

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GALENA GROUND WATER DISTRICT

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING REQUEST FOR
WATERSMART: WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS FOR FY 16 PROPOSAL TO
THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of Interior, WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program is soliciting proposals for and may provide financial assistance to irrigation districts, water districts and other organizations to implement projects that save water, improve energy efficiency, address endangered species and other environmental issues, and facilitate transfers to new uses; and

WHEREAS, the Galena Ground Water District recognizes that the accurate measurement of water use is critical to ensure fair and accurate mitigation values, and proper metering of irrigation uses is necessary and prudent; and

WHEREAS, the WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program specifically allows for project proposals involving the installation of smart irrigation controllers and high efficiency nozzles as part of our landscape irrigation measures meant to provide water savings by reducing outdoor water usage; and

WHEREAS, the Galena Ground Water District was formed under the State of Idaho Ground Water District Act, to provide for collective management of irrigators' water rights in the face of water delivery calls; and

WHEREAS, the entire Wood River Valley was the subject of a water call by downstream senior water right holders in February of 2015, and whereas future potential calls will impact water use throughout the valley; and

WHEREAS, by focusing on landscape irrigation, the largest source of municipal consumption of water in the Valley, the Galena Ground Water District will help mitigate water use conflicts generated by the most recent water call from senior water rights holders; and

WHEREAS, the Galena Ground Water District is committed to developing a comprehensive water conservation efficiency program to benefit future generations in the Wood River Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Galena Ground Water District has submitted a proposal to the Bureau of Reclamation for partial funding of a Landscape Irrigation Smart Water Savings Project involving homeowners, townhome, and condo associations under the Water WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Galena Ground Water District Board of Directors agrees and authorizes the sponsorship and submission of an application to the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of Interior, WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Program for the installation of water metering devices and "smart" irrigation systems throughout Galena Ground Water District boundaries targeting residential homeowners and condominium/townhome associations.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2016

By



Pat McMahon, Chair



Karl Nichols, Secretary



Judd McMahan, Director