

CITY OF KETCHUM
RESOLUTION NO. 24-011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM, BLAINE COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION TO LEASE CERTAIN WATER RIGHTS TO THE WATER SUPPLY BANK; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ketchum, Blaine County, State of Idaho:

Section 1. Findings

1. In 2021, the City completed its purchase of the Warm Springs Preserve.
2. As part of the acquisition of the Warm Springs Preserve, the City acquired three water rights appurtenant to the property, which are designated by the Idaho Department of Water Resources as Water Right 37-212A, Water Right 37-2621, and Water Right 37-20381.
3. These water rights are stacked, with Water Right 37-212A as the primary right and Water Rights 37-2621 and 37-20381 as supplemental water rights. Stacked water rights must be used together at the same place of use to accomplish the same beneficial use.
4. In April 2023, the City approved the Warm Springs Preserve Master Plan.
5. The Wood River Land Trust has partnered with the City in implementing the Warm Springs Preserve Master Plan.
6. Under the conservation plan for the Warm Springs Preserve, the Warm Springs Water Rights will not be applied to their full authorized beneficial use for irrigation of 27.9 acres.
7. The Wood River Land Trust expects 10.5 acres of the Warm Springs Preserve to require regular irrigation during the irrigation season.
8. Partial forfeiture of water rights is possible when water rights are not fully utilized for their authorized beneficial use.
9. Partial forfeiture can be avoided by leasing the unused portion of water rights to the Idaho Water Supply Bank.
10. The proposed applications to lease water rights to the Water Supply Bank provide for a lease of portions of the stacked water rights sufficient to irrigate 17.4 acres.
11. It is in the best interests of the City to lease a portion of the Warm Springs Water Rights to the Idaho Water Supply Bank for a period of up to five years to avoid partial forfeiture of the said water rights.

Section 2. Authorizing the Water Division Supervisor

Jade Riley, City Administrator of the City of Ketchum, is hereby authorized to sign applications to lease water rights to the Water Supply Bank on behalf of the City of Ketchum for the purpose of leasing portions of Water Right No. 37-212A, Water Right 37-2621, and Water Right 37-20381 to the Water Supply Bank, and to represent the City of Ketchum in all matters related to said Applications.

Section 3. Directing the City Clerk

The City Clerk is hereby directed to file this Resolution forthwith in the official records of this City.

Section 4. Effective Date

This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Ketchum this 20th day of MAY, 2024.

ATTEST



Trent Donat, City Clerk



Neil Bradshaw, Mayor
City of Ketchum

