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**RE: WATER DISTRICT 67-A RIVER MEASUREMENTS**

Dear Richard:

Yesterday I had a chance to forward your recent request regarding the now defunct USGS Gage on the Little Weiser River. You wondered if your flow measurements from 1996 could be used to adequately calibrate the gage so that more efficient river measurements could be made from the gage this year.

Tim Luke is looking into the matter. His initial response was positive, although additional current meter measurements might be needed to incorporate any significant river channel changes due to high runoff flows anticipated this year. Tim will work on the gage issue and hopes to have something useful prior to this summer.

It would be most helpful if the gage could be used to reasonably estimate the natural flow available in the river the first time that reservoir water is released for irrigation use this year.

I wanted to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your efforts last year. Under your leadership, the district has made solid progress in becoming accountable for its water deliveries. I look forward to working with you again this year, and I also anticipate that we can make significant progress in licensing the newer permits that have been discussed these last few years.

Licensing of those permits plus continued clarification of the Fall Creek-Grays Creek situation will improve the records-keeping for the water district while reflecting more realistic "on-the-ground" practices found in Indian Valley.

Enclosed is the oath form you can complete and return. The petition for services form is no longer applicable since you have been elected to serve all year instead of just during the irrigation season. Please give me a call if you have any questions or need anything in the next few months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Lester".

Steve Lester  
Water Rights Supervisor

Enclosure

c: Tim Luke, IDWR State Office