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Week 2 In Brief: RULES

It was a slow week at the Statehouse, at least for water and energy issues. Most committees are focused on reviewing agency rules. The Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment (ICIE) introduced its Environment & Regulatory Affairs Committee to members of the House Resource & Conservation Committee and the Energy, Environment & Technology Committee with a presentation on "Rules, Guidance & Stringency". IGWA is a member of the Regulatory Affairs Committee as are most agricultural and industrial groups. The committee will provide technical and scientific information to the legislature, governor's office and state agencies.

The House Energy, Environment & Technology Committee held print hearings on for two energy bills: RS 16670 clarifies a municipalities' statutory authority to acquire electrical resources through joint ownership or long-term contracts. RS 16671 amends the Idaho Energy Resource Authority Act of 2005 to clarify its ability to finance distribution as well as generation and transmission, the state treasurer's bonding authority, and to allow the Authority to act on behalf of its clients.

CDR held a series of meetings in Pocatello, Idaho Falls and Twin Falls as it finalizes the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Management Plan. The framework will be discussed at Idaho Water Resource Board's meeting in Boise on Monday and Tuesday, January 22 and 23. A summary of the meetings is posted on our website along with this legislative report at www.idahowaterpolicygroup.org under **News**.

CALENDAR

Calendar

January 12—26, 2006

Monday, January 22:

House Natural Resource & Conservation— Subcommittee #1 DEQ Rules, 1:30 p.m. Rm 412

Senate Resources & Environment:

DEQ "Cyanide"
1:30 p.m. Rm 433

Tuesday, January 23:

House Natural Resource & Conservation— Introduce new BOR Commissioner, INL Clean-up
1:30 p.m., Room 412

Wednesday, January 17:

Thursday, January 18:

Friday, January 19:

Legislative Committee Schedule

Senate Committees:

Agriculture: T, TH 8 a.m.

Local Government: T, W, TH 3 p.m.

Resources & Environment: M, W, F 1:30 p.m.

State Affairs: M, W, F 8 a.m.

House Committees:

Agriculture: Even days, p.m.

Environment, Energy, & Technology: Even days p.m.

Local Government: Even days, p.m.

Resource & Conservation: Odd days, p.m.

State Affairs: Daily, a.m.

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Weekly Meeting Schedule

Monday

ICIE Environmental Regulatory Committee

10 a.m.

Givens Pursley Conference

Rm

Tuesday

Ag Advisors Noon

Yen Cheng

Wednesday

Food Producers of Idaho

8:30 a.m.

ISDA Conference Room

Thursday

IACI

10 a.m.

IACI Conference Rm

Friday