

Where We've Been:

- Collaborative partner with state leadership and SWC in finding a powerful solution that protects Idaho's water, sustains our aquifer, and keeps farmland in production across Idaho.
- Vocal supporter of the new mitigation agreement and enforcement measures.
- Strong advocate for IWRB's \$30M for water infrastructure projects that meet mitigation.

"We appreciate the good-faith efforts from our friends in the Surface Water Coalition and the steady leadership from Governor Little and Lt. Governor Bedke. They helped create an environment where folks could sit down, work through the hard stuff, and come to an agreement that actually sticks. As farmers, we know how important this aquifer is — it's our lifeblood. IGWA's districts are fully committed to doing our part, following through on the 2024 plan, and making sure Idaho agriculture stays strong for generations to come." - Stephanie Mickelsen, Idaho Ground Water Appropriators

Where We're Headed:

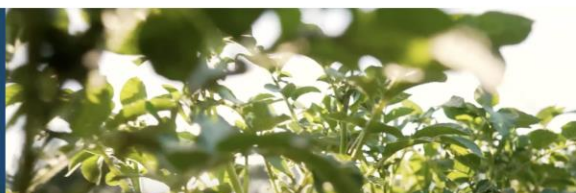
- **Lara Herway became IGWA's new Executive Director** in October upon Bob Turner's retirement. Herway's background as a seasoned government affairs consultant and former educator with deep roots in Eastern Idaho gives her a unique edge, blending grassroots strategy and a deep commitment to community. A fourth-generation Idahoan, she is the founder of Sunnybrook Strategies, a member of the Risch Pisca team and a dedicated mother of five.

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- **Launch of a new website** to improve education, outreach, transparency and engagement with all Idaho stakeholders. idahogroundwater.org
- **Dozens of mitigation projects**, including recharge, conversion, dry-up, and telemetry underway or completed with many more on the way.



Idaho Ground Water Appropriators (IGWA) represents the interests of groundwater users across the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer and tributary basins. We protect groundwater rights, promote smart water use, and work to ensure Idaho's aquifer can support agriculture, communities, and the economy for generations to come.



Jefferson-Clark GWD:

- Montevieu canal lining
- \$2.5m piping of 8 miles of ditches



Bonneville-Jefferson GWD:

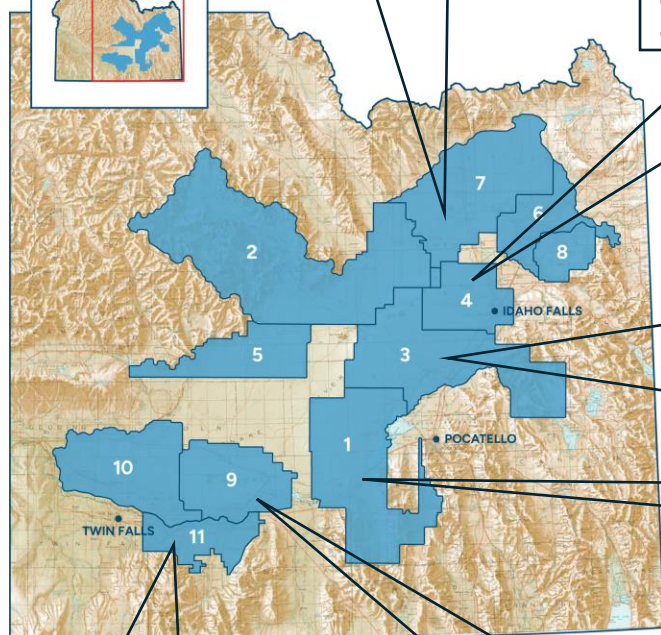
- Flow meter installation, \$97,082 award, cost \$372,054
- New recharge basin
- Dry-Ups

Bingham GWD:

- Telemetry-based flow meter monitoring system, \$145,590 award, cost \$1,079,620
- Ethos-developed telemetry system deployment: \$250,000 award, cost \$1,079,620
- Soft conversions (4 done, 7 approved)
- Recharge basin 112 acres

American Falls-Aberdeen Area GWD:

- Conversion project Lake Channel 1,000 acres



Southwest Irrigation District:

- Historic recharge well program

Magic Valley GWD:

- \$30M pipeline/conversion project (1/2 funded by GWD)
- 1,000-acre conversion project

Thanks to the \$30 million allocated by the legislature, IGWA members are hard at work on multiple water infrastructure projects across their districts. This isn't a comprehensive list, but a snapshot of the projects underway to recharge the ESPA and protect Idaho's agricultural economy for generations to come.