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IWUA SETS 75th ANNUAL CONVENTION FOR JANUARY 24-26 IN BOISE

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Idaho's largest water user group will celebrate its 75th Diamond Jubilee annual convention January 24-26 at the DoubleTree Riverside Hotel in Boise, the Idaho Water Users Association announced today.

The three-day gathering will feature a variety of speakers and panels, including John Tubbs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Interior, examining a wide range of water and environmental topics. IWUA will also elect new officers during the convention, and decide on resolutions that will guide the Association's activities during the coming year.

The convention begins Jan. 24 with standing committee meetings during which resolutions, legislation, water quality issues, education, rural and urban affairs and other Association activities will be discussed in detail.

The main convention program will begin January 25, according to Norm Semanko, IWUA Executive Director. IWUA officials will also present a series of water related awards at a special luncheon the same day. The convention will end the evening of January 26 with the Association's annual Legislative Banquet.

Early registration is now open; however, people who want to attend also will be able to register at the door. More information about the convention can be found at the IWUA website: www.iwua.org. You can also call the Association at (208) 344-6690.

“It is awesome to realize that IWUA has been a moving force in Idaho water since it was formed in 1937 by a nonprofit association designed to promote irrigated agriculture in Idaho. The association eventually incorporated in the 1950s and took its current form in 1972, when it broadened its mission to incorporate advocacy on environmental regulation,” said Norm Semanko, only the third IWUA Executive Director in the past 39 years.

The Idaho Water Users Association now consists of approximately 300 irrigation districts and canal companies, agri-businesses, public water supply organizations, professional firms and individuals from around the state that manage water supplies for more than 2 million acres of irrigated Idaho farmland.

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