

## State of Idaho

## DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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ATTN DOUG FREESTONE SECRETARY W/D 43-B PO BOX 2256 MALTA ID 83342

RE: 1994-1995 Watermaster Forms

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed is a Watermaster report form for this year, and Proposed and Adopted Budget forms for next year. If more forms are needed, please feel free to make copies. Only the original of each completed form needs to be submitted to this office.

Be sure to include in your Adopted budget, the mailing address for each water user.

Most water districts elect their watermaster for the irrigation season only. In this case, the Idaho Code requires that a call-on petition be submitted to The Department of Water Resources prior to the appointment of the watermaster. In districts where the watermaster's term of service is for 1 year, no call-on petition is required. If your district uses the seasonal appointment method, you may wish to consider changing to the annual method. This would eliminate the need for the call-on petition, and would allow the watermaster to preform his duties as needed without interruption. This change could be voted in at your next water-district meeting if you so desire. Making this change should have little effect on the annual budget.

Pleas provide the names, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers for all district officers when next year's adopted budget is returned to this office. This will make it easier for us to contact the district should questions or problems arise.

Thank you for your cooperation in this process. If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

James A. Stanton Sr. Water Rights Agent Watermaster Program