

# WATERMASTER'S REPORT

From April 1 2017 To December 31 2017

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Department of Water Resources  
Eastern Region

Water District No. 13T

Name of Watermaster Craig Shuler

P.O. Address 255 W 4<sup>th</sup> 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 GARY 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. \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018



(SEAL)

Shauna Cox  
Notary Public

My Commission expires Sept 12 2020

Boise, Idaho, January 22, 2018

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.

Gary Spackman  
Director, Department of Water Resources

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January 6, 2018

Craig Shuler  
255 W. 4<sup>th</sup> So. St.  
Soda Springs, ID 83276

Dear water users,

The starting date for measuring wells in the Bancroft-Sund water district began on May 29, 2017. The reason for the later start was the above average snow pack and a cool wet spring. Since there was adequate moisture, pumping and irrigation was delayed until later in the spring. Therefore, the first readings were once again taken before irrigation started.

I measured the same seven wells that I measured in 2016. All seven wells at the start of 2017 were above the 2016 start level. I attribute this to an above average snow pack and wet spring. The well's water levels were up an average of 9.46% over 2016 levels. This translated into an average of 7.15 feet of extra ground water over 2016 levels.

Normally, the lowest water levels occur in late July when pumping is at its peak; however, this year the lowest levels took place in late June. I'm wondering if this happened because the water from the East Chance canal might have been turned out later due to a better snow pack and cool wet weather in the spring? I don't know the turn out date, but this might explain this anomaly.

The Darsen and Halbrook wells displayed traditional low water levels in late July and

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August as one would expect. It was just the wells located around the canal that didn't follow the normal pattern.

All in all this was a good water year. The above average snow pack coupled with the cool moisture laden spring seemed to provide adequate ground water for irrigation. In fact, the Rendlisbaker, Halsten, Warren & Lloyd (old well), and Keith & Lloyd wells had the best starting and ending water levels in the 18 years I've been measuring them. This bodes well for the start of the 2018 water season in light of the mild winter we've been experiencing heretofore.

My final measurement of the wells was taken on November 30, 2017. Below I've listed my expenses while monitoring the wells in the Bancroft-Gund water district for 2017.

Travel (4 wheels + p.u.)	480.2 mi @ $.53\frac{1}{2}^{\text{¢}}$	= \$256.91
labor	33.9 hrs @ \$15.28/hr	= \$518.99
copies + postage		\$5.00
shop towels		\$1.79
total		<u>\$782.69</u>

Best regards,

Ernie Shuler

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Ray Larsen well  
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1502 10 Aug - Talladega  
Jodd - Halbrook

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Keith - Lloyd  
A0004132

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Date	Water Level Below LSD	Status	Method	Hold	Cut	Depth Below LSD	Difference MP & LSD	Remarks	Fieldperson Name
5/29/17	41.15'	static	elect tape			41.15'	0'		
6/30/17	56.60'	Pump	" "			56.60'	0'	measured before irrigation	C.S.
7/31/17	40.63'	"	" "			40.63'	0'	began cold wet Spring	C.S.
8/31/17	35.91'	static	" "			35.91'	0'		C.S.
9/29/17	32.87'	"	" "			32.87'	0'		C.S.
10/30/17	35.05'	"	" "			35.05'	0'		C.S.
11/30/17	35.68'	"	" "			35.68'	0'	new main line headed north on #2 motor	C.S.

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Warren's Slag  
A 000 4110 - old well

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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
5/29/17	62.41'	static	elec. bpt			63.30'	.89	measured before migration started	C.S.
6/30/17	71.49'	Pump	" "			72.38'	.89		C.S.
7/31/17	67.93'	static	" "			68.82'	.89		C.S.
8/31/17	59.90'	"	" "			60.79'	.89		C.S.
9/29/17	55.51'	"	" "			56.40'	.89		C.S.
10/30/17	54.83'	"	" "			55.72'	.89		C.S.
11/30/17	55.39'	"	" "			56.28'	.89		C.S.

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C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
Governor

GARY SPACKMAN  
Director

January 22, 2018

Craig Shuler  
255 W 4<sup>th</sup> So. St  
Soda Springs ID 83276

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

Enclosure

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January 22, 2018

Water District 13T  
Dale R Wistisen  
PO Box 128  
Bancroft ID 83217-0128

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Governor

GARY SPACKMAN  
Director

October 25, 2017

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Water District 13T

Craig Shuler  
255 W 4 S  
Soda Springs Id 83276-1620

RE: Requesting Watermaster's Report / Daily Record Books

Dear Watermaster:

In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 42-614 of the Idaho Code, and department regulations, **the Watermaster of each district is required to submit an annual report to the Department of Water Resources, at 900 N Skyline Dr Ste A, Idaho Falls ID 83402 by December 31, 2017.** You should forward a copy to the County Treasurer, if applicable. Please be certain all of the report is complete.

In accordance with Chapter 6, Section 42-615 of the Idaho Code: Proposed budget for succeeding year. Each watermaster shall, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual meeting of the water users of the water district, also prepare a proposed budget for the succeeding year, together with a distribution of the amount of the budget to the respective water users, using the actual deliveries for the past irrigation season or seasons, as the basis for distribution. The proposed budget and distribution shall be submitted to the water users for consideration and approval at the next annual water meeting.

We are enclosing sufficient forms for filling out the Watermaster's Report and the Proposed Budget.

**Do not fail to send the Watermaster's Daily Record Books along with the Watermaster Report.**

Sincerely,

Sharla Cox  
Administrative Assistant

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*State of Idaho*  
*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 2018 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 1st  
day of February, 2017.*

*Gary Spackman*

Director - IDWR





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**February 1, 2017**

**C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER**  
Governor

**GARY SPACKMAN**  
Director

**Craig Shuler**  
255 W 4 S  
Soda Springs Id 83276-1620

**RE: WATER DISTRICT #13T**

**Dear Assistant 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,**

  
**Sharla Cox**  
Administrative Assistant

**Enclosure**

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## ADOPTED BUDGET AND RESOLUTIONS

## PERTAINING TO THE COLLECTION THEREOF

FOR 20 17

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Department of Water Resources  
Eastern RegionWATER DISTRICT NO. 13-T

STREAM \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY CaribouNAME OF SECRETARY Dale WistisenADDRESS OF SECRETARY P.O. Box 128 Bancroft Id 83217

## COLLECTION AND HOLDING OF WATER DISTRICT FUNDS

Please check the appropriate box regarding the collection and holding of Water District funds.

☒ The Water District collects and holds its own funds.☐ \_\_\_\_\_ County collects and holds funds for the Water District.  
(county name)☐ \_\_\_\_\_ County collects the Water District's funds and deposits the funds in an account  
(county name) held by the Water District.

(This report must be certified and made in duplicate, one copy to be forwarded to the appropriate regional office of the Idaho Department of Water Resources., and one copy to the Secretary of the Annual Water User's Meeting of the Water District. If a designated county collects funds for the water, then a third copy must be sent to the auditor of the designated county.)

Bancroft 1, Idaho, Jan 16, 20 17

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within is true and correct copy of the budget as adopted at the annual Water User's Meeting of Water District No. 13 T, held at Bancroft City Hall on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 2017 and all resolutions adopted at said meeting pertaining to the time and the manner of collecting the amounts provided for in the said budget.

Secretary, Water District No. 13-T

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WATER DISTRICT No. 13-T

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 20 17 ..... \$ 1436

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RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THE TIME AND MANNER OF COLLECTING THE BUDGET AS  
ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE USERS OF

WATER DISTRICT No. 13-T

~~There are~~

Cash on hand Jan 1-17

Cash in Bank	2123	47	
Watermaster fees	737	14	- "16"
	<u>1376</u>	33	
Sec fees	500	00	- "16"
	<u>876</u>	33	
Workers comp	300	00	- "17"
	<u>576</u>	33	
Bank fees & Dec 17	36	00	- "17"
ending Balance	<u>540</u>	33	

Dist. Moved to collect assessment in Dec 17  
at rate HO# / A irrigated.

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PETITION FOR WATERMASTER'S SERVICES

Bancroft, Idaho  
Jan 16, 2017

RE: Water District No. 13-T  
Stream: \_\_\_\_\_

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: 255W 4th St  
Soda Springs Id. 83276

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Date watermaster is to start: April 2017

If known, the date services of watermaster are to terminate: Nov-2017

Dale R. Winter P.O. Box 128 Bancroft Id 390-4955  
signature address telephone

W A R N I N G: Watermaster cannot begin services until ALL conditions of appointment have been fulfilled.

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February 1, 2017

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Dale R Wistisen  
PO Box 128  
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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,

Sharla Cox  
Administrative Assistant

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