attendance of 8 to 12 members. We hope to reach out to the north to establish a call-in location from the Lewiston area.

We continue to assess an annual \$100 per member to help cover operating costs for the IWUC.

AWWA 2017 Fly-In

Dennis Teller/City of Meridian, Vice Chair IWUC will represent Idaho at the Fly-In on March 22-23. We anticipate some interesting discussion on the Hill at this year's Fly-in. We expect that WIFIA and Funding will continue to be the major themes and discussion points for this year's Fly-in. Dennis will be setting up meetings with our Idaho Delegation including:

Senator Mike Crapo, R – Environment and Public Works Committee

Senator Jim Risch, R – Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Representative Mike Simpson, R – Budget and Appropriations Committees

Representative Raul Labrador, R - Natural Resources and Government Oversight and Reform Committees

2017 Idaho State Legislature

The 2017 Session of the Idaho State Legislature convened on January 8, 2017. We will work with both the IDEQ and IDWR to anticipate upcoming legislation that may be of interest to the IWUC. Initial indications from both IDEQ and IDWR are that this will be a quiet legislative session from their perspective.

2017 IWUC Focus and Planning

1. 2017 Water Supply Status
2. Water Rights
3. 2017 AWWA Fly-In
4. State and Federal Drinking Water Legislation

5. Tri State WUC Meeting
6. IWUC Network Expansion

This is a brief overview this past year's activities and our planned focus for the coming year.

Respectfully,

John Wiskus, Chair, IWUC