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To: Michelle Dale
Subject: WQS Triennial Review: Development of performance-based temperature criteria
Attachments: issue-paper-performance-based-approach-for-temperature-criteria.pdf; 2020-02-28 Request for OPE Study.pdf

Dear Michelle:

I'm writing as the Executive Director of the Treasure Valley Water Users Association (TVWUA) to express our support for the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) proposal to prioritize the investigation and potential development of performance-based temperature criteria, as well as other regulatory and non-regulatory alternatives to DEQ and Idaho communities to address the challenges associated with establishing, administering and attaining appropriate temperature criteria for Idaho water bodies.

TVWUA supported the attached request to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee (JLOC) that was championed by House and Senate leaders during the 2020 Legislative Session to investigate these issues. Unfortunately, due to the high volume of requests last Session, JLOC did not choose the attached request to be studied by the Office of Performance Evaluations.

One of the questions raised during the JLOC hearing was why the DEQ is not investigating these issues. We view DEQ's current proposal during the Triennial review process as responsive to the concerns which led House and Senate leaders to submit the attached request.

We look forward to participating in the process.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Roger Batt, Executive Director
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