

Good morning IWUA Members & Friends,

Happy Veterans Day, and a special thank you to all the military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. We hope everyone has an amazing week!

-IWUA Team

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Welcome to the Family!

Congratulations Kathryn and Justin Scott! Last week, the water user family increased by one! Hattie Sue was born on Tuesday, November 7 and she is absolutely adorable (as expected)! In fact, at 2 days she already had a double chin. Mom and Hattie are recovering well and are excited for their new adventure together.





SAVE THE DATE

IWUA's 87th Annual Convention

This year marks the 87th Annual Convention of the Idaho Water Users Association. The Convention will be held January 15-18, 2024, at The Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho. Check out the link below for all the information regarding Convention.

Convention Webite

NEW ORDERING PROCESS FOR OTTO OTTER SUPPLIES

It's that time again! Please place your order for Otto Otter supplies on our new online store **by November 29th.** Click the link below and place your order!

Otto Otter Store

Check Out This Week's Association

Idaho Water Symposium

IWUA has collaborated with the Idaho Potato Commission, Idaho Dairyman's Association, Idaho Grain Commission, the Snake River Sugarbeet Growers Association to host the inaugural Idaho Agriculture Water Symposium in Pocatello on Monday, December 11th.

The purpose of this Water Symposium is to connect producers with potential funding sources and agency partners to implement on-farm conservation projects. You'll hear from several farmers and project managers that have implemented water efficiency projects across the state. Following the presentations, there will be several staff and project managers in attendance that can answer questions and help you get started.

It is free to attend, and lunch will be provided. Space is limited so make sure to register.

Click HERE to RSVP

The Bureau of Reclamation Small-scale Water Efficiency Projects

Through the WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects Reclamation provides 50/50 cost share funding to irrigation and water districts, tribes, states and other entities with water or power delivery authority for small water efficiency improvements that have been identified through previous planning efforts. Projects eligible for funding include installation of flow measurement or automation in a specific part of a water delivery system, lining of a section of a canal to address seepage, or other similar projects that are limited in scope.

Note that there are a couple of changes this year: the NOFO covers both FY24 and FY25, and there will be closing dates every 6 months. In 2024, the closing dates will be January 16 and July 9. The funding amounts, eligible applicants, and eligible projects are the same as in previous years.

Click here to apply and for more information.

Update from NWRA

92nd NWRA Annual Conference

This week over 260 registrants and guests converged onto the Riverwalk in San Antonio Texas for the 92nd NWRA Annual Conference and Leadership Forum to discuss NWRA's 2024 priorities and hear from policy experts and leaders. The NWRA Board of Directors also met to approve the 2024 budget and elect Craig Simpson as President, Clay Scott as Vice President, and Paul Arrington as Treasurer effective January 1, 2024. Look for a more comprehensive review and photos of this weeks conference in the NWRA Weekly next Friday!



Update from Family Farm Alliance

IWUA is a member of the Family Farm Alliance. The Alliance is an advocate for family farmers, ranchers, irrigation districts, and allied industries in seventeen Western states. The Alliance is focused on one mission: To ensure the availability of reliable, affordable irrigation water supplies to Western farmers and ranchers.

One major initiative of the Alliance is food security. Farmers and ranchers are facing challenges like never before. Here are a few articles that the Alliance sent to its members last week:

The 20 Farming Families Who Use More Water From the Colorado River Than Some Western States

The Historic Claims That Put a Few California Farming Families First in Line for Colorado River Water

The Week Ahead at IWUA

Columbia River Treaty Presentation
Headgate: Session 1
FIFC Regional Update Meeting

IWUA Website