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MAR 6 1997 57-R WATER MEETING AT MURPHY, ELECTION

MAR 9 ON SITE DISCUSSION OF WEIR BLADES, SIZES, TYPES,  
PLACEMENT ON JUNAYO SYSTEM WITH JUNAYO EMPLOYEES DON EASON  
AND REX EVANS

MAR 29 DON EASON CALLED TO LET ME KNOW THAT THE MACKS  
CREEK RESERVOIR IS FULL AND STARTED SPILLING YESTERDAY,  
MARCH 28, 1997. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE "COMMUNITY DITCH  
NEEDS CLEANED AND WANTS ME TO FIGURE THE PERCENTAGE OF USE  
BY CFS/RIGHTS FOR EACH USER IN THAT LATERAL. MAILED IT TO  
HIM.

MAY 21 1 PM - ON SITE INSPECTION AT JUNAYO WITH CINDY  
HODGES, IDWR; OWEN AND BEN DRNDORF, OWNERS; DON EASON,  
JUNAYO MANAGER. ALSO MET JOHN WESTRA AT EAST SIDE  
RESERVOIR.

JUN 1 BLADYS MULLER CALLED TO SEE WHY JERRY DIDN'T HAVE  
ANY WATER. I TOLD HER THERE WAS STILL WATER GOING TO THE  
RIVER, SO HE PROBABLY NEEDED TO EITHER BUILD OR TIGHTEN UP  
THEIR DIVERSION DAM, OR CHECK WITH THE OTHER WEST REYNOLDS  
LATERAL USERS ABOUT DISTRIBUTION.

JUN 11 9:30 AM TOM BENSON CALLED. HE WANTS ME TO BRING  
DOWN MORE WATER FOR THE WEST REYNOLDS LATERAL, BUT THERE IS  
STILL ABOUT 200" (1 CFS) GOING TO THE RIVER. I TOLD HIM  
THAT I WILL GO OUT TOMORROW AND START MEASURING. (THEY HAD  
SIGNED THE CALL OUT PAPERS EARLIER IN THE SEASON.)

JUN 12 I CALLED IDWR, J. WESTRA (CINDY GONT TO STATE  
OFFICE NOW). SORT OF A "CMA" CALL TO EXPLAIN ABOUT A.  
BENSONS USUAL ANNUAL CALLS ABOUT ME NOT GOING OUT  
IMMEDIATELY WHEN CALLED AND THAT LAST NIGHT AT 9:30 PM HAD  
BEEN THE FIRST TIME THAT I HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO GO OUT.  
THEN I SET UP MY BOOKS FOR THE YEAR AND HEADED OUT AT 11 AM.  
IT STATED RAINED AT NOEN SO HARD THAT I COULD HARDLY GET UP  
AND DOWN OUR 2.5 MILE DRIVEWAY LET ALONE THE LATERAL ROADS.  
THE CREEK WAS COMING UP FAST - SO I DIDN'T EVEN CHANCE GING  
UP ABOVE AND BETTING STUCK. I WENT TO MELBA TO GET A NEW  
PAIR OF IRRIGATING BOOTS TO REPLACE THE ONE I HAD RIPPED AT  
THE WEST REYNOLDS WEIR. I TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL OF THE  
LOWER STRETCH DIVERSION AND/OR WEIRS TODAY, JUST FOR MY OWN  
RECORDS.

JUN 13 CREEK IS STULL UP (ABOVE THE "MARKER ROCK"  
OUTSIDE MY KITCHEN WINDOW). BENSONS STILL HAVEN'T DONE  
ANYTHING WITH THE LAST DITCH. A BEAVER HAS THEIR HEADGATE,

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WHICH IS SCREWED WIDE OPEN, PLUGGED AND SHUT OFF TIGHT. SO THERE IS STILL WATER GOING TO THE RIVER.

JUN 14 LAVAR YOUNG CALLED AND WANTED TO KNOW WHY WATER IS STILL GOING TO THE RIVER (IF I AM ON). I EXPLAINED ABOUT THE BEAVER PLUG AT THE LAST DITCH HEADGATE. HE WANTED TO KNOW IF HE COULD GO AHEAD AND TAKE THAT WATER AND I TOLD HIM YES, UNTIL THE LAST DITCH LATERAL USERS OPENED UP THEIR HEADGATE TO BE ABLE TO USE IT. WE ALSO DISCUSSED WHETHER OR NOT THE WATERMASTER, COULDN'T SHOULDN'T OR WOULDN'T GO ON UNTIL THERE IS NO WATER GOING TO THE RIVER. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE SNAKE RIVER IS SUPPOSED TO COME UP AN ADDITIONAL 8 TO 10 FEET IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS, SO THE DISTRICTS ARE ALL HAVING TO PULL THEIR RIVER PUMPS AND TAKE OUT ELECTRICAL PANELS. SO EVERYONE DOWN HERE WILL PROBABLY BE SCREAMING FOR CREEK WATER. I'D BETTER BE OUT FIRST THING MONDAY MORNING. AT 6 PM I STARTED CALLY THE UPPER USERS TO LET THEM KNOW I WOULD PROBABLY BE OUT MONDAY...STO TO BE GETTING DOWN TO THEIR RIGHTS, ETC. 9:30 PM TOM HOOK CALLED BACK TO LET ME KNOW THEY HAD SHUT THIER WATER OFF TODAY TO GET READY TO HAY.

JUN 16 9:30 AM JERRY HOAGLAND SHUT HIS WATER OFF AT THE WARDING, THE DITCH WAS LEAKING SO HE HAD TO. HIS HIGH DITCH IS AT .6 X 2' =3.62 CFS AND IF I NEEDED TO SHUT SOME OF HIS OFF TO PLEASE DO IT AT THE COMMUNITY DITCH. THEY ARE SHUTTING OF TO GET STARTED HAYING SO HE HAS NO WATER IN THE RAM FIELD, MURPHY ROAD, HOUSE, OR BRIGE DITCHES. SOMEONE HAS REMOVED THE BEAVER PLUG IN THE HEADGATE AT THE LAST DITCH. LAVAR HAS CLEANED OUT THE APPROACH TO THEIR HEADGATE WITH A BACKHOE AND RELEIVED THE PRESSURE ON HIS DAM. RICH BRANDAU IS GOING TO MOVE HIS WATER TO THE WEST DITCH TONIGHT OR TOMORROW. ELIAS HAS ALL OF HIS WATER SHUT OFF TO HAY. HOOK HAS ALL OF HIS WATER OFF TO HAY. LET TONY RICHARD HAVE HIS 1.56 CFS AT THE TREES, OUT OF COMMUNITY DITCH.

JUN 17 PUT PRESSURE ON RID LATERAL HEADGATE

JUN 23 BEAVER IS WORKING LAVAR YOUNGS WEIR AND WASTE GATE. THE LAST DITCH IS STARTING TO GET A HOLE AROUND THE SOUTH SIDE OF THEIR WEIR BOX.

JUN 24 BOTH JERRY BENSON AND TOM BENSON CALLED THIS PM TO LET ME KNOW THAT THEIR WATER IS GOING DOWN. I TOLD THEM "SO IS THE CREEK".

JUN 25 10:30 PM TOM DENSON CALLED. THE WATER IS THEIR DITCH DROPPED TO ABOUT 40", THAT HE HAS GOT. HE SAID THE TWO JERRYS AREN'T GETTING ANY WATER TONIGHT, BUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN ABOUT 150" AT 6 PM.

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JUN 26 I CHECKED WEST REYNOLDS HEADWORKS. THERE IS ABOUT 150 TO 200 INCHES (EST. 3 TO 4 CFS) GOING INTO HEAD OF THE DITCH. I DON'T KNOW WHERE ITS GOING AFTER THAT, BUT IT WAS UP TO 90 DEGREES + TODAY, SO DITCH LOSS WILL BE A BIG PART OF WATER DROP. I HAVE OBSERVED IN THE PAST THAT IF THEY DON'T HAVE AT LEAST 60 + INCHES OF WATER AT THE WEIR, IT DOESN'T GET PAST THE WILSON CREEK ROAD.

JUN 27 I EXPLAINED JUNAYO WATER RIGHTS TO WILL ORNDORF (AS HE SAID HE WAS "TAKING CARE" OF THE WATER). I SPECIFICALLY TOLD HIM TO LEAVE THE SCREW HEADGATE ALONE - THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I'VE SET IT - AND THAT IF THEY DON'T I WILL PADLOCK IT! AND THAT THE NEXT STEP, IF THEY CONTINUE TO MESS WITH IT, WAS THE MURPHY HILTON AND HOST GARY A. I DID IT IN A LAUGHING, HA HA, BUT LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT, WAY. I STOPPED BY THE SUNSET AND TOOK COPIES OF JUNAYO AND BASS WATER RIGHTS FOR WILL ORNDORF AND TONY RICHARDS AND DELIVERED THEM BACK TO THEM TODAY AT THEIR REQUEST.

JUN 28 BRANDAU FARM HORSE PASTURE WEIR IS MOSTLY SUBMERGED. I EXPLAINED TO JUDY HENDERSON THE PROPER WORKING CONDITIONS OF A WEIR AND THE NEED FOR SOME SORT OF CONTROL AT THE HEADWORKS WHEN THERE IS NO WASTE GATE. SHE AND MIKE HAVE AN OPEN PIPE AT THEIR DAM, WITH NO WAY TO REGULATE THE AMOUNT OF WATER GOING INTO THEIR LOWER DITCH AND NO PLACE TO WASTE THE WATER BACK TO THE CREEK IF THEY HAPPEN TO HAVE TOO MUCH. SO FAR IT HASN'T BEEN A PROBLEM BECAUSE HE HASN'T BUILT ANY DAM. LAVAR TOOK THEIR WEIR BLADE OUT TO CLEAN OUT THE BEAVER DAM/PLUG AT THE WASTE GATE. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE PROBLEMS MAINTAINING WATER FLOW UNTIL SOMEONE GETS RID OF THE BEAVER. IT SEEMS TO HAVE MOVED UP FROM THE LAST DITCH DIVERSION. IT IS GETTING HOT AND THE CREEK IS ABOUT GONE. MOST OF THE UPPER USERS ARE HAYING - BASS, HOOK, SEVEN H1, AND JACA.

JUN 29 AM SUNDAY. RICH AND HENRY BRANDAU TIGHTENED UP THEIR DAM. PM HENDERSONS HAVEN'T BUILT ANY DAM AT ALL, JUST FREE FLOWING INTO PIPE. WEST REYNOLDS HASN'T TIGHTENED UP THEIR DAM AT ALL. I TOOK THE BLADE OUT OF YOUNGS DITCH AND LET THE WATER RUN PRESSURE UNDER THE BOARDS TO MAINTAIN HIS 1 CFS AND BALANCE GOES TO FILL LST DITCH RIGHTS. THEY FINALLY HAVE THE LAST DITCH DIVERSION GOOD AND TIGHT AND IT IS TAKING ALL WATER AVAILABLE.

JUL 5 HENRY BRANDAU HAD ME CHECK LAVARS WEIR TO SEE IF SOMEONE HAD CHANGED THE WAY I'D SET IT. NO ONE HAD TOUCHED IT - IT WAS JUST THE SAME AS I'D SET IT THE WEEK BEFORE. HE HAD JUST NOTICED THAT THE BLADE WAS OUT.

JUL 10 BEAVER IS STILL WORKING YOUNGS WEIR/WASTE GATE. EVERYONE ON UPPER REACH HAS SHUT OFF TO HAY.

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JUL 14 8:24 PM JUDY HENDERSON LEFT MESSAGE ON MY MACHINE THAT SHE "WANTS WATER BROUGHT DOWN FOR THE UPPER FIELD." I CALLED JERRY HOAGLAND AND TOM BENSON IN THEIR OFFICIAL ADVISORY CAPACITY, TO LET THEM KNOW OF THE SITUATION: HENDERSONS WANT WATER OUT OF THE RID LATERAL, BUT THEY HAVE NOT DONE ANY WORK OR MAINTENANCE ON THE DAM, AT ALL. I RETURNED JUDYS CALL AT 10 PM AND ADVISED HER THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN DAM MAINTENANCE, THERE IS AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT OF WATER FLOWING PAST THEIR POINT OF DIVERSION TO FILL THEIR RIGHT, AND THAT THEIR IS NO MORE WATER TO "BRING DOWN."

JUL 15 THIS EVENING RIGH AND I SAW MIKE HENDERSON AT THE FERRY SERVICE. I TOLD HIM THAT IF THEY GOT THE RID DAM FICED A WATER IN THEIR UPPER DITCH, I HAD SOME 2" SIPHON TUBES I COULD LOAN HIM, TO IRRIGATE THEIR TOP FIELD. HE TOLD ME THEY HAS DECIDED TO "JUST PUTTER ALONG WITH WHAT WATER THEY HAD ON THE LOWER END OF THE PLACE."

JUL 20 TOM HOOK LEFT A MESSAGE THAT HE NEEDED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT WATER.

JUL 21 7:15 AM HOOK CALLED AND ASKED IF I WAS STILL ON. HE SAID THAT JACA HAS ALL (3 FT?) OF THE WATER, AND WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE PROCEEDURE IS FROM HERE. I WILL GO UP TODAY. PM SHUT JACA DOWN TO HIS RIGHTS AND SPOKE WITH DELORES AND TED TO LET THEM KNOW.

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Dear John,

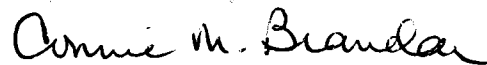
Enclosed is the bookwork for District 57-R for the 1997 irrigation season. I have included:

- 1) Watermaster's Report
- 2) Watermaster's Proposed Budget
- 3) Watermaster's Daily Record
- 4) Watermaster's Expense Report
- 5) Watermaster's Journal of Notes

I have discussed with Jerry Hoagland, 57-P Secretary, updating the individuals budget amounts to more correctly reflect their actual percentage of use. Considering that we now have about nine years of data/history on hand, that should be easily accomplished at the annual meeting. We should also discuss updating the property/water right owners list at that meeting.

I leave it to your office to make the necessary copies for distribution. I have kept a duplicate set for my watermaster file.

Respectfully,



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