### Garceau, Sarah

From:

Whitney, Rob

Sent:

Thursday, June 21, 2012 12:57 PM

To:

Garceau, Sarah

Subject:

FW: Cold Springs Creek

Attachments:

Cold Springs Creek Log.doc; 2012 Letter to Users.doc

We should have a file for this. Please include these attachments and e-mail string in our records. THX, RW

From: to-b1ask1@q.com [mailto:to-b1ask1@q.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 12:49 PM

To: Whitney, Rob

Subject: Re: Cold Springs Creek

### Howdy Rob,

You don't mention whether you received the copy of the letter, etc. that I sent to all the water users on May 3rd. That letter is attached. It mandated that all users would be compliant with DWR restrictions on Cold Springs Creek by May 15th. Everyone was compliant and I made my last weekly call-out on May 23rd as all water available in the creek was accounted for.

My annual report to the water district will be my daily log plus maybe a cover letter. The daily log has each weeks water use readings. If this isn't sufficient for your records I have the little booklets for April and May. Dan had said you were trying to get away from the little booklets.

My weekly tour of the creek kept everyone informed as to what was happening so nobody could make imagined accusations of wrong doings. It worked very well and I didn't have a single complaint.

Rich Neal, WM, Cold Springs Creek

Attachments: 2

From: "Rob Whitney" < Rob. Whitney@idwr.idaho.gov>

To: to-blask1@q.com

Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 4:04:28 PM

Subject: RE: Cold Springs Creek

Hey Rich. How's it going down there? RW

From: to-b1ask1@q.com [mailto:to-b1ask1@q.com]

Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2012 12:15 PM

To: Whitney, Rob

Subject: Re: Cold Springs Creek

#### Howdy Rob,

Since both Charter Mountain and Half Moon are non-compliant by not having a workable means of measuring their water use I am going to give them a realistic time frame to comply and then close and lock their head gate and valve. I am assuming that Water Resource will back me on this issue. Mcallum has already had three weeks to fix his magnetic flow meter and has done nothing. Juan seems to think counting sprinkler heads is sufficient. Please inform me if there is any alternative approach to solving this.

Best Regards,

From: "Rob Whitney" < Rob. Whitney@idwr.idaho.gov>

To: to-blask1@q.com

Cc: "John Westra" < John. Westra@idwr.idaho.gov>, "Tim Luke" < Tim. Luke@idwr.idaho.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 7:37:59 AM

Subject: RE: Cold Springs Creek

Rich,

I talked with the Western Region Manager (John Westra) Friday. He would prefer that I continue to be your contact for water district matters. I will discuss this with Tim Luke this morning. Rob 287-4924 or 859-2003

From: to-b1ask1@q.com [mailto:to-b1ask1@q.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 8:57 AM

To: Whitney, Rob

Subject: Cold Springs Creek

### Dear Rob,

I haven't been informed of any changes so expect you are my primary contact for information and support. I am attaching my log for your information.

Regarding the lack of a weir at the Half Moon Ranch, my watermaster handbook states IDWR has authority to order the installation if needed to properly distribute water. I have no reason to doubt Juan's honesty, but I won't visually verify how many birds are running and would like a permanent measuring device. There setup pretty much limits them to installing a flow meter in their mainline. I can e-mail you a picture of their setup if you would like.

At the Ark diversion there is no beneficial use for the two additional ditches (see log April 18) other than filling the aquifer.

I believe that is supposed to be only the point source for Ark mainline.

There isn't a lot of snow left on Bennett and there will probably be some "pissing and moaning" as the creek level drops.

Sincerely Rich Neal, WM Cold Springs Creek

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### COLD SPRINGS CREEK WATER DISTRICT WATERMASTER: RICHARD NEAL MAY 3, 2012

### Attention all water users on Cold Springs Creek

Please be advised that after May 15,2012 all sources of water diversion from Cold Springs Creek must meet the minimum acceptable standards for open channel and closed conduit measuring devices as outlined in the enclosed information from the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR).

As your elected Watermaster I intend to see that all users meet the minimum standards required by the Department of Water Resources. If you have an individual problem let me know so I can arrange a meeting with you, myself and a representative from IDWR.

Sincepely.

Richard Neal, Watermaster Cold Springs Creek District # 61E

Cc:

Half Moon/Barber-Caven Ranchs

Arc Properties/Charter Mountain Ranchs

A N Bean

Sam & Lee Blackwell

**Double Anchor Ranch** 

Ellis Trust, c/o Gary Ellis

Hammett Livestock, c/o Ann Wilson

Mule Shoe Ranch, c/e Chuck Shenk

Cold Springs Creek Water Users, Dist. 61E, Teresa McCallum, Pres.

Idaho Department of Water Resources c/o Rob Whtney

Rob, For your Information Rich





### BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES WESTERN REGION

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### STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF REQUIRING MEASURING	)	
DEVICES AND CONTROLLING WORKS ON COLD	)	PRELIMINARY
SPRINGS CREEK, WATER DISTRICT NO. 61E	)	ORDER
	)	

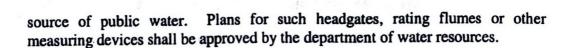
### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Diversions of water from Cold Springs Creek and its tributaries are controlled and regulated by the watermaster of Water District no. 61E, Cold Springs Creek.
- 2. The water rights authorizing diversion of water from Cold Springs Creek were decreed in the case of Stanfield v. McGinnis, (4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, 1903). The rights authorizing diversion of water from Cold Springs Creek have been or will soon be decreed by the Snake River Basin Adjudication Court.
- 3. Not all of the waterusers owning water rights authorizing the diversion of water from Cold Springs Creek and its tributaries have installed, constructed, and maintained adequate measuring devices and controlling works for the administration by the watermaster and delivery of water to the waterusers.
- 5. The watermaster of Water District no. 61E has been required, in some cases, to determine water deliveries by estimating diversion rates based on imprecise methods of measurement or control.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Idaho Code § 42-701 states, in part:
- (1) The appropriators or users of any public waters of the state of Idaho shall maintain to the satisfaction of the director of the department of water resources suitable headgates and controlling works at the point where the water is diverted. Each device shall be of such construction that it can be locked and kept closed by the watermaster or other officer in charge, and shall also be of such construction as to regulate the flow of water at the diversion point. Each such appropriator shall construct and maintain, when required by the director of the department of water resources, a rating flume or other measuring device at such point as is most practical in such canal, ditch, wellhead or pipeline for the purpose of assisting the watermaster or department in determining the amount of water that may be diverted into said canal, ditch, wellhead or pipeline from the stream, well or other





- (3) Any appropriator or user of the public waters of the state of Idaho that neglects or refuses to construct or maintain such headgates, controlling works, or measuring devices. . ., upon receiving ten (10) days' notice from the director of the department of water resources within which to begin and diligently pursue to completion the construction or installation of the required device or devices or to begin and diligently pursue to completion a remedy to such defects as exist in accordance with said notice, then the director of the department of water resources may order the duly qualified and acting watermaster of the water district to shut off and refuse to deliver at the point of diversion, the water owned by such appropriator or user until the user does construct and maintain such headgates, controlling works or measuring devices or remedy the defects which exist or the director may take action pursuant to section 42-1701B, Idaho Code, to enforce the requirement to construct, install or maintain such devices.
- (4) The appropriators or users of the public waters of the state of Idaho shall be given a reasonable time within which to complete construction of such headgates, controlling works or measuring devices, depending upon the size and extent thereof, when due diligence has been used in the prosecution of such work.
- 2. An order should be issued again requiring the water users of Cold Springs Creek and its tributaries to install, construct, and maintain adequate measuring devices and controlling works.

### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that on or before February 15, 2002, the water users diverting water from the main stem of Cold Springs Creek shall install, construct, and maintain measuring devices and lockable controlling works of a type acceptable to IDWR, unless expressly exempted by IDWR after a showing by a water right holder that the structures are unnecessary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, after February 15, 2001, the watermaster of Water District no. 61E shall shut off and refuse to deliver water from Cold Springs Creek and its tributaries to any water user authorized to divert water from Cold Springs Creek and its tributaries who has not installed, constructed, and properly maintained adequate lockable controlling works and measuring devices.

Dated this 18 day of January, 2002.

Western Regional Manager

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# STATE OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (IDWR)

### MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE STANDARDS FOR OPEN CHANNEL AND CLOSED CONDUIT MEASURING DEVICES

The source and means of diversion of water, whether surface or ground water, generally affects the selection of a measuring device. Surface water sources such as streams, springs and waste channels are normally diverted into open channels (ditches or canals), but closed conduits (pipes or culverts) are also used. Ground water is usually diverted into pipes (which may also discharge into open channels).

Measuring devices when required by IDWR are to be installed at or near the point of diversion from the public water source.

### **Open Channel**

### I. SURFACE WATER DIVERSIONS

The following discussion is applicable only to diversions from surface water sources. Measurement of a ground water diversion with an open channel measuring device must be preapproved by the IDWR.

### A. Standard Open Channel Measuring Devices

All open channel surface water diversions should be measured using one of the following standard open channel flow measuring devices commonly used in Idaho:

- contracted rectangular weir
- suppressed rectangular weir
- Cipolletti weir
- 90 degree V-notch weir
- Parshall flume
- trapezoidal flume
- submerged rectangular orifice
- constant head orifice
- ramped broad crested weir (or ramped flume)
- acoustic Doppler flow meter (ADFM)

Construction and installation of these devices should follow published guidelines. References are available upon request.

### B. Non-standard open channel devices: Rated Structures or Rated Sections

IDWR may authorize the use of non-standard devices and rated sections provided the device or section is rated or calibrated against a set of flow measurements using an acceptable open channel current meter or a standard portable measuring device. Further restrictions and requirements are available from IDWR upon request.

### II. CLOSED CONDUIT MEASURING DEVICES

New installations for closed conder or pipe line diversions require installation of a magnetic type flow meter. There are many flow meters on the market, with costs ranging from several hundred dollars to several thousand dollars. In general, the higher priced meters are more accurate and require less maintenance. Most meters on the market have an acceptable accuracy rating for IDWR's guidelines. For existing mechanical type flow meters IDWR will allow for a variance if the existing flow meter is shown to meet the minimum requirements in section B of the Flow meter specifications in this document.

### A. Flow Meter Specifications

Currently there are two types of magnetic flow meters available. Full profile magnetic type flow meters are flanged into the piping system and measures across the velocity profile. Insertion type magnetic meters are installed through a small diameter hole in the piping system and attempt to measure the average velocity (determined by pipe diameter and insertion depth of sensor) in the flow profile. Small diameter (< 12" in diameter) pipes should be fitted with a full profile magnetic type meter due to higher accuracy and less straight pipe requirements for installation. Larger pipe diameters may use insertion type meters but must meet the standards for accuracy listed below. Insertion type magnetic meters will require larger straight distances of pipe to minimize turbulence above and below the measurement point.

Listed below are the flow meter requirements and specifications for full-flowing closed conduits or pipes. These specifications apply to all irrigation and non-irrigation water uses except domestic systems as defined in Section 42-111, Idaho Code. Water users may apply to IDWR for a variance to these specifications in accordance with <u>Criteria for Request for Variance of measuring Device Requirements</u> of Section II C. of this document

Meters shall be magnetic flow meters meeting the following minimum specifications:

- 1) Flow range of 0.1 to 33 feet per second (fps).
- 2) Listed manufacturer accuracy of  $\pm 2\%$  of flow rate from 0.1 to 33 feet per second (fps), with a repeatability of  $\pm 0.5\%$  of reading.
- 3) The register or display unit shall:
  - a) Have a waterproof and tamperproof seal.
  - b) Have an LCD backlit display showing instantaneous flow rate and totalized volume.
  - c) Have a minimum of six (6) digits for flow rate.
  - d) Have a minimum of eight (8) digits for totalized volume display or a sufficient number of digits so that "rolling over" will not occur within two years operation, based on the maximum rate of flow and annual volume elements of the authorizing water rights. For totalizing data, IDWR recommends using the attached guidelines (see Table 1) for proper meter (totalizing units) selection for the intended use.
  - e) Have password or similar protection of all settings and data to protect against unauthorized change or accidental loss of data.
  - f) Contain a back up battery (according to manufacturers specifications) to prevent loss of data in the case of primary power failure.
  - g) The display unit must contain user programmable features that allow the selection of flow units. Available flow units must include, but are not limited to, gallons per minute (gpm) or cubic feet per second (cfs). The meter flow rate display must also

- allow decimal display formatting of up to three (3) places when using cubic feet per second units.
- h) The volume totalizer display must contain user programmable features that allow the selection of volumetric units that must include but are not limited to, total gallons or acre feet. The meter must also allow decimal display formatting of up to four (4) places, and the application of unit multipliers ranging from .0001 to 10,000. See Table 1 below for examples of appropriate meter multipliers based on expected annual volume use.
- 4) Signal Output when Data Logger is Required

  Data loggers are required only for magnetic flow meters installed as per conditions of
  approval for water right transfers in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, or as may be
  required by specific water right conditions of approval in other locations.

  Scaled pulse frequency output (or pulse counting) is required for continuous recording of
  totalized volume data on data loggers. Output signals must be compatible with data
  logger inputs. Analog output signal for flow rate (usually 4-20mA) is also optional (most
  magnetic flow meters provide both analog and pulse frequency as standard output
  signals).

### B. Meter Installation and Diversion System Requirements

Meters required under Section II A. above shall meet the following installation requirements:

- 1) The minimum and maximum system operating flows and pressures must be fully within the range of measurable flows and pressures identified in the meter specifications.
- 2) Pipes must be full flowing.
- 3) The installed flow rate accuracy of the installed magnetic flow meter must be  $\pm 5.0\%$  as compared to a second, standard flow meter. The installed flow rate accuracy for mechanical flow meters is  $\pm 10\%$  of rate of as compared to a second, standard flow meter.
- 4) Meters must be installed according to manufacturer's specifications. Most manufacturers' recommend that meters be installed a certain distance from turbulencecausing bends and fittings such as discharge heads, single elbows, and valves. Industry standards for such distances are listed below, but larger distances may be required if the turbulence is severe.
  - a. Full profile magnetic flow meters require three (3) pipe diameters upstream of the meter and two (2) downstream.
  - b. Insertion magnetic flow meters require (10) pipe diameters upstream of the meter and five (5) pipe diameters downstream.
- 5) Meter Certification: IDWR will certify the installed flow meter for accuracy using a second, standard flow meter. A location for measuring flow with a second standard meter must be provided as close to the installed meter as possible. A section of straight pipe with a minimum of 24 inches in length (for pipe diameters 16 inches and smaller) of unobstructed exposed pipe shall be provided for calibration purposes. The calibration section must be free of elbows, valves and other fittings, and must contain the same flows that are passing through the meter. The 24-inch certification section may be incorporated into the manufacturer's pipe requirements above or below the flow meter.

Table 1: Use for proper meter selection based on water right volume.

Volume Acre Feet (AF)	Multiplier X gallons (gal)	M plier X Acre Feet (AF)	
0-150	1, 10, 100	.0001, .001	
150-1000	10, 100, 1000	.001, .01	
>1000	100, 1000	.001, .01	

### C. Requests for Variance of Closed Conduit Measuring Device Requirements

Owners of closed conduit diversions may request a variance of the standard magnetic flow meter requirements of section II A. above for the following reasons:

- a) An operable flow meter is already installed
- b) Installation and maintenance of the standard meter would be burdensome

If a meter is already installed, that meter may be used if the meter is field-tested by IDWR staff and/or the water district watermaster using a portable certified standard flow meter and upon a determination that the meter is installed properly and accurate to within  $\pm 10\%$  of actual rate of flow and volume. IDWR or the water district watermaster should apply a calibration factor to flow meters whenever the calibration measurement is greater than  $\pm 1.0\%$ .

If a user demonstrates that installation and maintenance of the standard meter would be burdensome, then IDWR may consider alternate measurement options including:

- a) Development of Power Consumption Coefficient to estimate water use volumes (generally acceptable for simple ground water irrigation diversion systems only)
- b) Installation of one or more time clocks or hour meters (requires periodic flow measurements and recording of hours of water use from meter or clock).
- c) Installation of an alternative flow meter as shown in Table 2 below. Alternative flow meters may vary with respect to straight pipe length requirements. Mechanical flow meters require ten (10) pipe diameters upstream of the meter and five (5) pipe diameters downstream.

Users considering making a variance request may contact IDWR or the local water master for further information.

### 1. Use of Power Records as an Alternative Measurement Method

An alternative to installing flow meters is the use of power records and other information to estimate the annual diversion from a pump. Estimating total water diversion from power records requires the derivation of a relationship between power demand and flow under normal operating conditions. This relationship, called a power consumption coefficient (PCC), is a ratio of the number of kilowatt hours needed to pump an acre-foot of water. This number is unique to each well or pumping plant due to the physical attributes of the system and can be applied to the year end power records to determine the total acre-feet pumped.

Total power consumption at individual irrigation pumping plants supplied to the Department by electric utilities. To determine the rate of flow, a portable measuring device, such as a non-invasive ultrasonic flow meter can be used. Simultaneous with the flow measurement, power is measured using the utility's kilowatt-hour meter. A qualified individual with the necessary equipment will be required to perform these measurements.

Some complex systems cannot use this method due to the potential for large errors. See the discussion in the following section to see if this method can be used.

Because systems wear and water levels change, it is necessary to occasionally verify the flow to power ratio. Therefore, the power consumption coefficient must be re-calibrated at least once every three years.

### 2. Can Power Records be used to Estimate My Diversion?

Only irrigation water users may use power records to estimate their diversion because the utilities will only provide consumption information for irrigation uses. If you are not an irrigation user, but want to use power records, you must propose a method of reporting your power consumption data.

Owners of surface water diversions must have a flow measuring device in most cases. The alternate method of estimating water withdrawals with power records cannot be used unless you pump from a public water source and can show the Department that it will yield reliable results (case by case determination).

Owners of ground water diversions can either install a totalizing flow meter or ask the Department to use power records to estimate withdrawals. If the pump discharges to an open channel, an open channel measuring device can be employed to measure the water diverted if the device and a method of tracking hours of operation are pre-approved by the Department. Flow meters which register only instantaneous flow rate are not acceptable unless the water user can demonstrate a reliable method of tracking the number of hours the pump operates through the season (the flow measuring device must then be read and flow rate recorded at least once per week).

The total water diverted can be accurately estimated from the PCC method if the system configuration or operation is not complex. Unfortunately, the PCC or power records will not always yield acceptable results, and it will be necessary to install a flow meter. <u>Flow meters must be installed if any of the following conditions exist:</u>

- The well flows (artesian) so that water can be diverted when the pump is off.
- The energy consumption meter that records power used by the pump also records power used by other devices not integral to the irrigation system. For example, if the meter also records power used by a home, shop, cellar, re-lift pumps from surface water sources etc., a flow meter must be installed because power used by the pump cannot be isolated from the other devices. However, if the meter also records power used by center pivots, booster pumps, or other devices which operate as part of the well pumping system, the alternate method may be acceptable.

- The electrical meter records the power used by more than one well pump. If a deep well pump which discharges to argen pond or ditch and a re-lift pump a both connected to the same electrical meter, the discharge from the well pump can be measured, and a time clock can be installed to record the total number of hours of pump operation which can be multiplied by the flow rate to determine the total volume of water diverted.
- Variable frequency drives (VFD) operate the pumping plant. This includes both drives
  for the well motor and the booster system. Variable frequency drives generally indicate that
  multiple operating conditions exist in the system where large kilowatt and pressure changes
  are present.
- The energy supplied to the pump cannot be accurately and reliably measured. For example, most diesel and propane driven pumps do not have provisions to measure the fuel used by the engine.
- The flow rate from the pump varies significantly due to changes in demand or operation. For example, pumps that discharge into a pressurized system some times and then open discharge at other times, or pumps that supply multiple pivots and/or other discharge points, would likely have flow rates that change considerably. These changes generally alter the flow to power ratio, causing inaccurate estimates of diversions. The alternate method of estimating water withdrawals with power records may only be used if the water user can propose an acceptable method of tracking these changes in operation.
- Changing water levels that cause the flow to vary more than 25% (or pressures to vary more than 15%) over the irrigation season.

Table 2: Types of Alternative Measuring Devices for Closed Conduits

Types	Pipe Sizes	Maintenance Required	Relative Purchase Price
Differential Head     Orifice     Venturi     Annubar	small to large	Low to high. Sand wears on sharp edges, and particles can plug small orifices and tubes.	low to medium
Force Velocity	small to large	Typically moderate to high. Often problematic when exposed to sand or moss. Some cannot measure low velocities	low to medium
Ultrasonic or Acoustic Doppler	small to large	Low. Typically non- invasive with no moving parts to wear	high
Vortex	small to medium (about 12 to 14 inch maximum pipe diameter	Low. Few or no moving parts to wear.	High

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Cold Springs Creek / Bennett Creek Water District

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WATER RESOURCES WESTERN REGION

September 14, 2011

Idaho Department of Water Resources 2735 Airport Way Boise, Idaho 83705

Re: 2011 Annual Meeting

Dear Mr. Westra.

Like last year I feel it could be important to send you a quick letter to state the outcome of the of the Annual meeting while it is fresh in my mind.

Again the meeting was well attended only 7 users were absent and of those 3 Were represented by proxy. As before agendas, minutes of the last two meetings and water master reports were distributed, with copies of By-Laws available if needed.

The meeting was convened at 2:04 pm September 13th, 2011 at the Glenns Ferry City Hall.

Elsie read the August 31, 2010 minutes moved by Lee Blackwell, 2nd by Dave Reynolds approved as read. Elsie read the March 16, 2011 minutes moved by Nick Nettleton, 2nd by Ann Wilson approved as read.

Treasurers Report: Elsie stated that there is a balance of 2382.20 in the account the only deductions were 50.00 for supplies and 300 Workman's comp. She was questioned about the water master pay and indicated that he had not been paid at this time but would be.

Water master's Report: The Water master was not in attendance. However everyone was given the one page report along with the 2 page letter with his recommendations and concerns. At this point Mr. McCallum was given the floor for comment on the report and submitted a letter to be attached to the water master report. The report and John's letter are enclosed. The report was approved with Mr. McCallum's letter attached.

Old Business: The separation of Cold Springs Creek and Bennett Creek water districts. Some discussion was had mostly involving the logistics this passed 10 to 0, with majority of Cold Springs users abstaining.

Consideration of role of advisory Committee, that it should be a smaller group. With the creeks now split it was decided to postpone the discussion till the election of officers.

Consider the budgeting issues in regard to the conflicts on the creek to be more isolated to the water users involved. It was discussed again that so far we have been unable to determine another way in **SCANNED** 

which to separate the expense within the district, and if there were any suggestions to please submit them. Then the conversation turned to the existing funds and that the was a certain amount of those funds that should belong to Bennett Creek users. Nick Nettleton made a motion to have 40% of the existing funds distributed to Bennett Creek Water District. Seconded by Joanne Hunt, the motion passed 8 to zero.

Next on the agenda we asked for any By-Law changes. Ann Wilson moved to adopt the annual meeting date change to the second Tuesday of September. This was 2nd by Joanne Hunt. This also passed unanimously.

New Business: At this point we went back to the issue brought up by the water master requesting weekly callouts during the water season. Harley Riggs put forth a motion to have the district set up for weekly callouts beginning March 15th till July 1st. This was seconded by Joann Hunt. Much discussion was given on why it should be for the entire flow season vs. the last month to month and a half. Why waste the money during high water? All in all the motion passed by a vote of 9 yea, 2 nay, 3 absent, 6 abstaining (Bennett Creek users).

Proposed Budget: Nobody wanted to the math in their heads during the meeting, so it should end up something like this.

Beginning Bala	nce:	2382.20
Less unpaid Cal	llout	75.00
Available Fund	S	2307.20
Less 40 % Benn	ett	922.88
Remaining Bal		1384.32
Less slush reser	ve	1000.00
		384.32
1200.00	For kno	wn callouts
300.00	For unknown callouts	
300.00	Workman's Comp	
50.00	Supplie	S
1850.00	2012 Expected Expenses	

Normally we would subtract the 384.32 and the balance would be billed to the water users. We rounded it off and proposed to bill \$1500.00 to the remaining Cold Springs water users. Ann Wilson made the motion Jim Chambers 2nd passed unanimously

Election of Officers: President - Teresa McCallum, Secretary/Treasurer - Elsie Riggs, Water master - Richard Neal, Although he was not there to except nomination. We were all reinstated without objection. The Advisory Committee was determined to be all users again, since there will be a smaller group to contend with.

Meeting was adjourned to 2nd Tuesday of September (September11th, 2012) at 2:00 pm at Glenns Ferry City Hall. Moved by Lynn Riggs, 2nd by Ann Wilson, passed unanimously.

Submitted by? Tem In well-

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WATER RESOURCES WESTERN REGION

Iron Horse Ranch, LLC 11204 N. Bar 21 Dr. Glenns Ferry, Idaho 83623 (208) 366-7931

September 12, 2011

Cold Springs - Bennett Creek Water Dist.

Last week when Teresa received a copy of the Water masters report for the annual meeting I was surprised to learn that in the opinion of the Water master we are in "Non-Compliance".

1. We have two Magnetic flow meters.

2. Both lines are lockable.

3. The in stream weir was repair as we stated it would be. However, the ditch washed out again. At which point it was no longer used. Before use we will repair the system.

The water master states that "Harley was happy", well I want to be happy too! When a water master has an issue he should contact the person at that time regarding any concerns. So that way a person could meet with him to explain the system, or correct it if needed. Why there was fluctuation in the flow meter, I don't know maybe it had an air bubble. However the pipe is always full.

As the Water master states "With the creek essentially dry it seems a mute point". With the water master being mute at the time it does not allow for the issues to be resolved.

respectfully submitted,

John B. McCallum



# State of Idaho

# DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER Governor GARY SPACKMAN Interim Director

September 29, 2011

Elsie M Riggs Secretary WD 61E 5714 W Double Anchor Dr Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

RE: Water District 61E (Cold Springs Cr.), Annual Meeting(s) and Meeting Minutes

Dear Water District Secretary:

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (Department) has not yet received the Official Minutes from your water district meeting held September 13, 2011. This meeting was held to conduct business for the 2012 delivery season. Please note that Section 42-605(5), Idaho Code requires:

"Within five (5) days after such meeting the meeting chairman and meeting secretary shall forward a certified copy of the minutes of such meeting to the department of water resources."

Please send the required minutes to this office within one week of this request.

Additionally, Idaho Law requires that water districts hold annual meetings between the second Monday of January and the third Monday in March (if adopted by resolution) of the calendar year for the succeeding water delivery season. At this juncture, the Department will not require your district to hold an additional meeting for the 2012 season. However, the meeting held for the 2013 delivery season must be scheduled and held as required.

Please contact me at this office if you have any related questions.

Respectfully,

Rob Whitney

Sr. Water Resource Agent

Western Region

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cc: Teresa McCallum, Pres/Chair, John Westra

WD 61E file

### Roberts, Christine

From:

Whitney, Rob

Sent:

Thursday, September 29, 2011 11:54 AM Roberts, Christine Cold Springs/Bennett

To:

Subject:

P.S. The users of these districts (61C & 61E) decided to separate their business and act as independent districts. As of now, we will have two separate files for these districts. RW

### Roberts, Christine

From:

Whitney, Rob

Sent:

Tuesday, October 04, 2011 2:14 PM

To: Subject: Luke, Tim; Roberts, Christine RE: Bennett and Cold Springs





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Tim and Chris,

Attached are 1) Official minuets for 61C Bennett Creek and attachments and 2) Unofficial minutes (re-cap letter submitted by Teresa McCallum) with attachments for 61E Cold Springs Creek. The initial meeting was intended to conduct business for both districts. However, the group decided to separate business of the two districts (see "Old Business" on letter dated Sept. 14, 2011). Both districts now have their own elected officials including different watermasters. There were two meetings and the Bennett Creek users have also scheduled a meeting for Jan. 9, 2012. Cold Springs users don't intend to conduct another meeting until 2013. My letter to Elsie Riggs dated Sept. 29, 2011 requested the official minutes for the 61E Cold Springs meeting and addressed timing of future meetings. Hope this helps. RW

From: Luke, Tim

Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2011 11:19 AM

To: Whitney, Rob

Cc: Roberts, Christine; Miller, Nick; Westra, John

Subject: RE: Bennett and Cold Springs

Rob,

Just to clarify, we don't have the benefit of seeing the meeting minutes and/or I don't remember your summary of the recent district meeting very well. Did the users elect one watermaster, secretary and treasurer for each stream or did they elect one person per position for both streams, or did they just address business for Cold Springs Creek? I think Chris will need some guidance on what she needs to do for next year – does she need to contact the districts regarding any meetings for next year (2012) or do we wait till 2013? Should we be separating or 'uncombining' the districts in the database now or should we wait at all?

Chris, please hold off on separating the two in the database until Rob provides further clarification.

Thanks, Tim

From: Roberts, Christine

Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2011 10:59 AM

**To:** Whitney, Rob **Cc:** Luke, Tim

**Subject:** Bennett and Cold Springs

Hi Rob,

I have done some research on when cose two districts might have been combined and I can't find any reference or Order concerning 61C combining with 61E.

We will separate the two for record keeping purposes going forward. Keep me posted about particulars and I will update the Web with the applicable information.

Christine



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WATER RESOURCES WESTERN REGION

September 19, 2012

Mr. John Westra Idaho Dept. of Water Resources 2735 Airport Way Boise, Id 83705

Re: 2012 Meeting on September 11, 2012

Dear Mr. Westra,

Just wanted you to know the outcome of the September Meeting of Cold Springs Creek water District.

I opened the 2:05 pm. I stated that the meeting was being called by the president a special meeting pursuant to article 5 Section 2 of the By-Laws. At that time I relayed the information water resources gave us saying that annual meeting must be held between the 2nd Monday in January to the third Monday of March. That this meeting would only be addressing that concern and the interim board elections.

Ann Wilson made motion to amend the by-laws to change the annual meeting to 2nd Monday in January. 2nd by Lee Blackwell passed unanimously.

Ann Wilson made motion to reinstate the current board and watermaster for the interim till the new annual meeting. 2nd by Lee Blackwell, passed unanimously.

There was some conversations about whether or not we had to do this. but in the end it really didn't matter.

Lee Blackwell moved to adjourn to Monday January 14th at 3:00 pm, 2nd by Harley Riggs, passed unanimously.

In attendance were: Chuck Shank- Mule Shoe Ranch, Ann Wilson and Julio Zabala - Hammett Livestock, Jim Chamber - Half Moon Ranches / Barber Cavin, Lee Blackwell, Teresa McCallum ARK / Casa Del Norte, Elsie Riggs, Lynn Riggs, Harley Riggs - Double Anchor Ranches.

Hope this will take care of things.

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Sincerely,

Teresa McCallum

President

Annual Water Meeting 61E & 61C Cold Springs and Bennett Creek 09-13-11

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T. McCallum opened the meeting.

Treasurers report: bank balance \$2,382.20. Last activity was May 16, 2011 \$300.00 for State Workman's Insurance & \$50.00 expenses.

Minutes were read and handed out. Lee B. motioned the minutes be approved as read, N. Nettleton second. All approved.

Water Masters report submitted. John McCallum was not happy with the report. Water Masters report was approved by a vote of 12 yes, 2 no.

John McCallum submitted a letter to be submitted to the Water Master.

#### **New Business:**

**Elections of Officers** 

Chairman by acclamation: T. McCallum Secretary by acclamation: E. Riggs Water Master by acclamation: R. Neal

Advisory Committee: JoAnn Hunter nominated all users, second by David Reynolds, motion passed.

Proposed change to By Laws to change district meeting to second Tuesday of September. Motion made by Ann W., second by JoAnn H. Passed with all users in agreement. This time is so much better for all users. The spring meetings did not give Water Master time to get in place. Also, weather is so miserable it was hard to get to the meetings. Everyone was in agreement that the September date was the best.

A motion was made by Harley Riggs to have the Water Master work the creek during the water months. The Water Master would work weekly beginning March 15<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>. Jo Ann second. Also, Water Master can be called out anytime. This would be approx. 16 weeks at \$75 per trip for Cold Springs only. Vote was called for, 9 yes, 2 no, 3 users absent, passed.

Proposed Budget: \$1,500 Water Master \$300 Insurance \$50 Postage Users approved budget. Harley made motion, Lynn second.

Discussion was held on Water Master role but no motions were made except to have Water Master on for water months. Teresa wanted the user that caused the trouble to pay for the Water Master. No one was in favor of this.

Roll of Advisory Committee: Must support the Water Master. Some discussion was held about discontinuing the committee but users wanted things left alone.

A. Wilson

A motion was made by W: Matcon to change the earlier motion on the By Law change on date for meeting to the Second Tuesday of September to a By Law Addendum instead. Jo Ann second, motion passed.

Discussion of creek changes: Bennett Creek to become its own irrigation district.

Lee motioned, Nick second. David asked if they had to have a separate meeting even if they had no business. Rob said they must have meetings. There was a vote to separate, 10 yes, 1 abstained.

T. McCallum wanted money in Cold Springs shared with Bennett Creek. 40% of users are in Bennett Creek their portion would by \$920.00. Ann made motion, Jim second, motion carried. Bennett Creek will have their own bank account, Water Master, officers and separate meetings. Also they have to contact workmans comp, they need a EIN#.

✓ Motion made to adjourn to second Tuesday of September, September 11, 2012 by Lynn, second by Ann.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsie Riggs

Secretary
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November 13, 2012

Water masters report that I failed to include in your info before the meeting. Rich is happy with the job and wishes to continue as water master. The special meeting held on September 11, 2012 was called to order by T. McCallum, at this time it was decided to suspend normal business and continue to January 14, 2013 because the water resources said we would only be able to have one meeting the first part of 2013. It was motioned by Ann Wilson to have the meeting on January 14, 2013 and leave all officers as they are until then, Lee Blackwell seconded, motioned carried. Harley Riggs motioned to adjourn, Lynn Riggs seconded, motioned passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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### WATER MASTER RECORD Cold Spings Creek Call Out by Double Anchor, July 12, 2011

WATER RESOURCES WESTERN REGION

Charter Mnt. Rch. Inc.	338	1.84cfs	=1.84 (1 <sup>st</sup> priority)
	(1870)		
	339	1.5 cfs	
	(1875)		
	332	2.72cfs	=4.22 (3 <sup>rd</sup> priority)
	(1875)		
			Mainline Meter reads 1110
			to 1236 Gal/Min. or 2.4 to 2.75 CFS
Charter Mnt. Has Cold Springs			
Creek 100% diverted into the			
mainline pipe. Since it is running			
free flow there is no firm reading			
for amount of water in the creek.			

Double Anchor Rchs. Inc.	322	0.08	
	(1871)	cfs	
	323	1.0cfs	
	(1872)		
	10349	1.26	= 2.34 (2 <sup>nd</sup> priority)
	(1873)	cfs	
			Weir reads 1.67 CFS
Since Charter Mnt. Has the creek			Charter Mnt. is
totally blocked, Dbl. Anchor water			noncompliant since they
(1.67 CFS) must be springs and			aren't controlling the flow at
run-off. Dbl. Anchor also has the			their flow meter. Since I was
creek totally blocked and running			never called out I can't say if
into their mainline.			they did control it at the flow
			meter and with the creek
Half Moon, who is next in line,			essentially dry it seems mute
doesn't have any more water.			to make an issue of it now.
			They also never repaired the
Dbl. Anchor (Harly) is happy but			washed out weir, but, since I
thought the water master should see			was never called out I don't
what the creek looks like at least at			know if it was used or not.
the end of the water year.			Teresa and John were gone
			so I wasn't able to get an
			explanation.
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### WATERMASTER'S REPORT Water Districts # 61C, 61E Cold Springs Creek/Bennett Creek

I was your watermaster this past irrigation season. As your watermaster it was my responsibility to be somewhat available throughout the irrigation season; a responsibility I took seriously. Due to an abundance of water this year, there never was a call out to the Watermaster.

This report is my feelings on this past water season primarily on Cold Springs Creek, Basin 61E. The Double Anchor Ranch (Harley) finally called me out on July 12<sup>th</sup>, not because he had a complaint but he felt the water master needed to see just what the creek looked like at the end of the water season. This is my finding from the Half Moon Ranch North to Charter Mountain Ranch's upper diversion.

At this time there was no water other than some spring drainage at the Half Moon Ranch.

At the Double Anchor Ranch the weir on the ranch proper was dry. At their upper diversion the creek was totally dammed off and running 1.67 cfs at the weir which is well within their allotted amount. Since Charter Mountain Ranch Inc. also had the creek totally damned off this water must be springs and such.

As mentioned above, Charter Mountain Ranch also had the creek totally diverted into their mainline. Since there is no weir to measure at the upper diversion the watermaster must rely on the digital flow meter down at the main ranch road. The digital read out flow meter at the ranch was reading between 1110 and 1235 gal./min. With this much variance (125 Gal./Min,) the water was probably free flowing through the mainline. If this reading has any significance it would be between 2.5 and 2.75 cfs which is more than Charter Mountain's first priority (1.84 cfs) but probably not enough that any extra would reach the Double Anchor. The digital flow meter down at the lower end read 0.00. The washed out weir at the ranch that John told Dan, Rob and I he was repairing the next week was still washed out. It was dry, but since I was never called out I don't know if it was ever used. Everybody pretty much felt the season was ended and I left it that way.

If I had been called out earlier and found problems, took steps to see they were corrected, am I then supposed to assume they were corrected or is the water master supposed to follow up without being called out again. A procedure for following up on problems needs to be clarified. At your August 31, 2010 regular meeting there was a motion made, seconded and carried that everyone have a lockable headgate. There is no such device at Charter Mountain Ranch's main diversion. You need to decide if the digital flow meter down by the main ranch road is satisfactory since everyone else is required to have a weir and lockable gate. IDWR evidently did tell Charter Mnt. Rchs the flow meter was adequate.

It isn't practical to have a Watermaster that is only used in a crisis situation. He has an obligation to be somewhat available yet receive no compensation for being responsible

and never used. If the Bennett Creek & Cold Springs Creek Water District feels they need a water master then they need to utilize him a minimum of once a week during the main months of irrigating so he can be on top of what is going on. It also should specify that if some water district member isn't complying with his priority rights than he should be solely responsible for any extra cost incurred to see it is corrected. This would allow the Watermaster to keep things running smoothly. After several years of finding a new Watermaster every year, it should be obvious the current system isn't working. You budget for a Watermaster, why not use him?

I would continue to be the water master under a more workable situation but if it remains as is you will need to find yet another water master at the end of the year.

Sincerely, Richardt Meal

Richard Neal, Current Water Master Districts 61C and 61E



# State of Idaho

# DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Western Region, 2735 Airport Way · Boise, Idaho 83705-5082

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March 30, 2012

C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER Governor

GARY SPACKMAN Director

RICHARD NEAL PO BOX 354 GLENNS FERRY, ID 83623

RE: Watermaster Appointment 2012— Bennett/Cold Springs Creek #61C& E

Dear Mr. Neal:

Enclosed is your Watermaster Certificate of Appointment for the 2012 season.

You will take charge of the water of the district and distribute the same in accordance with the laws of Idaho and decrees of the courts. Distribution shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the user's respective rights, and as may be required by the Department of Water Resources. You should note that the enclosed Certificate of Appointment authorizes delivery of natural flow and also stored water pursuant to Section 42-801, Idaho Code.

During the 2011 session, the legislature made several significant changes to the Watermaster Statutes in Chapter 6. In summary the following changes were made:

- -Under IC42-605, new watermasters will continue to file an oath of office with the Department. However, a duly appointed watermaster that is reelected in consecutive years will no longer be required to file additional oaths each year.
- -Under IC 42-608, a wateruser no longer is required to submit a written Petition for Watermaster Services to the Department when calling the Watermaster. The wateruser now calls the watermaster directly when there is a necessity for control and distribution of water within the district.
- -Under 42-615, the watermaster no longer have to submit the district proposed budget to the Department They are to prepare a proposed budget 14 days in advance of the annual meeting. The proposed budget and distribution should be submitted at the annual meeting for consideration by the water users.

These changes definitely will eliminate significant paper work and time for all parties. Feel free to contact our Western Regional Office if you need assistance during the irrigation season, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,

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John Westra, Western Region

**Enclosures: Certificate of Appointment** 

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EDUARD NEUER	WD61E	20 S COLD SPRINGS RD	HAMMETT ID 83627	
CHARTER MTN RANCH	WD61E	11204 N BAR 21 DR	GLENNS FERRY ID 83623	
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JOANN HUNT	WD61E	201 S COLD SPRINGS RD	HAMMETT ID 83627	
ANNABETH BEAN	WD61E	315 S HARDING	BOISE ID 83705	
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BARBER-CAVEN RANCHES	WD61E	6874 FAIRVIEW AVE	BOISE ID 83704	
HALF MOON RANCH	WD61E	6874 FAIRVIEW	BOISE ID 83623	
ELLIS LIVING TRUST	WD61E	733 S QUAIL DR	HAMMETT ID 83627	
MÚLESHOE LLC LOU ANDERSON-MGR	WD61E	PO BOX 1449	EDMONDS WA 98020	
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April 6,2012

Department of Water Resources Western Region 2735 Airport Way Boise, Idaho 83705-5082 ATTN: John Westra

RE: Watermaster Appointment 2012

Dear John,

I have received my Watermaster Certificate for 2012 but wanted to let you know that at the last annual meeting of Bennett/Cold Springs Creek #61C&E Bennett Creek decided to go their separate way and form their own water district. My understanding is Nick Nettleton is the watermaster for that system.

I am definitely the watermaster at Cold Springs Creek. Rob Whitney was my primary contact person last year. If I have questions that need answers I will presume you are now my contact person and can be reached at the phone number on the letter accompanying my certificate. The water users are just now starting to utilize the creek. I suspect a relatively short water year as warm weather has melted much of the existing snow pack. Sincerely,

Richard Neal, Watermaster for Cold Springs Creek #61E

### Westra, John

From:

Garceau, Sarah

Sent:

Monday, September 10, 2012 10:38 AM

To:

Westra, John

Cc: Subject: Luke, Tim

Attachments:

WD 61E Annual Meeting Notice WD 61E Annual Meeting Notice.pdf

John,

Attached is the annual meeting notice for WD 61E, scheduled for tomorrow, September 11, 2012. Unfortunately, we just received the notice, so no water users have been notified of the meeting. Could you please contact the water district secretary and advise her to reschedule the meeting?

Your help is appreciated. Let me or Tim know if you have any questions.

Best Regards, Sarah Garceau Technical Records Specialist sarah.garceau@idwr.idaho.gov 208-287-4958

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9/10/12 Discussed with Tim Loh. Pm,



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November 30, 2011

Elsie M Riggs Secretary WD 61E 5714 W Double Anchor Dr Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

RE: Water District 61E (Cold Springs Cr.), Annual Meeting for 2013 delivery season

Dear Water District Secretary:

In a letter dated September 29, 2011, the Idaho Department of Water Resources (Department) notified you that the 2013 annual water district meeting must be scheduled and held as required by Statute. I.C. § 42-605(2) allows a water district to hold their annual meeting between the second Monday in January and the third Monday in March (except Saturday and Sunday) if adopted by resolution. Otherwise, the meeting must be held on the first Monday in March at 2:00 pm.

Enclosed is a scheduling form that must be received by the Department at least 30 days prior to your 2013 annual meeting. The Department will send notice of the annual meeting to water users 3 weeks prior to the meeting date. If the form is not returned as required or the proposed meeting date is not consistent with State Law, the Department will send notice that the annual meeting will be held on the first Monday in March, 2013 at 2:00 pm.

Again, the Department will not require your district to hold an additional meeting for the 2012 season. However, the meeting held for the 2013 delivery season must be scheduled and held as required.

Please contact me at this office if you have any related questions.

Respectfully,

Rob Whitney

Sr. Water Resource Agent

Western Region

cc: Teresa McCallum, Pres/Chair, John Westra

WD 61E file



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For:

## **Department of Water Resources**

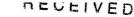
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Special Meeting

Mr. Rop Whitney and Mr. John Westra,

We have had three meetings for water district 61E and 61C. These meetings have been held at our new date because our water users felt it was simply a better time for them, it gets a Water Master trained and familiar with the user's equipment and it is also a good time for folks that didn't want to fight bad roads. As we look around the state there are many irrigation districts that have fall meetings.

We have added our addendum to our by-laws and this will include the changing of Bennett Creek 61C to its own district. I do not know when they want their meetings. The motion to change was made by Ann Wilson, seconded by Jim Chambers and approved by all but two 61E users. This is strictly users on Cold Springs Creek.

Elsie M. Riggs Secretary for 61E Water District

Cold Springs Creek

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10-14-11

This is a reply to your letter of, the Sept. 29 2011. If your could please consider our reasoning,

Thank you



## **Idaho Statutes**

### TITLE 42 IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE -- WATER RIGHTS AND RECLAMATION

### CHAPTER 6 DISTRIBUTION OF WATER AMONG APPROPRIATORS

42-605.DISTRICT MEETINGS -- WATERMASTER AND ASSISTANTS -- ELECTION --REMOVAL -- OATH AND BOND -- ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (1) There shall be held on the first Monday in March in each year, and, except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, commencing at two o'clock P.M., a meeting of all persons owning or having the use of a water right, in the waters of the stream or water supply comprising such district, which right has been adjudicated or decreed by the court or is represented by valid permit or license issued by the department of water resources.

(2) Such meeting shall be held at some place within the water seems district, or at some nearby location convenient to a majority of those Z entitled to vote thereat, which place shall be designated by the director of the department of water resources.) The director shall, at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting date, send notification by church regular mail to all persons, companies or corporations known by the director to hold rights to the use of the waters of such district, which right has been adjudicated or decreed by the court or is represented by valid permit or license issued by the department of water resources, of the time, date, location and purpose of the annual meeting. At any annual meeting the water users may vote to waive the requirement for notice by mail and provide for notice to be given for future meetings by publication of the time, date, location and purpose of the meeting in a newspaper or newspapers in general circulation in the district. Published notice shall be made once per week for two (2) consecutive weeks with the second notice appearing at least fourteen (14) and not more than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. In water districts whose area includes land in more than four (4) counties the annual meeting shall commence at ten o'clock A.M. instead of two o'clock P.M.: provided, that the water users of any water district may, by resolution adopted at an annual meeting or at a special meeting properly called for that purpose, change the time of day when the meeting shall commence or change the date for annual meetings in subsequent years to any day except Saturday and Sunday between the second Monday of January and the third Monday in March or change both the time and the date, in which case the director of the department of water resources shall send notification at least twenty-one (21) days prior to said meeting date. At an annual meeting the water users may adopt resolutions to assure or improve the distribution of the waters of the district within state law, and may provide that such resolutions shall continue from year to year.

(3) At the meeting of the water users of a district there shall be elected a watermaster for such water district, who may be authorized to employ such other regular assistants as the water users shall deem necessary, and who, upon appointment by the director of the department of