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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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Rich Pierson, City of McCammon, Pocatello Region  
Idaho Falls Region (vacant)  
Barbara Jones, DEQ

IdWARN is continuing with quarterly meetings. All meetings are available to meet in person or via teleconference. The last meeting was held on January 9, 2019. Two (2) new full members joined WARN since previously reported with the addition of the cities of Gooding and Declo. So, IdWARN now has 68 full members and 10 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 WARN activations. 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.

Current activities include:

- The last quarterly meeting was held January 9, 2019. The next regular member meeting will be April 10th.
- Steering committee member, Mike Dimmick, represented IdWARN at the most recent national WARN chair meeting held in Atlanta, GA.
- IdWARN is hosting two (2) training and tabletop exercises during 2019. The first training and tabletop exercise is being hosted on February 13, 2019 in Ammon, ID. The second training and tabletop exercise is scheduled for April 9, 2019 in Grangeville, ID.
- IdWARN is reaching out to the Idaho State Office of Emergency Management to better understand how WARN and OEM may coordinate resources. IdWARN representatives participated at the OEM conference in February 2019. The purpose of participation is to introduce WARN to area county coordinators. We feel we are making progress towards building relationships with county coordinators but much work still remains.
- IdWARN has been working with the Oregon and Washington sections to build relationships and coordinate activities. Oregon and Washington WARNs sponsored a conference in 2019 that IdWARN representative, Adrianna Hummer, attended. In addition to attending, Adrianna Hummer also hosted a workshop at the conference to discuss IdWARNs most recent activation with the City of Whitebird. Discussion highlighted event successes as well as lessons learned including the importance of emergency communication and coordination between regulatory and other agencies.
- 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 2019. However, the IdWARN budget request was not approved for marketing or other costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Roberts, Co-chair - IdWARN