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PETITION FOR WATERMASTER'S SERVICES

Ola, Idaho
March 17, 1996

RE: Water District No. 65A

Stream: Squaw Creek

TO: IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

We, the undersigned, owners or managers of ditches or persons controlling ditches in Water District No. 65A, hereby request the services of a watermaster for the reason that there is a necessity for the use and control of the waters of the District.

Date watermaster is to start: 3-4-96

If known, the date services of watermaster are to terminate: _____

<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>Box 70A</u>	<u>5843553</u>	
signature	address	telephone	water right ident no.

_____	_____	_____	_____
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WARNING : Watermaster cannot begin services until ALL conditions of appointment have been fulfilled.

only 1 signature of a water user is required

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
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STATE OF IDAHO)
County of Gem) ss

OFFICIAL OATH

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, specifically including the provisions of Section 42-605 and 42-607, Idaho Code and that I will faithfully discharge all the duties of the office of Water Master according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

Eve Ferr

Principal

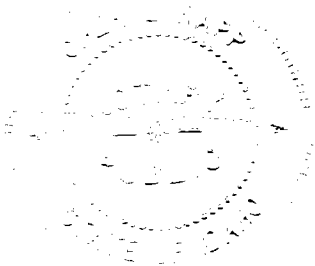
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 7th day of March, 19 96.

Cheryl Rapp

NOTARY PUBLIC

Residing at Sweet 70

Commission Expires 4-1-97



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State of Idaho

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, Idaho 83705-5082 - (208) 334-2190

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PHILIP E. BATT
GOVERNOR

KARL J. DREHER
DIRECTOR

March 18, 1996

Eric Herr, Watermaster
8917 Butte RD
Sweet, ID 83670

RE: Water District No: 65A

Stream: Squaw Creek

Dear Mr. Herr:

The petition requesting that you begin your duties, and your Oath of Office have been received by this office. Your Certificate of Appointment is enclosed.

You will take charge of the water of the district and distribute the same in accordance with the law and the decrees of the courts to the various users in such district in accordance with the terms and conditions of their respective rights and perform such other duties as may be required by the Department of Water Resources, under the laws of the State of Idaho. You are hereby requested to assume your duties for the upcoming irrigation season and continue until the necessity therefore shall cease.

You should note that the enclosed Certificate of Appointment authorizes delivery of natural flow and also stored water pursuant to Section 42-801, Idaho Code.

Please feel free to call upon this office, if we can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

John Westra
Western Region

Enclosure

STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

This is to certify that I have this day appointed _____ as
WATERMASTER _____ of SQUAW CREEK WATER DISTRICT _____ for
THE 1996 IRRIGATION SEASON _____ or until his successor is appointed and qualified
under the provisions of Section _____, Idaho Code, at such rate of compensation as established by
applicable law.

This certificate has been issued and the seal of the
Director affixed at Boise, Idaho this _____ 18TH
day of _____ MARCH _____ 19 _____ 96.



MEMORANDUM

To Files: Dam Safety D65-2925
Squaw Creek Water District #65A

From: J. Westra, Western Region

Date: 4/16/96

RE: Operation of Squaw Creek Water District
Repair of Outlet at Sage Hen Reservoir.

I met with the Squaw Creek Irrigation Company Board (owners of Sage Hen Dam) at the Sweet Gas Station on April 16th. The Board wanted to discuss the problems associated with live flow water users on the creek diverting storage water when they are not company share holders. I told them that proper measurement and documentation of storage vs. natural flows must be kept by the watermaster so that turn-offs of natural flow diversions can be enforced. They stated, that when natural flows failed to fill the senior Westside-Sweet Ditch rights (approx. 640") they switched to storage water. This is the last ditch diversion on the creek and has a weir for measurement. They indicated, at that point there was minimal inflow from tributaries above. The watermaster adjusts storage flows to maintain the minimal flow past the Westside diversion. They felt there was no need to measure storage flows at the Sage Hen outlet. I stated, whatever they can make work is fine, but if the Department is called in because of problems, we will implement our policies concerning measurement/management.

I emphasized, I had evaluated the weir at the outlet and referenced my previous letter of 11/10/1994. I suggested, they may want to install a gauge on the reservoir to read storage levels. Although weak, they would could calculate an average outlet flow using storage reading decreases over time and also document storage used/remaining. I told them, I would be glad to survey and mark the reservoir elevations.

The Board has made an agreement with Bill Statton of the BOR Maintenance @ Black Canyon Dam. He has looked at the Sage Hen outlet, and suggested that liquid steel be used to coat the outlet elbow area. He has utilized this on bureau projects, and will supervise the repair. They indicated, they had looked at several other options. Several contractors stated, that a new liner would be difficult to install with the many elbows, and they would question if the welding would hold from the high water velocities and possible cavitation/vibration.

I emphasized this repair needed to be completed, and that major damage could result if outlet releases began to eat through the concrete outlet walls. They agreed, and plan to go ahead this fall. I told them to keep the Department informed of their plans and work schedule. They assured me they would.