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Idaho Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (IDWARN)

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PNWS-American Water Works Association Board of Directors,

IDWARN is continuing with quarterly meetings. All meetings are available to meet in person or via teleconference. One new full member joined WARN since previously reported with the addition of Sugar City, Idaho. So, IDWARN now has 20 full members and 38 associate members. Associate members include utilities that have not signed the mutual assistance agreement, vendors, regulatory agencies and emergency services agencies. Current associate members include: Idaho Rural Water Association (IRWA); Ada County LEPC; FBI; the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security (BHS); Department of Homeland Security; and Idaho Public Utility Commission Infrastructure office.

IDWARN has redefined its regional representation areas to coincide with the six IDEQ regions of the state identified as: Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Boise, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls and Pocatello. One regional representative will serve on the Steering Committee as well as the IDWARN Chair and an IDEQ representative. Volunteers for each Steering Committee regional position have been identified and confirmed. We will now begin the process of getting additional involvement from each Steering Committee member.

We are not aware of any emergencies that required dispatch of resources in the past quarter. However, we are not always informed if members within our network reach out to one another for minor needs.

Current activities include:

- The last quarterly meeting was held February 3rd at the BHS offices on the Gowen Field military base. Members unable to attend in person also participated via teleconference. The next meeting will be held in the coming weeks. At that time we will schedule quarterly meetings for 2015 as well as arrange for more frequent Steering Committee meetings with the newly established committee members.

- IDWARN has re-established a presence on the web at www.idwarn.org and on Facebook. We are working to rebuild the content of the site as we move towards re-engaging our members and attracting new members.
- IDWARN has been working closely with the BHS to utilize their WebEOC (Web based Emergency Operation Center) system for communication. WebEOC is supported by BHS and will allow IDWARN members to post significant events including emergencies, trainings and meetings as well as contact information and available resources. We are working to set-up our private page and are being trained on how to utilize WebEOC.
- IDWARN has been working with the Oregon and Washington sections to build a relationship and coordinate activities. IDWARN submitted an abstract to PNCWA for presentation on behalf of the Tri-state WARN at their October 26-28th conference to be held in Boise, ID. The purpose of this presentation is to educate attendees about WARN and current events in each state. This presentation is similar to the one presented by Ken Schlegel with ORWARN on behalf of the Tri-State group in October 2014. The group has also discussed interest in exploring interstate mutual assistance that would particularly benefit systems on state lines.
- All activities are being sponsored by local Idaho utilities and Associate IDWARN members, the Idaho BHS and EPA. There are no costs at this time. However, we were approved for a \$500 budget with AWWA for the coming year to publish advertising and educational material for current and potential WARN members.

We are looking forward to positive advancement of IDWARN in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Roberts, Chair - IDWARN