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Special points of interest:

* Governor Otter's State of the State " speech may be viewed in its entirety at www.state.id.us

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Legislative Reports 2011



Week 2 of the 2011 Legislative session picked up speed as legislators began to grapple with the budget shortfall, committee organization, and agency rules.

The Senate Resource & Environment Committee reviewed Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) rules relating to water and air quality, but took no action. The rules included Water Quality Standards/Antidegradation Implementation Policy, Recycled Water, Public Drinking Water, and the Drinking Water Loan Program along with air quality rules for mercury emissions and hazardous waste. This week the committee will begin hearing Idaho Department of Water Resource (IDWR) rules, starting with well driller licensing and proposed changes to state Water Supply Bank rules.

The House Environment, Energy and Technology Committee held a lengthy discussion on IDEQ's air quality rules relating to mercury emissions and greenhouse gases, leading to the postponement of IDEQ's water-related rules until Monday (January 24). That committee will also hold a print hearing on companion legislation for the Water Quality Standards/Antidegradation Implementation Policy rule. A subcommittee also reviewed proposed changes in IDWR's well driller and water supply bank rules. House leadership has asked that, if possible, the committees complete their rules review by February 4th.

The House Resource and Conservation Committee printed five pieces of legislation from IDWR (*see page 2*).

Idaho Water Users Association (IWUA) and the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) were also in town last week. IWUA's legislative committee met on Wednesday to vote its support, opposition, or no position to some of the proposed water legislation. A number of bills were also referred back to subcommittees for further work.

The Idaho Water Resource Board met for a work session on Thursday and as a full board on Friday. The Board received the Rathdrum Prairie Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan for review and/or modification which will then be accepted in March. A Public Hearing will be held in Coeur d'Alene in May.

Idaho Power Company's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Advisory Committee met on Thursday. The company anticipates filing its 2011 IRP by June. Potential resourced portfolios are being developed and discussed.

The Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) made history this week by opening its meetings for public comments. This committee has never before allowed the general public to testify in its budget hearings, but then the state has not previously faced this size of a deficit. Last Friday, JFAC accepted public comments on the education budget; next Friday, they will hear from the general public on the Health and Welfare budgets.

CALENDAR

Monday, January 24

Senate Resources & Environment: WW55, 1:30 p.m.

37-0310-1001 Well Driller Licensing & **37-0203-1001** Water Supply Bank Rules

House Environment, Energy, & Technology: Harwood Subcommittee Rules, EW41, 1:30 p.m.

58-0102-1001 Water Quality Standards

58-0108-1001 Public Drinking Water

58-0117-1001 Reclamation and Reuse of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater

58-0120-0901 Administration of Drinking Water Loan Program

RS 20046C2 Water Quality Standards Revision

Tuesday, January 25

Ag Lobbyists, Lock, Stock & Barrel - Noon

Water District 130 Advisory Committee, Twin Falls, IDWR office, 2 p.m.

Wednesday: January 26

Food Producers

Idaho Grain Center, 8:30 a.m.

Food Producers Legislative Luncheon, Yen Cheng, - Noon

Thursday: January 27

Friday: January 23

Water Legislation—House

H022-WATER RIGHT LICENSES Amends existing law relating to water right licenses to delete the requirements that licenses be issued under the seal of the office of the Department of Water Resources and that licenses bear the capacity of the diverting works. **House: 01/20** Introduce/Print **01/21** To Resource & Conservation <http://legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2011/H0022.htm>

H023-WELLS Amends existing law relating to drilling permits to revise fee provisions, to provide for the use of certain permit fees, to authorize the director of the Department of Water Resources to provide blanket drilling permits for closed loop heat exchange wells and to provide that the applications for blanket permits for site specific monitoring programs shall include specified design proposals. **House: 01/20** Introduce/print **01/21** To Resource & Conservation <http://legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2011/H0023.htm>

H024-WATER Amends existing law relating to water to delete the requirement that copies of notices be sent by ordinary mail to certain persons, to provide for notices that are accessible from the Internet homepage of the Department of Water Resources, to clarify that published notices are the official notices and to provide that any errors or omissions in notices displayed on the Internet homepage shall not invalidate the published notices **House: 01/20** Introduce/Print **01/21** To Resource & Conservation <http://legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2011/H0024.htm>

H025-WATER Amends existing law relating to permits to appropriate water to revise provisions and requirements relating to submission of proof of beneficial use statements submitted more than sixty days after notice of lapsing and to provide for the reinstatement of such permits and the advancement of priority dates. **House: 01/20** Introduce/Print **01/21** To Resource & Conservation <http://legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2011/H0025.htm>

H031-WATER Amends existing law relating to water to revise a fee relating to applications for amendment of permit and to provide for fees for filing applications to change the point of diversion, place, period or nature of use of water under a vested water right; to revise a provision relating to information contained in certain applications to change a water right being deemed in compliance with specified notification provisions and to provide for applicability of specified fee requirements. **House: 01/20** Introduce/Print **01/21** To Resource & Conservation <http://legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2011/H0031.htm>

CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 31: Idaho Environmental Forum Legislative Gala

February 1: WD 130 Annual Meeting, Jerome City Council Chambers, 2 p.m.

February 2: JFAC Budget Hearings: IDEQ 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
IDWR 9:40 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.
Energy Resources 10:40 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

February 4: IPCO Portfolio Workshop, Boise, IPCO headquarters, 9 a.m. to noon

February 9: ICIE Gold Room Presentation “Bull Trout—20 Years Later”
Senate & House Auditorium WW02, 1:30 p.m.

RULES REVIEW

IDWR

37-0310-1001 Well Driller Licensing

37-0203-1001
Water Supply Bank Rules

IDEQ

58-0102-1001 Water Quality Standards (Antidegradation)

58-0108-1001 Public Drinking Water

58-0117-1001 Reclamation and Reuse of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater

58-0120-0901 Administration of Drinking Water Loan Program

Committee Schedules

Key Senate Committee Schedules:

Agriculture: T, Th, morning, Room WW53

Finance: Daily, morning, Room C310

Health & Welfare: M,T,W, Th, afternoon, Room WW54

Local Government & Taxation: T,W,Th, afternoon, Room WW53

Resources & Environment: M,W, F, afternoon, Room WW55

State Affairs: M, W, F, morning, Room WW55

Key House Committee Schedules:

Agricultural Affairs: Even days, afternoon, Room EW 20

Appropriations: Daily, morning, Room C310

Environment, Energy & Technology: Even days, afternoon, Room EW41

Resources & Conservation: Odd days, afternoon, Room EW40

State Affairs: Daily, morning, Room EW40

January 27: IDEQ Anti-degradation Guidance Advisory Committee
Boise, IDEQ Headquarters, 8:30 a.m.

JFAC Budget Hearing Schedule for select agencies:

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