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For: SHELLY BLACKNER CLERK
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Butte County Resolution # 2025-6

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AMENDMENT TO THE ORDER TO FORM THE LITTLE LOST RIVER GROUNDWATER DISTRICT DUE TO DECEASED INDIVIDUALS LISTED ON THE CERTIFIED WATER RIGHT OWNER LIST

WHEREAS, the Butte County Board of Commissioners issued an *Order to Form the Little Lost River Groundwater District* pursuant to the provisions of Idaho Code Title 42, Chapter 52; and

WHEREAS, said Order requires that a majority of certified water right owners within the proposed District boundaries sign the petition for formation, as verified by the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("IDWR"); and

WHEREAS, upon diligent review and effort by the petitioners and the organizing committee, it has been determined that several individuals listed as certified water right owners on the IDWR records are **deceased**, and their water right ownership records have not yet been updated to reflect estate representatives or successors; and

WHEREAS, due to the deceased status of these listed individuals, it is impossible to obtain their signatures as required by the Order; and

WHEREAS, the absence of such signatures does not indicate a lack of support for the formation of the Little Lost River Groundwater District but rather results from administrative record conditions outside the petitioners' control; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board to ensure that the district formation process is fair, accurate, and consistent with Idaho law, while acknowledging legitimate circumstances preventing full compliance with the signature requirement;

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EXHIBIT A

List of Deceased Certified Water Right Owners – Little Lost River Groundwater District Formation

Deceased Property Owners

1 Norman Allen

2 Lynn Bingham

3 Fern Nickerson

4 Keith Nickerson

5 Owen Romrell

6 Margaret Waymire

Properties that have duplicated names on the certified water right list from Idaho Department of Water Resources:

Previous Property Owner	New Property Owner
Janene Williams	Pancheri Farms
Jeff Hawley	Barzee
W.T. Williams	Pancheri Farms
Saddle Mountain Ranch	Matt Lagomarsino

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BUTTE COUNTY, IDAHO, THAT:

1. The *Order to Form the Little Lost River Groundwater District* is hereby **amended** to acknowledge that signatures cannot be obtained from certified water right owners who are deceased as of the date of the petition.
2. The absence of such signatures shall **not invalidate** the petition or impede the lawful formation of the Little Lost River Groundwater District.
3. The Board shall recognize the **signatures of living, duly certified owners**, and, where applicable, verified successors, estate representatives, or updated ownership information as sufficient to meet the intent of the statutory signature requirement.
4. The District's organizing committee shall provide, as **Exhibit A** to this Resolution, a list of the certified water right owners determined to be deceased, property successors, estate representatives, and updated ownership information as verified by public records, IDWR information, or other reliable documentation.
5. The Board directs that this Resolution, together with Exhibit A, be entered into the official record of the *Order to Form the Little Lost River Groundwater District* and transmitted to the Idaho Department of Water Resources for administrative acknowledgment.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of November, 2025.

BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

M. Hootie Langseth

Acting Chairman, M.H. "Hootie Langseth

Commissioner, Blake VanEtten

ATTEST:

Shelly Blackner

Clerk of the Board, Shelly Blackner