
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES



OUR COMMITMENT

- ◆ *Act in the public interest of Idaho's water resources*
- ◆ *Serve our customers responsively*
- ◆ *Balance competing interests consistent with Idaho law*
- ◆ *Be forward looking and innovative*
- ◆ *Deliver uncompromising ethical behavior*
- ◆ *Communicate early, honestly, and completely*
- ◆ *Return to the taxpayer an honest day's time and effort*

Our Mission

To serve the citizens of Idaho by ensuring that water is conserved and available to sustain Idaho's economy, ecosystems, and resulting quality of life

Our Vision

To achieve excellence in water management through innovation, efficiency, planning, and communication

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INTRODUCTION

About the Idaho Department of Water Resources

AGENCY HISTORY

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, disputes about water use created the need for recording and regulation of water rights. In response, the 1895 Idaho Legislature created the Office of State Engineer. Water users could file applications to appropriate water with the agency, obtain written authorization to develop a water use, and perfect a recorded water right. The agency was renamed the Department of Reclamation in 1919 and then the Department of Water Administration in 1970. In 1965, the Legislature created the Idaho Water Resource Board (Board) and, in 1974, renamed the department to the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR or Department).

THE DEPARTMENT TODAY

Consistent with its original legislative purpose, IDWR approves or denies proposals to appropriate or change existing water rights, archives water right records, recommends and records adjudicated water rights, and oversees the delivery of water in times of shortage. To promote the sustainable development of water resources, the Department gathers information and data about the water supplies of the state. Additional responsibilities include dam safety, groundwater protection (well construction oversight), the regulation of stream channel alterations, and coordination with local communities to comply with the National Flood Insurance Program.

The Board authors and updates a state water plan for the use, protection, and development of water resources in the state. The Board also holds several state monetary accounts in trust for the funding of water projects and improvements within the state.

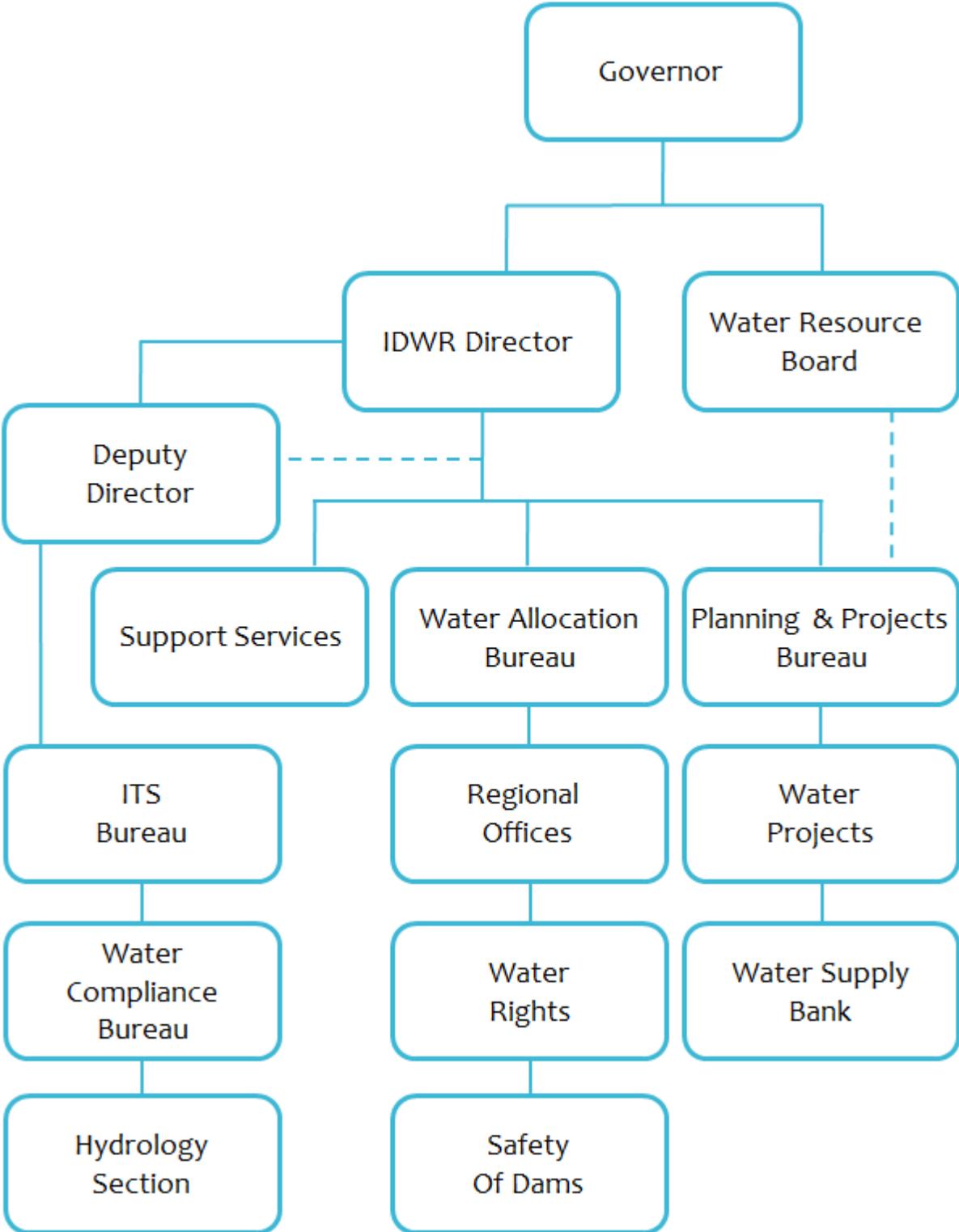
IDWR and the Board interact in a level working relationship. The Board establishes long-term vision and policy and implements water projects on behalf of the state. IDWR administers water rights and performs other regulatory functions.

There are four bureaus within IDWR: the Water Allocation Bureau, the Water Compliance Bureau, the Water Planning Bureau, and the Information Technology Services (ITS) Bureau. IDWR also has a stand-alone Hydrology Section. The Purchasing, Financial, and Human Resources groups support the staff of the Department. (See organizational chart on page 7.)

LOOKING FORWARD

Greater demand on a finite supply of water has changed the focus of IDWR and the Board in recent years. To protect senior priority water rights, IDWR has limited appropriations of water in many areas of the state and has regulated the use of water in times of water shortage. The Board has exerted significant efforts to enhance water supplies to address shortages and future needs. These efforts will intensify as the demands for water from prospective water users' increase. The challenge for IDWR and the Board is to fulfill the sometimes conflicting directives of promoting the sustainable development of water resources of the state for the benefit of its citizens while, at the same time, protecting senior water right holders.

IDWR Organizational Structure



About This Plan

STATUTORY REQUIREMENT

Idaho law requires state agencies to develop a strategic plan that is the foundation for performance commitments and assessing progress toward agency goals (Idaho Code § 67-1903). Plans are based on the state fiscal year (July 1 through June 30); cover a 4-year period, including the year in which they are developed; and are updated annually.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This plan contains four goals. Each goal relates to one of four key Department functions: managing water resources, administering water rights, financing projects, and supporting staff. Specific action items support each goal, or objectives, that will lead the Department to satisfy those goals. Performance measures and benchmarks associated with those objectives inform the Department of its progress.

Goals:

- 1) Manage and allocate water resources as required by statute to optimize economic activity and protect public safety
- 2) Administer and regulate water rights, protect senior water rights, and conserve Idaho's water for future use
- 3) Promote and finance projects that will ensure the sustainability of water sources into the foreseeable future, and that will optimize the use of water of the State of Idaho
- 4) Enhance the capability of the Department to manage and protect the water resources of the state and serve the public

EXTERNAL FACTORS

Several factors outside of the Department's control could affect this plan and the Department's pursuit and achievement of the stated goals:

- Availability of funding
- Federal and State regulatory actions and mandates
- Weather patterns, droughts, natural disasters, and other environmental factors
- Litigation and court decisions

PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL

The IDWR Strategic Plan, developed by the Director's Executive Team, establishes the agency's near and long-term priorities and establishes tangible objectives. By evaluating productivity with performance measures, the Department and the public can assess IDWR's progress and success in implementing and achieving these goals. IDWR welcomes any input from staff and will publish the plan for all IDWR employee's reference.

The Director's Executive Team consists of the following: Gary Spackman, Director; Mat Weaver, Deputy Director; Tim Luke, Compliance Bureau Chief; Greg Mathias, Information Technology Services (ITS) Bureau Chief; Brian Patton, Planning & Projects Bureau Chief; Shelley Keen, Water Allocation Bureau Chief; Sean Vincent, Hydrology Section Manager; Rosemary DeMond, Director's Administrative Assistant; Sascha Marston, Fiscal Officer; and Holly Wimer, Human Resources Officer.

GOAL 1: WATER RESOURCES

MANAGE AND ALLOCATE WATER RESOURCES AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO OPTIMIZE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY

The Department manages and allocates the state's water resources. The orderly administration of the finite water resources within the state begins with an accurate determination of existing water rights through court adjudications. Additionally, the development of efficient processes to appropriate water for future use and to change existing water rights to sustain economic activity and growth are necessary. This also includes enforcement of standards and practices to protect public safety in the construction of wells, stream channel alterations, and the construction of dams and mine tailings impoundment structures. These tasks require accurate and accessible hydrologic data to support decisions.

Goal 1 Objective 1: Reduce processing delays for major water right processes: applications for permit, water right licensing, applications for transfer, water supply bank leases and rentals, and ownership changes. (Water Allocation)

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	FY20 BENCHMARK	FY21 BENCHMARK	FY22 BENCHMARK	FY23 BENCHMARK
Size of the pending water right licensing workload (licensing backlog) ¹	650	550	450	350
Number of unprotested applications for permit not subject to a moratorium	225	200	175	150
Number of protested applications for permit not subject to a moratorium ²	200	180	160	140
Number of pending transfer applications (transfer backlog)	110	100	100	100
Number of pending ownership changes	250	200	200	200
Median number of days to receive, process, and recommend water supply bank leases and rentals ³	30	30	30	30

Goal 1 Objective 2: Determine the validity (or elements) of each claim to a water right filed in the Northern Idaho Adjudications and submit Director’s Reports for recommendation to the court. (Water Allocation)

- Directors Report for the Palouse River Basin Adjudication completed **by June 30, 2021**.
- Commencement of Clark Fork Pend Oreille Adjudication **by June 30, 2021**

¹ Because IDWR missed its FY19 benchmark the benchmarks for FY20-FY22 have been adjusted upward (larger backlog) when compared to IDWR’s FY19 Strategic Plan.

² See Footnote #1.

³ The water supply bank median 30-day processing time for leases and applications includes agency review, applicant coordination and time required to issue a recommendation. It does not include the time needed for the applicant to review, sign, and return final paper work.

Goal 1 Objective 3: Streamline hydrologic data collection and processing.

(Hydrology)

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	FY20 BENCHMARK	FY21 BENCHMARK	FY22 BENCHMARK	FY23
Number of new pressure transducers deployed in monitoring wells	25	25	25	25
Number of new telemetry systems deployed	10	10	10	10

- Implement Ground Water data management system **by March 30, 2020.**
- Integrate the use of Survey 1-2-3 automated data acquisition into hydrologic data collection programs as opportunities present themselves.

Goal 1 Objective 4: Modernize record retention processes in the water rights program to reduce labor costs, enhance accessibility, and limit paper use. *(Water Allocation)*

- Submit legislative proposal to codify IDWR’s authority to keep records digitally and dispose of paper records **during the 2020 Legislative Session.**
- Complete Document Retention Schedule and plan to convert records to digital format **December 2021.**
- Begin destruction or archival of paper documents, under Agency and State policy, and begin acceptance of online applications **by June 30, 2022.**

Goal 1 Objective 5: Cultivate an experienced and trained group of core hearing officers, led by a seasoned Hearing Officer Coordinator, to resolve contested case applications promptly. *(Director)*

- Seek funding, hire, and train one full-time Hearing Officer Coordinator **by June 30, 2020.**
- Send at least one hearing officer per year to training through the National Judicial College beginning **July 1, 2019.**
- Continually work to replace outgoing hearing officers by offering learning experiences to current IDWR staff **beginning July 1, 2021.**
- **Issue 80% of contested case preliminary orders within 60 days of the hearing date or receipt of the final post-hearing briefs, whichever is later.**

Goal 1 Objective 6: Timely issue Stream Channel Alteration (SCA) permits that balance the protection of private property, public safety, and stream channels. (Water Compliance)

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	FY20 BENCHMARK	FY21 BENCHMARK	FY 22 BENCHMARK	FY23 BENCHMARK
Percentage of SCA applications processed within 60 days of receipt (minimum standard projects only)	75%	75%	75%	75%
Percent of permitted SCA activities receiving pre or post inspection	25%	25%	25%	25%

- Finalize an administrative policy for issuing stream channel alteration permits in the Wood River Valley in a timely, consistent, and transparent manner **by December 31, 2019.**
- Finalize an administrative policy for stream channel enforcement actions to create clear expectations by the regulated community and establish a consistent level of enforcement **by June 30, 2020.**
- Establish baseline reporting for pre-SCA site inspections to assist the public with the implementation of best management practices **by June 30, 2020.**
- Establish baseline reporting for post-SCA site inspections to monitor compliance with permit conditions **by June 30, 2021.**

Goal 1 Objective 7: Ensure up-to-date Operation/Emergency Plans exist for all high hazard dams. (Water Allocation)

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	FY20 BENCHMARK	FY21 BENCHMARK	FY22 BENCHMARK	FY23 BENCHMARK
Percent of high hazard dams that have an up-to-date Operation/Emergency Plan	90%	95%	97%	97%

Goal 1 Objective 8: Inspect wells during construction, modification, or decommissioning to ensure well construction activities do not harm the public or waste or contaminate a water resource. (Water Compliance)

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	FY20 BENCHMARK	FY21 BENCHMARK	FY22 BENCHMARK	FY23 BENCHMARK
Percentage of wells inspected during construction, modification, or decommissioning. ⁴	25%	28%	30%	30%

⁴ Of newly constructed well inspections, IDWR will target 5-10% during placement of well seals. The remaining inspections will take place during other phases of construction.

Goal 1 Objective 9: Educate and engage with regulated industry, landowners, and communities regarding resource protection laws, rules, and policies. (Water Compliance)

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	FY20 BENCHMARK	FY21 BENCHMARK	FY22 BENCHMARK	FY23 BENCHMARK
Percentage of IGWA well driller association workshops supported by IDWR ⁵	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number of NFIP ⁶ Community Assistance Visits (CAV)	8-10	8-10	8-10	8-10
Number of NFIP Community Assistance Contacts (CAC) initiated	25	25	25	25

⁵ This annual benchmark is consistent with the agreement between IDWR and IGWA.

⁶ Annual benchmarks are consistent with FEMA contract goals.

GOAL 2: WATER RIGHTS

ADMINISTER AND REGULATE WATER RIGHTS, PROTECT SENIOR WATER RIGHTS, AND CONSERVE IDAHO'S WATER FOR FUTURE USE

Idaho law tasks the Director of IDWR to “direct and control” the distribution of natural water sources within the state. To orderly distribute water, the Department creates water districts. Watermasters distribute water within the water districts. The water users within a district elect watermasters. Watermasters measure water diversion and use, control and curtail diversions of water by priority date, and curtail unauthorized uses. Administration includes the development and enforcement of water measurement standards to support accuracy and fairness. In addition, administration requires the development of tools to account for water diversions and use, assess the hydrologic impact from water diversions, and predict future water supplies.

Goal 2 Objective 1: Create or modify water districts within the Snake River Basin.
(Water Compliance)

Priority areas/sources include the Little Lost River (Administrative Basin 33), the Upper Salmon River Tributaries (Administrative Basins 74 and 75), and all portions of the Eastern Snake Plain Ground Water Management Area not currently included in water districts.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	FY20 BENCHMARK	FY21 BENCHMARK	FY22 BENCHMARK	FY23 BENCHMARK
Number of water districts created or modified within the Snake River Basin	1 – 2	1 – 2	1 - 2	1 - 2

Goal 2 Objective 2: Improve the administration of water rights and regulation of water use in water districts throughout the state. *(Water Compliance)*

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	FY20 BENCHMARK	FY21 BENCHMARK	FY22 BENCHMARK	FY23 BENCHMARK
Integrate the use of Survey 1-2-3 automated data acquisition applications in new Water Districts.	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3
Annually conduct and host training workshops or individual watermaster training courses.	3	3	3	3

- Complete Part II of the Water District Operations Manual **by June 30, 2020.**
- Revise Watermaster Handbook **by June 30, 2021.**

Goal 2 Objective 3: Maintain and enhance a timely, fair, transparent, and consistent enforcement program. *(Water Compliance)*

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	FY20 BENCHMARK	FY21 BENCHMARK	FY22 BENCHMARK	FY23 BENCHMARK
Publish an Annual Enforcement Statistics Report to the IDWR website summarizing IDWR compliance program results.	1/15/2020	1/15/2021	1/15/2022	1/15/2023
Annually complete discrete compliance investigations or area-wide irrigation audits with GIS-based tools and methods	1	1	1	1

- Develop and implement procedures to verify ongoing compliance in previously resolved enforcement actions **by June 30, 2020.**

Goal 2 Objective 4: Develop and improve tools to administer surface and groundwater resources. (Hydrology)

- Document special calculations for Water Districts 01, 63, and 65 storage programs **by June 30, 2020**.
- Construct and calibrate a transient groundwater flow model for the Treasure Valley aquifer system, and publish a final report **by December 31, 2021**.
- Complete the *Big Lost Basin Hydrologic Characterization Project*, including drilling 19 monitoring wells, installing an Agrimet station, conducting geophysical surveys, conducting spring and fall seepage runs, and completing a basin water budget and hydrogeologic framework, **by October 1, 2021**.
- Evaluate feasibility and cost to complete a Raft River Hydrologic Characterization Project **by January 31, 2020**. Feasibility analysis shall include compiling existing data, collecting new field data, and identifying data gaps.

GOAL 3: PROJECTS

PROMOTE AND FINANCE PROJECTS THAT WILL ENSURE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF WATER INTO THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND THAT WILL OPTIMIZE THE USE OF WATER OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

The 2016 Legislature passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 137 (SCR137) instructing the Board to identify and implement water projects to stabilize and enhance groundwater supplies throughout Idaho. Groundwater supplies across Idaho have been declining. In some areas, these declines have resulted in reduced water supplies that cannot sustain all surface and groundwater uses. These reduced water supplies cause contentious, costly, and time-consuming litigation. SCR137 encouraged the Board to proactively implement water projects that reverse these groundwater level declines. Recovery and stabilization of groundwater levels will prevent the negative economic impacts of continued decline in groundwater levels. The 2017 addition of Policy 8A to the State Water Plan strengthened SCR137, and reads: "Sustainability of the active stewardship of Idaho's water resources to satisfy current uses and assure future uses of this renewable resource in accordance with State law and policy."

Goal 3 Objective 1: Develop a 250,000 acre-foot average annual managed recharge program for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer to stabilize and recover the aquifer.
(Planning & Projects)

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	FY20 BENCHMARK	FY21 BENCHMARK	FY22 BENCHMARK	FY23 BENCHMARK
Annual volume of water recharged into the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer by the Board. ⁷	250,000 acre-feet	250,000 acre-feet	250,000 acre-feet	250,000 acre-feet

Goal 3 Objective 2: Complete the Mountain Home Air Force Base (Base) Water Supply Project to deliver a sustainable surface water supply to the Base and relieve demands on the over-drafted Mountain Home Aquifer. *(Planning & Projects)*

- Before **January 2021**, exercise option in Simplot Water Rights purchase agreement allowing the Board to extend the project completion date from 2021 to 2026.
- Work with US Congressional delegation and the US Air Force to secure Federal Funding for water treatment plant in **FY2022** Federal Budget.
- Work with the Governor and Legislature to determine if legislatively appropriated large water infrastructure funds can fund the pump station and pipeline **by June 30, 2020**.
- Develop and put in place a water service contract with the US Air Force **by June 30, 2021**.
- Commence construction as soon as funding is secured, and water service contract is executed to maintain projected completion of the project **by December 31, 2026**.

Goal 3 Objective 3: Anderson Ranch Dam Raise for additional water storage.
(Planning & Projects)

- Complete Boise River Feasibility Study and associated Environmental Compliance Studies to determine the feasibility of the Anderson Ranch Dam **by January 2021**.
- Coordinate with Treasure Valley water users and the US Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to identify and contract for the use of additional storage **by June 30, 2022**.
- If the dam raise is determined feasible, work with the US Congressional delegation, Governor Little, the Idaho Legislature, and Reclamation, to secure federal funding through the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act, P.L. 114-322) **by June 30, 2022**.
- Ensure State and local funds for the project are in place **by June 30, 2022**.
- Commence construction as soon as funding is secured, and contracts between the Board and Reclamation executed. **(FY2023)**

⁷ This annual benchmark is directed by the 2016 Idaho Legislature, SCR 136, which directs the recharge of 250,000 acre-feet on an average annual basis by 2024, and is included in the State Water Plan.

Goal 3 Objective 4: Complete the Lemhi Basin Framework Program, which includes maintaining 35/25 cfs at the L6 Gage and completing 10 Lemhi River tributary re-connects by 2024. (Planning & Projects)

- Ensure 16.83 cfs of flow established through existing permanent agreements are delivered to the L6 gage.
- Implement permanent Source Switch (e.g., relocation of diversion from tributary to main stem) at L-6 on Lemhi River to support anadromous fish passage by establishing 6.4 cfs of additional flow, **by June 30, 2022.**
- Implement permanent Source Switch (e.g., groundwater renewal) by the City of Salmon to support anadromous fish passage by establishing 2.5 cfs of additional flow at the L-6 gage, **by June 30, 2022.**
- Ensure nine existing tributary re-connect projects are operated consistent with the Lemhi Basin Framework.
- Plan and complete one new tributary re-connect project **by December 31, 2024.**

Goal 3 Objective 5: Accomplish Upper Salmon Basin projects to support anadromous fish recovery basin-wide. (Planning & Projects)

- Execute identified Morgan Creek Flow Agreement by **June 30, 2022.**
- Identify and plan for one additional project to support fish recovery efforts outside of the Lemhi Basin each year, **on-going.**

Goal 3 Objective 4: Develop and implement water sustainability projects statewide.

(Planning & Projects)

PROJECTS	FY20 BENCHMARK	FY21 BENCHMARK	FY22 BENCHMARK	FY23 BENCHMARK
Complete Priest Lake Water Management Project	Complete Engineering & Design Phase and secure permits	Begin Project Construction	Construct Project	Complete Project Construction
Bear River, Bear Lake Operations	Complete joint Bear River planning model	Identify and evaluate changes in operation that will result in additional water for storage and power generation.	Implement actions to optimize Bear Lake operations.	Implement action to optimize Bear Lake operations.
Cooperative Cloud Seeding Program	Coordinate cloud seeding activities with stakeholders in Basins 01, 37, and 63.	Coordinate cloud seeding activities with stakeholders in Basins 01, 37, and 63.	Coordinate cloud seeding activities with stakeholders in Basins 01, 37, and 63.	Coordinate cloud seeding activities with stakeholders in Basins 01, 37, and 63.
Cooperative Cloud Seeding Program	N/A	Complete water user benefits analysis of cloud seeding programs in Basins 01, 37, and 63.	N/A	N/A
Treasure Valley Ground Water Recharge Study	Complete Treasure Valley Study	Determine if further actions are needed	If needed, pursue funding and authority	Implement any actions deemed necessary from FY21.

GOAL 4: MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

ENHANCE THE CAPABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO MANAGE AND PROTECT THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE AND SERVE THE PUBLIC

The Department cannot accomplish its responsibilities without traditional “back office” support, including Human Resources, Finance, Purchasing, and Information Technology Services (ITS). These support functions are vital to the success of Department employees and IDWR as a whole. Objectives in this area focus on employee development, building and implementing up-to-date and secure technology solutions, and offering support and tools to meet employee needs.

Goal 4 Objective 1: Develop a change or project management framework to govern and support the effective and efficient documentation, prioritization, development, and implementation of ITS related projects. (ITS)

- Implement Ivanti Unified software's project management, help desk, and change management modules across the agency **by June 30, 2020.**
- Establish and implement a user-driven priorities committee with Deputy Director oversight to establish ITS development priorities (i.e., ITSC replacement process) **by June 30, 2020.**

Goal 4 Objective 2: Establish and implement uniform standards for programming, database, GIS, user interface, and web systems. (ITS)

- Complete study and recommendation of Agile development methodology **by June 30, 2020**
- Implement Agile development environment recommendations **by June 30, 2021.**
- Develop and implement service orientated architecture services which can be referenced by multiple applications to eliminate redundant application code and application maintenance **by June 30, 2021.**

Goal 4 Objective 3: Evaluate and modify enterprise content management systems (ECM) to upgrade or replace current document management system; support web form creation/submission; reduce costs; improve customer service, and support transition to paperless records. (ITS)

- Evaluate and recommend changes to ECM systems and identify and pursue funding sources to acquire and implement new ECM systems **by August 30, 2019.**
- Implement new document management system **by December 31, 2020.**
- Implement new web form system **by June 30, 2021.**

Goal 4 Objective 4: Design, create, and implement workflow software to assign and track the water rights workload across all IDWR offices, measure and report individual and program performance, and adjust workload distribution to meet current needs. (Water Rights/ITS)

- Phase 1: Identify and document project charter/project office, document requirements (functionality, input/output, security, audit trail, interfaces, etc.) and document the scope of the project by June 30, 2020
- Phase 2: Document system, database, and process flow and begin development of the application by June 30, 2020.
- Phase 3: Complete the application development, testing, user documentation, and implementation by June 30, 2021.

Goal 4 Objective 5: Expand and improve GIS technology support of IDWR businesses (ITS)

- Develop an application that utilizes spatial, image, and NDVI analysis to automate the identification of water use violations to assist staff in enforcement actions, **by June 30, 2021.**

Goal 4 Objective 6: Implement processes and procedures, and install required equipment, to successfully recover IDWR’s business operations if the State Office becomes inaccessible or inoperable (ITS)

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	FY20 BENCHMARK	FY21 BENCHMARK	FY22 BENCHMARK	FY23 BENCHMARK
Review the IDWR Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP) and update personnel contact lists and emergency contact procedures	N/A	October 31, 2020	N/A	October 31, 2020
Review and update the IDWR Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP) to meet Recovery Time Objectives (RTO) and Recovery Point Objectives (RPO).	N/A	October 31, 2020	N/A	October 31, 2020
Identify ITS infrastructure required to recover IDWR operations in the agreed upon RTO and RPO and add to current FY Budget	July 1, 2020	N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchase and Implement the items identified to recover IDWR operations in the agreed upon RTO and RPO.	June 30, 2020	N/A	N/A	N/A

Goal 4 Objective 7: Review current hardware and software and ensure IDWR personnel have all necessary IT resources to do their jobs efficiently and timely (ITS)

PERFORMANCE MEASURE	FY20 BENCHMARK	FY21 BENCHMARK	FY22 BENCHMARK	FY23 BENCHMARK
4+-year-old workstations and 3+-year-old laptops replaced agency-wide	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 20, 2023

Goal 4 Objective 8: Cybersecurity – Work with Office of Information Technology Services (OITS) to review and address cybersecurity as directed by Executive Order No. 2017-02⁸ (ITS)

- Develop and implement IDWR risk assessment responses.
- Identify the required tools to implement remaining sub-controls of the first five Critical Security Controls (CSC).
- Review, implement, and automate further necessary CSCs, as identified by OITS CSC audit scripts.

⁸ Due to current re-structuring of OITS and loss of ITS staff, this objective has no benchmark dates set.

ADDENDUM: RED TAPE REDUCTION EFFORTS

EFFORTS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS AND INTENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S RED TAPE REDUCTION ACT OF 2019

The Red Tape Reduction Act (Executive Order 2019-02) requires state agencies to comprehensively review their administrative rules to identify costly, ineffective, or outdated regulations. To meet the requirements of Executive Order 2019-02, the IWRB and IDWR are working toward repealing or significantly simplifying at least two existing rules for each new rule proposed. On July 19, 2019, the IWRB and IDWR reauthorized 16 of the existing 17 chapters under IDAPA Title 37 as temporary and proposed rules. Of the 16 chapters, IDWR eliminated unnecessary, out dated, or unlawful rules from eight chapters. In total, the IWRB and IDWR eliminated one whole chapter (IDAPA 37.02.02, Funding Program Rules), 27,123 words, and 474 restrictive words from its administrative rules. In further fulfillment of Executive Order 2019-02, the IWRB and IDWR plan to initiate negotiated rulemaking in 2019 and 2020 to further revise its Administrative Rules

Objective 1: Before the end of FY 2021, designate a Rules Review Officer and conduct an extensive review of the agency rules to identify and eliminate costly, inefficient, and outdated rules that may impede business in Idaho.

- Designate a rules review officer – **completed March 2019.**
- Conduct preliminary review of Rules for reauthorization by 2020 Legislature – **completed July 2019.**
- Present first phase of reauthorized and revised rules to Legislature **by April 2020.**
- Work with stakeholders of the Idaho Water Users Association to prioritize the next sets of rules to be reviewed **by January 1, 2020**
- Initiate negotiated rulemaking for IDWR Procedural rules, Water Appropriation rules, and Dam Safety rules **by June 30, 2020.**
- Present results of negotiated rulemaking to Legislature **by April 2021.**
- Evaluate additional rules and determine need for additional negotiated rule making **by June 30, 2021.**