

## WATER DISTRICT MEETING NOTES

### DISTRICT # 65A, SQUAW CREEK

Steve Lester, March 3, 2014



Rick Collingwood and I attended the annual meeting in Ola today. There was a good turnout, about 15 people. Mostly a status quo meeting but with considerable discussion about perhaps seeking a new water right to raise Sage Hen Reservoir about 1 foot for more storage.

#### Results

Officers, Watermaster & Advisory Committee – same.

Budget & Funding – Current balance is about \$1600, a decent cushion for this district. They adopted the same budget as 2013 and can expect to raise enough with 2014 assessments to cover essentially unchanged expenses of about \$1000, leaving some cushion for possible problems etc.

Watermaster Report – Last year was tight but they made it through, thanks to the Watermaster's (Eric) considerable efforts. Eric benefited from ditch flow measurements Rick did last summer. Eric normally makes about 3-4 trips to the reservoir each year but needed about 20 trips last year to manage the water supply.

New Water Right – Getting more storage for Sage Hen Reservoir will most likely be considerably more complex and more expensive than their conversation indicated (“put a board across the spillway, pretty simple”). They did sound open to checking into feasibility aspects of the idea.

We can help them with water right and dam safety issues if they want to pursue this and have specific questions we can discuss.

#### 2015 meeting

Voted for same time and place, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of March, 1:00, Ola Community Center.