

Part 1 – Agency Profile

AGENCY OVERVIEW

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) actively guides, controls, and plans for the use and conservation of Idaho's water resources. Gary Spackman is the Interim Director of IDWR replacing David Tuthill who retired on June 30, 2009. Interim Director Spackman was appointed to his position by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter on July 16, 2009, having served as IDWR Water Management Administrator since January of 2007.

In addition to the state office in Boise, IDWR is comprised of four regional offices that provide services to Idaho citizens: Northern Regional Office, Coeur d'Alene; Western Regional Office, Boise; Southern Regional Office, Twin Falls; and Eastern Regional Office, Idaho Falls. IDWR also maintains a one-person satellite office in Salmon.

CORE FUNCTIONS/IDAHO CODE

IDWR has two operational divisions, the Water Management Division and the Planning and Technical Services Division. In addition, organizational entities consisting of Public Information Services, Legal Services, and Support Services report to the IDWR Director. The attorneys in Legal Services are deputy attorneys general housed at IDWR. Support Services include Human Resources, Information Technology, Financial, and Administrative Services.

Primary authority for the Idaho Department of Water Resources and its programs rests in Title 42, Idaho Code. The importance of water to the State of Idaho was recognized even before statehood. Article XV of the Constitution contains seven sections dealing with water including Section 7 that established the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB). In 1974 the Board, although a separate entity, was placed within the Department.

WATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION

This is the regulatory division for the Department. Staff is located in the State Office, regional offices and a satellite office in Salmon. Staffs in the regional offices conduct division programs as directed and supported by state office staff. The Water Management Division is comprised of the Water Allocations Bureau and the Resource Protection Bureau.

Water Allocation Bureau

The Water Allocation Bureau is divided into three sections: the Water Rights Section, the Water Distribution Section, and the Adjudication Section.

The Water Rights Section processes applications for new water rights and for water right changes and also creates, archives, and maintains all water right records in the state. The Water Distribution Section supervises water distribution via about 85 active water districts throughout the state. The Water Distribution Section assists various water districts each year in areas of watermaster guidance, water measurement, and water right enforcement. The Adjudication Section (formerly Adjudication Bureau) was merged into the Water Allocation Bureau during FY2010. The Adjudication Section supervises all water right adjudications in the state.

Resource Protection Bureau

The Resource Protection Bureau is divided into two sections and two program units: The Safety of Dams Section, the Ground Water Protection Section, the Stream Channel Protection unit, and the Flood Plain Management unit.

The Dam Safety Section inspects and evaluates dams during construction and subsequent operation to ensure the dams satisfy minimum requirements for public safety. The Ground Water Protection Section issues permits for new well construction; field verifies proper well construction; archives information about construction, geographic location, and hydrogeology; and licenses well drillers. The Stream Channel unit evaluates potential alterations to stream channels for the protection of fish and wildlife habitat, aquatic life, recreation, aesthetic beauty and water quality. The Flood Plain Management unit administers the state flood insurance program, maps floodplains, and educates local governments, developers, and individuals planning land uses in or near floodplain areas.

PLANNING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION

The Planning and Technical Services Division is comprised of the Technical Services Bureau and the Planning Bureau.

This division provides technical and planning support to IDWR and the IWRB.

Technical Services Bureau

The Technical Services Bureau is divided into two sections: the Geospatial Technology Section and the Hydrology Section.

Idaho Code 39-120 assigns IDWR, through the Geospatial Technology Section, as the designated leader, for natural resource geographic information systems (GIS). The GIS analysts have provided support to the attorney general's office, the legislative redistricting commission, and many other state agencies and local governments.

The Hydrology Section provides the detailed scientific information necessary for administration, management, planning, and protection of the state's water resources. The section provides data, expertise, and collaborative studies to the department and numerous organizations and governments. The section provides technical support for water right accounting for deliveries of Idaho water rights. The accounting program tracks natural flow and storage water used and what remains in reservoirs. Ground water flow models and a system operations model for the Snake River are also the responsibility of the Hydrology Section. These models are used for a variety of purposes including quantification of the effects of drought, recharge, and pumping on water levels and river flows.

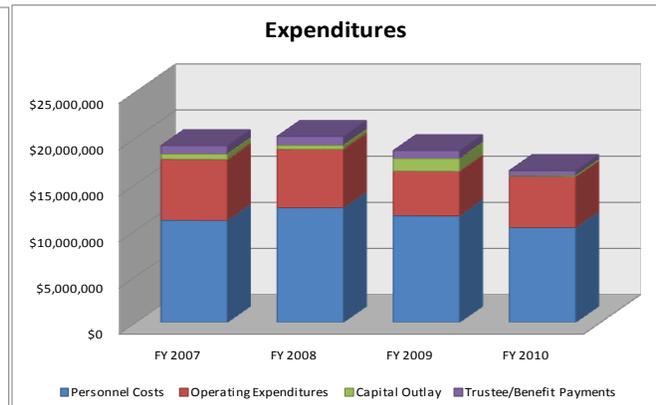
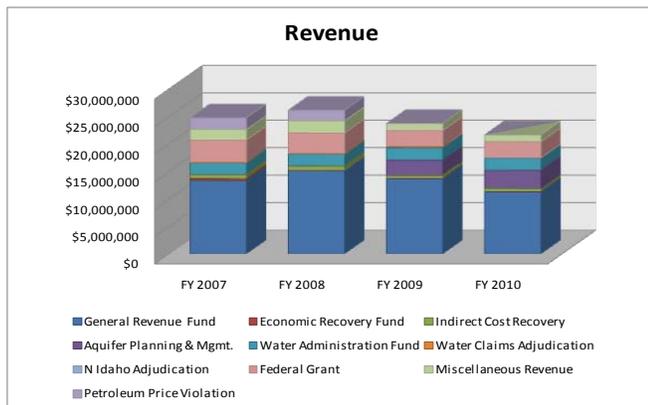
Planning Bureau

The Planning Bureau is divided into a Planning Section and several adjunct staff who report directly to the Bureau Chief. The Planning Bureau primarily supports IWRB programs, including the State Water Plan, Idaho Water Supply Bank, water project development and funding, minimum stream flows, natural and recreational river designations and comprehensive basin and aquifer planning. The Planning Bureau also is responsible for facilitating water transactions related to improving stream flows for fish.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
General Revenue Fund	\$13,354,200	\$15,124,800	\$13,678,000	11,293,300
Economic Recovery Fund	\$310,800	\$49,900	0	0
Indirect Cost Recovery	\$775,600	\$811,100	\$602,600	594,600
Aquifer Planning & Mgmt.	0	0	\$2,758,500	3,319,500
Water Administration Fund	\$2,120,200	\$2,188,600	\$2,230,200	2,194,000
Water Claims Adjudication	0	0	\$197,000	0
N Idaho Adjudication	0	0	0	35,000
Federal Grant	\$4,120,000	\$3,806,000	\$2,957,500	2,938,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,943,100	\$2,206,400	\$1,323,400	1,303,600
Petroleum Price Violation	\$2,128,000	\$1,958,700	0	0
Total	\$24,751,900	\$26,835,500	\$23,747,200	21,678,000

Expenditure	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personnel Costs	\$11,035,500	\$12,403,400	\$11,532,000	10,252,000
Operating Expenditures	\$6,596,300	\$6,338,200	\$4,813,600	5,540,600
Capital Outlay	\$601,600	\$431,900	\$1,400,500	83,500
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$909,300	\$971,300	\$854,500	560,500
Total	\$19,142,700	\$20,144,800	\$18,600,600	16,436,600



Part II – Performance Measures

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Water Management Snake River Basin Adjudication Director's Report Recommendations	15,866	Completed in FY 2008	169 late claims reported which were granted by the court	157 late claims were reported
Objections Remaining	3,042	7,267	6,910	4,355
Water Management Northern Idaho Adjudication Commencement Filed Claims Notices of Commencements			November 12, 2008 Nearly 2,000 Nearly 10,000 mailed	>3,000 >4,000
Water Management Water Right Transfers Approved	143	345	338	361 resolved
Water Management Dam Safety Inspections of Existing Dams	170	171	138	Tabulated at the end of the calendar year
Water Management Ground Water Protection Well Permits Issued Driller Licenses Injection Well Apps Processed Geothermal Well Apps Processed	5,295 212 1,082 0	4,264 141 1,913 5	3,329 215 1,512 14	2,211 149 394 10
Water Management Stream Channel Alterations (SCA) SCA Apps Processed (estimated)	270	280	290	300
Planning & Technical Services Water Resource Board Loans Revenue Bond Issuances	10 - \$5,655,225	15 - \$13,614,969 1 - \$10,000,000 for acquisition of Pristine Springs Trout Farm	6 - \$2,251,460	8 - \$2,356,400
Planning & Technical Services Surface & Ground Water Measurement Sites Number of Measurement Sites Managed Recharge Geothermal Ground Water Quality Water Levels (USGS Co-op, IDWR & Private Contracts)	1,149 13 9 408 595	1,159 14 13 408 595*	1,202 14 13 386 621*	1,305 14 13 337 757
		*Note: 830 wells were also tested for water levels in FY 2008 as part of a mass measurement project. These	*Note: Water levels were collected in approx. 830 ESPA wells in FY 2009 as part of ESPA mass measurement. These are not included in the	

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Surface Water (USGS gages + return flow sites)	124	are not included in the total. 129	total. 168	184

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kelly Conrad

Idaho Department of Water Resources
 322 East Front Street
 PO Box 83720
 Boise, ID 83720-0098
 Phone: (208) 287-4992
 Email: kelly.conrad@idwr.idaho.gov