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Re: Idaho Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (IdWARN) www.idwarn.org

PNWS-American Water Works Association Board of Directors,

Our current Steering Committee Members consist of the following:

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Dion Holton, City of Coeur d'Alene, Coeur d'Alene Region

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IdWARN is continuing with quarterly meetings. All meetings are available to meet in person or via teleconference. One (1) new full member joined WARN since previously reported with the addition of the city of East Hope. So, IdWARN now has 54 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; 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. 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.

IdWARN members have received updates on the impact hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria have had on water and wastewater utilities in those regions. At this time, no requests for support have been elevated beyond states in the immediate surrounding areas.

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 July meeting was canceled due to scheduling conflicts. The next regular member meeting will be October 11th.
- IdWARN is working with the Idaho State Office of Emergency Management to better understand how WARN and OEM may coordinate resources. IdWARN representatives are attending regional emergency management training sessions when possible. The purpose of participation is to introduce WARN to area emergency county coordinators and encourage outreach to regional steering committee members and local utilities.
- IdWARN is developing and planning training and tabletop exercises for 2018. Specific dates and locations have not yet been determined.
- IdWARN continues to work with the Oregon and Washington sections to build relationships and coordinate activities.
- 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 to continue to promote new members and encourage continued participation with existing members. IdWARN was approved for a \$350 budget by AWWA for 2017 to help offset the costs for printing new marketing material.
- IdWARN has received requests from various city and county attorneys to have our existing MAA reviewed and updated for changes in state law as appropriate. The content of the MAA has not been updated since it was originally drafted in 2009. The Steering Committee will add this agenda to address in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Roberts, Co-chair - IdWARN