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Cold Springs/Bennett Creek Water District Waterusers

RE: Resignation of Cold Springs/Bennett Creek Water District Watermaster

Dear Chairperson, Secretary, and Waterusers:

On Friday July 2nd, Mr. Garza (District Watermaster) submitted his resignation to our agency. Unfortunately, recent District Watermasters have either resigned mid-season or not returned the next year as watermaster. The District needs to work towards selecting candidates that have credentials and are committed long term.

Under Idaho Code 42-602 & 605, the Department Director is responsible to supervise the distribution of water within Water Districts of our State. The distribution is to be accomplished by a watermaster who is elected by the district waterusers and then appointed by the Department Director. Should a Watermaster not be elected/resign, the Director is authorized to appoint a new watermaster.

As soon as possible, the District should begin a search for a new watermaster candidate. Given the situation, the Department will also need to interview the candidate for their credentials and experience prior to appointment. If there is a water regulation call prior to the selection of a new watermaster, the Director will appoint a staff member as temporary watermaster to perform duties. The District will be charged a compensation rate of *$42.00* per hour for Department watermaster services.

To make a call for water regulation:

-A wateruser will need to contact the District Chairperson for payment authorization.

- The District Chairperson will then forward the water regulation call and information to contacts John Westra or Rob Whitney at the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

Should you have questions or need assistance, please contact Rob Whitney or me at the Western Regional Office, 334-2190.

Sincerely,

John Westra, Manager
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