

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation deletes the requirement that IDWR provide notice of new water right applications to subscribers by ordinary mail. It requires IDWR to provide notice of new water right applications on the agency's internet site instead. IDWR would continue to publish notices of new water right applications in local newspapers as well.

Ten years ago IDWR provided weekly notice of all new water right applications to approximately 200 subscribers by ordinary mail. Since IDWR began publishing notice of new water right applications on the internet, the number of subscribers to the mailing service has dwindled to zero. However, unless the requirement is changed as proposed, IDWR could be forced to resume notice by ordinary mail if a member of the public were to insist. Preparing and mailing notice to subscribers requires about 104 hours of labor annually, compared to zero hours of labor for publication via the internet.

FISCAL NOTE

Because the production cost was offset by user fees, eliminating the weekly mailing of new water right filings will have no affect on the General Fund or any other IDWR account.

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