

HENRY'S FORK WATERSHED COUNCIL
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UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY RECHARGE SYMPOSIUM

Over the years recharge has evolved from “just do it” to using the ESPAM model to identify effects of recharge on specific river reaches. There are state efforts and private efforts to develop recharge programs. There has been debate about who should pay for those programs. And while the ESPA CAMP has identified recharge as a significant way to improve water levels in the ESPA there is still not a cohesive, coordinated program in place that rewards entities who are able to recharge and helps relieve those who are under a threat of having their water supply curtailed.

This symposium is being held with the hope that a conversation can begin to identify the roadblocks to creating an effective recharge program as well as identifying steps that need to be taken to remove those roadblocks whether they be legislative, policy, political, or financial.

7:30 - 8:00 am Sign-up and Registration

8:00 - 8:15 am Welcome and Introductions

Henry's Fork Watershed Council Co-facilitators

8:15 - 9:05 am Keynote Address - Gary Spackman – Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources **(confirmed)**

9:05 - 9:55 am History of Recharge (Sarah Rupp, moderator) **(confirmed)**

10 min Brian Patton – Chief, Water Planning Bureau, Idaho Department of Water Resources (Describe different efforts over the years including ESPA CAMP without getting into current program) **(confirmed)**

10 min Brian Olmstead – Manager, Twin Falls Canal Company (Describe efforts of Lower Valley Irrigation Entities) **(confirmed)**

10 min Linda Lemmon – Chairman, Lower Snake Aquifer Recharge District (Describe efforts of Lower Valley spring users) **(invited)**

10 min Mike Rasmussen – President, Egin Bench Canals, Inc. (Describe Egin Bench Canals efforts) **(confirmed)**

10 min Questions and Answers

9:55 - 10:20 am Water Administration and Fish and Wildlife Concerns (Brandon Hoffner,

moderator)

10 min Tom P. Bassista – Environmental Staff Biologist, Idaho Department of Fish and Game (Identifying Ecological Consequences Associated with Aquifer Recharge) (**confirmed**)

10 min Tony Olenichak – Program Manager, Water District 1 (The effects of recharge on water right allocations) (**confirmed**)

5 min Questions and Answers

10:20 - 10:35 am Break (sponsored by Fremont-Madison Irrigation District)

10:35 - 11:25 am Impacts of Recharge, Local and ESPA-Wide (Roger Warner, moderator)

10 min Mike McVay – Technical Hydrogeologist, Idaho Department of Water Resources (How ESPAM 2.0 allocates recharge impacts) (**confirmed**)

10 min Bryce Contor – Senior Hydrologist, Rocky Mountain Environmental (**confirmed**)

10 min Gary Johnson – Assistant Director, Idaho Water Resources Research Institute (Out of basin impacts related to ESPA recharge) (**confirmed**)

20 min Panel Discussion – Moderated by Roger Warner – Vice-President, Rocky Mountain Environmental (**confirmed**)

11:25 - 11:40 am Edward Hagan – Ground Water Program Manager, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ requirements) (**confirmed**)

11:40 - 12:30 pm Lunch

12:30 - 1:15 pm Jerry Rigby – Attorney, Rigby, Andrus & Rigby, Chtd. (Legal framework and constraints) (**confirmed**)

1:15 - 1:50 pm Current Efforts (Randy Johnson, moderator) (**confirmed**)

10 min Dale Swensen – Executive Director, Fremont-Madison Irrigation District (FMID recharge water right application) (**confirmed**)

10 min Steve Howser – Manager, Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company (Hilton Spill) (**confirmed**)

10 min Roger Warner – Vice-President, Rocky Mountain Environmental (City Mitigation) (**confirmed**)

10 min Dean Stevenson – Board Member, Idaho Ground Water Appropriators (Minidoka Project) (**confirmed**)

10 min Brian Patton – Chief, Water Planning Bureau, Idaho Department of Water Resources (IWRB recharge efforts) (**confirmed**)

1:50 - 2:00 pm Break (sponsored by Rocky Mountain Environmental)

2:00 - 4:00 pm Perspectives on Future, Moderated by Dave Tuthill – Founder, Idaho Water Engineering, LLC (A facilitated discussion resulting in action steps that will improve the capability of managed recharge to resolve water management issues on the ESPA) (**confirmed**)

15 min Hal Anderson (privately managed recharge) (**confirmed**)

15 min Roger Chase – Vice-chairman, Idaho Water Resource Board (publicly managed recharge) (**confirmed**)

15 min Brian Olmstead – Manager, Twin Fall Canal Company/Dean Stevenson (perspective of lower valley irrigation interests) (**confirmed**)

15 min Linda Lemmon – Chairman, Lower Snake Aquifer Recharge District (perspective of other lower valley interests) (**invited**)

15 min Kim Trotter – Director Idaho Water Project, Trout Unlimited (fish and wildlife perspective) (**invited**)

15 min Steve Bair – Legislator District 28, Idaho State Senate, Vice Chairman Resources and Environment Committee (legislative perspective) (**confirmed**)

30 min Panel Discussion – Moderated by Dave Tuthill

4:00 pm Adjourn