

MINUTES
JOINT MEETING

**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
SENATE RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

DATE: Monday, January 13, 2014

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Lincoln Auditorium WW02

MEMBERS: Chairman Denney, Vice Chairman Gibbs, Representatives Wood(35), Barrett, Moyle, Eskridge, Raybould, Andrus, Shepherd, Wood(27), Boyle, Vander Woude, Gestrin, Miller, Anderson(1), Pence, Erpelding, Rubel

Chairman Pearce, Vice Chairman Bair, Senators Cameron, Siddoway, Brackett, Heider, Tippets, Stennett, Lacey

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Moyle

GUESTS: Gary Spackman, Director of Idaho Department of Water Resources, and Roger Chase, Water Resources Board.

Chairman Pearce called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Chairman Pearce welcomed the representatives from the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Roger Chase, Water Resources Board, identified changes to Rules to address water issues in the state. He said eastern Oregon and Washington are looking to Idaho for water. Mr. Chase referred to developing a water supply bank where Idaho can "park the water". Parking the water is to build sites in Idaho to handle large amounts of water for recharging aquifers and to meet power demands. He explained that recharging can and may replenish other aquifers. He said currently there is limited money to continue studies and projects for the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Mr. Chase stated the state water plan is being rewritten after legislative concern and will be resubmitted during the 2015 session.

Gary Spackman, Idaho Department of Water Resources Director, spoke regarding processing applications, permits and licensing. Director Spackman referred to legislation to return applications without processing for moratorium areas. Mr. Spackman is revising the qualifications of the Director position for the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

ADJOURN : There being no further business to come before the joint committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Representative Denney
Chair

Jennifer Smith
Secretary