

Cold Springs Creek Water District 61-E
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Attn: Tim Luke, Water Compliance Bureau Chief

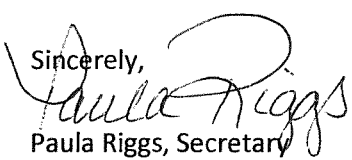
Dear Mr. Luke,

The Cold Springs Creek Water District 61-E held a special budget assessment meeting on June 4, 2014, mainly for the purpose of providing needed funding for additional site visits by Water Master, Rich Neal, for the remainder of the 2014 irrigation season.

At this meeting, the District also approved having a formal request sent to IDWR asking for field training for the current Water Master and for IDWR to accompany Mr. Neal on an inspection of all water diversions in the District. This letter formally requests that IDWR visit and inspect each and every surface water diversion in the District with Rich Neal, Water Master, and provides technical training regarding his duties to include at least the following items. Each diversion is technically appropriate, is installed correctly to specifications, has a suitable measuring device, and is equipped with a means to be locked with a Water Master controlled key or combination lock.

A copy of a portion of the minutes discussing the request for IDWR involvement from the District's June 4, 2014 special meeting is enclosed. Please contact Rich Neal at 208-599-4583 to arrange a date for the requested inspection/training. If you have any questions you can reach me at 208-599-0446.

Sincerely,


Paula Riggs, Secretary

Cold Springs Creek Water District 61-E

Cc: John Westra, Manager, IDWR Western Regional Office
Rich Neal, Water Master, Cold Springs Creek Water District 61-E
Teresa McCallum, President Cold Springs Creek Water District 61-E and all members

voice their opinion and be heard. Teresa said as it is, they will receive a bill for the full amount of the assessment that is still going to be done.

Jim suggested that if there is a shortfall between now and January, the money could be fronted and get reimbursed. He doesn't think there is anything in the by-laws that says you can't do that. Teresa agreed but doesn't like that idea because of accounting purposes showing billing wrong amounts due to credits, etc... Jim asked when the \$900 was paid to Rich, Paula said May. There is \$811 left in the account after paying the \$900 but that was only for 12 call outs, as of yesterday there has been 21. Nobody has been assessed yet or put any money in for the year. If she pays the remaining 9 call outs and he doesn't make another call we owe Rich \$675 and we have \$811 but if there are any more call outs from today going forward then we are dwindling the account. We have room for 2 more call outs and then we are overdrawn.

Jim said if someone wanted to donate money he saw that as a favorable thing and nobody will complain they will say thank you. Teresa said ARK property is down there and if that was her only ranch she would be mad. Teresa asked for further business.

Harley made a motion to get Idaho Dept. of Water Resources involved to come out and help with assessing diversions on the entire creek (all users diversions) and give Rich input by going with him to educate him on inspections. This was supposed to be done back in 2001 when everyone was supposed to have lockable diversions and measuring devices so IDWR needs to come out and assess the diversions and have some idea of what he needs to fix and not fix. He will ask Rich questions and Rich does not know but tries to find out. Rich was never sent to any training. Paula said she thinks it is on the IDWR website that that is part of their responsibility is to train the water master. Harley said as a district we need to make the request. Teresa stated first, that is not what this meeting was designed for, it was called for a special assessment and that is all so she didn't think it was appropriate to modify the meeting with anything that was not in the notification to the users. She didn't know if that was allowed to be done at this time, she is not objecting to it she just didn't feel that was the reason they were there. Second, she wanted to know how Rich felt about it and third, IDWR has been out at least twice reviewing the creek on them. Rich said yes but that was when he first became water master and since that time has had no contact from them. He suggested that he contact John Westra and ask for help, Teresa agreed that was all he needed to do. Jim asked if the water master could do that or if the user had to do it. Teresa said if a user called IDWR for a specific reason they would but if it is to call them out for the entire creek then she thinks they would want the District to do that or the water master. Jim said even though this is an assessment meeting he had no problem with this, if we are spending the money the water master needs to learn what to look for and where all of the other diversions are on the creek. Harley said he felt as a district we should request this, it helps all users and the IDWR as well. The motion is to put in a formal request into IDWR from the water district requesting training and help with inspections of diversions. Second by Jim, motion passed.

Teresa asked for any other business, being none she made a motion to adjourn until the next meeting January 12, 2015 at GF City Hall at 1:00. Second by Harley, motion passed Meeting adjourned at 1:07.

Respectively submitted,

Paula N. Riggs, Secretary