

IGWA Bulletin



Members of the Idaho Ground Water Association,

I hope everybody has had a successful and safe summer season. I know we have been enjoying the Indian summer, as I'm sure many of you have as well.

We are still working through our electrical license test but hope things will progress at a quicker pace. Rest assured that it is still a major priority with the Board of Directors. We have been busy rewriting our bylaws and should get a new copy out as soon as we are finished. We are also writing a bill to put in front of the legislature to update the bonding and construction standards for our new low temperature geothermal rules. That will be sent into this year's legislative session.

We are finalizing the schedule for our annual convention and it will be held at the Riverside Hotel January 28th-30th. In March, the Pacific NW convention will be held in Vancouver, Washington March 20th-21st. It seems like Idaho has an almost nonexistent showing for this event. I would like to ask that we, as an industry, try to change that. I know it falls when we are starting to get busy, but it would be nice to see Idaho step up and support the Pacific NW convention and have a strong showing.

This year we have had several reports of folks in our industry operating outside of our rules. Things like leaving open paths of contamination alongside casing, operation of rigs without a license, placing surface seals without the licensed driller on site, etc. We all know that IDWR has been telling us that we need to do better. In this case, they are right. We all know the rules that we need to follow, and we as an industry need to make a conscious effort to follow those rules. I know that the vast majority of you go above and beyond to follow these rules, but it seems we have a few that don't.

I hope to see everyone in January for our annual convention. Have a safe and prosperous rest of the year, as well as a wonderful holiday season and New Year.

Sincerely,
Bill Tanner
IGWA President



Column Pipe + Inner Column

Threaded Column Pipe

- + Turbine column pipe and submersible drop pipe
- + Size: 2.50" - 14"
- + Material: A53 Grade B, 316SS, 304SS, galvanized pipe
- + Oil lube, water lube

Inner Column

- + Enclosing Tubes: A53 Grade B, 316SS, 304SS, galvanized, 416SS
- + All OEM specifications
- + Water lube, Oil lube, water flush
- + Shafting: C-1045, 416SS, 316SS, 17-4
- + Bearings: Alloy 844, Vesconite
- + Shaft Couplings: 1215, 1141, 416SS, 316SS, 304SS

Pump Fabrications

- + Flange column: 4" - 36"
- + Fabricated discharge heads
- + Fabricated pump cans/barrels
- + Sole plates, motor stands, Etc (can be manufactured)
- + Material: A53 grade B, 316SS, 304SS
- + In house coating, epoxy and scotchkote

Water Well Casing

- + Sizes: 4" - 36"
- + Casing: beveled, threaded
- + Slotted casing
- + Johnson well screen, industrial, municipal and agricultural
- + Material: A53 grade B, 316SS, 304SS, galvanized

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Pump Parts

- + Bowl bushings
- + Wear rings
- + Sand collars
- + Tube adapters
- + Impeller collets
- + Collet knockers
- + Bowl bushings
- + Stuffing box bushings
- + Tension bearings
- + Tension Assemblies
- + Head nuts
- + Column reducing bushings
- + Line shaft bearings
- + Column couplings
- + Shaft and shaft couplings
- + Custom coatings
- + Casing alignment clamps





Executive Director Report

In my last article there was an emphasis on the importance of IGWA's involvement in being more actively engaged in water discussions, and building champions for the future of our industry to help direct and guide the outcome of water policy discussions and protect business interests within the organization and industry. Seeking out these opportunities, on October 14, I participated in a Treasure Valley Water Summit hosted by several water user stakeholders and municipalities. There were about 50 people of which some were local and state elected officials. Most of the discussions at the Summit centered around water use, water conservation, aquifer management, and concerns about the future of our water supply. It's no surprise there continues to be SUBSTANTIAL interest in water across the state - more than in our history. But as these Summits and other gatherings take place to discuss and shape the future of water policy, IGWA needs to continue to have a seat at the table and guide those discussions.

In addition to IGWA's recent participation in the Treasure Valley Water Summit, a group of municipal water providers recently reached out to the IGWA expressing the desire to collaborate on a project to use data currently available to delineate the extent of artesian groundwater conditions in the Treasure Valley. The group is mainly interested in the source water protection benefits of the additional sealing requirements when artesian water is encountered. They believe that an area can be delineated based on drillers reports and other available data. Once an area is delineated, IDWR will have a tool to administer the drilling rules efficiently. They also believe this will be a benefit for drillers since it will communicate where drillers will encounter artesian water and put all drillers on a level playing field for bidding projects in such areas.

The municipalities who reached out to us were interested in cooperating with IGWA leadership on this project. Both Garrett Post and Sam Kingrey have volunteered to serve on this board to represent the IGWA and have already participated in one of the meetings.

The IDOPL is currently working on contracting with a CTC person in Georgia to start drafting a new water pump installers electrical exam and to set standards for the new exam. Whenever IDOPL sets the next meeting date for the exam, the industry working group will review the standards and draft exam and offer additional input and guidance. The goal is to have a new exam for water pump installers available as soon as possible.

IGWA has produced a new set of well-sealing education videos in collaboration with IDWR, and we're hoping to gather feedback from the industry. The videos are now available at igwa.info, and we'd appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to watch them and share any thoughts or suggestions with me at roger@amgidaho.com. Your input will help ensure the final product is as useful and accurate as possible.

Please mark your calendars for the 2026 IGWA Convention that will be held on January 29-30 at the Riverside Hotel in Garden City. We will be mailing and e-mailing you the convention correspondence soon and making it available on our website for online registration. There will be total of 12 Credits available at the Convention including 2 Idaho Rules & Regs, 2 Oregon Rules & Regs and 2 Washington Rules & Regs credits.

Thank you for being members of the IGWA. If you have any issues you want the IGWA to work on, please contact our office or a board member so that we can continue to work for you and make sure your business continues to grow and help the industry to remain strong.

Roger Batt
Executive Director, IGWA



WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

Check out IGWA's new well-sealing education videos, created in partnership with IDWR, at igwa.info. Please share your feedback with Roger at roger@amgidaho.com so we can make sure these resources are as useful and accurate as

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WHERE: ONLINE

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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Well Decommissionings

Well decommission projects are increasing with the number of development projects occurring across the state. Therefore, to ensure competitive bidding amongst drillers and compliance with the rules are met, we'd like to include a few reminders on well decommissionings.

A few reminders:

A decommission plan needs to be submitted and approved by the Department prior to any work being performed. The details of the proposed work will be based on the construction and hydrogeologic setting of the well being decommissioned. A final report is required to be submitted once the work is complete.

Rules stipulate that the decommission process includes perforating and pressure grouting in instances where the casing cannot be removed. There are specific hydrogeologic settings in which bentonite chips can be used, but those should be discussed with the department to ensure this method will be approved.

Well decommissionings must be performed by a licensed well driller. If a general construction contractor contacts you regarding a well needing to be removed, remind them of this requirement (and bid the job!). There have been a few instances this past year in which an excavation contractor cut and buried an existing well improperly and were required to come back and dig up the wellhead and properly decommission it. The city of Meridian will not allow occupancy of a developed property unless all wells encountered during construction are properly decommissioned.

If you have any questions regarding the decommission process, feel free to reach out to your local inspector or call the state office. In addition, stay tuned for the next educational video which will dive into more details regarding well decommissionings.

Dennis Owsley, P.G.
Technical Hydrogeologist
Idaho Department of Water Resources



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