

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 210

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE STATE WATER PLAN; PROVIDING THAT THE
2 COMPREHENSIVE AQUIFER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE EASTERN SNAKE
3 PLAIN AQUIFER IS APPROVED AS A COMPONENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE
4 STATE WATER PLAN, TO PROVIDE THAT THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE
5 BOARD SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR
6 APPROVAL A FUNDING MECHANISM AND ANY SUBSEQUENT PROPOSED
7 CHANGES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE AQUIFER MANAGEMENT PLAN, TO
8 PROVIDE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE I OF THE COMPREHENSIVE
9 AQUIFER MANAGEMENT PLAN IS SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL
10 OF A FUNDING MECHANISM, TO PROVIDE THAT PROVISIONS DO NOT
11 CONSTITUTE AN OBLIGATION OF STATE FUNDS, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY
12 STATE FUNDING SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND
13 TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FUNDS; AND
14 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

17 SECTION 1. Pursuant to 2006 Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 136 and Section
18 42-1734A, Idaho Code, the Idaho Water Resource Board has prepared and adopted the
19 Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer as a component
20 of the Comprehensive State Water Plan. Pursuant to Section 42-1734B(6), Idaho Code,
21 the Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer ("ESPA
22 CAMP") is approved as a component of the Comprehensive State Water Plan. Pursuant to
23 Section 42-1734B(4), Idaho Code, all state agencies shall exercise their duties in a manner
24 consistent with the ESPA CAMP.

25 SECTION 2. The Idaho Water Resource Board shall prepare and submit to the
26 Legislature for approval a funding mechanism for implementation of Phase I of the
27 Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. The Idaho
28 Water Resource Board shall prepare and submit to the Legislature for approval any subsequent
29 proposed changes to the ESPA CAMP. Implementation plans should seek to optimize outcomes
30 for fish and wildlife, recreation, hydropower, municipalities, irrigation, aquaculture and other
31 uses.

32 SECTION 3. Implementation of Phase I of the Comprehensive Aquifer Management
33 Plan for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer is subject to legislative approval of a funding
34 mechanism. The act does not constitute an obligation of state funds and any state funding shall
35 be subject to the availability of funds. State agencies may use previously appropriated funds to
36 begin implementation of Phase I.

1 SECTION 4. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to
2 exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.