



State of Idaho

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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EASTERN REGION

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DIRECTOR

December 22, 1998

PATT ALDOUS
1506 HIGHWAY 93 NORTH
SALMON, ID. 83467

WATER DISTRICT #75-A
STREAM: JESSE CREEK

Dear Ms. Aldous:

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 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 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 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,

Harold W. Jones/dn

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Water Right Supervisor

HWJ:dn

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LEMHI COUNTY TREASURER/AUDITOR
206 COURTHOUSE DR.
SALMON, ID. 83467

RE: WATER DISTRICT NO: 75-A
WATERMASTER: MICKEY VERBECK

Dear Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith is the Watermaster's Report and claim for services along with the Proposed Budget for 1999 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

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WATERMASTER'S REPORT

From April 21, 1998 To October 31, 1998

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Water District No. 75-A

Department of Water Resources
Eastern Region

Name of Watermaster Mickey Verbeck

P.O. Address 108 Lombard Salmon Idaho 83467

AFFIDAVIT OF WATERMASTER

STATE OF IDAHO }
 } ss.
COUNTY OF Lewisi }

Mickey Verbeck, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Watermaster of Water District 75-A, having been lawfully appointed by MAT J. Decker, 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.

Mickey Verbeck

(Deputy) Watermaster District No. _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 9th day of December, 1998

[Signature]
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission expires 1/10/2004

Boise, Idaho, _____, 19____

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

Director, Department of Water Resources
By Ronald Clark

WATER RIGHT OWNER	IDWR WATER RIGHT IDENT No.	DIVERSION NAME / REMARKS
1 City of Salmon	75-00018 75-00016	
2	75-00017A 75-00017B	
3	75-00019B 75-00019C	
4	75-00017 75-00026A	
5	75-07863	
6		
7 Robert L. Blackadar	75-00019A 75-00113	
8		
9 Arrowhead	75-00019D 75-00021	
10	75-00022 75-00005	
11		
12 Margaret Gaver	75-00024 75-00020	
13		
14 Powers & Haddock	75-00001 75-00013	
15		
16 Edwards	75-00002 75-00010	
17	75-00012 75-00011	
18		
19 Stunberg	75-00026B	
20		
21 Austin	75-00003	
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23 Proksch	75-0014	
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Total Delivery in 24-Hour Sec. Feet	Total Cost		Adopted Budget		Credits		Debits		Cost Per 24-Hr. Sec. Ft. \$ 0.975286
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	
781.6	762	28	836	20	73	92			Total No. Days of Watermaster
248.9	242	75	207	10			25	15	days at \$ per day \$
137.38	133	98	378	40	244	42			Total No. Days of Asst. Watermaster
13.3	12	97	20	40	7	43			days at \$ per day \$
110.2	107	48	41	00			66	48	Other expenses charged pro rata \$
409.5	399	38	373	20			26	18	TOTAL COST \$2000.00
26.6	25	94	10	20			15	74	Total No. 24-Hour Sec. Feet Delivered 2050.68
176.8	172	43	71	60			100	83	Cost per 24-Hour Sec. Feet Delivered \$.975286
146.4	142	78	61	40			81	38	water master 500.00
2050.68	1999	99	2000	00	325	77	325	76	water master expenses 250.00
									Sec. & treas. 200.00
									FICA 55.00
									Miscellaneous expense 50.00
									# 1205.00
									Winter water master 150.00
									Sec. & treas. 100.00
									FICA 20.00
									Miscellaneous expense 50.00
									# 720.00
									Total Salaries & expenses \$ 1525.00
									CONTINGENCY FUND 475.00
									total 1998 \$ 2000.00
									2000 / 2050.68 = 0.975286

SECTION 42-606 IDAHO CODE

REPORTS OF WATERMASTERS. All watermasters shall make an annual report to the department of water resources prior to the expiration of the watermaster's appointment for the current year. This report shall show the total amount of water delivered by the watermaster during the preceding year, the amount delivered to each water user, the total expense of delivery and the apportionment of expenses among users and all debits and credits to be carried over to the following year. Such report shall also include records of stream flow the watermaster used or made in the process of distributing water supplies. The director may ask for other information deemed necessary in assuring proper distribution of water supplies within the district. The reports of watermasters to the department of water resources shall be filed and kept in the office of the department.

Instructions For Completing Annual Watermaster's Report

This form has been developed to assist the watermaster in complying with some of the annual reporting requirements of Section 42-606, Idaho Code. The form provides for summary of the amount of water delivered by the watermaster to each user, the total expense of delivery and the apportionment of expenses among water users, including debits and credits. **Water distribution and hydrologic information including stream flow records, daily diversion data, water right information and water right priority cut summaries should be presented in a separate water distribution report.**

Complete this annual report form of delivery and costs as follows:

- 1) Enter water right holder name, corresponding IDWR water right number or numbers, and corresponding diversion name and/or remarks on page 2;
- 2) Enter the total amount of water delivered to each user as total 24-hour second feet under column 1, page 3. Total **24-hour second feet** is a flow rate expressed in terms of one day or 24 hours. For example, a continuous diversion of 2 cfs over 20 days would equal 40 24-hour second feet.
- 3) Under column 3, page 3, enter the amount of money assessed or billed to each user at the beginning of the year. The assessment may be found in the previous year's adopted budget report.
- 4) In the work space provided on the right hand side of page 3, add up total watermaster salary costs and expenses and enter as 'TOTAL COST'. Then divide this total cost by the total number of 24-hour second feet delivered (sum of column 1) to obtain the cost per 24 hour second feet delivered, or the unit cost factor.
- 5) Under column 2, page 3, multiply the unit cost factor (obtained in step number 4 above) by each user's total 24-hour second feet delivery in column 1 to obtain the total cost against each user.
- 6) For each user, subtract the total cost amount in column 2 from the adopted budget in column 3 and enter the difference either as a credit or debit (negative differences entered as debits, positive differences entered as credits).
- 7) Sign the report before a notary public and submit the original to the appropriate regional office of the Department of Water Resources. Retain one copy for the Water District.