

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, the Director of IDWR, was appointed to his position by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter on July 11, 2012, after having served as Interim Director since July 16, 2009.

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.

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, 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 rest 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). IDWR provides staff for the Idaho Water Resource Board.

WATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The Water Management Division is the regulatory division for IDWR. IDWR staff is located in the state office and regional offices. Staff in the regional offices conducts division programs as directed and supported by state office staff. The Water Management Division is comprised of the Water Allocations Bureau and the Water Compliance Bureau.

Water Allocation Bureau

The Water Allocation Bureau is divided into three units: the Water Rights Section, the Adjudication Section and the Dam Safety Program.

The Water Rights Section processes applications for new water rights and water right changes, and also creates, archives, and maintains all water right records in the state. 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.

The Dam Safety Program inspects and evaluates dams during construction and subsequent operation to ensure the dams satisfy minimum requirements for public safety.

Water Compliance Bureau

The Water Compliance Bureau is a new bureau that was formed by merging the Water Distribution Section and the Resource Protection Bureau, and is divided into two sections and two program units: The Water Distribution Section, the Ground Water Protection Section, the Stream Channel Protection unit, and the Flood Plain Management unit.

The Water Distribution Section supervises water distribution via 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 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 federal flood insurance program, maps flood risk, and educates local governments, developers, and individuals planning land uses in flood hazard 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, provides technical support for water right accounting for deliveries of Idaho water rights, ground water flow models and a system operations model for the Snake River. The accounting program tracks natural flow and storage water used and what remains in reservoirs. The models are used for a variety of purposes including quantification of the effects of drought, recharge, and pumping on water levels and river flows. These collaborative studies are vital to the department, numerous organizations, and governments to understand the hydrology of Idaho.

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

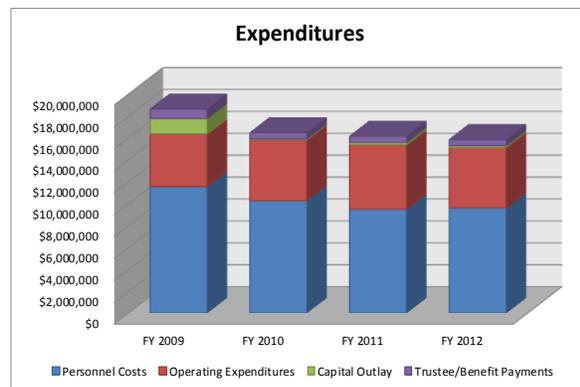
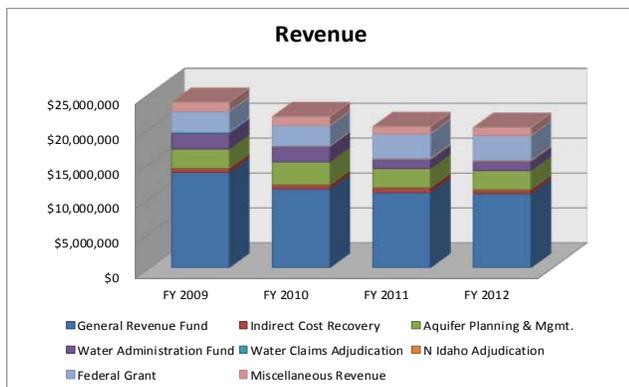
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designations and comprehensive basin and aquifer planning. The Planning Bureau also is responsible for facilitating water transactions related to improving stream flows for fish.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
General Revenue Fund	\$13,678,000	11,293,300	10,781,000	10,651,700
Indirect Cost Recovery	\$602,600	594,600	711,200	570,200
Aquifer Planning & Mgmt.	\$2,758,500	3,319,500	2,742,600	2,742,600
Water Administration Fund	\$2,230,200	2,194,000	1,308,500	1,308,500
Water Claims Adjudication	\$197,000	0	0	0
N Idaho Adjudication	0	35,000	102,800	102,800
Federal Grant	\$2,957,500	2,938,000	3,554,600	3,554,600
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,323,400	1,303,600	1,039,600	1,197,700
Total	\$23,747,200	21,678,000	20,240,300	20,128,100
Expenditure	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personnel Costs	\$11,532,000	10,252,000	9,480,800	9,591,000
Operating Expenditures	\$4,813,600	5,540,600	5,862,900	5,514,200
Capital Outlay	\$1,400,500	83,500	215,200	164,500
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$854,500	560,500	559,200	554,000
Total	\$18,600,600	16,436,600	16,118,100	15,823,700



Part II – Performance Measures

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Water Management Snake River Basin Adjudication Director's Report Recommendations Objections Remaining	169 late claims reported which were granted by the court 6,910	157 late claims were reported 4,355	123 late claims were reported 2,384	73 late claims were reported 292
Water Management Northern Idaho Adjudication Commencement Filed Claims Notices of Commencements	November 12, 2008 Nearly 2,000 Nearly 10,000 mailed	>3,000 >45,000	>3,500 >6,200	Nearly 2,000 Nearly 11,000
Water Right Transfers Approved Average Processing Time for Resolved Transfers Water Management Licenses Issued	338 275	361 resolved 130	316 resolved 211	290 resolved 1.4 years 573
Water Management Dam Safety Inspections of Existing Dams Design Review & Approval for New Construction or Repair % of High Hazard Dams with Up-to-Date Emergency Action Plans	138	127	Calendar Year 84 8 33	Calendar Year Year-to-Date: 66 Year to Date: 5 46
Water Management Water Distribution Water Districts Created or Expanded	2 (71-Stanley Basin & 29D-Lower Portneuf)	1 (72-Clayton Area/ E. F. Salmon R.)		1 (02-Snake R. Milner to Murphy)
Water Measurement Measurement Orders Issued (comprehensive orders only) Other Activity:	1 WD 140 – Oakley Area (ground water)	1 ESPA WD130 – order issued for 100+ wells	1 WD13A – Cub R ESPA – misc. or individual orders only; Magnetic Meter certification established	1 Upper Wood Rivers – ground water meas. district created Ultrasonic Meter certification established
Water Management Ground Water Protection Well Permits Issued	3,329	2,211	2,017	2,250

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Driller Licenses	215	149	183	128
Injection Well Apps Processed	1,512	394	391	533
Geothermal Well Apps Processed	14	10	4	2
Water Management Stream Channel Alterations (SCA)				
SCA Apps Received/Processed	340	182	183	282
SCA Permits Issued (does not include Recreational Dredge permits & State/Federal agency MOU permits)	231	131	149	200
Planning & Technical Services Water Resource Board				
Loans	6 - \$2,251,460	8 - \$2,356,400	5 - \$625,563	4 - \$2,951,550
Revenue Bond Issuances				2 - \$36,000,000
Surface Water Storage Studies in Progress (Weiser-Galloway, Boise River, Henry's Fork-Teton)				3
Implement ESPA Aquifer Management measure – Ground Water-to- Surface Water projects installed (acres)		11 for 3,280	9 for 2,332	1 for 5,400
Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer – acre feet recharged into aquifer	108,711 AF	88,497 AF	61,588 AF	161,936 AF
Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plans (CAMPs) completed and approved (Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer CAMP)				1
Planning & Technical Services Technical Initiatives				
Surface and Ground Water Investigations				
Initiated		1		
Ongoing	3	2	3	2
Completed		1		1
Ground Water Model Revision and Recalibration efforts				
Initiated				
Ongoing	1	1	1	
Completed				1
Water Rights Accounting Program Modernization efforts				

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Initiated			1	
Ongoing				2
Completed	1	1	1	
GIS Database development and integration projects				
Initiated	1		2	
Ongoing			1	2
Completed		1		1
Planning & Technical Services				
Surface & Ground Water Measurement Sites				
Number of Measurement Sites	1,202	1,305	1,343	1,346
Managed Recharge	14	14	21	21
Geothermal	13	13	13	13
Ground Water Quality	386	337	300	299
Water Levels (USGS Co-op, IDWR & Private Contracts)	621*	757	825	826
	*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 total.			*Note: Water levels were collected in 222 additional wells as part of K-Springs area mass measurements. These are not included in the total.
Surface Water (USGS gages + return flow sites)	168	184	184	187

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