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From: Yenter, Cindy
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2019 12:44 PM
To: Cox, Sharla
Subject: FW: Watermaster Access, WD74Z

Sharla, would you please add this recent watermaster instruction to the 74Z file, and also scan it to online docs... Thank you.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2019 12:42 PM
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Rosalie,

I am responding to you regarding watermaster access to the diversion located on your property and used by Whittaker Ranch.

You have indicated that you do not want the current appointed watermaster, Merritt Udy, to enter your property. You were subsequently advised by Department staff that state-appointed watermasters must enter private property for the purpose of measuring, monitoring and adjusting water deliveries at diversions within the water district. The Department requires watermasters to accommodate property owner requests with regard to entry on private property and to exercise common courtesy when entering private land. IDWR and the watermaster are willing to reasonably accommodate your request and respond to your concerns, but the watermaster must be allowed the ability to carry out his lawful duties to properly administer the delivery of water.

The Department will not appoint an assistant watermaster for Water District 74Z at this time. The appointed watermaster has been notified by IDWR he must be accompanied by a third party when entering your property to monitor or adjust the Whittaker diversion. You have named Lynn Billman, your present tenant, as your preference to accompany the watermaster. Because Mr. Billman is not always on site when diversions require adjustment, the Department has asked Jordan Whittaker to accompany the watermaster when Mr. Billman is not available. If Mr. Billman and Mr. Whittaker are both unavailable and the visit to the diversion cannot be postponed, the watermaster should ask one of the Water District 74Z officers to accompany him to the diversion.

Thank you for understanding the necessity for watermaster access to regulate diversions within WD74Z. Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

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