

State of Idaho DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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EASTERN REGION

February 3, 1998

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KARL J. DREHER DIRECTOR

LEMHI COUNTY TREASURER/AUDITOR 206 COURTHOUSE DR SALMON ID 83467

RE: WATER DISTRICT NO: 74-Q and 74-Z

WATERMASTER: RICHARD A MOLL

Dear Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith is the Watermaster's Report and claim for services along with the Proposed Budget for 1998 for the above mentioned Water District.

The various items in this report have been checked and have been found to be proper charges against the water users therein named. Section 42-612, 42-613 and 42-614 of the Idaho Code provides the procedure under which this claim shall be paid from the funds of the above named district.

If you have any questions, please contact us at once.

Sincerely,

HAROLD W JONES

Water Rights Supervisor

Enclosure

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CALVIN J WHITTAKER, Secretary PO BOX 10 LEADORE ID 83464

WATER DISTRICT #74-Z

STREAM: BIG EIGHT MILE AND LEE CREEKS

Dear Mr. Whittaker:

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.

Also enclosed are the Adopted Budget form, Petition for Watermaster Services, Oath of Office and necessary documents for your annual meeting.

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 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) has no minimum audit requirements under this section. This means that any district which handles its own money and whose budget is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) 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.

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 watermaster 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 and insurance costs etc., please contact the Idaho State Insurance Fund. The State Insurance Fund has offices in Boise, Couer 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 withholding 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 these withholding taxes may be the responsibility of the 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,

Harold W. Jones
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Water Rights Supervisor

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Enclosures



(This report must be made in duplicate, one copy to be forwarded to the Department of Water Resources, Boise, Idaho, and one copy to the Secretary of the last Annual Water User's Meeting of your District.)

Watermaster's Proposed Budget

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Water District No. 742		
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Name of Watermaster RICHARO A. MOLL		
Post Office Address P.O. Boy N3, LEADORE	, IDATO 8346	
Name of Secretary CAL WHITTAKER		
Post Office Address P.O. Box 10 LEADOLE	IDAHO 83464	

Section 42-615 - IDAHO CODE ANNOTATED

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SUCCEEDING YEAR — Said Watermaster shall on or before November fifteenth in each year, also prepare and file with the secretary of said water meeting a proposed budget for the succeeding year, together with a distribution of the amount of said budget to the respective water users, using the actual deliveries for the past irrigation season or seasons, as the basis for said distribution as hereinabove provided, which said proposed budget and distribution shall be submitted to the water users for consideration and approval at the next annual water meeting.

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