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NEW MEMBER RESOURCE PROVIDES VALUABLE INFORMATION TO HOMEOWNERS / REALTORS

At IWUA, we are constantly looking for opportunities to help our members face the challenges of managing a water system. As we discuss challenges facing our members, we have found that growing communities are among the top of the list. Ultimately, many of these difficulties are the result of a lack of understanding on the laws, regulations, and practices essential to water management.

In recent years, IWUA worked with the Idaho Real Estate Commission to develop educational materials that were presented throughout the State. Additionally, IWUA and its members are regularly called to speak to homeowners' associations, real estate firms and others about water in Idaho. IWUA's Rural and Urban Affairs committee has also commissioned a series of videos and infographics.

IWUA is excited to provide a new tool to its members – the Homeowners / Realtors Resource page. This page is a one-stop-shop for all educational and information material prepared by IWUA on water and water infrastructure. These materials include the following:

1. A web page and pamphlet entitled "10 Things to Know For Real Estate Transactions & Water". The pamphlet allows IWUA members to insert their contact information. Pamphlets can be distributed in local communities.

2. A library of videos, pamphlets and other information re-

lating to rights of way and easements in Idaho. This includes the new Ditchsmart Series of videos.

3. Information on Ag Water Safety. View this resource at www.iwua.org (click on "Homeowners / Realtors" in the menu bar at the top of the page).

"The challenges of growth and development in our local communities will only increase," remarked Jay Barlogi, chair of IWUA's Rural and Urban Affairs Committee. "It is our hope that this new tool can be used by members to increase awareness of water rights and easements."

IWUA members should feel free to share this resource in local communities by posting the videos and links to individual websites and social media accounts.

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ISSUE TRACKER

STATE

Following direction from Governor Little, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) recently appointed an advisory committee for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Ground Water Management Area (GWMA). This advisory committee will be tasked with developing a plan to address declining aquifer levels in the ESPA. The Advisory Committee includes members representing broad interests throughout the EPSA, including:

- Ellis Gooch, American Falls Reservoir District #2
- Brent Bowen, Burley Irrigation District
- Roger Blass, Twin Falls Canal Company
- Randy Brown, Southwest Irrigation District
- Kresta Davis, Idaho Power Company
- Mike Telford, Big Lost River GWD
- Jeff Mansfield, City of Pocatello
- Mike Williams, City of Jerome
- Bill Stoddart, Jefferson-Clark GWD
- Stephanie Mickelsen, Bonneville-Jefferson GWD
- Tim Deeg, Aberdeen-American Falls GWD
- Lynn Carlquist, North Snake GWD
- Karen Henderson, Hagerman Spring Users

James Cefalo, Eastern Idaho Manager for IDWR, will facilitate the efforts of the Advisory Committee. The first meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held September 13 in Pocatello.

REGIONAL

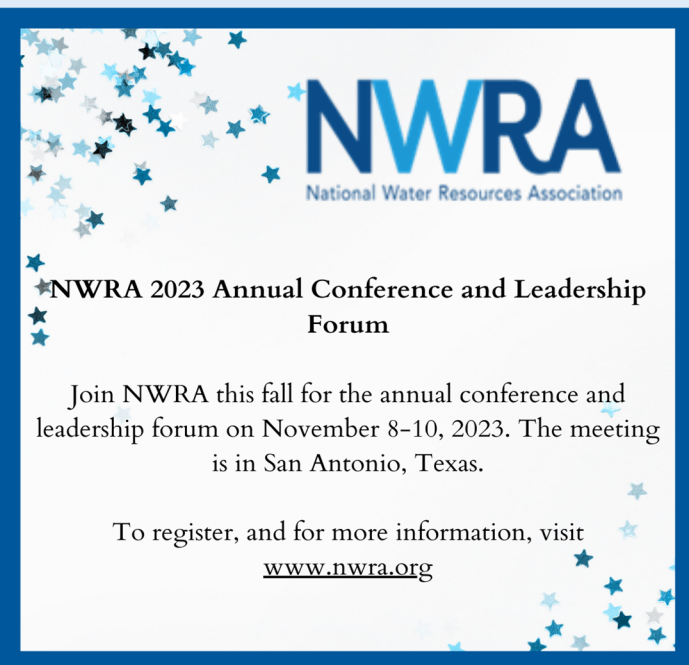
Following an agreement between the plaintiffs and the Federal defendants, the ongoing litigation challenging operations of federal hydropower facilities on the Columbia / Lower Snake River has been stayed (i.e. paused) until October 31. This agreement extends a stay that has been in place for over 2-years. During that time, the Biden Administration, through the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), has attempted to lead the parties to a settlement agreement. To date, no such agreement has been reached. Since IWUA is not a party to the litigation, we are not included in the settlement discussions – and all parties have signed nondisclosure agreements relating to the substance of those discussions.

Through the Federal Instream Flow Coalition (FIFC), we continue to follow this and several other ongoing efforts in the region – including the Columbia Basin Collaborative, the Columbia River Treaty Negotiations, Hells Canyon relicensing, and implementation of the Snake River Water Rights Agreement (aka Nez Perce Agreement). Let us know if you would like to be involved the regular FIFC update calls.

FEDERAL

Congress returns in September from their August recess to deal with several important issues, including keeping the government open after September 30th. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 appropriations process is far from complete, with vast differences between House and Senate versions of their respective spending bills. We believe a temporary continuing resolution (CR) will be needed to prevent a government shutdown on October 1. House and Senate leaders have expressed support for a CR through the first part of December, but conservatives in the House GOP are demanding policy provisions be included in the CR that will not pass in the Senate, which could slow progress.

Government spending isn't the only deadline awaiting Congress. Action to extend the current Farm Bill to avoid some programs reverting to Depression-era policies that are expensive and unworkable. In addition, action to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must also be taken, whether an extension or full-scale reauthorization, before the end of September to avoid potential disruptions in U.S. air travel. Once these deadlines are ad-



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National Water Resources Association

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dressed, Congress will need to quickly begin to advance their full year FY 2024 appropriations bills, which the Appropriations Committees cleared before leaving Washington for the August recess.

In late July, the Senate began initial action on bills that could be the basis of a western water package coming out of that chamber. On July 19, Senate Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) Water and Power Subcommittee Chairman Wyden held a legislative hearing on 16 bills dealing with the impacts of drought across the West, including S. 2160, the *Urban Canal Modernization Act* from Sen. Jim Risch (R-ID) which would allow for 35% nonreimbursable funding for important canal upgrades in urbanized areas. Earlier in the year, the ENR Committee cleared S. 843, a bill to allow access to infrastructure funding for Carey Act projects from Sen. Risch, which is awaiting floor action in the Senate. Both bills are important to furthering affordable infrastructure improvements in Idaho and have been supported by IWUA.

The Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee held a hearing to kick off development of its WRDA Bill, which is typically done every 2 years, with both the Chairman and Ranking member highlighting the importance of beginning the process of assembling the 2024 package “very early.” The House hasn’t made any formal announcements but is starting to do some oversight of funding and implementation of the previous WRDA.

House and Senate Agriculture Committees continue to develop a new 5-year Farm Bill behind closed doors, with very few details being made available even to Representative and Senators that serve on the Committees. While everyone now expects an extension of the current Farm Bill beyond September, the duration of that extension unclear and lawmakers are beginning to openly doubt whether they will be able to pass a bill this year.

Finally, the Biden Administration’s Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers recently announced their rewrite of the “waters of the U.S.” (WOTUS) final rule defining which waters are jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act.

The new rule will take effect immediately upon being published in the *Federal Register*. The agencies will not accept any new public comments on the revised rule. The rewrite is said to codify the Supreme Court’s decision in the *Sackett v. EPA* case, which limits the Clean Water Act regulation to only wetlands with relatively permanent surface water connections to larger navigable waterways.



IWUA members at Pitchfork Fondue Dinner at NWRA in Medora, North Dakota.

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IWUA INCREASES ASSESSMENTS BEGINNING IN 2024

IWUA Board of Directors recently voted to increase assessments beginning in 2024. IWUA last increased its assessments in 2018, to accommodate bringing the Ag Water Safety Program into the IWUA budget and operations. Since that time, three factors formed the basis of the Board's decision to raise assessments:

1. Increased Costs: The overall cost of IWUA events and daily operations continues to increase. This was most evident over the last 2-years, which saw record inflation affecting the cost of everything.

2. Enhanced / Additional Programs: At IWUA, we continue to look for ways to better serve our members. We continue to hone existing programs – such as the convention, seminar, workshops and Ag Water Safety. In addition, we have added Headgate and Legislative Water College and have developed significant digital resources for IWUA members, including pamphlets, videos and IWUA's "Homeowners / Realtors" resource webpage.

3. New Staff: To ensure that we can continue providing the services our members deserve, IWUA added a new member to its staff in 2023. Adding Taylor as IWUA's Office Administrator will allow us to continue evolving and providing the highest level of service to our members.

General members will see the following changes in their assessments: 2024: 2 cent increase (from \$0.18 to \$0.20 per acre); 2025: 1 cent increase (from \$0.20 to \$0.21 per acre); and 2026: 1 cent increase (from \$0.21 to \$0.22 per acre).

To see how your organization's 2024 membership dues will be affected, login to your organization's IWUA account as the bundle coordinator, select "view profile", scroll down to "Irrigated Acres (irrigation district / canal companies). Locate irrigated acres and you will see the new rate of \$0.20 per acre and your 2024 general member dues.

Business and Municipal Members will see the following changes: There will no longer be a distinction between "Municipal" and "Business" members. These organization will be referred to jointly as "Associate Members." Assessments for all Associate Members will be \$350 per year beginning in 2024.

At IWUA, we work hard to ensure that your membership means something. In addition to the benefits listed above, IWUA members enjoy the following: IWUA closely follows agency and court actions relating to the Columbia and Lower Snake Rivers. We work hard to ensure that Idaho's water resources are protected from demands by downstream interests. IWUA members enjoy strong success in Idaho's legislature. Over the last 2-decades, over 95% of the IWUA's legislative priorities have been successful. We work hard to ensure that this success will continue. IWUA is an active member of the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) and Family Farm Alliance. Through these organizations, IWUA general members have access to engage on national issues impacting Idaho water.

The future of the Association and its members is bright. However, we cannot operate without the continued backing of our members. We appreciate your support.



IWUA members tour the Grand Coulee Dam.

TEA TIME WITH TAYLOR

What's up everybody! It's Taylor here. Since I'm the new girl in town, I'll start this off with a few fun Taylor facts:

1. I am a bookworm. I love reading anything that's fiction, especially murder mysteries. One of my personal goals is to read and own 2,000 books so I can become a certified library. I even have my own embosser to add a personal touch to all my books.

2. My favorite holiday is Halloween, and I will start decorating toward the end of September. I love all the pumpkin spiced things!

Since I'm a newbie, I've been learning all sorts of things. I've taken 2 classes since starting here in June. I thought I was done with schoolwork for a while! Although, I have learned a lot in my QuickBooks and Payroll Accounting classes. I'll be an expert in all things finance no time!

It was nice meeting everyone and getting to see all sorts of new faces at the seminar in Sun Valley. I'm sorry if I don't remember you, but I'll get a second chance at Convention. T-Dog Out!

THANK YOU TO OUR PLATINUM SPONSOR III-A

III-A is a self-funded health Trust that was formed by Idaho cities and one irrigation district in 2011. III-A provides medical, dental, vision, and mental health benefits to Idaho public employees. III-A is also a public agency. The Trust currently has over 100 agencies that include highway districts, cities, first responders, irrigation districts, a library district, transportation authority, abatement districts, recreation districts, water and sewer districts, etc. We truly pride ourselves in providing the best healthcare benefits in Idaho - several that are administered internally. The Trust is governed by a board of 13 Trustees - from our membership pool. Some of the additional wellness benefits our members enjoy are:

- ◆ Onsite Wellness Blood Screenings, Skin Checks, and Flu Shot Clinics (we bring our Nurse Practitioners and Dermatologist to you!)
- ◆ Wellness Wednesday Webinars—focus on mental and physical well-being
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KIBITZING WITH KATHRYN

As September arrives, yet another summer comes to an end. Like many busy summers, this one was no exception! Here are two bright spots:

1. Taylor Arrives to Save the Day. IWUA expanded its staff to 3 in June with the addition of an Office Administrator, Taylor Johnson. Taylor has stepped right up to the plate, taking over all things member management (have you seen what she did to improve the member update email), bookkeeping, and office administration. She hasn't missed a beat, and her presence has allowed me to focus on IWUA's expanding programs. To top it off, we learned that Taylor and our beloved Karen Edwards have back-to-back birthdays, keeping the longstanding female Sagittarius personality vibe strong in this office.

2. Another Female Sagittarius Enters the Scene. Shortly after Taylor's arrival, I learned about the upcoming arrival of yet another female Sagittarius to my life... A baby! Justin and I are expecting a baby girl in December. While motherhood has always been something I envisioned for myself, my typically Zen personality is struggling to find resolve anywhere other than utter panic lately. Personally, I'm anxiously awaiting this season of my life. Professionally, I'm nervous to let go, even for a little bit. However, I am constantly relieved to know between Paul and Taylor, IWUA is in great hands, things will be fully intact when I return. Stay tuned, my friends! It's going to be an adventure.

Kibitz ya later. -K

GETTING TO KNOW MAT WEAVER

DIRECTOR OF THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Paul Arrington (PA): Most IWUA members already know on September 1, Mat Weaver took over as the new Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). Paul chatted with Mat about this exciting opportunity. Most folks know Mat Weaver from your time as IDWR Deputy Director. Can you help us get to Mat “the person” a little better?

Mat Weaver (MW): I have a deep love for wild outdoor places far from roads and gasoline engines, preferably near water—flowing water is best. On my father’s side of the family tree, I’m a fourth-generation engineer. There was little doubt in my paternal Grandfather’s mind as to what my profession would be. I have a loving wife and twin boys. We love to be active in Idaho’s great outdoors.

PA: Tell us about your education and work history leading to this recent appointment.

MW: Growing up, I attended many public schools across Montana, Washington, and Oregon. I received my Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Montana State University. After practicing

engineering in the private sector for a decade, I returned to school for a graduate degree in hydrologic sciences from Boise State University. While working as a research assistant at BSU, my wife delivered our twin boys. At this time, she gently encouraged me to get a better paying job. Having vowed not to return to the consulting world, I interviewed at the Department in 2007. I think everyone was surprised when I hired on, especially me.

PA: How has your time at IDWR prepared you to be IDWR Director?

MW: I have had a wonderful career in the Department. I was hired as a staff engineer and initially provided technical support to the Water Allocations Bureau. After a couple of years focused on water rights, water distribution, and water measurement, I was given two special assignments. The first was supporting the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) delivery calls. The second was supporting the Idaho Water Resource Board’s recharge program. Those two assignments elevated my profile and provided many opportunities to work with senior management, the Board, and leaders in the water user community. After five

years at the Department, I think everyone was again surprised—especially me—when I was given the opportunity to serve as the Deputy Director, which I did for over ten years. I’m indebted to the former Director and some of the other old-timers, who gave me many opportunities to show my worth.

While serving as the Deputy, I worked with and oversaw our water distribution, stream channel, groundwater protection, flood plain, enforcement, hydrology, modeling, GIS, dam safety, IT, and purchasing groups. I am incredibly



fortunate too have worked with so many great individuals across a broad cross-section of Department businesses. I have also been incredibly fortunate to work with thoughtful water users across the state, from Pegasus to Pocatello, from Idaho Falls to American Falls, from Leadore to Lewiston, and from Magic Valley to the Treasure Valley. I’ve learned more from the water users than any other group.

PA: Can you tell us about some of the individuals that have influenced your life and career?

MW: Growing up, a deep appreciation for land and water was instilled in me by my immediate

and extended family and the rural communities I lived in. I have fond memories of spending time on my grandparent’s seed potato farm near Kalispell, MT, of running wild in timber country around Sweet Home, OR, and exploring the many wild places surrounding Bozeman with rod and gun.

My dad and his dad had a large impact on my love of camping, fishing, and climbing mountains. They also showed me what it meant to be an engineer and not to be put off by achieving hard things. I’ve had a few great teachers in my life who had an oversized impact on me, mostly in the sciences. Professionally, I’ve worked under some good engineers.

PA: As you look ahead to your time as Director, what do you see are some of the biggest challenges facing IDWR and the state?

MW: The most obvious challenge is managing our finite and, in many places diminishing water supplies despite a growing population and demand for the resources. Relatedly, Idaho, like most of the West, is also challenged by diversifying opinions as to what

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the best uses are for our water.

PA: Similarly, as you look ahead, what do you see as the most exciting opportunities?

MW: I think it's really cool that in the next decade or so, there's a real chance we will have adjudicated all the basins in the state. The SRBA was a monumental achievement, but it's important that we finish the job in our northern basins and in the Bear River basin. No other Western state can boast a similar achievement. I'm also excited by the near-ubiquitous support for recharging our aquifers and cloudseeding to augment our basins' water supplies. Idaho is fortunate to have water available to augment our resources and state leadership that values the resources. Many western states are not so fortunate.

PA: If you have one message for the water user community as you begin your time as Director, what would that be?

MW: Solutions to our differences will last if they're grounded in consensus and compromise. Consensus and compromise can only be reached through effective communication, which requires us all to listen. I think I'm a person who listens, and I encourage water users to put me to the test.

PA: If you could have a billboard anywhere, what would put on that billboard? Why?

MW: "Compromise is the best and cheapest lawyer."
Robert Lewis Stevenson

PA: If you were king of the world for one day, what would be your first decree?

MW: I would give the Portland Trailblazers the first pick in the NBW draft ... forever. 💧



IWUA members at Summer Seminar.

DROPLETS

Quick Updates on Water News

Recently, Senator Risch introduced the Urban Canal Modernization Act (S.2160). This legislation would update existing law to provide an opportunity for funding to help with extraordinary maintenance on canals designated "Urban Canals of Concern." This includes the New York Canal, which crosses through the most populated areas of Idaho's Treasure Valley. You can read the legislation [here](#). IWUA continues to be grateful for the support provided by our Congressional members.

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) recently closed its latest round of applications for Aging Infrastructure Grants. These grants were created for "projects that rehabilitate or improve Idaho's water infrastructure support the Idaho economy, provide economic value, and ensures long-term water resource stability and sustainability." The next round of applications will be due on December 1, 2023. Visit the [IWRB webpage](#) for more information, including criteria and application guidelines.

On September 25-28, several IWUA members will join the Family Farm Alliance on its annual Farmer Lobbyist Visit in Washington DC. This annual event provides an opportunity for Alliance members to discuss vital issues affecting water in the west. Visits will include Congressional offices for many of the western states (including Idaho), the Department of Agriculture / NRCS, and Reclamation. Let the IWUA office know if you would like to participate in future trips to Washington DC. IWUA travels to DC multiple times each year.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

In this section, we dig deep into the Association's archives and pull an article from prior newsletters. Here, we reprint an article from the April 21, 1988 Idaho Water News.

Also in this edition:

- Wilbur L. "Brick" Andrew, a member of the Black Canyon Irrigation District board, takes over as IWUA President;
- The first tri-state meeting is held in Boise as part of the Northwest Irrigation Operators on January 27, 1988;
- New members: Belzona Molecular, Bill Stephens & Associates, Elam, Burke & Boyde, J-M Manufacturing, Cherry Allen Canal Co., Little Butte Irrigation Co., Mann Creek Irrigation District, Mountain View Lateral Water Users Association and Wilford Irrigation & Manufacturing Company.

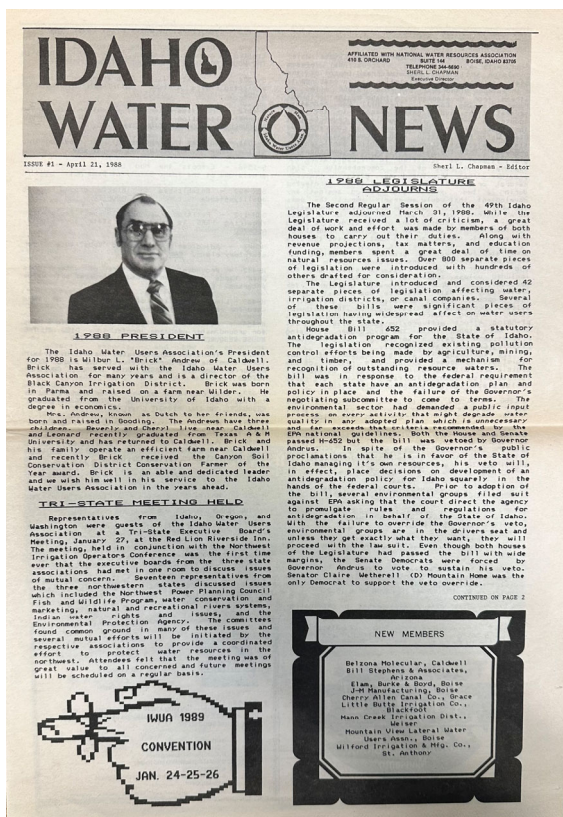
KIDS! OTTO SAYS YOU OUGHTTA BE CAREFUL AROUND CANALS

Otto Otter is a very special animal. He is a magical otter who spends all his time telling children how to be safe around dangerous canals we see all over this part of Idaho. In the past five years, he has talked to more than 40,000 third-graders about water safety. That is more than 1,000 classrooms.

Otto knows the canals are important. They take water to farmers who use it to grow our food. But he also knows canals are dangerous. "The water can run very fast and can knock people down," Otto said. "The bottoms of the canals are often covered with garbage like broken bottles and shar, rusty cans." "The banks of the canals can also be a problem" he said. "In many places, the banks are steep and make it hard to climb out. Even grown-ups can be hurt if they play in canals." Otto doesn't want that to happen. It makes him very sad when he sees people in the canals, because he knows what can happen. That's why he decided to tell all the boys and girls all over Idaho why it is important not to play around canals and ditches.

Otto was born in the state of Washington, near the Columbia River, 16 years ago. Otters love the water. Most of them spend their whole lives near streams, lakes and oceans. They wrestle and romp with their brothers and sisters and cousins. They love to slide down muddy slopes in the summertime and ice riverbanks during the winter. Otto loves the water, too. But he also loves children. So he was very happy in 1975 when a man named Sherl Chapman asked him to come to Idaho and tell children about how to be safe near canals.

Mr. Chapman is in charge of the Idaho Water Users



Association. He got together with people from the University of Idaho and the Bureau of Reclamation, the people in charge of reservoirs like Lucky Peak. They all liked Otto and decided he would be perfect for the job. "We knew Otto was a special otter," Mr. Chapman said. "We wanted someone who loved children and knew a lot about how to be safe near water. Otto was perfect." That made Otto very happy. "I like to tell people about water safety," he said, "and I like children best of all."

So in 1975 Otto started his program called "Otto Otter for Safe Water" [in Idaho]. Both he and the children he visits enjoy it very much. Otto goes everywhere from Post Falls, in northern Idaho, to Preston, in southeastern Idaho. Last year, he visited with about 12,000 third-graders. Around the Boise area, he travels with his friend, a teacher named Christine Simon. Otto and Christine will visit about 80 public and private schools and talk to 4,500 third-graders this year. They show slides and give out coloring books and stickers. They also ask each of the children to sign a water safety pledge.

Otto and Christine ask children to promise that they will stay away from canals and warn other people to stay away from them, too. The also talk to third-graders about how to help people who do fall in the water. Christine tells them, never jump in yourself. It is always better to reach out to them with a stick or a towel, or to run to a telephone and call 911 for help. It is important to take swimming lessons and make sure a lifeguard is present, even when you swim in a pool. "You should always ask your mom or dad before you go in any water," Otto said. "And never swim alone." "I want all my friends to grow up to be strong and healthy grown-ups."

(Reprinted from Idaho Sunday Statesman, April 17, 1988)

LOOKING AHEAD—THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

IWUA's Legislative Committee remains very busy. In addition to the 2023 Legislative Water College, held on August 28-30 in Burley, Idaho, the Committee continues preparing for the 2024 session. Here are a few key items we are working on:

1. Amendments to Idaho's Easement Statutes: Recent Idaho Supreme Court opinions have raised questions about the nature and scope of ditch easements in Idaho. In particular, the Supreme Court recently held that a ditch owner does not have a "self-help" remedy to fix a ditch that has been moved or piped without permission – even if that change impedes the flow of wa-

ter. According to the court, the ditch owner must take the matter to court. The Legislative Committee formed a workgroup to provide edits to address this issue. Rather than focusing solely on fixing this issue, the workgroup is preparing edits to the organization and structure of the easement statutes (contained in chapters 11 and 12, Title 42 of Idaho Code). These changes include consolidation and elimination of unnecessary language, combining all remedy provisions, and other changes to improve readability.

2. Idaho's Domestic Use Exemption: In the last edition of The Water Watch, we discussed Idaho's Domestic Use exemption statutes and posed the question: "Is it time for a change?" A Legislative Committee workgroup, joined by additional stakeholders from throughout the State, continues to work on proposed amendments to the code. We are hopeful that we can have something to present to the legislature this upcoming session.

We anticipate several additional statutory amendment proposals in the coming months. If you have an idea for possible legislation, reach out to your representative on the Legislative Committee or give the IWUA a call. You can see the members of the IWUA Legislative Committee on the IWUA website www.iwua.org/About.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| October 24-25 | IWUA Board Meeting (North Idaho) |
| October 31 | H2-Know |
| November 8-10 | NWRA Annual Conference & Leadership Forum (San Antonio, TX) |
| November 14-16 | Headgate Session #1 (Twin Falls, ID) |
| December 12-14 | Headgate Session #2 (Twin Falls, ID) |
| January 15-18 | IWUA Annual Convention |
| January 30— February 1 | Headgate Session #3 (Boise, ID) |
| February 13 -15 | DitchRider Workshops: (Idaho Falls, Twin Falls, Nampa) |
| February 21-23 | Family Farm Conference |
| February 27-29 | Applicator Workshops: (Rupert, Twin Falls, Nam pa) |



Commissioner Camille Touton at IWUA's 2023 Water Law and Resource Issues Seminar.

COMMITTEE UPDATES
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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: Barney Metz

We are nearing the time to review IWUA resolutions (the 2022 series). If you have any revisions or additions, please reach out to the Resolutions committee or IWUA office.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: Heather Rice

Education remains a vital part of IWUA's mission. We are excited for the start of Headgate Class #3 and look forward to the Convention and workshops this winter. If you have any ideas for topics or speakers, please reach out to the committee or IWUA office.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: Ron Platt

The Legislative Water College, held on August 28-30 in Burley, Idaho was a huge success! We had over 50 legislators attending to learn more about water opportunities and challenges in Idaho.

The committee anticipates holding its next meeting mid-to-late October.

NOMINATING & AWARDS COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: Ruth Bailes

We are fast approaching awards nomination time! Be on the lookout for folks in your organization or others in the water community that deserve recognition. The request for nominations will be sent out in early October.

RURAL & URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: Jay Barlogi

Have you seen the IWUA DitchSmart videos? To date, we have prepared 9 animated videos answering important questions about ditches in Idaho. Topics include identifying a ditch easement, moving or piping a ditch and the width of a ditch easement. Check out the IWUA webpage to see the videos. Feel free to post these videos on your webpage or to share through your social media.

WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

Committee Chair: Jason Brown

The water quality committee remains busy following federal water quality issues. A recent Supreme Court decision stemming from north Idaho (the Sackett case) called into question the latest Waters of the United States (or WOTUS) rule issued by the Biden Administration. The Administration pulled it's WOTUS rule back and is working on revisions consistent with the Sackett decision. We anticipate an update on this process later this year.



IWUA's new office administrator, Taylor Johnson, at Summer Seminar.

