

State of Idaho DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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EASTERN REGION

March 1, 1999

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

KARL J. DREHER DIRECTOR

CAROL HOOPES, Secretary PO BOX 65 DUBOIS ID 83423

WATER DISTRICT #32-D STREAM: BIRCH CREEK

Dear Ms. Hoopes:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Watermaster's Annual Report for the past season.

The same has been prepared by the watermaster and approved by this Department in conformity with Sections 42-610, 42-614 and 42-615, Idaho Code.

During the 1993 legislative session, the legislature enacted a new law which amends Section 42-619(9), Idaho Code and removes the independent financial audit requirement for most state water districts. The new law, referenced by Section 67-450B, Idaho Code (copy enclosed) identifies minimum audit requirements for all local government entities. Under the new statute, the governing body of any local government entity (i.e.; water district) whose annual budget does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) has no minimum audit requirements under this section. This means that any district which handles its own money and whose budget is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or less does not have to have an independent public account firm conduct a financial audit every few years as previously required by Section 42-619(9).

Please note that only the statutory requirement regarding the independent financial audit has been changed. Districts handling their own fund (i.e.; districts who collect and/or disburse their own funds) must still submit their own statement of the water district's financial affairs at the end of each fiscal year. As recommended in the Department's February 16, 1993 letter and the 1993 Watermaster Handbook, a copy of the financial statement may be

submitted either with the annual water masters report or with the minutes of the annual meeting for the ensuing year. An example of an annual financial statement may be found in Appendix C of the 1993 Watermaster Handbook.

The purpose of this letter is to remind all water districts that workers compensation insurance is required for all water district employees. This requirement applies to all water districts in Idaho, regardless of annual budget. Insurance should be applicable at least to all paid water district staff, including the watermaster as week as watermaster assistants, advisory committee, secretary and treasurer. The costs associated with workers compensation insurance is paid directly by the water district and should be considered an expense of the district. For information about obtaining insurance costs etc., please contact the Idaho State Insurance Fund. The State Insurance Fund has offices in Boise, Couer d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Twin Falls.

Water Districts are also reminded that all paid water district staff may be subject to state and federal taxes. These tax requirements will vary depending on salaries and total income of each watermaster or employee. In many water districts, particularly smaller districts with part-time staff, payment of watermaster or each employee. Districts may wish to contact the State Tax Commission or the Internal Revenue Service for information about state and federal withholding taxes.

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Water Rights Supervisor

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CLARK COUNTY AUDITOR C/O CAROL HOOPES CLARK COUNTY COURTHOUSE DUBOIS ID 83423

RE:

WATER DISTRICT NO: 31, 32-C & 32-D WATERMASTER: GREG SHENTON

Dear Carol:

Transmitted herewith is the Watermaster's Report and claim for services along with the Proposed Budget for 1998 for the above mentioned Water District.

The various items in this report have been checked and have been found to be proper charges against the water users therein named. Section 42-612, 42-613 and 42-614 of the Idaho Code provides the procedure under which this claim shall be paid from the funds of the above named district.

If you have nay questions, please contact us at once.

W. Jones

Sincerely,

Harold W Jones

Water Rights Supervisor

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WATERMASTER'S REPORT

From: March 1, 1998To: March 1, 1999

Water Dist.: 32-D Source: Birch Creek

Tributary to: Sinks
County: Clark
Secretary: Carol Hoops

Watermaster:

Donald W. Shenton

PO Box 33

Dubois, Idaho 83423 (208)374-5230

Assistant Watermaster: Gregory A. Shenton

AFFIDAVIT OF WATERMASTER

STATE OF IDAHO COUNTY OF CLARK

Donald W. Shenton, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is (Deputy) Watermaster on Birch Creek in District 32-D, having been lawfully appointed by the Director, Department of Water Resources Karl J.Dreher and that the volumes of water, as stated in this report, prorated by him to the several users, are correct; that the sum of \$ 0 is justly due as stated.

Watermaster District No. 32-D



My Commission expires _ - 28 - 2000

Boise, Idaho, , 19

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That

Donald W. Shenton

was lawfully appointed by me (Deputy) Watermaster of District No. 32-D, and that his bill for services rendered prorated to the several users, as herein sworn to, is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.

Director, Department of Water Resources

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Water Dist.: 32-D
Year:
1998
Watermaster's Report

Totals:							Birch Creek Ranches	Birch Creek Ranches	D and D Ranches (Lic.)	D and D Ranches	Newman Ranch (Lic.)	Newman Ranch	Birch Creek Ranches	Mac Wagoner	Mrs. C.A. Wagoner	Birch Creek Ranches		Water User	
6170.00							0.00	0.00	0.00	2278.00	389.00	2330.00	0.00	732.00	441.00	0.00	Sec. Feet	24-hour	Total
\$8,867.90							\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,311.00	\$565.40	\$3,386.58	\$0.00	\$1,063.94	\$640.98	\$0.00	Cost	Total	
\$9,875.00							\$0.00	\$0.00	\$589.70	\$4,242.65	\$440.18	\$2,839.65	\$6.78	\$850.45	\$401.86	\$503.73	Budget	Adopted	
\$2,031.86									\$589.70	\$931.65			\$6.78			\$503.73		Credit	
(\$1,124.76)											(\$125.22)	(\$546.93)		(\$213.49)	(\$239.12)			Debit	

8967.90 full

Water Dist.: 32-D Year: 1998 Watermaster's Report

Total Cost: \$8,967.90 Cost per 24-hour Sec. Foot: \$1,4534684	Other expenses charged pro rata: \$4,567.90 Total for season: \$4,567.90	Total Salary of Assistant Watermaster: hours at per hour OR per season amount: Total for season: \$0.00	Total Salary of Watermaster: hours at per hour OR per season amount: \$4,400.00
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Water Dist.: 32-D Year: 1998 Monthly Flow Totals

24-hour Sec. Ft. Totals:							Birch Creek Ranches	Birch Creek Ranches	D and D Ranches (Lic.)	D and D Ranches	Newman Ranch (Lic.)	Newman Ranch	Birch Creek Ranches	Mac Wagoner	Mrs. C.A. Wagoner	Birch Creek Ranches		Water User	
0.00																	April		
922.00							0.00	0.00	0.00	394.00	0.00	360.00	0.00	124.00	44.00	0.00	May		Month
896.00							0.00	0.00	0.00	305.00	13.00	394.00	0.00	120.00	64.00	0.00	June		y Totals of 24-
1445.00							0.00	0.00	0.00	618.00	144.00	472.00	0.00	124.00	87.00	0.00	July		hour Second F
1240.00							0.00	0.00	0.00	451.00	137.00	443.00	0.00	124.00	85.00	00.0	August		Monthly Totals of 24-hour Second Feet for Irrigation Season
1067.00							0.00	0.00	0.00	345.00	95.00	423.00	0.00	120.00	84.00	0.00	September		n Season
600.00							0.00	0.00	0.00	165.00	0.00	238.00	0.00	120.00	77.00	0.00	October		
6170.00							0.00	0.00	0.00	2278.00	389.00	2330.00	0.00	732.00	441.00	0.00	Sec. Ft.	24-hour	Total