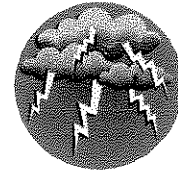




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Greetings from your Water Master:

I hope everyone is having a good summer. For some of you that will be the only nice part of this letter. I am learning your water system the hard way I might add. Saturday July 5th I opened the outlet valves on the reservoir, in doing so I was trying to get water down to the lower end of our water system. After 26 hours it was 8 inches lower than it was the day before. Not being informed that a lot of dams had been installed on the river it would take longer for the water to get there. I opened the reservoir up 2 more turns for more water and I opened the splitter up some more and by the following morning we had water ALL OVER THE PLACE!!!! We lost some water. It is under control due to help from individuals watching the river. From now on this is how it will work- if you put a Diversion Dam in the River without notifying the WATER MASTER 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE I WILL HAVE YOUR DAM REMOVED AT YOUR EXPENSE Per Jerry Jaeger letter dated October 7 2000. (See Attachment) When a dam is placed in the river there will be a spillway installed. Leakage through the dam is not a spillway!!!! If black plastics is needed to maintain a spillway please do so. Are we unhappy yet? (I can't charge the beavers but I can charge you.)

This could have been very expensive in water. If you think you are not getting enough water you can thank the people who put in their dams without letting your Water Master know. I did it, but you can thank them.

On Grays Creek Ditch the west side bank before the weir, water is spilling out over the side of the ditch. The ditch will remain at 11 inches or 34.7 cfs /1735" of water instead of 55.5 cfs/ 2775" of water until repairs are made. Thanks to Joe Holmes for going up and pulling the trees out of the side of the ditch. Joe has made a good start but the banks of the ditch need to be raised 10 to 15 inches to hold all the water that is adjudicated to that ditch. THANKS JOE.

Allison ditch will be limited to 15" of water or 9.72 cfs/ 486" of water instead of 21.09 cfs/1054.5" of water until a new weir is installed allowing the adjudicated water to be read correctly.

Mickey/Wilkerson Ditch will be limited to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches or 15.0 cfs/750" instead of 15 $\frac{15}{16}$ or 25.00 cfs/1250" of water until the ditch is corrected to handle more water. Moss needs to be removed and a larger culvert installed at Jack Thomason's. Water is to stay inside the ditch banks. Yes I know about Russell Wilkerson's Pumps. We are working on that and it will be taken care of. Russell is working with me on that. Thanks Russell!!!! Still Mad? it gets better.

Schwenkfelder Ditch, yes I know that Royce has a pump running down by the bridge and that he is taking water directly out of the river. He is pulling 55" of water. His adjudicated water right is 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 26.26 cfs. 55" of water is 1.10 cfs and that is equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ " on his adjudicated water rights. At his headgates to his Parshall flume he was cut back to 14" or 25.16 cfs/1258" of water. Thanks Royce for helping me with your diversion dam to help control the water down stream of your headgates. (Royce is easier to write than Schwenkfelder.)

A special thanks to Russell Wilkerson, Jerry Jaeger, Dean Dunham, and Bob Voermans for letting me know that they were installing Diversion Dams in the river.



CC copies Board Directors

PS; Ladies & Gentlemen I am not kidding about your dams or spillways on your diversion dams if they are not installed or cleaned out to work correctly I will close your headgates and blow out your dams.

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OCTOBER 7, 2000

TO: ALL WATER USERS OF THE LITTLE WEISER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FROM: LITTLE WEISER IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS BEEN UPGRADING THE SYSTEM TO ENABLE US TO STORE AND DISTRIBUTE WATER TO THE BENEFITTED LANDS MORE EFFICIENTLY. WE HAVE REBUILT THE HEADGATES AT THE INLET CANAL AND THE OUTLET CANALS WHERE THEY SPLIT. THIS FALL WE WILL BE BUILDING A STRUCTURE TO MAKE IT EASIER TO PUT IN THE TWO-FOOT COFFER DAM TO INCREASE OUR CAPACITY.

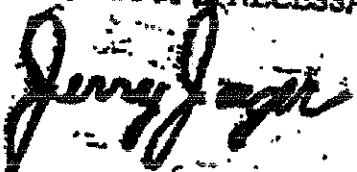
OUR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IS THE TWO OUTLET CANALS AND THE LITTLE WEISER RIVER. THE WATER USERS MAINTAIN THEIR OWN DIVERSIONS FROM THE RIVER. MANY OF THESE DIVERSION SYSTEMS ARE NOT ADEQUATE TO ENABLE THE WATER MASTER TO MAKE AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WATER TO THE BENEFITTED LANDS.

THE NEED TO BRING THESE SUBSTANDARD DIVERSIONS UP TO PAR WAS AGAIN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION WITH A SHORT WATER YEAR. IN RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN DISTRIBUTION OF RESERVOIR WATER DURING THIS PAST SEASON, YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2001 IRRIGATION SEASON.

1. ALL DIVERSIONS MUST HAVE AN ADJUSTABLE, LOCKABLE, HEADGATE AND A MEASURING DEVICE IN PLACE.
2. HEADGATE AND MEASURING DEVICE DESIGN AND LOCATION MUST BE APPROVED BY SCS AND/OR THE WATER MASTER.
3. THE WATER MASTER MUST HAVE 24 HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE BEFORE DIVERSION DAMS ARE PLACED IN THE RIVER. THIS ENABLES HIM TO MAINTAIN THE FLOW TO OTHER WATER USERS. ALL DIVERSION DAMS MUST HAVE A SPILLWAY APPROVED BY THE WATER MASTER.

THERE IS TECHNICAL ADVICE AND DESIGN ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE AT 208-549-4280. THERE MAY ALSO BE SOME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE THERE AS WELL. ANOTHER SOURCE OF SOME POSSIBLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES. JOHN WESTRA IS THE PERSON TO CONTACT THERE.

THE BEST TIME FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HEADGATES AND MEASURING DEVICES WILL PROBABLY BE THIS FALL. WE HOPE THIS NOTICE IS TIMELY FOR YOU. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT WAYNE, ISAAC, OR MYSELF. WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE TO DO THIS, BUT IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE SYSTEM TO OPERATE EQUITABLY.



JERRY JAEGER, CHAIRMAN
LITTLE WEISER IRRIGATION DISTRICT