

Milestones in Water Management of the SRPA Area in Idaho

- Completion of the Joint Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Hydrologic Project
- Authorization of the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Planning Process
- Water Demand Projections from the RPCAMP
- Northern Idaho Adjudication

Goals of the IWRB CAMP Process

- Provide reliable sources of water, projecting 50 years into the future
- Develop strategies to avoid conflicts over water resources
- Prioritize future state investments in water
- Bridge the gaps between future water needs and supply

IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE -- WATER RIGHTS AND RECLAMATION

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES -- WATER RESOURCE BOARD

42-1779. STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE AQUIFER PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT EFFORT. Pursuant to the provisions of Idaho law and legislative funding approval, the Idaho water resource board and the Idaho department of water resources shall conduct a statewide comprehensive aquifer planning and management effort over a ten (10) year period of time beginning in fiscal year 2009. Funding for the statewide comprehensive aquifer planning and management effort shall be used for technical studies, facilitation services, hydrologic monitoring, measurement and comprehensive plan development as well as for personnel costs, operating expenses and capital outlay associated with the statewide comprehensive aquifer planning and management effort.

History:

[42-1779, added 2008, ch. 134, sec. 2, p. 377.]

Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer

Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan

Vision: Provide a sustainable source of high-quality groundwater for current and future economic, social, and environmental benefits, and preserve the exceptional quality and reliability of the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer.



RATHDRUM PRAIRIE AQUIFER WATER DEMAND PROJECTIONS

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42-1780. AQUIFER PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT FUND -- SECONDARY AQUIFER PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION FUND. (1) The aquifer planning and management fund is hereby created in the state treasury. Pursuant to appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used for technical studies, facilitation services, hydrologic monitoring, measurement and comprehensive plan development as well as for personnel costs, operating expenditures and capital outlay associated with the statewide comprehensive aquifer planning and management effort. The state treasurer shall invest the idle moneys of the fund, and the interest earned on such investments shall be retained by the fund.

(2) There is hereby created in the state treasury, the secondary aquifer planning, management and implementation fund, hereinafter referred to as the secondary fund. The secondary fund shall consist of moneys appropriated to the fund, moneys voluntarily contributed by water users or through water delivery entities or districts having authority to contribute, or through contributions, gifts or grants from any other source, and any other moneys that may hereafter be provided by law. All moneys in the secondary fund shall be used for the purposes for which the moneys were provided through appropriation, contribution or otherwise, and moneys in the secondary fund are appropriated continuously to the water resource board for technical studies, project management services, hydrologic monitoring, measurement and comprehensive plan development, as well as for personnel costs, operating expenditures, capital outlay and water projects associated with the statewide comprehensive aquifer planning and management effort, and shall not be subject to the provisions of the standard appropriations act of 1945 or the provisions of section 67-3516, Idaho Code. The state treasurer shall invest the idle moneys of the fund, and the interest earned on such investments shall be retained by the fund.

NIA

- Commenced in 2008
- First Director's reports have been filed
- Federal and Tribal Claims due to be filed Jan 31

1996 Municipal Water Rights Act

“Reasonably Anticipated Future Needs” refers to the future uses of water by a municipal provider for municipal purposes within a service area which, on the basis of population and other planning data, are reasonably expected to be required within the planning horizon of each municipality within the service area not inconsistent with comprehensive land use plans approved by each municipality. Reasonably anticipated future needs shall not include uses of water within areas overlapped by conflicting comprehensive land use plans.

Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC)

Who we are, why we are here, and why your membership in IWAC is important

Water managers and residents alike are facing many complex issues in the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. Recently, scientists conducting a study commissioned by Washington, Idaho and USGS came to the conclusion that our greatest challenge will be in aligning the different values we place on the river. Finding management solutions in the face of competing values could prove costly and contentious. Our region's best hope is to bring together stakeholders to find bi-state, collaborative solutions.

The Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC) is a bi-state nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote region-wide solutions to water resource issues throughout the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. The Collaborative is unique, in that it is the only bi-state organization looking at the aquifer and river as a system, incorporating both water purveyors and wastewater treatment and discharge operators. Our goals include:

- developing, through a consensus process, an ongoing mechanism for water managers to research and discuss topics impacting the aquifer and river.
- promoting regional water conservation.
- development of a coordinated public awareness and education campaign.

More detailed information on our goals can be found at:
www.spokaneaquifer.org/idaho-washington-aquifer-collaborative-goals.

The Collaborative's members include Idaho and Washington water and water reclamation (wastewater) service providers. Advisory members include Avista, the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Tribes, and regulatory agencies. The Collaborative is made up of the professional and regional leaders in water resources. Our customers are the citizens of the region, who count on us to provide essential services to their homes and businesses.

Funding for the Collaborative will be through member dues. This funding is intended to cover the operational costs; board members and officers will not be paid through the Collaborative.

We hope your organization will become an active IWAC member. Our combined leadership and all voices at the table will lead to regional solutions that support all of our interests.

Sincerely,

IWAC Officers

President, Mike Galante; Vice-President, Ty Wick; Secretary, Bryan St. Clair; Treasurer, Alan Miller

Water for Additional Growth

- Most purveyors are requiring developers to convey any existing water rights to the purveyor as a condition of supplying water
- IDWR is currently approving new applications for permit to appropriate water

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