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RE: 67-A 1996 REVISED DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Watermaster:

I visited with Tim Luke regarding your recent field meeting in Indian Valley. It sounds like you had a good session and were able to conduct some useful water measurements and evaluation of possible monitoring points for reservoir flows reaching the river and so forth.

The revised instructions for the 1996 delivery season are summarized below as a follow-up to our meeting on July 9 and your meeting with Tim Luke on July 23, 1996.

1. Measure the total available river flow near the upstream abandoned USGS Gage, which is located near diversion ditch #1. This was done on July 23 and should be done one or two times this season assuming that the river gage reading changes, which it should as flows decrease. Perhaps a measurement at the end of August and again in late September will provide useful data about which natural flow priorities are being satisfied.
2. Measure - or estimate as access etc. conditions will allow - the reservoir water that enters the river. This should be done whenever the total river flow is measured. It appears that you and Tim might have identified good sites at which to estimate reservoir inputs to the river.
3. Record your measurements and any field notes on the one-page, two-sided delivery record form included in your package. We can revise this form if you discover any improvements that would be helpful. Use a new form for each day that you make a new set of measurements. If you do not think that form is very helpful, use any other method of records-keeping that works for your needs (the flow measurement cards might be useful, for example).
4. Remember that only rights identified by decree, license or permit can receive watermaster deliveries. All other rights must be curtailed in times of water shortages.
5. Any measurements that you make are intended to document the extent of water deliveries that are made. By quantifying the natural flow that is available, this office can assist you in preparing a watermaster report for the annual accounting, which will be useful in billing and voting purposes for the water district members.

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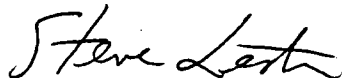
If you also serve as the Little Weiser River Irrigation District ditch rider and as the lateral users association ditch rider for the Mickey-Wilkerson Ditch, please call me if you have any questions about water delivery issues related to those situations.

Your measurement data, plus the correction of the water district's annual assessment method, will serve to make the water district more accountable for its water delivery activities.

Enclosed are some "change in ownership" forms - I think I sent you some recently but honestly cannot remember. I will send some of the new forms once they are available. Also, I will continue to work on the "Fall Creek" issue for tributary considerations in the water district billing and voting matters. It will probably be this fall - but prior to the end of the irrigation season - before that issue can be fully explored and corrected.

I look forward to working with you in managing this water district. Please let me know if I can do anything for you as you carry out your watermaster duties.

Sincerely,



Steve Lester
Deputy Regional Manager

Enclosure

c: Tim Luke, IDWR State Office