

**GALENA GROUND WATER DISTRICT**  
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March 28, 2017

«First» «Last»  
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Re: Big Wood and Little Wood Water User's Associations' 2017 Water Delivery Call

Dear «First»:

You may have been named in the Big Wood & Little Wood Water Users Association's Petition for Administration ("Petition") which was filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR") on March 3, 2017. The Petition was to initiate administration, or a delivery call (the "Water Call Proceeding") against a majority of the water rights in the Galena Groundwater District ("GGWD") as well as rights in the South Valley Water District. The GGWD is not a named party in the Water Call Proceeding as it does not hold any water rights in its name.

Ground Water Districts are organized under State law to represent and protect the collective interests of their members in proceedings such as the Water Call Proceeding. To that end, the GGWD will file a Petition for Intervention in the Water Call Proceeding and represent and defend the collective interests of the membership from the call. Individual named water right holders will continue to be "respondents" in the Water Call Proceeding and have the right, if they so choose, to participate individually. All respondents will be subject to whatever final determination is made in the Water Call Proceeding.

The GGWD, through our counsel, Lawson Laski Clark and Pogue, PLLC ("LLCP") has been in regular contact with the Department of Water Resources and its legal counsel since the Petition was filed. Although no schedule has yet to be set, we understand that the Director of IDWR, who will be administering the Water Call Proceeding, will be scheduling a pre-hearing conference, likely to be held in Shoshone, sometime in May.

There are numerous legal and technical issues involved in the Water Call Proceeding, and our legal teams at LLCP, along with our technical consultants at Brockway Engineering, are well prepared to defend our membership's water rights. We will continue to provide regular updates as to the status of the Water Call Proceeding.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or concerns. We are trying to get an email address from every water right holder in the GGWD. Please reply to [galenagwd@gmail.com](mailto:galenagwd@gmail.com) to provide yours. We hope to eliminate costly and time consuming mailings, and keep every member current on water call events.

Sincerely,

Pat McMahan, Chairman

Karl Nichols, Treasurer

Judd McMahan, Secretary