

WATERMASTER'S REPORT

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From January 2, 202016 To December 31, 2016

Water District No. 13T

Name of Watermaster Craig Shuler

P.O. Address 255 W. 4th So. St. Soda Springs ID 83276

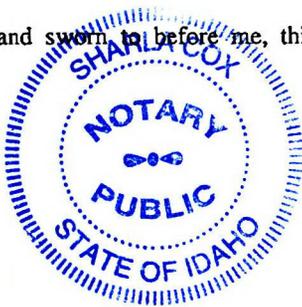
AFFIDAVIT OF WATERMASTER

STATE OF IDAHO)
COUNTY OF Caribou) ss.

Craig Shuler, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Watermaster of Water District 13T, having been lawfully appointed by Cary Spackman, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources, and that the volumes of water, as stated in this report and prorated by him to the water right holders of the district are correct.

Craig Shuler
(Deputy) Watermaster District No. 13T

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19th day of January, 2017.



Sharly Cox
Notary Public
My Commission expires Sept 12, 2020

(SEAL)

Boise, Idaho, January 19, 2017

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that Craig Shuler was lawfully appointed by me as Water Master of Water District No. 13T, and that the information contained in this report, as herein sworn to, is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.

Cary Spackman
Director, Department of Water Resources

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Dear water users,

The measuring of wells in the Bancroft-Sand water district commenced on May 9, 2016. Again this reading was before pumping and irrigation had begun. It appeared that it was going to be an early spring; however, the weather turned wet and cool until about the middle of June. Therefore, the demand for ground water was delayed until later in the season.

Of the seven wells I measured, five had water levels above the 2015 level to start the season; however, two wells were below the 2015 level.

As I reported in last years notice the Pond well was being used to water cattle. This required locating another abandoned well in the same general area. The state department of water resources decided on a well east and north of Todd Holbrook's residence. I started measuring this well on July 12th. This well is about 200 feet deep, and is the deepest I measure. From July to November the depth varied .95 feet.

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The wells generally returned to a more tradit-

itional. pattern with the lowest reading occurring in July. On four of the wells this was the case, but on the new Warren & Lloyd well and the Larsen well the low point was in August.

I'm not sure the reason for the low point in water levels in August in 2015 and 2016, but it could be the cool wet springs in both years. Irrigators didn't need the water until later in the summer, and the crops did well with the plentiful rainfall early in the growing season.

Recorded below are my expenses for 2016 that were incurred while monitoring water levels on wells located within the Bancroft-3rd water district.

Travel (4 wheels + p.u.)	440.9 mi @ .54 =	\$ 238.09
labor	30.5 hrs @ \$14.95/hr =	455.98
unit for drilling hole in capped well		\$ 38.15
copies + postage		\$ 4.92
		<u>\$ 737.14</u>

Best regards,

Craig Shuler

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Keith Lloyd

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5/9/2016	48.31'	static	elec tape			48.31'	0'		
6/15/2016	52.79'	"	"			52.79'	0'	reading taken before irrigation	CS
7/15/2016	57.60'	pump	"			57.60'	0'	started with cold spring	"
8/30/2016	49.50'	"	"			49.50'	0'		"
9/30/2016	49.25'	"	"			49.25'	0'		"
10/25/2016	48.90'	"	"			48.90'	0'		"
11/30/2016	47.20'	"	"			47.20'	0'		"

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Governor

January 19, 2017

GARY SPACKMAN
Director

Craig Shuler
255 W 4th So St
Soda Springs ID 83476

WATER DISTRICT #13T

Dear Watermaster:

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 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) has no minimum audit requirements under this section. This means that any district which handles its own money and whose budget is one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) 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.

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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 water master as well 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, Coeur 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.

Sincerely,



Sharla Cox
Administrative Assistant

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PO Box 128
Bancroft ID 83217-0128

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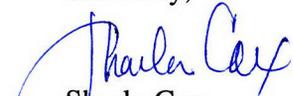
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Administrative Assistant

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Department of Water Resources
Certificate of Appointment

*This is to certify that I have on this day appointed Craig Shuler as
Watermaster of Water District 13T from this day until the 2017 annual
meeting or until his/her successor is appointed and qualified under the provisions of Idaho Code Section
42-605, at such rate of compensation as established by applicable law.*



*This certificate has been issued and the seal of the
Director fixed at Boise, Idaho, this 27th
day of January, 2016.*

Gary Spackman

Director - IDWR

January 11 2016
Bancroft, Idaho

Bancroft Lund Water District 13T;

Meeting called to order at 12.00 noon, at the Bancroft Lions Den.

Action I

Read and approve the minutes of the meeting Jan. 26 2015. No corrections were made.
Minutes approved;

Action II,

Report of water master presented and approved, copy attached.

Action III

Financial report;

Water assessments paid 2015/0.40 acre.....	4613.60
Short funds for 2014.....	(592.04)
Workers comp. insurance 08/08/2015.....	(300.00)
Bank fees @3.00/mo.	(36.00)

Financial needs 2016;

Money on hand 01/01/2016.....	\$3720.26
Fees Sec. Treas. 01/11/2016.....	\$500.00
Water master compensation 01/11/2016.....	\$760.76
Workers comp. insurance, 8/10/2016.....	\$300.00
Bank fees @300/mo.....	36.00

Fees Sec./Treas. 01/01/2017..... 500.00

Water master fees 01/01/2017 @800.00

Workers comp. insurance 08/08/2017..... 300.00

District fees can be held off until Jan of 2018 if no repairs of equipment or unforeseen expenses arise we will have 500.00 on hand Jan. 2018.

Financial report approved;

Moved that Craig Shuler be retained as water master for the district. passed.

Meeting adjourned 12.25 p.m.

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Eastern Region

January 8, 2016

Braig Shuler
255 W. 4th So. St.
Soda Springs, Id. 83276

Dear water users,

In 2015, I started measuring wells in the Bancroft-Sund water district on May 25, 2015. Due to the wet spring of 2015, irrigation and pumping was delayed almost three weeks compared to the May 5th start up in 2014. Like 2014 my May 25th reading was taken before irrigation and pumping had begun. As an average the well levels were up approximately 1% overall from the 2014 readings. Even though the winter was relatively mild the wet spring made up the difference, and put well levels in the plus column.

This year was an anomaly. In the sixteen years, I've measured wells in the Bancroft-Sund water district usually the lowest reading occurs around the 24th of July; however, this year four of the wells reached their lowest points in June. The other three wells reached their lowest points in August. I'm not sure why this occurred.

There was a change of ownership of the Pond well on the former Don Rigby property. The well is no longer on non-use. The new owners are watering cattle from this well, and it's logical to assume the cattle

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would think more in August than July because August is usually hotter. However, it doesn't explain why the other four wells reached their low points in June.

As a consequence of the Pond well coming back into use we no longer have a "control well" that isn't being used. Therefore, a new "control well" will be needed to compare against the active wells.

Next year it will be interesting to see if the low point of well water levels occurs in July like past years or if the anomaly of 2015 signals a change in the water table.

Listed below are my expenses for 2015 while monitoring the wells of the Bancroft-Lund water district.

Travel (4 wheels and pick-up)	509.4 mi @ .54 =	\$ 275.08
labor	33 hrs @ 14.59 =	\$ 481.47
copies + postage		= \$ 4.24
		\$ 760.79

Best regards,

Craig Shuler

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Keith J Lloyd

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5/30/15	49.16"	static	elec tape			49.16'	0'		
6/25/15	64.80"	"	"			64.80'	"	wet spring - reading taken	C.S.
7/25/15	50.25"	"	"			50.25'	"	before irrigation began	C.S.
8/25/15	49.50"	"	"			49.50'	"		C.S.
9/29/15	49.42"	"	"			49.42'	"		"
10/30/15	47.52"	"	"			47.52'	"		"
11/30/15	47.04"	"	"			47.04'	"		"

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Warren & Lloyd
 new well

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Date	Water Level Below LSD	Status	Method	Hold	Cut	Depth Below LSD	Difference MP & LSD	Remarks	Fieldperson Name
5/25/15	75.69'	static	also tape			76.58'	.89	wet spring - measurement taken	C.S.
6/25/15	78.95'	"	" "			79.84'	.89	level irrigation began	C.S.
7/25/15	about 3'	"	" "			about 84.9 approx	.89	in the well & check could not get accurate reading	C.S.
8/25/15	82.51'	"	" "			83.40'	.89		C.S.
9/29/15	80.29'	"	" "			81.18'	.89		"
10/30/15	75.99'	"	" "			76.88'	.89		"
11/30/15	74.11'	"	" "			75.00'	.89		"

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PETITION FOR WATERMASTER'S SERVICES

Bancroft, Idaho
January 11, 2016

RE: Water District No. 13-T
Stream: Bancroft/Land.

TO: IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

I, the undersigned, owner or manager of ditches or person controlling ditches in Water District No. 13-T, hereby request the services of a watermaster for the reason that there is a necessity for the use and control of the waters of the District.

NAME OF WATERMASTER: Craig Skuler

ADDRESS OF WATERMASTER: 255 W, 4th S Soda Springs

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Date watermaster is to start: Apr 1-2016

If known, the date services of watermaster are to terminate: Dec-1-2016

Dale R. Weston
signature

address

208-390-4955
telephone

WARNING: Watermaster cannot begin services until ALL conditions of appointment have been fulfilled.

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RE: WATER DISTRICT # 137

Dear Watermaster:

Your CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT is enclosed herewith. You will, therefore, take charge of the waters of such district and distribute the same in accordance with the law and the decrees of the courts to the various users in such district in accordance with the terms and conditions of their respective rights, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Department of Water Resources, under the laws of the State of Idaho. You are hereby requested to assume your duties at once and continue thereat until the necessity therefore shall cease.

Please feel free to call upon this office whenever we can be of assistance to you. We have a personal interest in the success of your year's work and desire to keep in as close touch with you as conditions will permit.

Respectfully submitted,


Dennis Dunn
Sr. Water Resource Agent

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WATER DISTRICT #13T

Dear Secretary / Treasurer:

We acknowledge receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Watermaster's Election Meeting held in your district. The Watermaster Certificate will be sent under separate cover.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis M. Dunn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'M'.

Dennis Dunn

Sr. Water Resource Agent

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