

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

HONORABLE ERIC J. WILDMAN
Presiding Judge

10/21/2025

DEPUTY CLERK
Valerie McCoy

1:30 p.m. MT (SRBA)
2:30 p.m. MT (CSRBA)
2:30 p.m. MT (CFPRBA/KRBA)
3:00 p.m. MT (PRBA)

Case No. 39576 (SRBA)
Case No. 49576 (CSRBA)
Case No. 59576 (PRBA)
Case No. 69576 (CFPRBA)
Case No. 89576 (KRBA)

Court Minutes
Twin Falls, Idaho

This was the time and place set for the **Monthly Status Conference**. Issues to be addressed are:

SRBA –
NO ISSUES

1:30 p.m. (MT)

CSRBA –

2:30 p.m. (MT)

STATUS CONFERENCE

Water Right Number: 91-7755 (File 2)

United States of America as Trustee on the Behalf of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe

HEARING ON MOTION TO FILE LATE NOTICE OF CLAIM

Water Right Number: 95-18696 (File 1078)

Russo Family Living Trust

-- Pro Se

CFPRBA –
NO ISSUES

2:30 p.m. (MT)

KRBA –
NO ISSUES

2:30 p.m. (MT)

PRBA --
NO ISSUES

3:00 p.m. (MT)

CSRBA Minutes

02:30:31 Court waives use of a court reporter. Proceedings are being recorded on FTR, pursuant to Idaho Administrative Rule 27(b). **Court calls case: 95-18696** Hearing on *Motion to File Late Notice of Claim*. Court identifies parties and provides background. Dawn Russo appearing on behalf of the Russo Family Living Trust. Lacey Rammell-O'Brien appearing for IDWR. Ms. Russ has nothing to add. No opposition appearing. Ms. Rammell-O'Brien advises that there is nothing from IDWR at this time. Motion for Late Claim granted.

02:34:48 **Court calls case: 91-7755** – Status Conference. Court identifies parties and provides background. Parties are Vanessa Ray-Hodge, Dylan Hedden-Nicely, and Eric Van Orden for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, David Perkins and Joy Vega for the US, Chris Bromley for Avista Corp., Mariah Dunham for Benewah Co., Candice McHugh for the City of Coeur d'Alene, Norm Semanko and Garrett Kitamura for Northern Water Rights Alliance et. al, Lacey Rammell-O'Brien for IDWR. Trial set to commence in September 2027 per stipulated order. Court requests an update on settlement negotiations.

02:47:47 Ms. Ray-Hodge provides an update on settlement negotiations. Mr. Perkins, Ms. McHugh, and Ms. Dunham agree with Ms. Ray-Hodge's update. Mr. Perkins discusses the option of bringing the state claims in before the Court rather than before SM Bilyeu. Mr. Bromley advises that he does not believe there's any need to act before SM Bilyeu provides her recommendation which would then place the cases in front of Judge Wildman. Court calls on Mr. Semanko for an update. Mr. Semanko provides update and has nothing to add aside from what the other parties have discussed.

03:06:00 Court in recess.

03:20:00 Court ends recess. Court states that it would be helpful if the parties could work out a stipulated proposal on how to move forward to ensure items that need to be on the docket sheet are on it. Court clarifies date for next hearing with SM Bilyeu, Mr. Bromley confirms that they will all be appearing before SM Bilyeu on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025. Court requests stipulated proposal within thirty days and all parties agree that this can be done.

03:27:43 Adjourned.