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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:

Shelley Roberts, IRWA, Co-Chair

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IdWARN is continuing with quarterly meetings. All meetings are available to meet in person or via teleconference. Four (4) new full members joined WARN since previously reported with the addition of Mores Creek Rim Ranches Water District, and the cities of Dietrich, Hope, and White Bird. So, IdWARN now has 58 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.

IdWARN was activated on November 28, 2017, for the City of White Bird due to a sudden loss in their water supply. The event was declared a state disaster on December 11, 2017. Personnel, equipment and supplies were dispatched to respond to the emergency. 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 10th at the IRWA office. Members unable to attend in person also participated via teleconference. The next regular member meeting will be April 11th.
- WARN is offering a statewide training and tabletop exercise on April 4, 2018 in in the Twin Falls, ID. A second training and exercise is scheduled for June 19, 2018 in Plummer, ID.
- IdWARN is reaching out to Idaho State Office of Emergency Management to better understand how WARN and OEM may coordinate resources. IdWARN representatives are scheduled to present at the upcoming OEM conference in February 2018. The purpose of participating is to introduce WARN to area county coordinators.
- IdWARN has been working with the Oregon and Washington sections to build relationships and coordinate activities. Oregon and Washington WARNs are sponsoring a conference in 2018 that IdWARN will work to attend and promote.
- 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 2018. However, IdWARN was not approved for any budget for marketing or other costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Roberts, Co-chair - IdWARN