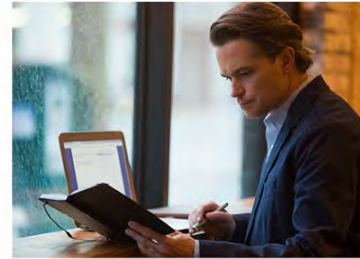



ECC Subcommittee Meetings

Thursday, January 18th 2024





Art. 406
*Land and Water
Acquisition Program*

ARTICLE OVERVIEW

- Intended for the acquisition of land and water resources
- Implementation began 2004
- ECC required to vote on subject properties to move projects forward
- Approx \$300,000 escalated annually
 - L&W Fund investment account has grown to over 1.2M since inception



Bear River

The 77-megawatt (MW) Bear River Project (FERC No. 20) is located in Southeast Idaho in Caribou and Franklin Counties, and is partially located on United States lands administered by BLM.

SAGEBRUSH STEPPE LAND TRUST MOA

- In 2006 the ECC formed a cooperative partnership with the regional land trust to assist in delivering the mission of article 406. By working with land protection professionals, the opportunity and pace of acquisitions was increased. Together they created an MOA to govern how the ECC would support SSLT as an organization, and how SSLT would implement land protection projects in accordance with the settlement agreement.
- SSLT is not the only organization which has received support from the ECC for land and water projects. However, they are the only external entity to the ECC. Other agencies including Idaho Department of Fish & Game, and Idaho Fish & Wildlife Service have also been funded and hold properties on behalf of this mission.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- 23 property acquisitions (SSLT and IDF&G)
 - 16 Conservation Easements
 - 7 Fee-title properties
- 5,040.3 acres protected
- Estimated 50,518 ft. of riparian protection
- Equates to >1 land protection project completed per year
- Total dollars allocated: \$5,548,396 (as of 2023 pending annual report)
 - \$1,001 per acre (ECC funds)



ARTICLE FUTURE

- Roundtable
- Q and A
- Brainstorm