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Water Resource Board



# State Water Plan

Roger Chase, Chairman  
Idaho Water Resource Board

Legislative Natural Resources Interim Committee, August 6, 2013



## State Water Plan

- First Plan: Objectives 1974,  
Policies 1976
- Subsequent revisions in 1982, 1986,  
1992, & 1996
- 2012 revision to State Water Plan is  
the most recent revision



## **2013 Legislative Actions - State Water Plan**

- Water Resource Board adopted the revised State Water Plan in November 2012 after 37 open working meetings, a 90-day public comment period, and 7 formal public hearings.
- Board submitted State Water Plan to Legislature prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 2013 session through transmittal to Speaker of the House and Senate Pro Tem. Copy was also send to Governor.
- Revised State Water Plan took effect without action by the Legislature.

## 2013 Legislative Actions - State Water Plan

During hearing in the House Resources Committee, Board Chairman Chase agreed to review those areas of the State Water Plan that were of concern to certain members of the Committee and determine if changes are necessary.



## State Water Plan – Path Forward

- By letter dated May 28, 2013 to legislative leadership, Board laid out how it intends to conduct the review.
- The Board's Planning Committee will prioritize the policies of concern, review them in an open public process, and where appropriate, provide recommendations concerning amendment to the full Board.
- The Board intends to consult with the Legislature regarding the progress.
- If any policies are determined to be in need of amendment, the Board will begin the amendment process.

## State Water Plan – Path Forward

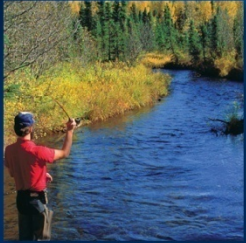
- If amendments are needed, they need to follow defined public comment and public involvement process.
- Due the timelines involved in the public comment process, any amendment would be submitted to the 2015 Legislature.



## **Governor's Request - Sustainability**

- Governor Otter requested by letter that the Board develop a “Sustainability of Water Resources Policy.”
- This policy would be included in the State Water Plan.
- The Board anticipates developing this policy in conjunction with the other potential amendments to the State Water Plan.





**Thank You**