

**SQUAW CREEK DITCH COMPANY**  
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July 30, 2025

Idaho Water Resource Board  
ATTENTION: Aging Infrastructure Grants Team  
322 East Front Street  
Suite 648  
Boise, Idaho 83702-7371

**RE:** Aging Infrastructure Grant Funding Application

Dear Aging Infrastructure Grants Team:

Enclosed for your consideration is the Squaw Creek Ditch Company's (the Company) application for an Aging Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$535,400. It is anticipated that the total cost of the project will be \$1,070,800. The following is additional information required by the Idaho Water Resource Board (the Board).

**Project Summary**

The Company is requesting financial support to:

1. Widen and straighten 1,950 feet of the existing canal to support full water flow for delivery of irrigation water to 1,327 acres for one hundred shareholders. The current width of the canal is less than 6 feet. Increasing the width of the canal is difficult because the east side of the canal is a sheer wall of lava rock that will need to be blasted and removed to widen both the canal and its bank. This section of existing canal's waterflow does not support irrigation to 100 percent of our shareholders' 1,327 acres. We have several shareholders who are currently not using water; however, we anticipate that this will not be the case as our population continues to increase and the valley is developed further.
2. Widen and straighten 1,950 feet of existing canal bank for better maintenance access and public safety. To sustain water flow stability, manage potential flooding and mitigate canal failure, we need to have much better access to the canal through wider banks. The current canal runs parallel (but at a height of sixty feet above) the Squaw Creek Irrigation District ditch (supplying water to 7,201 acres). The current bank in this section of the ditch is less than 2 feet wide which does not allow for safe maintenance of the ditch or protection

against rockslides/erosion impacting water flow of our canal, our neighbor's canal, and the Squaw Creek River.

3. Legal work necessary to gain easements required for blasting of rock walls and widening of canal from three to four landowners.

**Project Manager Contacts**

The Company's President and Treasurer will be the primary contacts for this proposal.

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The Squaw Creek Ditch Company was established in 1896 to support farming and livestock water needs. The Company has a significant need for financial backing in moving forward with the modernization of several sections of its current canal infrastructure. Our ditch is unique in that it flows through various topography that includes a canyon, extremely rugged terrain, and flat land all of which require different considerations when dealing with maintenance and potential modernization. We are a small, not-for-profit organization whose primary purpose is the delivery of irrigation water to 1,327 acres and one hundred shareholders.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of the enclosed proposal. Should you have any questions concerning this information, please contact me directly at 209-918-5488.

Sincerely,

Tracy Monticelli  
Secretary-Treasurer