



## Idaho Water Resource Board Water Funded Projects

The following table reflects projects funded by the Idaho Water Resource Board from 2020-2025 with appropriations from the Revolving Development Account, Water Management Account, Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund, and State American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

| Funds Currently Awarded or Committed by IWRB Statewide District (2020-2025) |               |               |               |              |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Program   | District 1    | District 2    | District 3    | District 4   |
| Regional Water Sustainability Projects                                      | \$101,172,000 | \$224,215,500 | \$55,500,000  | \$41,811,056 |
| Aquifer Recharge Program  | --            | --            | \$4,055,857   | \$25,649,053 |
| Cloud Seeding Program   | --            | \$7,556,019   | \$6,847,876   | \$11,038,146 |
| Modeling, Measurement, & Hydrologic Studies                                 | \$1,786,559   | \$4,606,226   | \$12,454,860  | \$4,548,796  |
| Aging Infrastructure Grants   | \$5,047,036   | \$13,258,526  | \$17,788,648  | \$20,156,099 |
| Flood Management Grants   | \$1,925,403   | \$1,928,660   | \$1,986,303   | \$591,129    |
| Groundwater Conversion Grants   |               |               | \$5,152,902   | \$8,177,721  |
| Loans   | \$152,000     | \$4,829,758   | \$22,353,335  | \$15,401,435 |
| Total   | \$108,144,439 | \$239,902,686 | \$100,738,854 | \$70,921,339 |

*State funds are matched with federal and private dollars for a large number of projects.*

*Approximately \$636.8 Million has been committed to support an estimated \$1.16 Billion in water projects statewide.*

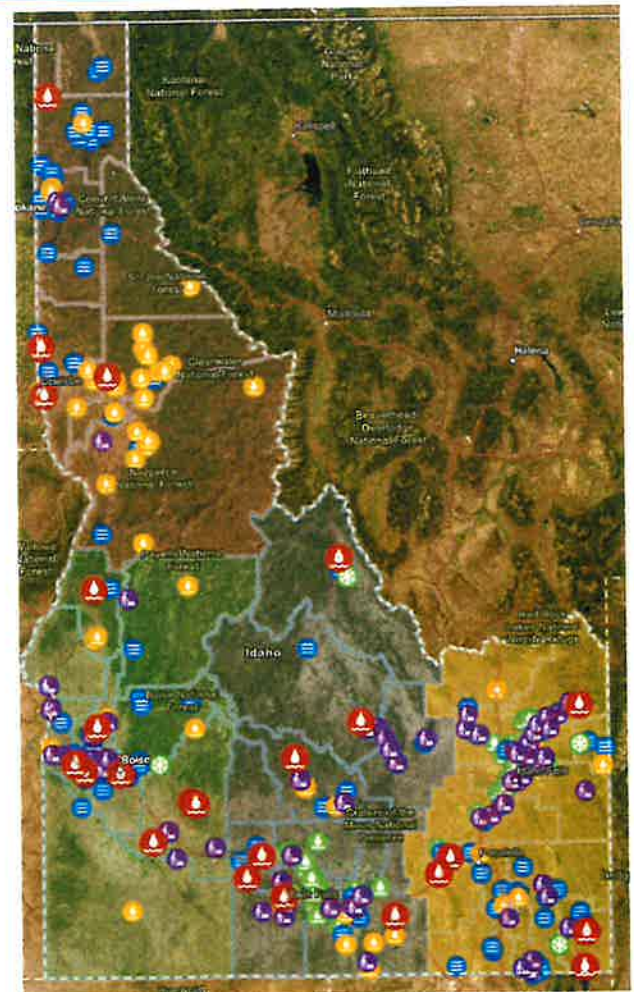
*The adjacent map identifies projects supported by the IWRB and is available on the IDWR website:*

*[Idaho Water Resource Board \ Idaho Department of Water Resources](https://www.idwr.idaho.gov/)*

*\* The table reflects total funding allocations. Since projects are in varying stages of construction, some funds have not been expended yet.*

*\* IWRB has designated the following districts (color on map identified):*

- District No. 1 (Pink): Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis and Idaho counties.*
- District No. 2 (Green): Adams, Valley, Washington, Payette, Gem, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore and Owyhee counties.*
- District No. 3 (Blue): Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia, Blaine, Lincoln, Minidoka, Lemhi, Custer and Butte counties.*
- District No. 4 (Yellow): Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bingham, Bonneville, Power, Bannock, Caribou, Oneida, Franklin and Bear Lake counties.*





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February 26, 2025

*Please support S1128 (Providing \$30 million, ongoing, for water needs in Idaho)*

Senator Van Burtenshaw, Chair  
Members of the Senate Resources Committee:

On behalf of the Idaho Water Users Association, *I write to urge your support of S1128, providing \$30 million, ongoing funding, for water projects in Idaho.* Our members extend throughout the State, including the surface water coalition and ground water districts involved in the water disputes along the Eastern Snake Plain.

Idaho's water resources are vital to the success of our state. They form the foundation of Idaho's economies, communities, and general way of life. Importantly, the State faces many water-related challenges and opportunities as we work to:

- Stabilize stressed and declining water supplies,
- Repair / modernize aging infrastructure, and
- Ensure that water supplies can meet the evolving demands of a growing state.

S1128 would put Idaho on a path to success – ensuring that Idaho can face the challenges and take full advantage of the opportunities as they arise. Importantly, it also ensures that funds are distributed throughout the State.

Funding Idaho water infrastructure is a great investment. For example, in recent years, the Water Board has issued \$56 million in aging infrastructure grants throughout Idaho. These grants have been used to help fund projects valued at over \$248 million – projects that will benefit Idahoans for decades.

Further, continued investment in infrastructure and strategic water management is essential to ensuring the success of the November 2024 stipulated mitigation plan for the Eastern Snake Plain. That plan requires that all involved (i.e. the state, surface water users and ground water users) work together to find success in sustaining the aquifer and providing certainty to Idaho's agricultural communities.

We appreciate your consideration of S1128 and urge your support for moving this forward. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of any assistance in your consideration of this vital piece of legislation, (208) 404-9436 (call or text) or paul@iwua.org.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul L. Arrington", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul L. Arrington

February 26, 2025

Idaho Legislators,

**We strongly support Gov. Little's recommendation to direct \$30 million in ongoing funds for water infrastructure throughout the state.** Senate Bill 1128 turns this recommendation into policy. It sets **clear standards for distributing the funds to water projects throughout the state** with annual reporting on those efforts. We urge you to support its passage for the benefit of all Idahoans.

For over 100 years, Idaho water users have relied on and maintained **a system developed in the early 1900s**. Many parts of **those original systems** continue to deliver water to users. But these systems are only as strong as their weakest link, and **our aging infrastructure needs attention** to ensure we maximize the benefit of Idaho's water.

Gov. Otter got it right when he referred to **deferred maintenance as deficit spending**. This truth applies to our waterways. **The need to improve our water systems doesn't disappear if we ignore it**. We must not miss this opportunity to act.

**In recent years, we've dealt with our challenges in the Eastern Snake Plain.** From experience, we recognize that no region can rely on "hope" when it comes to water. We must act together to address these issues with vital investments to **increase aquifer recharge, maintain our water infrastructure, and protect our water rights**.

We recognize that with every funding request comes tradeoffs. But few proposals represent such a **clear-cut benefit to the state as a whole**. Idaho's citizens and its economy must have **reliable water infrastructure** capable of managing this resource under changing conditions.

We need **systems that can adapt** to winters with less snow and springs with more rain. We need **systems that help balance our aquifers** and aid with seasonal water deliveries. We need **systems that can accommodate** the realities of growing demand.

Water will not ever stop being an issue in our great state. **But passing and funding S1128 will provide critical resources to address some of the challenges we all face.** Please support this legislation and its ongoing commitment to Idaho water.

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