

Nomination Information for Mayor Rebecca Casper

Rebecca Noah Casper, while working under her own capacity of Omnia Strategies, provided a leading role in the organization and development of the Eastern Idaho Water Rights Coalition in 2007. She helped with management, serving as Secretary and Treasurer, and as a board member to the present.

Her budding interest in water led her to an appointment on the Idaho Water Resource Board's Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan committee, or CAMP, where she learned the intricacies of water management in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA).

Rebecca later campaigned for and was elected Mayor of the City of Idaho Falls in November 2013. While serving as Mayor for the past three terms, she continued to support and advocate for Eastern Idaho water issues. Mayor Casper served as Vice President of the Association of Idaho Cities where she helped raise the organization's awareness of water-related issues, both regionally on the ESPA and at the state level.

Mayor Casper collaborated with other cities on the ESPA to negotiate a settlement agreement with the Surface Water Coalition to resolve a water call on cities' wells on the ESPA. The settlement gives the cities thirty years of protection while providing mitigation through aquifer recharge. She directed the city to develop recharge sites to help the city meet the terms of the agreement.

Mayor Casper worked to raise awareness with the citizens of Idaho Falls of the importance of water conservation and finding practical solutions for water conflicts. She encouraged greater water use efficiency on city parks and golf courses. She oversaw implementation of water metering of industrial and business connections and implementation of pressurized surface water irrigation standards for new development.

Mayor Casper supported efforts to cooperate with canals passing through Idaho Falls and providing water to lands where the city was growing. Mayor Casper worked with legislators and state officials to develop solutions for water calls that could seriously impact the economy of Idaho Falls and all Eastern Idaho. Her tireless efforts to raise awareness of water issues and then roll up her sleeves to develop practical solutions will continue to benefit both ESPA water users and the State of Idaho for years to come.